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The Grand Festival will take place on Wednesday next, the 27th instant, and we shall then know on whom the GRAND MASTER has been pleased to confer the honours of the much-coveted purple for the current year. That his Royal Highness will exhibit his usual discrimination in selecting the new Grand Officers is a matter of course; but his choice is not yet known authoritatively, and all speculations on the subject must be reserved till next week, when those who have a weakness for prophecy will be in a position to corroborate their own announcements. In the meantime, however, we see no great harm in mentioning that Dame Rumour, as usual, has been mysteriously announcing what she believes to be the veritable secrets of the GRAND MASTER'S inner Council Chamber, and that for some days past she has been indicating H.R.H. Prince ALBERT VICTOR OF WALES and Bro. General Viscount WOLSELEY as the new Grand Wardens; Bros. the Rev. CARTWRIGHT SMYTH, D.D., and WELDON as the Grand Chaplains; Bros. BURDETT-COUTTS, M.P., KNYVETT, V. P. FREEMAN, the worthy Provincial Grand Secretary of Sussex, and GEORGE COOPER as the Grand Deacons; Bro. BAYLIS as Grand Deputy Director of Ceremonies; Bro. J. L. MATHER as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. W. M. BYWATER as Grand Sword Bearer; Bros. FENDELOW and GEORGE BEACH as Grand Standard Bearers; Bro. Sir ARTHUR SULLIVAN as Grand Organist; and Bro. HOPEKIRK as Assistant Grand Pursuivant, *vice* Bro. W. H. PERRYMAN, promoted to the Grand Pursuivancy. On Wednesday, the precise amount of truth in these indications will be known.

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The Masonic Jubilee Celebration. We print elsewhere the second circular which has been addressed by the PRO GRAND MASTER to the Worshipful Masters of all English lodges on the subject of the celebration by the Freemasons of England of the Jubilee anniversary of the QUEEN'S accession to the throne. We shall have occasion to remark at greater length in a future article on the announcements it contains, but we lose no time in expressing our satisfaction that the appeal in respect to the Imperial Institute has been favourably answered, and that the arrangements, so far as they have been made, are likely to prove so advantageous to the Institutions.

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The coming Festival R.M.I.G. We are pleased to find that a substantial increase in the number of Stewards for the Girls' School Festival next month, has taken place since we drew attention to the subject last week. Then the Board of Stewards consisted of 214 brethren, now the number is 238, and there is still time for others to volunteer their services, and raise the strength to a round 250. However, as we pointed out in the remarks we are alluding to, it would be unjust to expect much in the way of canvassing from these later additions, and we must still look to the older Stewards to throw, if possible, an extra amount of energy and persuasive force into their labours, and so counteract the numerical inferiority of the Board, by the extra weight of their subscription totals.

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The Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. A GOOD example is generally contagious, and we are glad to find the course adopted by West Yorkshire and East Lancashire in commemorating the Queen's Jubilee is being imitated by the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. At the annual meeting on Friday, the 15th instant, of this Provincial Grand Lodge, it was unanimously resolved on the proposition of Bro. G. J. MCKAY, Provincial Grand Secretary, to commemorate the auspicious event by raising a contribution of 1000 guineas (£1050) in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This is good news for Bro. Terry, who, if the donations keep on being raised in this wholesale fashion, will soon be as perplexed what to do with his numerous moneys as the old woman in the nursery tale was with her numerous offspring. However, if the offspring were not needed, the donations are, and all we can hope is that the rest of the Provinces will take part in the good work, and that all three Institutions will receive a share of the result.

The Boys' School Election. THE usual Spring election of candidates for admission into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place on Monday, and the excitement which invariably attends these contests may have been somewhat enhanced by the fact of there being no ballot in the case of the Girls' School, the authorities of that Institution having resolved on accepting the whole of the 28 candidates instead of filling up only the 24 vacancies that had occurred since last October. At all events, there appears to have been some very close polling, there being a difference of not many in excess of 500 votes between the boy who figured No. 1 on the poll and him who was placed No. 25, while Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7, and Nos. 18, 19, and 20 constituted in each case a group of consecutive numbers, the former four polling 1853, 1852, 1851, and 1850, and the latter three 1711, 1710, and 1709. Both London and the Provinces may claim the honour of heading the poll, the boy FREDERIC WEBBER, who had this first and last chance of winning admission, and who turned it to such excellent account as to be returned No. 1 with 2094 votes, hailing partly from London and partly from the Province of Middlesex. J. H. MARSDEN, who stood second, with 2009, hailed from Derbyshire, and H. A. PATIENCE, who was third, with 1863 votes, from London, so that the advantages as to place were pretty fairly apportioned between the country and the Metropolis. As regards the number of those elected the former seems to have had rather the best of the struggle, London having returned just one half of its 12 candidates, while the Country carried 20 out of 32. West Yorkshire succeeded in placing two out of its three candidates at Nos. 16 and 20, and it helped N. and E. Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire to secure the success of No. 11, and shared with East Lancashire the good fortune of placing ALBERT STEPHENSON at No. 21. Essex carried one of its three candidates, and Surrey one of its two, while Cambridgeshire (No. 13), Cumberland and Westmoreland (No. 26), Hants and Isle of Wight (No. 18), Kent (No. 12), Lancashire, West (No. 19), Monmouthshire (No. 6), Oxfordshire (No. 15), Somersetshire (No. 9), South Wales, East (No. 8), Staffordshire (No. 4), and N. and E. Yorkshire (No. 7), in addition to Derbyshire (No. 2) already referred to, had the satisfaction of severally winning places among the successful; W. Lancashire, Cheshire, and North Wales, together obtaining the 17th place for C. J. JOHNSON, and Berks and Bucks, and Gloucestershire between them securing the last place among the winners for their candidate, and that too by the narrow majority of three votes, their boy, R. J. TOMBS, polling 1265 votes, and D. W. E. CABLE from Surrey heading the array of Unsuccessful with 1262 votes. In the result 27 out of the 45 boys have been elected, while of the 18 unsuccessful, only one will have his name removed from the list under the operation of Law No. 53—namely, A. H. SCHOLDS, who polled only 32 votes all told. As to the number of votes, there were 3672 brought forward from October, and 55,980 issued; but of the latter only 49,822 was recorded, the balance of about 6000—with the exception of the few that may have been spoiled—never having been made use of, this being rather in excess of the average of unused votes.

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Change of date of School Elections. WE welcome any step that may be taken which is calculated to enlarge the comfort and convenience of those brethren who are under the necessity of being present at the various elections of candidates into our several Institutions, and we shall be glad if the Committee to which the General Courts of Governors of the two Schools have agreed to refer the proposal to hold their Spring elections as proximately as possible to the Benevolent Institution election in May, are able to suggest an arrangement by which all, or at least, the great majority of Governors and Subscribers will be benefited. But why postpone the April Schools' Elections to May, when it seems to us it will involve far less trouble to all concerned if the May elections of the Benevolent Institution are advanced to April? The elections into the Schools are half-yearly, in April and October, those into the Benevolent Institution are yearly, in May. Substitute May for April in the case of the Schools' Spring elections, and you will have to follow it up by postponing the Autumn elections from October till November, thus necessitating *four* changes in the year. On the other hand, if the Benevolent elections are altered from May to April, there will be needed *one* change only. Thus, the present arrangements for the two Schools' elections would remain undisturbed, and the only thing required to be done would be that the Governors of the R.M.B.I. should arrange for the elections to the Male and Widows' Funds in 1888 and following years, being held either on the Friday preceding the April Girls' School election or on the Tuesday following the April Boys' School election, and the change is made with the smallest possible disturbance of existing arrangements. We do not commit ourselves absolutely to this suggestion; if a better can be offered, by all means let it be adopted. But we think it will be worth while for the Committee, to whom the question is referred, giving heed to our proposal. It has at least this merit, that it will necessitate only one change instead of four changes.

WE published last week some particulars of the first visit paid by the GRAND SECRETARY, since his appointment to office, to the Eastern Division of South Wales. The reception accorded to him both as one of the principal executive officers of Grand Lodge, and as the representative selected by H.R.H. the Grand Z. to instal M.E. Comp. MARMADUKE TENNANT as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in the Province, must have been extremely flattering. During the journey from Newport to Aberaman House, the residence of Bro. Sir GEO. ELLIOT, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., the train was stopped at frequent intervals in order that the brethren in different localities might have the opportunity of presenting congratulatory addresses to the distinguished visitor, the two points at which this compliment was paid most ceremoniously being Pontypridd, where the brethren of the Merlin Lodge exchanged greetings with Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, and in the grounds of Aberaman House, when Bro. Sir GEO. ELLIOT himself took part in the interesting function as Prov. Grand Master. We rejoice, and we are convinced the Craft generally will rejoice likewise, at the courtesies thus shown to the GRAND SECRETARY, whose duties and responsibilities are onerous enough, whose official abilities are everywhere known and appreciated, and whose attachment to Freemasonry is above question. An officer, as conscientious in the discharge of his duties as Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE is, needs no encouragement to perform them faithfully; but a hearty welcome spontaneously afforded is nevertheless an encouragement which few men receive unwillingly, and we trust the GRAND SECRETARY will always be able to bring back with him from visits to this and other parts of the country associations as pleasurable as those connected with his recent trip to South Wales East.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The April Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past G. Treas., in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. G. E. Green, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, H. Massey, W. Roebuck, H. Smith, J. H. Matthews, G. Cooper, C. H. Webb, J. C. Hopwood, C. F. Matier, S. J. Parkhouse, J. Terry, J. G. Stevens, W. Eastes, G. P. Brockbank, A. E. Gladwell, C. F. Hogard, E. Letchworth, P. de L. Long, J. S. Cumberland, E. Bowyer, and J. Wordsworth.

The minutes of the January Quarterly Court, and of the Special General Court of 21st of March, were read and confirmed, and the summary of the minutes of the General Committee of January, February, and March were also read.

On the motion of Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, P.G. Std. Br., seconded by Bro. C. F. HOGARD, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN, in acknowledging the compliment, said the duties of Treasurer were neither onerous nor responsible, perhaps by the liberality of the brethren. It was always a very great pleasure to him to give what time and attention he could, with the assistance of other brethren, to the benefit of the Institution, and he considered being placed in the position of Treasurer a very great honour indeed.

The following 12 annual Subscribers were elected the General Committee:

Bros. Ed. Ayling, W. Beavis, J. W. Berrie, J. J. Caney, J. F. Corben, Col. Wolsey Cox, T. A. Dickson, Wm. Dodd, J. French, T. G. C. Gambrell, Walter Martin, and Wm. Vincent.

The following notices of motion formed the next business—

By Bro. J. BIRCH, Chairman of the Charity Committee, East Lancashire—

(a) That, in order to suit the better convenience of the brethren representing the provinces and to facilitate the business of the elections, 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. Lanes., 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.

Bro. J. A. BIRCH said that in the ordinary course of business these notices of motion would have been proposed by himself and Bro. Wylie as they stood on the agenda paper; but as soon as he heard there was to be no contested election, he, with the concurrence of Bro. Wylie, changed his proposal, and now suggested that a Committee should be appointed to consider the matter, and confer with the Committee of the other two Institutions, and report to the meeting of the October Quarterly General Court. This course recommended itself to the Secretary, as well as to himself, and he hoped it would meet with the concurrence of this Quarterly General Court, because there was considerable feeling in the provinces that the days should be altered, and the present would be a good opportunity for effecting the alteration.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD, in seconding the motion, said he should suggest that the Committees be the House Committees of the Three Institutions, and that the report should be made earlier than October. If the report were to be to the Quarterly Court in October, it would be the April Quarterly Court before it could be acted upon.

The CHAIRMAN then read the following motion:—

That it being considered desirable by certain provincial brethren that the dates for the election of the three Masonic Institutions should be altered, a Committee be appointed to consider the matter and confer with the Committees of the other two Institutions, and report to a meeting of the October Quarterly General Court.

The motion was carried.

Bro. BIRCH then thought that the Committees might consist of five members from each Institution, two provincial brethren to be included, as the provinces wished to be represented. That would make the Committee fifteen.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, West Yorkshire, proposed that Bro. J. A. Birch (East Lancashire), Bro. John Wordsworth (West Yorkshire), Bro. Thomas Fenn, Bro. Robert Grey, and Bro. J. H. Matthews (London), be the Committee to consider this resolution, and report to the Quarterly General Court.

Bro. S. H. PARKHOUSE said there was a strong feeling in London that the days for the election should not be Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

He thought some consideration should be shown to the provincial brethren certainly, but he also thought consideration should be shown to the London brethren, who were not organised as were the country brethren. It was a serious thing to London brethren to leave their business.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, D. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, thought the days should be Friday, Saturday, and Monday.

Bro. BIRCH said as far as the provinces were concerned they desired to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the Committee. They wished, however, to establish as a principle that there should be but one attendance in London instead of several.

Bro. H. SMITH observed that the business men from the country required the same consideration as the London brethren.

Bro. BIRCH did not want to put it as a question between the country brethren and the London brethren. It was a matter of convenience, and they wished to study it.

The motion having been seconded, was carried.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed that the 28 girls on the list of candidates (Norman, the 29th girl, having been withdrawn) be declared elected.

The motion having been seconded by Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG, was carried.

The CHAIRMAN would like to say a few words on congratulating the friends of the candidates admitted to the benefits of this invaluable Institution without the trouble, expense, anxiety, and worry of a contested election. Although every case was thoroughly examined by the General Committee, and was well worthy of being in the School, it was a fact that the child who had the support of a province or a wealthy patron of the Institution at her back was the child who was invariably elected. It did sometimes occur that a child who was friendless and destitute was the one that went to the wall, and was left out in the cold. Upon such an occasion as this it was that these children reaped the benefits of the Institution, and he was sure the beneficent act of the Governors, who took the whole number of candidates in without election, would receive the approval of the whole body of subscribers. The Board of Management looked with confidence to an increased amount of support from the friends of the Institution at the Annual Festival on May 11th, in consequence of the increased expense, trouble, and anxiety which were incurred by taking in so large a number of children.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND (North and East Yorkshire) having enquired as to an item of £153 3s. 7d. for the funeral expenses of the late Matron of the Institution, and Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES (Secretary) having explained that the sum, which included mourning for the whole of the staff and the servants, had been passed with the rest of the accounts by the House Committee, but that, if desired, he would produce the particulars, a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The April Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. W. Roebuck, G. Swd. Br., Trustee and Vice-Patron, in the chair. There were also present, among others—

Bros. A. H. Tattershall, F. Adlard, G. King, W. Roebuck, C. F. Hogard, H. Radcliffe, T. Mount Humphries, H. Smith, G. J. McKay, G. Kenning, W. A. Surrah, H. Stone, C. H. Haine, J. W. Burgess, W. F. Smithson, J. Clever, J. S. Cumberland, W. Morgan, J. L. Mather, W. A. Dawson, S. J. Parkhouse, E. Bowyer, H. Venn, J. Mason, S. G. Homfray, R. V. Vassar-Smith, A. T. Perkins, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, D. D. Mercer, C. F. Matier, R. Wylie, C. H. Driver, W. Goodacre, P. Wallis, J. Wordsworth, W. Harrop, G. Fletcher, G. Dixon, G. P. Brockbank, W. H. Spaul, H. Dickey, H. Massey, W. H. Perryman, A. C. Spaul, F. R. Spaul, R. G. Barton, C. L. Smiles, J. J. Berrie, J. G. Stevens, Robert Grey, H. Hacker, R. Roberts, W. C. Claridge, J. S. Pierce, G. Bolton, R. Barham, W. H. Saunders, E. Spooner, H. S. Goodall, G. P. Gillard, G. Gardner, E. Ayling, J. Drewett, J. E. Le Feuvre, and J. Pinder.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes,

Bro. R. W. STEWART, P.G.D., moved, and Bro. W. HOPEKIRK seconded, the re-election of Bro. George Plucknett as Treasurer, and, being put to the vote, the re-election was unanimous.

On the motion of Bro. C. F. HOGARD, Vice-President, Clause 3, Law 25 was rescinded.

The following two motions were the next to be disposed of, notice having been previously given:—

By Bro. J. A. BIRCH, L.G., P.P.J.G.W. East Lancashire—

That in order to suit the better convenience of the brethren representing the provinces, and to facilitate the business of the elections, it is desirable that the day of election should be altered—that the Spring Half-Yearly Election of the Boys' Institution be held on the Thursday immediately preceding the fourth Friday in May; and that Law 29 be altered in accordance with this resolution.

By Bro. ROBERT WYLIE, L.G., P.P.S.G.W. West Lancashire:—

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 Committees of the two other Institutions, and to report to the next Quarterly General Court.

Bro. BIRCH said that in order to save the time of the Court, the notices of motion standing in the names of himself and Bro. Wylie would be moved in one resolution by himself, and that Bro. Wylie would second it as follows:

That in order to suit the better convenience of the brethren representing the provinces, and to facilitate the business of the elections, it is desirable that the day of election should be altered; and that a Committee be appointed to consider the matter and confer with Committees of the two other Institutions, and to report to the Quarterly General Court in October.

The CHAIRMAN said five brethren were appointed on Saturday as the Committee to act for the Girls' School—three London and two Provincial brethren.

Bro. BIRCH, in moving the resolution, said it would be perceived by the brethren that these two resolutions aimed at the same purpose, the saving of time and expense of two attendances in London where one would suffice—at the Girls' and Boys' Courts in April and the Old People's in May. It was principally in the interest of the provincial brethren, no doubt; but, at the same time, it was possible to show that it would meet with the convenience of the London brethren as well, and would tend to the benefit and welfare of the Institution. These three glorious Institutions were placed in contiguity to the metropolis, and the fact of this location entailed on the provincial brethren considerable disadvantages, for, whereas the London brethren could jump into a cab or a train, and soon get home after attending these Courts, the brethren from the country had to spend one day in coming to London and another day in returning home. Another point was that all of them were engaged in business, and they thought one break in business was better than two. As to the expenses, there were 48 Provincial or Dis-

strict Grand Lodges interested in these elections, and most of them sent representatives; and as their investments in the Institutions increased, those provinces which did not now send representatives would delegate some brother to look after their interest. Taking one brother for each province, and the expenses of that brother at £5, there was a sum of £240, which might be more properly devoted to the benevolent purposes of the Institutions. In East Lancashire they looked round to see which of the Institutions they should devote their money to, whenever they had a balance to dispose of. Then, with regard to the voting papers, when the brethren attended in April at the Girls' and Boys' Elections they frequently exchanged for Old People in May. If the three days of election were near together, the exchange could be effected then. Then there was considerable difficulty in the collection of votes under the present system, but if his proposal was adopted he thought there would be more care in the appraisal of the value of the votes. In the provinces they thought a new system would be an advantage to the Institutions, because they knew how some generous donors had a pet Institution. Some liked the Girls or Boys, some liked the Old People; there was no accounting for tastes; but when a brother had once given to one Institution it was most easy to persuade him to give to the others. A brother on Saturday said this was a question of provincial brethren against London brethren, but he wished to disabuse any one's mind of that idea if any one had it. Whatever the London brethren wished of the country brethren, the country brethren were most anxious to consider. They really admired the London brethren for the position they had attained in these Institutions, and they wished to emulate them, but they did not wish to be handicapped. The proposition he laid before the brethren was a message of goodwill and peace. He begged to propose "That a Committee be appointed to consider the matter, and confer with Committees of the two other Institutions, and to report to the Quarterly Court in October."

Bro. C. F. HOGARD said the motion did not require much seconding. He was sure the London brethren would be agreeable to the elections taking place together.

Bro. RIDGEWAY opposed the motion, and put it to the meeting whether the change was for the benefit of the Institution, and whether it would lead to the impartial selection of candidates to have the election on three consecutive days.

Bro. BIRCH said he did not propose three consecutive days.

Bro. Col. RADCLIFFE said Bro. R. Ridgeway was out of order. They were not discussing a scheme, but whether there should be a Committee to consider and report upon a matter.

The CHAIRMAN said the motion was that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the subject, and to recommend to a Quarterly Court. The matter could be discussed then.

Bro. RIDGEWAY said he had an amendment, but if he was out of order he would withdraw it. He thought, however, the subject should not be allowed to pass without an opportunity given to consider the point.

The motion was carried.

On the motion of Bro. SMITHSON (Leeds), Bros. W. Roebuck, J. L. Mather, and C. F. Hogard (London), and Capt. Homfray (South Wales), and Robert Wylie (West Lancashire), were appointed the Committee.

The following motions were proposed, seconded, and carried:—

By Bro. JOHN L. MATHER, Vice-Patron—

To add to Law 53—"Provided that a candidate shall not be disqualified by reason of his age exceeding 11 years at the date of election in cases where such excess would not have arisen had the election been held on the Monday immediately succeeding the second Saturday in April."

By Bro. WILLIAM ROEBUCK, Vice-Patron and Trustee, G.S.B.—

That 27 boys be elected at the Quarterly Court on the 18th April instead of 25 boys. The brethren then proceeded to the election of 27 boys out of an approved list of 45 candidates, and at the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Webber, Frederic ...	2094	Moss, William Helsby ...	1746
Marsden, John Horace ...	2209	Atkinson, John William ...	1741
Patience, Horatio Albert ...	1863	Johnson, Cecil Tysilio ...	1725
Holder, Lewis George Mayers ...	1853	Collinson, William ...	1711
Parker, Philip ...	1852	Matthews, Percy Haslem ...	1710
Aitken, G. Rowland Henshaw ...	1851	Grace, Arthur Edward ...	1709
Wolf, Charles Herbert ...	1850	Stephenson, Albert ...	1700
Adkin, Robert Lewis ...	1837	Doughty, Richard Carlill ...	1625
Johnston, Gordon Phillott ...	1821	Angier, Harry Norman ...	1579
Stoward, Thomas Dudley ...	1819	Glenny, Frederick Naish ...	1562
Harrison, Herbert Morton ...	1816	Staden, Charles Graham ...	1519
Fawcett, John ...	1814	Dixon, William Bertram ...	1513
Mitchell, James McCallum ...	1768	Tombs, Robert James ...	1265
Wilson, Horace Septimus ...	1759		

UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Cable, David William Ewart ...	1262	Green, Charles William ...	150
Le Gros, Francis ...	1046	Scott, Frederick William John ...	113
Wood, Joseph ...	843	Fursey, Samuel Henry Reginald ...	104
Ball, Charles ...	747	Cannon, George ...	92
Pitt, Edward John ...	700	Burgess, Edgar Holmes ...	52
Gray, Harold ...	505	Scholes, Arthur Henry ...	32
Couch, Cyril Courtenay ...	258	Siggers, Clement ...	20
Turner, Francis Pater ...	243	Bostock, Martin Roddwell ...	8
McCoy, Ewart Gilbert ...	208	Crossman, John ...	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

CONSECRATION OF THE COTEHELE LODGE, No. 2166, AT CALSTOCK.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, on Monday, performed the ceremony of constituting and consecrating the new Cotehele Lodge, No. 2166, which has just been established at Calstock. For many years the brethren residing at Calstock, who have always been able to muster a goodly company, have felt the inconvenience of being deprived of practical and active membership in consequence of having no lodge within easy reach of their homes. The nearest lodge they have hitherto been able to attend was either that at Tavistock, in the one direction, or Callington, in the other, and both these towns being some six miles distant the inconvenience which the brethren at Calstock suffered could only be efficiently and sufficiently removed by the institution of a lodge at, as it were, their own doors.

Calstock, however, is not a large or populous town, and certain difficulties had to be surmounted before the brethren were able to see the light. But these difficulties were not insuperable, and hard and persistent work on

the part of a few led to the gratifying result of Monday. Considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings, and for the accommodation of a large number of brethren from the Three Towns who desired to be present the owners of the steamship Aerial ran their vessel on a special excursion from Plymouth and Devonport to Calstock. A large party availed themselves of this opportunity of attending the interesting ceremony of consecration, which, thanks to the kindness of the Provincial Grand Master, took place at Cotehele House, the new lodge room being utterly inadequate to accommodate anything like the number who had signified their intention of being present. The large hall of Cotehele House was admirably arranged as a lodge, and it was crowded with brethren, who came from all parts of Cornwall, as well as from Plymouth, Devonport, Stonehouse, and Tavistock.

The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, presided, and an attendance of nearly a hundred brethren included Bros. W. E. Michell, P.P.S.G.W., who acted as D.P.G.M. in the unavoidable absence of Sir Charles B. Graves Sawle, Bart.; R. Adams, P.S.G.W.; Gilbert P. Pearce, P.J.G.W.; W. K. Baker, P.S.G.D.; A. Luke, P.S.G.D. (who acted as P.J.G.D.); E. D. Anderton, P.G. Sec.; Rev. F. T. W. Windle, P.P.G. Chap.; C. Truscott, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Milford Cock, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Browning, P.P.S.G.W.; J. J. Daw, P.P.S.G.D.; T. H. Lukes, P.P.G.D.C.; F. B. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Turner, P.P.A.D.C.; W. W. Dymond, P.P.G.O.; W. Giles, P.G.A.D.C.; M. Sampson, P.G.O.; J. Bassett, P.G.S. Wks.; J. Brewer, P.A.G. Sec.; J. de C. Treffry, P.G.S.; G. Morgan, P.G. Std. Br.; J. T. Williams, P.P.G.P.; W. F. Creber, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Bryant, P.G. Stwd.; J. Pearce, P.G.P.; G. Darke, P.G. Std. Br.; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.S.B.; G. R. Barrett, P.P.S.G.D.; C. Parsons, P.P.J.G.D.; Dr. W. Andrew, P.G. Stwd.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; C. H. Cooper, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Goodall, P.P.G.O.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; C. Trevithick, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Hele, P.P.G.O.; T. Gibbons, P.P.G.O.; F. Hooper, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Jenkin, P.M. 1212; G. Firks, P.M. 1247; P. G. L. Pearce, P.M. 1247; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025; E. Herring, P.M. 1071; T. D. Deeble, P.M. 1136; E. C. Vosper, P.M. 1071; H. Down, P.M. 282; N. Bray, P.M. 282; G. Rowe, P.M. 282; J. H. Cousins, P.M. 557; T. W. Perry, W.M. 856; W. H. Huddy, W.M. 510; H. Bowden, W.M. 1071; S. Tresidder, W.M. 75; R. C. Revell, S.W. 1071; T. S. Eyre, S.D. 1247; F. R. Thomas, S.D. 189; F. N. Thomas, J.D. 450; G. T. Lakeman, 557; W. E. Marchant, 893; C. Mutten, 1350; C. Martin, 202; W. J. Hicks, 179; Rev. A. N. Campbell, 859; H. Smale, 1247; H. James, 1212; and W. J. Hicks, 179.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the usual formalities observed,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER delivered an earnest address to the brethren, in the course of which he said: The brethren here to-day are about to form this lodge as a new centre for the development and the work of Masonry in this neighbourhood, and you will bear with me if I try to impress upon them the importance of the responsibilities which they are taking upon themselves. I wish to ask them to join with us to day in putting on record their determination, so far as in them lies, to make Masonry, in their hands, a reality and not a counterfeit. (Hear, hear.) Masonry is not an unmeaning collection of allegories and symbols. True, it is a system of morality veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols, but if we lose sight of the reality which underlies them, those allegories become, at best, childish nonsense, utterly trivial, and unworthy of grown and reasonable men. (Hear, hear, and applause.) And those symbols, and the language in which we speak of them, become something worse than childish. I am sure you will not think I use too strong an expression when I say that they become blasphemous hypocrisy and degrading to those who use them—(hear, hear)—for the morality of Masonry is not a mere secular morality of man's devising like the system of some schools of philosophy. It is not a religion; it does not take the name of religion; but it is this. From his initiation, through all the Degrees to the highest, it appeals to every man by the religion which he professes to do his duty in that state of life to which God has called him in obedience to the will of the Eternal Architect, in whom we live and move, and have our being, whose name we invoke, and whose blessing we ask for on all our proceedings. (Applause.) Let me say, also, that Masonry is not a system of morality; it is a brotherhood. It is not a benevolent society which a man joins with the avowed object of insuring against what is popularly known as a rainy day. Benevolent societies are, as we all know, excellent institutions, but Masonry stands upon a totally different footing. Of course it is a brotherhood; it cannot fail to relieve its members who are in distress. Relief is the natural outcome of brotherly love, and, as a matter of fact, we know of no society in the world that contributes to the assistance of its distressed members with greater generosity and liberality than Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) And whenever they are wanted, we always find brethren willing to give both time and trouble in collecting funds for the charitable purposes of the Craft. In this respect we have always been fortunate in the Province of Cornwall, for Cornwall never has been, and is not now, behind hand. (Applause.) But if any man joins the Craft with the view of obtaining pecuniary benefit from it, either at once or prospectively, he takes a very low view of Masonry, and one which ought to be discouraged and discredited. (Hear, hear, and applause.) When I speak of Masonry as a brotherhood I have in view the mutual relationship existing between its members, utterly irrespective of any pecuniary consideration. By keeping always in mind in our work the higher thoughts of religion in connection with every day life, it brings out the better part of man. I believe that innumerable friendships have been made by Freemasonry, which may, without exaggeration, be spoken of as a brotherhood, and which never could have existed but for the fact of the individuals between whom those friendships were formed being members of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) As I have said, it brings out the better part of man; and it does so by its recognition of religion in every day life. By its social gatherings—and the merrier the better—it cements genial friendship, and by its universality it sweeps away barriers which must otherwise keep men separate and apart. In this respect there is no Society which can compare with Freemasonry. (Applause.) We have national associations and local associations; we have unions among men of particular trades; we have clubs and organisations connected with particular parties in politics; we have religious connections more or less narrow; we have class cliques, and we have also other secret societies which are founded upon a very different footing to those of Masonry. But where will you find anywhere a Fraternity which extends the hand of fellowship to all who are worthy to grasp it—whatever nationality, or class, or politics, or religion they may belong to—as does the Society of Freemasons? (Hear, hear, and applause.) I ask you to make up your minds that Freemasonry shall be with you a reality within the more limited spheres that come under your immediate knowledge, that shall extend outside the lodge, that shall influence you in your business transactions with your friends and your brethren, that shall soften your religious prejudices—mind you, I do not say your religious principles, but your religious prejudices—and shall take the sting out of your political differences. (Loud applause.) If it does this it will do something towards creating happiness and good feeling in the neighbourhood in

which this lodge is established. The Provincial Grand Master concluded by offering some excellent advice to the W.M. and officers of Cotehele Lodge as to their future working, and asking them to remember, and to act upon, the words of Peter in the Scriptures—"Be well doing, that ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." (Applause.)

The lodge was then placed in proper position for the purposes of consecration, and a hymn, specially written for the occasion and set to music by Bro. W. H. Rogers, of Colyton, was sung by the choir, which consisted of Bros. J. Hele, W. W. Dymond, G. Firks, T. Goodall, T. Gibbons, W. Sowden, and Jago. The Chaplain, the Rev. T. F. W. Wintle, offered prayer, and the lodge board having been uncovered, with solemn music, the Prov. G.M. proceeded with the ceremony of consecration with corn, wine, and oil, the choir chanting "Glory to God in the highest." The whole ceremony was most effectually performed, and greatly impressed all the brethren present.

The installation of Bro. H. Down as the first W.M. of Cotehele Lodge was next proceeded with. The duty of installing the W.M. was entrusted to Bro. J. R. Lord, P.P.G.S.B., who went through the entire ceremony in a manner which showed a full appreciation of the duty he was called upon to discharge, and which elicited the admiration of the assembled brethren. It was a responsible and difficult task admirably performed, and Bro. Lord more than justified the expectations formed of him when it was known that he had been requested to undertake the duty. The other officers invested for the ensuing year are Bros. J. Turner, I.P.M.; G. Rowe, P.M., S.W.; N. Bray, P.M., J.W.; J. Samuels, S.D.; R. Alford, J.D.; W. Sowden, Sec.; Rev. A. Campbell, Chap.; and W. H. Bone, I.G. The remaining officers will be appointed at the next regular meeting of the lodge.

At the close of the business the brethren adjourned from Cotehele Hall to Durber's Ashburton Hotel, Calstock, and partook of an excellent luncheon which was there provided. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov.G.M., presided, and nearly a hundred brethren were present. In proposing "The Queen and the Craft" the P.G.M. remarked that the progress of Freemasonry during the past fifty years, not only in England but through the world, had been wonderful. The regulations of the Craft were such that her Majesty could not be a member of it, but he was sure they were all proud of the fact that they had two of her sons members of the Order and rendering it active service and assistance, and from this service he believed that great good had been derived. (Applause.) As they were all aware, this was the Queen's Jubilee year, and a movement was on foot for celebrating the Jubilee by the establishment of an Imperial Institute. He stated at St. Austell a short time since, and would repeat it now, that the brethren could not be expected to subscribe in the double capacity of citizens and Masons towards the celebration of the Jubilee. He thought, however, that every loyal brother should subscribe in some form or other towards the Jubilee. (Hear, hear.)

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The Prov. G.M. next gave "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England; the Pro Grand Master, the D.G.M., and the Grand Lodge of England." The Prince of Wales, he said, had, ever since his initiation into the Order, taken the deepest interest in it, and had always entertained a kindly feeling towards the brethren. This toast was also received with musical honours.

"Success to Cotehele Lodge" was the next toast on the list, and in proposing it the P.G.M. said there had been a very gratifying attendance of brethren that day to assist at the consecration of the lodge, and he had no doubt that the officers and brethren of the new lodge would take encouragement from the interest which had been shown in their proceedings by so many brethren who had come from a distance. He desired to impress upon them that they had undertaken real and earnest work, the ultimate success of which would depend upon the effort that they threw into it, and the spirit with which they entered upon it and persevered with it. He was sure that they all realised this, and he had no reason to doubt that, as the result of the opening of the new lodge, Masonry would progress and prosper in the neighbourhood. (Applause.)

Bro. Lieut.-Colonel W. E. MICHELL proposed, amidst loud applause, "The Health of the Prov. G.M.," and his lordship retired amidst the hearty cheering of the brethren, and returned to Mount Edgcumbe in his steam launch, the Armadillo, accompanied by the brethren from Cornwall, for whom his lordship had considerably provided this accommodation, and who were landed at Saltash in good time to catch the down train from Plymouth. The Cornish brethren were also conveyed in the morning from Saltash to Cotehele in the Armadillo. The visiting brethren from the Three Towns returned home in the Aerial, all having had a thoroughly enjoyable trip on the ever-attractive River Tamar.

CONSECRATION OF THE ASHBURTON LODGE No. 2189, AT ASHBURTON.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire was held on Thursday, 14th inst., at Ford's Commercial Hotel, North-street, Ashburton, for the purpose of considering in what form the province should celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, and also to constitute and consecrate the Ashburton Lodge, No. 2189. There was a fairly large attendance. This is the first Masonic lodge in Ashburton, and a room at Ford's Commercial Hotel has been nicely fitted up as a lodge room.

The P.G.M., the R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., was accompanied by W. Bros. Walter G. Rogers, P.M. 112, D.P.G.M.; George C. Davie, P.M. 251, P.P.J.G.W., as S.G.W.; Robert Brewin, P.M. 112, 444, P.P.S.G.D., as J.G.W.; the Rev. R. B. F. Ebrington, W.M. 248, P.P.G.C., as P.G. Chap.; D. Cross, P.M. and Treas. 1205, P.G. Treasurer; John Brewer, P.M. and Secretary 251, P.G. Secretary; J. Bradford, P.M. 1358, Prov. G. Reg.; H. L. Mallett, P.M. 1885, P.G.S.B.; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; Robert Hambly, P.M. 1855; and Thomas Ford, jun., P.M. 1125, P.G. Stewards; William Vicary, P.M. 1138, P.P.G. Reg.; William Langley Pope, D.D. 1138, P.P.G. Chap.; G. P. Martin, P.M. 910; E. Aitken Davis, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S. Wks.; John Lane, P.M. 1402; R. F. Luosemore, W.M. 1125; John Parnell, W.M. 1358; Arthur W. Palk, P.M. 1358; Hy. Marley, I.P.M. 1358; William E. Warren, P.M. 1358, P.P.G.O.; William Trevenna, P.M. 150 and 1255, P.P.G.D.C.; H. L. Friend, P.M. 1443, P.P.A.G.D.C.; John Oliver, P.M. 1138, P.P.G.S.B.; John G. Henwood, P.M. 970, P.P.G.D.C. Cornwall; Jasper John Amery, W.M. 1486; Daniel D. H. Sutherland, P.M. 710, P.G.S.B.; John Cole, W.M. 710; John Callard, 710; J. U. Valentine, P.M. 303, P.P.G.D.C.; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27, and Secretary 248; G. C. Searle, P.M. 710, 248; J. S. Saunders, P.M. 1138; W. Bennett Maye, P.M. 710, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Brown, P.M. 248; the Rev. J. Powning, P.M., Chap. 710, P.P.G.C.; R. Woodgate Tucker, P.M. 847; A. J. Watts, W.M. 1212; John Pearse, P.M. 1255; W. L. Lavers, P.M. 1255; G. T. Goad, W.M. 1855; J. Drennan, P.M. 710; W. Gregory,

P.M. and Treas. 1254; C. H. Fulford, W.M. 1254; Quartermaster-Sergeant William Kennedy, R.M.L.I., W.M. 1205; C. C. Vicary, P.M. 1138; H. Martin, P.M. 1138; C. Stevens, P.M. 1138; C. Pope, P.M. 1138; E. Huxtable, P.M. 1138; J. Murrin, P.M. 1138; H. Steele, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. G. T. Warner, P.M. 1138, P.P.G. Chap.; L. Stevens, S.W. 1138; H. Sitters, S.W. 1205; F. Hearn, S.W. 1254; G. Lee, S.W. 1255; W. T. Hocking, S.W. 70; A. Ponsford, J.W. 1138; A. Trout, J.W. 1205; J. Shapter, J.W. 1443; F. R. Thomas, S.D. 189; C. D. Dobell, P.J.W. 1138; John G. Scevill, P.J.W. 248; C. G. S. Acock, Sec. 2189; A. Goodman, J.D. 1550; A. J. Truscott, Sec. 1254; W. Davy, J.D. 710; S. E. Endacott, Sec. 1138; R. Light, S.D. 1358; T. T. Parker, P.J.W. 1136; H. Stockman, 1138; John T. Hughes, 1358; J. Whitmore, 2189; J. G. Mabey, M. Underhay, J. Rice, J. Haywood, G. Hellens, and T. W. Haydon, all of 1138; J. Down, 156; W. Smeeth, 159; H. Stevens, 2189; Rev. R. McCheane, 2189; and W. Pengelley, 2189.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER mentioned that the first business on the agenda was the consideration as to how the Masons of the province should celebrate her Majesty's Jubilee. He mentioned that, in accordance with the request of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, he had sent out circulars to the lodges in the province embodying the proposals of his Royal Highness as to how the Jubilee should be celebrated, and a large majority of the lodges had intimated their readiness to subscribe as proposed to the Imperial Institute. (Hear, hear.) Other lodges had decided to celebrate the Jubilee in some local manner. (Hear, hear.) The fact that so many lodges in the provinces were going to subscribe to the Imperial Institute rendered it impossible that they could look for large subscriptions from lodges for a celebration by the province.

Bro. D. CROSS, P.G. Treas., as representing one of the oldest lodges in the province, looked forward to something being done by the Prov. G. Lodge in the Western part of the province to commemorate the Jubilee. (Hear, hear.) He was not in a position to say that the thing could be done, but it struck him that an appropriate way of celebrating the Jubilee would be for the Prov. Grand Lodge to attend the laying of the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall which was about to be built at Plymouth. (Applause.) If the applause which greeted his remarks was to be taken as any criterion, he thought the proposal was likely to meet with favour at the hands of the brethren. (Hear, hear.) A meeting was to be held at Plymouth the following evening with reference to the Masonic Hall, and an excellent site had been offered them. He thought it would be a good thing for Freemasonry if they had a Masonic procession on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone under the auspices of the Prov. G. Lodge. (Applause.) They had not had a Masonic lodge in Plymouth for some years.

Bro. WARREN did not think the proposal, that the Prov. Grand Lodge should contribute towards a Masonic Hall for Plymouth, would meet generally with the favour of the brethren in the Eastern part of the province. (Applause.)

Bros. CROSS said Bro. Warren was under a misapprehension as to what he had proposed; he only suggested that the foundation of the new hall in Plymouth, which would be built by the brethren of the Three Towns, should be laid under the auspices of the Prov. G. Lodge. (Applause.)

The DEPUTY PROV. G. MASTER gave notice that at the next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge he would move that an address be presented to her Majesty on the Jubilee of her reign. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he had received a suggestion from Bro. Brewster, that an additional annuity in the Fortescue Annuity Fund should be provided by the province in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee. (Hear, hear.) The brethren of the Three Towns might approve of Bro. Cross's suggestion, but the brethren in other parts of the province might not, fall in with it. (Hear, hear.) He, therefore, moved the appointment of a small Committee to receive suggestions and report thereon to the Prov. G. Lodge. (Applause.)

W. Bro. DAVIE, P.P.J.G.W., seconded the resolution, which was carried. The D.P.G.M., the P.G. Treasurer, and the P.G. Secretary were appointed as the Committee.

The consecration of the lodge was then proceeded with.

The P.G. SECRETARY announced to the P.G. Master that certain brethren having obtained a warrant, desired to be constituted into a regular lodge in ancient form. The P.G. Secretary then read the warrant, which contained the names of the following brethren as founders of the lodge: Bros. Hon. Rd. Maitland Westra Dawson (Master), Henry Steele, Walter Soper Gervis, Rev. Charles Foster, Henry Stevens, Rev. Robert McCheane jun., and Charles George Scott Acock. The brethren of the new lodge having signified their assent to the officers named in the warrant, the D.P. G.M. delivered a short oration on Masonry. He dwelt on the extreme antiquity of the Order, remarking that the principles and tenets of Freemasonry were the same now as they were centuries ago, before the earliest book was written. He enjoined upon them the necessity of paying strict attention to the moral principles which were inculcated in the Order. He impressed on their minds that Masonry was not only the grandest, but the earliest system of eclectic philosophy ever instituted in the world. He trusted that Masonry would continue, as it always had been, to be the great guiding principles of human nature.

The P.G.M. then pledged the Master and members of the new lodge to obey the laws and constitutions of the Grand Lodge. Psalm cxxxiii. was chanted, after the P.G. Chaplain offered the first part of the dedication prayer. The P.G.M. delivered the invocation, and the P.G. Chaplain read II. Chronicles ii., 1-16. After this the lodge board was uncovered, and the P.G. Chaplain placed the sacred name on the lodge. Then followed the ceremony of consecrating the lodge with corn (as an emblem of plenty and abundance), wine (an emblem of joy and gladness), and oil (an emblem of peace and prosperity). The P.G.M. offered the second part of the dedication prayer, during which the W.M. and Wardens of the Ashburton Lodge deposited the working tools of the three Degrees upon the lodge. Other portions of Scripture having been read, the P.G.M. declared the lodge duly consecrated and dedicated, and pronounced the final benediction.

The ceremony of installing the Master designate, Bro. the Hon. R. Dawson, P.M. 1629, was then ably performed by Bro. C. W. Davie, P.P. J.G.W. Bro. Cross, P.G. T., took the S.W.'s chair during the ceremony. The W.M. then invested Bro. H. Steele, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as S.W., and Bro. W. S. Gervis as J.W., the appointment of the remaining officers being adjourned, through press of time, to the following meeting.

Propositions were received from four candidates for initiation, and the lodge was closed after the W.M. had received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren present.

The brethren then adjourned to Bro. W. Hill's London Hotel, Ashburton, where they sat down to a banquet.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning, London.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The progress and prominent position of Freemasonry in the Province of Cheshire was very forcibly illustrated by the unparalleled gathering on the 15th inst., in the Town Hall of the ancient city of Chester, the occasion of the impressive and significant assembly being the installation of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton as Provincial Grand Master of this Masonic division, in succession to Bro. Lord de Tabley. Brethren were present from every lodge in the province, and besides these there were in the gathering representatives from the Grand Lodge of England, the Provinces of West Lancashire, East Lancashire, Kent, and Shropshire. Altogether there were present about 800 brethren—including an unusually large representation of P.G. Lodge Officers—the largest number which has ever taken place in this section owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. The enthusiasm attending the proceedings was most conspicuously shown, and it is doubtful whether any more interesting meeting has ever been held in this division. It is interesting to note that amongst those present on the occasion was Bro. G. H. Vernon, vicar of St. Stephen's Church, Byrom-street, Liverpool, who was formerly Prov. Grand Chaplain under the late Bro. Lord Combermere, preached the sermon at the installation of Bro. Lord de Tabley, and was also P.G. Chaplain of West Lancashire a good many years ago.

A very large assembly of brethren was present from North Wales and East and West Lancashire. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England, Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, was the Installing Master; Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M. of Kent, acting as Deputy Prov. G.M.; and amongst those supporting them were:

Bros. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. G.M. of East Lancashire; Sir Offley Wakeman, Prov. G.M. of Salop; Hon. W. Sackville West, P.G.W. Eng.; Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.C. Eng.; and Judge Horatio Lloyd, P.G.D. Eng. Past and Present officers of this and other provincial lodges in attendance included Bros. S. G. Sinclair, P. Prov. S.W. West Lancashire; E. Griffiths, Prov. G. Secretary; R. Foote, P. Prov. G.T. West Lancashire; W. Goodacre, P. Prov. G.R., P.G. Sec. West Lancashire; Robert H. Hutchinson, P. Prov. S.G.W.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec. East Lancashire; T. E. Morris, Prov. G. Sec. North Wales; Rev. E. J. Reeve, Prov. G.C. East Lancs.; L. J. Howard, P. Prov. S.G.W.; G. A. Fernley, P. Prov. S.G.W.; F. Binckes, P.G. Standard Bearer Eng.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chaplain Eng.; T. L. Hampton Lewis, Prov. S.G.W. North Wales; G. Brocklebank, P.G. Standard Bearer Eng.; W. Booth, Prov. G.D.C.; A. L. Broad, P. Prov. J.G.W. Stafford; J. H. Bellyse, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Henry Platt, D. Prov. G.M. North Wales; and many others.

The brethren having assembled in the large hall, the Installing Master and his suite of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers entered, and were received and saluted with proper ceremony, and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, Bro. T. Marwood, Zetland Lodge, 537, Prov. S.W., and Bro. J. Wilson, Eaton Lodge, 533, Prov. J.W., occupying the chairs of their respective offices, and assisting in the opening.

After assembling and clothing in the outer rooms of the building, the Masters, Past Masters, and M.M.'s of the Craft lodges took their places in the large room of the Town Hall, admirably adapted for the purpose of the meeting. The Installing Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, attended by the Prov. G. Masters of East Lancashire, Kent, and Shropshire, and accompanied by a brilliant array of past and present officers of Cheshire and other provinces, entered in procession, being received in due form by the numerous members of the Craft lodges while a voluntary was being played. The Installing Master and the other Past Masters having been greeted in proper Masonic form, the choir sang the anthem—"Behold how good."

In addressing the Prov. G. Lodge, Bro. Lord LATHOM explained the object of the meeting, stating that it was for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of their most worthy and well-beloved Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, a resignation, he was sure, which would be regretted by every brother in the Province of Cheshire, and regret because of the cause which had led to his lordship's resignation—namely, his continued ill-health. (Applause.) It had been earnestly hoped that Bro. Lord de Tabley would continue to rule over the province for many years, but this wish was not to be fulfilled. While, however, deploring the loss of their former Prov. G. Master, he heartily congratulated the brethren of the Province of Cheshire on the selection which had been made by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., in having designated Bro. Lord Egerton to fill the important office. (Loud applause.)

The P.G. PURSUIVANT then announced the arrival of the R.W.P.G.M. designate, and the Installing Master instructed the P.G. Director of Ceremonies to retire, and ask the R.W.P.G.M. designate for his patent. This having been obtained, it was presented to Lord Lathom, who directed seven Masters and Past Masters—connected with Lodges Nos. 1045, 941, 721, 425, 321, 104, and 89—to retire with the P.G.D.C. to introduce the R.W. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the P.G.M. designate, while the Master Masons received him standing.

The P.G. SECRETARY read the patent of appointment signed by the Prince of Wales, and after prayer had been offered by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon PORTAL, Past Grand Chaplain of England, the "Gloria" was sung by the choir.

The INSTALLING MASTER then addressed the Provincial Grand Master on the nature of his duties, the qualifications for the office to which he had been appointed, and then enquired of him whether he could conscientiously undertake these duties. Bro. Lord Lathom particularly referred to the importance of care in the selection of his Provincial Grand Officers, who would be most likely to maintain and advance the reputation of the Craft for its pure and sincere Charity. He heartily congratulated the new Prov. Grand Master on his elevation to the high office by the M.W.G.M., and he (Bro. Lord Lathom) expressed the great pleasure he felt in being present that day to install a kinsman.

After the usual formalities in connection with the installation, the Prov. Grand Master was conducted to the right of the Installing Officer, by whom he was invested with the apron, chain, and jewel of office, and inducted into the chair.

The P.G.D. of C. then proclaimed the P.G.M., stating in the course of his proclamation that Bro. Egerton was initiated in Lodge No. 321 in the year 1862, served the office of W.M. in 1866, was appointed P.J.G.W. in 1866, P.S.G.W. in 1876, and D.P.G.M. in 1877.

The usual salutation having been given to the P.G.M., the P.G. SEC. read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, which were confirmed, and it was agreed that the letter of resignation received from Bro. Lord de Tabley should be entered on the records of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lord EGERTON briefly thanked the brethren of the province for the very cordial reception which had been extended to him on his appointment. He was quite sensible of the great honour which had been conferred upon him, and he assured them that he would employ his best efforts to follow in

the footsteps of his esteemed predecessor by endeavouring to promote the general welfare of Masonry throughout the Province of Cheshire. During the last 21 years the roll of lodges and the sums voted for the Masonic Charities had very greatly increased, and he trusted that the same record would be maintained during his term of office. He was certain the brethren of the province would, as heretofore, rally round the P.G.M. and help him to carry out the duties of his office. He concluded by cordially thanking his relative (Bro. Lord Lathom) for attending that day as Installing Master, thereby adding lustre to the ceremony.

The rolls of the P.G. Officers and lodges were called over, several of the latter being represented by 40, 50, and 60 brethren. The P.G.M. then announced the appointment of Bro. His Honour Judge Horatio Lloyd as the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was presented and invested with the ordinary Masonic ritual. Bro. Simms was re-elected P.G. Treasurer until the annual meeting in September. Bro. T. Marwood was re-appointed P.S.G.W.; Bro. J. Wilson, P.J.G.W.; and Bros. Roberts, Tait, Paris, Humphreys, Finchett, and Rush, P. G. Stewards. Charity jewels were given to Bros. Parr, Woodhead, Mellor, and Marwood. A congratulatory telegram was read from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland, and it was resolved to wire a reply of a similar nature. Thanks were voted to the Dean and Chapter of Chester for the use of the cathedral, and to the Mayor and Corporation for their kindness in placing the Town Hall at the disposal of the brethren. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded in procession to the cathedral, which was crowded in every part.

On the entrance of the Provincial Grand Lodge officers and the brethren, Dr. J. B. Bridge played "God Save the Queen" and the march from "Naaman" (Costa). The anthem was "Blessed be the God and Father" Wesley). The following oration was delivered by the Rev. Canon PORTAL, G.C. of England, and who took for his text "He cast two pillars of brass."—I. Kings, vii., 15:—

The two pillars of hollow brass, made by Hiram, the widow's son, of Tyre, for King Solomon, with their nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, their lilies and their pomegranates, were set up, as we know, on either side of the entrance to the Temple. They did not, so far as appears, subserve any architectural purpose whatever, but they were solely for a witness—a witness to the reality of certain great truths which God would teach by them. They were at the entrance of God's earthly Temple, which, as we know from St. Paul, was a pattern of the Heavenly. And they taught the worshipper, as their names imported, by what means he might establish, by God's strength working in him, so as to be fitted, not only for acceptable earthly worship here, but for the triumphant worship of Heaven. He must be pure as the lily—for the pure in heart alone shall see God. He must be fruitful in good works, and in a holy life (as the pomegranate is ever bursting forth with fruitful seed), because the unprofitable and idle servant shall not enter Heaven at all, but be cast forth into outer darkness. And as the net work and the chain work denoted unity, that bond of peace and love and mutual sympathy which knits God's children into one family, so did the outstanding clearness, the "undercutting" so to say, of the tracery, teach that transparent singleness of heart and aim which has the promise of the true light of God, the power of His grace and spirit, guiding our footsteps day by day. There were two pillars. As three is the emblem of the ever blessed Trinity, and seven of perfection, so whenever God wills to set forth a special witness to mankind, that witness is generally twofold. Thus we have the two trees in the garden of Eden—the tree of Sin, the tree of Life. The pillar of Fire, and the pillar of the Cloud. The Law and the Gospel—Moses and the Prophets—the two witnesses in the Revelation. God's written Word and his living Church. The two great Sacraments which create and continue the soul's life. May I on this occasion, and in this presence, venture still further to illustrate the power of this dual witness for God as shown in the history of the great Society to which so many of us here now belong? This place in which we are now gathered is an evidence to us of the mighty works of former days raised to God's glory by the Freemasons of old. The whole of the churches and stately buildings of Europe, and probably of the East as well, were the work of our ancestors in the Craft. Their marks are to be seen everywhere, and right well did they follow the example of the Royal Solomon and his friend Hiram, in spending time and labour and skill in raising Temples to the Most High, and those exceeding magnificent. Here, you see, we have the double witness to the great truth, that God will have a worthy place in which to record His name, so that He may come and bless His people there. The Holy Catholic Church calling for the pious work to be done, and our brethren devoting themselves to its fulfilment, with all the treasures of their hidden science and mysterious skill. And we, their children and their successors, are proud of all that verifies our lineage. I am well aware that an unreasoning prejudice causes one great branch of the Catholic Church to look askance at us as little better than Pagans, but numbers of those who hear me know full well that whatever may be in certain unhappy instances the case abroad, yet among English-speaking Masons there is but one common sentiment of reverence to Almighty God, the Great Architect and Overseer of the Universe, and of loyalty to the Government of whatever country we may call our home. We speculative Masons of to-day have as good a claim as had our Operative brethren of old to be welcomed by the Christian Church as her faithful handmaid. We, as they, are true to our great Masters and Patrons, St. John Baptist and the beloved Disciple. And not only is the old tradition of the Operative Masons' marks specially cherished among us, and one important section of our Order exclusively devoted to its elucidation and its memory; but in how many of the greatest church works of our own day do not we Masons now come to the front, with our support, our sympathy, and our assistance? I need scarcely remind you of what the ancient parish church of St. Oswald in the south transept of this Cathedral owes to the brother whom we have installed as our ruler to-day or, of the ancient and beautiful font brought from Italy, which with its surroundings he has presented to this Church, or of the sedilia and the pulpit from which I am now addressing you, which were the gifts of the Masons of this province. And if, leaving these Temples made with hands, Masonic hands, we glance at the great and mighty truths which the Catholic Church of Christ has been sent here to teach, and which, with varying success, through good and evil report she has held fast, throughout the world for 1800 years, what wonderful support has she not received from the independent witness of the great Masonic Craft? Does the Church proclaim with St. Paul that it is God who made the heavens and the earth, with all the inhabitants thereof? We, too, call upon all true brethren to believe in the Great Architect of the Universe. Does she teach that in the Godhead there are three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost? We certainly are not ignorant of the symbolism of the mystic triangle. Does she tell us that all Scripture is written by inspiration of God, and is therefore profitable for instruction in His ways? We, too, adopt as the fundamental principle of our Order that the sacred writings are to rule and govern our faith. Does St. Paul tell all men to pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands? We, too, instruct our neophytes as their first lesson that part of the 24 hours of each day is to be spent in prayer to Almighty God, and part in serving others in time of need—in the exercise of Charity, that practical manifestation of brotherly love, without which all our doings are nothing worth. The Church has her colleges, her hospitals, her religious orders of nursing women, to show how she reads the command of her Lord to teach the ignorant, to care for the sick and the helpless. We, too, may point to the great Masonic Institutions as our illustration of that virtue, which blesses him who gives as well as him who receives. The Christian Church has ever warned men of judgment to come, when God will try every work of what sort it is. Are not we, too, taught something of the rigid scrutiny to which every stone of the sacred building will be subjected, of the punctual payment of the wages earned, of the due acknowledgment of the good work, of the certain rejection of the bad, of the impossibility of any imposture passing undiscovered in that day? And do not we, as Masons, bear our witness to the reality of that glorious Easter-tide message, that this life is but the porch leading to the palace of the Great King?—that the darkness of death is the forerunner of a more brilliant light, which shall follow at the resurrection of the just, when these mortal bodies, which have been slumbering in the dust, shall be awakened, and reunited to their soul again, be clothed with immortality? As the eye of faith penetrates within the veil, it sees one central figure, before Whom angels and archangels, saints and martyrs, fall down in ceaseless adoration—a lamb as it had been slain, and yet King of Kings and Lord of Lords—Jesus—God and man. And the Christian Church tells us, as she herself was taught by,

the Lord and His Apostles, that this same Jesus now glorified once died for our sins, and rose and ascended to where He now is, waiting for the everlasting kingdom to be given Him of the Father, when He shall return to this earth and reign for ever, together with all those who shall then be found worthy to share His kingdom with Him. And we know, too, that this mighty Saviour took our nature upon Him in the womb of the Blessed Virgin, not only that He might bear our sins upon the cross of shame, but that He might raise this sinful nature of ours, and make it by His power like to His own Divine nature now in this life, and so we become in living truth children of God and members of Christ—free men—for we are freed from the power of our own besetting sins, born of a free woman, even of His Holy Bride, His Church, whom He redeemed and purchased with His Own blood. Brothers to a King, and fellows to a Prince, for we are brethren of the Lord Jesus, members of His Body, of His Flesh, and of His Bones, as St. Paul tells us—companions to that peasant, the carpenter of Nazareth, who humbled himself to be our equal, that He might be in all points tempted like as we are, and be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and so able to help us in our temptations and our trials. Here again all Masons will have perceived that in the allegorical teachings of our Order we have a witness to the Incarnation. And if, leaving these great and precious doctrines of our faith, we come to symbolism scarcely less valuable, because pregnant with meaning for those who have the eye to see, and the power to understand, how much does not Masonry teach us concerning God's earthly house? It teaches that it should stand east and west, because, according to our tradition, the Tabernacle and the Temple so stood. That our prayers are made towards the east, because the sun, which rises in the east, symbolises the everlasting sun of righteousness, the bright and morning star, the day spring from on high, for whose second coming the Church hourly looks and waits. It teaches that God's house should be set apart by special consecration; that incense has ever symbolised prayer and intercession; that lights have a hidden meaning, altogether distinct from their ordinary every day use. It teaches, as all may see who have come here to-day, that there are different ranks and grades in our hierarchy, with peculiar and distinctive dresses and emblems belonging to each. Need I say that in all these points, the teaching of Freemasonry most strikingly confirms the old traditions of the Christian Church? We have here again the double witness to God's truths. And now, dear brethren, before I conclude, let me ask you to lay to heart the real meaning of the work in which you have been engaged to-day. You have done much to consolidate and strengthen Masonry in this province, by the installation of one so eminently fitted for the high dignity which has been conferred upon him. I have endeavoured, however imperfectly, to show you that Masonry has a distinct mission and responsibility, resting upon it—that it has certain truths committed to it to teach, certain well defined principles to maintain. Let us try to realise this, and to act accordingly. We live in times when all the truths which we have inherited, our landmarks, our principles, are called in question and denied. It is our work to maintain them. The existence of a Supreme Being, the reality of a future state, the authenticity of the volume of the Sacred Law, the first principles of social order and of civilised society—all these are now questioned. Let us remember what we have been taught, and let us vindicate our teaching, and then we have come here to God's house to sanctify our proceedings. Why? Because He is specially present here. As He says, "In all places where I record My name, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee." Let us ever try to realise His presence, and let us remember that our daily work is to build ourselves up, or rather to be built up by Him, into a spiritual house meet for His habitation. That building in our own souls and bodies must be the work of the Holy Ghost. No other power can effect it. For it is indeed a mighty work to turn man from sin to God. It is mostly a silent work; as the Temple was built in silence, the still small voice of God's Spirit speaks to us in secret. Let us take heed that we always listen, and act as He directs. And if we wish this mighty work to go on in us, and to be brought to completion, we must be men of Prayer. This is the true teaching of Jacob's ladder, Prayer always going up to God, Grace and help coming down in answer. And then, lastly, do not be afraid of discouragements in religion. Rather expect them. The stone which the builders rejected became the head stone of the corner. That workman must have been very much disappointed when he saw his stone that he had laboured at so long and so carefully rejected. Perhaps it was heaved over among the rubbish. But He knew that he had worked as He had been told, and he waited patiently for His reward, and the reward came. We must be content to find our work in our own soul, not telling at first sometimes. "Men ought always to pray and not to faint," says our Lord. Persevere, and all will come right. Expect too, to be in a minority if you are living for Christ. Do not follow the multitude in evil doing. Be suspicious of popular doctrines, popular opinions, popular habits and ways of thinking and acting. Be brave and bold in pursuance of duty, regardless of all consequences to yourself. So will you be worthy followers of the great Masters in our Craft, and so in the strength of the Lord Jesus, and by the Holy Spirit's help, will you be more than conquerors over sin here, and in the end have your place in the Heavenly mansions where your Saviour has entered before you, and where He is now making ready a place for all those who love Him, and who look for His appearing.

At the conclusion of the service a collection was made for the Benevolent Fund of the Provincial Grand Lodge

After the service in the cathedral, about 200 brethren sat down to a banquet in the Town Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M., who was supported by the great majority of the more distinguished visitors present at the business portion of the proceedings.

In proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the PROV. GRAND MASTER said he hoped the brethren of the Provinces of West Lancashire, East Lancashire, and Cheshire would join in presenting his Royal Highness with a loyal Masonic address on the occasion of his visit to Manchester to open the Exhibition.

"The Health of the P.G.M.," given by Bro. Earl AMHERST, was received with acclamation, and Bro. Lord EGERTON OF TATTON, in reply, counselled the brethren to carry out to their fullest extent the true and ennobling principles which were embodied in the Masonic Order.

A musical programme was given by Bros. N. Dumville, W. Dumville, A. Lewtas, and H. Miller.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

The annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the County Hall, Carlisle, on Friday, the 15th inst., under the banner of the Union Chapter, No. 310, when, in the absence of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Comp. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.Z. 371, P.G.H., presided, supported as follows: Comps. John Barr, P.Z. 119, P.G.H.; George Dalrymple, P.Z. 119, P.G.J.; Geore J. McKay, P.Z. 129, P.G.S.E.; W. C. Johns, 119, as P.G.S.N.; James Gardiner, P.Z. 327, P.G.P.S.; J. J. Robinson, 2119, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. H. Braithwaite, P.Z. 129, P.G. Org.; J. Dickinson, 371, P.G. Stwd.; Dr. Charles Gore-Ring, P.Z. 1073, P.G. S.N.; Rev. James Anderson, 119; George Ryrie, 119; T. A. Argles, 129; C. J. Wanson, 310; J. Hall, J. 1073; F. Hodgson, P.Z. 119, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. C. Thompson, 119; Charles Gowan, P.S. 119; J. Eden, 119; Wm. Carlyle, 119; and others.

The minutes of the former Prov. Grand Chapter were read and confirmed, when Comp. R. J. Nelson, P.Z. 129, P.G. Treas., was again elected Treasurer, and Comp. J. Casson, Janitor, by unanimous vote, and the following companions were invested as Prov. G. Officers:—

Comp. T. B. Arinson, P.Z. 339...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Ed. Tyson, P.Z. 119 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Rev. Jas. Anderson, 119 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Gen. J. McKay, P.Z. 129 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Wm. Court, P.Z. 310 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. J. Nelson, P.Z. 129, re-elected ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.

Comp. J. J. Robinson, Z. 119 ...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. R. Banks, P.Z. 371 ...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. B. Thwaites, P.Z. 339 ...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" J. C. Thompson, 119 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Henry Hoodless, P.Z. 327 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. H. Braithwaite, 129 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" John Paterson, J. 119 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" John Smith, Org. 371 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. A. Argles, 129 ...	...	...
" C. J. Nanson, 310 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Hall, 1073 ...	...	...
" John Casson, 119 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

In the unavoidable absence of Comp. Nelson, P.G. Treas., Comp. McCAY read the statement of accounts, which showed a good balance on the right side, with dues and fees to come in, they were passed as read, and the sum of five guineas voted to the "Binckes Testimonial Fund."

On the motion of the M.E.Z., in the chair, seconded by Comp. GARDINER, it was unanimously resolved that Certificates be preserved for presentation to the prominent Grand Officers.

There being nothing further, Prov. Grand Chapter was closed in due form, and the Companions subsequently dined at the County Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CORNWALL.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Superintendent, held his annual convocation on Friday, the 15th inst., under the banner of the Hayle Chapter, No. 450, when upwards of 50 Royal Arch Masons were present.

After the usual business of the convocation had been transacted, five guineas were voted to the Cornwall Benevolent Institution, and £21 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT stated that the regulations which governed Craft Masonry also governed Royal Arch Masonry, except where specially provided for in the new Royal Arch Constitutions. At the request of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, a part of this beautiful Degree was worked by the members of the Hayle Chapter, under the direction of the M.E.Z., Comp. N. J. West.

The following were appointed the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. Sir Charles B. Graves Sawle, Bart....	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" N. J. West ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" E. D. Anderton ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. A. Gerry... ..	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" John H. Ferris ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. W. Higman ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Herring ...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" G. Barnes ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.S.
" W. K. Baker ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.S.
" Norman Gray ...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" J. T. Brooking ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" T. Hicks ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Roberts ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" James Lovell ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. D. Rogers ...	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.E.
" J. V. Bray ...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

On the Provincial Grand Chapter being closed, the companions, to the number of 43, dined at the White Hart Hotel.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMING GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL AND HIS PROVINCE.

Our Charitable Institutions are so well established in the favour of the Craft, their merits are so universally recognised, and their annual requirements so easily determined and so readily met, that in all probability they are to a greater extent independent of the efforts and influence of the distinguished brethren who successively plead their cause than other institutions of a similar character. Yet it can hardly be doubted that the personal claims to the support of a Chairman, and the amount of influence he is in a position to command, have a certain amount of influence in determining the result of the anniversary at which he engages to preside, and if he is fortunate enough to have a province at his back, that province will be of very material assistance to him in the fulfilment of his duties. There are lodges and brethren almost innumerable who would contribute largely and regularly if no anniversary meetings were held; but there are also many who need a stimulus, periodically renewed, in order to arouse their naturally generous instincts to renewed exhibitions of sympathy. A Chairman, by the earnestness of his appeals and a province by the force of its example, must help considerably in arousing this sympathy, and it is for this reason that on all necessary occasions we are careful to lay before our readers any special circumstances connected with the two which, in our opinion, are likely to advantage the Institution whose cause they are engaged in advocating.

In the case of R.W. Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., who has arranged to preside at the Girls' School Festival on Wednesday, the 11th prox., and his province, we need not enter into any lengthy particulars. When towards the close of 1885 that Right Worshipful brother was installed Grand Master of Shropshire as a separate Province, we took occasion to describe both the lodges it would be his duty to preside over and the claims he had so far established as a Mason upon their respect and loyalty. We pointed out that under the government of his predecessor, the late Bro. Sir W. Watkins-Wynn, Bart., M.P., as P.G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, Freemasonry had vastly increased in strength, and that, as regards Shropshire, which in 1852, when Bro. Sir W. Watkins-Wynn was installed in office, could only boast of two lodges, namely, the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, of "Ancient," and the Salopian, No. 262, of "Modern" origin, both meeting in Shrewsbury, it mustered at the time of Bro. Sir O. Wakeman's installation, no less than ten lodges, the eight additional being located at Bridgnorth (No. 1621); Ironbridge (No. 1120); Ludlow (No. 611); Market Drayton (No. 1575); Newport (No. 1806); Oswestry (Nos. 1124 and 1432); and Wellington (No. 601.) Since then the Brownlow Lodge, No. 2131, Ellesmere, has been added to the roll, and Shropshire can now point to an array of eleven lodges, distributed among nine of its principal towns, and all earnestly bent on strengthening and extending the beneficent influence of Masonry. And having the will to do what is requisite towards supporting their chief at the Girls' School Festival, these lodges have

not been long in doing their part. As we announced a short time since, they have already compiled a very substantial total of donations and subscriptions amounting in the aggregate to £500, and there is reason to hope that, considerable as this figure is for so limited a province, it will be made still more considerable before the day fixed for the celebration arrives.

With reference to Bro. Sir O. Wakeman, we mentioned in our account of his installation that he was initiated in the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, Oxford, in 1871, that he is a P.M. of that lodge, and a P. Prov. G. Reg. and P. Prov. S.G.W. of Oxfordshire, and that in 1882 he was appointed Deputy to the late Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, and so continued to act till the latter's death in 1885. During his tenure of this last-named office, Bro. Sir Offley succeeded in winning the respect and esteem of the brethren throughout the large Province of North Wales and Salop, and one of the most gratifying episodes of his career happened towards the close of it, on the 23rd of January, 1885, when the late Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn held an especial Prov. Grand Lodge in order to present him with a handsome clock, subscribed for by the brethren as a token of their esteem, on the occasion of his then approaching marriage. At the bottom of this clock was a gold plate bearing the inscription:—"Presented to Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Wales and Shropshire, by the brethren of the lodges in the province, as a mark of their esteem, on the occasion of his marriage with Miss Rose Boughton, January, 1885." The esteem thus won under the old régime has been continued to Sir Offley under the new, and we have no doubt will remain with him so long as he is able to continue in his position as Prov. Grand Master of Shropshire.

We will add that though he has served four Stewardships, and is a Vice-President of all our Institutions, this is the first opportunity our distinguished brother has had of appearing as a Chairman at one of our Charitable Anniversaries, and we dare say, if his duties permit, he will not be slow in tendering his services in the same capacity at future gatherings.

MASONIC COLLECTORS.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts appointed a Committee, who reported to the "Communication," held on March 9th, as to the expediency of the adoption by that Grand Lodge, "of some plan or system for the collection, preservation, and exhibition of Masonic antiquities, relics, curiosities, and other objects of interest to the Craft." They speak of the greatly increased study of the history and archæology of our Fraternity, which has developed within the last twenty years, "Large Libraries, composed exclusively of Masonic publications, have been gathered, and the 'Masonic Collector' has become a terror, and almost a nuisance, to Masonic Orators and Grand Secretaries. He is well nigh omnipresent, and like the daughters of the horse-leech, incessantly cries 'Give! Give.' His industry and persistency have, however, brought to light many valuable contributions to our knowledge of Masonic History, which otherwise might have remained hopelessly buried in oblivion." This is rather like "knocking down with hand, and building up with the other," but after all there is a deal of truth in both sides of the question.

Of course, reference is made to the large collections of the lamented Bro. Bower (acquired by the Grand Lodge of Iowa for 4000 dollars), the ever active Bro. E. T. Carson, and the indefatigable Bro. T. S. Parvin. The action of the Grand Lodge of New York in promoting a Masonic Museum, which has become a feature of great interest to visitors and the Fraternity, is also alluded to, as also the "four Exhibitions of Masonic documents and relics," held by "our English Brethren." Of these the Committee declare that "to the thoughtful student of Masonic history they are deeply interesting for the light they often cast upon paths which he has trod with doubt and uncertainty."

The report is a good one, and taking as it does such a broad and sensible view of the subject, we are not surprised to find that the Grand Lodge agreed to the recommendation of the Committee, and named three brethren to act as the "Committee for the collection of Curiosities of the Craft," which are to be preserved and displayed in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston.

THE "PYTHAGORAS" LODGE LIBRARY.

The Masonic Library of the "Pythagoras Lodge, No. 1, New York," is to be scattered by the Auctioneer, at the Sale Rooms of the "Masonic Publishing Company," 63, Bleecker-street, New York, on May 18th, and on other days yet to be fixed. The first portion to be offered to the highest bidders embraces about one third of the collection, so far as I can judge by the catalogue of the year 1869, which is the only one ever published. This catalogue, as also the one now issued for the sale, embraces Class I. to Class IV, according to Dr. Kloss' *Bibliographie* of 1844, with additions down to later years. In Class I. will be found Dr. Kloss' noted work, the Pythagoras Lodge Catalogue (1859) Gowans' of 1858, (not much value) and various other Bibliographical works and pamphlets relating to the Craft, none of which are now easy to be procured.

Class III. and IV. include "Magazines, Periodicals, Registers, &c." These mainly refer to *American* and *German* Masonic Magazines, of which there are an extraordinary number in value and variety. As respects this country, however, Bro. George Kennings' Catalogue of Works, contains a richer collection. In Almanacks there is not one for England, but there is a copy of an engraved List of 1764, by Benjamin Cole, which is rare, and about which I gave particulars in Bro. Lanes' invaluable "Masonic Records 1717-1886." There is also a fac-simile of this wee gem, made for me, most kindly by Bro. C. Sackreuter, of New York. There are Bode's Almanacks, complete, 1776-9; and other German Calendars, Dutch, Belgian, and French, some being extremely scarce and of great interest. The eight vols. of *Caillot's* "Annales Maconiques," 1807-10. are duly represented. But the Magazines published in America during the last fifty years is the feature of the Class II., many of which cannot be had in the ordinary way "for love or money;" and the same may be said of the Almanacks and Registers during the same period, for the United States.

We are disappointed to see so few of our old Constitutions in Class IV., though the French, German, and of course, the American run on to very many lots. For England there are 1738, 1756, and 1853. For Scotland, 1848; (not 1852 as stated in catalogue), and for Ireland, the rare volume of 1730, 1804, and 1850. The "Ahiman Rezon" of the "Ancients" (London) have but one representative, and that is for 1801. There is, however, a copy of "Multa Paucis" of 1763, and some copies of the "Pocket

Companion," but on the whole, the Class is a disappointment from our standpoint, though abundantly rich in uniques as respects American and German publications; these being so numerous, I must refrain from particularising any of the chief attractions,

For *anti-Masons* there is a real feast, the number of pamphlets and even big volumes on the supposed evil tendencies being quite bewildering. There is one thing, the *bane* and the *antidote* are side by side, the *nettle* and the *dock leaf* being thus in close company.

One moment we are terrified to read that "*Freemasonry is the way to Hell*," at least some one said and wrote so in 1768; but the author was soon followed by another, who testified that the Craft was the "*Turnpike Road to Happiness*!" The "Morgan excitement" period, about which so little is known in this country, must have been a time of "fiery ordeal" for our American brethren, and the literature on both sides of the contest would make quite a library, many of the principal works being in the present portion of the collection offered for sale.

The literature of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" in America is also well illustrated by reference to the catalogue, some of which possibly are additions, and not of the original library, though none the worse, if none the better, on that account. The "Proceedings" are noted in several of the lots, several of which are valuable for completing sets, being now out of print.

The medals are not mentioned this time, but whenever they occur for sale I shall be pleased to report their character in the pages of the *Freemason*, as the cabinet contains about 150 pieces.

Bro. Gould, in the last volume of his great History, states that the two lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, in New York (of which Pythagoras Lodge, No. 1, was the senior), "*have died out or joined* the Grand Lodge of New York, which has now on its roll 28 lodges working in the German language, with a membership of 3288." We have a lodge in this country working in the German language, which has existed for over a century on our roll, and has had a most beneficent and honourable career, and, like those in America, is distinguished for the attention paid to the literature of the Craft.

I have sent a copy of the catalogue to the Editor of the *Freemason*, so that it may be seen at the office of that paper by any brethren who desire to consult its pages.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE MASONIC CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

The following circular has been issued by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon:—

"Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street,

"London, W.C., 15th April, 1887.

"Worshipful Master,—

"On the 8th of January last, I addressed a circular letter to the Masters of all English lodges, relative to the approaching Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen, in which I announced that a great meeting of English Freemasons would be held in London this summer, under the presidency of his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, when an address of congratulation to her Majesty would be duly proposed, and, further, that a commemorative jewel would be instituted, which all Masons who were subscribing members of some English lodge on the 20th June, 1887, would be entitled to wear.

"I suggested at the same time that in order to specially show their personal affection and respect for their Grand Master, all English Masons should have the opportunity of joining in a small subscription in aid of the Fund now being collected for the erection of the "Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India," the national memorial of the Queen's Jubilee, which has originated with our Grand Master, and has been approved of by Her Majesty.

"On this point I requested the opinion of the various lodges, and I find that of the answers as yet received, numbering nearly a thousand, a large majority are in favour of the suggestion. I may add that it has since been arranged with the authorities of the Institute, that the amount so collected shall be allotted to some particular portion of the building which shall be permanently identified by some designation, marking it as the gift of the Freemasons of England.

"It will be optional for lodges either to report the names of their subscribers to this fund, or to include the amounts contributed in one sum.

"In my circular I explained that the arrangements for the meeting in London could not then be made, but that it appeared appropriate and desirable that a considerable fund should be raised on the occasion in support of our three Masonic Charities, and that an admission fee should be charged for this object, by means of tickets obtained beforehand through the Masters of the various lodges.

"I have now to inform the brethren that it has since been decided by his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, that the meeting in question should be held in the Albert Hall, London, during the week commencing on the 13th of June next, and that the fee for the ticket of admission thereto shall be one guinea, the proceeds going to the three Masonic Charities as proposed.

"It is, unfortunately as yet impracticable to name the exact day, which will, however, be notified as soon as it is possible to do so.

"As the accommodation, which necessarily varies in the different parts of the hall, will not permit of more than five brethren being present from each lodge, it is requested that you will transmit to the Grand Secretary before the 10th May the actual number of tickets, not exceeding that number, you will require for your members, accompanied by a remittance of one guinea for each ticket.

"In conclusion, I have to report that the Most Worshipful Grand Master is of opinion that the resolution of congratulation to be voted to her Majesty at this meeting in London should be considered as emanating from the entire English Craft and that local addresses will therefore be unnecessary.

"I remain, Worshipful Master, yours fraternally,

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At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this Insti-
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London, W.C., on Saturday, April 16th, 1887, Bro. H. B.
MARSHALL, J.P., Treasurer, in the chair, after the
general business was disposed of, the following 23 GIRLS
(being the whole of the Candidates on the List) were
declared duly Elected:

Proudfoot, Edith Lillian.	Browne, Annie Maud.
Sutton, Eleanor Julia.	Jensen, Lily.
Rawlings, Lillian Gertrude S.	Stead, Lillian Amor.
Harris, Grace Lenore.	Tims, Helena Constance.
Craft, Ethel Ada.	Phillips, Gertrude Alice.
Melhuish, Edith.	Warrilow, Gwendoline H.
Longshaw, Hannah Maude.	Grindley, Katherine Baron.
Phenix, Gertrude.	Wilkinson, Ethel Mary.
Harnden, Fanny Maria.	Sissons, Florence Burnham.
Gurney, Amy Elizabeth C.	Kemp, Hilda Marguerite.
Richardson, Isabella.	Cooper, Nellie.
Wade, Helen Kathleen.	Crosby, Mary Edith.
Harvey, Nellie.	Saville, Frances Agnes.
Gregory, Marie Louise.	Bailey, Caroline Annie.

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At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the
Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern,
Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on
Monday, the 18th day of April, 1887, Bro. William Roe-
buck (G.S.B.), V.-Patron, Trustee, in the chair, a Ballot
took place for the election of 27 Boys from an approved list
of 45 Candidates.

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	SUCCESSFUL:	Votes.
1	43	Webber, F.	2094
2	28	Marsden, J. H.	2009
3	32	Patience, H. A.	1863
4	34	Harder, L. G. M.	1853
5	24	Parker, P.	1852
6	25	Aitken, G. R. H.	1851
7	13	Woolf, C. H.	1850
8	33	Adkin, R. L.	1837
9	12	Johnston, G. P.	1821
10	16	Stoward, T. D.	1819
11	45	Harrison, H. M.	1816
12	44	Fawcett, J.	1814
13	38	Mitchell, J. Mc. C.	1768
14	31	Wilson, H. S.	1759
15	35	Moss, W. H.	1746
16	37	Atkinson, J. W.	1741
17	26	Johnson, C. T.	1725
18	7	Collinson, W.	1711
19	3	Matthews, P. H.	1710
20	15	Grace, A. E.	1709
21	30	Stephenson, A.	1700
22	20	Doughty, R. C.	1625
23	5	Augier, H. N.	1579
24	39	Glenny, F. N.	1562
25	23	Staden, C. G.	1519
26	36	Dixon, W. B.	1513
27	40	Tombs, R. J.	1265

List of Candidates (Successful and Unsuccessful), with
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THIRD APPLICATION.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL
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The favour of your Vote and Interest is earnestly solicited
on behalf of

MRS. MARY WHITE,

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To Correspondents.

The following, amongst other communications, unavoid-
ably stand over:—

CRAFT—
Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.
Provincial Grand Lodge Cumberland and Westmorland.



SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 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,

Allow me to supplement my former letter by sug-
gesting that if "A Vice-President" and others are so
anxious that the Boys' School authorities should follow the
example of those of the Girls' School, and admit all the
candidates—which can, of course, be done at the October
Election, and still be a bonâ fide Jubilee commemoration—
instead of only filling up the vacancies, he and they should
direct their efforts towards enlarging the funded property
of the School, and so increase the permanent income. This
they could do by raising a number of Jubilee Perpetual
Presentations at 1000 guineas each, as West Yorkshire is
doing in the case of the Widows' Fund of the Benevolent
Institution, and as, I believe, other provinces propose doing
before the year is ended. Of course, I know that twenty
1000 guinea funds will take a good deal of raising; but I
also know that a permanent increase of 20 in the number
of boys—as "A Vice-President" proposed—means a per-
manent additional outlay of £800, and that is rather more
than an Institution which, as Bro. Binckes has since pointed
out, has only £755 permanent income at its disposal, can
afford to do.—Fraternally yours,
Q.



"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR, SOMERSETSHIRE,
1887-8."

Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, as editor of the Somerset
Calendar, has evidently a fondness for the work, for the
present issue (the sixth of the series) contains, for the first
time, a roll of officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge since
1854 (inclusive), when Colonel C. K. Kemeys Tynte became
the Provincial Grand Master, who was followed, in 1863, by
the respected Bro. Colonel Adair, who resigned in 1868,
and was succeeded by the M.W. Bro. Lord Carnarvon, the
honoured Pro Grand Master of England. Throughout that
long period there have been but three Deputy Provincial
Grand Masters—Bros. J. Randolph, H. Bridges, and R. C.
Else—the latter having held the appointment from the year
1875, and is a most acceptable and zealous officer. There
are 25 lodges in the province, commencing with No. 41,
Bath, of 1733, and ending with No. 2038, Langport, of
1884. The number of members—obtained by adding the
figures given under each lodge—is 1081. The number of
votes held in the Central Masonic Charities is 2343, which
is a slight reduction from last year; but the difference is
less than might fairly be expected, considering the heavy
losses through the decease of several very large subscribers
during the past year. The tables printed, relative to the
votes, extend to 12 pages, each lodge being separately
arranged and classified, and the number of subscribing
members indicated, so that it is easy to see what lodges are
doing their duty, some having considerable more votes than
members, and others *vice versa*. Another new feature for
1886 is a list of the Stewards and amounts collected for
each Institution during the last 11 years. Royal Arch
Masonry is represented by nine chapters, the senior on the
roll—No. 41, Bath—having been the first to obtain a cen-
tenary jewel warrant in England. There are 290 subscrib-
ing Royal Arch companions in Somerset, and under the
happy rule of the R.W. Bro. R. C. Else there are eight

Mark lodges (one also in abeyance); but the membership is not equal to the chapters. The particulars are numerous and interesting that Bro. Edwards gives as to all the Degrees worked in the province, and we congratulate him on the issue of the sixth of his most useful series of Calendars.

“THE FREEMASONS’ CALENDAR, DERBYSHIRE, 1887.”

The Prov. Grand Secretary of Derbyshire, Bro. W. Naylor, is evidently determined that his calendar shall keep pace with the others which are being improved from year to year. The present issue is by far the best of the twelve published for the province, and is not easy to beat, either for the excellence of its arrangement, the completeness of its lists, or its respects typographical features. It looks, and reads, well. The R.W. Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., as Prov. Grand Master, presides over twenty-one lodges (one, however, not yet consecrated), having 973 members, as compared with 962 in 1886 edition. As Grand Superintendent, his lordship has six R.A. chapters under his rule, with 149 members. There are four Mark lodges in the county, which is incorporated with Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, as we mentioned when reviewing the calendar for Leicester, the members for these four lodges mustering to the number of 126. We suggest that the years of service should be added to the names of Past Masters of each lodge, and also the provincial rank of each (if any), as so many editors now do, and thus increase the value of the calendar considerably for the purposes of the Provincial Grand Master and his advisers. If the space is too limited for that, we think it would be better to insert such particulars, and let the calendar portion be omitted. The “Masonic Notes” appended by Bro. Naylor form a useful guide for the Masters and Secretaries of lodges, and were they duly attended to we feel assured that his labours as Prov. Grand Secretary would be considerably lightened. We are pleased to see that the list of the votes held in the Masonic Charities or Institutions, as also those for the “Mark Educational and Annuity Fund” are, for the first time, printed on consecutive pages, instead of on a folding sheet, as heretofore. For the former there are 1428, carefully described and tabled, and for the Mark there are 226.



722] THOMAS DUNKERLEY.

I have to acknowledge the great courtesy and kindness of Bro. “F. L. E. J.” in responding to my notes of last week in sending the volume of “Freemasons’ Magazine” of 1793. I have this day compared the engraving of Thomas Dunkerley in the magazine with the larger portrait now at Lodge 280, Worcester. I find that both engravings are by J. Jones, from a painting by Thos. Beach. The portraits at Worcester is full length, sitting at the pedestal, with cushion and book open on it. The fronts of the pedestal has on it the *P.M.’s problem*, not the Master’s jewel, as in use now. Thomas Dunkerley has on knee-breeches, buckles, and shoes. The upper part is precisely the same as in the magazine—the same R.A. jewel, collar, and collar jewel, and the same coat, vest, and buttons. In fact, there is no question that the smaller oval engraving for the magazine is taken from the larger one above the pedestal. I again thank Bro. “F. L. E. J.,” and have returned his magazine by post.

LAMB SMITH.

I should like to know if the original oil painting is in existence.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE LOGIC CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.

The annual banquet of the Logic Club of Instruction was held on Sunday, the 10th inst., at the Criterion. The chair was taken by the esteemed Preceptor, Bro. John Maclean, and amongst the members and guests present were Bros. Fitzgerald (Hon. Sec.), Cummings, Potter, Fleet, Stevens, Kirkcaldy, Groves, Barnett, Dr. Davis, Thomas, Lester, Allcorn, Milford, Matthews, Dr. Lloyd, Green (Bombay), A. R. Rogers, Skinner, Greenaway, Andrew, Meredith Bath, Beveridge, Harris, Leavitt, W. E. Chapman, Rowe, Kift, Charles Harbury, and others.

In responding to the toast, “Prosperity to the Logic Club,” Bro. FITZGERALD said that he could congratulate the brethren on a successful year, as they had now 112 names on the books. The Club had been founded for the purpose of affording Masonic instruction to those in need of it, and like the sands of the sea its members shifted with every tide and were to be found in all parts of the world. During the past year they had had 43 meetings with an aggregate attendance of 756. He wished, however, to call especial attention to the Charitable Association formed in connection with the Club four years back. To this members contributed a shilling at a time, and when the sum of five guineas was reached it was balloted for and the successful brother got a life membership in one of the Masonic Charities. In four years they had been able to contribute in this way no less than 585 guineas to the Charities.

Bro. JOHN MACLEAN, in responding to the toast of “The Chairman,” said that one of the greatest pleasures of his life was to exercise the gifts that God had given him in imparting Masonic instruction. It was his aim to maintain the dignity and high importance of the Craft and to conduct their ceremonies in such a way as to command the respect of those whom he might style the comparatively uninitiated.

In course of the evening a number of songs and recitations were given, amongst those contributing to the entertainment being Bros. John Maclean, J. D. Beveridge, Chas. Harbury, A. R. Rogers, W. E. Chapman, Leavitt, Harris, Kift, Davies, and others.

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RANELAGH LODGE (No. 884).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Regent-street, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Bro. C. Dopson, W.M., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Jas. Sims, I.P.M.; H. W. Blake, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. G. Doncaster, J.W.; J. Tuck, Sec.; W. J. Copelstone, S.D.; E. Lucas, J.D.; H. F. Williams, D.C.; F. Craggs, I.G.; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; A. Williams and W. W. Williams, Stwds.; H. Purdue, C. Barker, W. Fisher, J. Slack, W. Watson, and H. Shaw, Past Masters; W. J. Bowles, M. F. Wilkins, H. J. Mayhew, J. F. Hall, J. Worth, H. W. Broadbridge, M. R. Rice, W. E. Purdue, J. Hedges, W. Ireton, Scharien, E. Newland, Tredale, Bozer, Perrett, H. R. Spomer, S. E. Holland, A. White, C. J. Chambers, Hardwick, H. Hewitt, W. E. Barker, A. Bird, A. Abrahams, H. S. May, R. Shaw, R. S. Cartwright, J. F. Cliburn, R. Phillips, and J. Banks. Visitors: Bros. J. G. Ingram, 820; W. G. Coat, 1275; W. F. Tonkin, S.W. 1328; J. W. Smyth, J.W. 1238; W. H. Bolt, 1563; W. Game, P.M. 511; E. Monson, W.M. 1194; W. H. Butt, 511; E. Austin, W.M. 1791; H. Hill, 1339; R. H. Rogers, I.P.M. 1791; Lewis Bryett, P.M. 834; C. Pearce, W.M. elect 173; G. Boulton, W.M. 28, P.M. 1056; J. Davies, 169; H. J. Jones, P.M. 1512; F. D. Meacot, 1512; H. J. Conway, 1512; E. Bird, 1769; W. Register, 14; and G. Read, 511.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs. Barker and A. J. Hardwick were severally balloted for, approved, and initiated, and Bro. Rice was passed to the Degree of F.C. The report of the Audit Committee having been submitted and received, Bro. Blake, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed was installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most ably and perfectly rendered by Bro. Blake, P.M. Bro. Blake then appointed and invested as his officers for the year, Bros. C. Dopson, I.P.M.; Doncaster, S.W.; Copelstone, J.W.; G. Butt, P.M., Treas. (elected and unavoidably absent); H. Purdue, P.M., Sec.; Lucas, S.D.; Craggs, J.D.; A. Williams, D.C.; H.P. Williams, I.G.; Oliver, P.M., Org.; W.W. Williams, and Newland, Stwds.; and Walkley, P.M., Tyler.

The sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the joint list of Bros. H. Purdue, P.M., and C. Dopson, I.P.M., for the coming Festival next month. Another sum of 10 guineas was also voted to a distressed brother, a Past Master of the lodge, and his petition to the Board of Benevolence signed by a majority of the brethren present. Several letters of apology for non-attendance having been read, and the other business disposed of, lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, purveyed in their usual style by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and served under the personal direction of Bro. Bertini, P.M., who was most careful in seeing that everything was done for the comfort and convenience of the guests.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, that of the Tyler bringing the list to a close, and the whole being interspersed with some admirable singing, &c.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—This lodge held its installation meeting for 1887 on Tuesday last at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, when Bro. H. J. Pain, a son of the well-known Bro. James Pain, one of the founders of the lodge, was installed Master of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The lodge was opened by Bro. Herbert Moss, W.M., who proceeded with the business of the day, which comprised the balloting for and initiating Mr. Louis François Godard, the initiation of Mr. Leopold Franken, and the passing of Bro. Gomm. The work was performed by Bro. Moss with his customary skill, and at its conclusion Bro. Moss vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. E. Frances, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., the Secretary of the lodge, who was the Installing Officer of the day. Having addressed the lodge on the subject of the installation of Masters and obligated the candidate for the Master’s chair, Bro. Frances requested all present except Installed Masters to retire, and when they had done so, proceeded to formally open a Board of Installed Masters, a ceremony very rarely performed in detail, and not until this had been done was the W.M. elect re-admitted to the lodge room, and there in the presence of the Board of Installed Masters he was again obligated and formally installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and was saluted and congratulated by the Masters present. The rest of the brethren were then re-admitted, when Bro. Pain was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Herbert Moss, I.P.M.; A. G. Boswell, S.W.; G. Myers, J.W.; James Pain, P.M., Treas.; A. E. Frances, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Cullen, S.D.; H. Tyrer, J.D.; J. Pollard, I.G.; R. Templeman, P.M., D.C.; E. Horsey, A.D.C.; and A. Bowers, Steward. Bro. Frances then delivered the three addresses to the Masters, Wardens, and lay members of the lodge in his usual fluent and effective style. A vote of thanks to the W.M. for presenting his banner to the lodge was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The newly-installed W.M. then rose and said his first duty was a very becoming one. In his position of Master of the lodge he had to ask Bro. Moss to accept a Past Master’s jewel. The lodge had been peculiarly happy in the selection of its Masters, but he thought that they had never had a Master so popular, so well up in his work, and so beloved as Bro. Moss. It therefore gave him great pleasure to ask Bro. Moss to accept that jewel with the “Hearty good wishes” of the brethren. Bro. Moss thanked the brethren very much for that kind token of their appreciation of his services. It would give him great pleasure to wear it, and it would remind him of many pleasant incidents of his year of office as W.M. of the Stockwell Lodge.

There were a large number of visitors present at the

lodge and at the banquet which followed, among whom were Bros. Eve, G. Treas. elect; Wm. Youldon, P.M. 1658; F. Binckes, P.G.S. (who was accompanied by the S.G.W. of Derbyshire); Edwin Storr, P.M. 167; W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M. 2048; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1744; J. Youldon, W.M. 1981; J. J. Thomas, J.W. 753; S. Colman, S.W. 1265; J. Humfriss, W.M. 733; M. S. Larham, P.M. 1216; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; John Ions, 860; W. T. Winsor, 1050; G. W. Knight, W.M. 1507; W. W. Westley, S.W. 186; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 1658; J. W. Curtis, J.D. 733; Hugh Doherty, 51; H. Dickey, W.M. 1744; A. G. Cann, P.M. 1539; J. Hearsam, I.G. 167; A. W. Lane, 167; T. G. Scott, 933; J. H. Wood, Prudent Brethren; Edgar H. Minus, I.G. 1982; John Humphrey, 55; Andrew Holmes, P.M. 548; Geo. Gosling, 1673; W. Newman, 1385; G. Glass, P.M. 453; Philip Sharpe, S.D. 869; L. L. Atwood, 1391; Chas. Evans, W.M. 1922; Arthur Bull, 1707; and E. C. Massey.

After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given, and as heartily responded to.

In proposing “The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past,” the W.M. said they had with them on that occasion the Grand Treasurer elect, who was the only Grand Officer which the Blue lodges had the privilege of electing. The Blue lodges had elected Bro. Eve by an overwhelming majority. He was not vain enough to think that Bro. Eve came there to do him honour, but it was gratifying to find that the Grand Treasurer had honoured the Stockwell Lodge by his presence.

Bro. Eve, in reply, said that all that the W.M. had said of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England was not too much for him to say in respect of those brethren. They were deserving of all his encomiums, and all the thanks of the brethren present. They discharged their duties, he believed, fairly, and faithfully, and well, and he thought, looking at the list of Grand Officers, it must be admitted that his Royal Highness had made a grand selection. The selection was difficult to make because there were so many deserving brethren. He (Bro. Eve) thought that the W.M. had gone a little beyond the strict line in calling upon him to respond to that toast, as, although elected, he had not yet been invested with his office, which he felt to be the most honourable that any brother could desire to attain. To be elected by the thousands, he was going to say hundreds of thousands, of brethren over whom the Grand Master swayed his sceptre, was an honour which he last year had no thought of attaining. He had to thank the brethren present for contributing in no small degree to that result, and he should be wanting in love of Freemasonry if he did not endeavour to discharge the duties of his office with efficiency and zeal, and in such a way as would reflect credit on the choice the brethren had made. He was not sure that in one view the duties did not outweigh the honour, because the Grand Officer was bound so to act as to show that Freemasonry was something more than a mere name; he felt that Freemasonry had a great work before it: it had done a great deal in the past, and it had got still greater things to do in the future. Bro. Eve concluded by thanking the brethren of the lodge for the way in which he had been received by them.

Bro. Frances proposed “The Health of the Worshipful Master,” who, he said, had been elected by the unanimous vote of the lodge, and, considering that Bro. H. J. Pain was a son of Bro. Past Master James Pain, the Treasurer and one of the founders of the lodge, the duty of proposing his health was a double pleasure. Their newly-installed Master was a child of the lodge; he had been initiated in it, and had gone through all the offices. Bro. Pain was a thorough good worker—was one of his (Bro. Frances’) pupils. No brother since Bro. Hammerton took the chair but had been a thoroughly good working Mason, and he was sure that Bro. Pain would do what his predecessors had done—leave a good reputation behind him. Bro. Frances concluded by apologising for the manner of his speech, which must fall flat after that of Bro. Eve, who, he said, must have learned his eloquence in paradise, and practised it ever since.

Bro. Pain, W.M., in responding, said that he would not detain them with a long speech; but simply and heartily thanked them for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed by Bro. Frances and received by the brethren. Exactly seven years ago, to the day, he was made a Master Mason, at which time he had no expectation of becoming the Master of the lodge; but as they had placed him in that position, he would strive to leave the lodge in the same good repute as that in which he had received the charge of it. He would do all he could to promote the interests of the lodge.

The list of toasts included “The Health of the Visitors” (for which Bro. Binckes, among others, responded), “The Past Masters,” and “The Officers of the Lodge,” which were all duly honoured before the Tyler’s toast brought the proceedings to a close.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. T. C. Royle, W.M., and there were also present Bros. G. Bartholomew, S.W.; Owen Spearing, J.W.; J. Langton, P.M., Treas.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.P.S.G.D. Kent, Sec.; B. J. Lord, I.G.; T. Turquand Fillan, I.P.M.; C. E. Barnett, P.M.; F. C. Dobbins, P.M.; A. Rosenthal, P.M.; R. Wolfsky, D.C.; J. Godwin, A. Adams, R. Davies, J. White, and R. Beldam. Visitors: Bros. A. G. Hennell, W.M. 1601; H. P. Cater, 1010; J. Barrett, 1343; G. H. Edes, P.M. 228; J. D. Fowke, 107; J. S. Hegarty, P.M. 1364; S. Studd, P.M. 1375; G. W. Dix, 1755; J. C. Oswensal, 1185; W. G. Oates, 2096; W. Hall, 181; A. Thomas, 1319; H. Schartau, Franklin Clive, and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes read and confirmed, after which Bro. Robert Beldam was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. Gilbert Bartholomew, S.W., was then presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair according to ancient custom. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Owen Spearing, S.W.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Kent, J.W.; Joseph Langton, P.M., Treas.; A. Adams, J.D.; J. White, I.G.; and Rowe, Tyler. Bros. J. G. Langton, P.M., Sec., and F. Howard, S.D., being unavoidably absent, their investiture was postponed. The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Royle, I.P.M., in an impressive manner. The report of the Audit Committee, showing a substantial balance to the credit of the lodge,

was received and adopted. On the motion of Bro. Turquand Fillan, P.M., it was unanimously agreed that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. T. C. Royle, P.M., as a token of the friendship and esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to the R.M.I. for Girls.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently duly honoured.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was given by Bro. Royle, I.P.M., who said that his short reign of office had ended, and the Worshipful Master's had commenced. The brethren had all known him for so long that they had the same confidence in him that he had, and were convinced that he would steer them through a successful year of office, and land them in 12 months' time round a festive board where peace and brotherly love will reign supreme. He could only speak of him in the past and prophecy for the future. It would be a brilliant future, replete with honour to himself and advantage to the lodge. He asked the brethren to heartily drink the health of their Worshipful Master.

Bro. Gilbert Bartholomew, W.M., said he was very much indebted to the I.P.M. for the kind terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received it. He was convinced that in his promotion to the chair he was succeeding a long list of excellent Masters, and was aware of his own shortcomings. They had all seen him fill the various offices in the lodge, and he could assure them it was his intention to devote more time to the duties than he had previously been able to, and it would not be his fault if he did not sustain the reputation their lodge had so deservedly gained.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The I.P.M.," and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to introduce the toast. As he previously told the brethren, their lodge had had many excellent Masters, but Bro. Royle, who had vacated the chair that evening, had proved himself a most excellent of excellent Masters. He scarcely knew what to say in his praise, for they all knew him as well as he did, and had watched his admirable working with the same interest. There was a quotation, which was an apt one. It was—"Titles of honour add not to his worth, who is himself an honour to his titles." The greatest pleasure he had was in fixing on the breast of the I.P.M. the jewel voted to him by the lodge in token of the esteem and friendship in which he is regarded by the brethren. It was most sincere, for they held him in the highest esteem. He hoped they should see him at every meeting, and he would always be sure of a hearty welcome. He would ask Bro. Royle, I.P.M., to give him his assistance during the forthcoming year, and he was sure his reliance would not be misplaced.

Bro. T. C. Royle, I.P.M., tendered his sincere thanks for the praise which had been bestowed, and which, he thought, was not his due. As a Mason he had done what he could, and if he had merited their approbation whilst occupying the position of W.M., he was more than satisfied. He hoped to retain the Past Master's jewel for many years as a memento of his year of office, which had been one of considerable pleasure, for he had received nothing but kindness at their hands. He hoped to continue to exert his interests for the welfare of the lodge as a Past Master for many years.

Bro. Turquand Fillan, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and said that as the I.P.M. had already delivered himself of a speech, it had been arranged that he, as the youngest P.M., should reply. There was no doubt that the Past Masters added fire and energy to the lodge, and were the backbone of the lodge. He quite agreed that as they became Past Masters the dignity of the position overshadowed their modesty, and he asked the members to regard them with respect whilst they remained members of the lodge. It was a pleasure to occupy the chair, but when the year of office was over, it was then a further pleasure to retire to the serene dignity of a Past Master, and to give strength to the lodge.

Bro. Studd, P.M. 1375, responded for "The Visitors," and tendered sincere thanks for the hearty reception they had received. He congratulated the lodge on having such a Master, and also upon the working, especially the beautiful rendering of the installation ceremony.

Bros. Hennell, W.M. 1601, and Edis, P.M. 228, also replied.

Bro. J. Langton, P.M., Treasurer, on behalf of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he was very pleased to think that that portion of the lodge affairs which was under his care was in such a satisfactory condition. They were in a flourishing state, and he hoped they would go on improving. He returned thanks for the Secretary, and regretted that his son, who had been appointed to the office, was unable to be present.

"The Officers" was then given, after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music was carried out by Bros. H. Schartau, Franklin Clive, Arthur Thomas, B. J. Lord, and Turquand Fillan.

THE CITADEL LODGE (No. 1897).—The election meeting of this very flourishing lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, on Saturday, the 16th inst., Bro. Edwin Woodman, P.M. 1950, W.M., was ably supported by the following officers: Bros. John Weston, S.W.; Oscar J. Holthorp, J.W.; John Osborn, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S. Br., Sec.; J. H. Gaskin, S.D.; E. V. Mayne, J.D.; W. Wright, Org.; J. Hughes, I.G.; J. E. Sheffield, Stwd.; W. W. Mayes, P.P.G. Purst., P.M.; T. J. Bird, P.M.; A. Clark, P.M.; E. A. Von Holthorp, H. G. Banks, P. Young, Charles A. Itter, N. White, Thos. Bence, J. Hornsey, Lewis Cole, John Jones, C. J. Davison, A. Mayes, O. T. Clark, W. H. Howe, and Louis Mantel. Visitors: Bros. H. Quartley, W.M. 228; R. P. Forge, W.M. 1693; L. Crane, P.M. 933; R. J. Hornan, W.M. elect 1602; G. Snook, S.W., W.M. elect 1693; Henry Baldwin, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M. 1632; C. S. Clark, 228; W. How, 1287; F. Nicholson, 1604; J. A. Wilson, 1326; C. J. Curtis, 1950; and J. Very, Tyler.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. Bros. Hornsey and Bruce having been passed to the Degree of F.C. in the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, were candidates for the Third Degree, and were duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in a very able and impressive manner by the W.M., Bro.

Woodman. A ballot was then taken for three gentlemen for initiation, Messrs. Octavius T. Clark, Walter H. Howe, and Louis Mantel, which proved unanimous in their favour, and all being in attendance were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry according to ancient custom, the ceremony throughout being beautifully and most accurately rendered by the W.M. This being the annual period of election the ballot proved unanimous in favour of Bro. John Weston, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Hurran (on his absence, being in Madrid) was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Very, Tyler. Bros. Mayne, Young, and Clark were elected to serve on the Audit Committee.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned, and went through a keen competition in the beautiful grounds of the hotel of various athletic exercises. The banquet being served under the personal superintendance of Bro. G. Hamblin, the very courteous host, and having been thoroughly discussed by all present, on the cloth being drawn, all the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The W.M., Bro. Woodman," was proposed by Bro. Mayne, P.M., in very felicitous terms.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, was received with acclamation, and he expressed his thanks in suitable terms, and observed that in response to a letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Prov. G. Lodge, the lodge had conferred a great honour on recommending his name to the P.G.M. for purple, also for the lodge voting him a Past Master's jewel on the completion of his year of office, which he observed had been a very pleasurable one, having been favoured with a great deal of work.

The toast of "The Prov. G. Master, the D.P.G.M., and the Prov. G. Lodge," was responded to by Bro. H. Baldwin, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 1632, and 1949, who remarked that he had had the pleasure of a six years' apprenticeship as Secretary to a lodge in the province, and had founded a chapter in connection therewith, and although not a member of that lodge now, was always pleased to meet the brethren in the metropolis or the adjoining provinces, as the greatest harmony prevailed between them.

"The Health of the Initiates" having been drunk very heartily, Bros. O. T. Clark, Walter H. Howe, and L. Mantel, all responded in very modest terms.

The toast of "The Officers" was very ably responded to by Bro. Weston, the W.M. elect.

Bro. Osborn, the indefatigable Secretary, responded to "The Treasurer and Secretary."

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

The W.M. despatched a congratulatory telegram to Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.A. Secretary, on the marriage of his daughter; and Bro. Weston, S.W., was personally congratulated by all present on the narrow escape of his daughter from a watery grave, having received intelligence of her safe landing on the coast of France from the wreck of the "Victoria" in the Channel.

Miss Disney, and Bros. Clark, Sheffield, Bence, Snook, Woodman, and others, interspersed the proceedings with some capital songs. Bro. Wright very ably presided at the piano.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 2090).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Vestry-hall, Broadway, Hammersmith, on Thursday, the 14th inst. Bro. Harry Tipper, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. H. H. Room, I.P.M.; D. Stroud, S.W.; W. P. Cockburn, J.W.; A. J. Barclay, Sec.; F. Mander, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; W. Watson, P.M., I.G.; F. Oliver, Org.; R. Wimpey, Stwd.; J. Read, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Hobbiss, S.D. 858; D. S. Long, J.D. 1275; E. H. Barrett, 1579; G. Mitchell, 1275; H. T. Hobbs, J.D. 209; W. Fisher, P.M. 834; J. Douglas Dick, 2030; W. Wolfman, 527; Henry Wright, I.P.M. 1827; C. H. Burgess, 1388; W. Williams, P.M. 1828; G. C. Harding, P.M. 1238, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; Geo. Gardner, I.P.M. 2012; J. Sims, P.M. 834; E. Bird, 14; A. H. Strong, W.M. elect 1585; W. J. Coplestone, J.W. 834; C. F. Hughes, 2012; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the audit report, showing a good balance, was received and adopted. Ballot was taken for Bro. G. A. Williams, 135, as a joining member, and for Mr. T. E. Jones for initiation, both resulting successfully, the latter gentleman being impressively initiated by the W.M. Bro. Gough was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Wm. P. Cockburn, J.W., was presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair of the retiring W.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. D. Stroud, S.W.; F. Mander, J.W.; Howard H. Room, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Barclay, Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; W. Watson, P.M., J.D.; R. Wimpey, I.G.; R. H. Williams, D.C.; E. Johnston Gordon, W.S.; E. F. Roberts, A.W.S.; Oliver, Org.; Verry, Tyler.

The usual addresses were then effectively given by the I.P.M., Bro. H. Tipper. Bro. Cockburn, W.M., in presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Tipper, congratulated him upon his successful year of office, and passed a high encomium on the brilliant manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair. He said it was the unanimous wish of the members that the I.P.M. might be spared for many years to be with them, and assist the progress of the lodge by his counsel and advice.

Bro. H. Tipper, I.P.M., briefly returned thanks for the jewel, and also for the kind expressions used by the Worshipful Master, and assured the brethren that his services would at all times be at disposal for the welfare of their lodge.

Other business having been transacted, lodge was formally closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Windsor Castle Hotel, where a substantial banquet was partaken of, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts duly honoured.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Tipper, I.P.M., who remarked that he considered it a great honour to have the privilege of proposing that important toast. Bro. Cockburn, W.M., took a very great interest in the formation of their lodge, and had occupied the onerous position of Treasurer. He had also fulfilled the office of Junior Warden to the satisfaction of all, and they were therefore pleased to see him occupy the chair. The members could look forward with confidence to the forthcoming year, and on its conclusion would, no doubt,

have occasion to thank Bro. Cockburn for his admirable work. As they were all aware of Bro. Cockburn's zeal and energy in everything connected with Masonry, he would simply ask them to drink with all heartiness to his health, and wish him a prosperous year.

Bro. Cockburn, W.M., in reply, said he found himself in a position of which any brother might be proud. Following such good men and worthy Masons as the Past Masters of their lodge, he felt the forthcoming year to be one of considerable difficulty, but he was sure of the hearty co-operation of the members when he accepted the office. In the ordinary course of events Bro. Stroud, S.W., would have been elected to the chair, but he is at present W.M. of his mother lodge, and therefore ineligible. It was his (the W.M.'s) good fortune to be next in seniority, and he could assure them that if he failed in his endeavours to satisfactorily carry out the work it would not be for want of trying. He looked for support from the Past Masters—Bros. Read, Room, and Tipper—and he was sure he should not rely on them in vain. He would carry out everything to the best of his ability, and would do nothing which the members could say was un-Masonic.

"The Initiate" was then given, and suitably responded to by Bro. Jones.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Visitors," remarking that there was a goodly array of visiting brethren to whom he tendered hearty thanks for their presence. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Bird, 14, the oldest lodge represented, and to whom he was especially indebted for his services in assisting to secure the Vestry Hall as a meeting place for the Hammersmith Lodge.

Bro. Bird, 14, in response, said he was very much surprised that he should be called upon to reply, for although he was a member of the oldest lodge represented, there were many brethren present who held a higher position in Masonry. Through a long connection with the Craft, he had learned to feel strongly the benefits and good to be derived from Masonry, and would do anything in its power to further its progress. He had used his best endeavours to obtain the Vestry Hall for the lodge and was gratified that they had such an appropriate and elegant room to meet in. He thanked the W.M. and members for the very kind reception given to the visitors.

Bro. H. Wright, I.P.M. 1827, assured the W.M. that the visitors felt honoured at being present on the interesting occasion. He was sure that from the able manner in which the W.M. had discharged the duties of Treasurer and J.W., that the members would find the work of the chair had fallen into good hands. He congratulated him on attaining his high position and hoped all the junior officers would in time become W.M. of their lodge.

"The I.P.M. and Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., who said it would not be unnecessary for him to allude to the admirable working Bro. Tipper had rendered that evening and throughout his year. They were also indebted to their I.P.M. for the music and harmony which had assisted materially in rendering the meetings more pleasant and enjoyable. The members owed a debt of gratitude to Bro. Tipper for his services during the past year, and he would therefore ask them to drink heartily to his health.

Bro. H. Tipper, I.P.M., briefly returned thanks and assured the brethren that he would continue to do everything in his power to promote the welfare of their lodge.

"The Past Masters" and "Officers" were given and responded to, after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements under Bro. Tipper, I.P.M., added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening. He was ably assisted by Bros. Brittan, Oliver, and Read, P.M.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE (No. 2191).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., the chair was taken by Bro. Major George Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., I.P.M. There were also present Bros. A. Clark, S.W.; F. Kedge, J.W.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; Geo. Reynolds, Sec.; Consul-General T. M. Waller, S.D.; J. J. Woolley, J.D.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; H. Wilkie Jones, D.C.; J. Skinner and C. Ralph, Stwds.; Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York; and others. Visitors: Bros. Chas. Lambert, 198; C. A. Vernon Morning, 10; W. B. Fendick, P.M. 1321; C. Mortimer, 15; C. P. Taylor, 766; W. Parshall, Kane Lodge, No. 454, New York; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the consecration meeting read and confirmed. Ballot was successfully taken for Messrs. G. W. Cumberpatch and P. Sommers as candidates for initiation. Ballot was also taken in favour of the following brethren as joining members: Bros. A. Harris, 1297; C. A. Itter, 1897; A. Mella, formerly of the Grand Orient de France; S. W. Donald, 205; J. Williams, 15; F. Jackson, 1987; and Jas. Rowe, 1559. Bro. Major Lambert, in welcoming these brethren into the lodge, said he trusted they would endeavour to the best of their ability to maintain the principles upon which it was started, and also assist to entertain visitors from across the Atlantic. The report of the Committee to prepare the by-laws was read, and, on the motion of Bro. Consul-General Waller, S.D., the by-laws were adopted. Bro. Cumming, Treas., then informed the lodge that he had received a communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland inviting his attendance at the Centennial Celebration to be held in the city of Baltimore, U.S.A., on May 10, 11, and 12. The sessions would be held at the Academy of Music on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and on Thursday there would be a grand procession of the Craft, followed by appropriate ceremonies. He thought it would be a graceful act if their lodge sent a kindly greeting to the G. Lodge of Maryland on this interesting occasion, and he moved a resolution to that effect. This having been seconded by Bro. Tilton and carried, the Secretary was instructed accordingly.

Letters of apology were read from several brethren, including Bro. Brackstone Baker, W.M., who expressed his regret that urgent business required his attendance in Wales.

The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet in the Victoria Hall.

The first toast given was "The Queen, the President, and the Craft," Bro. Major Lambert remarking that from the character of their lodge he felt bound to include the illustrious ruler of the States.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Grand Masters of the States of America" having been given.

"The Grand Officers" was proposed by the Worshipful Master in the chair. He regretted they had no Grand Officers present except himself, but they had a Grand Officer of the States in Bro. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York. He should ask that brother to respond, for it mattered not, as far as they were concerned, whether a brother was American or English.

Bro. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York, said that, as there were no English Grand Officers present, he hardly felt it incumbent upon him to respond. The officers of the United States, and especially New York, felt most heartily gratified that this lodge had been formed. The American brethren were convinced that they would have a Masonic home should they visit this country, and, personally, he was proud to be a member, for the New York Masons would feel an honour had been conferred upon them by accepting him as a founder. He had been asked to propose the next toast, and he was convinced it was one they would receive heartily—it was "The W.M. in the Chair." He knew Bro. Major Lambert to be a good, liberal, and free-hearted Mason, and one who had done much for the Craft in England. He was happy to have the honour and pleasure of proposing the health of that distinguished brother, and asked the brethren to welcome it with cordiality.

Bro. Major Geo. Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., in returning thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, said he simply represented their W. Master, who, through business of great importance, was compelled to be in South Wales. He regretted the absence of that brother, whom he knew so well, but he would ask the brethren to devote a glass of wine in drinking to the health of their absent W.M. He was pleased to see among the joining members a brother formerly of the Grand Orient de France, for he would tell them that he (Bro. Lambert) for two years filled the office of Venerable of a lodge in Paris. He had belonged to lodges both in Berlin and Hamburg, and was therefore quite a cosmopolitan. They had been treading on new ground by the toasts they had proposed and received, but they were standing beneath the Stars and Stripes as well as the Union Jack. During the forthcoming year their lodge must progress, for there would be a large number of brethren visit this country for the great American Exhibition, and it was the duty of their lodge to extend the right hand of fellowship to those visitors. There was one lodge in America—the Green Leaf Lodge—in which he was personally interested, for he had the honour of presenting them with a portrait of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., which they cordially accepted, and which now hangs on the wall of their lodge room. He asked them to accept his best thanks, and assured them that nothing should be wanting in his endeavours to further the progress of their Anglo-American Lodge.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the acting W.M. said they were deeply indebted to Bro. Cumming for accepting the Treasurership. The duties of that office were not a bed of roses, but occasionally rather a bed of nettles. The work of their Secretary was also not an easy task. He had rendered valuable assistance in the compilation of the by-laws, which, however, could not be expected to escape criticisms. He had no doubt they would find that, like the portrait-painter whose name he bears, the Secretary would depict the by-laws on the paper as faithfully as the pictures were painted.

Bro. Cumming, Treasurer, in reply, said he had no doubt that by the members coming liberally forward, his task would be an easy one. The expenses of a new lodge were naturally heavy, but there need be no fear for the future, for there were sanguine hopes for its growth.

Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., also replied, and said the more work they gave him the greater pleasure it would afford him. Their lodge had been founded upon splendid and good principles, and he could not help remembering that when he was in America he was always received with the utmost kindness. No brethren, except those who travel, could properly appreciate the advantages of Masonry. He had recently been indebted to the Craft for the truly Masonic spirit with which he had been received and assisted whilst in Lisbon.

"The Officers" was then given by Bro. Lambert. They were fortunate in having excellent officers in Bro. Clark, S.W., and Bro. Kedge, J.W., who were both perfect in their knowledge of Masonry. He considered it a great honour to have for their S.D. Bro. Consul-General Waller. Was it a small thing that a Government official, representing the United States in England, should accept the minor office of S.D.? They could not have forgotten the eloquent speech delivered by their brother at the last meeting, showing how American Masonry is bound up with us and leads to the church and the school. By the one they were taught to revere the G.A.O.T.U., and by the other they indoctrinated those principles into the children, so that when they grew up they could appreciate them. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Consul-General Waller, S.D.

Bro. Consul-General Waller, S.D., in the course of a speech, replete with American witticisms, and delivered in his well-known inimitable manner, said that in America they never asked the S.D. anything. That was the first family gathering of their lodge, and a happy one it was—it was not too numerous, but just large enough. He might be excused for saying that he could scarcely look upon the brother in the chair with the veneration generally extended to that position, for he had been so frisky in the business of the venerable Master. The last occasion was a public one, for it was an international marriage between English and American Masonry. That evening they had met to consummate the marriage. The time would come when they would forget, in some measure, which part was America and which English. He could imagine, if they would allow his youthful fancy to take flight, a time in their matrimonial lives when there is a reference as to what is America and what is English, but there does come a time when they cannot say which is English or which is America. They became so blended that they were unable to tell, and would not, if they knew. When in their happy and pleasant communion, they would all be of one lodge, and all representing English-speaking people wherever God permits them to speak. He was sure there was nothing he could do so gratifying to his people as to be connected with that lodge. He loved his people, and as he desired to bring together those people, it pleased him to belong to it, and it would be a reminiscence of his life that he was one of the first in its formation. He trusted they would all feel

as he did, that in alluding to the officers, they should think of the W.M. who was absent. It enhanced the honour England did America when they took a man for the first W.M. who represented so worthily so many of the American Grand Lodges. He was telling them the sincere sentiment of his heart when he said they thoroughly appreciated the distinguished compliment in appointing a man they themselves had so long selected for the office. There were some things in Masonry Americans had yet to learn of England. The most prominent thing was the social character of our Masonry. The American Masons, after the manner of their country, were always anxious to make their lodges large, and have three, four, or perhaps five hundred members. It was a mistake; but time, which moulds all things, would smooth it. For generations and generations all England had been doing—what? It had been undertaking to get a good dinner, and they had done it. The first thing a man knows when he lands in Queens-town is that he gets half-a-dozen invitations, for the first thing an Englishman says is—"dine with me." A dinner is the place for social intercourse, for dinner in all God's world tended to geniality and friendliness. But in America they had no time for dinners. In their institutions, like Masonry, they did not get time for dinners. In this country they get through their business and then enjoy themselves; but when in America they come to dinners they will beat us. Speaking of this, reminded him of the question some one asked another. What are Americans? The other replied—"They are Englishmen improved." An allusion had been made to the by-laws, and by-laws are an institution in America; a number of Englishmen once went to America and some of them suggested a series of laws. They discussed it a while and then one of them said he had a proposition to make. It was this, "That this colony adopt the laws of God, and keep to them until better are instituted." He now came to the officers. There were several kinds of officers, for good ones could not always be had. Take the Treasurer. What is a Treasurer? A man who keeps the money? In America they might keep it for ever, and he supposed that even in the history of this country there could be found similar cases. He would describe the kind of Treasurer to have. When, from the dignity of the lodge it was necessary to have a good dinner, and the Treasurer says "there is not money enough to meet the expense." The man who says that you can get anywhere. He required a good liberal man with fat pockets, who, when he finds there is not enough money in the Treasury, says "I will pay for it out of my own." He knew their Treasurer, who was born in America, and who had by discretion got a handsome fortune and it would be subject to their Order, he had no doubt. That was the sort of Treasurer. There was one thing he had observed in their lodge, to which he would make allusion. In the records, titles were given. In his judgment, inside a Masonic lodge there should be no titles except those Masonry confers. They met upon the level in God's footstool, and inside a lodge there were no titles which should be recognised. There was no heresy in that. The greatest man in England would respect you most, and would respect your Order most, if there was a place where there was no title except that which God gave a man when he made him. There was one place in the world where one man was as good as another, and that was inside a Masonic lodge. The W.M. is the greatest man inside the door which the Tyler tyles. And so he gave it for their thought, whether in that lodge there should be no generals, or majors, or any other titles of any kind. He wanted, inside the lodge, to be the Senior Deacon and nothing else. He also wanted to say that their Masonic meetings in this country were exceedingly pleasant, and tended to make us more agreeable to one another.

"The Joining Members" and "The Visitors" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant and profitable evening.

LEEDS.—Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., when, as usual, there was a large muster of members and visitors. The Worshipful Master, Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., was supported by the following officers and brethren of his lodge: Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M., S.W.; W. Watson, P.M., J.W.; Dr. Smyth, I.P.M., Prov. G. Chap.; C. Middleton, Sec.; R. Abbott, Treas.; Scott Young, S.D.; J. J. Fretwell, J.D.; M. W. Jameson, I.G.; L. Howard, Org.; Atkinson and Story, D.C.'s; Butterworth and Milling, Stwds.; Rev. J. Rosser, Chap.; R. Graig, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Cooke, R. A. Smithson, B. S. Barley, Cryer, and Bentley. Lodge Goderich, No. 1211, was entertained, being represented by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Bradford; P.M.'s; Bro. Jacques, Scriven, and other officers. Bro. J. B. Jowett, S.D. 306, and other visitors were present. Bro. Harris R. Abbott was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Dr. Smyth, the working tools being given by Bro. Craig. The ballot having been declared clear, Mr. John Pendleton, was impressively initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Watson, and the charge delivered by Bro. Trevor. Bro. J. R. Dare was called upon to deliver his lecture entitled "Obsolete words in the early version of the Bible used in Masonic Ritual." In the course of an address displaying deep research and a thorough grasp of his subject, Bro. Dare said that the volume of the Sacred Law was highly prized amongst Masons. On it we obligated our candidates, and when it was unfolded our lodge became perfect. It was the first object pointed out to the newly enlightened initiate, and he was recommended to a careful perusal of its contents. In every Degree of Freemasonry the volume of the Sacred Law was very highly valued. He should not, for want of time, attempt to speak on the Bible anterior to the days of printing, but he should commence with the earliest version in the English language, which was translated by Tyndal. This was followed by a translation of the Pentateuch by the same translator in 1530. In 1535 Coverdale translated the Bible, which was the first ever known in the English language. Then followed Matthew's in 1537, which was compiled by Rogers. Then came Taverner's Bible which had for its basis Matthew's, though it varied in a great many particulars. In 1539 came Cranmer's Bible, though all Cranmer had to do with it was the writing on preface and epilogue to the one issued the year following, and all subsequent editions were erroneously known as Cranmer's Bible for this circumstance. In this Bible the psalms appeared as they are now enshrined in our Prayer Book. After Cranmer's Bible came a remarkable little Testament by Wm. Whittingham,

a layman, who was Dean of Durham. Then the Geneva Bible came, which was known as the "Breeches Bible." Afterwards, in 1568-9-72, other versions appeared, which were entirely free from the objectionable notes contained in the Geneva Bible. Then we had James' Bible, known as the authorised version, though the only really authorised version was Matthew's. No doubt it occurred to most thoughtful Masons to turn up their Bibles to verify quoted passages which were given to them in the lodge, and when they found that these quotations differed from those found in the authorised version, they were led to question the antiquity of Masonry, when, if they were better acquainted with the subject, their doubts would disappear. Having given several specimens of words, such as "hele," which were still used in our ritual, and which were to be found in earlier versions. He said it was fair to assert that when they used in the Masonic ritual words now obsolete, but which were in common use 400 years ago, that this was a convincing proof of the antiquity of the system. Some remarkable instances of this kind having been given, Bro. Dare, in conclusion, said that Freemasonry was a subject which deserved the very closest investigation, and the more it was studied the more apparent became its beauties and its unity. Since he had been a member of the York College, a study of Mason's marks had convinced him completely of the antiquity of the Order.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, and the hope was generally expressed that at no distant date he would return to the subject.

The Worshipful Master then made the gratifying announcement to the lodge that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M., had offered to Dr. Smyth the exalted post of Grand Chaplain of England. Hearty congratulations were conveyed to Dr. Smyth, who already is Grand Chaplain to the Mark Degree, and who has filled a large variety of offices in the lodge and the province, both in England and India.

Bro. Smyth suitably acknowledged the compliment of the brethren, and "Hearty good wishes" having been passed round, the brethren adjourned to high tea.

Bro. Watson, P.M., J.W., the Charity Steward, announced that Provincial Grand Lodge had sanctioned the raising of £2100 to provide two perpetual presentations to the Widows' Fund for that province to mark the Jubilee year. He invited subscriptions, when fifteen guineas were at once promised. It may be interesting to state that during the two years of its existence Prudence had sent up to London over £200, besides nobly supporting the Leeds Benevolent Fund.

INSTRUCTION.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 18th inst., when there were present Bro. N. D. Francis, 255, W.M.; C. Smales, 1604, S.W.; W. J. Hall, J.W.; W. J. Goodchild, S.D.; J. H. Kew, J.D.; H. Marsden, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, 179 and 788, Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, 2148, acting as Sec.; H. Bangs, II, Halliday, E. M. Walker, J. Passingham, W. H. Hosegood, W. T. Hall, A. Giddings, H. J. Good, W. R. Shutt, E. R. Smith, J. Bleckly Smith, 813; Dr. Goodchild, P.M.; T. Bore, H. Jordan, S. T. Hill, and Dr. Powdrell.

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. E. R. Smith being candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Mulvey, who worked the Degree of F.C. in his usual impressive style, Bro. Hill being the candidate. Bro. N. D. Francis, 255, and J. Bleckly Smith, 813, were elected joining members. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. N. D. Francis for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge, which was suitably responded to. The lodge was then closed.

HIGHGATE LODGE (No. 1366).—A meeting was held at the Bull and Gate, Kentish Town, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when the following brethren were present:—Bro. Quartly, 228, W.M.; Coffin, 167, S.W.; Homan, 1602, J.W.; Hill, 1316, S.D.; Vacani, 1261, J.D.; Ridout, 1287, I.G.; Frost, 704, P.M.; Preceptor; Scattergood, 753, Sec.; Dr. Goodchild, 704; Goodchild, jun., 704; Hardy, 1261; Garratt, 704; and Limebeer, 1446.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Goodchild, having offered himself as a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions and was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the 13rd Degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections were worked by Bro. Frost, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Coffin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Notice was given that the Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 5th and 12th of May, when brethren are invited to attend. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleaveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bro. J. R. Allman, W.M.; A. Hardy, W.M. 201, S.W.; Jos. Bailey, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; M. Rosenberg, S.D.; A. Wolter, J.D.; E. F. Ferris, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Dr. Ingleby-Mackenzie, P.M. 372, 30° (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1543, 1973, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; C. S. Mote, R. P. J. Laundry, W. H. Wadham, J. McGarey, J. H. Taylor, and J. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. Bro. Hardy was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bro. W. Roots, W.M.; T. Ladus, S.W.; A. Austin, J.W.; W. W. Block, S.D.; J. Osmond, J.D.; A. Arrowsmith, I.G.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; E. Fullick, Bellchamber, F. Eedle, Wright, and Chapman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Wright as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Roots vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. Eedle. Bro. Bellchamber, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Bellchamber candidate. The traditional history was given. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when 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.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Restaurant, 1, Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Badderly, W.M.; G. E. Saunders, S.W.; Chilcott, J.W.; Brindley, P.M., acting Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Ogg, S.D.; Haseldine, J.D.; Abbott, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Conghlan, P.M.; Taylor, P.M.; Coleman, Holland, Goode, Holden, Hansard, Bairstow, and Thorburn.

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. Hansard being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Hansard answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, and retired. Bro. Holland was entrusted. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Chilcott. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Holland duly raised to the Degree of a M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. re-occupied the chair. Bro. Thorburn, 1604, was elected a member. The S.W. was elected W.M. for May 4, next Wednesday being set apart for the W.M. and officers of the mother lodge. A vote of thanks was directed to be recorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time. The first lodge ballot will take place next meeting.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Proudfoot, W.M.; A. Bullen, S.W.; O. W. Battley, J.W.; E. Wilson, S.D.; J. G. Wynn, J.D.; J. D. Graham, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; James Rowe, E. C. Mulvey, F. W. Cash, W. Brindley, R. J. Harnell, F. M. Noakes, Carlo Grassi, Walter Hancock, A. Clark, Angelico Cogliati, and James Woodward.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. G. Wynn, J.D. Bro. C. Mulvey, having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. C. Mulvey worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 5th Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. Proudfoot resumed the chair. On rising for the first time, Bro. C. Grassi proposed that Bro. Angelico Cogliati, 1559, become a joining member of this lodge of instruction—seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., and carried unanimously. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that Bro. A. Bullen, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. W. Proudfoot for the excellent manner in which he had occupied the chair for the first time—seconded by Bro. W. Brindley, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 19th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Weeks, W.M.; Keene, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; J. H. Neville, S.D.; Aslett, J.D.; Wilds, I.G.; Cochran, P.M., acting Preceptor; Dresden, Rayner, R. H. Williams, Craggs, and Simms.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Cochran. Bro. Keene was elected W.M. for the next meeting, the officers being appointed in rotation. A vote of thanks was carried to Bro. Weeks for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge. The lodge was then closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Roberts, W.M.; Musson, S.W.; Brandon, J.W.; Green, P.M., acting Preceptor; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Conghlan, P.M.; Taylor, S.D.; Glover, J.D.; Wombell, I.G.; Green, Jamieson, Mason, Hill, Butler, Brindley, P.M.; Edwards, and Coleman.

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. Green being the candidate. Bro. Jamieson, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Jamieson being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed down, and Bro. Walker, 204 (S.C.), was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. Musson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Ayling, Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; Stroud, S.D.; J. Sims, P.M., J.D.; Craggs, I.G.; W. G. Coat, Wood, Purdue, P.M.; and Hopkins. Bro. Burden, P.M. No. 11, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Sims, P.M., offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a perfect manner by the W.M., Bro. Sims, P.M., being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Burden, P.M. No. 11, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Long was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 18th inst. Present: Bros. Russell, W.M.; Folkard, S.W.; Steele, J.W.; Peet, S.D.; Wright, J.D.; Burnett, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Bate, Walker, Partridge, Coe, Lissimore, Heathcote, Beavan, Gibbs, Glover, Grover, Cornock, Noble, Perkins, Shannaw, and Eagle.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Russell vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Westley, who opened the lodge in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising being announced, Bro. Heathcote proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably and impressively rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Westley, with Bro. Heathcote as candidate. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the dues were collected. Bro. Eagle, 1441, was elected a joining member. Bro. Eagle thanked the brethren, and hoped to spend many pleasant evenings in the lodge. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Folkard, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Folkard thanked the brethren for his election, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER AND MARYLEBONE LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Jones, W.M.; Harnell, jun., S.W.; Hart, J.W.; Raymond, S.D.; Gittens, J.D.; W. Bellerby, I.G.; Thom, Preceptor; C. Bellerby, Sec.; Greenway, Rowe, E. H. Bellerby, Webb, Rose, Saqui, Artand, Bullin, Harnell, sen., Woodruff, Von Joel, Mitchell, Cox, and Dennis.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Harnell, jun., worked the

2nd Section of the Lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. E. H. Bellerby candidate, the W.M. giving the charge. Bro. Greenway worked the 4th Section. Bro. Dennis, 1563, was elected a joining member. Bro. Harnell, jun., was elected W.M. for May 2, next Monday being the night on which the Percy Lodge of Instruction have accepted the invitation to work the Fifteen Sections. Bro. I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205, will occupy the chair on that occasion, supported by Bros. A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1603, as S.W.; and R. W. Gales, W.M. 1366, as J.W. The lodge will be opened at 6 o'clock. After the transaction of other business, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The April meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday last, at the City Terminus Hotel. There were present Comps. W. Medwin, M.E.Z.; W. Darnell, H.; J. R. Taylor, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; H. Hughes, S.N.; T. T. Holland, P.S.; W. R. Dixon, 1st A.S.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z.; Henry Birdseye, Herbert Cuff, Thos. Cohu, A. W. Price, Geo. Potter, Dr. W. A. Dingle, W. Hawes, A. G. Wood, Alfred Cotton, and John Gibbs. Visitors: Comps. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.Z. 22; Ebenezer Roberts, Prov. G. Swd. Br. Eastern Division, South Wales, P.Z. 192 and 364; John Reid, Asst. Soj. 145; J. B. Carnell, 1216; and George Ward Verry, P.Z. 554, 933, and 1385, P.P.G. Soj. Hertfordshire.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, after which Bro. James Stebbing, 1623, was balloted for and approved. The companions afterwards dined together.

BOLTON.—Concord Chapter (No. 37).—The regular meeting of this ancient chapter was held at the Swan Hotel, on Monday, the 18th instant. The chapter having been opened, there were present Comps. Johnson Mills, Z.; Jas. Brown, H.; Jno. Booth, J.; Jas. Newton, Prov. Asst. G. Scribe E., S.E.; W. Forrest, as S.N.; Jno. Hardcastle, P.S.; J. W. Poyntz, 1st A.S.; Jas. Naylor, 2nd A.S.; Thos. Higson, Prov. G. Janitor, Janitor; Jas. Walker, P. Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. W. Thompson; S. H. Shorrook; and Nathl. Nicholson, P.Z. 221, P. Prov. G. Swd. Br. The minutes having been read, the ballot was taken for three candidates for exaltation, all of whom were elected, and two of them, Bros. Thos. Barnes and Jno. H. Wraith being in attendance were exalted by Comp. Nicholson, as Z., who also inducted the following Companions into office for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. Jas. Brown, Z.; Jno. Booth, H.; Jno. Hardcastle, J.; Jas. Newton, S.E.; J. W. Poyntz, S.N.; Jas. Naylor, P.S.; W. Forrest, 1st A.S.; J. W. Thompson, 2nd A.S.; G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; Johnson Mills, D. of C.; S. H. Shorrook, Org.; Thos. Murphy, Stwd.; Thos. Higson, Janitor. The Treasurer's accounts were presented and adopted. The congratulations of the chapter were tendered to Comp. Jas. Newton, P. Prov. G. Scribe N., on his recent appointment as Prov. Asst. Scribe E. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Nicholson for his presence, and the efficient services rendered by him to the chapter. The chapter was then closed.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 899).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. E. Child, P.Z. 538, Z.; J. Cochran, 3, H.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, J.; H. Dehane, J. 890, 2nd A.S. 863, S.E.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., Z. 890, S.N.; W. C. Williams, 733; and P. J. Davies. Comp. Dr. J. Ingleby-Mackenzie, P.P.G. Treas. Devon, P.Z. Sun Chapter, was a visitor.

The chapter was declared open for improvement, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Davies being candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the usual number of times, and Comp. Mackenzie was, after the ballot had proved unanimous, elected a member. A vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, for the admirable manner Comp. Chalfont had rehearsed the duties of J. for the first time, was passed. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

WOOLWICH.—Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 44).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 14th instant, at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when Bro. F. G. Nichols, W.M. elect and P.P.G. Org. Kent, was duly installed Master for the ensuing twelve months. The lodge was opened by Bro. E. Denton, W.M. and P.G.S.O. Kent, and the usual preliminaries having been transacted, Bro. Capt. Eugene Sweny, P.M. and P.P.J.G.W. Kent, presented Bro. Nichols to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. Bro. Denton immediately proceeded to the duties of his important office, and in due course placed Bro. Nichols in the chair of A., when and where he was saluted in due form. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. I. Birch, S.W.; C. E. Birch, J.W.; Rev. C. Solbé, Chap.; A. Burnett, M.O.; H. Mason, S.O.; J. H. Roberts, J.O.; Capt. Sweny, P.M., &c., Treas.; R. Pidcock, R.M.; E. Denton, I.P.M., &c., Sec.; W. C. Taylor, S.D.; A. Brient, J.D.; W. Morris, I.G.; and Baron H. De Worms, M.P., D.C. Bro. Denton then splendidly recited the charge, and finished a most impressive ceremony. A handsome and valuable Past Mark Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Denton for services rendered, and to mark the esteem of the brethren, and it was further resolved "That a vote of thanks be presented to him for the admirable manner in which he had installed his successor, the same to be inserted on the minutes of the lodge," for these and all other mercies Bro. Denton duly returned thanks.

Bro. Denton having announced his intention of standing as Steward at the forthcoming Mark Benevolent Institution Festival, five guineas were voted to his list from the funds of the lodge, which sum, we are happy to say, was considerably augmented by the subscriptions of the brethren present. Letters of regret at inability to attend were read from the Provincial Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, and also from Bro. Matier, Assistant Grand Secretary; and several propositions for joining and other members having been received, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

The banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. W. Moulder, of the Duke of Connaught, was laid in the hall, and among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Coup-

land, P.M. 226, P.P.S.G.W. Kent; S. Clarke, P.M., P.P.S.G.O. Kent; T. D. Hayes, W.M. 226, P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; E. Palmer, S.W. 226, P.P.G.P. Kent; W. Moulds, J.W. 226, P.P.G.I.G. Kent; and C. Jolly, Reg. of Marks 226, P.P.G.O. Kent; and others.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," said this was especially the year when every Mason should show his devotion to the Queen. It marked the fiftieth year of her reign over her loyal and faithful subjects, and he asked them to drink the toast with all the heartiness it deserved; and it was drunk with honours.

The next toast was that of "The Grand Mark Master of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown," and, in proposing it, the Worshipful Master said he had no doubt that every Mark Mason wished from his heart that their distinguished brother and Master might have long life and every happiness on earth.

The toast of "The Earl of Kintore, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed, the Worshipful Master saying that he had the pleasure of seeing the Earl install their Grand Master, a work he did splendidly, and not only he, but the whole of the officers were deserving of their hearty suffrages.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Prov. G. Mark Master of Kent, Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A.," and in so doing eulogised the zeal and ability of that distinguished brother, who had perhaps done more for Mark Masonry, especially in the province, than anyone. However, Bro. Robinson needed not eulogies from him, so he would ask them to drink his health with a good fire, and it was so.

"Bro. Hayman Cummings, M.A., D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were next honoured.

Bro. Denton, in response, said it was a great honour to hold office in such a province and under such Masters as Bros. Robinson and Cummings. He then gave a *resumé* of the progress of Mark Masonry in the province, remarking that in 1880 there were only six Mark lodges in it, now there were sixteen, and the following week would see a new one consecrated at Ashford, the first Master of which would be their distinguished Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M. of Craft Masonry in the province. He congratulated the W.M. on his attaining his high position so quietly, and felt sure that his year would be a good one for the lodge.

Bro. Coupland also responded, and as a Past Grand Officer, was delighted at the prosperity of the Florence Nightingale Lodge, and had no doubt that it would have its share of grand honours in due course. It was difficult to speak after such a good Mason as Bro. Denton, so he would conclude by thanking them for their courtesy to the Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. Denton then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing said it was to him a very pleasant duty, because he had watched their W.M., both in his Craft and Mark duties, and always found him proficient in both. He trusted that he might be blessed with health and strength to carry out his duties, and that he might be heartily supported by the brethren. He again congratulated him upon attaining his present proud position, and wished him a good year of office, and concluded by asking the brethren to drink the toast in bumpers.

The W.M., who was warmly cheered on rising, said he thanked them most heartily for the very cordial expression of their good will conveyed to him in their reception of the toast. It would help him in his endeavours to carry out his duties to his and their satisfaction. He had always worked upwards, and his promotion had been very rapid, at least, two more years work he had expected before attaining the chair. He should endeavour to render the ritual in such a manner as to be worthy of the lodge. Bro. Denton had spoken very kindly of his exertions, both in the Mark and Craft, and he could only say that the same zeal, and he trusted ability, would mark his career as master of that important and ancient lodge. He looked forward with high hopes to make it second to none in the province of Kent, both for its numbers, and its ability to carry out the duties, and maintain the prestige of a name so honoured as that of its honoured prototype "Florence Nightingale."

The other toasts were those of "The Past Masters," "The Installing Officer," "The Visitors," "The Officers," "The Masonic Press," and Tyler's toast.

The whole affair was a real Masonic treat, and much enjoyed by all privileged to be present.

WOOLWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The election of W.M. called a goodly number of the brethren of the above lodge together on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. T. D. Hayes, W.M., presided, assisted by the following officers and brethren, Bros. C. Coupland, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O. Kent; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.A.G. D.C. Kent; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M. 253, P.P.G.M.O. Natal; E. West, P.M.; E. Palmer, S.W.; W. Moulds, J.W.; T. Ovenden, M.O., P.P.G. Stwd. Kent; J. Whiteheart, J.O., P.P.G.I.G. Kent; C. Jolly, R. of M.; G. Kenneday, M.O., Sec., P.G.R. of M. Kent; T. Cooper, S.D., P.G. Std. Br. Kent; J. Aillud, I.G.; W. C. Tayler, 44; C. H. Canning, and others.

The result of the voting unanimously placed Bro. E. Palmer in the position of W.M. elect, and Bro. Coupland in that of Treasurer, for which those brethren suitably returned thanks. Bro. Penfold announced his intention of standing as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and five guineas were voted him by the lodge, and the brethren further assisting to make him up a good list.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Capon's, the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, where they partook of refreshments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a few hours were spent in brotherly love and harmony.

Bro. George Ryrrie, W.M. 213, P.G.D.C., has been appointed to represent the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland as a Steward at the next Grand Mark Festival in July—which means a good list.

Tobacconists Commencing.—An Illustrated Guide of 110 pages "How to open respectably from £20 to £2000," three stamps, H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7547. —[ADVT.]

Knights Templar.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Preceptory (No. 8).—This preceptory was opened on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, by the E.P. Sir Knight Charles Rutter Fry, 30°, assisted by the officers. The V.E. Sir Knight Charles James Banister, Pro Prior; Sir Knight Col. James Moncks, Past P. Sub. Prior, 30°; and Sir Knight Henry Maddison, P.E.P., 30°; with the Sword and Banner Bearers, were received under an arch of steel. V.E. Pro Prior Sir Knight Charles James Banister, Past Grand Captain of England, &c., &c., was saluted in due form.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Sir Knight Thomas John Armstrong, 1st Capt., E.P. elect, was presented by P.E.P. Sir Knight Henry Maddison for installation, to the E.P. Sir Knight C. R. Fry, 30°, who installed his successor most impressively, and received the congratulations of the V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight C. J. Banister, and the Past Commanders, and Past Preceptors. The E. Preceptor then appointed his officers for the year. Business over, the preceptory was closed.

The banquet was held in the dining hall under the presidency of the E.P., which was all that could be desired.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were severally proposed and responded to.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The annual meeting of this college was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 10a, Great Queen-street, there was a large attendance, including the Supreme Magus of the Order, W. R. Woodman, M.D., 9°, the Junior Sub. Magus; J. L. Thomas, 9°; Wm. Wynn Westcott, M.B., Hon. Magus, 9°, and Secretary; Fratres W. J. Ferguson and Eugene Thiellay, both 8°; S. L. M. Mathers and F. H. Gottlieb, both Hon. 8°; Frater T. S. Bulmer, Chief Adept of Australia; and Fratres Roy, Coffin, W. G. Lemon, J. J. Thomas, H. H. Shirley, Nelson Prower, T. O. Harding, T. W. Lemon, M.A.; George Kenning, and many others.

Bro. T. G. Robinson having been duly elected and advanced to the Degree of Zelator by the M.T., Frater Thiellay, in his usual graceful and perfect manner, and Frater Macgregor Mathers having acted as C. of Ns., completed the ceremony in the impressive manner which has made him a reputation. Jewels of honour were presented to Fratres Dr. Woodman, James Lewis Thomas, and Ferguson for the important services they had rendered during their terms of Mastership. The yearly audit was performed by Fratres Roy and J. J. Thomas, who reported that after payment of ordinary expenses, and also of the publication of the annual report, the college owned a balance of sixty-seven pounds odd. Frater Robert Roy was unanimously elected M. of the T. for the ensuing year, and Frater Dr. Woodman re-elected as Treasurer for the fourth year in succession. The other officers were then appointed as follows: Fratres T. C. Walls, D.M.; John Collinson, 1st Ancient; W. Wynn Westcott, 2nd Ancient and Secretary; H. J. Lardner, 3rd Ancient; S. L. M. Mathers, 4th Ancient; George Cockle, 5th Ancient; T. W. Coffin, 6th Ancient; Wm. Ackland, 7th Ancient; Webster Glynes, Preceptor; W. G. Lemon, Con. of Ns.; T. W. Lemon, Chaplain and Organist; J. J. Thomas, T.B.; Eugene Street, Herald; Jones Parry, Medallist; William Lake, G. of T.; John Gilbert, Janitor. An honorary Past Master's jewel was awarded to R.W. Frater Thiellay on his retiring from the chair, and the Secretary was requested to petition the S.M. to allow the college to confer the Degree of Honorary Past Master of the college upon Frater George Kenning, the third oldest member surviving and subscribing. A proposition by Frater T. C. Walls lapsed. Two formal propositions concerning candidates and subscribers were passed, and ordered to take effect at once. A warm greeting was extended to an old member, Frater Gottlieb, who has been long absent, and to the chief Adept of Australia, Dr. Bulmer, now on a visit to England.

After the closure of the convocation the fraters adjourned to a light repast at the Holborn Restaurant; there were several excellent speeches, and very high approbation was expressed of the services of the S.M., the Past Masters, and of the Secretary. A special Jubilee Convocation, to be held in the summer to greet the Supreme Magus of the United States, who is about to visit England, was mentioned as under consideration.

The annual meeting of the High Council was not held, on account of the absence of one of its officials whose presence was necessary for the transaction of business.

Gibraltar.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

ALAMEDA.—Europa Chapter (No. 14).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the new Masonic Hall. It was the first meeting held under the presidency of the present M.W.S., Bro. Sir Henry Burford-Hancock, 30°, and proved a marked success. All the chambers had been re-arranged and re-furnished in a most complete manner under the superintendance of the Recorder, Bro. Cottrell, and the Degree was exceptionally well worked. The following members were present: Ill. Bro. Sir H. Burford-Hancock, 30°, M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. W. F. Roberts, P.M.W.S., acting Prelate; Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., 1st General; G. O'Mulley, 2nd General; W. F. Cottrell, P.M.W.S., Recorder and Treasurer; W. U. Thornton, G. Marshal; H. P. Wylie, Raphael; T. S. Jerome, C. of G.; J. King, Org.; M. Ghio, Equerry; A. Patterson, P.M.W.S.; and W. Glassford, P.M.W.S. Visitors: Bros. C. A. Gorham, P.M.W.S.; R. E. Owen, and C. T. Davenport.

The business of the evening was the perfection of the following brethren: Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. L. Tweedie, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel Morgan Crofton, D.S.O.; Capt. H. Stewart, and Lieut. H. di S. Burford-Hancock. The ballot having been taken and proving unanimous, they were advanced in a faultless manner by the M.W.S., who complimented the officers on the excellency of the working, and cordially thanked the Recorder for the zeal and taste displayed in the re-arrangement of the rooms.

At the conclusion of the business, the companions adjourned to the banquet room, where the remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President, Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee, attended from the Grand Secretary's department, and there were also present Bros. W. P. Brown, D. D. Mercer, Henry Garrod, W. H. Peiryman, J. E. Le Feuvre, Edgar Bowyer, J. H. Matthews, Charles Dairy, A. C. Woodward, G. P. Britten, C. F. Hogard, S. C. Haslip, G. A. Candy, Magnus Ohren, R. J. Taylor, Arthur Calver, H. F. Thompson, G. Ward Verry, G. R. Langley, Walter Snodin, R. de N. Lawson, Lewis Marcus, W. A. Tinney, H. Dickey, Walter Kerr Stallon, W. E. Jameson, G. J. Sharpe, John Purroth, John G. Tongue, G. Litting, H. Larter, S. S. Fountaine, E. Kidman, George Sarney, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Massey, J. H. Wood, W. J. Crutch, James C. Smith, Thos. F. Haines, C. J. Dilley, J. Brittain, Thos. P. Collings, H. Purdue, T. R. Beaufort, Arthur Cleall, A. J. Street, Fredk. Whiting, T. Bull, Henry John, J. Goodchild, Robt. Derry, Geo. Coop, Arthur Betts, Edwin Payne, and H. Sadler, G.T.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the M.W.G.M., made at the March meeting, to the extent of £450. They then proceeded with the list of new cases, of which 40 were on the list. These came from lodges in London, Jersey, Dover, Workington, Bridlington, Northampton, Hertford, York, Richmond (Yorks), Ashton-under-Lyne, Mauritius, Sheerness, Rochdale, Liverpool, Woolwich, Penryn, Haslingden, Lincoln, Withington, Boston, Malta, Trowbridge, Erith, Yeovil, Exeter, Singapore, and Devonport. Two cases were deferred, and two dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1130, which was composed of one recommendation of £150, one of £100, one of £75, two of £50 each, one of £40 each, seven of £30 each, and eight grants of £20 each, one of £15, seven of £10 each, and two of £5 each. The Board sat four-and-a-quarter hours.

GALLERY LODGE CONCERT.

The second annual concert in aid of the Charity Fund of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, was held on Saturday, at the Brixton Hall, Acre lane, Brixton. Illness, unfortunately, prevented the W.M., Bro. W. O. Goldsmith, from being present, but his place was ably supplied by Bro. R. J. Griffiths, J.W., the Chairman of the Concert Committee, who was supported by Bros. J. C. Duckworth, S.W.; H. Massey, P.M.; Herbert Wright, S.D.; F. Gale, C. Greenwood, W. J. Innes, T. M. Rendle, H. J. Sanderson, J. H. Smith, R. J. Albery, and C. Basil Cooke.

After an organ solo by Mr. Merton Clark, Bro. Frederick Bevan sang Iosti's ballad, "For ever and for ever," in excellent style. Miss Lily Rowe, who possesses a very rich contralto voice, then gave Frank L. Moir's "Land of little people," which was followed by a humorous ditty from Bro. R. W. Heney. Miss Ethel Winn sang Cobb's "The wind is awake" with expression, and Mr. Donnell Balfe's fine voice was heard to great advantage in Handel's "Honour and arms." Miss Annie Morley gave Cowen's "The better land" sweetly, but without expression, while, on the other hand, Miss Ethel Winn and Bro. F. Bevan rendered ample justice to the quaint richness of the duet "I know a youth," from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore." Mr. James Akers rattled off Godfrey Monk's "The rolling wave" with good effect, and Miss Edith Cooke, being too hoarse to sing, gave a banjo solo of her own composition. A humorous song by Bro. F. H. Cozens concluded the first part of the entertainment, and, by a happy innovation, the audience adjourned during the interval to the adjoining part of the building, where refreshments were served. In connection with this novel feature it may be mentioned that Messrs. Huntley and Palmer kindly contributed a supply of their special wares towards it. The second portion of the programme opened with a very humorous sketch of a mock Italian opera, admirably given by Bro. Heney, which was unanimously enjoyed. Miss Lily Rowe then sang Fanny Puzzi's "L'Indovina," and in response to an encore gave "Auld Lang Syne." Bro. F. Bevan followed with a spirited rendering of "Hearts of Oak." Madame Merton Clark showed skill in her delivery of Bishop's "Lo, here the gentle lark." Miss Ethel Winn archly rendered "I'll be no submissive me," and as an encore "Oh! dear what can the matter be." Mr. Fred W. Stephens was equally successful in "The Christening," and "The Absent Man." Morandi's "Sonata in F." was given as an organ solo by Mr. Merton Clark. Mr. Donnell Balfe achieved another triumph in Watson's "Thy Sentinel am I." Mr. James Akers sang Pinski's "Queen of the Earth," and Miss Annie Morley gave Cowen's "Left untold," and as an encore "Home, sweet Home," with marked sweetness, the programme concluding with another humorous ditty from Mr. Fred W. Stephens.

The duties of accompanist were most skilfully discharged by Bro. Fred H. Cozens upon a pianoforte kindly lent for the occasion by Messrs. Broadwood.

The Gavel Club Cinderella took place last Monday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, and a report of the same will appear in our next issue.

MASONIC CLOTHING, JEWELS, &c.—Mr. George Kenning, of Little Britain, has published a fifth edition of his illustrated catalogue, containing *fac-similes* of every description of Masonic clothing, jewels, &c. In addition to being a beautiful specimen of the printer's art, it is accurate in every detail of colour and finish. No lodge should be without one—in fact, we may say it would be useful to every member of the Craft.—*Morning Advertiser.*

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Few persons are so favoured by circumstances, or so fortified by nature, as to enable them to pass unscathed the sore trials of an inclement season. With catarrhs, coughs, and influenza everywhere abounding, it should be universally known that Holloway's Ointment, diligently rubbed upon the chest, checks the worst assaults of these maladies, and securely wards off more grave and dangerous diseases of the throat and lungs. The truth of this assertion must remain unquestioned in the face of thousands of unimpeachable living witnesses, who have personally derived the utmost possible benefits from this treatment when their present sufferings were appalling, and their future prospects most disheartening. Both remedies act admirably together.—[Advrt.]

The Craft Abroad.

D.G. LODGE OF CANTERBURY, N.Z.
R.W. Bro. H. Thompson, Dist. G.M., presided at the regular Quarterly communication held at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christ Church, on Thursday, the 20th January last, of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, among the brethren present being Bros. Dr. Deamer, Dep. D.G.M.; C. P. Hulbert, D.S.G.W.; W. Sanson, D.J.G.W.; R. C. Bishop, D.G. Treas.; W. R. Mitchell, D.G. Sec.; W. B. Allwright, P.D.J.G.W., as D.S.G.D.; S. Derbridge, D.J.G.D.; M. Sandstein, D.G.S. of Wks.; H. Sawtell, D.G.D.C.; W. R. May, D.G.S.B.; W. T. C. Mills, D.G. Purs.; Richard Stevens, D.G. Tyler; several Past D.G. Officers, the representatives of lodges, and sundry visitors. D.G. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication read and confirmed, several apologies for non-attendance were read, and the roll of lodges called. The D.G. Treasurer submitted the audited statement of account for 1886, which was in all respects satisfactory, and was received and adopted. The report of the Board of General Purposes evoked a certain amount of discussion, but was in the end adopted, while that of the Standing Committee was also dealt with. The D.G.M. then invested the following as his officers for the year, viz., Bro. S. Derbridge, D.S.G.W.; M. Sandstein, D.J.G.W.; R. C. Bishop (re-elected), D.G. Treasurer; F. J. Smith, D.G. Registrar; W. R. Mitchell, D.G. Secretary; Henry Sawtell, D.S.G.D.; W. S. Smith, D.J.G.D.; W. M. Lyttelton, D.G.S. of Wks.; W. T. C. Mills, D.G.D.C.; George Buckham, D.A.G.D.C.; J. C. Revell, D.G.S.B.; G. F. Morley and G. M. Douglas, D.C. Std. Brs.; F. M. Warren, D.A.G. Sec.; J. L. Scott, D.G. Purs.; E. M. Just, D.A.G. Purs.; and Richard Stevens, D.G. Tyler. D.G. Stewards, Bro. T. L. Smith and three others to be nominated hereafter. The Standing Committee having been constituted partly by election by D.G. Lodge, and partly by nomination by the D.G. Master, the D.G. Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

DIST. G. LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

The regular quarterly communication of this District G. Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Friday, the 7th January last. R.W. Bro. J. L. Miller, Dist. Grand Master, presided, and there were present Bros. Cornelius Thorne, Past Dist. G.M.; C. H. Dallas, P. Dist. G.M. of Japan; T. W. Kingsmill, Dep. D.G.M.; J. M. Cory, D.S.G.W.; Lewis Moore, D.S.G.W., as D.J.G.W.; W. H. Short, D.G. Treasurer; O. Middleton, Pres. D. Bd. of General Purps.; Reginald D. Starkey, D.G. Secretary; E. P. Lalcaca, P.D.G.W., as D.S.G.D.; T. F. Hough, D.G. Std. Br., as D.J.G.D.; G. R. Wingrove, D.G. D.C.; A. M. A. Evans, D.A.G.D.C.; A. P. Macgregor, D.G.S.B.; R. W. Astill, D.G. Purs.; G. M. Hart, A.D.G.P.; Charles Merritt, D.G. Tyler; the D.G. Stewards; the representatives of lodges; and several visitors. The reports of the Board of General Purposes and the D.G. Treasurer having been submitted, and adopted, the D.G. Master having been elected to serve as a Delegate from D.G. Lodge on the Masonic School Fund, *vice* Bro. C. Thorne, P.D.G.M. resigned, and Bro. W. H. Short having been re-elected D.G. Treasurer, the following were invested as D.G. Officers for the year, viz.: Bros. T. W. Kingsmill, D.D.G.M.; John Morris, D.S.G.W.; R. Digby Starkey, D.J.G.W.; W. H. Short, D.G. Treas.; A. M. A. Evans, D.G. Reg.; John Findlay, Pres. D. Bd. of G. Purps.; George M. Hart, D.G. Secretary; G. A. Allcot, D.S.G.D.; George R. Wingrove, D.J.G.D.; A. P. Macgregor, D.G.S. of W.; J. F. Hough, D.G.D.C.; H. J. Fisher, D.A.G.D.C.; James Baird, D.G. Swd. Br.; R. W. Astill and Sydenham Moutrie, D.G. Std. Brs.; Geo. Lanning, D.G. Org.; F. M. Graton, D.A.G. Sec.; John West, D.G. Purs.; John Fryer, D.A.G.P.; Charles Merritt, D.G. Tyler; S. R. Gale, R. Pestonjee, R. E. Toeg, C. W. Ure, J. J. Mansfield, and A. H. Alsing, D.G. Stwds. The D.G. Master then addressed a few remarks, chiefly of local import, to the brethren, and, after a few words on the necessity of Past District Grand Officers wearing the clothing of their rank at all Masonic meetings, Bro. Wingrove proposed "That all brethren working under the English and Scottish Constitutions in the District of Northern China be invited to sign a congratulatory address to be forwarded to her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Jubilee, and that a Committee be appointed to make the necessary arrangements, and to collect subscriptions, to enable that address to be presented in a manner suitable to the occasion;" and the motion having been seconded, and carried by acclamation, a Committee, composed of the District Grand Master, Deputy District Grand Master, the District Grand Wardens, and the Worshipful Masters of the English lodges, was appointed, the representatives of the Scottish Constitution being invited to join. The other business having been dispatched, District Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned.

G. CHAPTER OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Comp. George E. Corson, G.H.P., presided at the annual convocation held in Washington on the 8th December, 1886. There was a goodly attendance of Grand Officers and representatives of chapters, and Comp. Noble D. Larner, General Grand High Priest of the United States being present as a visitor, and being accorded the honours appropriate to his exalted rank. The proceedings were of local interest, the statistical and financial reports being satisfactory. The former showed an aggregate membership of 1259, and the latter a total fund of over 2514 dollars with disbursements reaching 1809 dollars. Comps. W. G. Powers and L. G. Stephens are G.H.P. and Grand Secretary respectively.

GRAND CHAPTER OF WISCONSIN.

Comp. S. H. Alban, G.H.P., presided at the 37th Annual Convocation of the Grand R.A. Chapter of Wisconsin, held at Milwaukee on the 15th and 16th February last, 55 chapters being represented. The usual address was delivered, and the reports on correspondence, statistics, and finance were submitted in due course. There appear to be 4137 members in the jurisdiction, or 149 more than last year, and there is a balance in hand of close on 3346 dollars, the total fund, including 6556 dollars received, amounting to 6766 dollars, while the disbursements were only 3420 dollars. Comp. N. C. Daniels is G.H.P. for the year, and Comp. J. W. Laffin, G. Secretary.

Obituary.

BRO. ALFRED MEADOWS, M.D., P.G.D.

Sincere regret will be felt everywhere at the news of the unexpected death of Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Sword Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. As a surgeon, and especially in the department of obstetrics, to which he had devoted the chief part of his attention and in which he had attained a rare eminence, the death of our respected brother will be recognised as a most serious loss, while in the social circle, in which it had been given to him to win a degree of popularity such as seldom falls to the lot of any man, it will be long ere we shall meet his equal. In his capacity of Freemason, it is no mere figure of speech to say that he was among the most capable and genial brethren of the day, and as every one of us rejoiced when two years since H.R.H. the Grand Master was pleased to confer upon him the honour of the purple, so now the grief will be as general that Grand Lodge has lost thus suddenly one of its ablest and most prominent members. As regards the details of his career, they are few but impressive. Bro. Meadows was initiated in the Time Immemorial Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, in 1869, and in 1876 was elected to the chair of Worshipful Master, and at the same time represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards. In 1877 he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Moira Chapter, No. 92, and installed its First Principal in 1881, his honours in these constituent branches of regular Masonry culminating in 1885, when he was appointed and invested Senior Grand Deacon in the United Grand Lodge and Grand Sword Bearer in Supreme Grand Chapter. He was also founder and present W. Master of the University of London Lodge, No. 2033, and a joining member of Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127. In 1884 he was advanced to the Mark in the Bon Accord Lodge, and was installed first W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 357, in 1885. He had also been perfected Rose Croix in the A. and A. Rite; while as regards our Institutions, he had qualified as Life Governor of, and served as, Festival Steward for all three of them. Had it pleased the Great Architect to prolong his years, there are grounds for assuming that his services to the Craft in its extra-constitutional branches and in relation to its Charities would have resulted in the former case in the bestowal of greater honours upon himself, and in the latter in support increasingly beneficial to them. However, these things are now beyond the possibility of achievement, and the sad duty devolves on us of offering to his relatives, friends, and brethren generally our sincere tribute of respect to the memory of his eminent professional abilities as well as of his many virtues, both Masonic and social. The funeral will take place at Colbrook to-morrow (Saturday), and will be fully recorded in our columns next week.

BRO. ALFRED RICHARDS, P.G.D.D.C.

A similar loss has been sustained through the death of Bro. Alfred Richards, P.G.D.D.C., whose association with the Craft had been of longer standing than that of his brother Grand Officer, but who, like him, had laboured in his special sphere and not unsuccessfully, to promote the interests of Freemasonry. The deceased was initiated in the St. Andrews Lodge, No. 231, on the 4th April, 1850, and in 1858 was elected to the chair of W.M. He was likewise a Royal Arch Mason, and in 1884, after a period of upwards of 30 years of continuous and valuable service was rewarded both in Craft and Arch by appointment to Grand honours, the office of Grand Deputy Director of Ceremonies being conferred upon him in the United Grand Lodge, and that of 2nd Grand Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Chapter. He was not a Mark Mason, but had been received into the Ancient and Accepted Rite, in which he had attained to the 31°, and was Life Governor and Past Festival Steward of both the Masonic Schools. The death of a veteran of such high standing as the late Bro. A. Richards is greatly to be deplored, and to his relations and friends both within and outside Masonry we offer the tribute of our most respectful sympathy.

BRO. W. H. NANKIVELL, W.M. No. 996.

The greatest sympathy is felt by the brethren of East Dereham and the adjoining towns, with Mrs. Nankivell and her numerous family of ten children, at the terrible loss they have just sustained through the death of Bro. W. H. Nankivell, who at the time was W. Master of the Soudes Lodge, No. 996, East Dereham. At the funeral there was a very numerous attendance of the brethren, and among the numerous wreaths, which almost concealed the coffin from view, was a very handsome one from the members of his Lodge. Those present included Bros. A. Manningham, P.M.; W. H. Tench, P.M.; William Smith, P.M., and acting Secretary; H. B. Vincent, S.W.; W. R. H. Anderson, J.W.; H. Haylock, S.D.; T. Bloomfield, J.D.; D. H. Dolman, I.G.; H. Smith, Tyler; George Baston, A. J. Day, J. Allen, and H. Lambert, all of Lodge No. 996; Sidney Smith, W.M., and S. J. Cannan, P.M., Secretary of the Walpole Lodge, No. 1500, Norwich; C. W. Horsley, W.M. No. 1114, Fakenham; and J. Blunfield, P.M., Secretary Doric Lodge, No. 1193, Wymondham. By dispensation from the D.P.G.M., the brethren attended in full regalia.

LIEUT.-COL. J. TANNER DAVY, PROV. G. MARK MASTER DEVONSHIRE.

We have also to record the sudden death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, Prov. G. Mark Master of Devonshire. This sad event occurred on Tuesday with terrible suddenness, just after our respected brother entered the Devon and Exeter Savings Bank, Exeter, of which he was a trustee. Medical assistance was at once summoned, but in a few minutes he expired, the cause of death being afterwards certified by Dr. Frazer, his medical adviser, as having been due to sudden failure of the heart's action. We hope to give full particulars next week.

Bro. the Lord Mayor invited the University of Cambridge at a banquet at the Mansion House on Wednesday evening, among the principal representatives of that abode of learning being Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., whose father, the Duke of Devonshire, has been Chancellor of the University for upwards of a quarter-of-a-century, and Bros. Earl Bathurst, Lord Henniker, Lord Monkswell, and the Earl of Kintore.



Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Lord Steward, Prov. G. Master of Cornwall, has returned to town from his seat in Devonshire.

The Royal Commission presided over by Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., and instituted for the purpose of enquiring into the organisation of the Civil Service Departments, have been visiting the Admiralty this week.

Amongst the distinguished brethren to be promoted in the Ancient and Accepted Rite at the forthcoming meeting of the Supreme Council, we are pleased to notice the name of Bro. C. F. Matier to the 32°.

Bro. the Earl of Haddington, who is recovering from the very severe accident he met with some time since in the hunting field, has been recently honoured by her Majesty with the present of a handsome collie dog.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, No. 2021, on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, by the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198. The lodge will be opened at 6 p.m. prompt.

A new Mark lodge—the Invicta, No. 378—was successfully inaugurated at Ashford, on Wednesday. Bro. J. Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M. in the Craft, was installed as the first W.M. by Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, assisted by the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings. Bro. C. F. Matier acted as D.C. The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl Amherst, was present, and was invested as I.P.M. A report will appear next week.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed in the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, No. 13, at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, on Friday, April 29th inst., by Bro. J. Terry, P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, P.P.J.G.W. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, &c., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The following dinners take place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending the 23rd inst.:—Monday—Grand Masters' Lodge Dine; Royal Albert Lodge Dine; British Lodge Dine; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (Election); Gavel Club Cinderella. Tuesday—Old Acquaintance Musical Society Smoking Concert; Salisbury Lodge Dine; Wanderers Chapter Dine; Jerusalem Chapter Dine; Society of Architects Meet. Wednesday—Grand Stewards' Lodge Dine; Buckingham and Chandos Lodge Dine; Oak Lodge Dine; Noviomagus Dine. Thursday—Globe Lodge Dine; St. Mary's Lodge Dine; Universal Lodge Dine. Friday—Swiss Secours Mutuels Dinner and Ball. Saturday—Press Club Dinner.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.—"Sophia."—This brilliantly successful play will have reached its 300th representation on Wednesday next, April 27th. In writing of long runs we would remind our readers that the Vaudeville Theatre has enjoyed some of the longest runs on record. "The Two Roses" ran for 499 nights, "The School for Scandal" 450 nights, "Our Boys" 1362 nights (never yet equalled), "Confusion" 457 nights, and "Sophia" (on Wednesday next), 300. In round numbers these figures represent five plays in about nine years, or an average of over 600 representations of each piece. This fact is probably unparalleled in the world's history of theatrical enterprise.

Bro. F. Leslie is announced to appear in a morning performance at the Gaiety on Monday next, in a new and original comedy-drama of domestic interest, entitled "Twice Married" by Clement O'Neill and Henry Sylvester. This is breaking fresh ground, and we shall be curious to see how one who has built up his reputation in burlesque, is likely to succeed in comedy-drama. Bro. Leslie has shown such versatility even in burlesque that we should not be surprised at his making a great hit in another rôle. Bro. Leslie will be supported by Mr. E. D. Ward, Mr. G. Shelton, Mr. Percy Lyndal, Mr. W. T. Elworthy, Mr. Chas. Wilson, Miss H. Lindley, Miss Lilian Gillmore, and Miss Cicely Richards.

Among the most attractive exhibits at the Sportsman's Exhibition, at Olympia, is the collection of guns, rifles, and pistols on view at Mr. Charles Lancaster's stand (No. 70). Among them are the latest and best of the many inventions of this well-known gunmaker, the most prominent being his four-barrel B. L. hammerless guns and rifles, and his patent hammerless pistols. To the former of these some of our best sportsmen have borne willing testimony, while the latter have given proof of their quality during the Egyptian and Burmese campaigns. There are likewise some very beautiful specimens of ivory and gilt presentation pistols, such as have been supplied to the Sultan and to our government, but the chief attraction of all is, undoubtedly, the case containing the various First Class Prizes and Medals, seventeen in number, which have at different exhibitions been awarded to Mr. Lancaster for his improvements in gun and pistol making.

At the Hotel Metropole on Monday, Bro. and Mrs. W. A. Higgs, of Willenhall Park, Barnet, entertained a party of friends, numbering more than 150, in celebration of the coming of age of their eldest son, William Norman. The guests began to arrive shortly after eight o'clock, being received by the host and hostess, and other members of the family. Dancing was then commenced with spirit, and kept up with but brief intervals to nearly four o'clock. At midnight supper of a most elegant character was served in the magnificently-furnished dining-room. In the course of a few words Bro. Higgs bade a hearty welcome to his guests, expressing the hope that the evening was proving an enjoyable one. The toast of the evening, that of "William Norman Higgs," was proposed by an old friend of the family, and in acknowledging the compliment, Mr. Norman Higgs, in a few well chosen words, thanked the guests for their kindness. The other toasts were those of "Mr. and Mrs. Higgs," and "The Ladies," which were briefly given and responded to, after which a return was made to the ball-room, where dancing was recommenced and continued till an early hour the next morning.

Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E., will to-day (Friday) install Comp. Col. Colwill as Grand Superintendent of Cambridgeshire, in place of the late Comp. J. Neal York.

Bro. Charles E. Soppet has been unanimously elected, for the eleventh year, Churchwarden of the parish of St. John the Evangelist, Hammersmith.

Bro. Frank Tayler, C.C., has been unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the John Carpenter Lodge (Old Boys of the City of London School), No. 1997.

Bro. Wm. Poore (Proprietor of The American Stove Stores, 139, Cheapside) has had commands to fit up the whole of the large stoves for the cooking, and for warming the tents, &c., of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Exhibition at the American Exhibition, West Brompton.

On looking through the *London Gazette*, we notice that our Bro. Charles James Knightley, of the Royal Savoy and Enfield Lodges, has been appointed Lieutenant in the 4th battalion of the Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). The colonel of that regiment is our esteemed Bro. Hadden, of the Royal Savoy Lodge.

Under the auspices of the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, W. Bro. J. B. Aldis, Prov. G. Secretary, Nortolk, presiding. Bro. James Stevens delivered his lecture on "Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees" to a large and representative assemblage of brethren connected with the several lodges in Norwich, on Monday evening last. We shall report this interesting meeting more fully in our next impression.

Visitors to the Sportsman Exhibition, now in progress at Olympia, will find that among the innumerable exhibits on view that of the firm of Mason and Co., whose specialities of every kind are much appreciated, is by no means the least interesting, the meat lozenges, for which this house is justly famous, being greatly valued by hunting men and others who take part habitually in field sports.

It is with regret we have to announce the death, on the 10th inst., of Bro. Felix Thomas, of the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, Weston-super-Mare, at the early age of 46 years. Bro. Thomas's health had been failing for some time past, but his decease was quite unexpected, and was received with general sorrow among his fellow-townsmen, and especially by his Masonic brethren, who were present at the funeral, on the 14th instant, in considerable numbers, and acted as a kind of guard of honour from the cemetery chapel to the grave.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

MORGAN—LEE.—On the 16th inst., in the Chapel Royal, Savoy, by the Rev. Henry White, M.A., Chaplain of the Savoy, and Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen, Alfred William, son of John Morgan, late of the Savoy, to Edith Mahala, third daughter of William Henry Lee, of Shakespeare-road, Herne-hill.

DEATH.

MEADOWS.—On the 19th inst., at 27, George-street, Hanover-square, Alfred Meadows, M.D., J.P., Prov. G.D. England, in the fifty-fourth year of his age.

FOSTER.—On the 14th inst., at King George-street, Greenwich, Mr. James Foster, aged 39 years.

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- SAVOY THEATRE. Every Evening at 8.30, RUDDIGORE, OR THE WITCH'S CURSE; at 7.40, THE CARP.
- VAUDEVILLE THEATRE. Every Evening, at 7.50, A DARK NIGHT'S BRIDAL; at 8.30, SOPHIA. Matinee Every Saturday, at 2.30.
- GAIETY THEATRE. Every Evening at 8, MONTE CRISTO, JR.; at 7.30, DIMITY'S DILEMMA.
- COURT THEATRE. Every Evening at 8, THE NETTLE; at 8.30, DANDY-DICK.
- STRAND THEATRE. Every Evening, at 8, JACK IN THE BOX; at 7.30, BY SPECIAL REQUEST.
- COMEDY THEATRE. Every Evening at 8.10, THE RED LAMP.
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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, April 30, 1887.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 23.

Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 2048, Henry Levander, Harrow Station, Wealdstone.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
Rose Croix 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 25.

Lodge 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1632, Stuart, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
Chap. 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Red Cross 2, Plantagenet, 68, Regent-st., W.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 26.

Audit Committee Girls' School at 4.
Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hotel.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 788, Crescent, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1348, Ebury, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., S.W.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2108, Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1365, Clapton, 191, Bishopsgate-st., E.C.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.

GRAND FESTIVAL.
Lodge 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.

Lodge 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
" 1017, Montefiore, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1818, Clapham, Army and Navy Hotel, Victoria-st.
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 28.

General Committee Girls School, at 4.
Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 861, Finsbury, 191, Bishopsgate-st.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1563, City of Westminster, 8, Air-st, Regent-st.
" 1974, St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington.
" 1984, Earl of Clarendon, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
Chap. 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
Rose Croix, 97, Rose and Lily, 33, Golden-sq.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 29.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane. 7.30.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. 7.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
St. John's, York and Albany Ho., Regent's Park, N.W. 8.
Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
Ubique, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.

Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30.

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