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The coming Festival of the R.M.I.G. We are afraid the overwhelming necessities of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution have had the effect of casting somewhat into the shade the equally imperative, though for the time less pressing, requirements of our Schools. We are not saying this by way of complaint. We have ourselves played a conspicuous part in urging those necessities on the attention of the Craft, and we are vain enough to believe that we have done so to very good purpose. But both we and the brethren who more particularly support that Institution would deeply regret if any exceptional measure of support which it may have been found necessary to accord to it at its recent Festival should act in any way, or to any extent, detrimentally to the interests of the two Schools, and the support they are anxiously looking forward to obtain at their anniversary Festivals in May and June next respectively. Indeed, we are fully persuaded that the brethren at large, however considerable may have been their efforts in February on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, will not be a whit less energetic than usual in supporting the claims on their interest of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions; and as the Festival of the former will take place on the 11th May next, under the auspices of R.W. Bro. Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire, it is high time we placed before our readers its present circumstances and future prospects. Our readers are already aware—for have we not recorded it in the pages of this journal?—that Shropshire, albeit a small and newly-created province, and fresh from the heavy outlay attendant on its organisation, is prepared to support its Prov. Grand Master most generously. It is known even at this early date that the total of its subscriptions will reach the handsome sum of £500, and there are grounds for believing that still further contributions will be forthcoming between now and the day of the Festival. But in spite of this generous preparation on the part of the Chairman's province, we must fain admit that the outlook from the rest of English Masonry is by no means as promising as it is ordinarily, and therefore considerably less promising than we should have liked to see it in the Jubilee year of the QUEEN'S reign. We do not attach more importance than is necessary to the mere number of brethren who volunteer their services as Stewards. None knows better than we do that number is not invariably a criterion of strength or weakness, and that the cases in which a Board of Stewards, numerically weak, has achieved great success, or a numerically strong one has done but little, are by no means rare. But even after allowing for fluctuations, both favourable and unfavourable, it must needs be disappointing to find that within six weeks of the day arranged for this Festival, the number of brethren who have tendered their services as Stewards is only 203. The average strength during the last few years has been from 270 to 275, and it is obvious, not only that there is a large amount of leeway to make up in order that the Board may attain to average dimensions, but likewise that the time is short in which to accomplish so much, and that consequently an additional amount of energy will have to be employed in order to obtain the requisite average. As to the circumstances under which the Festival will take place, there is no question of their being of a more than usually urgent character. Any doubts that may previously have existed on this head have been removed by the action of the Special Court of Governors which was held on the 21st ult., when the members resolved (1) on purchasing Mr. EVILL'S houses and ground for £2500, and (2) on admitting the whole of the candidates on the list without ballot and so increasing the number of children in the School by five, or, in other words, on enlarging the annual expenditure by some £200. As regards the former resolution, we have already explained why, in our opinion, the purchase was both expedient and desirable; while, as regards the addition to the School establishment, we all know it has been made in modest commemoration of her MAJESTY'S Jubilee. But in any circumstances the Institution stands committed by the act of its rulers to the aforesaid purchase of houses for £2500, and the addition to its annual liabilities of the cost of five children, or, in round figures, to about £200; and the only source from which it can look to secure the needful moneys to meet these additional obligations is the subscriptions of the brethren, to be obtained mainly, if not entirely, by the exertions of its Festival Stewards next month. For these reasons we trust that between now and then the Board

of Stewards will be materially strengthened, so that even if the celebration of the QUEEN'S Jubilee is not considered justification enough for enlarging the Festival receipts of this Institution, there may be no serious diminution in the total. It would be little short of an act of disloyalty to Queen VICTORIA, who is the mother of our Grand Master and the Chief Patroness of our Girls' School, if the receipts of this year's Festival compared unfavourably with those of recent years, especially when the Institution has just incurred so large an amount of additional responsibility.

Bro. Grey's Motion. WE see no objection to the course pursued by the Special Court of Governors of the Girls' School on the 21st ult., with reference to Bro. GREY'S motion for the abrogation of Law 56, which lays it down that "No girl shall be eligible for election or for admission, by purchase or otherwise, who has a sister in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates." Bro. GREY'S proposal has been referred to a Committee composed of the House Committees of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and, whatever the outcome of the inquiry may be, we believe the general opinion of the Craft, sooner or later, will be in favour of the removal of all restrictions, save those provided by the Laws as to the age of candidates, &c., on the judgment of the body to which petitions are referred, and which determines their acceptability or otherwise. This body is the General Committee, which is fully competent to settle all such questions of this character as come before it. We know it is most careful in the inquiries it institutes into the circumstances of each petitioner. We are aware that it is governed by a strict impartiality in arriving at its decisions, and there can be no doubt it fulfils this portion of its duties successfully, or the instances in which its judgments are questioned would not be so few and far between. As regards this particular class of case, in which a candidate presents herself who has already a sister in the Institution, they do not occur frequently, and if, when they do occur, the General Committee decides, after duly weighing the circumstances, that the fact of a child having had or having a sister in the School is no bar to the acceptance of the child herself as a candidate for election, it seems to us an unnecessary interference with the duties of the Committee, and that it casts a slur on their judgment, for any other body to step in and override their decision. We know of no reason why this, as every other, class of petition, should not be dealt with entirely on its own merits. We may safely trust the General Committee, in determining the value of these merits, not to overlook the fact of a sister being or having been already in the School. And lastly, we must not forget that to impose this restriction may cause hardship to a very deserving petitioner. We have said already that this class of petition rarely presents itself, and we venture to add that it still more rarely happens that such a petition is not amply justified by the circumstances of the distressed family in whose behalf it is presented.

Bro. G. M. Tweddell's New Work. We understand that a new volume by the veteran Masonic author, Bro. GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL, entitled "A Hundred Masonic Sonnets," and dedicated to Bro. EMRA HOLMES, is about to be published, and from the specimens we have seen, we anticipate that it will materially enhance the author's fame as one of the most tuneful of Masonic songsters. We trust also, that it will bring him profit as well as fame. We are informed that Bro. TWEDDELL has been for some time past in very bad health, needing a helpful hand, and it will be a graceful as well as a kindly act if brethren will assist in securing the success of the little volume by enrolling themselves as subscribers for one or more copies. What we have seen of Bro. TWEDDELL'S poetry is gracefully written, and breathes the true spirit of Masonry, and we hope our present suggestion will be acted upon to his benefit.

Unmannerly Criticism. It is amazing that brethren should write absurdly about matters they do not understand. In one of the February issues of the *Masonic News* of Montreal appears a letter signed "E. T. D. C.," in which the writer, in his anxiety to learn something as to the character of our newly-consecrated Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, falls foul of the Prince of WALES for having granted a warrant for its constitution. We are, perhaps, somewhat old-fashioned, but our idea is that, when a man proposes to become a critic, he should first of all learn what he can about the matter to be criticised, and then he may lay about him as hard as he pleases. "E. T. D. C." is of a different opinion. He does not understand the purpose for which the Anglo-American Lodge has been formed, and by way of showing that his discourtesy is on a level with his ignorance, he propounds a number of questions as unmannerly towards our Grand Master as they are uncalled for. We hope "E. T. D. C.," the next time he has a mind to play the part of critic, will play it more creditably.

CONSECRATION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

The Anglo-American Lodge, whose approaching advent we have chronicled in our former issues, was consecrated on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly. It has been started under brilliant auspices, Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., being its first W.M., and amongst the officers and founders will be found the names of many brethren, English and American, who have made their mark in Freemasonry, and whose connection with the new lodge will secure for it a brilliant and prosperous career. As its name implies, it is intended as a means of drawing closer together the bonds of Masonic union existing between the two countries, and although we believe its membership is not absolutely limited in this respect, yet as that is the "raison d'être" of its existence, we doubt not it will always remain a Masonic centre and home for Americans resident in, or visiting, this country.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., assisted by Bros. Thomas Fenn, Pres. Board of Gen. Purps., as S.W.; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chaplain; H. Trueman Wood, A.G.D.C., as D. of C.; and Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., as I.G. There were also present—

Bros. Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Aubrey Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Theo. H. Hilton, P.D.G.M. New York City; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Samuel Pope, S.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Dr. A. Meadows, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Geo. Plucknett, P.G.D.; R. G. Glover, Dep. G.D. of C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D. of C.; Major G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Col. Jas. Peters, P.G.S.B.; Henry Garrod, P.G.P.; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Barron L. Barnett, Dep. District Grand Master Queensland; Gen. R. Cunliffe, P.D.D.G.M. Madras; Col. Haldane, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece; Prince Ibrahim Hilmy Pasha, A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; C. F. Hogard, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. North and East Yorks; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; Geo. J. Dunkley, P.P.G. Organist Middx.; P. Soman, P.P.G. Steward Norfolk; J. Foster, H. Hambling, C. A. Iiter, A. A. Drew, J. T. Rowe, Jas. Rowe, P. Rogers, J. Arnold, Pigott, Geo. Everett, John Skinner, Dr. R. Cross, W. A. Baskcomb, W. Brindley, J. Coltart, W. Groves, R. P. J. Laundry, R. P. Hare, W. W. Lee, R. W. Pope, T. R. Walls, A. Simner, W.M. 177; E. Stimson, T. H. Smithers, H. Chapman, W. Richards, E. Humphery, G. Edwards, Canderlier, A. Frigout, J. Green, A. Woodliffe, T. A. Roberts, C. J. Jones, T. E. Lewis, Westfield, H. Schartau, T. Adams, A. P. Little, A. A. Pendlebury, R. Baugham, J. Gibson, T. Burnside, H. Wheatley, H. W. Kedgley, John Barnett, jun., P. Parsons, Fred. Hurdle, W. Woodruff, I. W. C. Jones, Major Foster, C. Grassi, W. W. Morgan, A. H. Baker, F. Jackson, G. Coop, W. J. Vian, G. P. Bertini, C. Corby, R. L. Murray, Robt. Fairclough, A. Harris, R. Mackway, A. Myers, C. F. Cusel, F. Franklin Clive, W. Crawford, J. Webb, Charles Lambert, H. C. Lambert, T. J. Robins, Lennox Browne, W.M. 2108; A. Clarke, F. Kedgley, J. B. Cummings, Geo. Reynolds, Consul-General Waller, J. J. Woolley, Wilkie Jones, G. H. Reynolds, C. Ralph, J. Woodward, J. Williams, and J. Potter.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees,

The GRAND SECRETARY addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting, and said:—Brethren, on occasions like the present, when Masons are assembled in large numbers to assist in the consecration of a new lodge, the meeting must necessarily be of great interest. I venture to say that on the present occasion that interest is greater than usual. For reasons which I have previously explained to many of you who have been present at consecrations, it is very difficult to obtain a warrant for a new lodge in London. There are, as you are aware, more than 350 London lodges, and the M.W. Grand Master has, in many instances, to decline to increase the number. The present case is one of an unusual character. I am happy to say that for some time past we have had in our midst a large number of good and worthy brethren from the other side of the Atlantic who belong to our mystic Order. We always receive them with pleasure at our various Masonic meetings. But amongst those brethren who are with us, there are several who longed to take a more active part in the work, and who wished for a lodge that might be identified with them. Many of them met together, joined with English Masons, and have drawn up a petition for a new lodge to be called the Anglo-American Lodge. The case is so unusual that the M.W.G.M. has granted their petition, and has issued a warrant, and we are met together to-day to consecrate that lodge. The worthy brethren who are joining with us are worthy of all praise, and I am sure will work heartily, and shed a lustre on our Order. They have selected for their first W.M. a well-trying brother—Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.—and there is a considerable fitness in that selection, as he represents, in Grand Lodge the majority of American Grand Lodges. It is fit and proper that he should cement the tie by becoming the first W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge. I will not detain you longer, but will leave any further Masonic address to Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., who will deliver an oration.

The founders having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant,

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, P.G. Chap., delivered the following oration:—

A very distinguished American writer, Judge Haliburton, is describing how in a far west colony a crowd of needy adventurers—men who to all outward appearance seemed unlikely to become good citizens—recognised the value of law and order, set themselves at once to work to form rules for their own government, and in a very short time settled down as a well organized community. He describes all this as only "Sam Slick" can, and adds the following remark, "What people on earth could do this but the Anglo-Saxon." What better text for the few words I have to speak to you to-night. We are welcoming a new lodge which has in view the great object of drawing together our American and our English brethren. We both belong to the great Anglo Saxon family and we are both proud of our descent. Rightly are we proud. There is no race, not even the old Greek or Roman race, which has produced so many great, so many noble in every station of life. None have faced dangers and difficulties with so much courage. None have been greater in literature, or art, or science. Look at the world's roll call of soldiers, sailors, statesmen, poets, artists, philanthropists, and divines, and you will find that great list full of Anglo Saxon names. And look also at the crowd. The pawns on the great chess board of the universe. What people so intelligent, so industrious, so free, so keenly appreciative of all that is good and true, so justly impatient of all that is base and dishonest, as the people in whose veins runs the Anglo-Saxon blood. And yet, brethren, do not let us shut our eyes to the facts that too often the various countries and colonies of this great family, spend, mispend their great faculties in watching for one another's faults, looking out for points of difference rather than in joining hand to

hand and strength to strength in their work. Perhaps the reason of this is that men of the same family are naturally keen in the perception of one another's faults. The failings of our own relations stand out before our eyes more distinctly than those of a stranger. The inconsistencies, and littlenesses, and the peculiarities of our own brethren jar more upon our feelings than those of another race. It is to this reason that I attribute the fact that the American and the Englishman so often misunderstand one another and are hindered from realizing that brotherly affection which *does* exist, though it lies hidden beneath the surface. You see our faults and we see yours. We both of us employ upon one another that power of judgment which is given for home use and *not* for exercise upon our neighbours. Intent upon the odious work of criticising our brother's peculiarities we forget that in his eyes our imperfections stand out with special clearness. An American speaking or writing about England; an Englishman speaking or writing about America, both find it hard to do so perfectly fairly, because both cannot fail to see too clearly the points of difference, and both are too apt to enshrine themselves in a fictitious position of infallibility, and from thence to formulate judicial sentences upon the short comings of their own kinsmen. Let this un-Masonic spirit *never* find a place in the Anglo-American lodge. Let us rather strive to discover what is good in each and to show the world how strong a power for good the Anglo-Saxon race is. Let every man employ the gavel upon his own excrescences, and leave his neighbours to do a like work for himself. Let us each learn from our brother. I believe there is much that an American can teach an Englishman. Much also that an Englishman can teach an American. And further, do not let us be ashamed to make use of our brother's work. One man's skill lies in this direction, another man's in the opposite. Our antient brethren recognized this fact. Every Craftsman was set to do that work which he could do best, and what he produced was used in conjunction with other work different in kind but no less beautiful. Every work was a masterpiece, it lent beauty to and it borrowed beauty from other works. Both in nature and in art absolute uniformity is impossible, it is the skilful blending together of good details which is the perfection of every structure. So, brethren, strive in your lodge to harmonize the peculiar excellences of our two great nations, and when the world recognizes a society strong and useful because it rises above the narrow limits of prejudice and passion, it will say with the writer from whom I have borrowed my sentiment. What people on earth could do this but the Anglo-Saxon.

The ceremony of Consecration was then successfully proceeded with, and on its conclusion the G. Sec. installed Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.M. 21, P.G.D., as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Major Lambert, P.G.S. Br., I.P.M.; A. Clark, P.M., S.W.; F. Kedgley, J.W.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Consul-General Waller, S.D.; J. J. Woolley, J.D.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; Wilkie Jones, D.C.; J. Skinner, C. Ralph and J. Woodward, Stwds.; J. Potter, Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Officer, the G. Secretary.

The music used during the consecration ceremony was (under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau) most effectively rendered by Bros. Richard Mackway, Franklin Clive, T. Adams, T. J. Robins, C. Stuart Lodge, Charles Ralph and others.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said it was his most grateful duty to ask the lodge to pass a vote of thanks to the G. Sec. and the other Grand Officers, to whom they were indebted for the excellent way in which the ceremony had been performed. The way in which it had been rendered left nothing to be desired. He would ask the lodge not merely to pass a vote of thanks, but also to elect the brethren he had named as honorary members.

This motion having been seconded by Bro. Major G. LAMBERT, and carried unanimously, the W.M. intimated the result to the Grand Officers concerned, and presented the G. Sec. with a distinguishing jewel, as a memento of the interesting occasion.

The GRAND SECRETARY said he would lose no time in rising on behalf of his colleagues, to thank the lodge for its kind and gratifying testimony. He could speak for his brother Grand Officers and say it had given them great pleasure to be present. They had done the best they could and wished the lodge every success. They also returned thanks for the honorary membership conferred upon them, which they hoped to be able to avail themselves of. He had again to thank the lodge for the jewel which he should wear for the rest of his life in remembrance of the memorable day.

A By-laws Committee having been elected, propositions received, and a telegram and letter read from Bros. Percy Smith and T. A. Dickson, regretting their absence on account of illness, but with 'Hearty good wishes' for the success of the Anglo-American Lodge, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hall, which was prettily decorated, the English and American flags being prominent, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, under the personal superintendence of their manager, Bro. Bertini, late of Delmonico's, New York. Bro. Richd. Mackway's Choir having sung grace,

"The Queen and the Craft" was first given, the W.M. observing that he was sure the toast would meet with a ready response, for her Majesty was the daughter of a Mason, the mother of Masons, and the grandmother of a Mason.

"H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was next proposed by the W.M., who said it had been his fate to live under the Masonic rule of three Grand Masters. It would be invidious to compare those Grand Masters. Suffice it to say that under no Masonic government had Masonry so prospered, as under that of H.R.H. He was sure they would all drink to the health of H.R.H., and to the extension of Masonry under him.

"The Pro. G.M., Dep. G.M., and rest of Grand Officers" was proposed by Bro. ADOLPHUS CLARK, S.W. He did not propose to occupy the time of the brethren in any attempt to paint the lily, or to gild or refine the gold. He thought he was justified in saying that in no time in Masonry, had the brethren been honoured with the services of such an efficient body of Grand Officers. He was pleased to see such a large number of Grand Officers present, and on behalf of the brethren of the Anglo-American Lodge he had to heartily thank them for their attendance. He had very much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. General Brownrigg, P.G.M., Surrey.

Bro. General BROWNRIGG, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, in reply, said the fact of his having been called upon to respond, in his rank he held in the Craft, was a matter of accident. He had been for 45 years a Freemason, and could safely say that of all the consecrations at which he had assisted, in none had he taken a greater interest than the present. He was quite sure the Grand Officers would concur in what he said. It had been well said that evening by his son in the flesh, and brother in the Craft, that the Americans and English were both of the same Anglo-Saxon stock. He could not help feeling that this lodge would be another link to bind them together. They had all descended from the same old tree, and it was very pleasant indeed to find how Englishmen were appreciated when visiting the United States. As an instance of hospitality he would mention, that when he was Military Secretary to the Governor General of Canada, he was engaged in a cricket match with a New York Club. On the return match being played he was perfectly astounded at the welcome they enjoyed, and it was with the utmost difficulty that they were permitted to pay even their hotel bills. In conclusion, he need hardly say how heartily the Grand Officers

would welcome, from the United States, all those who ranged under their banner.

The GRAND SECRETARY then said the W.M. had permitted him to take the gavel in order to propose the next toast. They had just been honouring those loyal Masonic toasts which they delighted to receive, and which they thoroughly appreciated, but now they were coming nearer home. They were in the bosom of the Anglo-American Lodge, and he was about to propose a toast which they had all been looking forward to. It was "The Health of the W.M., and success to the Anglo-American Lodge." As they were all aware it was a great honour for a brother to be W.M. of a lodge, but when he is W.M. of a new lodge it was a much greater honour. They had had a great success that evening, and had successfully launched that lodge into existence. They were now met to celebrate the event. When an event was celebrated there was one man who presided and who was honoured by all. That brother, on the present occasion, was Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., the W.M. of that lodge. He (the Grand Secretary), had made a few remarks in the lodge as to the peculiar fitness of their distinguished brother for the office of W.M. of this lodge. When he told them that Bro. Brackstone Baker was a distinguished Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, and that he represents here no less than 15 of the Grand Lodges of America, he thought they would consider that his claims to the chair were unique. That brother was identified with Masonry on the other side of the Atlantic, and was initiated in a lodge in Canada. It was a happy thought to place him in the chair, for he had considerable claims amongst them at home. He is a P.G.D., and had done good suit and service, and he hoped the Most High would spare him to carry on the work in that lodge, which promised such success. The latter part of the toast was "Success to the Anglo-American Lodge." He had already explained to them the happy idea of its formation, and it would be unnecessary for him to say anything more in its favour. There could be no doubt that the brethren of two nations which were so closely allied in every way, would find an advantage from the intercourse they had begun that day. He was certain the lodge would go on and prosper if the founders were careful whom they admitted. He always said this to new lodges, and advised them to wait and remember the old saying, and respecting quality and quantity. It is this lodge observed that rule it ought to have a magnificent future before it. He therefore asked them all to drink this toast and couple with it the name of the estimable W.M., Bro. Brackstone Baker.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D., W.M., in reply, said he could not but feel deeply the compliments the Grand Secretary had paid him. He acceded to office with a great deal of satisfaction and diffidence but with a firm resolution. Satisfaction at the high office into which the Grand Secretary had installed him. Diffidence because he distrusted his own ability to carry out the work. A firm resolution that he would endeavour to perform his duties to the utmost of his ability. He was overwhelmed at the compliments which had been paid him, and felt like that Roman Emperor who was weighed down with the weight of his jewels. The Darwinian theory about the selection of the fittest had not been applied in the selection of him as the W.M. of the lodge. It was the doctrine of affinity—the affinity he had had for the Craft and with trans-Atlantic Masonry. He would give them a brief sketch of his Masonic career. He was made a Mason in Canada, in 1855, in a lodge under the Irish Constitution. He was therefore a case of a foreign Mason who had joined them. He came to England in 1856, and lost no time in joining lodge No. 21, of which he became W.M., and was elected a member of the Colonial Board. Fortune so willed it that in 1864 he went back to America, during the height of the discussion about the secession of the Grand Lodge of Canada. There were three English lodges in Canada, the Canadian Grand Lodge still refused to recognise. He knew these lodges to be in good order. They made the proper returns and did not desire to leave our jurisdiction, and why should we cast off brethren who did not wish to leave us. He satisfied their Grand Master that these lodges were regular, and the result was he had the satisfaction of seeing the Grand Lodge of Canada admit that these three lodges in Montreal were in order, and they still remain under our jurisdiction. Since then they had been on the best of terms, and they gave him the honorary rank of S.G.W. for his services. He had been for 21 years a member of the Colonial Board, which would show them the affinity he had for the Craft. After all American Freemasonry was but a slip or cutting from the English Tree which had taken root in the New World. There was nothing more natural than that they should wish to establish a lodge that would be the common resort of American and English Masons, and which would tend to cement those bonds of fraternity by which they were already bound. Americans in joining them would not lose their nationality, but their children would be eligible, if necessary, for the Institutions, and the Institution for Aged People was as much for them as for the English distressed. The judicious blend will serve to link the nationalities of American and English Masons more closely together. In conclusion he thanked them all for the kindness with which they had received the toast, and the kindly interest evinced in the consecration of the Anglo-American Lodge.

"The Consecrating Officers" was next given by the W.M., who observed that the brethren had just come from the lodge room full of the eloquent phrases of the Grand Secretary, and it was the health of that distinguished brother he was about to propose. It had been his fate, since he had been a member of Grand Lodge, to be associated with three Grand Secretaries. The first was Bro. Gray Clarke, Bro. John Hervey, whom they all loved, was next, and then came the present Grand Secretary, who was perfect in everything connected with the jurisprudence and ceremonies of the Order, and was accessible and courteous to every one. Many members of the Craft had cause to be thankful for his assistance, and they had all felt his influence in the kind, amiable and brotherly fellowship he invariably displayed. He was sure he need say no more, but simply ask them to drink to the health of the "Consecrating Officer, Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec."

The GRAND SECRETARY said that as a modest man he could not but feel overwhelmed at the remarks of the W.M. Bro. Brackstone Baker had said all sorts of pretty things about him, and he wished he could believe him, but he was afraid that his feelings had led him to transgress the toast. He would take the flattering unctio to himself that a certain amount was right, and feel flattered at the kind expressions. He felt that as the Consecrating Officer he had but done his duty, and no brother would have done less. Being Grand Secretary he tried to do his best to discharge his various duties. With respect to the ceremony on the present occasion, he could assure them it had been a very great pleasure to him to perform it. They had all heard his voice so often that evening that he felt he would not be justified in trespassing too long on their time. He felt very much

gratified at the kind reception he had received, and for which he sincerely thanked them. He would like to point out that the honour was not due to him alone, for he could have done little had he not been supported by those G. officers who had so kindly given their assistance. He was very sorry that Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., who had officiated as Chaplain, and who had delighted them all with his eloquent oration, had been obliged to leave, having been called away into the country to attend to those religious duties he was at all times ready to perform. But he was pleased to say they still had present Bro. T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, whose name was a household word in Masonry, and Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott, whose name was also well known. He had to cordially thank all those who had assisted him, for he had been very strongly supported. There was one other point which he had omitted to allude to. They had had, he was sorry to say, received only a few weeks ago sad news from America. They had been fortunate for some time past in having as their representative in New York one of the most estimable Masons that ever existed. He was an old friend of his many years ago. The brethren present would know he referred to Bro. Goodall, whose loss they had recently to deplore. American brethren would long remember him, for he was a great Mason in New York, and the English Grand Lodge was very fortunate in having him as its representative. He regretted to say Bro. Goodall had died very suddenly, and by his death both American and English Masons had suffered a severe loss. He felt they should not allow this opportunity to pass without expressing their regret at the loss Masonry had sustained. All present, he was sure, would excuse him for making these remarks, for he was convinced he had their sympathy. He wished to again thank them all for their kindness, and assured them that he should always have the prosperity of the Anglo-American Lodge at heart.

Bro. S. POPE, O.C., S.G.D., in proposing the toast of "Our American Joining Brethren," said he obeyed the call of the W.M., although the name of their esteemed Bro. Fenn appeared on the programme as the rightful occupant of his position. He had sat at the feet of Bro. Fenn long enough to comply with any request that brother might make. He supposed the toast had been committed to his charge because he was an Englishman, and had never been in America. There were few of those present who had not relations or friends on the other side of the Atlantic. He had never dared to cross over, for no brother could imagine the fearful terror a lumpy sea or a short voyage had for him, and he was afraid that, should he venture, he would never see the other side. He could only say that from early life he had felt sufficient interest in American affairs and progress to feel equally as comfortable under the "Stars and Stripes" as under the Union Jack, and it was the blending of those two flags that constituted the real germ of the Anglo-American Lodge. They were able to recognise in their brethren from across the Atlantic the same characteristics of industry and enterprise which the English people possessed. All rejoiced that they could come across the sea and join in the fraternal bonds of Masonry. He had heard the W. Master in his admirable address speak of the lion laying down with the lamb; but he was not quite sure that the lion would lie down quietly unless the lamb were inside the lion. But he mistook the spirit of their American brethren if they proposed to adopt the rôle of the lamb in any such comparison. They all rejoiced in the formation of that lodge, for it recognised the merits of the two nations. He had to associate with the toast the names of two distinguished American members of the lodge—Bros. Tilton, P.D. G.M. New York, and Consul-General Waller, S.D., who was well known to all, and was testified to by the welcome accorded to him. At the call of the W.M., as the substitute of Bro. Fenn, he begged to propose for their acceptance "The Health of our American Joining Brethren."

Bro. TILTON, P.D.G.M. New York, said it gave him great pleasure to respond to the toast so eloquently proposed by Bro. Pope. They had learned from the W.M. something of the origin of Freemasonry in America. He would tell them that they had lodges in America about 1750; but there were no Grand Lodges formed until 1770 to 1776, then those of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, and Massachusetts were among the first. Now they had more than 50 Grand Lodges, with a membership of 600,000 Freemasons, the Grand Lodge of New York being the largest, and from her eight lodges with 200 Freemasons in 1776, she had grown to more than 700 lodges and 80,000 Freemasons. They had similar lodges to the Anglo-American in New York, for they had lodges founded by Englishmen and by Scotchmen. In his district they had two Scotch lodges and an English lodge, so that the idea was not new, and if any brother crossed the Atlantic he would get a Masonic welcome, but one from his own nationality. Although they had so prospered and had grown so rapidly, they had not forgotten the mother Grand Lodge of England. Neither did they forget that it was presided over by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. It would be gratifying for Englishmen to go through the United States and see the good feeling felt towards his Royal Highness. No toast was received with greater honour or with greater spirit than that of the health of the Prince of Wales. So they to-night completed in the consecration of the Anglo-American Lodge another link in that golden chain of Masonic brotherhood which bound them together more strongly than ever in the bonds of love and affection—the two great nations of the Anglo-Saxon race.

Bro. Consul-General WALLER, S.D., also replied, and said he hesitated, he confessed, to offer any remarks to the notice of the brethren. Kind as they were, he thought it doubtful if they would appreciate any more of "Hail Columbia" than they had had. He was, however, tempted to occupy a moment to assure his distinguished brother who proposed this toast that if he could be prevailed upon to overcome his idea of the perils of the sea, and if his countrymen ever found such a specimen of an Englishman in their midst they would never let him return again. He could also no doubt be made Grand Master of all the Grand Lodges there. Masonry had no country—the world was its domain. The only flag it looked to was the flag of distress, which, when occasion required, was never raised but respected, and never raised in vain. There was nothing strange to him in the fact that American residents in London should desire to have a lodge intimately associated with themselves. They had previously been the guests of London lodges, and none could say but they had been honoured guests. But there came a time when it was a little pleasant to leave the place they were visiting and return home. This lodge was intended to provide American brethren with a home, and why should they not have a home? America was a big country, both geographically and Masonically. Seventy years ago in that country there were 70,000 Masons, but to-day there were 600,000. In 50 years the population had increased by millions, and he was proud to say they had gained a population which included many from this little island and its contiguous places. There was not a Mason in that country but would read with infinite satisfaction the account of the organisation and consecration of this lodge, which had been formed to more closely cement the fraternal

feeling of American and English Masons. That was the thought which would be appreciated in America. He was sure that there was not an American who would not be as gratified as he had been at the interesting occasion, and no thoughtful brother could go away without being deeply impressed with the solemnity of the ceremonies of the great Fraternity to which he belonged. Speaking of the remarkable increase in America, he could not but notice that the progress of civilization westward was marked by the establishment of three constructions: the church, the school house, and the lodge. These were in their natural order Faith, Hope, and Charity; and the three were properly and intimately connected. There were secrets in Masonry, they might not tell the outside world, but they might well say that Masonry was the handmaid of religion, and tended to make them better fitted for this world and better fitted for the world above.

"The Visitors" was given by Bro. F. KEDDIE, J.W., who said he performed the duty with pleasure, for he was sure it would be received with enthusiasm. They had been told in the lodge to unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness. They were carrying out that precept on the present occasion, and he hoped the endeavours of the founders had been successful. The visitors, he was happy to say, far out-numbered the members of the lodge. He should couple with the toast the names of Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., and H.H. Bro. Prince Ibrahim Hilmy, of Egypt. The first was well-known and respected by all, and the other had come among them having recently joined Masonry. He could only say on behalf the members of the lodge, they were pleased to have the visitors amongst them, and trusted to be again honoured with their presence on some future occasion.

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., replied, and said he felt it rather hard on the brethren that he should for a moment interfere with the musical performance they desired to hear, but he would promise that the interval should be brief, and that he would compress the gratitude of the visitors into the fewest words. They had just heard one of the most admirable and touching orations which it had been his lot to listen to. As those words of ready eloquence fell from the lips of Bro. Consul General Waller, the walls around him seemed to fall, and he saw in his thoughts the mighty West. The kindness he had experienced there had been in his case two-fold, and had been reproduced during the last few moments. When he spoke of the church, the school-house, and the lodge, beautifying the previously sterile soil, he thought how, when he went West, he had found the land enclosed and cultivated where he had expected to find the American prairie. Masonry had had something to do in that great development. The lessons of Masonry found, in America, a fertile soil. They are always ready to hand and invariably enforced. In returning thanks for the visitors he could only say he discharged a small installment of a deep debt of gratitude he owed to that country. However slender an introduction a visitor might have, they took him for what he was, and if they liked him, there were no such people in the world to entertain him. It was his privilege to retain, in that country, some of the kindest friends his life had given him. It was, therefore, with peculiar pleasure that he returned thanks for that toast. There would follow him a brother who represented the most ancient country in the world, and whom he initiated into Freemasonry in the Drury Lane Lodge a few weeks previously. If there was anything that could warm the heart of a Mason it was to welcome the brother of the reigning sovereign of an ancient country such as Egypt.

Bro. H. H. PRINCE IBRAHIM HILMY said that as the present occasion was only his second visit to a Masonic lodge, he did not think he should be called upon to respond. He did not think he could add anything to the excellent speech of the brother who had preceded him. He would say that if there was anything that would give him a deeper interest in the Craft, it was a ceremony which ushered in a lodge which had such a bright future before it as the Anglo-American.

"The Masonic Charities" was given by the W.M., who observed that this toast was always honoured and accepted with cordiality. He was glad to say they had a representative of the Institutions present in Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys.

Bro. F. BINCKES, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, said, in speaking of himself as a visitor, he thought his name was not altogether strange to his friends on the other side of the Atlantic, and he had done his best to welcome the visitors from that country. He was pleased to say that Bro. Major Lambert, to whom he had before alluded as the embodiment of Charity, had consented to again serve as Steward for the Institution he represented. The Institution for Aged People had had a splendid success, and the Girls' School also received a fair share of support, but he represented the most needy of the three Institutions. He was sorry to say that the Boys' School was in debt to their bankers to the amount of £4000. Much had been said in days gone by that they had been extravagant, and it had been stated in many lodges that the boys were costing between £60 and £70 per annum. With a new organisation, he was able to tell them that in the past year, with the introduction of better supervision, they had reduced the amount in round figures from £46 in 1885 to £40 in 1886. He sincerely trusted the members would give their cordial support to Bro. Major Lambert.

Bro. Major LAMBERT responded for "The Officers," and said his remarks would be very brief indeed, for his motto was "et res non verba." He assured the W.M. that the officers would cordially support him during his year of office.

The Tyler's toast then closed a very successful meeting.

The enjoyment of the evening was enhanced by an excellent programme of music given under the direction of Bro. C. S. Lodge, and supported by Bros. Herbert Schartau, R. Mackway, Franklin Clive, T. Adams, T. J. Robins, and C. Ralph.

The officers' collars, jewels, working tools, founders' jewels, etc., were designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

THE PALLADIAN CHAPTER, HEREFORD.

Bro. the Rev. J. Horden Jukes, M.A. (Oxford) sent me some particulars of the origin of the Palladian Chapter, Hereford, the only one really in that province, and since then I have looked up a few points relating to its early history. That zealous Craftsman and Companion copied for me the second warrant, by which the chapter now works, which runs as follows:—

Dundas, H.

Augustus Frederick, Z.

John Aldridge, J.

IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.
To all the Enligh ened our Brethren of the several Degrees of the Royal Craft, but more especially those Citizens of the World and Servants of the Omnipotent, who have been honoured by Exaltation to our Sublime Degree.

Health

Peace

Goodwill.

Be it known that our Excellent Companions, James Maddy, William Preece, John Hawkins, Richard P. Scudamore, Thomas Bird, William Lane, William Garstone, William Cooke, and John Allen, junior, having made known to Our Supreme Grand Chapter their desire of holding a Chapter of our Order for the cultivation of this Grand and Universal Science, in Hopes thereby the more to extend their aid to, and promote the Happiness of, all our Brethren, and link Mankind together by indissoluble bonds of Friendship, Peace, and Harmony, And that Our Grand Chapter having taken their Petition into consideration, and finding it concordant with our Grand System of Universal Benevolence, We do hereby, with the consent of Our said Grand Chapter, grant unto the said Companions this Our Charter of Constitution, to be held with, and attached to, the Warrant of the Lodge No. 196, called "the Palladian Lodge," with full power for Them, their Companions and Successors, to Open and Hold a Chapter of Our Order at the Bowling Green Tavern in the city of Hereford, or at such other Place, and at such Time, as Our said Companions and Successors shall, with the consent of US and Our Successors, Grand Officers for the time being, think meet. The first Chapter to be opened on Tuesday, the 18th day of December now next ensuing, by the Title of

PALLADIAN CHAPTER,

with such Privileges, Powers, and Immunities as do of Right belong to regular established Chapters and Companions of Our said Most Excellent Order, Subject nevertheless to the General Laws and Ordinances already or to be hereafter enacted by Our Most Excellent Grand and Royal Chapter.

Given at London under Our Hands and the Seal of Our Grand and Royal Chapter the 7th day of November, A.L. 5821. A.D. 1821.

William H. White, E.

Edwards Harper, N.

What became of the original warrant I cannot say; but probably it was returned to London in 1821, for in the minutes of that year, on December 26th, it is noted that, in response to a communication from the Grand Chapter, the names to be found in the foregoing document were sent for insertion in the new charter. The two rival Grand Chapters united on March 18th, 1817, forming the "United Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England," from which period it was required that "every chapter shall be attached to some warranted lodge," the precedence of the several chapters being determined by the "priority of the lodges to which they may be respectively attached." The authorities appear also to have required the old chapters to take out new warrants, several doing so, the "Palladian" being of the number. Before the Union of 18th March, 1817, its number was 80* on the Grand Chapter roll ("Moderns"), the numbers being separate or distinct from those of the lodges. The original warrant—according to the minutes of the chapter—was dated "14th day of August, A.L. 5795, A.D. 1791," the *Principals* being the Rev. Richard Underwood, Z.; Robert Phillips, H.; and the Rev. Thomas Kidley, J.

A Provincial Grand Chapter was held on August 31st, 1791, by "Thomas Dunckerley, Esquire (P.G.M.), Grand Superintendent for the province (a Provincial Grand Lodge having been held on the previous day), when the warrant of dispensation for holding a chapter having been read, the following appointments were made." The latter included M.E. Comp. Thomas Callender as "Deputy Grand Superintendent." The next meeting, being the first since the constitution, was held at the "Bowling Green Inn" on February 7th, 1792. According to Bro. Lane's invaluable "Masonic Records," the "Bowling Green" was the house of meeting for the "Palladian" Lodge from 1788 to 1806, and again was so selected from 1818 to 1837. The lodge was chartered 12th October, 1762, and has a special centenary jewel warrant. The first, however, formed in the city was on 16th January, 1738, but was erased on November, 1754. It is singular that the "Palladian" Chapter is the only one which has ever been chartered for Hereford, its numbers having been 80 until 1817, then 196, as the lodge, becoming 141 in 1832, and from 1803 has been 120, at which, I hope, it will long continue.

W. J. HUGHAN.

* Vide Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry" (*List of Chapters*).

THE SACRED ARK.

Masonic antiquarians, musing upon the mysteries of the Royal Arch, have given us learned dissertations upon the Ark of the Covenant, upon the seraphim, and upon every other other particular which Masonry has borrowed from the Hebraic worship, and still they seem never to have prosecuted researches elucidating the sources whence the Hebrews themselves derived knowledge of the mysteries transmitted to us in various degrees of dilution.

It is assumed that during the reign of the Pharaoh Menephta, about the year 1300 before our Christian era, occurred the exode of the Israelites from Egypt under the leadership of a man learned in all the knowledge of that country. Having been reared under royal protection, Moses must have been a resident of the royal cities of Thebes and a devotee at the shrine of Amen, the god for whose worship Rameses erected the great temple whose ruins are at present known as those of Luxor. In the shrine of this Theban temple was conserved the sacred ark, or boat, which, upon stated occasions, was carried around the streets, or upon the Nile, with a great public demonstration, accompanied by festivities and musical performances in which the royal princesses conceived it to be an honour to participate. This ark procession appears to have been peculiar to the city of Thebes and to have bestowed upon it its name, for the word theba means boat or ark. Hence, it is but fair to presume that from exploration of the remains of the temple of Amen we can glean the most accurate idea as to the manner of the original ark's fabrication and the object for its construction. Fortunately upon the walls of an innermost chamber of the vast temple, within the confines of one of its halls—Notre Dame of Paris could stand without touching its sides—there remains a richly-coloured painting of the sacred ark in bas-relief. The bark is standing upon an altar, covered by a red cloth. On smaller altars stands vessels for libations or for incense, surrounded by flowers. In the centre of the bark is the ark itself, a sort of chest partially veiled, in which is forever hidden the mystic symbol of the God. In the boat are small images of men, kneeling in adoration, and immense artificial lotus and papyrus flowers. On the prow of the boat is the sacred hawk, and behind it a sphinx, emblem of the king. At this point our curiosity is baffled, for we know nothing about the worship of Amen, whose name has descended to us a sacred word, or the cause for his connection with an ark, which assuredly must have been based upon some event of more than national importance, transpiring many years before the days of Moses's exode, and of which he has made no mention, while transferring the ark to his own religious ceremonies. Faber, author of "Origin of Idolatry," inclined to the opinion that the sacred ark bears some relation to the legend of a universal deluge, but it would be safer to presume that it has some connection with box or casket, in which Isis discovered the mutilated remains of Osiris floating upon the waters of the Nile, after his murder by his brother Set.—*New Zealand Mail*.

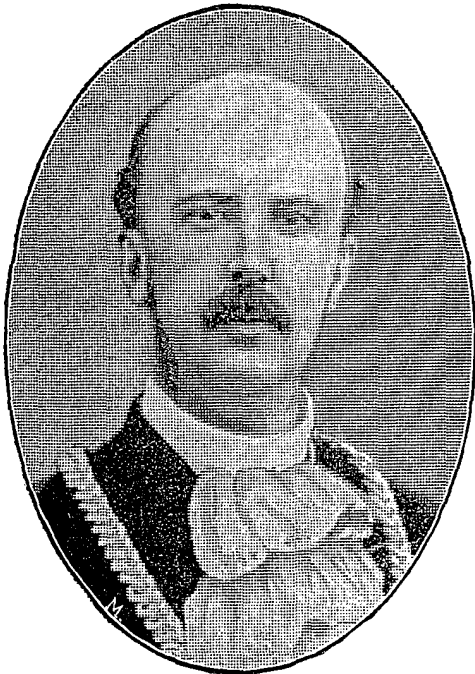
THE Highbury Lodge, No. 2192.

In our report of the Consecration of the Highbury Lodge in our issue of the 19th ult., we were unable to include the oration delivered by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap. This week we have the pleasure of presenting it to our readers, and we also avail ourselves of the opportunity of giving the portraits of the Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Secretary.

We are met to consecrate another lodge of our Order, in the year of light and grace, when, as the poet says, "Our good Queen Victoria is reigning," and when, as loyal subjects and peaceful citizens we commemorate everywhere, gladly and rejoicingly the Jubilee of constitutional government, happy progress, educational activity, and the onward and triumphant march of civilization, enlightenment, and toleration. As Freemasons, our thoughts must turn perforce to that marked and rapid increase of our own great Order which has been alike unprecedented and even marvellous. When we compare the 18th Century with the 19th Century Freemasonry, we think we may fairly claim some little merit and some little commendation for the more complete development, and spiritualization, so to say, of the several laws and outcome of Freemasonry, whether beneficially or demonstratively, in the abstract or the concrete. The slow progress of Freemasonry from 1717 until 1813, in England, may be accounted for in various ways, no doubt, but still the fact remains, that the progress was slow, and the practical fruits very limited. The whole of our Charitable Institutions, for instance, have practically developed themselves in this 19th century of ours, and though that useful and admirable Institution of ours, the Board of Benevolence, dates from the last century, so that our older brethren were not forgetful altogether of the great Masonic virtue of Charitable Benevolence, yet its very remarkable usefulness and effect as a great charitable medium are purely of 19th century increase and activity and remarkable reality. The Girls' School and the Boys' School actually date from the 18th century, but their great and glorious advance belong to our epoch. English Freemasonry to-day occupies a position alike unique and wonderful in itself. In the great increase of its numbers, in the vitality of its principles, and in the practice of its professions it stands unrivalled at the pre-

spectacle of one great, happy, united Order, lengthening its stakes on every side, proclaiming the same principles, and avowing the same simple and tolerant, the same judicious and dignified course of action which has ever distinguished notably its career, and which has obtained for it the ever loyal adhesion of its members, the ungrudging admiration of distant jurisdictions, and even the respect of those who are often ready to cavil at Masonic professions, and hastily and signally find fault with its code of moral laws, or its proclamation of time-honoured principles of thought and action. We may gratefully remember, especially here and to-day, what, as Freemasons, we owe to those two great ruling houses of Hohenzollern and Brunswick, in marked contrast to other dynasties, in respect of the position and prosperity of the Order to which we belong. Since the time that Frederick the Great assumed the Master's gavel in the lodge at Potsdam, initiated as he had been at Brunswick some years before privately, that distinguished family has never been without a Freemason among its members. To-day we greet two brethren and Past Grand Masters, the venerable Emperor and his Imperial Highness the Crown Prince, whose interest in Freemasonry has never wavered or waned, and the latter, as we know, being a most instructed and able Freemason; a bright Mason in word and fact. So, too, in England from the day that

goodwill for our neighbour. It unites us in bonds of amity, and sympathy, and interest. It drives away from us those elements of discord and division, strife and confusion which mar all human efforts, poison the sources of earthly happiness, and diffuse instead of the engaging attributes of amiability, geniality, pleasantness, and peace, the unhappy developments of bitter antagonism, and of ill-omened strife. Happily for us all, a Masons' lodge is closely, is hermetically, tyed against the entrance of political controversies or religious discussions. None of the heated "output" of party animosity is there prevailing, none of the watchwords of earthly antagonism are there echoed. Men of different countries; sects, and opinions, races and lands, creeds and castes, there happily can assemble in peace, harmony, and sympathetic good will, forgetting for some happy hours anything that might sever them from one another in the world without, and united for the nonce in the great aspiration of being happy and imparting happiness to others, content "to aid humanity's great cause," by advancing charitable efforts and supporting a tolerant and discriminating exercise of benevolence, like, as in the parabolic teaching of old, pouring the oil and wine of sympathy and brotherhood into the open wounds of our common human race. Is it not true still for us and of us that some of our most endearing friendships have been formed in a Masonic Lodge? Is it not the fact, that we, all of us can recall some of the pleasantest hours of our own lives, as spent in the unrestrained and genial flow of sympathy sincere and personal, and that we owe to Freemasonry many charming evidences of abiding and heartfelt goodwill and kindness, which have been both a pleasure and benefit to us, as we have passed the milestones on our journey through life? In its zeal for benevolence, in its genial links and binding friendships, in the absence of all that constitutes the heartburnings of social life and struggles, in its noble literature, and its utter absence of anything that savours of liberality or intolerance, and above all in its amiable and needful and praiseworthy hospitality, in its utter and dominating unselfishness, in its large and discriminating and active Charity, Freemasonry sets before us, day by day, and year by year, facts which we may always well and proudly remember, and commend itself to the loyal, nay, the unceasing attachment of its own



BRO. ALDERMAN SAVORY, S.W.

sent moment among the jurisdictions of the world. Free from fierce and hurtful questions of strife and discord, intent on Masonic work alone; happily exempt from the baneful intrusion of passing social controversies, or stormy political passions, it keeps itself properly within its own safeguarded limits, and gracefully and quietly elaborates its great and distinguishing principles of Masonic work, Masonic sociality, Masonic Charity. In one sense, therefore, when we meet to-day to open another lodge, as a centre of light and kindliness, of diffusive benevolence and active charity, we must remember in this year of Jubilee how much we owe to that great Union of 1813, which united in one homogeneous and amicable compact two separate bodies of Freemasons, and gave us at once the key and clue to that onward advance of Freemasonry, north, south, east, and west, which, under the honoured banner of the Grand Lodge of England has been productive of such great benefits to our Brotherhood, has given such an impetus to Masonic Benevolence, and has, in addition, been so helpful to suffering humanity and the world in which we live. When the two Royal brothers and Grand Masters, one the father, one the uncle of the Queen, determined to unite in one inseparable bond the two bodies of Freemasonry in this country, they conferred not only the greatest benefit on Freemasonry generally, but set an example of fraternal goodwill and sympathy, of zeal and attachment, to the unity, the honour, the welfare of Freemasonry, which we should never forget as the years roll on, but which we should always gratefully appreciate. We know how good and gracious the principles of unity and harmony are in things mundane, in national interests and in family matters; we know also how sad and hurtful, on the other hand, are all those tokens and evidences of strife, separation, division, and discord, which weaken the strongest empires, injure the most prosperous institutions, and mar the peace and happiness, even sometimes utterly destroy it, of once the most united, peaceful, and sympathetic families. English Freemasonry from 1813 had at once taken new life, made a fresh start, and the result may be seen in its immense extension at the present time, and its striking increase as year follows year. And we owe it a great deal under the wise government of our rulers, to that great principle of fraternal union and concord, to those wise counsels which animated the idea and peaceful conclusions of the two Royal brothers that, English Freemasonry presents to ourselves and the world, the



BRO. EDGAR BOWYER, W.M.



BRO. C. F. HOGARD, SEC.

Frederick, Prince of Wales, was initiated, (the great great grandfather of our Royal Grand Master), at Hampton Court Palace, English Freemasonry has never wanted for members of the Royal Family as brethren of our Order, and we owe a great deal to the fact that that principle of loyalty and adherence to law and order which has distinguished our Body,—has been happily cemented and advanced by the presence amongst us of those who, in the past as in the present, have "Ne'er been ashamed to hear themselves named as Free and Accepted Masons." You may also well remember that our Sovereign, the only daughter of a brother and Grand Master, and, therefore, truly herself a *Lewis*, is not only the mother and mother-in-law of brethren of our Fraternity, but is the grandmother of a young and royal brother, whose advent among us not long ago was so gladly hailed, not only by us all under the English Grand Lodge, but by all Anglo-Saxon Masons everywhere. But, perhaps, after all making allowances for many concomitant causes and aiding influences, the one great secret of our Masonic position and progress in this year of Jubilee, has been the inherent excellency of the foundation truths, and the practical progress of Freemasonry. Beginning with the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, basing all its moral teaching on the Bible, the Bible alone, it proposes and commends to our earnest adoption and sympathetic approval, the active and loving sentiments of friendship, sociality, friendliness, and



BRO. T. HASTINGS MILLER, J.W.

members everywhere. The world has not always been fair or favourable to our Order, it has misconstrued its objects, undervalued its aims, and endeavoured by persecution or ridicule to stay its onward progress, and to thwart and mar its honest utterances. But all in vain. Freemasonry has outlived the virulence of open hostility and the shafts of polished sarcasm, and is to-day more numerous, more influential than it ever was before; and standing as it were in the midway path of Truth, it is equally opposed to bigotry and irreverence, and its only open and avowed enemies to-day seem to be the illiberal fanatics of both schools of thought, ever prevalent in the world, those who equally seek for the sake of so-called religion or of assumed hyper-liberality of opinion to deny to others that right of private judgment which they ostentatiously claim for themselves. Masonic Charity is a wonderful fact, and we shall all heartily re-echo "Floreat Freemasonry." Yes, so long as it subserves the good of the brotherhood, the help of humanity, and the happiness of man, so long as it is loyal and true to its own principles, is yet tolerant and liberal, enlarged and far extending in its scope and aim, so long as it ministers to friendship, hospitality, brotherly love, and Charity, long may it flourish and abound. May it never cease to be helpful in all that can cement the brotherhood, aid humanity, further Charity, promote sociality, and strengthen friendship; may it inculcate good will and peace, and in its striking unity and organization, may it tend to that future of which the Poet Laureate sang 60 years ago, the "Brotherhood of Man," "The Federation of the World." We shall offer, in conclusion, "Hearty good wishes" to the new lodge about to be consecrated to-day. The worthy and distinguished brother elected as its first Master is so well-known to us all, that, we feel sure, the new lodge will be loyal to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, an ornament on the roll of lodges, and distinguished by its adherence to the true principles of Freemasonry. He has gathered around him a most worthy band of brethren and officers, many of tried zeal, proved experience, and great service to our Order, and we shall all hope, and we shall all believe, that the lodge, Sir, you are sent by the Grand Master to consecrate to-day will prove worthy of his favour and your presence, and will be distinguished by its firm adherence ever under all circumstances to the bright, the loyal, the genial, the tolerant principles of our English Freemasonry.

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RESOLVED—"That in commemoration of Her Majesty's
Jubilee, five further vacancies be declared for the
Election in April next, thereby admitting of the Elec-
tion of the whole of the Candidates on the List without
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F. R. W. HEDGES,
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To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Ramsgate and Margate Gazette," "Encyclopædic Dictionary," "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "Sunday Times" (London), "Dr. Franklin's Newspaper Accounts of Freemasonry, 1630-1750," "The Star" (Guernsey), "Masonic Era and Analectic," "Masonic Chronicle," "Court Circular," "Free and Open Church Advocate," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "El Libro y Aceptado Mason," "Jewish Chronicle," "New York Dispatch," "Cassell's National Library," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Cassell's National Library," "Masonic News" (Montreal), "La Revista Masónica," "Keystone," "The Evening Express (Jamaica)," "Masonic Journal" (Victoria and Tasmania), "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," "The Earlier Years of 'Fortitude'—a Paper read before the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281," and "Tollers of the Deep."



SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 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.]

JUBILEE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your correspondent, "A Vice-President," appears to have been carried away by his enthusiasm for Jubilee Celebrations and offerings. At least, he has forgotten that at the Quarterly Court, in January, it was resolved to increase the number on the establishment to 258, by electing ten additional boys in April. This increase may, if necessary, be pressed into the service of Jubilee. Then the circumstances of the two Schools as regards the April Election will not bear comparison. The Girls' School has determined on an increase of five children, and I have shown that the Boys' School, so far back as January, had arranged for an increase of twice that number. "A Vice-President" seems to think that a further addition of 20 boys is one of those trifling propositions which he or some other brother has only to make, and it will be done. But the present increase of 10 means an additional annual liability of about £400, and your correspondent's suggestion, if adopted, would raise this additional outlay by £800 to £1200.

I will not trouble to ask if such a proposition is reasonable; but reasonable or not, I question its practicability in the face of a deficit of some £2000 in connection with the recent building operations on account of the Preparatory School. Let us see to making this good first, and then if there are a few hundreds flying about handy, it will be time enough to think of still further increasing the number of boys.

Let me also point out, for the benefit of your correspondent, that the Girls' School, with its increase of five children, will number, after the April Election, 249 or 250, and the Boys' School, with its increase of 10 children, 258. Therefore he need not regret a fact which does not exist, namely, that the Boys' School is "lagging behind the Girls'."—Faithfully and fraternally yours,
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THE OLDEST LODGE IN THE UNITED STATES.

The States of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania have been successively named as those within whose borders the first American lodge was founded. I now propose to present a brief synopsis of the claims of each, after which, I believe, an impartial jury will have no difficulty in rendering a verdict. In Bro. Gould's "Guide to the Royal Arch Chapter," a monitorial work of great and deservedly good repute among American Masons, it is stated—quoting from "Peterson's History of Rhode Island and Newport"—that: "In the spring of 1658 Mordecai Campannell, Moses Peckecoe, Levi, and others (in all 15 families) arrived from Holland at Newport. They brought with them the first three Degrees of Masonry, and worked them in the house of Campannell, they and their successors, and continued so to do to the year 1742." This assertion, ante dating as it does the earliest record of the three Degrees being worked in England, attracted the attention of Bro. W. J. Hughan, and is referred to in that learned author's "Origin of the English Rite," page 12; but, in consequence of an investigation made of the matter by Past Grand Master Gardner, of Massachusetts, and others, he rejected it as being uncredible. The papers in the case, and Bro. Gardner's address thereon, are contained in full in the "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for 1870." Bro. Hughan gives these proceedings as 1871, in a foot note in the "Origin of the English Rite," which may be attributed to the fact that, while they are printed in 1871, still among American Masons the proceedings of a Grand Lodge always date the same year the lodge is held. Rejecting then the claim of Rhode Island as untenable, we proceed to consider that of Massachusetts. It would appear that on July 30th, 1733, Henry Price convened 10 brethren at the sign of the Bunch of Grapes, in King-street, Boston, and by virtue of a commission from Viscount Montague, then Grand Master of England, instituted a Provincial Grand Lodge, which, having been regularly opened and organised, proceeded to make nine candidates Masons. The brethren then petitioned the Provincial Grand Master to organise them into a lodge, which was done, and it was known for some time as that at the Bunch of Grapes, until it moved to the Royal Exchange. Its number on the first Calendar of the Grand Lodge of England was Royal Exchange, No. 126, with date of July 30th, 1733. It is now known as the St. John's Lodge. In the "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for 1871," imprint Boston, 1872, are fac-similes of Price's Commission from Viscount Montague, the petition from the brethren to form them into a lodge, and also copies of a large correspondence in relation to the matter. I may state that the records of the Grand Lodge of England do not show that a commission was granted to Henry Price as stated; but it may be conceded, on the evidence of the Grand Lodge Calendar and records preserved by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, that a lodge was in existence in Boston in 1733. However, by the discovery in a Philadelphia library, a few years ago, of what is known as "Liber B" of St. John's Lodge of that city, it was found that a regular lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was working in Pennsylvania in 1731, two years prior to the institution of the Boston Lodge. This "Liber B" is the Secretary's ledger of the lodge, and shows an uninterrupted and prosperous condition from 1731 to 1738. A photograph copy of same was recently to be seen at the Masonic Exhibition in the Isle of Wight. Its authenticity is undoubted, and it carries in itself the hall mark of truth. It has also been reprinted in the "Early History and Reprint of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania." In connection with this it is submitted that the appointment of Daniel Cox, of New Jersey, in 1730, by the Grand Master of England, which fact is attested by the Grand Lodge records, as Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; the reports of the election of successive Provincial Grand Masters by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the files of the *Pennsylvania Gazette* (Bro. Ben Franklin's paper) from 1732 to 1741; and, finally, the fact that there is extant a letter from Henry Bell to Dr. T. Cadawalader, both reputable brethren, and dated about 1754, which states that Cox instituted the St. John's Lodge, comprise a chain of testimony which it will require much more than unsupported assertions to overturn. Pennsylvania is content to submit the case on its merits, and abide by the result. Nor does she allow her judgment to be influenced other than by facts.

HENRY RIDDIFORD,
Newton, Kansas, U.S.A., Member
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HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF FELICITY, FROM THE YEAR 1737 TO THE YEAR 1887, WITH COMMENTS ON CONTEMPORARY EVENTS.

In the modest preface, Bro. William Smithett (P.M. and Treasurer) tells us he has prepared the history of the lodge for the sesqui-centennial anniversary in May of this year, and has collated the facts from the preserved records in the hope that "his undertaking may be the means of starting a spirit of research and enquiry which may eventuate in the recovery of some of those records, and perhaps some of the properties of the lodge which are at present missing." It is to be regretted that the records are not continuous, but, as the author observes, "they probably are nearly as continuous as those of most lodges of the same antiquity." It is not every old lodge that has an unbroken series of minute books like the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, dating from 1733; for the misfortune is that many lack evidence as to their continuity, as far as their preserved records are concerned. It would

have been a great loss to historical Freemasonry if Bro. Smithett's history had not been written, and he not only makes known a number of very curious entries from 1737, but has considerably relieved the "dry details" of ordinary minutes, by interposing, every now and then, a series of comments on contemporary events, which add much to the value of his labours, and will render the volume most entertaining and instructive to all who consult its pages. The "Warrant" of the lodge, if so it may be called, bears date August 24th, 1737, and simply consists of the consent of the Grand Master, Lord Darnley, to the "constitution" of the lodge, on the day named, and a certificate of its regular formation accordingly, signed by the Grand Master aforesaid, the acting D.G.M. (Bro. Lawley), and the two Grand Wardens. It appears that the validity of this authority had been called in question, but Lord Moira, when appealed to, declared it was "as good and satisfactory as any extant." Probably, prior to this, some other authority had been obtained by way of confirmation, as in the inventory of December, 1812, is the item, "Copy of Warrant Fram'd and Glaz'd." No payment is mentioned in the Grand Lodge archives for such, so it was likely enough to have been an additional Charter, rather than one of confirmation. In the *Freemason* for September 27th, 1884, will be found another instance of the petition, appointment of the day, and certificate of the Constitution, doing duty for the warrant, just as with the "Lodge of Felicity." We refer to the charter for the "Lodge of Peace and Harmony," No. 60, of May 3rd, 1738. Singular to state, however, the older lodges, such as 39, Exeter, 41, Bath, and 42, Bury, have regular warrants. The earliest minute of the lodge, prior to its consecration, is dated April 6th, 1737, when there were 15 members. The total increased to some 30, owing to initiations at the several meetings held *ad interim*, so that the petitioners numbered 26 who sought the constitution of the lodge. The by-laws of 1737 are exceedingly curious, and, as they are given in full, they furnish a good index to the inner life of the members at that period; (a) the names of the brethren were inscribed on "a roll," according to ancient custom; (b) Masters were "chosen" quarterly; (c) four keys were kept for the use of the Master, Wardens, and Secretary, for the time being, as a measure of caution, opening as they did the box containing "the treasure and other implements in their charge and trust;" (d) forfeits were numerous, and merely consisted of "bottles of wine," the number of which was regulated according to the nature of the offence; (e) "A lesson of Masonry shall be examined and gone through every lodge night for the edifying young Masons;" (f) fees were exigible for visitors, extra being paid by those who belonged to no lodge; (g) five shillings was charged on a brother "Passing Master;" (h) swearing, &c., in the lodge led to a fine of one shilling, and "striking a brother in lodge hours" was visited with a fine of "ten shillings;" (i) visitors unknown to members were required to "perform the obligation;" (j) "eating anything" during the hours of business was prohibited, and stringent rules were laid down respecting the proposition of candidates. A unique feature of the volume, is the fac-similes of engraved lists for 1738, 1744, 1768, and 1769, so far as regards this lodge, thus exhibiting the "signs of the houses" chosen for its habitation from time to time. These lists, according to Bro. Hughtan, were continued down to 1778, but lacked the "signs" after 1769. "The Gun" was the first selected, then the "Blue Posts," "Chapman's Coffee House," and the "Braund's Head" following in due course. The original number was 162, altered eight times later on, the last being in 1863, when the lodge became 53, which represents exactly its numerical position in 1780. This is not the only instance of the kind, but there are so few, that it is well to note the circumstance. We are not prepared to say that the lodge had no existence prior to the recorded minutes of April 6th, 1737, for evidently it was not until the eighth meeting that the members agreed to petition the Grand Master to have their lodge constituted, and there is, therefore, a possibility that it was held years before that period, only without any regular authority, as with other lodges. The "constitution" was a serious drain on the funds for some time, but eventually, all difficulties, whether financial or otherwise, were surmounted, and the prosperous period of the lodge set in, which has happily continued to this day. At page 13 a sketch is given of an old Master's jewel, kindly forwarded by Bro. J. Todd, the esteemed Treasurer of the York Lodge, No. 236. Although Bro. Smithett does not say so, it looks like a representation of the jewel used by the old lodge at Scarborough, of the year 1729, and so is worth commemorating. On November 9th, 1737, it was resolved that "the Past Masters shall have an apron bound with red ribbon." As the lodge only obtained the privilege of the "Red Apron" after the "Union of December, 1813," the author does not consider this reference had to do with the Grand Stewards, and possibly it had not, though else it is not easy to account for the resolution. We are not aware that the seceders ever called themselves "York Masons," even so early as the year 1751, when they established their Grand Lodge, and certainly not before then. Bro. the Rev. Dr. James Anderson, the Historian of the regular Grand Lodge (to which the Lodge of Felicity belonged) was a visitor on Sept. 13th, 1738, when the members agreed to subscribe for the second edition of his "Book of Constitutions." A noteworthy minute occurs of October 24th, 1743, to the effect that "if any one brother shall presume to go out of the lodge room with his or their jewel, and be deprived thereof by *Cowans* or otherwise," the value of the articles shall be paid. It is one of the earliest instances we know of in England of the use of the word "*Cowan*." Of course, in Ireland, it was well known, Masonically, ages before then. The minutes throw light on the term "St. John's Brother." Clearly that meant one who was not a subscriber to a lodge, but visited the Festival meeting, and paid an extra fee to the ordinary visitors. After 1750 the records are missing for many years, considerable credit being due to the author for the able manner in which he has "bridged over" the period, in which he was kindly assisted by Bro. Henry Sadler, whose valuable aid is gracefully and heartily acknowledged. Apparently the minutes preserved begin about 40 years later, but, though there is this unfortunate lapse, the continuity of the lodge is not affected in any way, as that can be proven to the satisfaction of all concerned, by independent and official testimony. Many most entertaining sketches are given of lodge celebrities, several of whom we should like to mention, but as the

work is published on behalf of the "Charity Fund," and copies can still be obtained, we do not think it wise to refer at length to these capital biographies just now, but we hope yet to do so, when the handsome volume is no longer on sale. We cannot say much for the "embellishments," or portraits, but of the work itself we can speak most heartily. We congratulate Bro. Smithett most cordially on his *debut* as a Lodge Historian; he has done nobly for the members, having produced a very readable volume, and the publishers have done their best to make it good typographically, as it is Masonically. The interest is maintained down to the last record of early this year, and we advise all who value the records of old lodges to procure the History of the "Lodge of Felicity" for themselves, as we are persuaded they will not regret the expenditure, and cannot fail to be satisfied with the manner in which Bro. Smithett has discharged his onerous duties.



Craft Masonry.

PROSPERITY LODGE (No. 65).—There was an unusually numerous attendance of brethren at the installation meeting of this lodge, held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Bro. R. Dyson, the outgoing W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. Walker, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Haller, J.W.; J. Roberts, P.M., Treasurer; G. T. Brown, P.M., Sec.; F. Ruse, S.D.; B. Haynes, J.D.; C. J. Rich, P.M., D.C.; J. A. Pembury and R. F. Bourn, Stwds.; Past Masters Bros. G. Schadler, W. Chicken, C. E. Ferry, C. Daniel, J. H. Hawkins, and about fifty other members, with Bro. W. Lane, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; J. T. Mather, P.S. G.D. Herts; J. Muser, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; J. Mason, R.M.B.I.; C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507; T. Maidwell, P.M. 27; J. Brown, P.M. 975; D. Moss, P.M. 1275; A. Peterkin, P.M. 1349; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174; E. Allen, P.M. 173; I. T. Fillan, P.M. 1673; R. Voysey, W.M. 1329; C. Walker, W.M. 862; and many others. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the preliminary business disposed of, Bros. Cole, Johnson, and Trask were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Walker was then installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the retiring W.M., who acquitted himself admirably throughout. The newly-installed Master having received the salutations of the brethren, he invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. R. Dyson, I.P.M.; Wall, S.W.; G. Haller, J.W.; J. Roberts, P.M. Treas.; G. T. Brown, P.M., Sec.; F. Ruse, S.D.; Harris, J.D.; B. Haynes, I.G.; C. M. Rich, P.M., D. of C.; Ackerman, Asst. D. of C.; R. F. Bourn, Stwd.; and W. Lane, Tyler.

A Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, was presented to Bro. Dyson on his retirement from the chair as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the ability and zeal with which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during his year of office. A Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the summer banquet; and after the transaction of some minor business, the lodge was closed with the usual fraternal greetings.

The banquet was served in the Throne room, covers being laid for nearly one hundred guests. At the conclusion of the elegant repast, provided in Bros. Ritter and Clifford's best style, the W.M. proposed the loyal toasts, briefly alluding to the Jubilee year, and extolling the Prince of Wales as the most popular Grand Master that had ever ruled over English Freemasonry.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer, in responding for "The Grand Officers," expressed the pleasure it afforded him of attending once more a meeting of the good old lodge in which he was initiated. The Grand Officers strove to do their duty, and that they succeeded in their endeavours was evidenced by the able way in which the affairs of the Grand Lodge were administered.

Bro. R. Dyson, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said as the elect of the brethren of the Lodge of Prosperity, Bro. Walker was entitled to command from him the fulfilment of that duty, but beyond that was the fact that the W.M. was his personal and very dear friend; therefore, he had additional gratification in submitting the toast to their heartiest consideration. Seeing that they had unanimously elected Bro. Walker to the chair, he felt sure the brethren would act up to their convictions, and do all they could to render his year of office a happy and prosperous one.

Bro. W. Walker, W.M., after returning thanks for the cordiality with which the toast had been received, assured the brethren he should do all he possibly could to carry out the duties which had been entrusted to him. He had always striven to promote the best interests of the lodge, and should continue to persevere in the same direction. In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," he said it was unnecessary to remind the brethren of Bro. Dyson's good qualities, which were already known; but when it came to speak of him as the Installing Master, it became a different matter altogether. He had never heard the installation ceremony better performed in any lodge in his life, although he had been present when many eminent Masons had done the same work. But Bro. Dyson had certainly eclipsed them all, and therefore he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of his health. He then presented to the I.P.M. a handsomely fitted liqueur case, subscribed for by the brethren, in recognition of the kindness and ability he had displayed during his year of office, and he also asked his acceptance of a massive gold bracelet, as a present from the lodge to his estimable wife. Might they both live long to enjoy the esteem and regard in which they were held by every member of the Lodge of Prosperity.

Bro. Dyson, after thanking the brethren for the reception they had accorded the mention of his name, said it was no light thing to undertake the duties of the chair in a lodge of this description, and if a man could pass through his year of office with satisfaction to the brethren, it was the very highest reward he could possibly covet. He ventured to hope, from the unanimous and hearty reception they had given him that evening, he had succeeded in fulfilling the duties with a fair amount of credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. He assured them that from the

moment he was installed into that chair he made up his mind that no effort should be wanting on his part to make his year of office productive of happiness to the brethren. He had striven by all means in his power to promote peace and harmony, and the comfort and happiness of the brethren all round. No man ever quitted the chair of his lodge with more sincere feelings of gratitude than he did; and he hoped when Bro. Walker's turn came to respond for the first time as I.P.M. he might enjoy the hearty goodwill of the brethren, such as had been manifested towards himself on this occasion. He thanked them for the beautiful gifts which they had presented to his wife and himself; at the same time, had he not received them he should have thanked the brethren just as heartily for the many kindnesses he had received at their hands.

The Worshipful Master then extended a cordial welcome to "The Visitors," on whose behalf responses were made by Bros. Voysey, W.M. of the Sphinx Lodge; C. Walker, W.M. of the Whittington Lodge (brother of the W.M.); T. Maidwell, P.M. of the Egyptian Lodge; and others.

In proposing "The Masonic Charities," the Worshipful Master referred to the Charitable Association attached to the Lodge of Prosperity, and urged all who had not yet joined it to do so without delay, in order that they might qualify as Life Governors or life subscribers of the Institutions. There had been two associations in connection with the lodge, the first of which was worked out in four years, and they sent up in that time 700 guineas. The second, up to the present, had forwarded 300 guineas in three years, and in the 12 months yet to elapse he hoped they might supplement this by at least another 100 guineas. It was his intention to go up as a Steward to the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he hoped the brethren would enable him to take up a list equal in amount to that presented by their I.P.M. this year.

Bro. John Mason, P.M., representing the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, made an earnest appeal for continued and increased support to the three Institutions, after which

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters," associating with the toast the names of Bro. Haynes, as senior, and Bro. Hawkins, as junior P.M.'s. Those brethren responded.

The valuable services rendered by the Treasurer and Secretary were duly recognised, the complimentary remarks of the W.M. being suitably acknowledged by Bros. Roberts, P.M., and Brown, P.M.

"The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast closed the list.

During the evening a choice selection of vocal music was given, under the direction of Bro. Alfred Moore; and a couple of recitations given by Bro. T. T. Fillan, P.M., elicited unbounded applause. Altogether a most agreeable evening was passed.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 29th ult. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. G. Coop, who was supported by Bros. Hakin, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Steng, S.D.; Weizlar, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Langdale and Corsons, Stwds.; C. Dairy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Fromholtz, P.M.; Jordon, P.M.; Green, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. E. Rosenberger, 2021; J. Slack, P.M. 834; R. E. H. Davison, 1503; W. Mathan, 1539; A. Grundy, 1585; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Davison, of the Burdett Courts Lodge, was passed to the Second Degree. Bros. C. Taylor and C. A. Muller were then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremonies were rendered by the W.M. in his usual impressive style. On the motion of Bro. Fromholtz, it was unanimously agreed that the sum of ten guineas should be taken from the lodge funds and placed on Bro. Dairy's list for the R.M.I.B. A petition of a distressed brother was recommended to the Board of Benevolence, and other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, and the usual toasts were warmly given and received.

Bro. G. Coop, W.M., in response to "The Health of the W.M.," proposed by the I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the compliment paid him. He assured them it was a great pleasure to him to see the lodge prosper. He regretted he had not been entrusted with more work, but was pleased to say that they had that evening had the Second Degree to work unexpectedly for a brother of another lodge. The gentleman who was to have been initiated, was unavoidably absent, being in the Scilly Isles, but he hoped to have the pleasure of initiating him at the next meeting. There was another question that would no doubt interest the brethren. It had been mentioned to him that several members considered it desirable that a summer festival should be held. An outing to which they could take their better halves or sweethearts. He would be happy to associate himself with anything of the kind, and if a suitable place were chosen, and the clerk of the weather should be in good humour, there was every reason to suppose that it would be a success. He believed the Treasurer would give notice to bring the matter before the lodge for the consideration of the brethren. This being a Jubilee, and therefore a ladies year, he hoped it would be carried to a successful issue.

Bro. Slack, P.M. 834, responded for "The Visitors," and expressed the satisfaction of the visiting brethren at the impressive working it had been their good fortune to witness. Also for the hospitality which had been so kindly and generously bestowed upon them.

Bro. Stuart, P.M., Secretary, on behalf of "The Past Masters," tendered thanks for the hearty reception accorded the toast, and assured the W.M. that the Past Masters would endeavour in the future, as they had done in the past, to promote the welfare of the lodge and support the W.M.

"The Officers" was given by the W.M., who remarked that he was supported by a body of officers, all of whom were able to work the Three Degrees.

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

LODGE OF UNITY (No. 183).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. S. Richardson, W.M.; G. R. Langley, S.W. and W.M. elect; E. A. Francis, J.W.; G. P. Britten, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec.; H. Hooper, S.D.; E. L. Mawer, J.D.; G. W. Pinnock, P.M.; H. O. Archer,

* Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records," p. vi.

The banquet was attended by the lady friends of the brethren and thus a "Ladies' Night" was inaugurated. There was a large company assembled in the dining hall, among whom we noticed Bro. Murché, W.M., Mrs. Murché; Bro. Captain Stokoe, I.P.M.; Bro. Voisey, P.M., Sec.; Bro. Capt. Vincent, Miss Venning, Bro. C. Wilson, P.M.; Bro. Kerry, S.W., Mrs. Kerry; Bro. G. Gill, J.W.; Bro. Donaldson, Treas.; Mrs. and Miss Kenaby; Bro. T. Pink, S.D., Mrs. Pink; Bro. J. J. White, J.D.; Bro. A. Harvey, A.D.C., Mrs. Harvey; Bro. Bevan, I.G., Mrs. Bevan; Mrs. Wells, Bro. Jeffries, Stwd., Mrs. Jeffries; Bro. Bannister, Asst. Stwd.; Bro. Rev. St. Aidan Baylee, Bro. Burroughs, Mrs. Burroughs; Bro. and Mrs. Judd; Bro. and Miss Duffield; Bro. and Mrs. Latham; Bro. and Mrs. James; Bro. and Mrs. Kirby; Bro. Phillips; Bro. and Mrs. Folkard; Mrs. Winchester; Bro. and Mrs. Davis; Bro. Fawcett; Bro. and Mrs. Darling; Bro. Blood; Bro. and Mrs. Joselin; Bro. Wadey; Miss Linsford; Bro. Pellew; Bro. Pyle; Bro. Hale; Bro. and Mrs. Bird; Bro. and Mrs. Chase; Bro. Featherstonhaugh; Bro. and Mrs. King; Bro. Bowley; Bro. Robertson; Bro. and Mrs. Allen; Bro. and

Mrs. Holloway; Bro. Henton, P.M. 1559, Mrs. and Miss Henton; Bro. Leonard, J.D. 1777; Bro. Day, Org. 1641; Bro. Woods, 1869, and Mrs. Woods; Bro. Smith, P.M. 1741; Bro. Kennaby, S.W. 1420; Bro. Wells, S.D. 34; Bro. Pilditch, P.M. 1257, and Mrs. Pilditch; Bro. G. White, 975; Bro. C. White, 1777; Bro. Sergeant, 1815; and others.

In introducing the toast of "The Queen," the W.M., Bro. Murché, said that he would let the ladies into a Masonic secret. One of the first lessons a Mason learnt was loyalty, and there was no body of men to be found more loyal than the Masonic Brotherhood. Masons especially honoured the Queen as Patron of their Masonic Charities and as the mother of their M.W.G.M. This toast was always accepted with enthusiasm by the brethren, who, no doubt, at their meetings sometimes thought of their absent queens. The ladies had honoured the lodge with their presence on this occasion, and would undoubtedly be ready to do honour to one who has no nobly filled her exalted station during the past 50 years, and who had been a pattern queen, wife, mother, and woman.

The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Voisey sang in his usual good style "God save the Queen," in which task he was loyally assisted by the whole company.

The toast of "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was ably proposed by the Worshipful Master, and Bro. Vincent sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

In introducing the toast of "The Ladies," the Worshipful Master said that loyalty to the fair sex was no less important a characteristic of a true Mason than loyalty to the throne and loyalty to the M.W.G.M. He had taken a bold step in January last in proposing this meeting, but he hoped that every brother was doing his best to make the ladies appreciate it, and that it would thus be such a complete success, that the future W.M.'s of the lodge would keep up the custom for many years. Ladies sometimes formed bad opinions of Masons; but the W.M. said that no one ought to be more anxious to retain the respect and esteem of the "Home Rulers" than Masons. This brought to his mind a little poem, which was not altogether unknown to those present. The last time he heard it, it was set to music. Two of its lines ran—

"No mortal can more the ladies adore
Than a Free, and an Accepted Mason."

After the toast had been properly honoured, three brethren sang "To all you ladies," and Bro. Wilson, P.M., made a very telling speech in replying for the ladies.

Bro. Captain Stokoe, I.P.M., said that for the last time he would propose "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Murché." He would wish to say all the kind things that he possibly could of Bro. Murché, who had laboured in season and out of season for the good of the lodge, and whose year of office had been a most successful one in every respect. He hoped Bro. Murché would live long to enjoy the P.M. jewel and collar which he had so well earned during the past year.

Bro. Murché in reply, thanked the brethren for their kindness to him. He had tried his very utmost to make his year of office a year of happiness for the lodge. He had put his whole heart in the work, and hoped in the future to give every help he could to promote the continued prosperity of the Duke of Albany Lodge.

Having repaired to another room a few hours were very happily spent in the "mystic whirl," under the able guidance of Bro. Chase, M.C. Thus ended a meeting that was in every way a success, and which reflected great credit on the W.M., Bro. Murché, for the care he had taken in its arrangements. During the evening Miss Florence Venning sang with her usual grace and style "Paddy O'Flynn," and "Needles and pins," and Bro. Day gave a fine cornet solo, which was well appreciated by all present.

The banquet, which was provided by Bro. Todman, was of a most recherché character.

HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th ult., at the White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood. The brethren present were Bros. H. Stokes, W.M.; J. W. Hartley, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Hooper, J.W.; W. Hopekirk, P.M., Treasurer; H. M. Williams, I.P.M., Secretary; A. Darch, P.M., S.D.; F. France, J.D.; G. R. Langley, I.G.; J. Hammond, P.M., P.G.D. Middx.; C. H. Phillips, P.M.; J. W. Hiscocks, P.M.; J. H. Worstencroft, Dr. R. L. Lawson, B. Foster, G. Mordey, P. M. Hakim, W. W. Arter, A. Pitman, W. H. Simons, C. W. Bennett, A. F. Crofts, J. Andrews, T. Cox, T. Trimnell, W. J. Cheffins, J. Lloyd, and T. W. Aldwinckle. The visitors present were Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Captain R. F. Castellari, P.D. G.W. Punjab, C. Arnold, P.M. 1679; H. Dickey, W.M. 1744; G. W. Knight, W.M. 1507; S. Richardson, W.M. 183; W. H. Williams, P.M. 104; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; J. B. Sarjeant, D.C. 1765; J. Bird, 1963; W. H. Chase, 57; J. Pike, 1586; and W. Poole, 1572.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Trimnell was passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. John Lloyd and W. J. Cheffins, having been successfully balloted for, were duly initiated. Bro. J. W. Hartley was next installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. Stokes, assisted by Bro. Phillips, P.M., with Bro. Hammond, P.M., as D.C.

The following officers were then invested by the W.M., Bros. H. Stokes, I.P.M.; H. Hooper, S.W.; P. M. Hakim, J.W.; W. Hopekirk, Treas.; H. M. Williams, Sec.; A. Darch, S.D.; F. France, J.D.; G. R. Langley, I.G.; J. H. Worstencroft, D.C.; G. Mordey, A.D.C.; A. Pitman, Asst. Sec.; B. Forster and J. Andrews, Stwds.; W. W. Arter, Org.; and C. Sheppard, Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. Stokes, was next presented with a jewel in recognition of his services during his year of office, and also with a P.M.'s collar; the latter being subscribed for among a few of his more intimate friends of the lodge. Bro. Williams, Sec., gave notice of motion that the sum of ten guineas be placed on the list of Bro. Hartley, W.M., who purposes representing the lodge at the forthcoming Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Letters of regret having been read from several absent brethren, after "Hearty good wishes" from those present, the lodge was closed in due form.

At the banquet which followed, Bros. Simons, Croft, and Pitman sang some excellent songs; thanks are also due to Bros. Sarjeant and Arter, Organists, for assistance rendered with the harmonium and pianoforte.

The usual toasts were proposed in short speeches by the W.M.; Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke replying for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Sarjeant for "The Visitors."

THE ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Westminster, S.W., on Monday, the 14th ult., when there was a large and distinguished gathering of members and visitors. Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., W.M., was most ably supported by Bros. W. H. Baker, I.P.M.; W. Sugg, S.W.; H. R. Baker, J.W.; J. C. F. W. Rogers, Treas.; J. E. Shand, Sec.; J. Gibson, S.D.; R. E. H. Goffin, J.D.; Chas. C. Piper, D.C.; H. Mainwaring-Dunstan, I.G.; F. J. Smith, Stwd.; W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., P.M.; W. Bowman-Spink, P.M.; J. Grafton, Org.; A. Walkley, Tyler; and the following members: Bros. T. Bull, P.M. 145; C. Sweeting, P.M. 700; J. Jeffery, P.M. 452; T. Cocks, T. Russell, R. Bangham, T. Holder, H. E. Poole, F. E. Smith, H. H. Bridgman, Tod-Pullen, F. Todman, R. Chivers, D. de Pinna, Z. A. Berry, R. D. Wynne, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. Garrod, P.G. Purst.; E. Hornblower, P.M. 1604; H. W. Smyth, J.W. 1238; N. Chilcott, 1624; H. G. Holland, 1624; F. Fichtel, 34 Glasgow (S.C.); S. A. Johnston, W.M. 1624; G. Evans, J.W. 172; F. Whiting, P.M. 1772; W. S. Whittaker, P.M. 1572; S. G. Vaughan, S.D. 1706; J. A. Armour, J.D. 172; A. Hamilton, S.W. 917; W. J. Kennaby, S.W. 1420; H. Underwood, 780; F. J. Wray, 1257; G. E. Saunders, S.D. 1257; W. M. Seaman, 293; G. Draper, P.M. 1305; and F. M. Noakes, 2148.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. Seager Hunt, vacated the chair to attend the House of Commons, and Bro. Baker, I.P.M., raised Bro. L. Wytenback to the Degree of M.M., and Bro. G. M. Spong was passed to the Degree of F.C. Mr. L. W. Schmidt was then balloted for, which proving unanimous, and being a very old friend of Bro. Bull, P.M. 145, the acting Master vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bull, who duly initiated Mr. Schmidt into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The whole of the above ceremonies were worked in a manner which deserves the highest praise. Bros. M. Birch, 177, and E. H. Smith, 2032, were then balloted for as joining members, which being declared in their favour, they were duly elected. Bro. W. Sugg, S.W., was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. A. Walkley re-elected Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Seager Hunt for his valuable services during his year of office. Bro. J. C. F. W. Rogers having tendered his resignation as Treasurer on account of his many engagements and indifferent health, a jewel was voted for his services. He thanked the brethren for their very great kindness to him, and also Bro. J. E. Shand, Founder and Secretary, who had always given him every assistance, and with whom he had worked most amicably and in perfect unison. Bro. W. H. Baker, I.P.M., was then elected Treasurer in his stead. The Audit Committee having been duly elected, the circular letter from the Pro Grand Master, re the Jubilee year and Imperial Institute, was next considered, which, after a short discussion, was unanimously agreed to. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Hall, where a sumptuous dinner was served by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts in their best style.

After the various items on the menu card had been done ample justice to, the W.M. rose to propose the toast of "The Queen." He said: In every assembly of Englishmen you may always rest assured that this toast will be received with every feeling of loyalty, but in none more so than among Masons, where the feeling of loyalty has been raised to a pitch of perfection. That being so, you will receive from my hands, in the fiftieth year of her reign, the toast of her Majesty with all the enthusiasm it deserves.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," said it was needless for him to say much, for they all knew the great interest the Prince of Wales always took in everything connected with the welfare of the country, and as their Grand Master they all knew the assiduity with which he performed the duties incident to that exalted position. He asked them to drink to the health of their M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

In proposing "The Health of the Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Worshipful Master referred in eulogistic terms to their able rendering of their various duties, and to the respect in which they were held by the Craft in general. He begged to couple that toast with the name of Bro. H. Garrod, P.G. Purst.

Bro. H. Garrod, in reply, said he had the honour of returning thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers. It was well known they had done good suit and service to the Craft, and had received their reward. He had a great deal of pleasure in being the guest of a brother who was well known and respected amongst them, and who had the interest of the Abbey Lodge at heart. He thanked them for the very hearty way in which the toast had been drunk.

Bro. Burdett-Coutts, in proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Seager Hunt," said he was sure they would all receive it with a great deal of enthusiasm, it being the last time they would have the pleasure of seeing him in that position. He possessed so many attributes that he did not know whether to speak of him as a good citizen or a good Mason, both of which capacities he adorned with so much zeal and ability. His goodwill to the Abbey Lodge and loyalty to the Craft, considering the smallness of the amount of time he had to devote to the duties of the chair, would commend itself to their warmest approbation. He hoped they would always have a Master who would fulfil the duties and grace the chair with the charm of good-fellowship as he had done. He begged to convey to him the best wishes of the Abbey Lodge, and trusted that the closeness of his connection would not cease, but that he would still attend their meetings.

The toast was drunk in a most enthusiastic manner. Bro. Seager Hunt, in replying, said he begged to thank Bro. Burdett-Coutts for the very happy manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the very hearty way in which it had been received. No one in that lodge knew better than he did his own shortcomings. When he called to memory some of those sitting round the table who had preceded him, and the amount of work he had before him, he had some hesitation in accepting the office to which he had been unanimously elected; but when he was told by the brother who had proposed the toast that it would be an advantage to the lodge and its members, and

remembering that obedience was one of the first duties of every Mason, he had no alternative but to accept and do the best he could to maintain the credit of the Abbey Lodge and uphold the honour and mysteries of the Craft. In doing this he had received most able and loyal assistance from his officers, all of whom to a man had done their very best to help him in achieving the amount of success they had been pleased to credit him with. There were others, however, him others who, he is certain, would maintain the tradition of the lodge, and in turn transmit it to their successors, and so continuing the brilliant and prosperous career the lodge has had during its few years of existence. He thanked them for the exceedingly hearty way in which the toast had been drunk.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the next toast, said it was his most pleasing duty to ask them to drink "The Health of the Initiates." He considered it the best proof of the vitality of Freemasonry when they found those who were willing to undertake the obligation and adhere to the precepts of the Craft, and to stand up for law and order, to show to the outside world that there was something in it that affected their lives and actions. He might have heard something he did not quite understand; but in due course, by patience and perseverance, it would unfold itself to him. He welcomed him, and thanked him for selecting the Abbey Lodge.

Bro. Schmidt, in reply, thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received him. He had long wished to become a Mason, and that wish was now gratified. He trusted his career would be a credit to them all.

The Worshipful Master said he rose to propose a very important toast—"The Health of the Past Masters." As he had previously said, that lodge had attained a position that very few lodges attain mainly through the assiduity and influence of those who had occupied the chair. They should not be unmindful of the good they had done for them, but cherish and do all they could to retain their kindly influence and assistance. Speaking for himself, he could testify to the valuable help he had received from Bro. Baker, their esteemed I.P.M., whose character was so well known that it needed no words of his to commend it to them. He would ask them to drink the health of their P.M.'s in a bumper.

In replying to the toast, Bro. Baker, I.P.M., said he did not expect that he should be called upon to inflict them with a speech; but he was bound to obey the gavel. He could assure them it had been great pleasure to him to have been so closely associated with their Worshipful Master during his year of office. He knew full well how he had been called away, and what an amount of work he had to get through, and yet had found time to fulfil the duties of the chair. He considered the great progress the lodge had made during the past year was chiefly due to his exertions. He trusted that he might long be spared to wear the jewel that had been voted him, and be an ornament and credit to the lodge. He thanked them for the honourable position to which they had elected him as Treasurer.

Bro. Spink, P.M., said it was with their permission that he was called upon to respond to the toast. He was their I.P.M., and consequently at the consecration had not filled the chair in that lodge, they had had a deal of work to do during the first few years of their existence, and he had tried all in his power to make it a success. He ventured to think their most sanguine expectations had been realised.

The W.M., in handing his gavel to Bro. Baker, having to fulfil an important engagement, said he regretted he was not able to be with them to propose the remaining toasts, and trusted they would not think that because he was not there he had forgotten them, but that he always had at heart the best interests of the Abbey Lodge.

Bro. Baker, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said this was an all important toast; they were always pleased to see them and accord them a hearty welcome.

The toast was responded to by Bros. Hornblower, Whiting, Johnson, Evans, and Smythe.

Bro. Baker, in rising to propose the toast of "The W.M. elect," said it was one that affected the members of the Abbey Lodge very closely, as on the wisdom of their choice depended in a great measure the continuance of their success. They had that day elected a brother who was a worthy successor to the illustrious Masters who had preceded him. He trusted he would have a successful year of office, and promised him all the support and assistance that lay in his power.

Bro. Sugg, S.W., said he returned thanks with feelings of very great gratitude for the kind way in which they had spoken of him. He would do all in his power to maintain the glory of Abbey Lodge, which was an ornament to the City of Westminster.

Bro. Shand, Sec., in responding to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said their late Treasurer and he worked most amicably together, and he had no doubt he should get on equally well with the new one. In his office as Secretary he had done his very best, and if re-elected should be most pleased to occupy it again.

The toast of the "Officers of the Lodge" was proposed and duly responded to.

The pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by some excellent singing by Bros. E. du Barry, Holland, H. Baker, and others.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The annual meeting of this old established lodge was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 28th ult., when there was a capital muster of members and visitors. The retiring W.M., Bro. Wm. M. Pybus, occupied the chair, and was supported on the dais by Bros. A. Rhagg, I.P.M.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; Robert Whitfield, P.M.; John Wood, P.M.; J. G. Smith, P.M.; John Mault, P.M.; Richard Eynon, P.M. 481; W. F. Carmon, P.M. 481; J. T. Harrison, W.M. 481; W. M. Lyon, W.M. 406; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97; W. Liddell, P.M. 97; and J. C. Moor, P.M. 2039. Amongst the members and others present were Bros. G. C. Potts, H. Carrick, George Davidson (Mayor of Gateshead), R. Swanston, W. F. Brown, J. A. G. Ross, S.W. 481; J. S. Ridley, S.W. 406; Tom Spedding, 1643; Col. A. M. Palmer, Thomas Pearson, T. Tucker, and others.

The ballot was taken for Mr. W. H. Tillar as a candidate for initiation, after which the ceremony of installing Bro. Edward Shewbrooks, S.W., as W.M. was proceeded with. Bro. John Wood, P.M., presented the W.M. elect to Bro. W. M. Pybus, who performed the whole ceremony in a highly satisfactory manner. The newly-installed W.M.,

invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. M. Pybus, I.P.M.; William Dalrymple, S.W.; Wm. Brown, J.W.; M. Corbett, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; W. F. Raeburn, Secretary; T. Thompson, S.D.; William Richardson, J.D.; H. F. Dryden, I.G.; A. Rhagg, P.M., D.C.; R. Ferry, Org.; M. R. Wright and E. Carr, Stwds.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler.

Bro. R. F. Cook, P.M., on behalf of the donors, presented to the lodge a beautifully carved casket made from oak taken from the old Tynce Bridge supposed to have been built by Hadrian. The oak was the gift of Bro. Edmund Carr, and the design and ornamentation was from Bro. J. Patterson. Bro. Shrewbrook, a new W.M., accepted the gift on behalf of the members. He thanked the brethren for their really handsome present. The "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors were tendered, and the lodge was closed.

Immediately afterwards about 60 brethren sat down to the annual banquet, held at the banqueting hall. The dinner gave every satisfaction, and an agreeable evening was spent in the usual way.

COLCHESTER.—Angel Lodge (No. 51).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Cups Hotel, for the first time since the erection of the new building, the meetings since October, 1885, having, through the kindness of Bro. James Round, M.P., been held in the Library at Colchester Castle. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. Round for the privilege that had been accorded to the lodge, and the Secretary was instructed to forward the same. A resolution was also passed, congratulating Bro. A. E. Church, P.M., P.P.G.P., on his recent election to the post of Clerk of the Peace for the Borough. Bro. Church, being present, acknowledged the vote in felicitous terms. He had, he said, received many personal congratulations upon his appointment, some of them from his Masonic brethren; but this collective vote of the lodge was a great surprise to him, and was one that he felt deeply sensible of. It had been stated that the post of Clerk of the Peace was a sinecure—he had already begun to find out that such was not the case; but he hoped that he should be able to discharge the duties to the satisfaction of the town at large. It was no small gratification that he had as his chief so distinguished and ardent a Mason as Bro. Philbrick.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The anniversary festival of this highly prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th ult., at the Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened at 5 o'clock, when there were present Bros. Edgar Horne, W.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Copestick, I.P.M.; A. Woodiwiss, S.W.; J. W. Brigg, J.W.; Rev. Thomas Orrell, Chaplain; S. Taylor, S.D.; J. Walker, J.D.; G. Sutherland, D.C.; W. Forman, Org.; J. Jones, I.G.; W. Todd, W. H. Wright, G. Tarver, and G. H. Ward, Stwds.; and T. Day, Tyler. Past Masters Bros. G. T. Wright, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Smith, P.P.S.G.W.; T. R. Gee, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. C. Merry, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Brown, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Cooper, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Frazer, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Bland, P.P.J.G.D.; C. Webster, P.S.G.D.; J. Taylor, P.P.G.D.C.; F. G. Sanderson, T. Carter, and Wigg; and Bros. H. Horne, F. Sale, J. Melrose, T. Colthurst, D. Woollatt, W. H. Orme, A. Smith, E. Jephson, E. H. Claye, W. Knight, W. Humber, W. Johnson, J. Kaye, W. Lynch, A. Tyler, S. Tinkler, F. Ball, A. Moore, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Naylor, P.M. 1085, P.G. Sec.; Percy Wallis, P.M. 1085, P.S.G.W.; Thomas Cox, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W.; F. C. Campion, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Marsden, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Coulson, 253, P.P.S.G.W.; Charles Fendelow, P.P.S.G.W. Stafford; W. L. Ball, P.M. 802, P.P.J.G.W.; Miles J. Walker, P.M. 1265, P.P.J.G.W. Leicestershire; W. Neathcote, P.M. 1085, P.P.S.G.D.; C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085, P.P.J.G.D.; F. J. Robinson, P.M. 253, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. S. Hall, W.M. 253; R. B. Barnett, W.M. 353; E. Hookyns, W.M. 787; J. Choleston, W.M. 1739; S. Morley, S.D. 1739; J. D. Wragg, S.W. 1739; J. Hassall, P.M. 1739, P.G.S. of Wks.; R. Slater, W.M. 802; T. Smith, P.M. 802; J. H. Richardson, W.M. 1085; G. Johnson, S.W. 1085; F. Stone, J.W. 1085; J. Webb, I.P.M. 353; W. J. Piper, P.M. 802; H. Carr, P.M. 1085; J. O. Manton, P.M. 1085; N. J. Foulde, P.M. 1085; H. Tissington, P.M. 1495; T. Parker, P.M. 1495; A. G. Taylor, P.M. 253, P.P.G.D.C.; J. V. Bessie, P.M. 884; A. Schofield, P.M. 1028; J. H. Orme, P.M. 1688; J. W. Skidmore, W.M. 1495; J. H. Holmes, P.M. 1495; Montague Smith, Org. 253; J. B. Whitehead, P.M. 1179; W. Gadsby, S.W. 1179; H. H. Bemrose, 1085; J. H. Day, 1324; C. F. Chamberlain, S.W. 353; W. L. Dodd, 1085, P.P.G.O.; D. W. Bardill, 802; W. Richardson, 1085; G. Dusatoy, 1085; J. Close, 802; H. H. Boag, S.W. 1495; J. Ryley, Sec. 802; J. H. Clarke, 253; S. S. Waddington, Org. 802; J. Monck, S.W. 802; R. Hunt, S.D. 802; F. Bryant, 802; L. Russell, 1085; J. H. Harrison, 802; E. N. Huggins, 802; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. A. Woodiwiss, S.W., was then presented to the W.M. for installation by Bro. J. Copestick and T. R. Gee, P.M.'s. A Board of Installed Masters was opened—Bros. G. J. Wright, P.M., as S.W.; J. Brown, P.M., as J.W.; J. Taylor, P.M., I.G.; and J. Bland, P.M., D.C. Bro. Woodiwiss was then duly installed into the chair of K.S. in ancient form by Bro. Edgar Horne, the retiring W.M., who rendered the beautiful ceremony in a manner highly pleasing to the 53 Installed Masters present. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Edgar Horne, I.P.M.; J. W. Brigg, S.W.; Severn Taylor, J.W.; Rev. Thomas Orrell, Chaplain; J. Walker, S.D.; G. Sutherland, J.D.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treasurer; W. H. Wright, Secretary; J. Jones, D. of C.; W. Forman, Organist; W. Todd, I.G.; G. Tarver and G. H. Ward, Stwds.; and Thos. Day, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to the retiring W.M., and the same, a very beautiful one, having been obtained from Bro. George Kenning, London, the W.M. in a few graceful words presented the same to Bro. Edgar Horne, in the name of the lodge, who heartily thanked the brethren for their kindness, and assured them he should ever take the greatest interest in all which concerned the lodge. The W.M. having risen to make the usual enquiries, a candidate for initiation was proposed.

"Hearty good wishes" were then given by the numerous

visiting brethren, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned.

Owing to the very large attendance it was found advisable to hold the annual banquet at the Athenaeum Rooms, adjoining the Royal Hotel, where Mr. Reyl, the manager, provided an elegant and well-served repast, which gave ample satisfaction. The room also was very beautifully decorated. This large gathering was doubtless owing to the fact of Bro. A. Woodiwiss, the new W.M., being a member of the Town Council, and a magistrate for the borough. His father, the late Sir Abraham Woodiwiss, R.E., was also a member of the Arboretum Lodge. This, coupled with the popularity of the retiring W.M., so well known in the Masonic world, accounted for the largest gathering ever known at any private lodge in the province.

Thanks having been returned by the Chaplain, the W.M. rose amidst hearty applause to propose the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft."

This and the usual Masonic toasts being enthusiastically honoured, the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington; the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.G.W. England, and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," was proposed by Bro. C. Fendelow, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Stafford, who said that the other toasts having been loyally honoured, he was quite sure the brethren would not less loyally honour the toast he was about to propose. He was satisfied they were always delighted to see the Prov. Grand Master whenever he could come amongst them, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master they always receive with the greatest pleasure; the officers were all of good repute, some he knew well, and knew their worth, but all were earnest in whatever they undertook.

To this toast Bros. Percy Wallis, P.S.G.W., and W. Naylor, P.G. Sec., responded, both these distinguished brethren highly complimenting the W.M. and the brethren generally on the splendid gathering. Bro. Naylor also drawing attention to the fact that the new Dorothy Vernon Lodge would, doubtless, shortly be consecrated at Bakewell, when it was hoped there would be a large gathering.

Bro. A. Frazer, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., then gave the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Woodiwiss," which was received with prolonged applause. He said the brethren in electing Bro. Woodiwiss had made a very happy selection. He had the pleasure to initiate him some years ago, and he well remembered that on that occasion Bro. Woodiwiss said he should persevere until he had attained the honour of being W.M. himself, and he was glad to find that hope had been realised. He could also say of him that he was not one to put off Masonry with his apron, as he at all times had looked well after the Charities, and done good in many quiet ways. He started with good repute, being the son of a very worthy Mason, one who attained to the dignity of Mayor of their ancient borough. He was also sure that under his rule the lodge would continue to prosper.

The W.M., in response, considered that Bro. Frazer had said far too much in his praise, but still he felt proud of the position to which he had attained, and was glad to see so large a gathering, the largest the Arboretum had ever seen. It was correct that from the first he had the hope that he might some day attain the honour of being their W.M., and he had been quite content to rise step by step, until at last he had reached the summit. He trusted that all would be satisfied with their choice, and that he could rely with confidence on the constant attendance of the Past Masters. Amongst his other duties he should not neglect the Charities, and it was his intention to go as Steward to the next Festival of the Boys' School, and should feel sure of good support.

The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master," Bro. Edgar Horne, I.P.M., referring particularly to the admirable way in which the whole ceremony had been conducted. The brethren all knew his worth, and the good he had done at all times for the Charities, especially at the recent Benevolent Festival. They would know that to attempt to praise him would be like trying to paint the lily, and gold refined gold.

The toast was received with hearty applause.

Bro. Horne, in response, heartily thanked the W.M. for the way in which he had thought fit to propose the toast. He was sure what he had done was a labour of love. He could see nothing like a cloud on the horizon; indeed, he believed there was nothing but prosperity before the lodge, and that such might be the case was his most earnest wish. He had during his year of office performed many pleasing duties, but he assured the brethren that nothing had given him so much pleasure as installing, that evening, the worthy and distinguished brother who now occupied the chair. It would be affectation to deny that there were many cares and responsibilities attaching to the chair of so large and important a lodge as theirs, but in all his Masonic working he had been guided by the beautiful words of Eliza Cook—

"Should ye see afar off that worth winning,
Set out on the journey with trust;
And ne'er heed if your path at beginning
Should be among brambles and dust.
Though 'tis but by footsteps ye do it,
And hardships may hinder and stay,
Walk with faith, and be sure you'll get through it,
For where there's a will there's a way."

Bro. J. Brown, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., proposed "The Visitors," assuring them that they would always find a hearty welcome, and the brethren of 731 would be glad to see them again and again.

To this toast Bros. C. Fendelow, P.M.; Skidmore, W.M. 1495; and Orme, 1688, admirably responded, all heartily congratulating the W.M., officers, and brethren on the splendid gathering they had taken part in, and wishing the lodge every success.

The toast of "The Sister Lodges" was then proposed by Bro. J. C. Merry, P.M.

Bros. W. S. Hall, W.M. Tyrian Lodge; J. H. Richardson, W.M. Hartington Lodge; R. Slater, W.M. Repose Lodge; and H. H. Bemrose, 253, severally responded.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was proposed by Bro. J. W. Brigg, S.W., and was responded to in a very hearty manner by Bros. J. Smith and J. Bland.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Officers," expressing himself greatly pleased with all, and hoping they might work well and pleasantly together.

The Senior and Junior Wardens responded.

The Tyler's toast, at a very late hour, brought this long-to-be-remembered gathering to a close.

The harmony of the evening was greatly assisted by the excellent singing of Bros. W. Naylor, W. Gadsby, J. Melrose, W. L. Dodd, and others. Bro. J. V. Woodward also gave two zither solos, and Bro. B. W. Pike a clarionet solo.

SWANSEA.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1573).—The annual installation of the W.M. took place at the Masonic Hall, Caer-street, on Monday, the 7th ult. A large and brilliant gathering of prominent Masons from the different towns in South Wales assembled to witness the ceremony. The lodge was opened in due form at 3.30 by Bro. James Hughes, P.G.S.B., W.M. The Provincial Grand Officers were then received in due form, after which the W.M. elect, Bro. Robert Parry, S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. James Hughes, the retiring W.M., who performed the elaborate and intricate ceremonial with an excellence as near Masonic perfection as possible, and received the deserved commendation of the lodge at the close. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Hughes, I.P.M.; Neil Leitch, S.W.; W. H. Rosser, J.W.; Rev. Canon Walters, P.M., Chap.; D. C. Jones, P.M., Treas.; W. Tirrell, Sec.; B. P. Davies, S.D.; J. H. Taylor, J.D.; J. R. Davies, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Broad, Org.; Fred. Lewis, Assistant D.C.; M. Williams, I.G.; F. J. Carlyle and T. P. Martin, Stwds.; and G. B. Bullerwell, Tyler. After a very cordial vote of thanks had been passed to the Worshipful the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, and his Prov. Grand Officers, also to the Worshipful the Deputy Prov. G.M. for Monmouthshire, Bro. Homfray, together with the Prov. Grand Officers, for their presence, the W.M. then presented (amid the plaudits of the assembled brethren) a very handsome and chaste Past Master's jewel to Bro. James Hughes, with every expression of appreciation as to the marked ability with which he had fulfilled the duties pertaining to the chair during his year of office. Bro. Hughes feelingly acknowledged the same in suitable terms.

Letters were read from Bros. the Hon. Earl of Jersey, W. J. Rees, J. Jones, Prov. G. Sec.; Bevan Phillips, and the Masters of the following lodges: Windsor, Palladian, 120; Loyal Cambrian, Brecknock, Loyal Wye, and St. Quintin, and Bros. J. Lewis, St. Peter's Lodge; and Dr. Nolton Davies, Merlin Lodge; and other distinguished Masons, expressing their inability to attend. Two P.M.'s were also appointed to represent the lodge on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee.

The lodge was then closed in the usual manner. The following members of the lodge and visitors were present: Bros. Sir John Jones Jenkins, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; James Hughes, W.M., P.G.S.B.; Thomas Sandbrook, I.P.M.; John Rogers, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. C. Sladen, P.M., P.J.G.W.; Rev. Canon Walters, P.M., P.G.C.; J. L. Perrin, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Davies, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; R. Parry, S.W.; N. Leitch, J.W.; D. C. Jones, P.M., Treas.; W. Tirrell, S.D.; B. P. Davies, J.D.; J. H. Taylor, D.C.; W. B. Broad, Org.; F. Lewis, I.G.; M. Williams and F. J. Carlyle, Stwds.; E. Sherrett, B. Behrens, C. D. Richards, M. J. Brown, W. H. Lewis, F. Watkins, M. J. Edwards, N. M. Grose, T. R. Brown, O. Owen, T. P. Marten, E. G. Thomas, W. C. Thomas, E. H. Parry, J. Cavill, P.M. 476; and A. Paton. Visitors: Bros. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M.; G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Mon.; W. S. R. Jackson, P.M. 833; J. H. Stephen, P.M. 529; G. Jasper, 237; Thomas McKinn, P.M. 237; R. R. Davies, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Sulaw, 237; J. V. Parmenter, P.M.; E. Besant, T. L. Lewis, P.M.; F. Cressey, Thomas Powell, P.M. 237; Charles Read, W.M.; Henry Taylor, P.M. 237; C. H. Oliver, P.M.; Walter F. Dix, P.M.; D. E. Davies, T. W. Jones, W.M. 237; G. E. Dowman, W. G. Davies, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Lloyd, P.M. 237; E. Roberts, P.M.; J. G. Hall, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Mulholland, G. R. Phillips, George Allen, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; H. Simons, P.M. 237; John Watkins, L. Beha, J. H. Ball, William Welshford, P.M. 1429; Alfred Taylor, I.P.M.; E. W. Evans, P.M.; John Mundy, W.M. 960; D. Williams, W.M. 1992; J. F. Longdon, Fred. Bradford, P.M. 237; Thomas Phillips, P.M.; William Evans, John Hemming, P.M.; W. Treddoll, P.M.; E. G. Protheroe, J. P. Phillips (St. Peter's); W. H. Spring, and James Thomson.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Mackworth Arms Hotel, the catering of which did much credit to Mr. and Mrs. Carless.

Mr. Hulley's celebrated string band played a choice selection of music during the dinner, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 14th ult., at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, the W.M., Bro. Wm. Brown, presiding. There were also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; Geo. Simpson, P.M.; W. B. Dyson, S.W.; S. J. Dalton, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Kay, Sec.; W. Lackenby, S.D.; W. Storry, I.G.; P. Pearson, J. H. Shonksmith, T. W. Halliwell, W. H. A. Coates, W. Routledge, J. T. Spetch, J. H. Hewdry, A. Archer, W. Wreglesworth, G. G. Pook, R. Ware, R. M. Hayden, W. T. Nance, W. Read, W. Sharp, and E. Thackray. Visitors: Bros. G. Bond, Old Concord Lodge, and Alfred Tyler, Jordan Lodge. Two candidates were initiated by the W.M., the tools being presented by the J.W., and the charge being given by Bro. Geo. Chapman, Past Warden, brother to one of the candidates. The matter of the Indian and Colonial Institute proposals of the Prov. Grand Master, which had been referred to a Committee, came up for decision, and the W.M., after saying that the Committee was unanimous in its decision to support the proposals, moved the following resolution—"That this lodge, appreciating the national importance of the scheme of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the formation of the Indian and Colonial Institute, approves the opening of a subscription list under the auspices of the Eboracum Lodge, by means of which members may forward individual contributions. This was seconded by Bro. Blenkin, P.M., and supported by Bros. Simpson, P.M., and Whytehead, P.M., and was carried unanimously, and a list was forthwith opened, and a number of brethren entered their names for various sums. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., then presented to the lodge library copies of Dr. Oliver's "Star in the East," Chevalier Ramsay's "Travels of Cyrus," and a long series of Grand Lodge Calendars, A. and A. Rite Regulations, By-Laws of Lodge, and Lodge Histories, &c. Bro. Halliwell gave a coloured diagram, framed, of a Mosaic Pavement

found at Pompeii. Bro. Routledge presented a splendid pair of polished ram's horns supporting a silver snuff box, suitably engraved. These brethren received the thanks of the lodge for their gifts.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren met in the smoke room, where they enjoyed for an hour or two the pleasures of Masonic converse, their comfort being materially advanced by the success of a new ventilating apparatus lately fixed in the room, and which rendered the atmosphere more pleasant.

ST. MARY CRAY.—Cray's Valley Lodge (No. 2147).—At a regular meeting of this lodge on Saturday, the 19th ult., at the Institute, there were present Bros. E. H. Rolfe, W.M.; T. C. Newsom, S.W.; H. Tyrer, acting J.W. (in the absence of Bro. E. H. Joynson); J. Pollard, S.D.; H. Algar, J.D.; A. Bowers, I.G.; J. Marshall, Steward; G. M. Downie, Sec.; G. W. Knight, W.M.; 1507, I.P.M.; S. Matthews, F. Stranger, A. W. Rolfe, Pugh, Lee, Otway, F. Knight, and Rock. Visitor: Bro. Stone, 1641.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Bros. M. Rock and R. Pugh were raised to the Degree of M.M.'s. Ballot was then taken for Mr. J. T. Cookson, and, proving unanimous, he was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. proposed that a Charitable Association should be started, and he should be pleased to meet the brethren at the National Schoolroom, where their lodge of instruction was held, on Wednesday, at 8 p.m., when he hoped all the members would make it convenient to attend.

After "Hearty good wishes" lodge was closed, and the brethren spent a pleasant hour together.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, when Bro. Messer acted as W.M.; Bros. Jenkins and Hansen, as Wardens; Putland and Ross, as Deacons; and Gregory, as I.G. There were also several other brethren present.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Ross as candidate. Bro. Ferguson, Preceptor, worked the 4th and 5th Sections of the First Lecture and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Jenkins having been unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 28th ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. H. Halliday, 2168, W.M.; T. Casely, 1693, S.W.; C. Smales, 1604, J.W.; J. P. Fitzgerald, 1364 and 2168, S.D.; F. M. Noakes, 2148, J.D.; W. H. Lawrence, 1987, I.G.; C. Mulvey, 179 and 788, Preceptor; C. Sheppard, P.M., 1366, Sec.; C. A. Litter, 1897, Asst. Sec.; Passingham, 193; W. J. Hall, H. J. Hall, 1693; J. K. R. Cama, 2105; T. Terry, 1604; H. Fenn, 1604; A. Giddings, 1446; J. Bartlett, 1637; J. R. Robinson, 788; J. Howson, 1446 (visitor); J. Hill, and F. Golding, 1475.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. John Bartlett acting as candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Mulvey. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Giddings, having offered himself as a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The lodge closed down to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bros. Cama and Hill were elected joining members. On rising for the second time, the Preceptor proposed, and the J.W. seconded, that the S.W. be W.M. for next meeting—carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Jordon for his very handsome gift of eight new collars to the lodge, which were much admired. A vote of thanks was also passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Mulvey, Preceptor, for his present of a pair of wands. In seconding this proposition, Bro. Cama complimented him on his excellent working and his abilities as a Preceptor. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. R. Dillon, W.M.; A. G. Boswell, S.W.; J. Mellier, W.M., 173, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. J. Stratton, S.D.; W. G. Mason, J.D.; J. Webster, I.G.; N. Turner, P.M., 72; James Stevens, P.M., 1423; G. Round, W. Chapple, C. Coleman, S. B. Nightingale, S. J. Humfress, W.M., 733. Bro. M. Rosenberg was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Dillon having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Mellier, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Dillon was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The lodge was resumed to the Second and First Degrees, and the W.M. then appointed and invested his officers. Bro. Mellier delivered the addresses in a very effective and impressive manner. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were next worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rosenberg was elected a joining member on the proposition of Bro. Stephens, seconded by Bro. Mellier. A cordial vote of thanks was passed, and directed to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Mellier for the able and efficient manner in which he worked the ceremony of installation for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bros. Stratton and Coleman were elected Auditors. The votes of the lodge were handed to the Preceptor, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—This lodge of instruction was removed on Friday, the 25th ult., to the Old White Hart Tavern, 61, High-street, Borough, S.E., on which occasion the Fifteen Sections were worked in an admirable manner. Bro. Milborn, S.W., 13, acting as W.M.; Bro. W. Martin, P.M., 879, S.W.; and Bro. G. Andrews, P.M., 871, J.W.; ably assisted by Bros. Clark, Kent, Percival, Stamp, Stockwell, and Talbot in the First Lecture; Bros. Nightingale, Tokelly, Waterman, and Wilkinson in the Second Lecture; and Bros. Youngman, Lazarus, and Emblin in the Third Lecture.

A large number of visitors and members of the lodge were present, and the W.M., in acknowledging the compliment paid him of electing him an honorary member, expressed a hope that the members would in their new home meet with that success which they so deservedly merit.

The lodge meets every Friday at 7.30 p.m. The Preceptor is Bro. F. W. Stamp, P.M., 1178, and the Honorary Secretary, Bro. H. Stockwell, W.M., 1178.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. S. Mote, W.M.; J. R. Allman, S.W.; O. W. Battley, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M., 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; Jos. Bailey, S.D.; C. Coleman, J.D.; W. Chapple, I.G.; E. F. Ferris, Steward; Dr. J. Ingleby Mackenzie, P.M., 372, 30°, P.P.S. G.W. Devon; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M., 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., 1425; J. Stephens, P.M., 1425; J. Reid, P.M., 45; D. Stroud, W.M., 2045; M. Rosenberg, and A. Wolter.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rosenberg

being the candidate, who afterwards answered the usual questions leading from the First to the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Stroud being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Allman was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1549).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Roots, W.M.; Hattersley, S.W.; W. Block, J.W.; Grace, S.D.; Ellis, J.D.; Remington, I.G.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; F. Croaker, Treas.; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; Hurl, Fullick, Steele, Chapman, Kedgley, and Bussey.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Chapman, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Chapman candidate. The lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Roots vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Kedgley, P.M., who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The lodge resumed to the Third and First Degrees. The officers were invested. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bro. Chapman proposed, and Bro. Block seconded, that Bro. Bussey, 199, become a joining member of this lodge of instruction—carried unanimously. Bro. Bussey returned thanks. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by the Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed the officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at Austin's Hotel, 7, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 24th ult. Present: Bros. Blake, W.M.; Thompson, S.W.; Hammond, J.W.; Minnett, J.D.; Dormer, I.G.; T. Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; T. Lewis, P.M., Treas.; and Geo. Hughes, Hon. Sec.

The lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Westfield being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Smith offering himself as a candidate for the Third Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Smith candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. G. Thompson was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Thompson thanked the brethren for his election, and appointed the officers in rotation. Bro. Duffield, P.M., proposed that Bro. Lewis be elected Treasurer, and Bro. Geo. Hughes Secretary, and that they be hon. members of the lodge, which was carried unanimously. Bros. Lewis and Hughes suitably returned thanks. 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. Featherstone, W.M.; Sapsworth, S.W.; Langley, J.W.; Bond, Treas.; Grundy, Sec.; Radcliffe, I.G.; J. Carter, W. Carter, Dawson, Radford, Higerty, Recknell, Kiss, Williams, Walters, Bugler, Gompertz, Grant, and Gentile.

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. Gompertz candidate. Bro. Williams proposed, and Bro. Dawson seconded, that the resignation of the Preceptorship by Bro. J. H. Taylor, P.M., be accepted with regret; also that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Taylor for his past services, to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, and that the Secretary communicate this resolution to Bro. Taylor; carried unanimously. The subject of the election of a Preceptor caused some discussion on the method of working to be carried on in the lodge, in which most of the brethren took part. Bro. Higerty proposed, and Bro. Radford seconded, that in future the working of the lodge be on the Emulation system—carried unanimously. Several brethren were nominated for the post of Preceptor, but none would accept it, most of them pleading other engagements and calls upon their time. Bro. Grundy, Sec., proposed, and Bro. Bond, Treas., seconded, that Bro. Dawson, P.M., 1768, a member of the Committee of Emulation, with Bros. Radford, P.M., 1420; Higerty, P.M., 1044; J. Carter, P.M., 1044; and Gompertz, 869; form a Committee of Preceptorship for this lodge of instruction—carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times. Bro. Sapsworth was elected W.M. for next meeting. The Secretary read some letters of apology for non-attendance, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Restaurant, 1, Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Folsom, W.M.; Coleman, S.W.; Mimms, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Musson, Sec.; Boulton, P.M., S.D.; Brindley, P.M., J.D.; Brookson, P.M., D. of C.; Glover, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Capt. Hornblower P.M.; Capt. Butterworth, P.M.; Richards, P.M.; Flatterly, P.M.; Polsart, P.M.; Goode, Holden, Ray, H. White, Butler, Wakley, Thatcher, Badderly, Grist, Mitchell, Clarkson, Abbot, Wynn, Whitehead, Haseidne, Agate, Lane, Jackson, Deacon, Hansford, Luckhurst, Ridpath, Power, Beasley, Wombell, Polsart, and Corby.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Agate being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. W. Coleman presented to the W.M. as W.M. elect, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and duly obligated. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the M.M.'s having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Capt. Butterworth, in Bro. Coleman's absence, duly installed in the chair of K.S. The M.M.'s were then admitted, and the W.M. proclaimed and saluted in the three Degrees. The W.M. then invested his officers, and the Installing Officer gave the three addresses, and the ceremony concluded. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Brindley. Bros. Agate, 201; Ridpath, 2096; Calsart, 749; Butler, 1604; and Corby, 957, were elected members. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Folsom for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. J. Lane, W.M.; J. G. Wynn, S.W.; J. W. Cash, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; W. Proudfoot, J.D.; A. Pullen, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; I. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Lincoln, G. S. Peachy, E. Arbit, J. S. Henry, W. Hancock, F. Dusterwald, W. Brindley, and W. A. Scurrah.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. Lincoln having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. F. Dusterwald, offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. W. Proudfoot was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. F. M. Noakes, and seconded by Bro. W. Hancock. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that Bro. J. G. Wynn, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. J. Lane, W.M., for the very able manner in which he had occupied the chair for the first time, and also for his excellent working—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 29th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Pellatt, W.M.; Craggs, S.W.; Weeks, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; Keene, S.D.; P. J. Davies, J.D.; Heath, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Dresden, Simms, Cochrane, Stroud, Wood, and Neville.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Cochrane having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree was entrusted, after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Dresden having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree was entrusted, after which the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Craggs was elected Worshipful Master for the next meeting, the officers being appointed in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was carried, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for the excellent manner in which Bro. Pellatt had carried out the duties of Worshipful Master for the first time in that lodge. The lodge was then closed in due form and perfect harmony.

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. Wombell, W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Roberts, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., acting Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Holmes, S.D.; Musson, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Wray, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Taylor, Jamieson, Butler, Upton, Green, jun., Mason, and Coleman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Green, jun. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jamieson being the candidate. Bro. Jamieson, an E.A., answered the questions leading to the Second Degree and retired. Bro. Brindley was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brindley being the candidate. Bro. Coleman then took the chair, and after resuming the lodge to the First Degree, invested the officers. Bro. Coleman is the W.M. elect of the Wanderers Lodge, and if he invests his officers on the night of his installation in the same manner in which he did so on the present occasion it will be in a manner not only creditable to himself but his lodge also. Bro. Wombell re-occupied the chair, and Bro. Glover was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was also unanimously voted to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had opened and closed the lodge for the first time. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Craggs, W.M.; Lindfield, S.W.; C. R. Cross, J.W.; E. Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Smyth, S.D.; Klein, J.D.; Stonnill, I.G.; Wood, W.M., 1572; Cochrane, W.M., 1056; Stroud, W.M., 55; Josey, P.M.; Alais, P.M.; Cavers, Lewis, Whittell, Marsh, Cockerill, Jennings, Lichtenfeld, Vandyk, Larter, Higginson, Bull, Curtis, and Head.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Curtis candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of this Lecture were worked by the brethren. Bro. Lewis was elected a joining member. Bro. Lindfield was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

Two ballots afterwards took place for the Creaton Masonic Benevolent Fund, Bros. Craggs and Spiegel, P.M., being successful in the draw.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—A meeting was held at the Restaurant, 53, Cannon-street, on Tuesday, the 29th ult. On the invitation of this lodge of instruction, the members of the Star Lodge of Instruction came to work the Fifteen Sections. There were present Bros. W. Martin, P.M., 879, W.M.; W. Beavis, P.M., 879, S.W.; J. G. Milbourne, S.W., 13, J.W.; A. G. Dixie, P.M., 1839, Preceptor, as I.P.M.; and others to the number of 86. Bro. Bibre tried all in his power to make such an unexpected large number as comfortable as he possibly could, and he succeeded in every respect, and every brother present had an enjoyable evening.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were confirmed. The Sections were then worked in a most efficient manner. The W.M. rose for the first time, when about 25 brethren were elected members of the lodge, amongst whom were Bros. J. Van Praagh, I.G., 1668; Davies, 1839; L. Lazarus, 879; Beavis, P.M., 879; and Milbourne, J.W., 13. On rising for the second time, Bro. A. G. Dixie, P.M. and Preceptor, proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. for presiding, asking him to accept the honorary membership of this lodge of instruction; and a vote of thanks also to the officers and brethren who so efficiently worked the Sections. Bro. Spiegel, P.M., in seconding the proposition, gave testimony to the expression of Bro. Dixie. The W.M., in responding, expressed the hope that the brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction would do them soon the same honour in coming amongst them to work the Fifteen Sections, which was promised at an early date. The lodge was then closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 28th ult. Present: Bros. Partridge, W.M.; Beavan, S.W.; Russell, J.W.; Cornock, S.D.; Millard, J.D.; Burnett, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Hampton, Templeman, Boulton, Kerry, Steele, Wright, Heathcote, Gibbs, Lissimore, Glover, Walker, Stubbs, Ruffie, Harvey, Leaton, Martin, Woods, and Coc.

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. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Partridge, with Bro. Woods as candidate. The 1st and 4th Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Ruffie and Westley respectively, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Beavan, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Beavan thanked the brethren, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

Mark Masonry.

BOROUGH OF GREENWICH LODGE (No. 332).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the King William the Fourth Hotel, East Greenwich, when Bro. H. W. Partridge, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, according to ancient custom, installed in the chair of A. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Roberts, P.G.R. of M. Kent, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Ralph Gooding, B.A., M.D., P.M., P.G.O. England, assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and, with the usual ceremony, inducted the new W.M. into the chair. After being duly proclaimed and saluted, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Coudry, S.W.; Dr. W. C. S. Burney, J.W.; C. Fowler, M.O.; W. T. Hunt, S.O.; W. H. Burney, J.O.; W. Ruddle, Chap.; A. H. Satch, Treas.; G. Carter, Sec. and J.D.; J. G. Thomas, R. of M.; S. Gore, S.D.; J. Tuck, I.G.; W. Carpenter and T. Cracknell, Stewards; and E. Spinks, Tyler. Bro. Gooding then concluded the ceremony by reciting the several charges both eloquently and impressively, and it was unanimously resolved "That Bro. Gooding be tendered a vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for the masterly manner in which he

had that day performed the ceremony of installation." Bro. Gooding, in returning thanks, said he felt very much obliged to them for their according him a vote of thanks, and considered it a high honour for any one to have such a vote recorded on the minutes of such a lodge. He had, however, only been doing that day what he had already done, both at head-quarters and in the province, for many years past, and if his efforts had met with their approbation, that fully rewarded him. He was pleased to be present, especially as he had the honour of being the first Master of the lodge, of which he certainly was proud; but there was another thing that gave him equal, if not greater, pleasure, that was the opportunity afforded him of installing so worthy a brother as their esteemed W.M. He and Bro. Partridge had toiled together for many years past, and he cordially wished him a good and prosperous year of office, and felt sure that the prestige of the lodge would never suffer at his hands.

The Worshipful Master then presented to Bro. Roberts a handsome and valuable P.M.'s jewel, and, in pinning it on his breast, wished him many years of health and happiness to wear it.

Bro. Roberts having briefly, yet feelingly, returned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the handsome banqueting hall of the establishment, where, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Geo. Burney, the "jolly host," they were served with a recherché banquet, the excellence of which was highly eulogised.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. Kipps, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M. Kent; E. Bumpstead, W.M. 294; C. Jolly, R. of M. 226, P.P.G.O. Kent; and others.

The toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," having been honoured, that of "The Pro G. M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed, and in putting it,

The Worshipful Master said they were indebted to those good hard-working brethren, who had done so much for the well-being of the Order. Twenty-five years ago Mark Masonry was laughed and sneered at in much the same manner as the Salvation Army was now, not that he thought the Salvation Army would ever rise to the dignity Mark Masonry had, or that there was any comparison between them; but those good and worthy brethren now at its head had worked through scoff and sneer until at last they had as its Grand Master the future monarch of these realms, who, he believed, was as proud of the position as they were proud of him. The Grand Master had done much for the furtherance and the interest of the Institution, and deserved all honour at their hands. They had in Bro. Gooding, P.M., a Grand Officer of Grand Lodge, who, he regretted to say, was unable to stay with them, but they had seen his ability that day, and with his name the toast should have been coupled. He asked them to drink it with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

The next toast was that of "The P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the names of Bros. Kipps, Roberts, and Jolly, the former of whom responded.

Bro. Bumpstead, in responding for "The Visitors," said it afforded him very great pleasure to be present at the installation of their esteemed W.M. As the W.M. had told them in proposing the toast, they had known one another, and had worked together shoulder to shoulder for many years. He was exceedingly pleased to see Bro. Partridge Master of the lodge, and felt sure that under his rule it would do well, and sincerely trusted it would do so. It had also afforded him great pleasure to be present, and to hear Bro. Dr. Gooding perform the ceremony of installation. It was most eloquently and impressively done, the charges particularly so, and both the work, the worker, and the W.M. were worthy of the lodge, and he cordially wished them every success.

Bro. Jolly having responded, the I.P.M., in eloquent terms proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to know that he had their best wishes for his welfare and the welfare of the lodge. He should try by punctuality at their meetings, and by doing all he could for their comfort, to still further deserve it but he should want them to back up their words by deeds and good fellowship. Especially he asked them to assist him in his Stewardship for the forthcoming Mark Benevolent Institution, to be held on the 20th July next, at the Holborn Restaurant, Earl Amherst in the chair. Those Masters of the lodge who had stood Stewards before him had done well, and he wanted to overdo them if he could, at least to equal them. Bro. Roberts was a good beggar, and he had promised to help him, so that he felt all right at present. For their kindness in drinking his health, for their generous expressions to him, he heartily and sincerely thanked them.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast. Bro. Kipps presided at the piano, and the whole proceedings were both pleasant and harmonious.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Eclectic Lodge (No. 39).—The annual meeting and installation of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Mayson, assisted by his officers, and the minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The Dep. P.G.M. being announced, was then admitted and saluted in due form, and the brethren below the chair were requested to retire. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. John Stonehouse was placed in the chair of A. by the outgoing Master, being assisted in the ceremony by Bro. E. Hudson, P.M. On the re-admission of the brethren, the following were appointed and invested as officers for the coming year: Bros. W. Mayson, P.G. Swd. Br., I.P.M.; J. F. Wilson, S.W.; T. Metcalfe, J.W.; E. Hudson, P.M., Treas.; H. Lamb, M.O.; Hans Olsen, S.O.; W. Marley, J.O.; J. Wetherell, S.D.; W. Barlow, J.D.; G. Mearns, Sec.; E. Nixey, Reg.; G. Walker, Org.; and M. Harrison, I.G. Several candidates were proposed for advancement, and other usual business transacted, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the Royal Hotel, where a splendid repast awaited them.

The Board of Installed Masters consisted of Bros. T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M.; C. S. Lane, P.P.S.G.W.; R. B. Harpley, P.P.G.M.O.; Ed. Hudson, P.P.S.G.W.; W. D. Coxon, P.P.S.G.W.; C. T. Casebourn, P.P.S.G.W.; W. T. Tate, P.P.J.G.O.; F. H. Bennett, P.P.G.M.O.; H. Baumann, P.G.M.O.; W. Mayson, P.G.S.B.; Geo. Carter, P.P.G.M.O.; and others.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The regular 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 and members, viz.: Bros. T. Brakenridge, P.G.I.G., S.W.; Rev. James Anderson, P.G. Chap., J.W.; G. W. Roll, as M.O.; W. D. P. Field, S.O.; Thomas Rowlings, J.O.; George Dalrymple, P.G. Secretary, Treasurer; W. H. Bewlay, Reg. and Secretary; Dr. Muir, S.D.; J. Clarke, I.G.; Thomas Richardson, Tyler; Thomas Atkinson, P.M., P.J.G.W.; William Bewlay, P.M., P.G.M.O.; and A. D. Metcalf.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. James Lawson balloted for and accepted. Bro. T. F. Braithwaite, who was accepted as a candidate at a former meeting, was in attendance, and advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M. Bro. Thomas Atkinson, P.M., then suggested to the W.M. and his officers the advisability of visiting the lodges of the Western Division of the province, which Bro. Ryrie highly approved of, and it was agreed to pay the first visit to the Derwent Lodge, No. 282, Workington, the first regular meeting.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren spent a very agreeable hour in the banquet hall.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

ST. ANDREW'S CONCLAVE (No. 15).—A meeting of this Red Cross conclave was held at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C., on the 23rd ult. Sir Knight Alfred Williams, M.P.S., presided. Among those present were Sir Knights Baron de Ferrieres, V.E.; Major George Lambert, H.P.; T. L. Smith, S.G.; W. M. Bywater, J.G.; C. H. Driver, Treasurer; C. F. Matier, Recorder; F. J. Bennett, Prefect; R. Berridge, S.B.; H. P. Hay, and W. E. Stewart. Visitors: Sir Knights C. F. Hogard, G. Recorder; Col. Patrick Stirling (S.C.); and E. J. Mills, Sentinel.

The minutes of the last conclave having been read and confirmed, and the resignation of Sir Knight C. H. C. Jones accepted with regret, Bros. the Rev. A. W. Oxford, George Gregory, and H. M. Bailey were balloted for as candidates and elected, and the first two being in attendance, were installed Knights of Rome, and took their seats on the conclave. The throne was assumed by Sir Knight C. F. Matier, and a College of Viceroyes having been opened, Sir Knight Thos. L. Smith was inducted into the chair of V.E. A Senate of Sovereigns was then formed, and Baron de Ferrieres solemnly enthroned as M.P.S., the following being afterwards invested as officers for the year, namely: Sir Knights W. M. Bywater, Sen. G.; F. J. Bennett, J. Gen.; C. H. Driver, Treas.; C. F. Matier, Recorder; R. Berridge, H.P.; W. E. Stewart, Prefect; A. R. Carter, 1st Herald; H. P. Hay, 2nd Herald; Rev. A. W. Oxford, S.B.; E. J. Mills, Sentinel.

A vote of thanks to Sir Knight A. Williams for his services in the chair of M.P.S., during the past year, having been passed unanimously, a sanctuary of K.H.S. was opened and the following inducted into the high degree, namely: Sir Knights F. J. Bennett, W. E. Stewart, H. P. Hay, W. M. Bywater, George Gregory, and E. J. Mills as Beadle.

The conclave having been resumed, a sum of £5 5s. was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund to be placed on the list of Sir Knight T. L. Smith, V.E.

The Treasurer's report having been submitted and adopted, conclave was closed in imperial form and the members adjourned to banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern.

Royal and Select Masters.

CONSTANTINE COUNCIL (No. 2).—A meeting of the members of the above council was held at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, on Saturday last. Comp. C. H. Driver, T.I.M., presided, and there were present Comps. J. L. Mather, D.M., and T.I.M. elect; C. F. Matier, Recorder; D. P. Cama, C. of G.; W. Vincent, C. of C.; G. W. Marsden, M.; B. R. Bryant, G.L.P.M.; Col. S. H. Clerke, P.D.G.M.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.D.G.M.; A. Williams, P.G.I.M.; Geo. Cooper, C. F. Hogard, W. Lake, and E. J. Mills, Sentinel.

The council having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. C. Probyn, James Hill, F. H. Gottlieb, F. Wood, and J. Lichtenfeld were elected, and had conferred upon them the Degrees of M.E.M., S.M., and S.E.M., successively, the ceremonies being very ably performed by Comp. Bryant. Comp. Matier then assumed the chair, and installed Comp. J. L. Mather, as T.I.M., after which the latter appointed and invested his officers for the year:—Comps. A. Tisley, D.M.; D. P. Cama, P.C. of W.; F. J. Bennett, Treasurer; C. F. Matier, Recorder; W. Vincent, C. of G.; E. M. Money, C. of C.; Rev. H. Cummings, Chap.; G. N. Marston and G. Cooper, M.'s; W. Lake and C. Probyn, Stwds.; E. M. Lott, Org.; and E. J. Mills, Sen. The Treasurer's report having been submitted and adopted, Comps. Capt. N. G. Philips and Col. S. H. Clerke were, on the motion of Comp. C. F. Matier, seconded by Comp. C. H. Driver, unanimously elected honorary members, and returned thanks for the compliment. The Recorder having read several letters and telegrams of apology for non-attendance, the council was closed, and the companions afterwards dined together at the Holborn Restaurant.

The following appointments have been made recently by the Metropolitan Board of Works. Bro. Thos. Blashill has been appointed Superintending Architect to the Board, Bro. J. Edmeston has been elected District Surveyor of the Charlton Division, Bro. Rowland Plumb has been transferred to the District of West Hampstead, and Bro. Henry Lovegrove has been elected District Surveyor for the South Islington Division. The first District Surveyor of South Islington was Mr. Charles Matthews (a pupil of the great Pugin), who afterwards became so celebrated as an actor, and he was succeeded by Mr. Geo. Godwin, F.S.A., for many years editor of the *Builder*.

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New Zealand.

WARKWORTH.—Rodney Lodge (No. 1711, E.C.).—The annual installation of the W.M. elect of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall on the 6th January. The lodge was opened in due form, the installing officer, Bro. W. P. Moat, P.M., P.B.G.P., M.H.R., soon after entering and being received with the usual honours. The W.M. elect, Bro. George Wyatt Thomson, was then presented to him, and was duly charged and obligated. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Thomson was, with the customary formalities, installed as W.M. of Lodge Rodney for the ensuing year, and, having been saluted and proclaimed, proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. T. Cameron, S.W.; G. Edmonds, J.W.; H. Munro Wilson, Treas.; Thomas B. Hawkins, Sec.; Charles P. Thomson, S.D.; W. C. Vipond, J.D.; M. G. Dill, D.C.; W. Maynard, I.G.; J. Harrison, Tyler; and A. McLeod and C. T. Such were elected auditors. The business of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed in due form.

East Indies.

RAWAL PINDI.—Stewart Lodge (No. 1960, E.C.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall recently, when the following officers were present: Bros. Capt. J. F. D. Fordyce, W.M., D.G.S. Punjab; Surgeon-Major J. Walker, I.P.M., D.P. B., G. Purst. Punjab; Capt. W. Ames as S.W.; Wm. Norris, J.W.; George Hedingham, Treas. and J.D.; Capt. L. Eugene Du Moulin, as S.D.; Lieut. C. L. Lennox, I.G.; and Hemblys, Tyler. There was a large attendance of brethren. A ballot was taken for Bro. Capt. G. Blake, P.D.D.G. Master of the Punjab, proposed by Bro. J. Walker, and seconded by Bro. Major Richard James Pike, which proved unanimous in his favour, and Bro. Blake was then admitted and welcomed by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge of which he had been one of the founders. Mr. Frank Joslen, having been duly accepted as a candidate for initiation, was admitted into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a very able manner by the W.M. Bro. Surgeon-Major J. Walker then occupied the chair, and, after the usual preliminaries, passed Bro. Surgeon F. J. Greig to the Second Degree. The chair was then re-occupied by the W.M. After some other formal business it was proposed by Bro. Norris, and seconded by the W.M., that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Walker, the I.P.M. of the lodge, for the very able manner in which he had ruled the lodge during his term of office. Bro. Walker was then asked to retire for a few minutes. The proposal having been carried unanimously, Bro. Walker was re-admitted, and addressed by the M.M. as follows: Bro. Walker—It gives me the greatest pleasure to inform you that during your temporary absence the brethren have unanimously voted that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to you. I congratulate you most heartily on the honour thus conferred on you, and feel sure that you will duly appreciate it, as a mark of the very great esteem, confidence, and regard which and award of this kind must of necessity carry with it; especially viewing it as an expression of the goodwill and kindly feeling entertained towards you by each and every individual member of the lodge for the very able manner, combined with tact, temper, and judgment, in which you have ruled the lodge during your year of office. Bro. Walker replied that he had only endeavoured to do his duty in the way that every Master should, and that his work in connection with the lodge during the year he had the pleasure and honour of ruling over it had been truly a labour of love. He was proud to think that his humble efforts to advance its interests had been so highly appreciated, and said he was altogether unable to find words in which to express his thanks to the brethren for the great, the undeserved, and, in the history of the lodge, the unprecedented honour they had conferred on him.

Australia.

BRISBANE.—North Australian Lodge (No. 796, E.C.).—The installation of Bro. William Gartside as W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year took place in the new Masonic Hall, Alice-street, on Thursday, the 6th January last. There were nearly eighty brethren present, including eighteen Past Masters, and also several visitors from Ipswich and Toowoomba. The Installing Master, Bro. J. Dean, P.M., who was assisted by Bros. Finnane, P.M., as D.C., and P. Atkinson, as Org., performed the ceremony of installation in a singularly impressive manner. The newly-installed Master then assisted in the investiture of the Wardens and other officers, accompanying each investiture with appropriate remarks. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his presentation of a handsome addition to the working implements of the lodge.

At the close of the ceremonies, a banquet, provided by Bro. F. Whitehouse, was held in the banqueting chamber, at which about fifty brethren sat down.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "The Health of the Newly-Installed Master" being especially well received; as also that of "The Installing Master."

During the banquet an excellent programme of music was carried out successfully.

Jamaica.

MARK MASONRY.

PORT ROYAL.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 242).—This lodge was resuscitated on Wednesday, 9th February, when Bro. O. Delgado, jun., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following are the officers:—Bros. Dr. Belgrave, S.W.; L. C. Hollar, J.W.; J. P. Myers, M.O.; J. S. Campbell, S.O.; H. Bamed, J.O.; G. J. DeCordova, Treas.; Dr. Bates, Sec.; O. Delgado, R.M.; H. Campbell, S.D.; J. Allen, J.D.; J. Hoyer, I.G.; and F. Hollar, Tyler. Bro. E. X. Leon, P.G. Mark Sec., presided, and performed the ceremonies of advancing and installation, assisted by Bros. C. L. Campbell, and C. W. Tait.

LAYING CORNER STONE OF NEW MASONIC HALL AT MIRFIELD.

Tuesday, the 22nd inst., was a red letter day for the Freemasons of Mirfield, for on that date they attained their majority, as the warrant of the Mirfield Lodge No. 1102, is dated 22nd March, 1866.

They celebrated this happy and important Anniversary by laying the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall.

It certainly shows the enterprise and determination of the members of this lodge, when they take upon themselves the responsibility of such an undertaking, and we hope prosperity will continue with them during, and after the completion of the building.

The brethren of the lodge and their friends assembled in their present rooms at 4 p.m., when the Worshipful Master, Bro. John Henry Simpson, opened the lodge in the presence and with the assistance of Bros. W. Bailey, S.W.; F. H. Hare, J.W.; Thos. Lang, P.M.; Treas.; W. Wilson, Sec.; J. Womack, S.D.; F. J. Crowther, J.D.; T. W. Sproule, I.G.; W. Booth, W. Deadman, Org.; A. A. Stott, P.M., D. of C.; J. Hilton, S.S.; W. Beaumont, J.S.; J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; T. B. Fairclough, P.M.; James Barker, P.M.; J. K. Ibberson, P.M.; John Walmsley, P.M.; James Walmsley, P.M.; John Crowther, P.M.; W. Airton, T. Normington, Jas. F. Crowther, W.G. Lockwood, and T. Porritt; also visiting Bros. C. L. Mason, P.M. 304, W.M. 2069, P.P.G. Treas.; John F. Stott, P.M.; A. Macauley, W.M. 258; W. H. Wilson, J. Rhodes, 1231; John Fearnley, 521; J. F. Simpson, P.M. 448; and G. F. Gent, 319.

The brethren then formed in procession and walked to the site of the new buildings in King-street, in the following order: Tyler with drawn sword, brethren two and two (youngest leading), brethren of other lodges, cornucopia of corn, and two ewers with wine and oil, borne by three brethren, banner of Mirfield Lodge, Inner Guard, Senior and Junior Deacons, Secretary with engraved plate for stone, Treasurer with phial containing coins, copies of plans of building, list of members and officers of lodge, list of Directors and shareholders of the Mirfield Masonic Hall Company (Limited), also of contractors of various works, copy of lodge summons of the day's proceedings, and programme of ceremony, with copies of latest issue of *Freemason*, and four local newspapers; Senior P.M. with Bible, square and compasses, Junior and Senior Wardens with columns, I.P.M. with mallet, W.M. with trowel, Architects with plans, square, level, and plumb rule, carried by three Past Masters, Steward, Bro. J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Steward.

The procession having reached the site, the brethren opened out right and left, to enable Bro. Ibberson and the officers to pass to the platform, and after this had been done the brethren closed in and followed.

The Secretary, Bro. W. WILSON, then addressed Bro. Ibberson as follows—Dear Sir and Brother: To you who as one of the founders of the lodge are so well and fully acquainted with its history it is unnecessary for me to recapitulate the same. The various changes which have taken place are well known to you, also the attempts which have been made to raise a Masonic Hall of our own for holding our meetings in. To Bro. Fairclough's energy must be attributed the success which has at last crowned our efforts, and to-day, which is the 21st anniversary of the date of the warrant of the lodge, we are met to witness you (one of its founders) laying the north-east corner stone of the building. The brethren of the Mirfield Lodge are, I can assure you, proud that you are going to perform the ceremony, as it will ever keep green in their memories one who has been mainly instrumental in bringing the lodge to its present position. May the G.A.O.T.U. long spare you to come amongst us and give to you and your family such health and strength as he may deem best.

After Bro. IBBERSON had suitably replied, Bro. J. H. SIMPSON, W.M., asked him to lay the stone, and presented him with trowel and mallet suitably engraved for that purpose.

Bro. IBBERSON then proceeded to lay the stone with the usual Masonic ceremonies, at the completion of which the architects, Bros. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., and A. A. Stott, P.M., then presented the plans of the intended building, which Bro. Ibberson examined and returned to them, requesting them to proceed with the work without loss of time.

Memorial stones were then laid by Bros. J. H. Simpson, W.M.; James Barker, P.M. (chairman of the Mirfield Masonic Hall Company, Limited); John Crowther, P.M.; J. B. Fairclough, P.M.; T. Lang, P.M., Treas.; and John Walmsley, P.M.; after which the procession was reformed in reverse order and the brethren returned to their lodge rooms, and the lodge was closed in due form.

It is worthy of note that ten P.M.'s of the lodge were present at this meeting, only three of those who have passed the chair being absent, showing that the interest taken in the lodge by those who have been in command does not cease with their passing the chair. Long may this happy state of things continue, as nothing tends more to make a lodge prosperous than for the younger brethren to see that those who have gone through the heat and burden of the day still retain their interest in the lodge and are not content to rest on their laurels.

After the conclusion of the business of the day the brethren adjourned to the Black Bull Hotel, and sat down to dinner, provided in first-class style as usual by Bro. W. Beaumont, under the presidency of Bro. John Henry Simpson, W.M., when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

BANQUET OF THE GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS' COMPANY.

The master and court of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company entertained a large and distinguished company, including several of her Majesty's judges, at a splendid banquet at the Albion, on Tuesday, 29th ult., Bro. J. Knapton Abel, the newly-installed Master, presided, and the list of guests included: Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P.; Alderman Sir H. Knight; Lieut.-Col. and Sheriff Kirby, J.P.; F. Seager Hunt, A. M. Broadley, George Kenning (Past Master), H. F. Stewart (Warden), Ex-Sheriff Clarke, D. H. Jacobs (Past Master), Under-Sheriff G. Rose-Innes, H. Squire, C.C., J. Bishop, Barrow Emanuel, W. A. Higgs, H. W. Johnson (Past Master), F. Pendered, E. W. Streeter, H. W. H.

Rance, L.L.D., E. F. B. Fuller, Capt. Fenner, M. R. Webb, Major Joseph (Immediate Past Master), and Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L. (Clerk).

After dinner, which was served in elegant style, the loving cups were passed round.

The MASTER submitted the usual loyal toasts with commendable brevity and point, and the company received them with loyal enthusiasm.

Bro. Warden STEWART proposed "The Navy, Army, and Reserved forces."

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. FOWLER, Bart., M.P., replied for "The Houses of Parliament."

Bro. Major JOSEPH, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "Her Majesty's Judges."

Bro. ABEL, the Master, proposed "The Lord Mayor and Corporation."

The MASTER, in returning thanks for his health, said his sole wish was to do everything he possibly could for the honour and welfare of the company to which he belonged. He had seen great progress in the company since he first joined it, and they would be second to none in loyalty to the Crown and the powers that be. Unfortunately they were not one of the rich companies, but, as in the past, they would do all they could with their small funds for the Charities associated with them and for the entertainment of their friends. (Cheers.)

The toast of "The Sheriffs" was acknowledged by Bro. Lieut.-Col. and Sheriff KIRBY.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. WARDEN STEWART, and "The Health of the Clerk, Bro. W. E. Baxter."

FESTIVAL MEETING OF THE PILGRIM LODGE, No. 238.

CELEBRATION OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY.

It has now for several years been the custom of the Pilgrim Lodge to invite at least once during the season the "Sisters" to join their brethren at a social gathering devoted more particularly to their entertainment, an object which, if attained, necessarily provides gratification and pleasure alike to those who receive the hospitality and to those who bestow it.

This year the day was most auspiciously chosen, namely the 22nd March, a day which was one of festivity and commemoration wherever the German tongue is spoken, and it will be granted by all who took part in that gathering at Freemasons' Tavern, that the meeting was in every way a success, leaving behind it none but pleasant memories.

The evening was to commence at 5.30 with a dinner, but strict punctuality is seldom observed on such occasions, and it was quite 6 o'clock before the hosts and their guests, to the goodly number of 120, were seated round the festive board. Bro. Robert Baelz, the W.M., who now for the second year fills this post to the great advantage of the Pilgrim Lodge, then welcomed the assembly in a short and dignified address, and the business of the evening, if so it may be called, commenced.

The toasts were restricted to those of "The Queen," "The Emperor of Germany," "The Sisters," "The Visitors," and "The W.M.," and it need hardly be said that, heartily as all these toasts were received, that of the Emperor on his goth birthday was given and responded to with special fervour.

After the dinner the company re-assembled in the Concert-room to hear short selections of music, choice not only in selection, but also in performance, and then the main feature of the evening, a ball, commenced. The dancing was general until about eleven, when the Concert-room was once more resorted to. The first part of the programme was mainly sustained by our professional brethren and sisters, whilst the performers in this second part were amateur friends, whose talents proved to be of no mean order. Dancing was afterwards resumed, and at about one o'clock the company began to disperse.

The weather outside was boisterous; the wind blew in fitful gusts, and rain fell in torrents. But what of that? It was the first appearance of spring, punctual to the day, and especially welcome after the long spell of keen and bitter east winds and winter weather which preceded it. Moreover, were not all well prepared by the recollection of the warm and glowing scenes they had left behind them to face without irritation the, after all, trifling inconvenience caused by the weather?

"GLANCES AT OUR HISTORY."

The above is the suggestive title of a history of the Union Lodge, No. 121, Philadelphia, U.S.A., written by Bro. T. C. Knauff, the W.M., who has done his part exceedingly well. The various headings to the paragraphs are most appropriate, and the book is published by the liberality of Bro. G. W. Hall, P.M., the printing being done at the press of the Royal Printing Company, Philadelphia. The history begins with the year 1810, when a number of Master Masons of Lodge No. 51 agreed to apply for a warrant to hold a new lodge; the petition was duly granted, and the charter issued on November 19th of that year. There were 19 founders and 10 joining members, each of whom contributed 10 dollars towards the expenses, loaning a similar sum, so that the lodge started with over £100. Bro. Knauff refers to the notion that this and other lodges "came from the Grand Lodge of York." I am glad to find he disposes of that error most effectually, describing it as "utter nonsense," and also says, "it was not until very modern times that the quite general use of A.V.M. as a title was suspended in Pennsylvania, we believe, by edict of Grand Master Clarke in 1876 or 1877." The error doubtless arose from the recital on the "Atholl," or "Ancient," warrants of the legend of Prince Edwin of York; but, as a matter of fact, it is as well to assert, and to keep on asserting, that the "Grand Lodge of all England," held at York, never granted a warrant for a lodge to meet out of this country, all the lodges chartered for America or elsewhere under English auspices being issued by the two rival Grand Lodges meeting in London, dating as respects their formation from 1717 and 1751 respectively. All of these lodges can now be easily traced, thanks to Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-1886." The lodge in question was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was formed by the "Atholl Masons" of England.

The First Lodge Meeting.

The first regular meeting was held December 8th, 1810, in the Masonic Hall, the members assembling twice a month. One of these nights clashed with the mother lodge; but the latter immediately waived their claim. This was one of many acts of courtesy from No. 51, which from the start had the most friendly feelings, notwithstanding that we were a split.

The Blazing Star of Masonry.

In No. 121, Charity was not neglected, for from the first a permanent fund for the relief of the necessitous was provided for, and the numerous petitioners were never sent empty away, even when the coffers were sadly diminished as the years rolled on. Of late, however, the two permanent funds of the lodge are in a most satisfactory condition, and excelled but by one lodge in the jurisdiction.

The first By-laws.

The By-laws provided for each member paying nearly a dollar dues monthly. Non-residents could visit free of expense, but resident brethren had to pay a similar sum to the members on the first visit, and increased on subsequent visits. "Suits at law, private jealousies, disagreements and differences between brethren of the lodge, and immorality were to be discouraged, and the Master and Wardens were empowered to reprove delinquents." The business generally was, in the early days transacted in the E. A. Lodge, the Master having been censured on two occasions for having permitted the elections to take place in a Master Masons Lodge. Now, the latter is the rule throughout the United States, and membership does not begin until the Third Degree is attained.

Varied Experiences.

War times in 1812 rather tried the members, the same year "Also saw the beginning of our possessions in China, that is to say, the breakable article, not the country on which no one can make an impression." This was a handsome bowl presented by two of the members. The lodge still possesses it, but it "bears the marks of hard usage and repair." It escaped the ravages of the disastrous fire in 1814, as also did the records. A curious case is recorded in 1824, of "A member who was not a member." The brother in question, wished to resign, but no record could be found of his membership. It was voted "that he be considered a member and as such entitled to all privileges." Thus including the right to resign, which was consummated accordingly. During the "Morgan excitement," the lodge well nigh collapsed in consequence of the terrible opposition to the Fraternity. In 1834 only the Secretary attended, and recorded in the minutes that the Lodge was "adjourned to the next month." This he did more than once, and stood to his colours most manfully. In 1841 the lodge was closed to meet at the call of the W.M., and soon after it entered on a new lease, which has happily continued to this day. The oldest three members at the present time are Bro. J. R. Flanagan, P.M.; Bro. Richard Vaux, P.M. (Past Grand Master), who joined February 23rd, 1844; and Bro. John W. Dubree, initiated December 10th, 1845. In "The war times of '61," by unanimous vote, all dues of members entering the Army or Navy were remitted. "Departing soldiers were hurried through the degrees in one evening," business being sometimes begun at six, and continued to midnight.

But I must not unduly prolong this sketch of the "Glances at our History," and so conclude by expressing the indebtedness of lovers of Masonic Histories, to Bro. Knauff for his most readable volume which to members especially must prove very useful and interesting, containing as it does, the names and other particulars of all the brethren who have been connected with the lodge from 1810, down to the end of 1886. I only hope that many Masters will follow the excellent example thus set by the chief officer of the Union Lodge, No. 121, Philadelphia, on its 75th Anniversary.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ENTERTAINMENT TO THE POOR AT MARGATE.

On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the brethren of the Union Lodge, No. 127, entertained 220 of the aged and deserving poor of Margate in the Foresters' Hall. A similar entertainment was given last year with such success that the brethren were induced to repeat the experiment, and it is needless to say that the second attempt gave fully as much satisfaction, both to guests and hosts, as the first. An excellent dinner, consisting of roast beef and mutton, veal, ham, and Christmas pudding and mince pies, was provided, and after dinner there was a plentiful supply of oranges and of pipes and tobacco for the men. Everything was done well, the tables being as handsomely decorated as they were freely furnished with good viands, and dinner having been succeeded by tea, a varied entertainment followed, consisting of songs, both serious and humorous, and some good instrumental music, the National Anthem bringing this part to a close.

Later on, Bro. SPETH moved a vote of thanks to the entertaining lodge for their kindness, and congratulated them on the success of the meeting.

The compliment having been handsomely acknowledged by Bro. W. J. LANE, W.M., on behalf of himself, his officers, and the members of the lodge generally, a vote of thanks to the Stewards, which was also duly acknowledged, followed, and then, after a distribution of cakes and buns, and a few kindly words of sympathy from the Rev. G. BRUCE RHIND, who regretted he had not been able to be present during the whole of the meeting, the assembly sang the Doxology and dispersed.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., was among the contributors to the entertainment.

The Committee of Management consisted of Bros. W. Jones Lane, W.M. (chairman); F. W. Willett, S.W.; H. Wootton, I.P.M., Secretary; J. G. Henning, P.M., Treasurer; and all the Past Masters and Officers of the lodge. The Stewards were Bros. Jones Lane, Stanley, Brighurst, Henning, and H. D. Reeves, while the following brethren acted as carvers: Bros. F. W. Willett, Akhurst, Goodyear, J. G. Chancellor, P.M.; L. Jeffries, J. G. Chexheld, P.M.; A. Wootton, P.M.; H. Wootton, I.P.M.; J. Healing, J. Briggs, Col. Bamber, E. Crocker, Thurston, Tannenbaum, G. F. Brown, F. K. Perry, J. Fagg, and W. J. Clarke. Those who attended to the wants of the guests were: Mrs. and the Misses Willett, Mrs. and Miss Akhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Miss Goodyear, the Misses Chancellor, Mr.

and Miss Copeland, the Misses Wootton, Mrs. and Miss Healing, Mrs. Miles, Mr. Cousins, Mrs. Scully, Mrs. Briggs, the Misses Brighurst, Mrs. Newell, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. and Miss Hume, Mrs. Faker, Mrs. Thurston, Madame Daunou, Miss Tannenbaum, Mrs. d'Auquier (Ramsgate), Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Henning, Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Speth (Quatuor Coronati Lodge), Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Hearsey, Mr. S. Pointer, J.P., Mrs. and Miss Pointon, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Argent, Dr. White, Mr. Masu, Mr. G. Staner, Mr. Buck, Mr. Gurton, Mr. W. Bentley, jun., Mr. Hearn, and Mr. Tokey. All who took part were either Freemasons, or the relatives of Freemasons.

THE COMING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 22nd ult., when the usual arrangements for the Festival were made, and the officers of the Board were appointed.

The Steward's fee was fixed at £2 2s., and a Committee of members to arrange for the musical portion of the entertainment was settled.

The following are the officers of the Board, namely, Bro. Venables, D.P.G.M. Shropshire, President, and Bro. A. C. Spaul, P. Prov. G. Reg. Shropshire, acting President; Bro. Richard Eve, G. Treasurer elect, Treasurer, and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary to the Institution, Hon. Secretary; Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Chaplain, Chairman of the Ladies' Stewards.



A reference to our advertisement columns will serve to remind our readers that, owing to the adoption at the Special Court of Governors on the 21st ult., of the motion to admit all the candidates on the list, and so render a ballot unnecessary, there will be no contested election at the Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School due this month. Consequently, brethren must not be surprised at the non-receipt of their voting papers, as none have been issued.

The regular meeting of the Brixton Lodge will be held this (Saturday) evening. There are two ceremonies and a ballot for joining.

A fifth edition of Mr. George Kenning's illustrated price list of Masonic clothing and jewels has been published. It is nicely produced, and the illustrations being lithographed in colours are fair representations of what the "real articles" are. Every variety of Masonic insignia are included in the list, in addition to designs for medals and presentation trowels.—*City Press*.

Frater Charles E. Meyer, 9°, Supreme Magus of the Rosicrucian Society of the United States of America, has appointed Frater Charles Roome, 9°, Past G. Master of New York, and Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, to the office of Senior Substitute Magus of the High Council of the said Society, rendered vacant by the sudden death of Frater A. G. Goodall, 9°, whose loss is deeply regretted, and to whose worth Frater Meyer pays a sincere tribute of respect.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has arranged to deliver his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry, 1813-1886," at a meeting of the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, to be held at 47, St. Giles's-street, Norwich, on Monday, the 18th inst. The chair will be taken by Bro. J. B. Aldis, Prov. G. Sec. Norfolk, and the lecture will commence punctually at 7 p.m. Tickets, one shilling each, to be had from the Steward to the Club, No. 47, St. Giles's-street, and the proceeds to be devoted to Charity.

The ceremony of installation of Principals will be rehearsed at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., to commence at half-past five o'clock. The work will be carried out by three members of the chapter, after which the ceremony of exaltation will be rehearsed. It is hoped that all Present and Past Principals of the chapter will embrace this opportunity as it will be the last occasion but one when the installations will be worked this session.

In consequence of an invitation issued by the members of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, York, to a Knights Templar Re-union to be held in that city during the month of July in connection with the Jubilee Commemorations, arrangements are being made by Sir Knight Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia, for a pilgrimage of American knights to this country. The party, which will consist of Templars and their wives and families, will leave New York by Inman steamer on the 5th July, and will leave Liverpool the day following their arrival (14th July) for Scotland, whence they will make their way southward, *via* York to London, having their headquarters at the Inns of Court Hotel. After several days sojourn in the Metropolis, the pilgrims will go, *via* Newhaven and Dieppe, to Paris, and after the best part of a week's stay there, some will return to London and thence home again, while others will prolong their excursion to Belgium and Holland, and a third group to Switzerland and the Rhine, both these latter sections returning home *via* London and Liverpool to New York. The pilgrims may rely on meeting with a hearty welcome, and we trust will all thoroughly enjoy their trip as they did that of a few years since.

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.—[Advrt.]

The 55th Anniversary Festival of the Linen and Woollen Drapers, Silk Mercers, Lacemen, Haberdashers, and Hosiers' Institution was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on the evening of Friday, the 25th ult. Mr. James Cundy, of the firm of Dent, Allcroft, and Co., was in the chair, and among the principal guests present to support him were Bros. J. Scott, jun., J. S. Jarvis, J. Patrickson, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., and Captain Bowyer. The usual toasts were given and responded to heartily, that of "Prosperity to the Institution" being received with great enthusiasm, and responded to by the Stewards and their friends, with a generous list of subscriptions amounting to £2580.

The *Builder* of last week contains an abstract of a paper on "Architects and Contractors," read at the Architectural Association by Bro. H. Lovegrove, and which gave rise to an interesting discussion.

The following dinners take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, for the week ending Saturday, April 2nd. Monday—Old King's Arms Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Royal Somerset House Lodge, Robert Burns Chapter, Eclectic Chapter, and Societé Nationale Française. Tuesday—Lyceum Supper. Wednesday—Italian Ball, Lodge of Progress, Smeatonian Society, Galloway Dinner. Thursday—Licensed Victuallers, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter. Friday—Royal Kensington Lodge, Thistle Lodge of Mark Masters. Saturday—Imperial Federation League.

The annual general meeting of the subscribers to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution took place at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Saturday last, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, occupied the chair, and among the many noblemen and gentlemen present on this occasion were Bros. the Earl of Crawford, and Capt. Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., M.P. The report, which was of a highly interesting character, was adopted. A resolution of thanks to the coxswains and crews and local officials of the Society for their gallant and efficient services having been agreed to unanimously, and the officers for the year having been elected, and the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding on the occasion.

GRIMM'S LAW, in *Philology*, a law or rule which indicates the method in which the consonants change in the various members of the Indo-European or Aryan family of languages. It is so-called after Jakob Grimm, by whom it was formulated. He divides for this purpose the Indo-European family of languages into three groups, viz.: (1) The Classical, including Sanskrit, Greek, Latin, Celtic, and Slavonic; (2) Gothic and Low German, which includes English, Frisian, Dutch, etc.; (3) Old-High and present German. Grimm's Law states that, if the same roots exist in all these languages, as is the case in most common words, the mutation of consonants follows a fixed rule, which may be easily remembered by the following mnemonic. Taking the letters of the word *ash* to signify *aspire*, *soft*, and *hard* respectively, and taking the classification of Aryan languages as stated above, the following table shows the ordinary changes:—

I. Classical	A	S	H
II. Gothic	S	H	A
III. O. H. German	H	A	S

The following examples show the application of this table. The Latin *pater* (initial consonant hard) becomes in English *father* (aspire *f*=ph), and in German *vater* (soft). The Latin *ob* (soft) becomes the English *up* (hard), and the German *auf* (aspire). The Greek *thugater* (aspire) becomes the English *daughter* (soft), and the German *tochter* (hard).—From *Cassell's Concise Cyclopædia* for March.

The smoking concert given by the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, on Thursday, the 24th ult., at Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C., was of a most successful and entertaining character. About a hundred brethren and their friends were present, and the proceedings throughout gave general satisfaction. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor, occupied the chair, Bro. Barrett the vice-chair, whilst Bros. Paddle, P.M. and Treas., and Ball, Hon. Sec., most ably performed the duties of management and hospitality. Some 33 musical numbers were executed by the several vocalists, amongst whom were the brothers J. and E. Wesley, G. Wright, W. H. Webb, A. T. Foreman, F. Salter, J. H. Watts, J. Mander, J. Kitting, F. Johnston, S. Langton, W. Brand, A. Taylor, J. Margetts, A. Bell, D. Collier, and J. H. Bennett. Just prior to the termination of a most enjoyable evening, votes of thanks were heartily accorded to Bros. Stevens, Barrett, Paddle, and Ball for their several services in carrying out the perfect arrangements of the entertainment, and hopes were freely expressed that an opportunity might soon be afforded for a repetition thereof. The thanks of the numerous assembly were also given to the several vocalists for their valuable and voluntary assistance. The National Anthem concluded the evening's entertainment.

EASTER RAILWAY FACILITIES.—In order to meet the convenience of the public, the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of Tickets at their City and West End Offices, viz., 193 & 407, Oxford-st., 23, New Oxford-st., Holborn-circus, 29, Charing-cross, 26, Regent-st., 5, Arthur-st., London Bridge, 81, Queen Victoria-st., 43, Crutchedfriars, 67, Gresham-st., and 4, Cheap-side, at any of which places tickets can be obtained during the week preceding Easter. The Booking Office at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole of the day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday before Easter. Tickets obtained in London on any day from April 4 to 9 will be available for use on either of those days. Cheap tickets at special low fares and available from April 7th to 13th, will be issued from London to the Yeovil and Weymouth district and to principal stations in the West of England, and it is announced that a fast excursion train will leave Paddington on Thursday, April 7th, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours; also that other excursions will be run to other principal stations on the Great Western system. The Newspaper train leaving Paddington at 5.30 a.m. will run on Good Friday as usual as far as Oxford, Exeter, and Swansea, and the usual intermediate stations.

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

Sir Julian Goldsmid, Bart., M.P., has consented to preside at the 11th annual meeting of the Bethnal Green Free Library on the 26th instant.

Bro. J. J. Wilson was installed W.M. of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge, at its annual meeting, Chequers Hotel, on Monday, the 21st ult. There was a numerous meeting, and in the course of the proceedings one gentleman was initiated, and five others proposed for initiation at the next meeting.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY'S HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.—It will be seen from our advertisement columns that the Directors of the London and North-Western Railway have as usual, laid themselves out to provide all possible facilities for the holiday folk at Easter. The special arrangements date from Thursday next, the 7th inst., when special trains will be run from Euston to Birmingham, both stopping en-route at Willesden, Rugby, and Coventry only. Other conveniences are offered on Good Friday and the morning following, by which travellers will be able to visit Northampton, Warrington, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, and other places. So that excursionists will have ample opportunities for visiting the cities and towns mentioned, as well as those parts of the country traversed by this Railway. Full particulars will be furnished on application to Mr. George Findley, General Manager, at the Euston Terminus, and at the various receiving offices and depôts of the Company.

A MASONIC MEETING ON BOARD SHIP.

A meeting of Masonic brethren was held on board the s.s. "Rome," on December 2nd, 1886, at 8 p.m., whilst she was in Australian waters. The president was Bro. T. R. Williams, P.M., P.Z., P.E.C. (late of Swansea); Vice President, Bro. Fawcett, P.M., P.Z.; Committee—Bros. Pattle, Menz, Grimby, Hayter (Org.), and Ferris, R.A.P.M., Toast Master and Director, Bro. T. R. Williams. The meeting was followed by a concert and banquet, when the following programme was performed:—Address, Bro. Ferris; overture, "Forget me not," Rev. M. Sutton; song, "That's where the money goes," Mrs. Heath; recitation, "Nothing but care," Bro. Newman; song, "Anchored," Rev. C. Pennicott; lecture, "Phrenology," Mr. Blyth; song, "Maid of the Mill," Mrs. Clarke; reading (from Dickens), Rev. J. Chappell; song, Mr. Edward Williams; duett, "The end of the string," Mr. and Mrs. Ryan; banjo song, Mr. Edward Clarke; song, "The men of Merry England," Mr. R. E. Davies; song, "Baracole," and dance, Miss Ida Heath; song, "The Tar's farewell," Bro. Grimby and "God save the Queen." The conclusion of the concert was followed by a banquet in the saloon at 10.30 p.m. The banquet arrangements were under the direction of Bro. R. Ferris, P.M., the chief steward of the "Rome," and were successfully carried out.

Many a bon vivant has attended banquets and been struck with the delicious changes of flavour imparted to different dishes which appear in alternate order, but it is not known to the uninitiated that much of this is managed by the judicious use of sauce. A good sauce improves the digestion, while it also sharpens the appetite. One of the best we have sampled is the "Kentish Sauce," recently introduced by Messrs. Burgoyne and Co., Percy-street, W. This in flavouring is excellent, and from a personal acquaintance with the ingredients used we can also testify to its absolute purity, and it further possesses the advantage of cheapness. Comparing in every way favourably with any sauce in the market.

The Camden Club is an illustrious organisation. It lives and moves and has its being in those "Northern Latitudes" traversed as the lonely wanderer leaves civilisation behind him, and faces the solemn ascent which conducts to her Majesty's "Castle" of Holloway. But sweetly hospitable as the Club may be, and renowned—please, Mr. Master Printer, put the accent over the final vowel—as undoubtedly are its smoking concerts, its announcements are even more worthy of undying fame. We would not reveal a club secret for a weight in gold equal to the whole of the sidereal system lumped together, and wild omnibus horses could not tear it from us, but lately upon the general notice board of the club appeared an item of news, which must not be allowed to perish. Speaking of a forthcoming fixture, it requested those who read to "kindly promulgate" the information amongst members and friends. We do not quite know what it means, but "promulgate" is a great word. Long may it wave. If ever we go "Northward Ho!" without "promulgating" as often as we have the chance may the soul of our grandam inhabit a bird. We could not say fairer, so let the *kudos* (if any there be) be "kindly promulgated," as the Hon. Sec., Mr. J. E. Shand, suggested upon the notice board of the Camden Club.—*Sportsman*, March 14th.

Ye Antiente Fraternitie offe Ye Rahere Almoners held their final Smoking Concert for the winter season on Monday, the 28th ult., at Ye Old Belle Tavern, Doctor's Commons, E.C., when a large gathering of fratres and their friends enjoyed a pleasant evening. The chair was occupied by Frater Sangster, C.C., the Most Worthy Prior, the vice-chair by Frater Hollinghurst, M.W.P.P., and amongst the members of the Council present were Fratres Jas. Stevens, V.W.C.; Emden W. Proctor, Capt. Robertson, Hards, Green, Griffiths, M.W.P.P.; and others. The musical portion of the entertainment was well carried out by members of the Fraternitie, Professor Glessing presiding at the pianoforte, and songs and recitations were given by Messrs. Robertson, Saulsby, Lindley, Murrow, Stevens, E. Jones, Emil Marks, Cooper, J. W. Sidney, J. Payne, A. Payne, C. Cozens, Callan, and others. Before the close of the entertainment, Frater Stevens delivered a farewell address, in the course of which thanks were voted by acclamation to the host, Frater Hodges; to the members of the Council, and to the vocalists who had given their services throughout the season; and, referring to the good work which the Society had done in relieving distress during the past winter, it was stated that the voluntary contributions at the several concerts lately held had added materially to the funds of the Almonry, and had enabled the Council to make many more charitable gifts than they otherwise could have granted. After the usual compliments to Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the proceedings, which had been throughout of a most hearty character, terminated with the National Anthem, sung in grand Jubilee style.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, April 9, 1887.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptorships, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1494, Felix, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1929, Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
" 1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tav.
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1310, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2020, St. Botolph, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Chap. 23, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern.
" 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 5, Mallet and Chisel, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

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Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W., 7.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., [E.C., 7.
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-st., Regent's Park.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd.
" 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
" 1693, Kingsland, Railway Hot., Highbury.
" 2054, Wilson Iles, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, Herts.
" 2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
Mark 236, Clapton, 191, Bishopgate-st., E.C.
" 335, Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly.

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Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 6.30.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.

Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tav., Highbury Corner.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
" 1687, Rothesay, St. James's Hall, Piccadilly.
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Room, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
Mark Grand Masters', 8A, Red Lion-sq.
K.T. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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Burgoynes, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 8.
Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
" 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Brook-hill, Plumstead.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1381, Kennington, Bridge House Hot., London Bdge.
" 1672, Mornington, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
" 1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street.

Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1381, Kennington, Bridge House Hot., London Bdge.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.

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Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
Ebory, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st., City, E.C., at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Mason's-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
" 1559, New Cross, Ship Hotel Greenwich.
Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.
K.T. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

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Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane, 7.30.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.

Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. 7.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
St. John's, York and Albany Ho., Regent's Park, N.W. 8.
Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
Ubique, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

Quarterly General Court, and Elections Girls' School at 12.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton-court.
" 1423, Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
" 1440, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1612, West Middlesex, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
" 1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav. Aldersgate-st.
" 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

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