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Prov. G. Supt. It is satisfactory to find that after an interval of 10 years the
South Wales Eastern Division of South Wales is again numbered among
(E.D.) the provinces which are endowed with a Royal Arch provin-
cial organisation. The late R.W. Bro. T. M. TALBOT, who died in 1876,
was both Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Superintendent of
Royal Arch Masonry for this division of South Wales. He was succeeded
in the year of his death by Bro. Sir GEO. ELLIOT, Bart., in the former
capacity, and now a successor to him in the latter has been found in the
person of Bro. MARMADUKE TENNANT, who, as Bro. Sir GEO. ELLIOT'S
Deputy, already has a thorough knowledge of the requirements of the pro-
vince, is well acquainted with the feeling by which the brethren are ani-
mated, and is immensely popular. There is reason to hope that under the
auspices of M.E. Comp. TENNANT, Provincial Grand Superintendent,
Royal Arch Masonry in this portion of the principality will show renewed
activity and vigour, and we trust the career which has been begun so
favourably this week will be both a brilliant one and prolonged.

West Yorkshire At the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution
Victoria Jubilee last February, Bro. JAMES TERRY mentioned incidentally
Presentations. that the Province of West Yorkshire proposed doing some-
thing of a special character for that Institution in commemoration of the
QUEEN'S Jubilee. At the time our worthy brother was not in a position to
state what that "something" would be, though he led his audience to
understand that it would be worthy both of the Sovereign it was intended
to commemorate and the Province. The secret has now been divulged. At
the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at Huddersfield, on
Wednesday, the 30th ult., it was resolved that the sum of 2000 guineas be
raised by the province for the purpose of purchasing two permanent pre-
sentations to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institu-
tion, to be named "The West Yorkshire VICTORIA Jubilee Presentations,"
and P.G. Lodge itself set the example by voting 200 guineas from its funds
towards the proposed purchase. This is good news indeed, good news for
the Widows' Fund aforesaid, and a grand testimony to the loyalty of West
Yorkshire to our gracious Sovereign. It is likewise encouraging to those
who hope the Jubilee year may prove exceptionally beneficial to our several
Masonic Institutions, and even we may take some comfort to ourselves at
finding that part at least of the Jubilee celebration programme we shadowed
forth some months since is in the way of being realised. We trust before
long to hear that other Provinces have determined on following the splendid
example set them by West Yorkshire.

The American In 1878 a number of American brethren under the leadership of
Pilgrimage to Bro. CHARLES E. MEYER, of Philadelphia, visited this country,
England. and during their sojourn in London were entertained at a
banquet in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern by the proprietor of this
journal. Bro. GEORGE KENNING presided at the banquet-table, with
Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C., and W. J. HUGHAN,
P.G.D., in the chairs of S.W. and J.W., respectively, and many Grand
Officers, present and past, to support him in his fraternal welcome to the
pilgrims—Bros. the late Col. CREATON, P.G.D.; JOHN B.—now Sir JOHN
B.—MONCKTON, then Pres. B. of Gen. Purp.; P. DE LANDE LONG, P.G.D.;
F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., now G. Reg.; the late JOSHUA NUNN, P.G.S.B.;
the late HYDE PULLEN, P.G.S.B.; JABEZ HOGG, P.G.D.; and BRACK-
STONE BAKER, P.G.D., being among the most conspicuous. In July next,
as already notified in our columns, there will be another pilgrimage under
the leadership of the same Bro. CHARLES E. MEYER, the main purpose
being to visit the ancient City of York, and at the special invitation of the
members of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of that city, to take part in a
grand Knight Templar union which has been arranged as part of the
memorial programme to be carried out in connection with the celebration of
the Jubilee of Queen VICTORIA'S reign. That the American Sir Knights will

have a splendid time of it during their visit to York goes without saying. With
so indefatigable, so genial, and so capable a cicerone as Sir Knight T. B.
WHYTEHEAD, we may be sure the pilgrims from the far West will be taken
to see, if they have not already seen, the numerous memorials of early
English Masonry which the York lodges are so fortunate as to possess, the
famous York Minster and its historic crypts, and whatever else there may
be that is worth inspecting. They will be heartily welcomed also by the
brethren of our lodges and the companions of our chapters, and probably
the only difficulty they will experience will be to compress an impossible
number of visits, banquets, and the like into a necessarily limited space of
time. But whatever may be the particular character of the receptions they
will meet with in York primarily, and then in London, Paris, and other
cities and towns they may have arranged to visit, one thing is certain,
namely, that in 1887, as in 1878, the pilgrims from the United States will
find themselves almost as much at home as in their own country. They will
experience climatic, scenic, and other differences, but there will be no differ-
ence in the good-fellowship by which they will find themselves surrounded,
and we can only hope that the weather will give them as genial a welcome
to the old country as their brethren in Masonry.

The American THAT we are not exaggerating when we say that the great
K.T. Reception difficulty which will be experienced by the American pilgrims
Programme. will be to compress an almost impossible number of enter-
tainments into a necessarily limited space of time may be seen from the
circular letter we publish elsewhere from Sir Knight T. B. WHYTEHEAD,
Registrar, Ancient Ebor Preceptory. Herein it is shown how our American
friends will be occupied between the time of their arrival "at the Station
Hotel, in York, on the evening of the 19th July," and their departure "for
London at 10 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, July 21st;" and it will suffice if we
mention that it includes dinner and attending an emergency meeting of the
Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, with an exemplification of English Craft working,
on the evening of their arrival; and the day following a course of lionising
in the morning; lunch at 12.30 p.m. with Lodge, No. 1611;
visit to the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, with exemplification of
English Templar working, at 2.30 p.m.; divine service at the cathedral at
4.30 p.m.; reception at the Mansion House by the Lord MAYOR and Lady
MAYORESS at 7 p.m.; and Templar banquet at the Guildhall at 7.30 p.m.
This of course represents only the official programme, but there will doubt-
less be in addition a number of semi-official, quasi-official, and unofficial
interludes in which the pilgrims will be pressed to take part, and in which
we dare say they will acquit themselves manfully after the manner of Knight
Templar Pilgrims of the olden time. If the whole of the tour is modelled
after the York fashion, our visitors and the ladies accompanying them will
have a high time of it.

The Grand From the report in the *Canadian Craftsman* of the proceedings
Lodge of at the Annual Communication in January last of the Grand
Quebec. Lodge of Quebec, the meeting appears to have passed off
quietly enough. It was inevitable there should be some reference made in
the Grand Master's address to the edict of non-intercourse issued in July,
1886, against the United Grand Lodge of England and its belongings.
But the tone of the reference is subdued as if the Grand Master had not
quite made up his mind whether to rejoice at the discharge of his blunder-
buss, as Mr. WINKLE did, when, after a variety of intricate evolutions, he
managed to let off his gun; or to yield himself up to a grief that spurns all
consolation at finding that the letting off of his weapon has not affected
our equanimity on either side of the Atlantic. We are glad of this. The
quieter Quebec becomes, the greater prospect is there that reason will
resume its sway in the councils of her Masonic dignitaries, and then, no
doubt, there will be a chance of her and England establishing friendly
and fraternal relations with each other. Till that happy time arrives, we
have nothing left us to do but to wait patiently and hopefully, in the belief
that everything will be properly arranged by-and-bye.

Testimonial to WE congratulate our respected and R.W. Bro. Lord LEIGH,
R.W. Bro. Lord Prov. G.M. of Warwickshire, on the recent handsome recog-
Leigh. nition by the Magistrates of Warwickshire of his long and
valued services as Lord Lieutenant of the County. The testimonials which
were presented in the County Hall, Warwick, on Saturday last, to his Lord-
ship and Lady LEIGH, and the accompanying illuminated address, testify to
the fact that, during his more than 30 years' tenure of the Lord Lieutenancy
of Warwickshire, the noble lord has taken every opportunity in his power
of promoting the material, moral, and social welfare of the people
in the great midland county. According to the address he has
during that period given a generous support to its Charitable and Benevo-
lent Institutions, and has evinced an ever active sympathy with its poor.
These services had been previously recognised by the Birmingham Magi-

strates and now those of the whole county have joined in the recognition. This must be very gratifying to his lordship, to Lady LEIGH, and his family and friends, and hardly in a less conspicuous degree to his lordship's brethren in Masonry, both in Warwickshire and throughout the country generally. Bro. Lord LEIGH is the senior of our Prov. G. Masters, his patent as P.G.M. of Warwickshire dating from 1st August, 1852, and we take upon ourselves to assert that during the whole of the period that has since elapsed his lordship's presidency over that section of the English Craft has fully justified his selection for so important an office by the late Earl of ZETLAND, Grand Master. We trust his lordship may be spared yet many years to preside over both the civil and the Masonic fortunes of the great county of Warwickshire.

CONSECRATION OF THE MILITARY JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2195, DOVER.

The ceremonies connected with the consecration of a new lodge are so peculiarly interesting and of such rare occurrence that we were not at all surprised to witness such a large assemblage of the ancient and universal brotherhood as was got together on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Dover, to take part in the foundation of the Military Jubilee Lodge established for brethren of the services in the South-Eastern Military District. Such indeed was the pressure upon the space by the influx from surrounding and local lodges that some apprehension arose as to the effectiveness of the ceremonies being marred in some degree, but happily this was not the case.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Earl Amherst, arrived with his deputy, Bro. J. S. Eastes, and the following Prov. Grand Officers: Bros. Warne, P.M. 20, P.S.G.W.; Rev. P. J. Syree, P.M. 709, P.G.C.; B. K. Thorpe, P.M. 709, P.G. Treas.; A. Spencer, P.M. 503, P.G. Sec.; A. Penfold, P.M. 913, P.S.G.D.; F. W. Prescott, P.M. 199, P.S.G.D.; W. S. Elers, P.M. 874, P.J.G.D.; W. Watson, P.M. 1050, P.S.G.W.; J. G. Henning, P.M. 127, P.G.D.C.; J. Aillud, P.M. 615, P.A.G.C.; E. Hire, P.M. 115, P.G.S.B.; and J. Plant, P.M. 31, P.G. Org. His lordship having been received in due Masonic form by no less than 140 brethren who had assembled in the hall, at once opened the lodge, and addressed the brethren on the object of their meeting, stating that he felt peculiar pleasure in recommending the petition for the formation of this Military Lodge seeing that there was a very large number of military brethren in the locality. He was quite sure there was plenty of room for this lodge to work without doing the least, or, at any rate, only an insignificant amount of harm to the lodges already existing in Dover. He also derived much gratification from the fact that a goodly number of brethren of influence in the army had enrolled themselves as members, and he was quite sure that with such as these amongst them, the lodge he was about to consecrate with so much pride and pleasure would, with the almost instinctive discipline of its members, keep well to the front the ancient landmarks and principles of the Order.

The consecration was then most impressively rendered by the Provincial Grand Master assisted by the P.G. Chaplain, the Rev P. J. Syree, vicar of Chartham, who delivered the oration, and Bro. W. Hall, P.M. of Canterbury, who was a most excellent director of ceremonies. Bro. Hall kindly lent the consecrating vessels procured by him last year in Belgium, and used for the first time in England on this occasion. The anthems and responses were sung by Bros. Plant, Moulding, and Higgins, from Canterbury, and Bro. W. O. Kennett, P.M. 1208, in a very effective manner, Bro. Winterbon presiding at the Organ. In the presence of no less than 53 Past Masters the Dep. P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, regularly installed Bro. G. F. Smythe as first Master, and the following officers were then invested; Bros. Edward Bacon as I.P.M. and Secretary; S. J. Flood as S.W.; W. J. Moore as J.W.; C. C. Walter, P.M., Treas.; G. Church, as S.D.; Bro. General Cuming as J.D.; Blanch, as I.G.; Barron, P.M., as D.C.; C. Young and Creeland, Stewards; E. Knox as A.D.C.; and Wilson as Tyler.

Cordial votes of thanks were directed to be recorded to Bro. the Earl of Amherst and Prov. Grand Officers for their kindness in starting the new lodge, and after several joining members and initiates had been proposed, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a recherché banquet took place at 6.30.

The banquet took place in the evening in the Town Hall, when there was an attendance of nearly 150 guests. The centre of the hall was enclosed by red baize, draped from the galleries to the floor, which, with the extensive table decorations and the use of some fine foliage plants and ferns on the stage, produced a very pleasing effect.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Surgeon Smythe, occupied the chair, and was supported, amongst others, by the Prov. G.M., Earl Amherst, and Bro. Eastes, the D.P.G.M. For the occasion a limited number of ladies were admitted to the galleries. This is the first occasion, we believe, in this district that ladies, or any persons other than Masonic brethren, have been admitted to a Masonic banquet.

The banquet was served in a style which reflected the greatest credit upon the caterer, Mr. Dartnall.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," having been proposed,

Bro. Surgeon FLOOD proposed the toast of "Earl Amherst and the Provincial Grand Officers." He said they owed a debt of gratitude to Earl Amherst and the Provincial Grand Officers for their presence that day, and for consecrating their new lodge and installing the Worshipful Master. Any of the brethren who were present at the consecration would bear him out when he said that they could not but feel impressed by the manner in which the ceremony was performed. (Hear, hear.) He believed there was no Mason present but what knew how much Earl Amherst had done for the advance-

ment of Freemasonry, and they were very proud to have him amongst them that evening. He hoped the Earl would, on many subsequent occasions, together with the other Grand Officers, grace their banquets with their presence. (Applause.)

Bro. Earl AMHERST, who was cheered on rising, said he was always obliged to the Masons of Kent for the enthusiastic manner in which they received the toast of the health of himself and the Provincial Grand Officers. As regarded himself he could only say that he endeavoured to the best of his abilities to discharge the duties of the high position which he held. They had a large number of brethren present from the province, and he wished to take the opportunity of saying a few words on provincial matters—although he was sorry for the ladies in the gallery that no secrets would be disclosed. (Laughter.) Several schemes had been started for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, and he thought the Kentish Masons would not wish to be behind-hand in any way. (Hear, hear.) He had been asked by many Masons whether they ought not in the County of Kent to celebrate the Jubilee by some scheme of their own. They did not wish in any way to withdraw support from the scheme which had been put forward by the Prince of Wales, who had done a great deal for Freemasonry. He hoped they would shortly hear what had been the result of the Prince's appeal to the different lodges, and then it would be the proper time for them to consider what they should do in Kent. (Hear, hear.) For the purpose of discussing that matter he proposed to call the preliminary meeting a month earlier that year. Whatever the scheme might be he did think there was one thing essential, namely, that it should be entirely Masonic—whether it was for widows or orphans, or for some other Charitable purpose. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. EASTES, D.P.G.M., replied for the Provincial Grand Officers. He said one would think it impossible to find a town where there was room for a new lodge, but he believed this military lodge was very much needed in Dover. (Applause.) They had other military lodges in the province, and he always found that the military brethren were as zealous, if not more so, than their civilian brethren. He had always found the military brethren in the Province of Kent were never behind in doing their duties when called upon. (Hear, hear.) He was sure the new lodge had the best wishes of all the Provincial Grand Officers in Kent.

Earl AMHERST then proposed the toast of "The Newly-Consecrated Lodge." He said they had that day started a new lodge under very happy auspices, and he hoped it would be a centre of Masonic interest and work to all those who wore the uniform of her Majesty. There was a large number of military men who, in response to the call of duty, come and go, and it must be very gratifying to them to find a lodge established in the town, where they would always be made welcome, and where they could associate with those who wore the uniform of the British Army. It had given him great pleasure to come down that day, because he thought the lodge was very much needed. He must confess that he was surprised at the large attendance at the consecration ceremony. He could congratulate the lodge upon its choice of officers, as he was sure they had the interests of the Craft deeply at heart. (Applause.) He gave them the toast of the lodge, which he would couple with the name of the W. Master. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk with Kentish Fire.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in replying said he trusted it would ever be the object of their lives to uphold the honour of Masonry in whatever part of the world they might be called upon to serve the Queen. It had been said that the sun never sets on the Queen's dominions, and that the roll of the British drum at tattoo was continuous from west to east and throughout the whole world. He thought to this fact was due to a very great extent the universality of Masonry, for whenever the British army had gone, the Craft had followed very soon afterwards. He thought he could say to the Dover Military Jubilee Lodge that they would in no way be behind their military brethren who had gone before them.

Bro. Major MOORE proposed "The Visitors," which was replied to by Bros. MONTAGUE and Captain WESTON.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Captain BURNBY, and replied to by Bro. Surgeon S. J. FLOOD.

The other toasts were "The Press" and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Higgins, Moulding, and Plant (of Canterbury Cathedral), Major Moore, and Sergeant-Major Barron.

A very fine selection of music was performed in the balcony during the evening by the splendid band of the Munster Fusiliers.

The Lodge Banner, Officers' Collars, Jewels, Gauntlets, and Founders' Jewels, were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

Under the banner of Harmony Lodge, No. 275, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held on the 30th ult., in the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield. About 300 brethren assembled, all the 69 lodges in the province, with two exceptions, being represented. Bro. Williamson having duly opened his lodge, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, and the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. H. Smith, accompanied by a large number of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, entered, and were received in due and ancient form.

R.W. Bro. TEW then delivered the following address—

Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Acting Wardens, and brethren from the various lodges of the Province of West Yorkshire. The third By-law of the Regulations of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, confirmed by the M.W. Grand Master, April, 1885, provides that "The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be held on a Wednesday in April, unless the Provincial Grand Master otherwise directs, and at such place as shall seem to him most convenient." A communication from the Pro Grand Master of the 8th January; a special meeting of our Charity Committee of the 15th January; a circular note from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire of the 17th February; the coming Festivals of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys; the approaching elections of candidates, and the recommendations thereto, all requiring immediate consideration, necessitated the application of this by-law to assemble ourselves together a fortnight earlier than usual. I would the season of Lent could have been avoided for this meeting, but I hope, in thus calling you together for the despatch of urgent and divers Masonic matters, that religious feelings may not in any way be infringed upon, or the sensibilities of the sentiments of people outside our circle be outraged by the discussion of our Charitable and coming Jubilee affairs in a quiet and unpretentious manner. I cannot conceive Freemasons being engaged in any pursuit more worthy than that of promoting Benevolence and Charity,

which I take to be the principal object of our existence as Masons. There will not be a banquet to-day, but after our labours that refreshment for those who have come long distances, which their bodily necessities stand in need of, and recruiting demands. The two great watchwords of our Order, as stated by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, at his installation in April, 1875, are "Loyalty" and "Charity." The development of these two watchwords is our special and important business to-day. To these two considerations I ask your diligent and business-like attention, and to deal with them in a worthy and patriotic spirit, as befitting the Craft in this province. Loyalty I consider to mean "fidelity to our Sovereign Lady the Queen and to our Prince, her son. To hold in veneration the rulers and patrons of the Order of Freemasonry. To cheerfully conform to every lawful authority. To uphold on every occasion the interests of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of our country." Thus Craftsmen have bound themselves by peculiar ties to support these ancient definitions of "Loyalty." Lord Carnarvon's letter is now before us. I know you will respond to its suggestions so as to demonstrate your "Fidelity" to the M.W.G.M., and "Loyalty" to our beloved Queen, and consider what action this province should take to celebrate her Majesty's Jubilee. On the 8th of January a circular was issued to every lodge, with a copy of the letter of the Pro Grand Master, to ascertain whether the brethren approve or disapprove of the scheme therein set forth, so far as the subscription to the Imperial Institute is concerned. This letter has settled the grand Masonic demonstration in London and the Jubilee jewel; but the charge for admission, and the disposal of the proceeds, as well as the separate subscription, are the points which are the test of your "Loyalty," and upon which the opinion of the lodges has been sought. From the analysis of the opinions expressed by the lodges respecting the "Imperial Institute," I find 25 lodges in favour of supporting the Institute, 22 against, three neutral, 19 have not replied. I fully exemplified some of the modes of treating the proposals of Grand Lodge in my address before the Philanthropic Lodge, Leeds, on the 26th January, last. I adhere to those suggestions, and I hope this Grand Lodge will give its sanction and approval unanimously to the proposals originating from our Grand Master, that a voluntary subscription be raised in each lodge for the purpose of contributing to the erection of the proposed "Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India," and of which building the Queen has signified her gracious intention to lay the foundation stone. Let me mention one circumstance why H.R.H. the Grand Master is entitled to our support to prosper this work which he has taken up. When a noble Marquess most unexpectedly retired from the Mastership of the Grand Lodge and from the Mastership of this Provincial Grand Lodge, the Prince of Wales gallantly stepped forward, and became the Head of this Ancient Order, which, since this great event in 1875, has prospered wonderfully. If one brother from every lodge, under my jurisdiction, accepts the Pro Grand Master's letter, and will attend the London demonstration, and subscribe but the minimum shilling to the "Institute," so that it can be said this Chair was supported by every lodge in West Yorkshire, I should be grateful to you all. More, I do not expect; less, (pardon me for saying it), I shall be disappointed to receive. I make this appeal to your loyalty "as Craftsmen," and I ask you to let me go to the Grand Lodge Jubilee demonstration with one brother at least from every lodge. Brethren, in this year of the Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen, our Grand Registrar has prepared a humble and dutiful address to her Majesty, of our loyalty and devotion, which I trust you will approve. He will also propose a resolution applicable to the letter received from the Provincial Grand Secretary of North and East Yorkshire, thanking Lord Zetland for an opportunity for the members of the Northern and Midland Provinces to attend on the 14th July, a local celebration of the Jubilee at York, and I hope every brother, and let me add, sisters also, will accept and be present on the occasion. There will be a procession from the North and East Yorkshire Grand Lodge to the Minster, where there will be a special Masonic service, and a sermon will be preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain of England. Later in the afternoon there will be a conversation, Masonic exhibition, and concert. I hope this grand idea of a local celebration will be warmly taken up by the Craft in the Northern and Midland counties, and that this province will give a cordial co-operation to Lord Zetland for this opportunity of publicly thanking the Great Architect of the Universe in Saint Peter's, at York, for the blessings and mercies He has vouchsafed to this country and nation during the past fifty years of her Majesty's beneficent reign over an empire on which the sun is always at high meridian at one point or another, and comprising territories of ten and three-quarter millions of square miles, and occupied by five hundred and fifty-nine millions of her Majesty's subjects. The other watchword of our Order—"Charity"—as I understand it, is comprehended by "my duty towards my neighbour." The ancient charges define it as "Brotherly love," the foundation-stone and cope-stone, the cement and glory of this ancient Fraternity. A special meeting of the Charity Committee was held at Dewsbury on the 15th January this year, when it was resolved to recommend to this Provincial Grand Lodge to purchase two presentations in perpetuity for the Widows (the Queen herself being a widow) in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. I feel so sure that the Chairman of the Charity Committee will not enunciate his scheme in vain; that you will confirm it by the requisite resolution to carry it into effect. Another resolution, proposing an appropriation from the Provincial Grand Lodge funds, with which to commence the "West Yorkshire Victoria Jubilee Presentations." Do this, brethren, and thus celebrate and hand down, as a suitable memento of this auspicious occasion, which to us will never occur again to witness the Jubilee of her Majesty's reign, by subscribing the sum of two thousand guineas, as suggested. It is with deep regret I have to tell you of the death of our esteemed Bro. S. White, P.M., of Bingley, which sad event took place on the evening of the 25th inst., and of Bro. J. Hirst, J.P., of Dobcross. I wish to impress upon Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of lodges, the importance of strict compliance with by-law 30 of this Provincial Grand Lodge, that greater care should be exercised with regard to communications between one lodge and another which are headed "Confidential," and when these replies as to the fitness of candidates are read in lodges duly convened, that visitors should be courteously invited at such stages of the lodge's proceedings to retire until such business is concluded, as it concerns each particular lodge alone. I do hope, and let us pray, that the G.A.O.T.U. will mercifully bestow upon 560,000,000 of her Majesty's subjects the blessings of peace, and that this year we may be spared the plague of war, with its miseries of "pestilence and famine," and that her Majesty's Jubilee may be enjoyed by all races of mankind under her sway, in the spirit of "Unity, Peace, and Concord." In acknowledging the valuable services the outgoing Prov. Grand Officers have rendered during the past year, let me say, that on the appointment of new officers, I have done the best to recognize merit under the limited circumstances at my disposal; with 957 Past Masters worthy of rank, that the acceptance by them of any collar must be considered equivalent to the highest office it is in my power to offer them. With these remarks, I wish you all a prosperous and a happy "Jubilee" year.

On the motion of Bro. BINNEY, Prov. G. Registrar, seconded by Bro. STANSFIELD, an address to the Queen, offering the congratulations of the 3300 Masons of the province to her Majesty on the happy attainment of the fiftieth year of her reign, was adopted.

Bro. WOODHOUSE proposed that each lodge should be asked to contribute the sum of at least three guineas in aid of the gift of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Imperial Institute.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Dr. SMYTH, and agreed to.

The report of the Charity Committee was adopted, and on the proposition of Bro. SMITHSON it was decided that 2000 guineas be raised by subscription to purchase the right of two permanent presentations to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, to be named the "West Yorkshire Victoria Jubilee Presentations." It was further resolved that 200 guineas be paid out of the Funds of the Prov. G. Lodge—100 guineas to each presentation.

A resolution was adopted, on the proposition of the DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER, agreeing to co-operate in the Masonic Jubilee celebration at York and thanking Lord Zetland for the invitation.

The financial statement showed a credit balance of £1157 14s. 11d.

The Provincial Grand Master invested his officers as follows:—

Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. E. Bingham, P.M. 296 ...	Prov. S.G.W.
" John Ambler, P.M. 974 ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. James Gilmore, M.A., Chap. 296 ...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Thomas Greenbury, Chap. 304 ...	

Bro. J. W. Fourness, 1211 ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" John K. Ibberson, P.M. 1102 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. 1019 ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Charles E. Rhodes, P.M. 208 ...	Prov. S.G.D's.
" John Foster, P.M. 139 ...	
" G. E. Bennett, P.M. 1239 ...	Prov. J.G.D's.
" Francis Drury Walker, P.M. 242 ...	
" Reuben Castle, P.M. 750... ..	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Joseph Dobson, P.M. 289 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Thomas Denby, P.M. 387 ...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" James Kaye, P.M. 275 ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" William Stott, P.M. 61 ...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Thomas M. Holmes, P.M. 1545 ...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Edwin Lee, P.M. 265 ...	
" William Ash, Org. 1019 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. B. Alderson, P.M. 495 ...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Job Harling, P.M. 1542 ...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Samuel Sugden, P.M. 1645 ...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Francis Smith, P.M. 837 ...	
" Thomas Gibson, P.M. 1042 ...	
" Lewis Buckley Brierley, P.M. 290 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" John William Turner, P.M. 521 ...	
" Thomas Davis, P.M. 810... ..	
" Edmund Lord, P.M. 910... ..	
" Joshua Lee, P.M. 290 ...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Jim Sheard, P.M. 971 ...	Prov. A.G. Tyler.

On behalf of the brethren of the eight Leeds lodges Bro. Tew presented to Bro. Townsend a set of Past Provincial Grand Organist's clothing and a jewel in acknowledgment of his valuable services to the Craft and to the local Benevolent Institution. Invitations were offered for the holding of the October meeting at Mirfield and Heckmondwike.

The lodge having closed, the brethren adjourned to tea at the George Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Prov. Grand Chapter was held at the Lyceum, Rochdale, on Wednesday, the 30th ult. Comps. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, M.E. Grand Superintendent; J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.H.; and W. O. Walker, P.G.J., opened the chapter in the presence of Comps. C. R. N. Beswicke Roys, Past Grand Assistant Sojourner, P.P.G.H.; Geo. P. Brockbank, Past Grand Assistant D.C., P.P.G.S.N.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.E.; J. J. Meakin, P.G.S.N.; Geo. W. Wilson, P.G.P.S.; Thos. Jackson, P.G. 1st Assistant Sojourner; Josh. T. Richardson, P.G. 2nd Assistant Sojourner; Jas. E. Wright, P.G. Registrar; Nathaniel Nicholson, P.G. Sword Bearer; James Townsend, P.G. Standard Bearer; Orlando Startop, Assistant P.G.D.C.; Wm. Dumville, P.G. Organist; and about 150 Principals and P.Z.'s.

After the other companions were admitted, the roll of the chapters in the province was called over, and every one was properly represented. Letters of apology for absence were read from Comps. Ellis Jones, P.G. Treasurer, and W. W. Dawson, P.G.D.C.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed.

The annual report of the Prov. Grand H. and J. was read by Comp. J. H. SILLITOE, and adopted.

The M.E. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT in thanking the two Prov. Grand Principals for their report, also expressed his thanks to them for the services they had rendered during the past year, and in doing so alluded to Comp. W. O. Walker's inability to continue in the office of P.G.J., a circumstance which he regretted very much.

In the absence of the P.G. Treasurer, the statement of accounts was read by the P.G.S.E., and on the motion of Comp. W. COOPER, Z. 398, one of the auditors, such statement was adopted and passed.

Comp. Jas Hadfield, P.Z. 54, was elected P.G. Treasurer.

The M.E. Superintendent then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe (re-appointed) ...	Prov. G.H.
" A. Clegg ...	Prov. G.J.
" John Chadwick (re-appointed) ...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. F. Hoffgaard ...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Jas. Hadfield (elected) ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. T. Worth ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Bagnall ...	Prov. G.P.S.
" A. H. Jefferis ...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" W. Balmer ...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" R. Duxbury ...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" T. A. Martin ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. H. Cunliffe ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Schofield ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Geo. Openshaw ...	Prov. G. Org.
" Thos. Higson ...	Prov. G. Janitor.

After other routine business had been transacted, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the hostelry of the veteran Comp. R. Butterworth, the Wellington Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, under the genial presidency of the M.E. Grand Supt., Comp. Col. Starkie.

MEISTER.—The German word for master, and which evidently comes from magister. In English, it is master; in French, maître; in Dutch, meester; in Swedish, mastar; in Italian, maestro; in Portuguese, mestre. The old French word appears to have been "meistrier," and even "maistroier"; but then it is not quite clear that this is not connected with the mestrier—old word "mestier"—just as the "mestrie" answers to the "maîtrise," magisterum, the "meisterschaft" of the Germans. The master is often called in the old operative French laws "le mestre," just as in the English fabric rolls we find the words magister, or magister latomus, or master Mason, or master masoun. In this first meaning, the word solely applies to the master of the Masons; but the Germans also use it, as we do, to represent the third degree. We cannot give to such a use an early date—probably not before the seventeenth century. All we can say is, that at the Revival in 1717 the grade of Master Mason seems to have existed in its present form. That it existed in some form previous to 1717 we fully believe.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT
of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be
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On SATURDAY, 16th APRIL, 1887,

at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the
Institution, to consider Notices of Motion, as under, and
to declare Elected, the whole of the Eligible Candidates on
the List for this Election:—

NOTICES OF MOTION—

By Bro. J. A. BIRCH: (a) "That, in order to suit the
better convenience of the Brethren representing the Provinces
and to facilitate the Business of the Election, it is desirable
that the Day of Election be altered."

(b) "That the Election of the Girls' Institution be held
on the Wednesday before the Fourth Friday in May, and
that the rules be altered in accordance with this resolution."

By Bro. ROBERT WYLIE, P. Prov. G.W. Lancs., W.
Division: "That it is desirable to have the Elections of the
Three Masonic Institutions, which occur in the early part of
the year, held on three consecutive days in the same month,
say, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, in the month of
May; and that a Committee be appointed to consider the
matter, and confer with the Committees of the Two other
Institutions, and to report to the next Quarterly General
Court."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-st., W.C.,
9th April, 1887.

The NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
will take place at the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, on WEDNES-
DAY, 11th MAY, under the distinguished presidency of Sir
OFFLEY WAKEMAN, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of
Shropshire.

Names of Brethren willing to serve as Stewards are
greatly needed and earnestly solicited.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The following Resolution having been passed at a Special
Meeting of the General Court held on Monday, 21st
March, 1887, there will be no contested Election in April
next, and consequently no voting papers will be issued.

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
contest."

F. R. W. HEDGES,

5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.,
31st March, 1887.

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Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES.

Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are very
urgently needed; and they will greatly oblige by forwarding
their names as early as possible to the Secretary, who will
gladly give any information required.

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THIRD APPLICATION.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL
MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED
FREEMASONS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The favour of your Vote and Interest is earnestly solicited
on behalf of

MRS. MARY WHITE

Aged 64 Years, 115, Toronto-road, Buckland, Portsmouth,
Widow of the late Bro. George White, P.M., P.P.G.D.
Hants and Isle of Wight, of the Esplanade Hotel, Ventnor.
He was initiated in No. 175, Ryde, 10th December, 1843,
and paid to December, 1864. Joined No. 551, Ventnor,
6th February, 1861, and paid two years. Through the
death of her husband by accident in 1867, Mrs. White was
left totally unprovided for, and is now, through infirmity,
unable to earn a livelihood.

The case is strongly recommended by

Bro. G. S. STOBBS, P.M. East Medina Lodge, No. 175, Ryde,
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* „ A. HEARN, Treas. Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 56,
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Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

MAY ELECTION, 1887.

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To Correspondents.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"El Liberal Reformista," "Liberal Freemason," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Court Circular," "Freemasons' Calendar for Somersetshire, 1887-8," "Cadiz, Masonico," "Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota," "Humanitas," "Illustrated Naval and Military Magazine," "New Zealand Masonic Journal," "New York Dispatch," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "Die Bauhütte," "Jewish Chronicle," "Boletín Oficial del Gr. Or. de Espana," "Masonic World," "Sunday Times" (London), "Piano, Organ, and Music Trades Journal," "The Era," "Isle of Wight County Press," "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal," "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Organists' Quarterly Journal," and "Catalogo Nr. 43, Letteratura Popolare, Milano, 1887."



SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1887.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE JUBILEE—BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Will your correspondent "A Vice-President," in your issue of the 26th ult., and those who think with him, accept the following as a reason why a similar course cannot be adopted in the Boys' School to that resolved on in the Girls' School?

The Girls' School possesses a funded property of £59,000, added to year by year from the surplus of receipts over expenditure.

Its permanent annual income is £1931.

The balance at the bank on 31st December last was to credit £7407.

The Boys' School possesses a funded property of £17,000 only.

The permanent annual income is £755.

The balance at the bank on 31st December last was to debit £2250.

The absolutely essential expenditure for the education, maintenance, and clothing of (say) 250 girls may be taken at little more than two-thirds of the similar expenditure for the same number of boys.

In connection with both Institutions large extensions have been carried out from time to time, the total expenditure on which will, I think, be found to be pretty equal.

The Girls' School has, happily, the means to meet all such expenditure.

The Boys' School is, unhappily, heavily in debt on account of such expenditure.

The centenary celebration of the Girls' School next year will be an event unprecedented in association with a Masonic Charitable Institution, and will most assuredly be attended with a result also unprecedented, in association with which it is not altogether improbable that the decision of the Special Court in the present instance may be repeated, and all candidates offering themselves be again admitted without election.

There can be no hope—no possibility—of this course being imitated in this Institution until a very considerable improvement be effected as regards its resources. The centenary will not be celebrated until the year 1898. Whether I may be spared to assist in such celebration is a matter of uncertainty; but it is certain that between "now and then" we have still work before us. Notably is the want of a swimming bath, without which our accommodation, excellent as it may be pronounced to be, must be regarded as deficient.

A friend, over the signature "Q," in your number of the 2nd instant has done us good service, and is deserving of our best thanks. In addition to the facts he has there stated, permit me to direct attention prominently to the fact, that our cost per boy during the past year shows a reduction of nearly £6 as compared with the previous year, and of £4 4s. 2d. when compared with the average of the ten previous years. And that the cost per boy has never been within £15 of the amount which those unfavourably disposed have industriously circulated as fact. In one sense only can I sympathise in the "pity" expressed by your earlier correspondent, "that the Boys' should lag behind the Girls'." It is a "pity"—true 'tis pity, pity 'tis, 'tis true—that in pecuniary resources we do "lag." I fervently trust that in this year of Jubilee the genuine cases of Masonic distress thus exhibited may not pass unrelieved, and that the Festival in June next, closely approximating the date of the Jubilee Celebration, may, by the assistance of brethren whose services as Stewards are urgently needed, and anxiously awaited, be attended with so large a success as to render the future one of pleasurable contemplation.

There are localities to which coals may be sent as readily as to Newcastle, and where they are more needed.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

FREDERICK BINCKES

Secretary, R.M.I. Boys,

6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 4th April.



Dr. FRANKLIN'S NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF FREEMASONRY, 1730-1750. Edited by CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA. Philadelphia: Masonic Publishing Company, 1886.

We need not devote much space to a consideration of these newspaper extracts relating to early Philadelphia Masonry. They have been reproduced in the columns of the *Keystone* of that city, with Bro. MacCalla's notes and running comments explanatory of the persons and places and circumstances referred to in the different paragraphs. It is well, however, that they should have been reproduced as a separate publication. In the first place, they are interesting of themselves, and especially as throwing light upon the early doings of the brethren in the capital of Pennsylvania. In the next place, Bro. MacCalla has done his duty as annotator and commentator extremely well, the result being, so far as the extracts will permit, a very clear, if not continuous, story. We recommend the pamphlet to the attention of our readers.

NEW ZEALAND MASONIC JOURNAL, No. 1, February, 1887. Offices—69, Princes-street, Dunedin.

We have much pleasure in welcoming this little stranger, which made its first appearance in the world of Masonic journalism in the far off city of Dunedin some two months since, and whose healthy tone and character would seem to presage a long life and a useful one. Its original matter is good, its news columns full and interesting, and its extracts from other journals, judiciously selected and loyally acknowledged. Its device—"Stare super vias antiquas"—is well chosen, and will no doubt be faithfully obeyed. The editorial department seems to be in charge of Bro. D. Harris Hastings, while the proprietors are the New Zealand Masonic Journal Company. To the first number is added as a supplement a "Dunedin and Port Chalmers Masonic Almanac for 1887," compiled by Bro. D. Harris Hastings, which is certain to be useful to the brethren, and the publication of which should enlist both sympathy and support in behalf of the journal. We shall be pleased to receive the numbers as they appear.

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H. East Lancashire, installed Comps. W. Horrocks, Z.; J. Collinge, H.; and W. Vere Stallon, J.; and invested the other officers, of the Chapter of Wisdom, 283, Haslingden, on Friday, the 25th ult.

Bro. A. E. Bartle, who concluded his engagement as musical director of the Winter Gardens, Southport, on the 30th ult., has been appointed director of music at the forthcoming Liverpool Exhibition, with a band of 50 performers under his control.

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Masonic Notes and Queries.

719] THOMAS DUNKERLEY.

In the *Freemason* of December 21st "F. L. E. J." enquired if the portraits of Thomas Dunkerley at Shanklin and Worcester are copies of a painting by T. Beach, engraved in the "Freemasons' Magazine" of September, 1793. This question remains unanswered. I have not been able to borrow the magazine, or I would have compared the portraits with the one I presented to Lodge 280. If Bro. "F. L. E. J." will send me a tracing or lend me the magazine—address as No. 350 in Shanklin Catalogue—I shall be pleased to return it to address as No. 1 in same. Is the portrait painted by T. Beach in existence, or is it the lost portrait of Thomas Dunkerley that was over the fireplace at the Bell Inn, Gloucester, in 1792?

LAMB SMITH.

720] THE PALLADIAN CHAPTER.

In Bro. Hughan's account of this chapter the names of Thomas Dunkerley, P.G.M., and Comp. Rev. Richard Underwood are mentioned. The portraits of both these worthies are at Lodge 280, Worcester, presented by Lamb Smith in years gone by. The portrait of R. Underwood is very fine, and the only one I have seen.

LAMB SMITH.

[Bro. Powell, P.M.: 1185, also possesses a copy of this portrait, and it is not unknown to Bro. Sadler.—Ed. *F.M.*]

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE (No. 1305).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Monday, the 4th instant. There was a numerous attendance of brethren including Bros. M. W. Halliday, W.M.; F. Smith, S.W.; F. Spurgin, J.W.; J. Chaplain, Treas.; J. L. Baker, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Bonham, S.D.; R. Raymond, J.D.; E. B. Cox, D.C.; A. Birch, Org.; F. C. Moufflet, P.M.; H. Ashwell, P.M.; J. J. Pope, P.M.; S. G. Foxall, P.M., P.G. Purs.; E. White, P.M.; Draper, P.M.; Phillips, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. Forster, 858; G. Coop, W.M. 141; A. Anderson, 946; D. F. Crawford, 1480 (New Zealand); E. W. Ellis, 1314; W. Holumbe, 173; G. Prendergast, Selwyn; Von Joel, P.M. 957; J. Woodruff, P.M. 957; W. McNaught, J.W. 1298; J. Stait, 1743; Jno. Stait, 1743; J. A. Watson, Roman Eagle (Scotland); and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the Audit report considered. Bros. F. Trotman and C. J. Schwarz were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and Bros. Chandler, Carmen, and Birch, passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Fredk. Smith, S.W., was presented as W.M. elect, and installed into the chair according to ancient custom. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers: Bros. M. W. Halliday, I.P.M.; F. W. Spurgin, S.W.; F. J. Bonham, J.W.; J. Chaplain, Treas.; J. L. Baker, P.M., Sec.; R. Raymond, S.D.; E. B. Cox, J.D.; T. Artand, I.G.; and A. Birch, Org. The addresses were then given by the Installing Master, Bro. Halliday, in an efficient manner. The W.M. impressively initiated Mr. J. Aldons into Freemasonry. On the motion of Bro. Baker, P.M., Sec., a jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Chaplain, Treas., for his valuable services rendered to the lodge.

Propositions and notices of motion having been received, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently duly honoured and received with enthusiasm. "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." having been given, "The Grand Officers" was proposed by the W.M., who said there was no doubt that the Grand Officers had assisted materially to place the Craft in its present position. The Marylebone Lodge was fortunate in having two Grand Officers amongst its members, one who had recently been exalted to a high position in the Craft, and was known all over the world, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, and Bro. Foxall, who was present, whose name he should couple with the toast.

Bro. Foxall, P.G. Purs., having replied and returned thanks for the cordiality with which the toast had been received, Bro. Halliday, I.P.M., gave "The Worshipful Master," and said he had no doubt that this toast would be received very heartily. He had watched the progress of their W.M. for many years, and he had never seen such a good working Mason. From the manner in which he had rendered the ceremony of initiation that evening there was no doubt he would be par excellence a good Master. He need say no more but ask the brethren to heartily drink to the health of Bro. F. Smith, W.M.

Bro. F. Smith, W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received his health. He had been many years working up to his present position and had filled all the minor offices in the lodge, and performed the various duties to the best of his ability. He had attended many lodges of instruction to enable him to satisfactorily perform the work of the chair. If he could carry out the duties to the satisfaction of the members it would afford him great gratification. He was deeply indebted to many of the P.M.'s of the lodge, including Bro. Draper, P.M., who initiated him into Freemasonry, and with whom he had been on intimate terms of friendship since. When it came to his turn for office, Bro. Baker, P.M., kindly asked him to accept a collar and urged him to work his way to the chair. Bro. White, P.M., introduced him into a lodge of instruction where he learned to work the ceremonies almost as well as Bro. White himself. He thanked all those brethren for their kind assistance at the period when he required it most. He hoped he

should have a good year and have several good men come into the lodge. He would try to perform all the work to the best of his ability. He now had a pleasant duty to perform in presenting Bro. Halliday, I.P.M., with the P.M.'s jewel voted by the lodge. The I.P.M. had carried out the duties in an excellent manner and had had a very successful year. He had raised the lodge to its present state of prosperity and deserved well of all the members. He (the W.M.) had frequently heard the I.P.M. render the installation ceremonies, but on the present occasion he had quite surpassed his previous efforts. In presenting Bro. Halliday with the P.M.'s jewel, he earnestly hoped he might be spared for many years to wear it. He asked the brethren to heartily drink to "The Health of their I.P.M. and Installing Master."

Bro. M. W. Halliday, I.P.M., in response, tendered thanks for the kind remarks made by the W.M. He had endeavoured during the past year to perform the duties of the chair in an efficient manner, and if he had succeeded he was more than pleased. As a professional man, he had not a large amount of time to devote to Masonic work, but he had always tried to carry out the work in a creditable style. Before he retired to the quiet life of a P.M. he wished to heartily thank the officers and brethren for the support accorded him during his term of office. He also thanked them for the jewel, which would serve to remind him of a happy year as W.M. of the lodge.

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

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," to whom he tendered a hearty welcome.

Several visiting brethren responded, including Bro. D. F. Crawford, 1480 (New Zealand), who expressed the pleasure he felt in returning thanks for the hearty manner in which he had been received. He had travelled a long distance, as they were aware, and had visited many lodges, but he had always been received with the utmost kindness. His brethren in New Zealand would be glad to hear of the hearty reception in store for them should they visit this country. Masonry was carried out on a very extensive scale in New Zealand, for almost every town numbering over a thousand inhabitants could boast of at least one lodge. He again thanked them for his warm reception, and the opportunity it had afforded him of witnessing the excellent working.

Bro. Draper, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and said that, having initiated the W.M. into Freemasonry, it naturally afforded him special gratification to witness his installation into the chair. He was convinced, from his knowledge of the W.M., that he would perform his duties in an excellent manner, and at the end of his year the brethren would be still more convinced of their happy selection. The P.M.'s would always be willing to render all the assistance in their power.

The Worshipful Master then asked the brethren to drink "The Health of the Treasurer," and intimated that a very pleasing duty had devolved upon him. It was always a pleasure to acknowledge integrity and uprightness in the performance of important duties, and it was now his duty to acknowledge the services Bro. Chaplin had rendered as Treasurer of the lodge. Bro. Chaplin had performed those duties so well that the brethren had decided to present him with a jewel, and, in pinning it on his breast, he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him for many years to fill his important position. It was an emblem of their affection and regard, and there were one or two points specially applicable in the design of the jewel. The compasses resembled the accuracy and precision with which the Treasurer had kept the accounts. The square alluded to the integrity and uprightness which had characterised all his dealings, whilst the key denoted the safety with which the funds of the lodge would be treasured. He asked the brethren to drink to the health of their Treasurer, Bro. Chaplin.

Bro. Chaplin, Treasurer, returned thanks for the kind remarks of the Worshipful Master, and for the jewel, which he should hand down to his family as an heirloom, commemorative of his associations as Treasurer of the St. Marylebone Lodge.

"The Secretary" and "The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. Birch, Org., presided at the piano, and an excellent programme of music was given.

KINGSTON - ON - THAMES.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held at the Sun Hotel, on Wednesday, 30th ult. The W.M., Bro. J. Drewett, opened the lodge, assisted by Bros. G. Moorman, S.W.; W. Drewett, J.W.; Humphrey, S.D.; Montague, J.D.; and Curtis, acting I.G. Bros. Acton and Boyd, having given proof of their proficiency in the First Degree, were passed to that of F.C.; and then Messrs. Morley and Pryke were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. A candidate for the Third Degree was not able to be present, and the proceedings closed earlier than had been expected. The working of the W.M. was most exemplary. It being reported that the funds of the lodge were in a satisfactory state, it was agreed that ten guineas be voted to the W.M.'s list for the Girls' Festival, to which he goes as Steward. The vote will be confirmed at the next regular meeting.

SHANKLIN (I. of W.)—Chine Lodge (No. 1884).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. Alfred Greenham, W.M.; Frank Rayner, S.W.; J. H. McQueen, P.M., J.W.; Lewis Colenutt, Sec.; H. A. Matthews, J.D.; R. W. Greenham, I.G.; R. Young, Stwd.; W. J. Mew, Tyler; M. Lindfield, P.M.; John Bailey, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; E. G. Balhme, and G. H. Matthews. Visitor: Bro. J. Conner, P.M. 1869.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot for Bro. W. D. Woodward as a joining member (of No. 548) was taken, and proved unanimous in his favour. The W.M. then stated he had much pleasure in presenting, on behalf of Bro. James Stevens, P.M., a map showing the locality of the lodges in England. It was very useful, and would be an ornament to their lodge room, and he was quite sure that souvenir of Bro. Stevens' visits would ever remind them of the interesting lecture he delivered in Chine Lodge. Bro. J. H. McQueen, P.M., J.W., rose and proposed that the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Stevens for his gift. They all listened attentively to his admirable lecture, although they might

not have agreed with all that was said. Bro. Young seconded the vote of thanks, and said as a novice in Masonry he had listened attentively to Bro. Stevens' lecture, and heard with some degree of surprise some statements, but he trusted to have the opportunity given him of learning more of the history of the Craft. The map would show how numerous Freemasons' lodges in England were, and all would concert in that vote of thanks, which was subsequently carried unanimously. The W.M. then read a circular he proposed to issue in the Chine Lodge Jubilee Commemoration, giving a list of the present subscribers, saying he felt very sanguine as to the result of his appeal, for not only did the list contain many distinguished Masons, but he had the promise of help from others. The debt on the building had always given him anxiety, and as a junior member and officer of the lodge, he was not only the first to call attention to, but to promote in every way its reduction. It was too large a debt for any lodge to have, and he was proud of, and grateful for, the help received already. Bro. F. Cooper, P.M., whom he regretted, was unable to be with them that evening, announced on reading the circular that he was now fully alive to the drawback that debt was to them, and if it were ever to be reduced or removed, the present members alone would do it, and he would give as long as he lived £5 5s. each year to the Building Fund. A hearty vote was accorded to Bro. F. Cooper for his promise. The W.M. then said he had the pleasure to announce that Bro. Middleton would give the painting of the Chine, hanging in the banquet room, to the lodge. He always admired it, although Bro. Middleton did not value it as much as he did, and in giving it, it was only on the condition that he hoped soon to present a much larger and better one, and have that again in his own possession.

Bro. F. Rayner, S.W., rose and said he felt much pleasure in proposing that a cordial vote of thanks be given to Bro. Middleton for the painting the W.M. had just presented to the lodge on his behalf. Some four or five years since, Bro. Middleton conceived the idea of painting a picture from that pretty little spot nature had given them, and which for years had been one of the chief attractions to their little town, and no doubt would continue to be in the future. Bro. Middleton had spent a considerable amount of time and trouble in the production of it, and, although he did not value it very highly, it was kind of him to allow the lodge to become the possessor of the picture, and what was worth accepting was worth thanking him for. It was a faithful representation of the charming little spot from which Chine Lodge derived its name. The vote was seconded by Bro. G. H. Matthews.

Bro. Greenham, W.M., then rose, and said he regretted much that Bro. Francis Newman, P.M., was not well enough to be present that evening, and he had asked him, in his name, to make the presentation of his photograph, framed in unison with the others. He was sorry for the cause that kept him away, for he was quite sure it would have given him pleasure to have been with them that evening, and to witness their appreciation of his gift. [The photograph was a large life size, in provincial clothing as Senior Grand Warden of the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight, and was generally admired by the members for its faithful likeness to Bro. Newman.] The W.M., continuing, said he was quite sure every member present was very pleased to see the photo of Bro. Newman presented that evening, and felt proud that it would adorn those walls. It was a good thing in the career of that lodge, which had had to struggle from its existence with difficulty after difficulty. It was, he repeated, a good thing for them that Bro. Newman came forward and took the chair of Chine Lodge a second time. The custom of each Past Master to present his photo he had done his best to establish, and he was very pleased to find Bro. Dr. Dobbs so readily concur in it; and, as their first W.M., he was sure they would always be proud of him, and for his general willingness to help them. He thought that this would have an influence in their lodge, though small it might appear. Yet he thought when those walls were adorned with Past Masters' photographs it would help to remind them of what each had done for the lodge, and be an incentive to those passing on to the chair to go and do likewise. He was proud to see that photograph, because it would tell to others that they would claim a part of the Masonic career of Bro. Newman, and there were not too many Masons in the Isle of Wight who would, or will, step aside from their own lodge to help on another as Bro. Newman did. It was well to have an opportunity like this, when the past services of brethren could be dwelt on; it was not only an incentive to those who had never passed the chair to take more interest and feel more enthusiasm, but it set them all thinking—"Is there anything we can do for the lodge?" It was fortunate for them that they had such large-hearted brethren as Bros. Newman and McQueen, who joined the lodge on purpose to help them, and they had also considerable kindness from Bro. Conner, who, though not a member of the lodge, was always willing to help them. As time rolled on, and many P.M.'s photographs were hung round the walls, they would, he trusted, have a diversified excellence to admire and to copy. They were travelling through their Masonic life, allied to this lodge, and when they shall have been installed in that chair, they will be able to look upon that photograph and call to remembrance all that Bro. Newman has done for them, and also what others had done, for by that time, he trusted, several others would be there. The minute books of a lodge got filled up and passed out of sight into a place of security; its records, if not forgotten, were not so often referred to as might be, but the photo of each Past Master always before the lodge, would remind them of the services each had rendered. For a time their debt would depress them, but everything that could be done to increase the prestige of the lodge would increase also its members and its prosperity. This he was sure would have that tendency, and those who were known to be bright and shining lights in Masonry, and they could point to as having filled that chair by their photos hanging around them, as Masters of the lodge, would prevent from ever being forgotten those generous acts and sacrifices rendered for the benefit of Chine Lodge; and when those walls should be adorned by many P.M.'s photos, the name of Bro. Francis Newman would add a bright and enduring lustre to the lodge. He proposed that the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Newman, and they record their appreciation on the minutes of the lodge for his gift.

Bro. John Bailey, I.P.M., and Prov. A.G.D.C., seconded, and said it gave him much pleasure to see Bro. Newman's photo. It would always remind him of his many services

to Chine Lodge, and how willing he had always been to help them.

Bro. J. W. Candelow desired, as an old member, to express his appreciation of the gift; it would be always associated in his mind with Bro. Newman's sacrifices to carry on the lodge when it was first started. It entailed not only labour but much time to advance so many members to the different Degrees.

Bro. Young said it gave him much pleasure to see the reception given to this gift. He well remembered reading, before he was a Mason, the remarks made by their W.M. when a presentation was made to Bro. Newman, and he felt then how highly they esteemed him. It would be pleasant to look round the lodge and see the different Past Masters' photographs, and would no doubt influence it for good.

The vote of thanks was carried with applause, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, after the usual lodge dinner.

CLEATOR MOOR.—Stirling Lodge (No. 1989).

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Market Hall, when there were present Bros. Henry Ward, W.M.; John Bewley, S.W.; Chas. Gowan, Secretary; James D. Welch, S.D.; John McHarry, J.D.; Edward Irvin, D.C.; Jos. Dickinson, I.G.; Watson and Leathes, Stwds.; J. J. Robinson, P.M.; J. F. Kirkconel, P.M.; R. Baxter, P.M.; and C. Gowan, P.M.; R. Rothery, R. Walker, J. Nixon, J. Christie, R. McKittrick, J. Sumpton, W. Heathcote, J. Frears, A. Hardie, and J. Kelley. Visitors: Bros. Smith, S72; and H. McKittrick, 1660.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Bewley, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. E. Clarke, P.M., and George Watson were elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bro. Hardie gave the explanation of the first tracing board.

HULL.—Wilberforce Lodge (No. 2134).—The installation of Bro. John Mackaill as W.M. of this lodge took place on Monday, the 28th ult., in the lodge-room, Charlotte-street, when there was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. Among the latter were Bros. W. Reynolds, P.M. 250, P.G. Treas.; E. Corris, W.M. 57; W. C. Whitesides, W.M. 250, P.P.G. Stwd.; F. Fullerton, W.M. 1010; W. D. Keyworth, P.M. 57, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; R. R. Hawley, J.W. 250, P.G. Stwd.; Tudor Trevor, P.M., S.W. 2069; S. Scott Young, S.D. 2069; C. F. Wells, S.W. 1511; P. Gaskell, J.W. 1511; and J. Cooper, S.W. 294.

The Installing Officer was Bro. W. Gillett, P.M., P.P. G. Std. Br., and the ceremony of installation was performed in a masterly manner from beginning to end, the whole reflecting the highest credit upon him, and giving the assembled brethren great satisfaction. After the ceremony, Bro. Mackaill, the newly-installed W.M., invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. T. Davis, I.P.M.; F. W. Macgarr, S.W.; Isaac Dawson, J.W.; W. Gillett, P.M., Treas. and L.M.; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., Almoner; T. B. Redfearn, Secretary; J. L. Turner, Chap.; W. E. Wilkinson, S.D.; G. Leigh, J.D.; V. King, Org.; G. W. Wood, D.C.; G. C. Curtois, F. Waudby, G. T. Stoddart, and C. E. Pearson, Stwds.; W. Woodall, I.G.; and J. Burdall, Tyler. The Secretary, Bro. T. B. Redfearn, read letters of apology for unavoidable absence from Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M. North and East Yorks; Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G.S.; Bro. J. R. Ansdell, P.M., W.M. 1605; Bro. W. Fowler-Sutton, S.W. 1010; J. H. Peters, J.W. 1010; J. Blackman, W.M. 294; and others.

On the conclusion of installation proceedings, Bro. Mackaill, W.M., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. W. Gillett for the manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and his eulogistic references were repeatedly applauded by the brethren, who passed the resolution in the usual Masonic way.

Bro. Gillett made a suitable reply to the compliment.

The Worshipful Master then called upon Bro. J. Meanwell, a member of the Wilberforce, to make a presentation to Bro. T. T. Davis, the retiring W.M. Bro. Meanwell said he would not dilate upon the efficient manner in which Bro. Davis had performed the duties of his important office during the past year. He had developed the sterling qualities of a commander in an eminent degree, and had piloted the lodge through its first year of existence with the most marked success. He then presented to Bro. T. T. Davis a very valuable Past Master's jewel, and accompanied it with the presentation of a solid gold ring, set in diamonds, for Mrs. Davis. Both articles were subscribed for by members of the lodge, and were given as a token of the high esteem and respect which Bro. Davis had commanded during the eventful year through which the lodge had passed, and which now began its second year with bright hopes of future success.

Bro. Davis, I.P.M., on behalf of Mrs. Davis and himself, thanked Bro. Meanwell for his sentiments, and also the brethren of the lodge for their handsome tokens of respect and esteem.

The Secretary then read a letter from Bro. R. Pexton, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.P.G.C. N. and E. Yorks, and P.M., asking the lodge to accept from him the sword which he had worn as an officer of the Hull Artillery Volunteers for 20 years, and expressing a hope that it would be an adornment to the appointments of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Mackaill, accepted the sword in the name of the Wilberforce Lodge, and moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Pexton for his gift in terms of eulogy.

Bro. Macgarr, S.W., seconded the motion, and it was carried "nem. con." This concluded the business.

The installation banquet took place in the large hall of the Humber Lodge, Osborne-street, by kind permission of Bro. Corris, W.M. of the Humber Lodge. The W.M., Bro. Mackaill, presided, and was supported by Bros. T. T. Davis, I.P.M. 2134; E. Corris, W.M. 57; W. C. Whitesides, W.M. 250; F. Fullerton, W.M. 1010; W. Gillett, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. L. Turner, Chap. 2134; R. J. McLeavy, S.W. 57; G. Dimbleby, S.W. 250; R. R. Hawley, J.W. 57; J. Cooper, S.W. 294; J. A. Stirling, J.W. 1605; J. R. Forman, J.W. 57; Tudor Trevor, P.M., S.W.; and S. Scott Young, S.D. 2069. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. F. W. Macgarr, S.W., and

Isaac Dawson, J.W. The banquet was provided by Bro. J. Burdall, Tyler, and was of a high quality of excellence. During the "post-prandial" proceedings the Worshipful Master gave "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England, and the Grand Lodge," "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Deputy Prov. G.M., and Provincial Grand Lodge," the whole of the sentiments being loyally and warmly honoured by the brethren.

Bro. T. T. Davis, I.P.M., next proposed "The W.M. of the Wilberforce Lodge and his Newly-Appointed Officers." He said that Bro. Mackaill had stood by him and supported him most loyally as the S.W. during his year of office. He had attended every lodge, and had done his work well. This afforded them every guarantee that during the next year he would not allow his energies to go to sleep, but would use them for the benefit of the lodge, and make it attain a higher degree of success during the coming year than it had yet reached.

The Worshipful Master, in returning thanks, said he felt that if a man accepted a position he ought to faithfully fulfil the duties of it, even at inconvenience to himself. He took a great interest in Masonry, and more especially since he joined an English lodge. It was his desire to uphold temperance principles, and he would gladly assist any other lodge working on the same lines, without in any way swerving from his allegiance to the Humber Lodge, for which he had the greatest respect. He had tried to do his duty in the past, and he hoped he had satisfied them. He should make it his duty to follow in the footsteps of Bro. T. T. Davis, who had had his heart in the work, and had performed his duties manfully and skilfully. He had piloted the ship well through its rough passage, and had brought it safely into port. They were about to set out on another voyage, and with the assistance of his officers he trusted that during his year of office the lodge would attain that success which it ought to have.

Bro. Corris, W.M. 57, proposed "The Immediate Past Master, and the retiring Officers." He said that some of those who sat down at the installation banquet of the Wilberforce Lodge last year did so with a considerable amount of apprehension, anxiety, and fear, as to the very serious responsibility they had undertaken in floating another Masonic lodge. He thought they might congratulate themselves upon the past twelve months, for they had achieved a signal success. The Wilberforce Lodge was not only an accomplished fact, but it was now an admitted success. A great deal of its prosperity was to be attributed to the Immediate Past Master and his officers, all of whom had undoubtedly worked with a will to secure the goal they had now reached.

Bro. Davis, I.P.M., in responding, apologised in the first place for omitting to mention the newly-appointed officers in the toast he had previously proposed. He expressed his acknowledgments for the compliments which had been paid to him and his officers, and he gave his word that he would do his utmost to assist the W.M. to make the lodge more perfect than it had hitherto been. When they opened the lodge last year they had only 12 members on the roll. Now they had something like 45 members. They had initiated 26 members, and had added seven or eight joining members. There was a balance of £56 or £60 in hand, and they did not owe a penny. The Wilberforce Lodge was now on a sound and highly satisfactory basis, and he hoped and believed it would remain so. To the officers who had assisted him in the work he tendered his best thanks and acknowledgments. His motto was, to be temperate in all things, and with that he believed they would have such a bond of union as would never be broken.

Bro. F. Fullerton, Worshipful Master Kingston Lodge, 1010, next proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. W. Gillett, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br." He said that Bro. Gillett had that day performed a very important duty in a highly efficient manner. He had had the honour and the pleasure of witnessing many such ceremonies, and he might fairly say he had never seen it so well performed as it had been on that day.

Bro. Gillett, in acknowledging the compliment, said the success of the Wilberforce Lodge had been due to the attention given to the working of the lodge by Bro. Davis, and to the efficiency of his officers; and, successful as the past year had been, he thought the coming year would be equally so if the officers supported the W.M. with the like amount of zeal. A little over 12 months ago some of them were in "Doubting Castle," and others went so far as to depreciate the whole scheme. But those who promoted the lodge had been rewarded with signal success. They had admitted good men and true, and if they exercised the same care in future they need not fear the success of the lodge. He had that evening received a telegram from a member of the Wolseley Lodge, Manchester, hoping that God would prosper the lodge. That night he rejoiced with them in the success of the lodge, and he hoped the future would be as bright as the past had been.

Bro. Gillett, P.M., Lecture Master, next proposed the toast of "The Sister Lodges," which was responded to by Bro. Fullerton, W.M. 1010.

Bro. Macgarr, S.W., then proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was duly acknowledged.

Bro. Trevor, S.W. 2069, in proposing "The Masonic Charities," spoke in very eulogistic terms of the Charities, and urged that every brother should support them, even if only to the extent of 5s. a year. They were doing a good work, and it should be the desire of every Mason to do the utmost he could for them.

Bro. Davis, I.P.M., responded.

Bro. Dawson, J.W., proposed "Prosperity, Unity, and Perpetuity to Freemasonry in General, and the Wilberforce Lodge in Particular," and in a few well-chosen words spoke of the prosperity of the Wilberforce Lodge during the past 12 months, 26 members having been initiated, and a balance of £56 being in the Treasurer's hands, which he considered augured well for the prosperity and perpetuity of the lodge.

Bro. W. L. Reynolds suitably replied.

Bro. V. King, the Organist, presided at the pianoforte, and during the evening songs were given by a number of brethren, and also by Miss Gillett and Miss Jackson.

The Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2134, was founded in order to meet the wishes of brethren who, although not necessarily total abstainers or "Teetotalers," yet prefer to eliminate the use of alcoholic beverages as "refreshment." The value of lodges established on this principle has already been fully displayed in other towns, and the experiment tried in Hull has resulted in success beyond the most sanguine anticipations of its founders.

It need scarcely be intimated how largely the efficiency of the "working," the maintenance of which is so essential to the due appreciation of our beautiful ceremonial, and the advancement of the general prosperity of the lodge, has been due to the guidance of the W.M., Bro. T. T. Davis, and his officers.

A hearty and fraternal welcome is tendered to brethren of other lodges who may honour the Wilberforce Lodge with their presence, and to them and the Craft generally the W.M., officers, and members of the lodge earnestly desire on all occasions to extend the right hand of brotherhood and friendship.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury. Present: Bros. Jenkins, W.M.; Bleakley, S.W.; Coste, J.W.; Ament, S.D.; Jackson, J.D.; Messer, I.G.; Ferguson, Preceptor; Silvester, Treas.; Dimsdale, Sec.; and several other brethren.

After preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ferguson acting as candidate. The W.M. then worked the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, after which the W.M. worked the 2nd and 3rd Sections of that Lecture. Bro. Hobden, 1328, was unanimously elected a member of this lodge. Bro. Bleakley 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 4th inst., when there were present Bros. T. Casely, 1693, W.M.; C. Smales, 1604, S.W.; W. J. Hall, J.W.; J. Hill, S.D.; F. M. Noakes, 2148, J.D.; J. Hazel, 1693, I.G.; C. Mulvey, 179 and 788, Preceptor; C. Sheppard, P.M. 1366, Sec.; C. A. Iiter, 1897, Asst. Sec.; Jordan, R. P. Tabb, Passingham, Poynter, Gittens, Golding, Bore, Giddings, Fenner, P.M.; Bangs, Marcus, Dr. Goodchild, P.M.; Slyman, P.M.; N. J. Goodchild, G. Lane, Dr. Powdell, J. W. Smith, P.M.; J. H. Halsey, P.M.; Recknell, P.M.; E. Jordan, and Marsden.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Passingham, 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. N. J. Goodchild, G. Lane, and F. Jordan 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. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 31st ult. Present: Bros. Josling, W.M. elect 60; Williams, W. Berry, J. L. Barrett, D. Hills, J. Eisenmann, H. Whitehouse, James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; W. Paddle, P.M. and Treas.; W. J. Ball, Hon. Sec.; J. Gaskin, S. Smith, F. C. Rush, and others.

This being Preceptor's night, the selection of the work was left in his hands. Bro. Josling opened in the First Degree, and proved candidate's proficiency. Bro. Williams opened in the Second Degree, and proved candidate's proficiency as F.C. Bro. Berry opened in the M.M. Degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The Preceptor then instructed the members, greatly to their satisfaction, in entry drill, which tends to give confidence and secure a perfect salutation on certain occasions in open lodge. Bro. Berry then lowered the lodge to the First Degree, and Bro. Josling completed the rest of the evening's work. The lodge was then closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. Hattersley, W.M.; W. Block, S.W.; Ladd, J.W.; Renaut, S.D.; Steele, J.D.; A. Arrowsmith, I.G.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; Fred. Croaker, Treas.; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; Chapman, Steng, Youlden, Gomm, and Cooper.

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. Chapman candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Gomm, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Gomm candidate. The lodge resumed to the First Degree, when it was proposed by Bro. Renaut, and seconded by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, that Bro. J. W. Gomm, 1679, become a joining member—carried unanimously. Bro. Gomm returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, 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 in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Lindfield, W.M.; C. R. Cross, S.W.; Spiegel, P.M., J.W.; Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; P. J. Davies, S.D.; Purdue, P.M., J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; J. Davies, Preceptor; Wood, W.M.; Stroud, W.M.; Sims, P.M.; Child, P.M.; Cubitt, P.M.; Brietbart, P.M.; Lewis, P.M.; Curtis, Higginson, Benton, Stonnill, Craggs, Bull, Burbrook, Lichtenfield, Cotton, Head, Whittell, and Bonham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bull candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st and 2nd Sections were worked. The 4th Section was worked by Bro. Spiegel, P.M., the questions being answered by Bro. J. Davies, Preceptor. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Cross was elected W.M. for next meeting. The Secretary announced that at the next meeting there would be another ballot for the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Davies proposed, and Bro. Cross seconded, a vote of thanks, to be recorded, to the W.M., who for the first time occupied the chair. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; J. H. Wood, W.M. 1642, S.W.; C. Conway, J.W.; Craggs, acting Sec.; Buxton, S.D.; G. Swann, J.D.; Jesse Collings, Preceptor; King, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, but in the absence of the Secretary, the minutes of the previous meeting had to be deferred. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. Fayers being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Fayers, being a candidate, answered the usual questions very satisfactorily. The lodge was closed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The following brethren were unanimously elected members of this lodge:—Bros. King, P.M. Cranbourn Lodge; G. Swann, 845; and Fayers, 1585. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 2nd inst. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; J. S. Wood, S.W.; H. F. Williams, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; W. G. Coat, S.D.; J. Davies, J.D.; J. Worth,

I.G.; Purdue, P.M. 834; Sims, P.M. 834; Gardner, P.M. 2012; D. Stroud, P. J. Davies, E. Aslett, W. W. Williams, and J. Brown.

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 resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Stroud offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Stroud candidate. Bro. Aslett offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Aslett being the candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The brethren also worked the 2nd Section of this Lecture. The brethren having of late been unduly importuned by petitions for assistance from distressed brethren, resolved that such petitions be only considered after the lodge should be closed. The lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

ROBERT BURNS CHAPTER (No. 25).—The installation meeting of this very old chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 28th ult. The chapter was opened by the Principal Companion Elsley, P.Z., Z.; W. H. Baker, H.; Sly, J.; Land, S.E.; and the other officers and members present were: Comps. Harvey, S.N.; Kay, P.S.; Hatton, Treasurer; J. E. Shand, P.Z.; Robins, P.Z.; Tannahill, Wingham, Smith, W.S.; and others. The visitors were Comps. F. Seager-Hunt, M.P. (Marylebone); J. Gibson, H. Wanders, K.E.H. Goffin, H. Carnarvon, Brown, P.Z. (St. George's); Hattersley, (Domestic), Gartley, I. Wright, Harvey-Anning, Z. (Ley Spring); Large (Windsor Castle); Ayres, (Stability); Cozens (Royal Albert); and Banks, Janitor. Comp. Captain Frigout was exalted by the Principals in a very impressive manner, the working of each officer being thoroughly well performed. The Principals for the ensuing year were then installed in a masterly manner by Comps. Smallpeice, P.Z., Hon. Member; W. H. Baker being Z.; Sly, H.; Harvey, J.; and the other officers in rotation. The Audit report was adopted, showing a balance in favour of the chapter and no liabilities.

At the conclusion of the working, the members dined together under the presidency of Comp. W. H. Baker, Z. After the usual Masonic toasts,

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Elsley, who congratulated the chapter on having such an admirable Principal for the ensuing year.

Comp. W. H. Baker replied, and said he fully appreciated the honour done him in promoting him to the exalted position he occupied.

Comp. Seager Hunt, in responding for "The Visitors," said he had no idea on accepting the invitation he would meet so many companions he knew so well in his Craft lodge, and he was not now surprised at the good position and working in Arch Masonry of the Robert Burns Chapter—the first chapter he had visited—and returned his warmest thanks for coupling his name as a junior Royal Arch Mason with the toast of the visitors, all of whom should have preceded him.

Comp. Goffin, M.E.Z. elect 1572, in an admirable speech, also responded, as did Comps. Brown, Anning, and Gartley.

Comp. Land, S.E., replied for "The Secretary and Treasurer," the latter being obliged to leave.

Comps. Shand and Robins replied for "The P.Z.'s," the first observing that he had the pleasure to introduce the M.E.Z., Comp. Baker, to the chapter, and was proud to see him that evening installed as M.E.Z. of the chapter.

"The Health of the Officers" was duly honoured, and responded to severally, and the Janitor's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

A capital selection of music was performed, under the direction of Comp. F. Cozens, by Comps. Large, Cozens, Frigout, W. H. Baker, and others.

INSTRUCTION.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at Northampton House, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present: Comps. H. Jenkins, M.E.Z.; W. Radcliffe, H.; A. Le Grand, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; N. Salmon, S.N.; and W. Darnell, P.S.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in an able and impressive manner by the aforementioned officers. R.A. Masons will kindly take notice of the removal of this chapter from the Alwyn Castle Tavern to the above address.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 69).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. J. L. Atherton, assisted by the officers of the chapter, on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street. The following Ill. brethren were received under an arch of steel: John Shaw, 30°; John Barker, 30°; Jonas Craven, 30°. Samuel Kelly, 30°, M.W.S. Talbot Chapter; E. Kipps, M.W.S. Antient York Chapter of Redemption; Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector General of the North Eastern District.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Two of the four candidates whose names appeared on the summons were in attendance, viz., Bros. Connor and Norfolk, who were perfected by the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. J. L. Atherton, assisted by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°. Ill. Bro. John Marshall, 30°, P.M.W.S., acted as High Prelate. The Treasurer's accounts were audited and passed, a satisfactory balance being in hand. One candidate was proposed and seconded for the degree. The M.W.S. elect, E. and P. Bro. Joseph W. Monckman, was presented by E. and P. Bro. J. L. Atherton, M.W.S., to Ill. Bro. Chas. Jas. Banister for installation, which was performed with his usual care and impressiveness. He then appointed the following officers for the ensuing year: E. and P. Bro. Chas. Crabtree, Prelate; E. and P. Bro. Frank W. Banister, 1st Guard; E. and P. Bro. W. T. Sugg, 2nd Guard; Bros. E. A. Beaumont, Recorder; Alfred Gill, Grand Marshal; J. R. Wellsman, D. of C.; H. S. Holdsworth, Herald; Richard Hodgson, Captain of Guard; Thomas Pickles, Organist; and John Royle, Outer Guard; E. and P. Bro. Henry Shaw, P.M.W.S., Treas.

"Hearty good wishes" were given to the M.W.S., with

"Prosperity to the Chapter," by Ill. Bro. S. Kelly, 30°, M.W.S. of the Talbot Chapter; and the following members of the same Chapter, viz.: Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.M.W.S.; W. F. Tasker, Recorder; Ill. Bro. John Shaw, 30°; E. and P. Bro. E. Kipps, M.W.S. of the A.Y.C.; Ill. Bro. John Barker, 30°, P.M.W.S. of the Leodensis Chapter; E. and P. Bro. John D. Kaye, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bro. F. W. Fourness, Prelate; E. and P. Bro. C. L. Mason; and E. and P. Bro. W. S. Deek.

Letters and telegrams of apology were received from Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 32°, P.M.W.S. and Recorder of the Hull Chapter; Ill. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, 30°, R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire; Ill. Bro. Richard Wilson, 30°, P.M.W.S., and Recorder of the Leeds Chapter; E. and P. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.W.S. and Recorder of the Hilda Chapter, York; and others.

The business of the chapter being finished, it was closed in due form, and the brethren retired under an arch of steel.

The banquet was held in the dining hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Bro. J. W. Monckman, and was all that could be desired. On his right sat Ill. Bros. Chas. James Banister, 33°; S. Kelly, 30°; H. J. Garnett, John Shaw, 30°; E. Kipps, W. F. Tasker, C. L. Mason, Fletcher, Gill, Pickles, and others; and on his left Ill. Bros. John Barker, 30°; Jonas Craven, 30°; J. D. Kaye, W. S. Beck, F. W. Fourness, H. Shaw, J. R. Wellsman, and Beaumont. E. and P. Bro. F. W. Banister, 1st Gen., occupied the vice-chair.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family," both of which were enthusiastically received and duly honoured.

The next toast was that of "The Supreme Council, 33°, and their old and dear friend, Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°," which was received by acclamation.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister duly responded, and gave some excellent advice to the brethren, and, in conclusion, proposed "The Health of his old and valued friend," who he was delighted to come and install as M.W.S., for he was certain he would fill the office with honour to himself and the chapter.

The M.W.S. returned thanks in a thorough Masonic speech, afterwards proposing "The Health—with all the honours—of their Illustrious Visitors."

Ill. Bros. S. Kelly, 30°, M.W.S. 16; E. Kipps, M.W.S. 68; H. J. Garnett, P.M.W.S.; W. F. Tasker, and John Shaw, 30°, all of 16; and E. and P. Bro. J. D. Kaye, P.M.W.S. 77, responded to the toast in admirable terms.

"The Health of the Candidates" was proposed by E. and P. Bro. J. L. Atherton, P.M.W.S., in most happy terms, and neatly responded to by each.

Bro. Garnett proposed, in a humorous speech, "The Health of the P.M.W.S.'s."

Ill. Bro. Jonas Craven, 30°, P.M.W.S., responded in a most excellent speech.

Ex. and P. Bro. J. L. Atherton, P.M.W.S., in a telling speech proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Chapter," thanking those who had served under him, and giving good advice to those appointed that day, coupling with it that of the 1st General Ex. and P. Bro. Frank W. Banister, who had worked so well for the chapter, and he was sure would be a source of great pleasure to his father, their dear and beloved friend, the Inspector-General of the District. The toast was well received and modestly responded to.

Some excellent recitations and songs brought a truly happy meeting to an end, with happy to meet, sorry to part, but happy to meet again.

Queensland.

LAGOON CREEK.—Comet Lodge (No. 1680, E.C.)—A meeting of this lodge was held on St. John's Day, in the lodge room lately erected at this place. Bro. F. Shaw, P.M., took the chair, in the absence of the W. Master, Bro. H. G. Eccles, who was unavoidably absent. The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed, after which the S.W., Bro. H. Ellis, in the name of Bro. H. G. Eccles, presented the lodge with a handsome set of regalia, and with a wish that the new officers be invested with the same. At the same time, Bro. G. Shakspeare, P.M., presented the lodge with a handsome banner. A hearty vote of thanks was recorded to these brethren for their very handsome presents. Bro. T. H. Girling, W.M. 2167, installing Master, then took the chair for the purpose of installing Bro. H. Ellis, assisted by Bros. G. Shakspeare, P.M., and F. Shaw, P.M. The W.M., having been duly installed, proceeded to invest his officers, accompanying each investiture with suitable remarks: Bros. W. H. James, S.W.; R. C. Tepton, J.W.; H. Bradbury, S.D.; J. Bell, J.D.; Thos. Jackson, Treas.; W. Johnson, Sec.; T. Prendible, I.G.; and Johngman, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, and a most harmonious evening was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being honoured, while songs were contributed by the brethren.

China.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

SINGAPORE.—Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 47).—At the regular meeting, held on the 18th February, M.W.S., Bro. W. H. Read, installed Ill. Bro. J. P. Joaquim as M.W. Sovereign for the ensuing year. The M.W.S. then appointed and invested those who were present as his officers as follows: Bros. T. H. Scott, Prelate; J. T. Leask, 1st General; A. Knight, Raphael; J. S. Sturrock, Capt. of the Guard; and R. O. Norris, Equerry.

At the late regular meeting of Lodge St. George, No. 1152 (E.C.); Singapore, it being election meeting, Bro. W. E. Hooper was elected W.M., and Bro. C. D. H. Currie, Treasurer, for the ensuing year, to be installed during the present month.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, Bro. W. Roebuck, Vice-Patron and Trustee, G.S.B., presided, and there were present Bros. F. Adlard, J. S. Cumberland, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; G. P. Gillard, Charles Belton, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; A. E. Gladwell, Joyce Murray, Alfred Williams, C. H. Webb, H. Young, C. F. Hogard, H. Hasker, J. L. Mather, J. Glass, W. A. Scurrah, W. Paas, H. Webb, R. Berridge, W. Maple, Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; and Frederick Binckes, P.G. Std., Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, an application on behalf of an ex-pupil for a grant of £40 towards payment of stamps on articles entered into with a solicitor, having regard to the present state of the funds, was not entertained.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

At the close of the meeting of the Charity Committee, the half-yearly meeting of this Institution was held under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Hine. There were present Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, Treasurer; John Chadwick, Secretary; Charles Heywood, J. A. Birch, G. P. Brockbank, and about eighty representatives of lodges.

The minutes of the last meeting, as well as those of several meetings of Sub-Committees were read.

Five children were adopted and referred to the Educational Committee.

Bro. J. A. Birch was elected Chairman, and Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Vice-Chairman, for the ensuing year.

The Finance and Audit Committee, Educational Committee, and Relief Board were elected.

At the close of the proceedings it was unanimously resolved that an illuminated address expressing the thanks of the General Committee of the Province, as well as this Institution, should be presented to Bro. J. L. Hine for his many years' services in the capacity of Chairman, and Bros. Birch, Sillitoe and Chadwick were appointed a Sub-Committee to draw up and have the same prepared for presentation at the next Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Educational Committee afterwards met and placed the five candidates referred to them upon the funds of the Institution.

EAST LANCASHIRE PROVINCIAL CHARITY COMMITTEE.

The half-yearly meeting of this Committee was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 20th ult., Bro. Charles Heywood, the Chairman of the Committee, presided, and about eighty representatives of lodges were present. The minutes of the previous meeting, as well as the reports of the deputations who conducted the various elections in London during the past year, were read. Several cases were adopted for support at the forthcoming elections, and grants were made to the unsuccessful candidates at the late elections.

Bro. J. A. Birch was elected Chairman, and Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Vice-Chairman, of the Committee for the ensuing year. Bros. Birch, Brockbank, Chadwick, and Sillitoe were appointed a sub-Committee for furthering the election of candidates in the London Institutions.

LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

On Saturday evening, the 26th ult., an entertainment in aid of the funds of this Institution was given in the Church Institute, Albion-place, Leeds. Bro. J. Stables presided, and was supported by a number of other brethren interested in the welfare of the Institution. The Chairman explained that in connection with the Masonic body there are large schools in London for the sons of members whose circumstances are straitened, or of others who have died leaving their families in such a position. The schools, he said, gave an education of the highest order. Admission was by ballot. In 1876, the idea of providing a "bridge" for unsuccessful candidates in the ballot was carried out by the Leeds brethren; in other words, it was arranged to pay the school fees of such candidates until they could obtain free admission, and it was in aid of the fund for this purpose that the entertainment was given. The programme included readings by Sir George Morrison, which were evidently highly appreciated by the audience. "An English version of the impeachment of Verres, the praetor of Sicily, by Cicero," was especially well received. At intervals, songs, &c., were sung by Mr. C. Blagbro and Mrs. Creser, and instrumental selections were given by Mrs. W. Horsfield and Miss Florence Sydney.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

At the special Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, recently held at Winchester, it was resolved that a festival should be held in the province under the presidency of, and at a time and place to be fixed by, the Provincial Grand Master, in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee, and in aid of the newly-formed Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. This Charity has been established for the purpose of raising funds to be applied to the clothing, education, and advancement in life of necessitous children of Freemasons of the province, whether the fathers be living or dead, to afford relief to Masons of the province and their families, and, generally, to promote the cause of Masonic Charity. In endeavouring to raise an endowment of this kind, Hampshire is but following in the wake of other important provinces in the kingdom where similar institutions have been successfully carried on for years. The funds at present in hand are, however, not sufficient to justify a commencement

of operations, though it is hoped that the proposed festival will set the Institution on a secure and permanent basis. Bro. Lancaster, as Honorary Secretary, has just issued a circular to the lodges of the province, asking that the names of brethren willing to act as Stewards may be sent to him, in order that a Board of Stewards may be formed, and meet at an early date to settle details.

The Hampshire Institution is not intended to rival, but to supplement, the great Central Charities, by taking under its care unsuccessful candidates for the London Institutions—the children will be educated at good schools in the vicinity of their homes, under the supervision of appointed visitors, and successful candidates to the local Institution whose names remain on the lists of the London Charities will be eligible for, and may be transferred to, those Institutions if ultimately elected. Remembering the splendid return which Hampshire made at the recent Masonic Benevolent Festival in London, there can be little doubt that the appeal now made will meet with a liberal response from the lodges and chapters, as well as from the brethren individually.

BRO. HENRY CROSS'S CONCERT AT WILLESSEN.

An admirable programme of "The Messiah," on the evening of the 31st ult., provided a rare treat to the lovers of music in Harlesden and Willesden, who crowded the large room at the High School, glad to have an opportunity of hearing the great master's piece without being obliged to go into town. Bro. Cross was ably assisted by Bro. Harper Kearton, Miss Eliza Thomas, and Madame Cross-Lavers, solo vocalists, with a selected choir under the direction of Mr. J. A. Birch, Mr. F. W. Parish (organ), and Bro. F. H. Cozens (pianoforte).

Of Madame Cross-Lavers' rendering of the soprano soli, "There were shepherds," "Rejoice greatly," "Come unto Him," and "How beautiful are the feet," it would be difficult to speak too highly, but she seemed to reserve the greatest powers of her beautiful and sympathetic voice for the grand aria, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Completely putting aside the usual concert room manner, so out of place in oratorio, she thoroughly carried her audience with her, and elicited a cordial burst of applause at its conclusion.

Miss Thomas, who has taken high honours at the R.A.M., has a contralto voice of pure quality, highly cultivated. She did every justice to the numbers in her rôle, both recitatives and airs, "Behold a virgin," "O Thou that tellest," "He shall feed His flock," and "He was despised." Bro. Harper Kearton gave "Comforye" and "Every valley" with the judgment and peculiar care that distinguishes a true artist, and in the air "But Thou did'st not leave" he gave a further evidence of his skill. Bro. Cross (baritone Westminster Abbey and St. Andrew's, Wells-street, choir) is a well-known and favourite vocalist; he has a voice of great power and sweetness, and his rendition of "The people that walked in darkness," with its preceding recitative, was simply faultless; the air "Why do the nations" again received well-deserved applause. It was much to be regretted that the late hour obliged him to excise "Behold I tell you" and "The trumpet shall sound." Full measure of praise is due to the chorus and to Mr. Birch, who conducted, they were well in hand, and gave the well-known choruses "And the glory of the Lord," "And He shall purify," "For unto us," "The Hallelujah," &c., with precision and great effect, as also "All we like sheep," which is the only inappropriate composition in the work, tenor, bassi, alti, with, most especially, the soprano, congratulating themselves and each other on having been led astray—or was it a bit of delicious satire?—there is so much human nature in the pleasure of sinning.

The accompaniments by Mr. Parish and Bro. Cozens left nothing to be desired, and it is no wonder Bro. Cross has been asked to give a series of concerts, sacred and miscellaneous, during the season. He was well supported by the members of his lodge (Harlesden, No. 2098), of whom were present Bros. Major C. A. Cooper, W.M.; A. Ball, S.W.; G. Goldney-Carey, J.W.; H. T. Reed, Treas.; F. S. Long, S.D.; O. C. Robson, I.G.; Leopold Field, Harley Jones, and Bros. W. H. Stanger, Russell, and others of neighbouring lodges. The number of fashionable and pretty women present, among artistes and audience, was a subject of remark.

THE SECOND ANNUAL CONCERT OF THE GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

The second annual concert in connection with the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, will be given on the Saturday in Easter week (the 10th inst.), at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton. An attractive programme has been arranged by the concert Committee, and the reputation of the lodge for hospitality will be sustained by the provision of tea and coffee to all the visitors who choose to refresh themselves during the interval between the parts. The artistes who will kindly give their services include Misses Ethel Winn, Lily Rowe, Edith Cooke, Annie Morley, and Madame Merton Clark; Messrs. Heney, Donnell Balfe, F. W. Stephens, James Akers, and Fred. Bevan. Bro. Merton Clark (who was recently initiated in the Sterndale Bennett Lodge) will preside at the organ, and Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, one of the best known musicians in South London, has undertaken the arduous duty of conducting. A large audience and a good balance for the Gallery Lodge Charity Fund is confidently expected.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PILGRIMAGE TO YORK.

The following notice has been issued by the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, York:—

"E. Frater Wm. H. Cowper, Preceptor.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"It gives me much pleasure to inform you that a large party of American Members of the Order of the Temple with their ladies intend visiting England in July next, and have accepted an invitation from the Members of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101) at York to receive at their hands a fraternal reception within the walls of the mother city of Free and Accepted Masonry.

"The American visitors are expected to arrive at the Station Hotel, in York, on the evening of the 19th July,

and after dinner will be received at an Emergency Meeting of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611 (Bro. W. Brown, W.M.), at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, where they will witness an Exemplification of the English Craft Working. (All visitors will be welcomed.)

"On Wednesday morning, the visitors and their ladies will be conducted to some of the most interesting of the remains of antiquity with which the city abounds, and at 12.30 they will be entertained at luncheon by the W.M., Past Masters and Officers of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. (Admission by invitation ticket.)

"At 2 p.m. the Templar visitors will be formally received by the Eminent Preceptor and Members of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, in open conclave, and will witness an Exemplification of the English Ritual of the Order.

"At 4.30 p.m., the visitors will be conducted to the cathedral, where the order of evening prayer will be read, and (by fraternal courtesy of Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of York) a Special Anthem and a Te Deum will be sung according to the immemorial custom of the Order. The commemorative offerings of the brethren on the occasion will be devoted to some especial portion of the work of restoration of the St. Cuthbert window in the cathedral. Bro. Dr. Naylor, organist of the cathedral, will play.

"At 7 p.m., Bro. the Lord Mayor of York and the Lady Mayoress will receive the visitors and the ladies in the State Room of the Mansion House, and at 7.30 his lordship will preside at a banquet given by the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, in the Guildhall, to which (so far as space will permit) all Master Masons will be admitted, and will each have the privilege of inviting a lady.

"In the matter of application for tickets (£1 rs. each, ladies 15s.) members of the Order of the Temple will take precedence, after which the tickets will be allotted in order of application.

"The American visitors will leave York for London at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 21st.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

"T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P. 101,

"P.P. Constable N. and E. Yorks.;

"P.G. Capt. of Guards, Eng.; &c.,
"REGISTRAR."

PROVINCIAL CALENDARS.

In order to know how many provinces have Masonic Calendars, I have run through my copies for 1887 and the previous year, and shall be glad to be informed of any additions to my list. The last year issued is noted after the name of the county or province. As a rule the set is not completed before June.

- 1.—Cambridgeshire, 1886. Publisher and Editor, Bro. W. P. Spalding, Cambridge.
- 2.—Cornwall, 1886. Editor from 1870, Bro. W. J. Hugan, Torquay.
- 3.—Derbyshire, 1886. Editor for 11 years, Bro. W. Naylor, Derby.
- 4.—Devonshire, 1886. Publisher and Editor, Bro. W. F. Westcott, Plymouth. Notes—The "Devon and Cornwall Calendar," edited by Bro. Hugan (Bro. J. R. H. Spry, Devonport), was published for four years (1865-8). Followed by the "Devon and Cornwall Masonic Register," published by Bro. L. D. Westcott, Plymouth, who was often the editor during the years 1870-1-2-3-4-6-7-8. Many of these two sets have portraits. The latter is now represented by the "Devon Masonic Register," as above. The "Masonic Directory for Devonshire," published by Messrs. Besley and Son, Exeter, and edited by Bro. James Jerman, was issued in 1881 only.
- 5.—Dorset, 1887. Publisher and Editor, Bro. J. A. Sherren, Weymouth. The work is now in its 19th issue.
- 6.—Durham, 1886. Editor, Bro. R. Hudson, Tynemouth. Originally started by Bro. C. D. Hill Drury, M.D.
- 7.—Essex, 1887. Bro. T. J. Ralling, Essex. (Third year of issue.)
- 8.—Gloucester, 1886. Editor, Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, and published by Bro. John Bellows, Gloucester.
- 9.—Hants and Isle of Wight, 1886. Editor, Bro. Edgar Goble, Fareham.
- 10.—Hertfordshire, 1887. Editor, Bro. G. E. Lake, Watford. Started by Bro. T. S. Carter.
- 11.—Kent, 1887. Editor for ten years, Bro. T. S. Warne, Rochester. Published by Bro. J. D. Terson, Dover.
- 12.—Lancashire (East Division), 1887. Editor, Bro. John Chadwick, Manchester. Published by Bro. O. C. Crompton, Bury. (Thirty-seventh year of issue.)
- 13.—Leicester and Rutland, 1887. Editor for 1887, Bro. B. A. Smith, Leicester. The previous editor was Bro. S. S. Partridge. (Fifteenth year of issue). Photographic portraits adorn this Calendar.
- 14.—Lincolnshire, 1886. Editor, Bro. B. Vickers, Lincoln. (First year of issue.)
- 15.—Middlesex, 1887. Editor, Bro. H. Lovegrove, Budge Row, London. (Two portraits in Calendar.)
- 16.—Oxfordshire, 1886. Publisher and Editor, Bro. W. B. Bowden, Oxford.
- 17.—Somersetshire, 1887. Editor for six years, Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, Wrington. Staffordshire, see Warwickshire.
- 18.—Suffolk, 1887. Editor, Bro. N. Tracey, Ipswich.
- 19.—Sussex, 1887. Editor, Bro. V. P. Freeman, Brighton (Bro. Freeman also issues model reports of the Provincial Grand Lodge as Prov. Grand Secretary.)
- 20.—Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire, 1886. Publisher and Editor, Bro. E. Worrell, Birmingham (assisted by Bro. F. Derry for Staffordshire).
- 21.—Wiltshire, 1887. Edited for seven years by Bro. W. Nott, Devizes.
- 22.—Yorkshire, 1887. Editor, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, York (issued gratuitously for 11 years).
- 23.—West Yorkshire, 1887. Editor, Bro. H. G. E. Green, Wakefield.
- 24.—There is also a Calendar for Lodges, &c., meeting at 8a, Red Lion Square, London, edited by Bro. C. F. Matier (1886 and 1887). Other Calendars are also published either for Towns or Lodges.
- 25.—Lancaster, 1887. Editor and Publisher, Bro. H. Longman, Lancaster.
- 26.—"Minerva" Lodge, No. 250.—Published by Bro. M. E. Peck, Hull.
- 27.—"Kingston" Lodge, No. 1010. Published by Bro. M. E. Peck, Hull.

These Calendars of Bro. Peck's are issued occasionally, the latest for No. 250 being for 1884, and for No. 1010 we have the one just issued, 1887.

There was a Calendar published for Northampton and Huntingdonshire some years ago. I hope it will soon be revived, as "Beta" evidently does.

There are also numerous cards published annually for Towns and certain Lodges only, but of these I say nothing now, save to acknowledge their usefulness.

Every Province should have a Calendar or Directory as a guide for the Provincial Grand Masters and their officers, and for the information of the many concerned. Their publication does not entail much cost, though the labour is not inconsiderable; the sum for outlay ranging from say £5 to £20, according to style and number.

Some Provinces meet the expense by a pro rata payment from the lodges; others charge the cost to the Prov. G. L. funds; and some are sold, and thus defray, or nearly so, the cost of printing.

Many of the Calendars are fine specimens, typographically, as well as Masonically, and are "full of information" of considerable value to the members of lodges concerned, being special aids to the Provincial authorities.

Several contain the By-laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge represented, as also the Prov. G. Chapter, &c., and besides which, Lists of voters in the Central Masonic Charities, and rules of local funds are to be found in their pages.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE CRAFT.

From East to West, from North to South,
With still progressive sway,
The mystic Craft, to us endeared,
Need never fear decay;
Like some majestic tree it stands
Deep-rooted in the Past,
Whilst buds of present promise yield
Fruit ripening to the last.

As Masons, joined in heart and hand
Our Order to defend,
Let us with cheery welcome greet
A Brother and a Friend;
Strong in our purpose to uphold
Our Brotherhood of Love,
Founded on Earth, to be confirmed
In the Grand Lodge Above!

In Faith, we trust that Providence
Will guide our steps aright,
Hope cheers us on our rugged path
From darkness into light;
Sweet Charity implores our aid
For Brothers in distress,
To scatter blessings as we pass
Through Life's vast wilderness.

As Masons, may our thoughts and words
With Plumb-rule strict compare,
And may our conduct stand the test
Of Level and of Square;
Then let us the Great Architect
With lowly hearts implore
He will cement and bless the Craft
Till time shall be no more!

F. W. DRIVER, M.A.,
P.M. No. 45.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

At a meeting of the Mansion House Committee of the Fund to aid the Imperial Institute, on Monday, the 28th ult., the fund was reported to amount to £19,236, of which £6664 was for the Imperial Institute exclusively, £8800 would also go to it, leaving £3771 for the Commercial Museum. A scheme for the proposed Commercial Museum was brought forward, which is to be further considered.

The Masonic celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, at York, will be an event of more than ordinary importance. The Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire proposes holding the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at York, on Thursday, 14th July, and also, with the cordial co-operation of the Prov. Grand Master and the brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire, celebrating the Royal Jubilee on the same occasion. The details of the occasion will consist of the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, reception of Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, and other Provincial Grand Lodges; procession to and special Masonic service at the Minster, where a sermon will be preached by the Dean of York, Past Grand Chap. of England; and a conversazione, Masonic exhibition, and concert.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF NORTH-UMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND BERWICK-ON-TWEED.

ROYAL KENT PRECEPTORY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

The preceptory was opened by the E.P. Sir Knight C. R. Fry, assisted by his officers, on Friday the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Pro Prior, Sir Knight Charles James Banister, Past Grand Captain of England, &c., Sir Knight Col. James Monks, Past Sub-Prior of the Province, P.S.B. of England, were announced and received under an arch of steel and saluted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Sir Knight Thomas John Armstrong was unanimously elected E.P. and Sir Knight H. Hotham, Treasurer.

The E.P. Sir Knight C. R. Fry, in a most excellent speech, and on behalf of the members of the Preceptory, presented their old and valued friend, Sir Knight Henry Hotham, with his portrait in the dress of a Knight Templar on his attaining his fiftieth year as a member of that ancient preceptory, having been nearly thirty years their Treasurer, which was supported by V.E. Sir Knight C. J. BANISTER, Pro Prior in very appropriate terms, and Sir Knight Col. JAMES MONKS, P.S.B.

On Sir Knight H. HOTHAM rising to thank the members, he was received by quite an ovation which lasted some

time and quite overpowered the worthy knight, thanking them most cordially for their great kindness to him at all times. He should value their handsome gift.

A duplicate portrait of Sir Knight H. Hotham, in the dress of a Knight Templar, was also presented on behalf of the members of the preceptory to the E. Preceptor, to be hung in the hall above the Treasurer's desk, to remind future made knights of their old friend who had for so many years been a member of this old encampment, by V.E. Sir Knight C. J. Banister, Pro Prior. The E. Preceptor, on behalf of the preceptory, accepted the portrait with thanks, which was recorded on the minutes. Business of the preceptory being over, it was closed in due form.

The banquet was held in the dining hall, under the presidency of the E.P. Sir Knight C. R. Fry, the vice-chair being occupied by Sir Knight T. J. Armstrong, E.P. elect.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the E.P., also "The Health of their Chief, Sir Knight C. J. Banister, V.E. Pro Prior," in most flattering terms, which was drunk with enthusiasm.

Sir Knight C. J. BANISTER responded most heartily, after which he proposed "The Health of their Dear Old Friend," whose Jubilee as a Knight Templar they were celebrating that day, hoping that he might be spared yet for many years to be with them at their meetings and at the festive board.

This was drunk with full honours, and, in response, Sir Knight H. HOTHAM, P.P. Sub-Prior, thanked one and all most cordially, most particularly his old and valued friend, their Pro Prior, whom he had the honour more than 30 years ago of proposing as a candidate for the Degree of Knights Templar, and he was very pleased to see him looking so well, and trusted that he might rule over them for many years to come.

Other toasts were proposed and ably responded to. The gathering was the largest and most enthusiastic that has been held for many years, sir knights coming from all parts of the province—Berwick-on-Tweed, Sunderland, Stockton-on-Tees, Darlington, &c. Recitations and songs between the toasts brought a truly happy evening of a red-letter day to a close.

The Craft Abroad.

GRAND LODGE OF CONNECTICUT.

The annual communication was held on the 19th January, when the following were among the Grand Officers elected for the year, namely: Bros. H. H. Greene, M.W.G.M.; J. W. Mix, D.G.M.; J. H. Swartwout, S.G.W.; Clark Buckingham, J.G.W.; J. G. Root, G. Treas.; and J. K. Wheeler, G. Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida, held at Jacksonville on the 18th January last, when about 100 lodges were represented, the following brethren were elected Grand Officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. G. S. Hallmark, M.W.G.M.; N. R. Carter, Dep. G.M.; W. F. Bynum, S.G.W.; J. J. Delaney, J.G.W.; Rev. T. Leitner, G. Chap.; H. Robinson, G. Treas.; D. C. Dawkins, G. Sec.; G. Beal, S.G.D.; Wm. Lake, J.G.D.; R. A. Montsalvatge, G. Swd. Br.; H. Glogowski, G. Std. Br.; R. R. Shepherd, G. Marshal; R. H. Weller, G. Org.; W. Fox, G. Purs.; C. H. Munger and T. Turnbull, G. Stewards; and Octavius H. Dorsett, G. Tyler.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY.

This Grand Lodge held its 100th annual communication at Trenton on the 25th January last. As might have been anticipated, there was an unusually large attendance and great enthusiasm prevailed in Taylor's Opera House, when the most attractive portion of the proceedings took place. Bro. J. M. Congdon, M.W.G.M., presided, and there were many distinguished visitors from neighbouring jurisdictions, the most prominent being Bros. Joseph Eichbaum, M.W.G.M.; the Hon. Richard Vaux, P.G.M.; J. S. Africa, S.G.W.; T. R. Patton, G. Treas.; Michael Nesbit, P.G.M., G. Sec. of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; E. M. Ehlers, G. Sec.; John F. Collins, D.D.G.M. 4th District of New York; and others. An address by the Grand Master and an oration by Bro. H. R. Cannon, P.G.M., constituted the chief portions of the celebration, and there was a long and admirable programme of suitable music which was ably carried out. A grand banquet brought the celebration to a close. The following are the Grand Officers for the year, Bros. R. M. Moore, M.W.G.M.; Charles H. Mann, D.G.M.; J. M. Harris, S.G.W.; G. W. Fortmeyer, J.G.W.; Rev. H. S. Velhslage, and Rev. G. M. Murray, G. Chaps.; Charles Becktel, G. Treas.; J. H. Hough, G. Sec.; Thos. H. R. Redway, D.G. Sec.; H. S. Haines, G. Instructor; J. W. Farrow, S.G.D.; Jos. S. Farrand, J.G.D.; Charles Russ, G. Marshal; W. H. Wilnot, G.S.B.; A. M. Loudenslager, G. Purs.; Jas. A. Smith, G. Org.; Job C. Kinyon, and Robert Dingwell, G. Stwds.; and Gilbert B. Slack, G. Tyler.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND (E.C.)

A Quarterly Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held on December 21st, and attended by representatives of the majority of the lodges working under that body. The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. T. S. Graham, presided, and was supported by the W.D.D.G.M., Bro. Sir Robert Stout. The Scotch District Grand Lodge paid a fraternal visit, being represented by R.W.S.D.G.M. Bro. Louis Court, and the majority of the D.G. Officers. The business transacted was either of a routine or private character. During the evening the R.W.D.G.M., on behalf of the D.G. Lodge and all the Craft in Dunedin, congratulated Bro. Sir R. Stout upon the honour that had been conferred upon him by his Sovereign.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF QUEENSLAND.

An emergent communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Warwick, on the 19th November, 1886. Bro. Barron L. Barnett, Dep. D.G.M., presided at District Grand meeting, and there were present Bros. John Fenwick, D.G. Sec., as Dep. D.G.M.; A. O. H. Phillips, as D.S.G.W.; R. A. Cowton, as D.J.G.W.; W. D. Wilson, as D.G. Sec.; Thomas Trevethan, D.S.G.D.; H. M. Davies, as D.J.G.D.; W. Wallace, D.A.G.D.C., as D.G.D.C.; R. Gibson, D.A.G.D.C., the representatives of sundry lodges, and other brethren. District Grand Lodge having been opened, the

D.G.M. in the chair announced that the meeting was held at the invitation of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1372, for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall in Warwick. He further stated that the D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Gregory, regretted that owing to unavoidable circumstances, which rendered his presence at the Legislative Council imperative, he had been, at the last moment, prevented from attending. He then called upon the brethren to join him in procession to the site of the proposed new hall, and assist him in the duty of laying the foundation-stone. A procession was accordingly formed, and on its reaching the ground Bro. Barnett, assisted by his D.G. Officers, laid the stone in accordance with the usages proper to such a ceremony, and in the course of the proceedings delivered a most eloquent discourse on the principles of Masonry. The procession having been re-formed, the brethren returned to the lodge room, and District Grand Lodge was closed.

On the 1st December following the regular Quarterly Communication was held at the Masonic Hall, Brisbane. R.W. Bro. the Hon. A. C. Gregory, D.G.M., presided, and there were present Bros. Barron L. Barnett, D.D.G.M.; Daniel Jones, D.S.G.W.; J. B. Stanley, P.D.S.G.W., as D.J.G.W.; Rev. J. Dean, D.G. Chaplain; W. Finnican, D.G. Treasurer; the Hon. Sir Samuel W. Griffith, K.C.M.G., P.D.S.G.W., as D.G. Registrar; Adolph M. Hertzberg, P.D.G.D.C., as D.G. Secretary; C. Claudius Carter, P.D.S.G.W., as D.S.G.D.; J. D. Reeve, D.J.G.D.; the Hon. Frank T. Gregory, P.D.G. Registrar, as D.G.S. of Works; John Fenwick, D.G. Secretary, as D.G.D.C.; the Hon. W. F. Taylor, P.D.G. Sword Bearer, as D.G. Sword Bearer; J. G. Vidgen, D.G. Organist; J. T. Brigg, D.G.P.; J. E. Meyer and A. F. Luya, D.G. Stewards; and other brethren, P.D.G. Officers, Representatives of lodges, and visitors. This being the first occasion on which District Grand Lodge met in its new hall, the D.G.M. was invited solemnly to dedicate it to the purposes of Freemasonry, and the complete ceremony of dedication was carried out very ably and impressively, the oration being delivered by Bro. Barnett, the Dep. D.G.M. The regular business of the meeting, which, however, does not need to be described, was then proceeded with, and in due course District Grand Lodge was closed.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CANTERBURY, N.Z.

A Quarterly Communication was held at the Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, N.Z., on Thursday, the 2nd October, 1886. R.W. Bro. H. Thompson, D.G.M., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. Dr. Deamer, D.D.G.M.; C. P. Hulbert, D.S.G.W.; W. Sanson, D.J.G.W.; J. F. Smith, D.G. Reg.; W. R. Mitchell, D.G. Sec.; G. M. Douglas, D.S.G.D.; S. Debridge, D.J.G.D.; M. O'Connell, as D.G.S.B.; W. T. C. Mills, D.G.P.; E. F. Haskins, F. M. Warren, and W. Skinner, D.G. Stewards; Richard Stevens, D.G. Tyler; sundry P.D.G. Officers; and the representatives of a majority of the lodges. The District Grand Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting, after certain clauses improperly inserted had been struck out, confirmed, a number of apologies for non-attendance were read, the roll of lodges was called over, and sundry reports handed in, that by the D.G. Treasurer showing a balance to the good of over £509. The report of the Standing Committee recommended the grant of a further £10 as rent to the St. Augustine's Lodge, and a vote of £20 towards relieving the distress of a brother, having been adopted, the rest of the business was disposed of, and D.G. Lodge closed with the accustomed formalities.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT WAIROA SOUTH, NEW ZEALAND.

On December 8th, 1886, the new Masonic Hall at Wairoa South was opened for Masonic purposes. The consecration of the hall was held in connection with the annual installation of officers of the Lodge Wairoa, 709 (S.C.), and the two ceremonies were carried out with due solemnity. After the arrival of the visitors, no time was lost in having the preliminaries arranged. The lodge assembled, and duly received Bro. M. Niccol, R.W.S.P.G.M., and the officers of Grand Lodge. After the ceremonies incidental to such an occasion had been gone through, and the hall duly opened for Masonic purposes, the installation of the officers for the ensuing year then took place, and among the P.M.'s present on the dais were Bros. Kidd and Suiter (I.C.), Dr. Walker, Hitchens, and Dewar (S.C.), and Vosper and Cole (E.C.). The installation ceremonies were performed by Bro. M. Niccol, and the following are the officers installed: Bros. James Walker, R.W.M.; Dr. Leger Erson, P.M.; F. Lawry, Deputy; Hitchens, Substitute; Rev. Farley, Chaplain; H. S. Dudley, S.W.; C. Farley, J.W.; D. Crawford, Secretary; J. Aitchison, Treasurer; T. P. Fraser, S.D.; D. McLenan, J.D.; J. Hewson, I.G.; and G. Martin, Tyler. After the business of the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to a banquet provided by the ladies of Wairoa South. The chair was occupied by Bro. M. Niccol. The customary toasts were proposed and duly responded to. At the close of the banquet the hall was cleared, and at half-past nine p.m. dancing was commenced, and was continued until four o'clock next morning.

LODGE ST. ANDREW, 418 (S.C.)

The annual installation of officers of this lodge took place on December 28th, and on no previous occasion in the history of the lodge was there such a thoroughly representative attendance of brethren of all constitutions as on that of the installation of Bro. Farquhar Macrae into the chair of K.S. and the mastership of this lodge. The lodge was opened by the retiring R.W.M., Bro. Hitchens, and soon afterwards Bro. Malcolm Niccol, R.W.S.P.G.M., S.C., was received, and took the chair as installing master. The P.G.M., I.C., Bro. G. P. Pierce, and his officers, were received as a Grand Lodge, the officers including Bros. Rees, P.M.; Russel, P.M.; Pooley, P.M.; and Hanna, P.M. The District Grand Lodge of England was also received as a body, and included Bros. Clark, Dr. Dawson, W. P. Moat, Rev. W. Tebbis, H. G. Wade, Fenton, Page, Major Pirie, Augur, La Roche, Hewson, and Rev. E. H. Gulliver. Without any unnecessary delay, the installation of officers was commenced and conducted by Bro. Niccol. Bro. Farquhar Macrae was duly presented by Bros. W. Anderson and W. C. Walker, the two oldest Past Masters of Lodge St. Andrew present, and he was duly installed, saluted, and proclaimed. The following officers were then invested and installed: Bros. R.

B. Symon, D.M.; James Anderson, S.M.; J. P. King, S.W.; Malcolm McLeod, J.W.; Dr. H. Walker, Org.; T. Ellison, Treas.; J. F. Bulford Sec.; Page, S.D.; Urquhart, J.D.; Robinson and Mason, Stwds.; Bruford, I.G.; and Ionge, Tyler. When Bro. Dr. Walker was being invested, or rather re-invested, as Organist, the Installing Master took the opportunity of presenting him with an elaborate and costly jewel of the P.M. Degree, as a recognition of his services as Master of the lodge, and hoped he would live long to wear it, and Bro. Dr. Walker expressed his appreciation of the kindly feeling thus exhibited towards him by the members of the lodge. The newly-installed R.W.M., in a brief but feeling speech, proposed a vote of the hearty thanks of the lodge to Bro. Niccol, the Installing Master. A banquet afterwards took place, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

LODGE WAITEMATA, No. 689, E.C.

The installation of officers for the ensuing year of this lodge took place on December 20th, at the Masonic Hall, Princes-street. The officers installed were Bro. Augur, as W.M. for the second time; Bros. Capt. Olive, S.W.; Grey, J.W.; Hatswell, Treas.; H. G. Wade, Sec.; Crozier, S.D.; W. Dunn, J.D.; White, I.G.; and Tonge, Tyler. Several representatives of other lodges were present at the ceremony. After the transaction of lodge business, the members adjourned to the banqueting hall to a banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The proceedings were enlivened with songs, &c.

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

The Annual Convocation of the G.R.A. Chapter was held at Jacksonville on the 19th January, when the following were elected Grand Officers for the year, viz.:—Comps. A. Paterson, G.H.P.; M. Endel, D.G.H.P.; Fred. S. Goodrich, G. King; R. A. Montsalvatge, G. Scribe; T. S. Wilmarth, G. Treas.; D. C. Dawkins, G. Sec.; Rev. W. McLean, G. Chap.; S. B. Wright, G.C. of H.; J. A. Boag, G.P.S.; C. H. Munger, G.R.A.C.; W. M. McIntosh, G.M. 3rd V.; J. W. Boyd, G.M. 2nd V.; E. A. Richards, G.M. 1st V.; and James F. Clark, G. Guard.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MICHIGAN.

There was a very full attendance at the annual Convocation at Detroit, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, on the 18th January, when the following were elected Grand Officers for the year, viz.: Comps. Eugene P. Robertson, G.H.P.; Benj. F. Watts, D.G.H.P.; W. Wente, G. King; W. G. Hudson, G. Scribe; Rev. F. A. Blades, G. Chap.; H. Shaw Noble, G. Treas.; W. P. Moses, G. Secretary; Sam. C. Randall, G.C. of H.; John F. Barrows, G.P.S.; Chas. R. Bagg, G.R.A.C.; Jas. H. Cummings, G.M. 3rd V.; Jefferson S. Conover, G.M. 2nd V.; C. D. Blanchard, G.M. 1st V.; P. H. de Graff, and T. Phillips, G. Stwds.; A. McGregor, G. Sen.; and B. Porter, G. Lecturer.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW YORK.

The Annual Convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter of New York was held in Albany during the opening week of February. There was a large attendance, and the reports handed in by the several Committees were of a highly interesting character. It appears there are 189 chapters in the jurisdiction, of which all but four had sent in returns, and that the number of subscribing members is 15,256. The following is a list of the Grand Officers for the current year, viz.: Comps. Wm. Sherer, G.H.P.; R. H. Parker, D.G.H.P.; J. L. Lambert, G. King; Marvin L. Greenwood, G. Scribe; Herman H. Russe, G. Treas.; C. G. Fox, G. Sec.; Rev. James B. Murray, G. Chap.; Will J. McDonald, G.C. of H.; Erskine H. Dickey, G. Prin. Soj.; Ulysses Baker, G.R.A.C.; Willard S. Bradt, G.M. 3rd V.; A. Trombler, G.M. 2nd V.; P. Nast, jun., G.M. 1st V.; George McGown, G. Lecturer; and W. H. Gladding, G. Tyler. Comps. Darius Ogden, E. Loewenstein, and C. W. Carpenter are the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS.

The principal officers who were elected and installed at the 37th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, held at Houston, on the 14th January last, are as follow: Comps. W. L. Sartwell, G.H.P.; John Adriance, D.G.H.P.; John C. McCoy, G. King; R. M. Harkness, G. Scribe; H. Schaffins, G. Treas.; and Robert Breaster, G. Secretary.

GRAND COUNCIL R. AND S. M. NEW JERSEY.

There was a large attendance at the 29th annual assembly at Trenton of the Grand Council R. and S. Masters on the 25th January, when the following were elected G. Officers: Bros. James B. Small, G.M.; Gilbert D. Slack, D.G.M.; George W. Start, G.P. Con. of Wk.; Charles Becktel, G. Recorder; Charles Wolverton, G. Treasurer; L. L. Greer, G. Chap.; Lindsey Rowe, G.C. of G.; Lewis G. Dawson, G.M.; Madison K. Raub, G. Stwd.; and Sam. G. Bennett, G. Sent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND (S.C.)

An imposing, interesting, and, as far as Royal Arch Masonry is concerned, an important ceremony was performed at the ordinary meeting of the Kilwinning Otago Chapter, 116, on Monday evening, December 20th, when Comp. Louis Court, M.E.P.Z., was installed as G. Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter of New Zealand. The Otago Kilwinning Chapter having been opened, Comp. W. Caldwell, M.E.Z., explained to the companions the purpose for which they had met, and the steps which had led up to the resuscitation of the Provincial Grand Chapter. The Scribe E. having read the commission from the Scottish Grand Chapter, Comp. H. Neill, M.E.P.Z., presented M.E. Comp. L. Court to M.E. Comp. Caldwell, and the latter installed him as P.G. Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter of New Zealand. Comp. Caldwell then proclaimed the Provincial Grand Chapter duly constituted. The honours having been paid to M.E.P.G.S., the following Prov. Grand Officers were invested: Comps. J. Robertson, P.Z., Prov. G.H.; D. A. McNicol, P.Z., Prov. G.J.; H. Neill, P.Z., Prov. G. Scribe E.; S. W. Gibbs, Prov. G. Scribe N.; H. Credington, P.G. 1st S.; H. Carter, P.G. 2nd S.; and W. Parker, P.G. 3rd S. Comp. Caldwell then addressed the M.E.P.G.S. and his newly-invested officers, pointing out the responsibility that lay upon them. The M.E.P.G.S., in replying, stated that he, with the assistance of his officers, intended doing all

he could for Royal Arch Masonry, and felt sure that their efforts would be crowned with success. He also thanked Comp. Caldwell for the able manner in which he had conducted the installation ceremony, and stated that had it not been for that exalted companion the Provincial Grand Chapter would not have been re-constituted. The ceremonies were beautifully carried out, and witnessed by a large number of visitors, amongst whom were Comps. Sir R. Stout, P.Z.; T. S. Graham, P.Z.; and C. de Longueville Graham, P.Z. The chapter was closed in customary and ancient form. The companions afterwards assembled at a banquet given by Comp. Court in honour of his installation. After the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts had been honoured, Comp. Sir R. Stout proposed "The Health of the Newly-Installed Prov. G. Superintendent," and in doing so on behalf of the English chapters, stated that they would do their best to support that companion in his high position. In replying, Comp. Court, P.G.S., intimated that, accompanied by the Prov. G.S.E., Comp. Neill, he intended visiting all the chapters in New Zealand, and hoped to bring back favourable reports. He also hoped that he would supervise Royal Arch Masonry as well as Comp. Sir R. Stout presided over the interests of the colony. "The Health of Comp. W. Caldwell, P.Z.," was then drunk, and, in replying, that exalted companion said he hoped that the ceremony of the evening would be productive of good for Royal Arch Masonry throughout New Zealand, and he for one intended to closely watch the actions of the Provincial Grand Chapter. The other toasts honoured were "The Visitors and Comp. Sir R. Stout," "Sister Chapters," "The Prov. G. Scribe E., Comp. H. Neill," and "The Press." During the evening a number of companions sang several songs, &c., and the companions separated shortly before midnight, thoroughly satisfied with the success of the ceremonies and social gathering.



On Saturday a play was brought out at the Princesses called "Held by the Enemy," by a Mr. Gillette, an American author. It is to be put in the evening bills on Saturday, and we hope to notice it further later on as we hear from those who were there that it is a splendid play, and in the words of managers, has "money" in it.

Miss Grace Hawthorn has taken a wise step at the Olympic, and brings to the west-end the famous drama, "A Dark Secret," which has been played for a long while at the Standard, and is chiefly famous for a scene in which Henley Regatta with its house-boats, rowing boats, steam launches, and the river Thames are all introduced in a tank. We hope the stage will be able to bear the burden of all this. Miss Hawthorne will, in a short time, produce "The Golden Band," but whether at the Standard or at the Olympic we have not heard.

On Saturday Mr. Hawtrey "puts up" his marvellously successful farcical comedy, "The Private Secretary," with the original cast, and we entertain no doubt that it will receive its old welcome, and that the Globe will resound with roars of laughter at Mr. Penley's comical representation of the Reverend Mr. Spalding, and Bro. Hill's Uncle Robert. Although played for two years recently we do not think Mr. Hawtrey will make much mistake in reviving "The Private Secretary," at any rate for a time.

"Robinson Crusoe" is nearly at an end at the Avenue, and we advise our readers who are fond of a good and hearty laugh to look in at the Avenue during the next two weeks. They will have witty sayings and catching songs from Bro. Arthur Roberts, graceful dances of Miss Broughton, a more than ordinarily clever dialogue of Mr. Sutton, songs from Miss Yeaman's, whose "Sally in our alley" is alone worth going for, and a variety entertainment not to be surpassed anywhere. "Madame Favart" is shortly to be produced here, with Miss Florence St. John in her original part. We expect the revival will be welcomed.

Miss Fortescue has just returned from a very successful tour in America, where she has made a goodly sum. She is now on a provincial tour in England with "Frou Frou," "Pygmalion and Galatea," and her other plays. Miss Fortescue has, we hear, made a great advancement in her acting since she left England. In America she has won the hearts of everyone whom she has met, and offended none. Perhaps, when she sees her way clear, she will give her London friends—and their name is legion—an opportunity of seeing her. Miss Fortescue will only do this if advised by her clever manager, Mr. Charles Terry, who has arranged all her American and English tours, and is busy with one for Mrs. Conover and a new play, whilst he is at the same time acting manager for Mr. Edward Compton's old comedy company.

Messrs. Canon and Crauford's excellent monthly magazine "The Theatre," edited by Mr. Clement Scott, is as replete with interest this month as ever. Mr. Lewis Carroll (Mr. Dodgson) tells us in a delightful article how he came to write "Alice in Wonderland," which has charmed several generations of children, and which, dramatised, has pleased both old and young since last Christmas until the last few weeks at the Prince of Wales's Theatre. We hope Mr. Carroll will next Christmas continue the good work he has begun, and make us all forget ourselves, even if it be for only a couple of hours with his beautiful stories. Mr. Godfrey Turner contributes a further number of "First nights of my young days," which tells us about Phelps in the palmy days of Sadler's Wells. Mr. Frank Marshall has a clever criticism on the recent revival by the Dramatic Students (a society of young and ambitious actors and actresses) of "A woman killed with kindness." "Our Omnibus Box," keeps us well posted up with the newest plays on the legitimate and amateur stage, and two excellent photographs of Mr. Lewis Waller and "Alice in Wonderland" make "The Theatre" a cheap shillingsworth.

Bro. Colonel Mapleson's fine military-looking face as he looked down last Saturday, from an upper stage box, might well beam with delight when he surveyed the tremendous audience in all parts of the house, assembled to witness the performance of "Fra Diavolo." The Prince of Wales, the Earl of Lathom, and the Earl of Suffolk, were in a box together. Italian opera, like Shakespeare, has long spelt ruin to managers, but we have always felt that it was their own fault chiefly. Colonel Mapleson has reduced the charges for seats this season, bringing Italian opera within the reach of all classes, the consequence of which is, that Covent Garden is full every night. "Carmen," "Faust," "La Traviata," and "Lucia di Lammermoor," are amongst his repertoire. The programme is changed every night. An excellent company of operatic singers of which Miss Minnie Hauk, Mdm. Nordisa, Signor Ravelli, Mdles. Gutri and Lhérie, are some of the principals that have been engaged to place the favourite operas before the British public, who on their part seem to duly appreciate the Colonel's selection. We hope at the close of the season Bro. Mapleson will find he has reaped such a harvest as to warrant his taking Covent Garden again.

Whilst Mr. Beerbohm Tree is rehearsing his company for his venture as a manager of a theatre, the Comedy is occupied for about a fortnight with a new three-act farce which met with some approval at a matinée a short time ago at the Vaudeville. Mr. Calthorpe, the author, causes his hero to appear to be married to three wives, and the scrapes he gets into in consequence of his apparent 'trigamy,' and the clever way in which he extricates himself from his troubles produces a lot of fun. Mr. E. M. Robson makes a very good Ikey Moses, and Mr. Harry Paulson as a Highlander is as usual very droll. On Mr. Charles Glenney falls the burden of the piece, and to his excellent acting much of the success of "The Mormon" must be attributed, that is should it be a success. We think it too long for the piece of the evening, and curtailed to two or one acts it would be more laughable. "The Mormon," however, has the benefit of introducing to the London stage a Miss Lillian Gilmore, who comes of a regular theatrical family, being the daughter of Miss Emily Thorne and niece of Bro. Thomas Thorne and Messrs. Fred. and George, and Miss Sarah Thorne. Miss Gilmore has had some years careful training in the country in many parts, and we hope her pretty face, her carriage, and neat acting will keep her in London, which is the ambition of all actors.

"The Great Felicidad," produced at a Gaiety matinée, is a cleverly written play, but it is a pity that Mr. Paul, the author, who shows so much talent for construction, did not use a clearer subject. The play is entirely based on the intrigues of married persons, and we cannot see what good can be gained by a piece of this description. We do not say that such subjects are unfit for the stage, any more than the crime of murder, forgery, &c.; but these should be held out as examples, and the perpetrators denounced and punished, not depicted as heroes. When a man finds out that his wife is carrying on an intrigue with another man, and thanks God there is a Divorce Court, or that he will be able to release himself and marry the other man's wife, no result of a proper kind can accrue to an audience witnessing such a play. It is such plays as "The Cenci" and the one we have alluded to above that the *Freemason* will never encourage, because no good to morals can possibly result, or, at any rate, other things are brought into the mind which it would not otherwise conceive, and those things of which it is a shame even to speak are depicted, which are better smothered.

Mrs. Brown Potter has got herself so successfully advertised that everyone will be going to the Haymarket to see this lady from America to form their own opinion of her capabilities as an actress, and as a professional beauty. In both capacities our judgment is that she is somewhat a failure, notwithstanding all the high patronage she has been launched with. As an actress, Mrs. Brown Potter has a great deal to learn and to unlearn. The writer did not see "Man and Wife" when played some years ago at the Prince of Wales's Theatre under the Bancroft management, therefore writes without prejudice, and free from comparison. Like all plays written for a purpose, this one lacks some interest, nevertheless, if one can forget that "Man and Wife" is not played to show the absurdity of the Scottish law regarding marriage, it is well worth a visit. The cast is a most efficient one, and the piece has been rehearsed with that care which the Haymarket plays always are. Mrs. Brown Potter's pronunciation of English is not always pleasant, she lacks repose, and should try and keep more still. Continual movement is not acting. Our latest addition to the stage would, we should say, be best in an emotional part in melodrama. Bro. Kemble, as the Baronet, is much better than we have seen him for a long while. We cannot help feeling that Mr. W. Maid, as the Coward, makes his character too repulsive. A man who has been educated at a public school and gone through the university, and is a nobleman's son, although a villain, still has the polish of a gentleman upon him. Mr. Willard's Delamayne is what one might expect from a man dragged up in a stable. Miss Agnes Hewitt, not only by her good looks, but by her pretty playing, pleases all. Miss Lindley, as Lady Lundie, could not be better. She is one of our best actresses of these parts. Mr. Herbert is manly, both in appearance and acting. All the other parts are done full justice to by their several representatives. Special praise must be accorded to Mr. Charles Collett's excellent rendering of the Scotch waiter at the little inn where the sensational part of Mr. Wilkie Collins' drama is situated. We cannot expect the present piece to hold the boards for long, but we believe that many will be attracted to the Haymarket not only to see the new actress, but to witness a strong play which they may or may not have seen before. We found a good house assembled, and the audience evidently intently interested in the revival of "Man and Wife."

On Thursday, the 31st ult., Bro. W. Watson, P.M., of Leeds, delivered an address, entitled "A Brief Sketch of the History and Antiquities of Freemasonry down to A.D. 1813," before the members of the Phoenix Lodge, Rotherham. The address was illustrated by a few rare and valuable curios, and proved most interesting. Bro. Watson having a most valuable collection of Masonic works,

A BUSY DRAMATIST.

CHAT WITH BRO. HENRY PETTITT.

We extract the following from the *Hampshire Telegraph*.

I met Henry Pettitt on Monday night, the 7th ult., pensively gazing over the back of one of the boxes at the Theatre Royal and watching "Harbour Lights." There was no mistaking that figure. There was the tearless blue eyes, the flaxen locks, the finely chiselled nose, which flashed upon the inner optic of the American interviewer. As he stood intently following the changing scenes of Mr. Boughton's stage, he looked like one of the heroes of the *Family Herald*, who are always ready to release fair damsels from the meshes of the betrayer, and to bring the wicked baronet to his knees. But Mr. Pettitt was not engaged in any such heroic enterprise on Monday night. He had run down to Portsmouth with his friend, Mr. Stephanotis Gatti, the manager of the Adelphi, and Mr. Sidney, the veteran stage manager of that famous house, to see the first performance of the new "Harbour Lights" company, which has been formed out of the two old companies playing at the Adelphi, and which Mr. Pettitt firmly believes to be the best company playing in the provinces at the present time.

Before we left the theatre I got into the secret of Mr. Henry Pettitt's extraordinary popularity among all sorts and conditions of players. "When I am pleased," he said, "I make a point of saying so." So we wandered round behind the scenes, where, in response to a modest knock at the door of a dressing room, an infinitesimal portion of Miss May Whitty appeared to receive the thanks of the author for the exertions of the ladies of the company. No such delicacy attended the entrance to the leading gentleman's dressing room, where we found Lieutenant Kingsley in a costume that would have driven the Lord Chamberlain to desperation, even in a Gaiety burlesque, and Tom Dossiter rapidly divesting himself of sea colour. Henry Pettitt was a schoolmaster in his early days, and, strange to say, Tom Dossiter was one of his pupils. On one occasion, when the master and pupils had gone for an outing on the penny steamer between Waterloo and Nine Elms, Tom Dossiter fell overboard just outside Vauxhall Bridge. A strong tide was running, and Tom was being carried rapidly down stream, when the master, who had not at that time attained proficiency in the art of which he is now such a distinguished expert, plunged into the water after him and saved his life. From that moment Tom Dossiter determined that his fortunes should be shaped by his master's, and when Mr. Pettitt abandoned the scholastic profession for the stage, Tom Dossiter subdued those clerical aspirations that might have made him an archbishop, and took to playing comic sailors. These and other incidents beguiled the time in the dressing room until the stage was draped in gloom, and an appeal from the lower storey to the upper reminded Mr. Henry Pettitt that it was time for supper.

Seated in a cosy arm chair at the Grosvenor Hotel, where Mr. Pettitt was staying along with Mr. Gatti and Mr. Sidney, our talk naturally drifted into a theatrical channel, and I learned for the first time that "Harbour Lights" was principally written in Portsmouth, and that the entire play smacks of the Solent. Most of it was prepared at the Queen's Hotel in the autumn of 1885. Lord Robert Bruce, a retired naval commander, took Mr. Pettitt over the Minotaur, which was then lying in Portsmouth Harbour, and explained everything in detail. Mr. Pettitt returned to London, where he joined Mr. G. R. Sims, and together they worked away diligently at the play. Subsequently he paid another visit to Portsmouth with Mr. Gatti and Mr. Bruce Smith, the well-known scenic artist. They again visited the Minotaur while the business of the ship was going on, and there on the deck they worked out the details of the third act. At the first production at the Adelphi Theatre nearly all the people on the deck were men of the Naval Reserve, and the officer of the watch was played by Lieut. Wyatt, Royal Navy. Mr. Pettitt had the satisfaction of knowing that the trouble he took to secure an accurate representation of duty on board ship was not thrown away, for the Duke of Edinburgh said the scene on board H.M.S. Britannic was the most perfect ship scene he had ever witnessed.

"And now Mr. Pettitt," I said, "tell me something of yourself and your plays."

Mr. Pettitt, who is the soul of sociability, responded willingly, after giving me an opportunity of studying those drinks that are dear to dramatic authors. Mr. Pettitt has been a life long teetotaler, although he has not taken an active part in the movement owing to the prejudice against it in the profession. Mr. Gatti drinks rum and milk, and so particular is he as to the freshness of the beverage that he carries about his own cow with him. "I have been a writer for the stage for 12 years," said Mr. Pettitt, "and have written 40 plays. My first collaborator was Paul Merritt, who was in the City while I was working for a degree. I found the prospect so inviting that I threw up my college appointment. I started as an actor, but was so bad that they turned me off. Then George Conquest invited me to write for the Grecian Theatre. In studying the requirements of that famous house, where Sims Reeves, Robson, Mead, Fernandez, and others who have since become famous graduated, I practically learned my business. Then came an afternoon at the Adelaide Gallery, in the Strand, where, over a festive cup of coffee, Mr. G. R. Sims and I resolved to join forces. The result was 'In the Ranks.' Chattering away on the same topics, Mr. Pettitt told me that "Harbour Lights" was the most successful and profitable of his plays. It had been running for 14 months at the Adelphi, where considerably more than a million people had seen it, and the receipts are as good now as during the first week. Mr. Pettitt has written another play for the Adelphi, but there is no chance for its production for many months to come, as anyone who passes the house at night, with its inevitable notices of "stalls full," "pit full," will understand. Mr. Pettitt modestly says that he is ashamed to make so much money. During the present week his dramas are being played all over the world. From newspaper reports just received he was able to tell me that on Monday "Human Nature" was being played at Melbourne to 3000 people; at the Surrey Theatre to other 3000. "The Black Flag" was being played in San Francisco to 3000 people, and somewhere in England by a provincial company. "The Run of Luck" appeared only at Southampton, but will open at the Grand Theatre, Islington, next week. "Harbour Lights" provided entertainment at the Adelphi to 3000 people; at Wallack's, New York, to 3000 more;

and at the Theatre Royal, Portsmouth. In addition to these there were three or four other companies in the provinces playing "The Royal Pardon," "Queen's Evidence," and "Taken from Life"—which was originally written for Messrs. Gatti, and had a phenomenal run—so that, altogether, Mr. Pettitt calculated that on Monday night 30,000 people were listening to his plays. Mr. Pettitt draws fees for every one of these performances, so that he must have the income of a prince. Mr. Gilbert probably makes more money out of the stage, and Mr. G. R. Sims as much, but with these exceptions, no one has struck such a rich mine in the drama as the genial author of "The Harbour Lights." Shortly before cockcrow Mr. Pettitt stood on the steps of the Grosvenor, and declared that the prospects of the British drama were better to-day than ever. A few days ago he glanced through the columns of a daily paper and found that at two-thirds of the thirty-nine theatres in London pieces of French origin were being played. At the present time only three French adaptations have a place on the London stage, and of the three, one is a burlesque of "Monte Christo," by two English authors. With which sage reflections revolving in my mind, I sailed homeward, not wondering any longer why Henry Pettitt was voted in town and country one of the best fellows in the world.

Obituary.

BRO. SAMUEL WHITE.

Bro. Samuel White, of the firm of Messrs. John White and Son, leather merchants, Bingley, died suddenly on the 25th ult., of heart disease, and his remains were interred at Bingley on 30th ult. The cortege left Gilstead Hall at eleven o'clock, and proceeded to the parish church, where the funeral service was held. A number of private carriages were sent, and all the neighbouring lodges were represented, and a large number of beautiful wreaths were conveyed in a separate carriage. Amongst the mourners were Mr. D. Salmond, Mr. J. B. Sharp, Mr. J. Anderton, Mr. D. England, Mr. C. Platts, Mr. W. Platts, Mr. Aked, Mr. Hardcastle, Mr. R. E. Weatherhead, Mr. Fred Bonsor, Mr. Gatecliffe, Mr. C. E. Sugden, and all the relations and many friends of the deceased gentleman. A full choral service was conducted in the parish church by the Rev. H. L. Williams, M.A. Mr. Charles Blagbro sang the solo—"Be thou faithful," and the organist played the "Dead March." Bro. White was highly respected in Bingley. He was sixty years of age.—*Leeds Mercury*.



The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their next monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday the 13th inst.

Bro. R. H. Crowden, of Newlands Park, has been returned to represent the Lawrie Park Ward on the Beckenham Local Board without opposition.

The ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed by Bro. Jas. Terry, P.M., &c., at the Lily Lodge of Instruction, No. 820, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday, April the 19th.

The Agent-General for Queensland so highly approved of Bro. Major Cooper's article, "An Emigrant Ship," in the March number of the "Illustrated Naval and Military Magazine," that he has ordered a reprint of 5000 copies.

The installation meeting of the Lodge of Israel, 1474, Birmingham, was held on Monday, the 14th ult., at the Masonic Hall (Old Synagogue), Severn-street. There was a very large attendance of Provincial Grand Officers and other visitors. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. S. Lyon, M.P., one of the founders of the lodge, the Master being Bro. James Adie. As in the so-called Jewish lodges in London, this lodge has several non-Jewish members, and the banquets are arranged according to Jewish observances.

Among the more recent developments in Jerusalem is a Masonic lodge, the Royal Solomon, which had been dormant for some years, and has been lately revived. No place could be more appropriate for a lodge of a cosmopolitan character than Jerusalem, abounding with traces and traditions of Hiram and the Phœnician builders of the Temple. It will, no doubt, be a rallying point for those enthusiastic Masons who may visit Jerusalem in order to explore the site of King Solomon's gorgeous edifice and the intricacies of the vast quarries beneath, where the stones were prepared by the skilful Craftsmen.—*Globe*.

On Wednesday evening, the 23rd ult., the brethren of the Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 329, Headford, Yeovil, presented to Bro. J. Alfred Milborne, I.P.M., a handsome set of Provincial Masonic clothing as a wedding gift, he having been married during his year of office as W.M. of the lodge. The presentation was briefly but appropriately made by the W.M., Bro. Basket, and acknowledged by Bro. Milborne in suitable terms. At the lodge three new members were initiated, and the brethren, including several from the neighbouring Province of Dorset, afterwards partook of supper.

AN INTERESTING MASONIC RELIC.—Recently Mr. Thomas Thistle, of Whitby, while attending a sale by auction in that town, had knocked down to him for a nominal sum a miscellaneous lot of old manuscripts, account books, apparently of little value. Upon examination, there was discovered amongst the collection the original minutes of the Britannia Lodge, constituted in 1772, and held in the Plough Inn, Church-street, Whitby. This lodge was the first Masonic fraternity established in Whitby, and was the predecessor of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, to which Mr. Thistle has kindly presented these curious and interesting minutes, which will be preserved in the archives of the lodge as a relic of Masonry in Whitby in the olden times.

We understand that the testimonial which it is proposed to present to Bro. V. P. Freeman, who has rendered such admirable service to Freemasonry as Prov. Grand Secretary of Sussex, is expected to exceed £700.

Bro. John Bewley was elected W.M. of the Stirling Lodge, No. 1989, Cleator Moor, by a unanimous vote on Wednesday, the 30th ult.

The Merchant Taylors' Company in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee have voted £1000 to the Imperial Institute, £250 to the Clergy Distress Fund, and £250 to the Church House.

Bro. Edward Terry has made it known that he proposes opening his new theatre on the 29th September next, and that he will not therefore appear, as reported at the Gaiety during the autumn.

We have to announce that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, will be held under the banner of the Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549, at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, on Saturday, the 14th May, prox.

On Tuesday, the boys at Christ's Hospital will be received at the Mansion House by Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and having been regaled with the customary buns and wine, will be presented, the Grecians with a guinea, and the Probationers with half-a-guinea, Monitors, half-a-crown, and the rank and file with a shilling each.

We are desired to state that the usual weekly meeting of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne-hill, S.E., will not be held on the evening of Tuesday next, the 12th inst., but on the following Tuesday, the 19th inst. Bro. J. Andrews, W.S. 1986, will occupy the chair. The lodge will be opened at 8 p.m., precisely, and it is anticipated a goodly number of the brethren will be present.

The following dinners take place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending the 9th inst.: Monday—Old King's Arms Chapter, Lodge of Unions, Caxton Lodge, Robert Burns Lodge, and Lodge of Joppa. Tuesday—Old Acquaintance Musical Society. Wednesday—Hackney Carriage Proprietors. Thursday—Westminster and Keystone Lodge, Universal Chapter, and St. James's Chapter.

A grand banquet was given by the Imperial Federation League to the delegates to the Colonial Conference, at Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday evening last. Bros. Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., M.P., Lord Bra-bourne, Lord E. Cecil, Lord Castletown, Sir W. Crossman, M.P., T. Agg-Gardner, M.P., Lord C. Hamilton, M.P., Colonel King-Harman, M.P., Jackson, M.P., Storey-Maskelyne, M.P., and A. Staveley Hill, M.P., being among the principal guests.

A very successful conversazione was held in the Exhibition Hall of the Botanic Gardens, Belfast, on Friday the 25th ult., in behalf of the Belfast Masonic Charities and Widows' Fund. The Report showed that during the past year the receipts had appreciably increased, and that a large amount of assistance had been rendered. The band of the West Surrey regiment was present, and played an excellent programme of music, which gave the utmost satisfaction to the brethren and their friends.

There was a numerous muster of guests at the dinner at Guildhall Tavern on Monday evening, of the General Purposes Committee of the City Corporation, among the most conspicuous being Bros. Aldermen Sir H. E. Knight, Cowan, and Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., Lieut.-Col. and Sheriff Kirby, J. W. Goodinge (late Chairman of the Committee), A. J. Altman, and G. Pitt-Lewis, Q.C., M.P. The occasion was unusually interesting from the fact that in the course of the evening the services of Bro. Goodinge, as Chairman during the past year, were recognised, and the esteem in which he is held was shown, by the presentation to him of a very handsome gold watch and chain, which was feelingly acknowledged by the recipient in a few appropriate sentences.

The series of dramatic performances now taking place at the Crystal Palace are unquestionably the most successful of their kind ever attempted there. Everybody regards Sydenham as a place on which a blight has fallen, and to some extent this is so. It is the blight of public neglect, which has been brought about through the rival attractions of South Kensington. Yet, in what were these exhibitions comparable to the glasshouse of England? Very few people seem aware that the Palace is now open at cheap rates on Wednesdays until nearly midnight, brilliantly lighted, and with a fresh theatrical piece each week, with Oscar Barrett as the guiding spirit. The management has been stirred to its depths by the rumours that the building was about to be closed, and intend making every effort to prove those rumours false.

KENNING'S ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE OF MASONIC CLOTHING AND JEWELS. (Published at 195, Aldersgate-street.) The fifth edition of this gorgeous volume has just appeared, and will afford pleasure to the uninitiated from its numberless artistic designs. The catalogue refers, we should state, to the numerous insignia in use by the Masonic body, and is, no doubt, what it professes to be, the reflex of an establishment which is unique amongst Masonic stores. At Mr. Kenning's every material thing connected with the Craft can be seen, and it may be said that many of the articles are manufactured on the premises. We are told that "every branch, from the drawing of the gold or silver wire, to the finished article, is carried on on the premises." The catalogue shows in gorgeous colours the various aprons, collars, gauntlets, banners, &c., and chains, jewels, &c., in more sober tints. As well as illustrating the variety of design of the various insignia belonging to Masonry, the catalogue is a good specimen of colour printing in the present year of grace.—*The Metropolitan*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of Women.—Medical science in all ages has been directed to alleviate the many maladies incident to females; but Professor Holloway, by diligent study and attentive observation, was induced to believe that Nature had provided a remedy for those special diseases. He has, after vast research, succeeded in compounding this celebrated Pills and Ointment, which embody the principle naturally designed for the relief and cure of disorders peculiar to women of all ages and constitutions, whether residing in warm or cold climates. They have repeatedly corrected disordered functions which have defied the usual drugs prescribed for such cases, and still more satisfactory is it that the malady is relieved completely and permanently.—[ADVT.]

A warrant has been granted for a lodge, named the Regent's Park Lodge, bearing the number 2202, to meet at the York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, of which Bro. D. P. Cama, Grand Treasurer, is to be the first Master; Bro. E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; and Bro. J. K. R. Cama, J.W.

A GREAT MASONIC PICTURE.

A fine Masonic picture is now on view at the studio of Mr. Burt Sharp, photographer and artist, at 79, West-street Brighton. It is commemorative of the grand ceremony last year at the Dome and the Royal Pavilion, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England, installed his brother the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. The picture is a triumph of indefatigable energy and photographic ability, inasmuch as the whole life of the work has been carefully added piece by piece to the photograph of the assembly room, and that in so excellent a manner as scarcely to leave a fault even in the perspective of the large gathering. The view is from a point immediately about the entrance to the Corn Exchange, and there is embraced within it no fewer than 570 portraits of the Masons who were present—those of the Grand Lodge of England on the platform or dais; the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex in the foreground on the floor of the hall; the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of Sussex Lodges in the balcony; and Master Masons and others of the Craft filling up the remaining space in the area and in the outer circle. Beside the Prince of Wales (who occupies the chair) is Prince Victor, the line to the Prince's left being continued by noblemen representing the Grand and Provincial Lodges and including Lord Leigh, the Marquis of Hertford, Earl Amherst, Earl Rosslyn, Earl of Lathom, Earl Kintore, and Lord Harlech. The Senior Warden's chair is seen to be occupied by Lord Herschell, and that of the Junior Warden by Lord Charles Beresford. The special incident in the ceremony depicted is that of Bro. Gerard Ford, the Provincial Grand Registrar (now Deputy Prov. G.M.), upon the steps of the dais in the act of presenting the address of congratulation, through Sir Albert Woods (the Grand Director of Ceremonies) to the Prince of Wales. The execution of the picture, which is 6ft. 3in. by 3ft. 6in., is the result of nine months' labour, Mr. Sharp having had to travel over a great part of England and Wales in order to obtain sittings of many of the prominent Masons who took part in the proceedings. The picture is now ready for re-production, and is a really splendid specimen of photographic skill and a worthy memento of the unique event which it so graphically records.

BISHOP FRASER MEMORIAL CHAPEL.—We learn that the Committee for erecting the Diocesan Memorial to the late Bishop Fraser have been informed that the effigy and monument may be expected to be completed about the middle of May. It is understood also that the memorial chapel, erected by the liberality of Mrs. Fraser, will be ready for the reception of the monument at the same time. The friends of the late Bishop will be gratified to read an extract from a private letter written recently by a gentleman who had seen the figure in the studio of Bro. Forsyth, the sculptor: "The statue is a supreme success. The likeness is scarcely less than an inspiration." To complete the memorial in a suitable manner the Committee will require some additional donations or offertories, as well as for the payment of the subscriptions already promised.

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VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.50, A DARK NIGHT'S BRIDAL; at 8.30, SOPHIA. Matinee Every Saturday, at 2.30.
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Every Evening at 8, MONTE CRISTO, JR.; at 7.30, DIMITY'S DILEMMA.
COURT THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, THE NETTLE; at 8.30, DANDY-DICK.
STRAND THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8, JACK IN THE BOX; at 7.30, BY SPECIAL REQUEST.
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