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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS the M.W. GRAND MASTER has at length selected Monday, the 13th June prox., as the day on which the United Grand Lodge will meet in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, for the purpose of passing a resolution congratulating the QUEEN on the completion of the Jubilee year of her MAJESTY'S reign. The day appears to have been well chosen, for this reason at all events, that it will enable the brethren to hold their meeting and fulfil a manifest and immensely pleasurable duty without in any way trenching upon the general programme of public commemoration. There is a tremendous crush of public functions immediately preceding and following Accession Day—the 20th June—and those in charge of the arrangements must have experienced no little difficulty in finding a day which was not already engaged for a similar purpose either in town or country. However, both the day and place have now been chosen, and for the second time within little more than the brief period of a dozen years the Royal Albert Hall will be the scene of such a gathering of Freemasons as no age or country has ever witnessed. The immediate object of this grand convention is that the members of our Society may solemnly proclaim their loyalty to the Sovereign, who, during the last 50 years, has presided so happily and so gloriously over the fortunes of the British Empire, and who, at the same time, has never once during all those years known what it was to be out of sympathy with her subjects, or to find her subjects out of sympathy with her. The subsidiary object which has been wisely superadded is that Grand Lodge may be enabled to make this display of its loyalty an occasion for publicly exercising its benevolence towards the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and substantially assisting them in their kindly task of alleviating the sorrows of poor brethren and their widows and children. The conjunction of these two purposes will assuredly be gratifying to a monarch, whose whole regal life has been regulated and controlled by loyalty to the constitution of which she is the head and centre, and who, even in the time of her deepest tribulation, has shown a woman's charity towards all in poverty and distress.

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A GLANCE at the list of the brethren who have just been appointed to office in Grand Lodge will show that the GRAND MASTER has displayed his wonted judgment in his distribution of the honours at his bestowal. One of the Grand Chaplains—Bro. the Rev. T. C. SMYTH, D.D.—hails from West Yorkshire, and the other—Bro. the Rev. G. W. WELDON—from London. Of the Grand Deacons, Bro. BURDETT-COUTTS, though initiated in a provincial lodge, has a record chiefly metropolitan, while Bro. GEORGE COOPER has done the bulk of his work in Essex. Bro. KNYVETT, though he began his Masonic career in a Red Apron Lodge (No. 58), is chiefly known by his services in Hertfordshire, and Bro. FREEMAN'S sphere of labour has been confined to Sussex. The Deputy Grand Director and Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies are both London men, and so is the Grand Sword Bearer, but both the Grand Standard Bearers are provincial Masons, Bro. BEECH hailing from Warwickshire, and Bro. FENDELOW from Staffordshire, with a dash of Warwickshire in the record. The Asst. Grand Purst. is a London brother, while as regards the Grand Organist, we concern ourselves rather about his fame as a musician than his qualifications as a Mason, and in this respect there is no doubt as to the wisdom of appointing Bro. Sir ARTHUR SULLIVAN. If in the foregoing enumeration the balance in respect of numbers would appear to incline towards London rather than the provinces, Grand Lodge itself may be said to have redressed the inequality by anticipation when it elected Bro. EVE from the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to the post of Grand Treasurer.

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The Annual Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter has followed close at the heels of the Craft Grand Festival, and the brethren have now before them the new Grand Officers in both sections of Constitutional Masonry. We have but few remarks to offer as to the Companions appointed on Wednesday. They are all of them almost of necessity men who have won their purple and

gold in the Craft Grand Lodge, but the two lists of Grand Officers seldom tally precisely—in the first place, because, though all Royal Arch Masons must be Craft Masons first, the converse is not true that all Craft Masons must take the Royal Arch. In the next place, many men are content with the fame they win in the Craft, and only become Arch Masons because the Arch is a recognised part of Craft Masonry. However, with the exception of Bro. Sir GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P., who is P.G. Master of the East Division of S. Wales, and who, on Wednesday, was invested as G.S.N., the whole of the new Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter are either present or past Grand Officers in United Grand Lodge. Thus Comp. Sir J. W. ELLIS, Bart., M.P., Grand Principal Sojourner, was Grand Junior Warden in 1882, while Comps. the Rev. T. C. SMYTH, D.D., and GEORGE COOPER, Grand 1st and 2nd Assist. Sojourners respectively are the former one of the Grand Chaplains and the latter one of the Grand S. Deacons of the year. Comp. F. S. KNYVETT, one of the Grand J. Deacons, is Grand Swd. Br., and Comp. V. P. FREEMAN, the other Grand S. Deacon, the 1st Grand Std. Br. Comps. E. BAYLIS, J. LAURENCE MATHER, and W. M. BYWATER, the other three Grand Std. Brs. are all officers in Grand Lodge, and so are Comps. G. BEECH and C. FENDELOW, while W. R. WOOD, Assist. D.G.D.C., was Grand Pursuivant in 1882, and Comp. WILHELM KUHE the Grand Organist, was Grand Organist of Grand Lodge from 1874 to 1877. It only remains to add that Comp. RICHARD EVE is the Royal Arch Grand Treasurer and the list of the new officers of Grand Chapter for the year is completed.

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DURING the few days that will elapse between now and Wednesday next there is a possibility that the Board of Stewards may be increased by the addition of a few more volunteers, whose personal contributions will have the effect of swelling the general total, though their efforts at anything like canvassing will, in the nature of things, be wholly, or almost wholly, unproductive. But for all practical purposes, we may take it that the Board, as now constituted, will do the lion's share of the work for the Girls' School Festival of the current year. It is not unnatural, therefore, that we should feel considerable satisfaction at the very substantial additions that have been made to the list of Stewards during the month of April. On the 2nd of April the number of brethren who had tendered their services was 203. On Saturday last it was exactly 250, and during the last few days it has been still further raised, so that the diminution in number will be less formidable than we anticipated. Unfortunately, as we have pointed out on previous occasions, the new comers will have but little chance of doing more than influence their personal friends, and if after all there is to be anything like last year's total of £13,000—which, by the way, from all we hear, seems hardly possible—we must trust mainly to the older Stewards to raise it. That they, and indeed every brother who has offered to assist in the good work, will do all they can to secure a good result is beyond doubt, and whatever may be the figure which it will be Bro. HEDGES'S fortune to announce at the Festival, those who have had a hand in raising it will receive the hearty thanks of the whole Masonic community for their services.

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WE must offer our congratulations to the worthy Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on having secured the services as Chairman for the Festival of 1888 of so able and influential a brother as Bro. Sir GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Wales. Bro. TERRY'S influence in the Southern half of the principality must be considerable. It is not so very long ago that the late lamented Bro. Col. LLOYD-PHILLIPS, P.G.M. of the Western Division, presided at a Benevolent Festival and the result was highly satisfactory, notwithstanding the Province is far from being a strong one. Bro. Sir GEORGE ELLIOT'S qualifications for the task are well known, and as the lodges under his sway are more numerous than in the Eastern Division, we may hope that Bro. TERRY will again have occasion to rejoice over some big figures.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. Robert Grey, President of the Committee of General Purposes, occupied the chair of M.E.Z., Comp. Gerard Ford, Grand Superintendent of Sussex, took the chair of H., and Comp. Thomas Fenn, Past President of the Committee of General Purposes, presided as J.

There were also present on the dais—

Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P. Soj.; Major J. Sampson Peirce, 1st A.S.; Ralph Clutton, as 2nd A.S.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treasurer; H. Trueman Wood, P.G. Std. Br.; Joseph C. Parkinson, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Smith Eastes, P.G.S.B.; Rev. Thomas J. Robinson, P.G. Soj.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C.; Dr. Woodman, H. Maudslay, P.G. Swd. Br.; James Lewis Thomas, P.G. Swd. Br.; F. Davison, P.A.G. Soj.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G. Soj.; E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; Rudolph A. Glover, G. Std. Br.; E. J. Barron, P.G.S.B.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.D.C.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; Col. Sackville West, P.G.S.N.; James Glaisher, P. Asst. G. Soj.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.C.; and E. Bowyer, P.G.S.B.

Among the other companions who attended were—

Comps. C. F. Hogard, W. Lake, F. Binckes, W. H. Perryman, T. C. Walls, H. Garrod, Neville Green, W. A. Dawson, and H. Massey.

After the reading of the minutes of the February Convocation, Comp. ROBERT GREY announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was again installed as Grand Z. He also informed the companions that his Royal Highness had again been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon as Pro Grand Z., the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Grand H., and the Rt. Hon. Lord Leigh, Grand J. The other officers for the year were:

Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke	...	...	Grand S.E.
" Sir George Elliot, Bart.	...	...	Grand S.N.
" Robert Grey	...	...	Pres. C. Gen. Pur.
" Richard Eve	...	...	Grand Treasurer.
" Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C.	...	...	Grand Reg.
" Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart.	...	...	Grand Prin. Soj.
" The Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D.	...	...	Grand 1st As. Soj.
" George Cooper	...	...	Grand 2nd As. Soj.
" Felix Summer Knyvett	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Vincent Payne Freeman	...	...	Grand 1st Std. Br.
" Edgar Baylis	...	...	Grand 2nd Std. Br.
" John Lawrence Mather	...	...	Grand 3rd Std. Br.
" Witham M. Bywater	...	...	Grand 4th Std. Br.
" Frank Richardson	...	...	Grand D. of C.
" Charles Fendelow	...	...	Dep. G.D.C.
" George Beech	...	...	Asst. D.G.D.C.
" William R. Wood	...	...	2nd As. D.G.D.C.
" Wilhelm Kuhe	...	...	Grand Org.
" Henry Sadler	...	...	Grand Janitor.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th January, to the 19th April, 1887, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To balance, Grand Chapter	£320	9	0	By Disbursements during the			
" " Unappropriated				Quarter	£261	12	0
" " Account	205	0	1	" Balance	478	11	6
" Subsequent Receipts	421	17	0	" " Unappropriated			
				Account	207	2	7
	£947	6	1		£947	6	1

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Captain Hugh McLellan, as Z.; Francis James Smith, as H.; John Joyce, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 604, Lyttleton, New Zealand, to be called the Albert Edward Chapter, and to meet at Lyttleton, Canterbury, New Zealand.

2nd. From Comps. Joseph Clever, as Z.; Richard Clowes, as H.; Geo. Henry Finch, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Brooke Lodge, No. 2005, Chingford, to be called the Brooke Chapter, and to meet at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, in the county of Essex.

3rd. From Comps. George Cooper, as Z.; John Payne Hall, as H.; William Vernon, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Foresters' Lodge, No. 456, Uttoxeter, to be called the Dove Chapter, and to meet at the Town Hall, Uttoxeter, in the county of Stafford.

4th. From Comps. James Harman, as Z.; William David John, as H.; Francis Pinney Adey, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Windsor Lodge, No. 1754, Penarth, to be called the Tennant Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Penarth, in the East District of South Wales.

5th. From Comps. Hugh Marcus Hobbs, as Z.; Joseph David Langton, as H.; James Shepherd Fraser, as J.; and twelve others for a chapter to be attached to the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, Croydon, to be called the George Price Chapter, and to meet at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, in the county of Surrey.

6th. From Comps. Edwin Turner, as Z.; Thomas Bynon, as H.; George Francis de Stadter, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Phoenix Lodge, No. 1860, Simons Town, to be called the Phoenix Chapter, and to meet at Simons Town, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa.

7th. From Comps. Nicholas Belfield Dennys, as Z.; John Phillips Barbet Beal, as H.; Frederick Kersey Jennings, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1555, Penang, to be called the Victoria Jubilee Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Penang, Eastern Archipelago.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received the following petitions praying for charters of confirmation, the originals being lost:—

From the Principals and members of the Chapter of Faith, No. 321, Crewe, Cheshire.

From the Principals and members of the Tynte Chapter, No. 379, Bath.

The Committee, being satisfied of the reasonableness of these requests, recommend that charters of confirmation for the above-named chapters be granted.

The Committee have likewise received a memorial, with copy of minutes, for permission to remove the Ezra Chapter, No. 1489, from the Ball's Pond-road, to the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Islington.

The Committee recommend that the removal of this chapter be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.  
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
20th April, 1887.

Comp. GREY moved the whole of the above recommendations; and they were afterwards seconded and carried unanimously.

The following are the members of the Committee of General Purposes—Nominated by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales—Comps. Robert Grey (President), Edward Letchworth, and Dr. Turtle Pigott.

Elected by Grand Chapter—Comps. C. F. Hogard, James Lewis Thomas, Dawson, W. H. Perryman, T. C. Walls, and F. Davison.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

The consecration of the above lodge, "being No. 2184 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England," took place on Saturday, the 30th ult., at the Tilbury Hotel, Tilbury, Essex, and if not the most impressive, was certainly one of the best managed ceremonies we have ever witnessed. The brethren assembled in the handsome lodge room shortly after four o'clock, and soon afterwards a procession, formed of the Prov. Grand Officers of the province, ushered the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, and the V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., to their seats in the chair, and on the right of the chair respectively. The P.G.M. having appointed Bros. F. W. Imbert Terry, P.M. 214, P.S.G.W.; A. C. Durrant, W.M. 276, P.J.G.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, M.A., P.G. Chap.; T. J. Ralling, W.M. 51, P.G. Sec.; A. J. Dudgeon, P.M. 2006, G.S.D.; and A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.G.D.C., to fill their respective offices, opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, and was accorded the honours of seven, those of five being given to the D.P.G.M.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then said that it afforded him very great pleasure to see that the number of lodges was increasing in the province, and felt sure that if the work undertaken by the founders of this lodge was carried out in accordance with their expressed wishes, there was every chance of it becoming a strong and prosperous lodge. He had never had the opportunity of visiting that portion of the province before; the previous consecration of a lodge there having been performed by his Deputy, he himself being unable to attend. He trusted that the friendship formed that day might long continue, and that the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge about to be consecrated might be an honour to the province, and to Masonry generally, for which purpose he tendered it his hearty good wishes.

The PROV. G. CHAPLAIN, in his oration, said the duty now entrusted to him was rather an unexpected one; but he would simply say that the consecration of the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge was likely to be of unparalleled value to the Craft in general, and to the province in particular. The locality being close to the Tilbury Docks made it prominent for the shipping interest, and convenient for all Masons who might land there. Masonry was spread all over the world, and the circle of the brethren was everywhere increasing. If he were asked "What was Masonry?" he should say that it was an interesting system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. It was allowed that Masonry was established in ancient times; indeed, from the time of Seth to that of Noah there were infallible marks of the Divine hand; and from then to Solomon's and on to our own times there had been, and was now, an anxiety to hand down the same marks pure and unsullied as they found them. The desire to do so never has, and he trusted never would die out. There was in the human breast a desire for brotherly love and affectionate union, and there were found indelibly engraved in great buildings signs and symbols of that union. As stones in an edifice are prepared and fixed by the hand of the operative Craftsman, so we applied our secret and useful symbols to our morals. "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth" were the attributes of our Order, and that they might spread, as the circles of Freemasonry spread, was the desire of every Mason's heart. He prayed earnestly that the Great Master would crown the lodge with prosperity, and that the brethren might long continue to be joined together in unity.

The ceremony of consecration being concluded, Bro. Philbrick was requested by the Prov. G. Master to assume the chair and perform the installation ceremony. The D.P.G.M. having taken the chair, Bro. C. T. Lewis, P.M. 1472, and W.M. designate, was presented to Bro. Philbrick to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course, and with the usual ceremonies, that worthy brother was installed and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. J. Manning, P.M. 1472, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, I.P.M.; W. Smith, S.W. 228, S.W.; G. J. Westfield, J.D. 1861, J.W.; G. Hughes, Secretary; C. H. Canning, J.W. 1472, S.D.; A. T. Dale, S.D. 1076, J.D.; T. Ringrose, I.G.; J. G. Hammond, Steward; and J. Ives, Tyler.

The addresses were then splendidly recited by Bro. PHILBRICK, and the ceremony of installation concluded. After several propositions for initiation and joining had been made, the W.M. was unanimously elected representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. It was then unanimously resolved that votes of thanks should be tendered to the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the officiating P.G. Officers, for their services that day, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge. Those distinguished brethren were also elected honorary members of the lodge, for which his lordship, on his and their behalf, returned thanks.

The P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. were then each presented by the W.M., in the name of the lodge, with a handsome founder's jewel, which his lordship stated he should ever prize as a souvenir of the occasion.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Among the other brethren present were

Bros. Jas. Terry, Secretary Masonic Benevolent Institution; G. G. Glasscock, W.M. 1817, P.G. Std. Br. Essex; A. Ratray, P.M. 1542, P.A.G. Secretary Essex; J. Corble, P.M. 453, P.A.G.D.C. Essex; J. Cleaves, P.G.S.B.; F. A. White, P.M. 907, P.P.G.R. Essex; E. West, P.M. 1076, 1527, P.P.S.G.D. Herts; G. C. Sewell, P.M. 1457, P.G. Swd. Br. Essex; J. Pugey, P.M. 1107, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; W. King, P.M. 77, P.P. G.O. Kent; E. Gowers, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.O. Essex; J. Grimes, P.M. 57, P.P.S. G.W. Essex; J. Aillud, P.M. 815, P.P.A.G.D.C. Kent; J. J. Harrington, W.M. 1000; W. Rowe, W.M. 1543; C. R. Walker, W.M. elect 2006; A. Cank, P.M. 1050; T. Humphreys, W.M. 1437; T. Duffield, P.M. 1571; C. R. Evans, W.M. 1622; L. Myers, P.M. 88; M. G. Butcher, W.M. 898; J. Croaker, P.M. 1857; G. H. Finch, W.M. 2005; G. Jones, P.M. 174; H. Dickey, W.M. 1744; W. Martin, P.M. 879; E. J. Acknoath, P.M. 2277; C. Osmond, P.M. 51; W. Hughes, P.M. 179; J. Kew, P.M. 179; J. Savage, S.W. 1472; A. C. Bailey, 1668; T. Redbury, 186; C. J. Grove, 742; E. Barr, C. Hefford, 1472; J. N. Brown, J. Stallard, I.G. 1613; G. A. Clerke, 1441; C. Weigel, 188; A. Neld, 917; J. H. Kew, 179; J. Molt, 1433; H. Magee, 174; J. P. Barnes, 227 (S.C.); J. Ellwood, 179; A. Martin, 1000; R. O. Coombes, 51; G. Grover, 1381; C. Barnard, 1558; H. Gill, J. Hemmings, J.W. 1287; and R. Chalmers, 1287. The founders, including the officers invested and above named, were Bros. H. Lewis, J. Billingham, F. J. Eedle, C. Wood, J. G. Hammond, E. Cain, E. J. Cain, J. H. Grieg, W. T. Buxton, and C. Jolly.

The menu having been discussed,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that as he had to catch the half-past eight train for home, before he went he should like to say a few words. Their W.M. commenced his reign and the lodge its existence under the most auspicious circumstances. It was the year of her Most Gracious Majesty's Jubilee, and it was a great privilege to have the lodge named after her Majesty. What a retrospect that 50 years gave them; what changes had taken place during that time; how many lodges had been formed, and what immense progress Masonry had made in that period. When the time

came, and he devoutly hoped it might be far distant, for their noble Grand Master to ascend the throne of these realms, he would make a worthy representative of his beloved mother, and fully sustain his position, both as the Sovereign of their country and the ruler of their Craft. (Cheers.) For himself, he could safely say that from the first moment he was installed Grand Master of that province, he had always had the greatest kindness extended to him, and was exceedingly gratified to know that that day had added another link to the bonds that bound them together in Masonry and good fellowship. He felt that this was a wise and strong addition to the strength of the province, and when the warrant was applied for was convinced that it was a wise and well-founded appeal. Situated as the lodge was on the banks of the glorious river that rolled at their feet, the most glorious river in the world—(loud cheers)—it was in every way calculated to win for itself both strength and celebrity, and his earnest desire and wish was that it should be so. The reception he had met with that day was most gratifying, the hospitality shown was both generous and brotherly, while the handsome jewels presented to him and Bro. Philbrick were so kindly tendered, that he should—and he felt Bro. Philbrick would—always remember the occasion with pleasure. He paid a high compliment to Bro. Philbrick for his excellent work that day, and asked him to take his place next to the W.M.

The P.G.M. then retired amid volleys of cheers and every demonstration of respect and admiration.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave "The Queen and the Craft," and in so doing wished her many years of happiness. With her name and the name of her Jubilee year attached to the lodge, he felt sure it would flourish.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master," followed, and was drunk most loyally.

In response to the toast of "The Most Worshipful the Pro. G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. LUCKING, P.G.P., said he felt it a great honour to be in a position to respond to such a toast, but knew they felt disappointed at not having had the name of their distinguished Bro. Philbrick, Grand Registrar, appended to it. They had the honour of having two Grand Officers in that province, Bro. Cooper and himself, and while they felt it an honour personally, yet knew that it reflected more honour on the province. The Grand Officers were always willing and anxious to do anything and help Masonry, especially at consecrations of lodges or chapters. In the name of the Grand Officers he wished the lodge, its Master, and its members, every success.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave the toast of "The R.W.P.G.M., Lord Brooke, the D.P.G.M., Bro. Philbrick, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and expressed his thanks and the thanks of the founders of the lodge for the great services rendered them that day by the P.G.M. and his officers. They had waited, and waited, and at last had got something worth waiting for.

Bro. PHILBRICK, who was loudly cheered on rising, in the course of a brilliant and lengthy speech, said it was no strange thing for the P.G. Officers to receive at the hands of the brethren of that province a hearty reception. With regard to the province, there was no province in the kingdom, if they took into account its population, that paid more devotion to Masonry than Essex did. When he first became connected with the province there were 19 lodges in it, now there were 26, including the one consecrated that day. Most of them had no doubt read more or less of Mr. J. T. James's novel, and remembered the opening chapters, in which he had a vivid remembrance in 1884, in company with another cavalier or two, of wending their way across a solitary plain to something like a navigator's or excavator's hut, within a 100 yards of that handsome building, when and where the Tilbury Lodge was consecrated; little did he then expect to have, within so short a time, to assist at the consecration of another lodge so close to the same spot, and in such a magnificent building as the one they were then in. He trusted it would prosper and have good recruits, such as they would not mind admitting to the bosom of their own families, if they did that the lodge would be an united one, because it would be founded upon a rock, and would then assuredly occupy that place in the province which the Grand Officers wished it to occupy. He then, in complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and asked the brethren to drink it in bumpers.

Bro. LEWIS, in response, trusted that at the end of his year of office they would have the opportunity of speaking of him in the same terms they had that night. When he looked round that room and saw himself surrounded by such a company of good, true, and renowned Masons, he could not be otherwise than proud. He hoped to live to see the time when true Masonry would flourish all over the world, when wars would cease, when the sword would be beaten into a ploughshare, and arbitration, not rapine, decide the disputes of nations; that was the destiny of Freemasonry, and he trusted he and they might be spared to see it. For their very hearty reception of his name he sincerely thanked them.

Bro. TERRY responded for "The Masonic Charities," and while he could not expect a newly-born child to walk, yet he trusted in time to see the child grow strong, and do good work for the Charities.

Several other toasts followed, and then the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Osmond, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O., who carried them out admirably, and we must not let this notice conclude without paying a tribute to the untiring zeal and ability of one who may fairly be called, in this instance at least, "The slave of the family," we refer to Bro. Hughes, the courteous and energetic Secretary, who from first to last has been simply restless in his anxiety to bring the affair to a satisfactory conclusion; nor has he toiled in vain, and both the W.M. and lodge are to be congratulated on having such a Secretary.

The banner, which is of silk, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and is a magnificent one; it bears the portrait of her Most Gracious Majesty, the arms of Lord Brooke, the provincial arms, and the "Lewis," in compliment to the W.M. Bro. Kenning also provided the collars, gauntlets, and necessaries.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

At a convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter, holden in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Saturday, the 30th ult., by the invitation of Chapters Fidelity, 289; Philanthropic, 304; Alfred, 306; and Excelsior, 1042; there were present Comps. Thomas Wm. Tew, J.P., P.Z. 495, P.G.P. Soj., Prov. G. Supt.; C. Letch-

Mason, P.Z. 304, P., as Prov. G.H.; Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.Z. 1042, Prov. G.J.; J. D. Kay, P.Z. 289, P.P.G.J.; Wm. Harrop, P.Z. 290, P.P.G.J.; B. Broughton, P.Z. 302, P.P.G.J.; H. Smith, P.Z. 387, Prov. G.S.E.; H. W. Pawson, P.Z. 296, Prov. G.S.N.; Mark Newsome, J.P., P.Z. 1214, P.P.G.S.N.; James France, P.Z. 208, P.P.G.S.N.; John Wm. Fourness, P.Z. 289, Prov. G. Treas.; I. F. Oakes, P.Z. 258, P.P.G. Treas.; G. Marshall, P.Z. 521, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Kitson Ibberson, P.Z. 1102, P., as Prov. G. Reg.; W. B. Alderson, P.Z. 495, P.P.G. Reg.; Chas. Crabtree, P.Z. 600, Prov. G. Prin. Soj.; W. W. Massay, P.Z. 495, P., as Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.; W. T. Beanland, P.Z. 1462, Prov. G. 2nd A.S.; W. Schofield, P.Z. 290, P.P.G. Soj.; George Althorp, P.Z. 600, P.P.G. Soj.; Wm. Fredk. Tomlinson, P.Z. 304, P.P.G. Soj.; Samuel Slack, P.Z. 495, P.P.G. Soj.; Robert Craig, P.Z. 304, P.P.G. Soj.; George Normanton, P.Z. 448, P.P.G. Soj.; John Y. Rideal, P.Z. 307, P.P.G. Soj.; John Wm. Turner, P.Z. 521, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; Major R. W. Moore, P.Z. 289, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Thomas Denby, P.Z. 387, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Arthur A. Stott, P.Z. 258, Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. W. Monckman, P.Z. 600, as Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; John Barker, P.Z. 258, P., as Prov. Asst. G. Dir. of Cers.; John Wordsworth, P.Z. 154, P.P.G. Dir. of Cers.; W. F. Smithson, P.Z. 289, P.P.G. Dir. of Cers.; Geo. Fredk. Carr, 289, as Prov. G. Org.; Herbert G. E. Green, Z. 1019, Prov. Asst. G. S.E.; Samuel Barrand, 204, as Prov. G. Janitor; James Kay, P.Z. 275; Dr. W. R. Thomas, P.Z. 139; Thos. Richd. Vaux, P.Z. 208; and William Watson, P.Z. 304, Prov. G. Stewards; and Principals, Past First Principals and companions of the following Chapters, viz., 139, 154, 208, 258, 254, 265, 275, 289, 290, 206, 302, 304, 306, 307, 337, 380, 387, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 652, 827, 837, 904, 1001, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1283, 1513. Chapters 61, 242, 308, and 603 not represented.

Letters of apology were read from many E. Companions who were unable to attend.

M.E. Comp. Thomas Wm. Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent, and officers opened Prov. Grand Chapter at 3.30, and after the usual salutation, the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT delivered the following address:

Excellent Companions,—Circumstances now well known to you in connection with the Queen Victoria Jubilee commemoration of 1887, which we shall be called upon to take part in, will sufficiently justify me in calling the annual meeting earlier than usual, viz., in April instead of May, affording us an opportunity for developing our loyalty to our supreme Grand Master, and the patrons of this exalted Degree. Meeting under the banners of the four Leeds chapters in the centre of our province, doubtless will give earnestness and vigour to our proceedings in carrying out the resolutions of the Jubilee policy inaugurated by our Charity Committee, and adopted by Provincial Grand Lodge. Before touching upon the matters on the agenda, calling forth our sentiment of "Loyalty and Charity," let us give expression to our obligations to the four Leeds chapters for the reception and arrangements for meeting of Prov. G. Chapter in this beautiful hall. Since our meeting in Leeds, 24th May, 1884, Excelsior Chapter, No. 1042, has been consecrated, and I am happy to believe the 150 companions on the roll seem to be gradually absorbing the Past Masters and brethren of the eight Leeds lodges. When I addressed you in Wakefield, last November, I ventured to ask suggestions for some desirable method of commemorating the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Charity Committee, from which a suggestion was made to and adopted by Provincial Grand Lodge, on 30th March last, that a sum of £2100 be raised in this province to purchase two permanent presentations to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be named the "Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentations," and the following circular was issued to every member of the Craft in this province:—

"St. John's, Wakefield, 13th April, 1887.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"In accordance with the above resolution your hearty co-operation is earnestly solicited.

"We wish to impress upon you the desirability of giving every member of your lodge an opportunity of contributing. Will you, therefore, kindly bring the subject before your brethren at your next meeting?

"A small Committee would materially assist you and your Charity Member in making a speedy and complete canvass of your brethren.

"We are, Dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

"W. F. SMITHSON, Chairman.

"WILLIAM HARROP, Vice-Chairman.

"HENRY SMITH, Treasurer.

"HERBERT G. E. GREEN, Prov. G. Sec., Secretary to the Fund.

"N.B.—The W. Master and Charity Member of every lodge has been supplied with copy of this circular, collecting books, and with subscription sheets."

I am glad to know that successful efforts have already been made towards raising the necessary funds, and I fervently hope that every chapter will contribute something; and I feel sure the notice of a grant from the funds of this Provincial Grand Chapter will meet with unanimous approval. It may not be out of place here to notice that at the recent election for girls, Nellie Cooper, Lodge No. 1042, was admitted, and at the boys' election our two candidates—Atkinson and Grace—were elected along with Harrison, a joint case with Nottingham. For the elections for annuitants, on 20th May, I am sorry to say we have five candidates—one male and four widows—of the latter there are in all 77 candidates, and only 25 vacancies; so that, with our most sanguine anticipations, we can only hope for two to be successful, and if the two remaining are to enjoy the comfort and blessings of an annuity, it will require all your sympathy and exertions to raise the sum necessary to secure the two presentations. The second notice of motion refers to a proposal emanating from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and it appeals to our loyalty. You are aware on 8th January the Pro Grand Z., the Earl of Carnarvon, addressed a circular to all English lodges, relative to the celebration of the Jubilee of Her Majesty, and announced that a great meeting of Freemasons would be held in London under the presidency of the M.W. Grand Master, when an address of congratulation to her Majesty would be adopted. He also suggested that in order specially to show our devotion to and respect for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, everyone should have the opportunity of joining in a small subscription in aid of the fund for the establishment of the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India—the National Memorial of the Queen's Jubilee—with whom it originated. On April 15th Lord Carnarvon, Pro Grand Z., issued another circular on the same subject intimating the arrangements for a meeting in the Albert Hall between the 13th and 20th June, and the tickets of admission would be charged One Guinea, five only being allowed for each lodge, and the whole of the money would be given to the three Masonic Charities. The nature and scope of the Imperial Institute was admirably placed before the public on 22nd April, in a lecture by Sir Fred. Abel, who stated that it is not to be confined in its object to any particular portion of the Queen's dominions, it is to be made thoroughly representative of the interests of the whole empire. It is to promote conferences on matters of common interest to England and her Colonies, and for the cultivation of intimate relations and good fellowship between ourselves and our fellow subjects in all parts of the empire. It is to promote more accurate knowledge of Geography, natural history, and resources of our Colonies, and the systematic collection and distribution of information relating to industries. I cannot but think you will sympathise with these definitions of the scope of the Imperial Institute, and not think that I have travelled beyond the Constitutions of Freemasonry in asking your favourable consideration in your corporate capacity, to make a contribution to its funds. The motion is identical with that adopted by Provincial Grand Lodge, and I propose that this grant shall cover and represent the 37 chapters. This Provincial Grand Chapter welcomes the two new Chapters, viz., 904 Rotherham, and 1001 Harrogate, the ceremony of consecration being respectively performed by Companions Ensor Drury and Charles L. Mason. I have to inform you that E. Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, will be installed Grand Superintendent of N. and E. Yorkshire at York, on Friday, the 6th instant, at which ceremony I hope some of you will endeavour to be present. It is with much regret I have to announce the death of our excellent friend, Comp. John Hirst, of Uppermill, on the 29th March, he was an amiable and highly esteemed gentleman, and a distinguished member of this chapter. In making my selection of officers for the ensuing year, I have endeavoured to recognise merit to the best of my judgment, and to spread the offices as much as possible. In conclusion, I thank you for your courteous salutation and your patience in listening to this "Jubilee Address." I hope you may all rejoice in its celebration, and heartily testify your loyalty to our Gracious Sovereign with pardonable pride in her many virtues, together with the beneficent character of her long, prosperous, and eventful reign.

The roll of Royal Arch chapters was called.

The roll of Present and Past Grand Officers was called

The minutes of the meeting held at Wakefield, 24th November, 1886, were presented for confirmation.

Moved by Comp. C. L. MASON, P.Z. 304, P.P.G.H., seconded by Comp. Dr. SMYTH, Z. 1042, Prov. G.J., and resolved:—"That the minutes be taken as read."

Moved by Comp. JOHN WORDSWORTH, P.Z. 154, P.P.G.D. of C., seconded by Comp. J. D. KAY, P.Z. 289, P.P.G.J., and resolved:—"That the minutes be confirmed."

Comp. J. W. FOURNESS, P.Z. 289, Prov. G. Treas., presented his balance sheet, and stated that the balance in the W.R.U. Bank, Dewsbury, on 30th April, was £243 12s. 7d.

Moved by Comp. C. L. MASON, seconded by Comp. J. W. FOURNESS, and resolved:—"That Comp. Thomas Harrison, P.Z. 296, be elected Prov. G. Treas. for the ensuing year."

The Prov. G. Superintendent then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Comp. John Wordsworth, P.Z. 154	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" F. Laxton, P.Z. 275	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Henry Smith, P.Z. 387	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Dr. W. R. Thomas, P.Z. 139	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Thomas Harrison, P.Z. 296	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. G. Hutchinson, P.Z. 302	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" James Kaye, P.Z. 275	...	...	Prov. G. Prin. S.
" Thomas R. Vaux, P.Z. 208	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Wm. Watson, P.Z. 304...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Robert Thompson, P.Z. 304	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" F. W. Turner, P.Z. 265	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Davis R. Glover, P.Z. 289	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Thomas Gaukroger, P.Z. 307	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" George Carbert, Org. 495	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. G. E. Green, P.Z. 1019	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" T. Bateman Fox, P.Z. 208	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" William Redgard Massie, P.Z. 1513	...	...	
" Benjamin Preston, P.Z. 264	...	...	
" W. C. Ellison, P.Z. 306	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" Joshua Lee, P.Z. 290	...	...	

The Present and Provincial Grand Officers were then saluted.

Pursuant to notice—Moved by Comp. W. F. SMITHSON, P.Z. 289, P.P.G.D. of C., seconded by Comp. C. L. MASON, and resolved:—"That a donation of 50 guineas be made from the funds of Provincial Grand Chapter to the 'Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentations' to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Widows' Fund, £265s. to each 'Presentation.'"

Pursuant to notice—Moved by Comp. John W. Fourness, seconded by Comp. W. F. Tomlinson, P.Z. 304, P.P.G. Soj., and resolved:—"That a donation of three guineas be made from the funds of Prov. G. Chapter to the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India."

Moved by Comp. John Wordsworth, Prov. G.H., seconded by Comp. T. Bateman, Fox, Prov. G. Steward, and resolved:—"That the best thanks of this Provincial Grand Chapter are due and are hereby given to the Companions of the four Leeds Chapters for the arrangements necessary for the comfort and convenience of the companions."

Prov. G. Chapter was closed according to ancient custom.

Tea was provided in the banquet hall, at 5.30, and upwards of 65 companions partook of it. Comp. C. L. Mason presiding.

### CONSECRATION OF THE FRANCIS WHITE CHAPTER, No. 1437.

The want of a Royal Arch Chapter having been sadly felt at Romford, in the Province of Essex, for some time past, especially by the brethren of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, held in that famous old market town, it was decided at a meeting of the brethren that one should be formed, and bear the above name in compliment to Bro. Francis A. White, Past Master of Liberty of Havering Lodge, P.P.G. Registrar Essex. It is no light compliment, and the result was only arrived at after mature deliberation, and a unanimous decision that that was the only fit way that Bro. White's valuable services to Masonry at Romford could fairly be recognised. Therefore, on Wednesday, the 20th ult., the new chapter was duly consecrated and constituted by our distinguished brother and Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg. of England and Grand Superintendent of the Province of Essex, assisted by a large and influential body of companions from far and near. The venue was the Golden Lion Hotel, and when the consecrating officer opened the proceedings, having for supporters Comps. V. Taylor, P.Z. 276, P.G.H., as H.; A. Walsh, P.Z. (Patriotic), P.G.J., as J.; T. J. Ralling, P.G.S.E., as S.E.; A. Lucking, P.G.D.C., as D.C.; and H. E. Dehane, H. elect 890, as Scribe N., the effect produced was most impressive.

Comp. PHILBRICK having briefly stated the pleasure he felt at the opportunity afforded of consecrating the chapter, the only one that had been consecrated in the province for the last 12 years, and that he had no doubt that under the rule of Comp. C. White and his officers the chapter would become both a success and an honour to the roll of chapters already in the province, proceeded with the ceremony.

The oration was then delivered by Comp. WALSH, who coming unprepared, yet was exceedingly eloquent and impressive. The whole of the beautiful ceremony was then carried out in its entirety, the musical portion being admirably rendered by Comp. G. Carter, E. J. Bell, and Seymour Smith, the latter presiding at the harmonium. The patriarchal benediction having been pronounced, the following officers were duly installed and invested: Comps. F. A. White, P.M. 907 and 1437, P.Z. 907 and 1716, as M.E.Z.; H. Mason, P.M. 913, P.Z. 913, P.G. Std. Br. Kent, as H.; Rev. Thomas Cochrane, P.G. Std. Br., as J.; R. J. Warren, S.E.; T. Beeson, S.N.; H. V. Clements, P.Z., Treasurer; T. Humphreys, W.M. 1437, P.S.; A. E. Albert, 1st A.S.; and G. Young, Janitor. Votes of thanks were tendered to Comp. Philbrick and his colleagues for their work in the consecration of the chapter, and they were further unanimously elected as honorary members, for which they severally and conjointly returned thanks. Letters of apology for inability to attend were read from the Grand Superintendents of Sussex, Middlesex, and South Lancashire,

the Grand Scribe E., and other distinguished companions. Several nominations for joining members and exaltees were given, and then the chapter was closed in due form.

Among the other companions present were—

Comps. W. Clarke, P.Z. 376, Asst. G.D. of C. Eng.; E. E. Phillips, P.Z. 379, P.P.G.J. Essex; W. D. Merritt, P.Z. 1000, P.G. Std. Br. Essex; J. C. Turner, M.E.Z. (Patriotic), P.G.S.N. Essex; F. A. Whitmore, P.Z. 276, P.G.S. Essex; C. Coupland, P.Z. 913, P.P.G.J. Kent; H. Lovegrove, P.Z. 72, P.G. Treasurer Middx.; J. Coleman, P.Z. 907 and 1716; G. Cowell, P.Z. 214, P.G.S.N. Essex; A. J. Manning, P.Z. 207; A. G. Velez, M.E.Z. 276; G. Anderson, M.E.Z. 1716; G. Kenneday, P.Z. 13; E. West, P.Z. 13; A. Durrant, P.Z. 276; R. Jennings, M.E.Z. 907; G. W. King, 13; T. Tilley, 1237; G. Jennings, 1237; C. H. Phillips, H. 183; G. Farrington, S.N. 1587; T. Burne, J. 907; J. S. Fraser, 214; F. Eastwood, 1237; W. Mauston, 907; and C. Jolly, S.N. 1472, 913, &c., &c.

The banquet was splendidly served under the personal superintendence of the jovial host, Comp. Peter Reynolds and at its conclusion the M.E.Z. gave the first toast—that of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry." He said in such a distinguished assembly of Masons such a toast required no words of his to render it acceptable. It afforded him much pleasure, as the first M.E.Z. of that chapter, to have the honour to preside over it in the year of her Majesty's Jubilee. He cordially wished her many years of health to reign over her faithful and loyal people, among whom none were more so than Royal Arch Masons.

"The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Z. of the Order," followed. The M.E.Z., in putting it, said they all knew what his Royal Highness had done both for the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. He asked them to show their affection for their distinguished companion by drinking his health in bumpers.

The toast was drunk with much heartiness.

The next toast was that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.Z., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.H., and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present." The M.E.Z. said if he tired their patience it would be because he could say so much in the favour of their esteemed Grand Officers. That evening they had the honour of having three Grand Officers with them, M.E. Comps. Philbrick, Grand Registrar, Cochrane, P.G. Standard Bearer, and Clarke, Present Asst. D. of C., and with the latter he should couple the toast.

Comp. CLARKE, in responding, said he should rather have had some other than his own name associated with the toast, and could only say on behalf of the Grand Officers of Grand Chapter, that they would always endeavour to maintain the prestige of the Order, and be worthy of the trust reposed in them, and the honour done them by their G.Z. who appointed them to office. In the name of the Grand Officers, present and past, he cordially thanked them for the toast.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Health of Comp. Philbrick, G. Supt. of the Province of Essex." He had had the honour of knowing and also of serving with their Grand Superintendent in the province for some few years, and knew what an excellent Mason he was. They had seen for themselves how well he had that day carried out the duties of Consecrating Officer; it was a grand Masonic treat to them all, while to himself, he felt it a great honour to be installed by Comp. Philbrick—in fact, it was the greatest honour of his life. He cordially thanked Comp. Philbrick, and trusted he might be spared for many years to them and to the province, as also to Masonry generally. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Comp. PHILBRICK in response, said they had had several warnings that evening that time and trains waited for no man, and although they would have liked to have heard the melodies of their musical brethren, yet he was afraid that time would not permit. Let him at once and from the bottom of his heart say that every time he came among the brethren of the province he seemed to meet with a kinder reception than ever; it seemed as if the attachment between them grew and deepened as time went on, giving him, in the free and unrestrained intercourse between them, the greatest pleasure and delight. That day would long be remembered by him as the first on which he had ever had the pleasure of consecrating a chapter in that province; the last chapter consecrated in that province was, he believed, in 1874 or 1875. He looked upon R.A. Masonry as the legitimate crown and keystone of the Masonic structure. The lost secrets were restored in this Sublime Degree, and for that, if for that alone, he felt it to be the crown and keystone of Symbolic Masonry. He paid a high compliment to those officers who had assisted him so ably in the ceremony of consecration, and was sure that under the energetic and deserving companions at its head, the Francis White Chapter would be an honour to the province. He counselled them to stand shoulder to shoulder and work, for without work there could be no success. Pluck was one of the indestructible characteristics of the Anglo-Saxon race, and it was that which made success attainable. After giving some excellent advice respecting the sort of candidates worthy of exaltation, he concluded a lengthy and brilliant address, of which this is but a brief resumé, and which was frequently loudly applauded, by wishing the chapter every prosperity, and that it might be worthy of its name, its founders, and an honour and light among the chapters of the province.

After the toast of "The G.H. and J." had been honoured and responded to by Comp. PHILLIPS,

Comp. PHILBRICK rose to propose "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Francis White, and the other two Principals, Comps. Mason and Cochrane," and, in so doing, alluded eloquently to the courage and devotion shown by those companions in the cause of Masonry, and claimed for them the ready and willing support of every companion of the chapter.

Comp. WHITE, in his reply, could hardly find words to thank Comp. Philbrick for the very kind and flattering remarks used by him in proposing the toast. They were most encouraging words, and would inspire them to do their duty in carrying out the work of the chapter. He could, however, assure them that was not his first venture; he referred to the All Saints' Chapter, which was a success, and he felt sure that one would be. ("It shall be," and cheers.) As to Comp. Mason, he knew him to be a hard-working Mason, and one that would do his duty by the chapter; and Comp. Cochrane would do the same to the letter. With reference to the name of the chapter, when it was mooted he proposed that it should be the Liberty of Havering, the name of the mother lodge; but it was decided that it should be the Francis White Chapter, and it seemed such a high honour that he could not refuse it. He had to thank Comp. Philbrick for coming down and naming it. He also thanked all his friends for their attendance. It had made the affair a great success, and, in conclusion, he could promise them that he should do all he could to keep up that success.

Comps. MASON and COCHRANE also returned thanks.

Comps. T. BEESON and T. HUMPHREYS responded for "The Officers," and "The Visitors" and Janitor's toasts concluded the proceedings, which were both memorable and enjoyable.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE, AND RUTLAND.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ILKESTON LODGE, No. 373.

A great gathering of Mark Masons assembled at Ilkeston on Wednesday, the 27th ult., to consecrate a new Mark lodge there. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened at the Temperance Hall by Bro. Percy Wallis, P.G.D. Eng., P.P.S.G.W., and a great number of candidates were duly advanced. The Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Wm. Kelly, and the officers of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge were then received, and the ceremony of consecrating and dedicating the new lodge was ably performed by R.W. Bro. Kelly, assisted by Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.G.D. Eng., P.D.P.G.M.; T. Cox, D.P.G.M.; Percy Wallis; Henry George, P.A.G.D. of C. Eng.; and others.

Bro. T. Cox, D.P.G.M., then took the chair, and proceeded to install Bro. Charles Maltby as W.M. of the Ilkeston Lodge, No. 373. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers. The R.W.P.G.M. again took the chair, and proceeded to open Provincial Grand Lodge in due form. The report of the Masters of lodges, the Committee of General Purposes, the Registrar, and the Treasurer having been received, were adopted. The new by-laws were also adopted.

Bro. Samuel Cleaver was re-elected Treasurer.

The R.W.P.G.M. then read his annual address, in which he alluded to the great progress of Mark Masonry in the province, particularly in Derbyshire. Bro. Kelly also remarked upon his re-appointment as P.G.M., an office which he had held for 26 years, and to the sound financial position of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested his officers as follows:

Bro. T. Cox	...	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" W. J. Freer	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. H. Percival	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Butler Wilkins	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. H. Thompson	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" J. Howell	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. R. C. Faithfull	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. C. W. Groas	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" S. Cleaver	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" S. A. Morris	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
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" W. Boughen	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. Maltby	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
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" W. Stone	...	...	...	

The sum of £5 5s. was voted to be placed upon the list of Bro. T. Cox, D.P.G.M., as Steward at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund; £2 2s. was also voted to the "F. Binckes Presentation Fund."

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the Rutland Hotel, where a very capital banquet was served by the host, Bro. Daykin.

### NOTES ON THE MINUTE BOOK OF AN EARLY ATHOL LODGE.

Through the kindness of W. Bro. L. V. Walker, W.M. of Neptune Lodge, No. 22, I have been favoured with an inspection of an old Minute Book now the property of that lodge, but which, however, contains within its covers the original Minutes, Rules and Regulations, Lists of Members, and Cash Accounts of the lodge No. 20, constituted on the 9th July, 1753, at the "Hampshire Hog," in Goswell-street, London.

On the Title page are the names of "John Mc Cormick, Mastr, Samuel Galbraith, Jas. Bedford Wards," the former of whom became, subsequently, Grand Secretary of the "Seceders." Then evidently followed a page (although now out of its proper place in the book) on which is written "We the Master, Wardens, and Deacons, with the rest of our fellow members of our lodge, No. 20, do approve of the following Rules and Orders as good and wholesome for the good government of this lodge, to which we mutually submit. As witness our hand, October 2nd, 1753." This approval is signed by the beforesaid Master and Wardens and by nearly all the members who belonged to the lodge during its brief existence.

These Rules and Orders are 25 in number, but it is to a portion only of the first rule that I now wish to draw special attention. It reads

#### I.

"THAT a Lodge of Free & Accepted Antient Masons be held at the Hampshire Hog, in Goswell Str<sup>t</sup>. London (or elsewhere), on the 1st and 3d Monday of each month, and that such lodge consist of One Master, Two Wardens, Two Deacons, and a Tyler, with as many members as the Master and Majority shall think proper," &c., &c.

This is the earliest instance in any Minutes known to me of a reference to Deacons as recognised officers of an English Lodge, and Bro. Hughan tells me he is not aware of an earlier notice than this in England in any lodge records. One may, I think, reasonably and fairly infer that the "Antient" Masons copied this practice from Ireland.

Another incident recorded is that on the 24th June 1754, the lodge was opened "at two at noon, being the festival of St. John. Call'd off to Refreshment at three, Call'd on in order to make Bro. Robert Whitehall an Antient Mason, he being a Moddren Mason before, made him in all the parts." As this was only three years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of the Antients\* it will be evident that its power and influence as a separate organisation were being felt by the Original Grand Lodge from whom they had seceded.

At the other end of the volume is inscribed a list of "Visitors" to this old Lodge No. 20, and amongst them, under the several columns headed "Names," "Quality," and "No.," the name of "L. Dermott, G.S. 1," appears as a visitor in July and December, 1753, and in January, April, June, and July, 1754. Eight times he is so described as of "No. 1," and as these entries take the lodge (No. 1) a considerable period further back than has yet been mentioned, it is desirable, doubtless, that the information should be generally known.

Lodge No. 20 became extinct in 1756, † the members having then dwindled down to eight, and their last meeting was held on 8th September in that year.

The Minute Book of the extinct lodge evidently came into the possession of some other brethren, who united to form another lodge at Deptford, which became No. 64, and its minutes, &c., are recorded here and there in the book, without regularity or sequence, according to the fancy or caprice of the Secretary for the time being, commencing with the "Transactions of a Freemasons' Lodge, held at Mr. Saml. Garth, at the Red house, Deptford ‡ not constituted. August 22th, 1757. Lodge open'd at 6 o'clock." They proceeded to "make" Entered Apprentices and "raise" Fellow Crafts and Master Masons, although not constituted, this ceremony not taking place until 14th December in the same year. During the interval they had made several Masons, some of whom were actually holding office at the time of the lodge being constituted.

The history of this lodge which purchased the vacant No. 13 in 1759 §, is being written by its W.M., Bro. L. V. Walker, and will, no doubt, be of considerable interest, not only to the members of the lodge, but to brethren generally. One entry of significant import I may here transcribe. Under date 22nd May, 1758, it is stated that "Brother Wm. Watson being an Antient Freemason was this night enter'd and made in all the three steps of Masonry." Now, as this was an "Antient" Lodge, and Bro. Wm. Watson an "Antient" Mason, where was the necessity or reason for such a ceremony? In the cash account, under same date, appears this entry—"To Cash rec'd. from Bro. Wm. Watson for being enter'd as a member 5s. 0." This evidently points out that the brother was what we now designate a joining member, and it is probable that, having been made in some lodge under a Scottish or Irish Constitution (whose forms, although similar, may not have been altogether identical) they put him through all the Degrees in one night, so that there might be no doubt whatever of his claim to be termed an "Antient" Mason.

I am always glad to have an opportunity of examining any old lodge records of either the "Moderns" or the "Ancients."

JNO. LANE.

\* "Masonic Records," p. xii.

† "Masonic Records," p. 21.

‡ This Red House was an inn. Mr. Samuel Garth (subsequently a member of the lodge) is designated "Inn Holder, Red House, Deptford."

§ *Ibid.* pp. 48 and 17.

### CATALOGUE OF MASONIC BOOKS AND MSS. (II.)

The list of Masonic works printed in the "Freemason," for April 30th, is not of the same general interest and value as the first portion, though several of the lots will be found to be of special importance, and not a few "plums" are scattered throughout the collection, which diligent Masonic students will soon detect. The speciality of this, the second list, is works of an occult and astrological character, a few of which are not easily procured, and some are scarcely ever met with. To begin with there is a copy of the Astrological Magazine of 1794, Sibley's Illustrations of Astrology in 2 vols. with plates, and "Stella Nova," being a sermon preached before the learned Society of Astrologers, August 1st, 1649, by Robert Gell, D.D. Of modern works on this curious and "out of the way" subject, there are Cooke's "Curiosities of Occult Literature," Guide to "Horary Astrology," and others. Then there is that famous volume by Bro. Godfrey Higgins, on the "Celtic Druids," of 1829, which fetches such a large sum in "Second-hand Book Catalogues." Though this work is not quite so valuable as the other companion volume, the "Anacalypsis," still it is both curious and scarce, and the one may be said to be the complement of the other. The "Complete system of Magick, or the History of the Black Art," of the year 1729, is a work beyond our poor ability to describe, and in fact has so much frightened us from its title as to prove a warning to any but the "initiated" to look into its pages. The "Art of Secret Information" of 1685 is a pleasant change, and so also is one of the original editions of Hone's "Ancient Mysteries" of 1823; but a little way down is "England's Black Tribunal" of the year 1737 staring at us, but doubtless to those interested it will prove anything but what its title suggests. We never saw a copy of this volume before, and may not again! "Light on Masonry" is an American exposure, fit for the anti-Masons of America for whom it was written, and by whom it has become so valued as to render copies most difficult to procure even at high prices. Laurie's History of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is a noble volume; the author having been Grand Secretary for many years, he was able to "speak from actual knowledge." It is the second edition really, though the first of 1804 (by his father) was much inferior in every sense. A number of works will be found in this list at low prices, by Stewart, Macoy, Dr. Morris, Dr. Mackey, Smith (of 1783), Webb, Ashe, Sickel, Creigh, Findel, Jones, Pierson, Yarker, and other well-known writers, as also old and rare Sermons on Freemasonry, and Manuals. A copy is offered, we note, of Bro. J. Ramsden Riley's History of the Aire-dale Lodge, the edition being out of print, and now scarce. There is also a few volumes of the "Freemasons' Magazine," 1793-6, which was the first of its kind issued in England, and contains portraits of several Masonic worthies. The Mythological and Chemical works are worthy of attention, as also those Masonic pamphlets relating to this Country and America, especially as they are the most easily lost sight of, and the most difficult to obtain when wanted of all publications on the Craft.

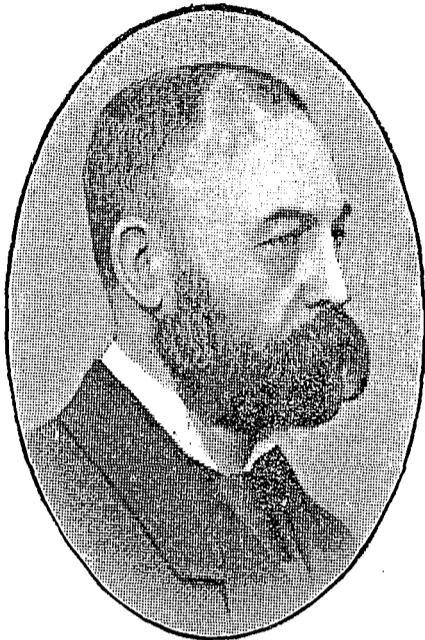
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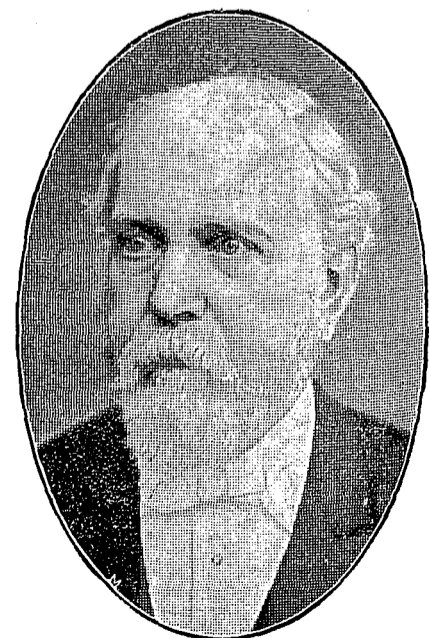
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## GRAND LODGE AND THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

The following is a copy of a letter which has been addressed by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Secretaries of the various Provincial Grand Lodges holding under the United Grand Lodge on the subject of the Masonic meeting, at the Royal Albert Hall, in connection with the Queen's Jubilee.

A similar letter has been addressed to the Secretaries of the lodges in the London district.

"Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street,  
London, W.C., 4th May, 1887.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"I have the pleasure to inform you that his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to fix four o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 13th June next, for the Masonic meeting at the Royal Albert Hall.

"May I request that you will be good enough to notify this to the various lodges in your province as soon as possible.

"As a large number of lodges have expressed a desire to be furnished with more than five tickets, it would be advisable if lodges were to state any extra number they may wish for, so that, in case there should be any over for disposal, they may be distributed pro rata.

"Yours fraternally,

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE,  
G. Sec.

"The Prov. Grand Secretary."

## ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE PYTHAGOREAN CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.

The members of this flourishing chapter of instruction closed their labours of the present season, on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. Opportunity was taken of the occasion to meet together around the festive board. Comp. Hilton, the popular and deservedly respected M.E.Z. of the Star Chapter, No. 1275, occupied the chair. It is only necessary to mention the name of Comp. Hilton, who is so ardent a Mason, to let it be known that the office of Chairman was filled with earnestness, zeal, and success. Comp. Grummant, P.Z. 1275, who is another well-known and popular Mason in South London, filled the vice-chair. Amongst others who were present we noticed the following: Comps. Bumstead, P.Z.; Cowley, P.Z.; Catterson, P.Z.; Bonney, P.Z.; Addington, and Hunt.

After a very enjoyable repast which was served in Comp. Bonney's very best style, Comp. Hilton proposed in very fitting terms, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts. The principal toast of the evening, however, in the estimation of all present, was that of "Success to the Pythagorean Chapter." Comp. HILTON, in proposing it, said that in the past success had been met with, and in the future he hoped for still greater success. Comp. Bumstead made such an able and earnest Preceptor; he was always at his post, and be the members few or many he still went on with the work. He was so very kind as well, that everyone made great progress under him. He (Comp. Hilton) was deeply indebted to Comp. Bumstead, for he had gained the whole of his knowledge of R.A. Masonry from him. In coupling the name of Comp. Grummant, S.E. of the chapter, with that of Comp. Bumstead, the Chairman said that wherever he was able to be of use, there Comp. Grummant was to be found. He filled the office of S.E. in a manner that gave everyone satisfaction, and his happy cheery face always gained him friends, and added to the success of anything he undertook.

Comp. BUMSTEAD, in reply, said that he was proud of the position of Preceptor of the chapter of instruction, for he always received the very greatest pleasure when he saw the progress made by the members in their various chapters, who availed themselves of the instruction given. He felt nothing but pleasure in performing his duties as Preceptor, and he should always try to make those who came under his care, proficient in the R.A. ritual.

Comp. GRUMMANT felt pleased to be able to report real progress during the past year. The chapter had been attended by many earnest workers who had profited greatly by Comp. Bumstead's instruction. It was a pleasure to him to perform the work of S.E. in such an exemplary chapter of instruction. He hoped that when the chapter re-opens in September there will be a still greater number of companions who will avail themselves of the instruction which every one could freely attain.

Harmony prevailed during the evening, and several companions delighted those present with songs.

## FUNERAL OF BRO. COL. TANNER-DAVY, PROV. G.M.M.M. OF DEVON.

The remains of Bro. Colonel Tanner-Davy, J.P., Prov. G.M.M.M. of Devon, were on Friday, the 22nd instant, consigned to their last resting place in the parish churchyard at Roseash, near Southmolton. A numerous gathering of mourners from the parish and surrounding district assembled in the vicinity of the burying ground to witness the solemn ceremony. The cortege left the deceased's presidency shortly after 2 p.m. The funeral was a walking one.

The Mark Masons of the Province of Devonshire were represented by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Charles Spence Bate, F.R.S.; Bros. Controller Samuel G. Bake, W.M. 315, P.G.S.B. Cornwall, P.G.S.B. Eng., 51; John Lane, P.M. and Sec. 319, P.P.G.M.O., P.G.S. England, 18; J. Stocker, P.M. 15, P.P.G.T.; W. Bradnee, P.M. 319, P.P.G.M.O., 18; T. Prust, J.O. 319; H. Rogers, W.M. 96, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Sercombe, W.M. 50, P.G.S.; A. Tout, W.M. 76, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Holland, P.M. 76, P.S.G.W.; J. Gidley, P.M. 169, P.G. Tyler; J. E. Bearne, W.M. 215, P.P.G.O.; J. Haywood, 215, P.P.G.P.; and H. Stocker, P.P.J.G.W., Prov. G. Secretary.

Letters had been received from a very large number of brethren in all parts of the province, regretting that they were unable to attend, and testifying to the esteem and affection in which the late Provincial Grand Master was held. The Craft Masons present included Bros. W. G.

Rogers, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Devonshire; J. Brewer, Prov. Grand Secretary, also Mark Mason, 9; L. Bearne (Newton Abbott); and the following from Lodge, No. 421: Bros. Oram, W.M.; the Rev. F. King, I.P.M.; W. Mountjoy and A. Martin, Wardens; Furse, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Sanders, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Hill, G. H. Mountjoy, W. Askew, J. A. King, sen., J. A. King, jun., G. H. Crocker, W. Tucker, and R. K. Tyler.

The grave, which is situated on the south side of the churchyard, was surrounded with floral tributes, the work of the deceased's gardener, several of the labouring men and their wives, the schoolmistress, and the children. The oak coffin enclosed an inner shell lined with satin. The lid was covered with lovely wreaths and floral crosses. At the close of the service the first verse of "Now the labourer's task is over" was sung, the choir leading, in accordance with a wish recently expressed by Colonel Tanner-Davy. Among the floral tributes placed on the coffin was one of appropriate design and great beauty sent by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons. It was composed of the choicest white hot-house flowers, the centre forming a white keystone on a bed of blue violets. Another very handsome wreath was sent by the St. George's Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 15, Exeter, and the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Henry Stocker, also sent a wreath noticeable for its beauty. Other wreaths and crosses were sent by Bro. Lord Poltimore, Bro. Lord Fortescue, Mrs. Harding (schoolmistress of Roseash), and the school children, the choir, the townspeople of Roseash, and the officers of the Southmolton Union.

The Directors of the Devon County School, West Buckland, at a meeting, presided over by Earl Fortescue, passed the following resolution, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Dr. Hatherly: "The directors cannot meet without expressing their deep regret at the death of their lamented friend and colleague, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Tanner-Davy, and their grateful sense of the valuable services he has so long rendered to this school, and the great loss it has sustained in his death, and beg to tender their sincere condolences to Mrs. Tanner-Davy in her bereavement."

A vote of condolence was passed on Wednesday, the 20th inst., by the members of the Jordan Mark Lodge, Torquay.



On Monday the Strand passes into the hands of the Conway and Farren Comedy Company, on which occasion they will commence their régime with Garrick's version of Colman's "Clandestine Marriage," the regular old English Comedies of which we have had so much the last few months are to follow, as well as some plays of the classical school not so well known.

We looked in at the Globe the other night just to keep up acquaintance with our old friend "The Private Secretary," and found the house full and every one roaring with laughter at the curate's adventures. In announcing Mr. Hawtreys' intention of reviving this farcical comedy, we said he could not be far out in doing so. We believe the lessee has found his old friends flocking back, and, of course, bringing new friends with them, to see Mr. Penley in "The Private Secretary." For our part, though we had seen the piece five or six times, we laughed as heartily as ever at the old fun. We understand that Mr. Hawtreys has accepted Bro. Lestocq's and Mr. Walter Everard's new play for production here.

We beg to remind our readers that next week (excepting Friday) Bro. Irving plays in "The Bells" and "Jingle," changing on the Monday following, for nine nights only, to the "Merchant of Venice," which will be followed for another nine nights by "Louis XI." and then similar performances of "Much Ado About Nothing," Mathias, in "The Bells," is a character which we believe Bro. Irving himself is particularly fond of. It is one in which he earliest made his name famous, and one which the public agrees he plays perhaps the best, so much so is this the truth, that we think it is only by chance a seat can now be secured for the last week. Mr. Hurst, the president of the box office, will, we know, do all that is possible for anyone easily to book a seat now for the Shakespearean revivals to follow. After the 16th July, London will know no more of its popular tragedian until April of next year. It behoves us to make the most of him and Miss Ellen Terry while we have them with us.

On Monday the American Exhibition will be opened in American fashion by cable, the ceremony at Kensington being somewhat simple. We believe it will be the rendezvous of the summer months, situated on land amounting to 23 acres, between Earl's Court, West Brompton and West Kensington stations, it will be accessible from all parts of London. We understand the railway companies are combining to run trains at reduced fares to this latest attraction in London. Whilst yet the Exhibition is "properly tyled" against the general public, we have been favoured with a view of what is to be seen. The centre court was in a very unfinished condition when we went through it, but thousands of workmen are engaged in erecting stands and unpacking and arranging the exhibits, which we are sure will be full of interest. The gardens seem to be most forward, and will become as popular as those of South Kensington have been the last four years. Not the least interesting portion will be the "Tobogganing" from West Kensington Station for two, down a steep inclined plane, representing the sport carried on in Canada on ice and snow. Buffalo Bill has already become a famous name and the public is anxious to see his exploits with his teams of horses and buffaloes. A grand stand has been erected, which will accommodate several thousand persons to witness the performances, which are to take place twice a day. The Red Indian Camp will be another great centre, for here the real Indians, men, women, and children are encamped in native wigwags, which do not appear to be at all uncomfortable for fine weather. We were unable, like the late Prime Minister, to gain any tidings of their opinion of the English and London, as none of them can speak a word of

English. Their dark skin, painted faces, and blankets of different colours with which they cover themselves, make them picturesque. The cowboy brigade and the Yankee dwellers in tents one feels more at home amongst as they converse in our tongue but with a very strong accent. We entered some of the camp tents and were reminded very much of Wimbledon during the meeting of the Rifle Association. They are fitted up not only with necessities but with many luxuries and decked out in front with gardens, whether in the Exhibit Courts, the gardens, the arena, with the buck jumpers, or where one will, there will be plenty to amuse and interest every sort of taste. Fine weather is all that is required to make the American Exhibition the favourite haunt this year. Bros. Irving, Toole, and Augustus Harris have already introduced some of the chief artistes into the theatrical world. We hope our Fraternity will extend their hospitality to our brethren from the Far West.

Offenbach composed many beautiful operas, but none will further help to hand down his name to posterity more than "Madame Favart," this may be partly owing to the fact that on its production at the Strand eight or ten years ago the author was fortunate enough to secure the services of Miss Florence St. John as the heroine. This brought Miss St. John prominently before the London public, and that place she has never lost. Being out of an engagement the management of the Avenue did wisely and well to revive "Madame Favart," with Miss St. John in her old part. The success which pertained to this opera in years gone by is being added to now. We think there is no music which Miss St. John sings with greater sweetness and correctness than this charming opera. Bro. Arthur Roberts has taken the place of Miss St. John's husband (M. Marius) and is showing what he can do away from burlesque and gagging. Some seemed to think Bro. Roberts had met with a part unsuited to him, but we were pleased to see him acting and singing as Favart and not as Arthur Roberts. Miss Broughton's Suzanne made one remember Miss Violet Cameron with delight, but if Miss Broughton cannot sing she can dance, and in the last act she gives a very pretty dance à la militaire. Bro. Henry Ashley resumes his old part, and with other new members of the cast makes us welcome the revival of "Madame Favart."

That a well-known actor should be able to make up as to deceive the whole of his audience for at least a minute after he has come on the stage, and until he has spoken some words, is marvellous; but such was the case at the Comedy on the first representation of "The Red Lamp" by Mr. Beerbohm Tree. He walked on the stage and no one recognised him in the disguise of the Russian detective. The scene of Mr. Tristram's drama is laid in St. Petersburg, and its action takes place at the present time. The political disturbances are the groundwork of this very interesting play. Its construction is good, but the literary portion is rather weak, but Mr. Outram Tristram has made such an advance since his failure with "The Undergraduate," that he may well take heart and try his hand still further at writing plays, for, despite the sneers of some people in the theatre on the first night, and in a minor portion of the press, "The Red Lamp" is winning favour, and we are informed is being given to crowded audiences every night. To have to stand the whole evening at the back of the first circle is not the way most conducive to impress one with the merits of a piece, nevertheless, we were much struck with the drama, and the acting, and we are sure Mr. Tree has made a good beginning as a manager. To describe the story would take up more space in our columns than can be allotted at the present time. We will merely state that a Russian Princess is married to one of the Czar's most devoted and faithful officers, who is engaged in endeavouring to stamp out the Nihilist conspiracy, in which he is assisted by the chief of the secret police. The Princess's brother has taken up the cause of the Nihilists, and it is in the endeavours of the Princess to save her brother from the hands of her husband that the interest of "The Red Lamp" centres. Here is the author's weakness. The love of a sister for a brother, in itself excellent, is not sufficient on which to have a play, especially when the woman has a husband, for surely it is the duty of every wife, be she Russian or not, to cleave to her husband rather than her relations. We think if Mr. Tristram had made the Prince her son instead of her brother, it would have made the drama stronger and more acceptable to those who witness it. The pair of lovers, represented by Miss Marion Terry and Mr. Sugden, are of so little consequence to the piece, that it cannot count as a love story. The former has, unfortunately, little to do but look nice and wear several gowns. The latter again is suited with one of those parts in which he is seen to the greatest advantage, though, considering he has just been travelling in America with Miss Fortescue, Mr. Sugden is not at all happy in his efforts to talk "Yankee." His pronunciation is "not a bit like it," and the foreign correspondent of a leading American paper would not be so vulgar before ladies as to talk about taking four liver pills and having a rub down with a rough towel. Mr. Broadfield is the General, and does not seem at home in such a small part. Mr. Laurence Cautley, as the Nihilist Prince, acts well, but would be better were he not to imitate Mr. Wilson Barrett in his voice but be Mr. Cautley. Lady Monckton, who seemed very nervous the first night, has doubtless improved her rendering of the character of the Princess. Miss Filippi, as a maidservant, shows marvellous cleverness, not only in her acting, but her French pronunciation, which she makes delicious. Mr. Beerbohm Tree is always a careful actor, and never has he acted with more remarkable skill than now. His is a consistent study from life in the part of the chief detective. His artistic and admirable make-up we have already alluded to. "The Red Lamp" is splendidly staged with the taste and completeness which might be expected of Mr. Tree. We should think it is good for the season, and will be sent out to the provinces.

R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G. Master of Derbyshire, has arrived at his house near Richmond from his seat in Derbyshire.

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## To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Proceedings of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch  
Freemasonry of Bombay and its Dependencies," "New Zealand  
Masonic Journal," "La Chaine d'Union," "Hull and East York-  
shire Times," "Imperial Federation," "New Zealand Freemason,"  
"New Zealand Mail," "Cadiz Masonic," "Keystone," "Allen's  
Indian Mail," "Masonic News," "Jewish Chronicle," "Die  
Bauehütte," "Scribner's Magazine," "Cleveland Globe," "New  
York Dispatch," "Sunday Times" (New York), "The Era,"  
"Sunday Times" (London), "Lancaster Daily Examiner,"  
"Newcastle Daily Journal," "Court Circular," and "Masonic  
Journal."



SATURDAY, MAY 7, 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 MEETING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Will you allow me to point out through the columns  
of your paper how unfairly the plan of each lodge being  
allowed to send five Masons to the Jubilee meeting works  
out? inasmuch as by this hard and fast rule some lodges  
will be able to send 25 or even 30 per cent. of their  
numbers, whilst others will be only able to send two or four  
per cent.

Of course it would have been fairer to have made it thus  
—that each lodge should be allowed to send so many per  
cent. of its members, say one for every 12 or 15 on the  
books. It is now too late, I suppose, to make any such  
alteration, but might I make a suggestion to the authorities

which would be possible even now. If they have any  
tickets over, that one or two more be granted to all lodges  
having over 50 members on its books, or one to those over  
50, and two to those over 100 members. Hoping some  
steps will be taken to grant this boon to the strong lodges.—  
Yours fraternally,

May 4, 1887.

MASTER MASON.

[It will be seen by the circular which we print in another  
column, that this difficulty has been met.—Ed. FM.]



## MASONIC ALMANAC, PROVINCE OF SUSSEX, 1887.

This little book is an improvement on its predecessors,  
and cannot fail to prove most useful in the Province of  
Sussex. "The Royal Families of Great Britain and Freema-  
sonry" makes an interesting compilation, as also the  
lists of Grand Officers of Sussex from 1854. The roll of  
Prov. Grand Masters, however, begins with 1774, when the  
Province was constituted, with Captain Minshall as Prov.  
G.M. The officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter are  
given since its resuscitation in 1881, and those of the  
Mark Provincial Grand Lodge from the year 1874, Lord  
Arthur Hill, M.P., being the third Prov. Grand Master  
for that Degree in Sussex. The roll of extinct lodges  
looks like the work of Bro. T. Francis, of Havant, and is  
well done. It would have been a pity not to give this list,  
as one lodge, now alas, no more, is said to have met,  
"From the time of Julius Cæsar," according to the  
early Calendars! There are 26 lodges and 9 Royal Arch  
Chapters in the Province, but no names appear of the  
officers, or Past Masters, &c., though much space is taken  
up with the Calendar. If the names of these were given,  
Sussex would be well supplied, as the Prov. G. Sec. (Bro.  
V. P. Freeman), issues "model reports" (as Bro. Hughan  
styles them) of each Provincial Grand Lodge meeting.  
The "Year of Light" (Bro. Editor) of "Ancient Craft  
Masonry" is not found by adding 4004, but 4000, to A.D.  
1887. See Craft Certificates.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR THE  
PROVINCE OF DORSET, 1887.

This capital publication is its nineteenth year of issue,  
and is now edited by Bro. J. A. Sherran, of Weymouth,  
so it may be assured that typographically, as well as a  
masonically, it is all it should be. The Editor regrets that  
there are not enough printed to allow a copy being sent to  
one in every three members. In that case the edition  
cannot consist of much over 200 copies, so must be a loss  
even if sold at a shilling, for the Calendar is "brimful" of  
information. We hope to hear that an increased demand  
has risen so as to cause an increased circulation, and thus  
considerably reduce the cost per copy. The present list of  
Past Prov. Grand Officers is given, with dates of obtaining  
Provincial rank, and any previous appointments. Then  
follows the "Annual summary of work done in the Province,"  
by which we see there are 186 P.M.s and 616 sub-  
scribing members, being a high average for 13 lodges.  
The names of all these members appear under their res-  
pective lodges, with Provincial rank, if any, also those of  
the officers, and distinguishing those who are Royal Arch  
Masons and Mark Masters! Likewise the names and  
addresses of the Secretaries and Charity Stewards. The  
list of lodge meetings from January, 1887, to January, 1888,  
arranged in a table, enables one to see at a glance the  
engagements in the Province for each month, as also those  
of the chapters, Mark lodges, and other Degrees. Those  
who may think such a compilation does not absorb much  
time to make, should try similar tables for their own Pro-  
vinces. The roll of Charity votes appears to be accurately  
made, but as the totals under each Institution are not given,  
we have not yet added the figures to note what proportion  
they bear to the number of members. The "Dorset  
Masonic Charity," of which Bro. E. T. Budden is the  
moving spirit, is duly represented, and its excellent objects  
prominently noticed, as they deserve to be. It is "not a  
rival, but a handmaid to the great Central Charities." We  
are disappointed to see that so little is done for the educa-  
tion of children, but suppose a system will soon be devised  
for that purpose under such energetic management.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY  
FOR THE PROVINCE OF OXFORD AND  
NEIGHBOURHOOD, 1887-88.

The Editor, Printer, and Publisher of this excellent  
Masonic directory is Bro. W. R. Bowden, of High-street,  
Oxford, on whose shoulders the mantle of the lamented  
Bro. R. J. Spiers has fallen, and who has proved an able  
successor of that brother, who, for so many years, brought  
out a wee calendar for the province. The present series  
of Bro. Bowden's, however, is a much larger and more  
important one, and aims at supplying all needful informa-  
tion respecting the lodges, chapters, &c., in the province.  
More still would be done had the editor received the sup-  
port he has so well merited; but, that having failed for  
Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, those, Masonically, are  
now dropped. As the work runs even now to over 100 pages,  
its size would be rather inconvenient if many additions were  
made to its bulk, so that the surrounding provinces had  
better issue their own directories. This year's issue appears  
in black ink (which we prefer to the last year's blue), and  
we congratulate Bro. Bowden on the general appearance of  
his "Calendar and Directory" for 1887, which is published  
under the immediate patronage of the Right Hon. the Earl  
of Jersey, Prov. G.M. The names of all the Past Masters,  
and years of service of all the lodges in the province, from  
1814-5, are duly inserted, and very valuable they are for  
reference, especially for the Apollo University Lodge,  
No. 357, for we presume no other lodge has so many  
Past Grand Officers of England on its roll. H.R.H. the  
Prince of Wales, we see, was the W.M. in 1873, and the  
lamented Prince Leopold was in the chair in 1876. What  
may be termed its representative in London, viz., the  
Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, is also duly  
noted, with the names of P.M.s from 1856, when it made  
a fresh start. In this connection we must not omit to men-  
tion another metropolitan representative in the University  
Lodge, No. 1118, which has a place in the calendar, and  
still another in the St. Mary Magdalen Lodge, No. 1523,  
of which the D.P.G.M. of Oxon, Bro. Reginald Bird, was

the first W.M., and other well-known Oxonians have since succeeded that excellent brother. The Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, and the Alma Mater Lodge, Cambridge, of course, are also entitled to insertion, and receive their due share of space, so that this calendar is of more than usual interest to outsiders, so to speak, and has more than a provincial value. From 1875 the sum of £3383 2s. 6d. has been sent to the central Masonic Charities, which is a noble contribution from some 10 lodges, with 500 members now on the roll; but be it remembered until 1877 there were only seven lodges. The roll of P.G.M.'s from 1795, of D.P.G.M.'s from 1833, and of P.G. Officers from 1837 makes a capital and exceedingly valuable compilation for reference. In fact, the calendar is valuable throughout as respects lodges and all other Masonic bodies, and the Charities of the Order. Copies may be had from the publisher for eighteen pence, and for one shilling more the interesting "History of Freemasonry in Oxfordshire," by Bro. E. L. Hawkins, M.A., may also be had, the two publications being all that is needed to trace most historical matters respecting that Masonic province.

#### THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF DURHAM, 1887.

We congratulate Bro. Hudson, the esteemed Prov. G. Secretary of Durham, on the compilation of one of the most complete and useful Masonic directories in England. Nearly all the information that can possibly be wanted for the province, is provided most amply in the compact little book before us, of some 150 pages, for the members of the 32 lodges, 13 Royal Arch chapters, 11 Mark lodges, three K.T. preceptories, two R.C. chapters, &c. The roll of Prov. G. Officers begins with the Prov. G. Masters from 1735, then follow the names of the D. Prov. G. Masters from 1788, and the other Prov. G. Officers from that year, so that a century of officers' appointments in the Prov. G. Lodge is thus duly chronicled. Those of the Prov. Grand Chapter are given from 1834, when the revered Earl of Durham was the Grand Superintendent. We note that Bro. Hudson styles the office *Provincial* Grand Superintendent, but the addition is not constitutional, and lessens the dignity of the title. The tables are ably and most compactly arranged, which show the numbers, names, places of meeting, days of meeting, and Festivals of all the lodges and chapters, compressed within three pages. The lists furnish full particulars of the officers, Past Masters, dates of warrants, number of members, &c., of all the lodges and other organisations in the province, the provincial rank (if any) being carefully noted, and the joining Past Masters duly particularized, after the names of those who have served in the chair, &c. The senior lodge is No. 48, Gateshead, of the year 1735. Five lodges have centenary jewel warrants, viz., No. 48, Gateshead; No. 79, Sunderland; No. 111, Darlington; No. 124, Durham; and No. 240, South Shields. One of the Royal Arch chapters has just completed its centenary; *Concord*, Durham, whose history has been written by Bro. Logan, the Prov. G. Registrar of Durham, and another chapter dates from the year 1788. Would Bro. Hudson kindly inform us of the origin and character of the "Knights' Grand Cross of the Holy Temple of Jerusalem" held at Newcastle? We see that there is a Grand Superintendent, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Commanders, &c. No list of voters is given for the Charities, but other interesting particulars are afforded, as also relative to the "Durham Masonic Educational Fund." The total voting power for the Central Masonic Charities is 1738 votes. From 1876 the sum of nearly £3900 has been sent by the Stewards, so that the brethren have done handsomely, and deserve all the honours thereby attained, as representing one of the best managed provinces in England; though we are bound to state that much remains yet to be done as respects the voting power of the province.



#### Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel on Tuesday, the 26th ult., when there were present among others Bros. G. Coop, W.M.; Hudson, S.W.; Hakim, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M.; Sec.; Weisler, J.D.; Langdale and Cursons, Stewards; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Fromholtz, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. C. H. Davidson, 1503, was, by request of his W.M., raised to the Degree of a M.M. The ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. W. Ryan, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was ably initiated by the W.M. into Craft mysteries. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment. A few toasts were subsequently given, and the brethren adjourned. The winter session of the lodge, now closed for the summer recess, under the presidency of Bro. G. Coop has been a most prosperous and happy one.

**JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Wall, W.M.; Lyon, S.W.; Bottibol, J.W.; James Lyon, Treas.; L. Lazarus, P.M.; Sec.; Gardener, S.D.; Dodson, P.M.; D.C.; Saquai, I.G.; Dewsnap, I.P.M.; Spiegel, Meyer, Martin, M. Alexander, and numerous other brethren. Visitors: Bros. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; John Ridler, 219; J. Jones, 866; W. Banbery, 217; W. Shurmar, P.M. 1471; E. A. Beer, 1471; S. Spaller, 1677; T. Berg, 1613; G. Gray, 1900; and Alf. Jacob, 1479.

The lodge being opened and minutes confirmed, Mr. George Chamberlain was initiated into the Order. Bros. Garrard, Pluckrose, Ansell, Cohen, and Waller, were passed to the Second Degree. Bros. Mitchell, Lyon, Lowrie, Rosenberg, and Bernstein, were raised to the Third Degree. Two petitions were then presented to be recommended to Grand Lodge, for relief, but only one was deemed worthy and necessary, another brother was handsomely

relieved by the brethren of the lodge. The Secretary read the circular letter from the Earl of Carnarvon, respecting the Jubilee Festival, when it was proposed by Bro. Spiegel, P.M., that those who had a wish to go, to give their names to the Secretary, and to ballot for the five tickets, which was agreed to; numerous brethren expressed their wish to go, so that the Lodge of Joppa will be properly represented.

The lodge was then closed and adjourned, and 62 brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet, which, by the new arrangement by the proprietor, gave general satisfaction, and I must not omit to mention the Champagne which they put on the table was generally appreciated, in fact, the best any house in London could provide.

The usual loyal and the other toasts being proposed and responded to respectively, and capital musical entertainment was provided by the W.M., under the management of Bro. Van Norden, the excellent veteran Organist, the brethren parted at a very late hour, highly pleased and satisfied.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).**—The first meeting since the installation and investment of officers was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. Edward Shewbrooks presided, and was supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. W. M. Pybus, I.P.M.; J. Moul, P.M.; J. G. Smith, P.M.; John Wood, P.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; Treas.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; R. Wightman, P.M.; W. Dalrymple, S.W.; Wm. Brown, J.W.; W. F. Raeburn, Sec.; T. Thompson, S.D.; William Richardson, J.D.; Rev. Wm. Bowker, Chap.; H. F. Dryden, I.G.; M. R. Wright and E. Carr, Stwds.; R. Ferry, Org.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. Amongst the other members and visitors present were Bros. W. J. Jobson, G. C. Potts, R. Swanson, W. J. Campbell, C. Green, W. Stafford, J. T. Harrison, W.M. 481; John Spearman, P.M. 481; Robt. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; A. M. Loades, P.M. 24; G. N. Patterson, Sec. 424; W. J. Pattison, 1427; J. Shaw, J.S. 24; H. Geipel, 1427; J. W. Robson, S.D. 1342; S. Gilham, Sec. 541; and others.

After the formal opening business, Mr. W. H. Tillar (elected at last meeting) was duly initiated by the W.M., and the working tools and charge were given by the J.W. Bros. Campbell, Glassman, and Gardner were afterwards passed as F.C.'s by the W.M. The implements and charge of the Degree being given by the S.W. The manner in which the W.M. and officers performed their duties was highly creditable and gave great satisfaction.

Other business having been transacted, and the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren tendered, the lodge was closed, when an adjournment was made to the refreshment room.

**LEICESTER.—Commercial Lodge (No. 1391).**—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. The meeting was a great success, and largely attended by the brethren of the lodge and visiting Provincial Grand Officers and other members of the Fraternity in this and neighbouring provinces. Lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. J. E. Beazeley, assisted by Bros. S. Knight, S.W.; R. B. Starkey, J.W.; J. G. Bower, J.D.; J. Widdowson, Sec.; and O. Jones, I.G. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Kelley, P.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M.; Rev. C. Henton Wood, Prov. G. Sec., P.M. 1560; F. B. Wilmer, W.M. 2028, P.G.S. of W.; C. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1391, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Marshall, P.M. 1007, P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Thompson, P.M. 1265, P.S.G.D.; J. G. Murdin, S.W. 523, Prov. G. Stwd.; F. J. Baines, P.M. 523, P.P.S.G.W.; Miles J. Walker, P.M. 1265, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Watson, P.M. 1391 and 2081, P.P.J.G.D.; R. L. Gibson, P.M. 1007, P.P.G.P.; J. Bland, P.M. 731, P.P.J.G.D. Derbyshire; E. Horne, I.P.M. 731; J. Metcalfe, 2028; W. H. Barrow, P.G. Org., S.D. 523; W. H. Lead, W.M. 2081; J. Cleaver, P.M. 279; C. E. Stretton, W.M. 279, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Macaulay, W.M. 1560; C. Lowenstein, W.M. 1007; G. Newsome, W.M. 523; Jno. L. West, W.M. 432; W. Duncan, 279; A. Lawrence, J. B. Waring, Sec.; and W. Bream, of 523; H. G. Marriott, 2028; W. Skinner, 1405; A. Rawson, 2028; W. R. Deeping, 279; J. Shinn, P.M. 737; R. R. Blackwell, 1560; T. Corcoran and W. H. Silverthorne, J.D. 1007; H. J. Todd, 442; J. Chisman, 275; T. Colman, S.W. 1265; F. G. Boden, S.W. 779; C. Henwood, J. Guntrip, A. C. Foulds, 1007; G. Jackson, 1007; J. Marshall, A. Chambers, J. E. Vary, C. H. Archer, G. Scampton, G. E. Barton, G. J. B. Worthy, T. Smith, T. A. Harrold, A. Richards, J. S. Perkins, Hall, Minson, and Talbot.

After the preliminary business was disposed of, Bro. S. Knight was installed into the chair of K.S. as Master of the lodge, and was saluted as such by the brethren in the customary manner. The duties of Installing Master were performed by the retiring Master of the lodge, Bro. J. E. Beazeley, in a most able and efficient manner, he likewise gave the numerous charges to the newly-installed Master. The able performance of these onerous duties by Bro. J. E. Beazeley, fittingly marked the close of a very successful year of office. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers, of whom the following are the names: Bros. J. E. Beazeley, I.P.M.; R. B. Starkey, S.W.; W. W. Vincent, J.W.; Rev. W. R. Hurd, Chap.; C. Oliver, P.M. 1007, Treasurer; J. G. Bower, Secretary; T. S. Ashwell, S.D.; H. Howe, J.D.; J. Harrison, P.M., D.C.; G. O. Marshall, Org.; A. Fergusson, I.G.; J. W. Beazeley and A. Chambers, Stewards.

The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren afterwards dined together in the banqueting room, when about eighty sat down, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. S. Knight.

Bro. Kelley, P.P.G.M., the "Father of Masonry" of the province, responded to the toast of "The M.W.G.M. and Grand Lodge of England," and expressed the great pleasure he had in being present, and the pleasure he had derived from the admirable working in the lodge. He expressed also his delight at the success of the lodge in the past year, and cordially wished a like prosperity under the rule of the new Master.

"The Health of the W.M., and Success to the Commercial Lodge" was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. J. E. Beazeley, who, in doing so, eulogized his successor, and expressed the pleasure he had experienced during his year of office, and acknowledged the assistance he had received

from the officers, Past Masters, and the brethren of the lodge, and hoped that Bro. Knight would have as pleasant and pleasurable year as he had done, the close of which he regarded with regret.

The Worshipful Master, in response, thanked the I.P.M. for the kindly way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial reception of it. He promised to do all that was possible on his part to make the coming year equal to any of its predecessors.

The other usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the very pleasant evening was further enlivened by music and recitations given by the brethren.

**HAMPTON COURT.—Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).**—An emergency meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 30th ult. The chair was occupied by Bro. H. Pritchard, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Dr. Oswald, S.W.; R. M. Jones, P.M., as J.W.; Cubitt, Treasurer; Levander, Secretary; Hutchison, S.D.; W. Hicklin, J.D.; Rev. W. S. Moses, Chaplain; A. Hicklin, I.G.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.M.; C. J. Wallis, P.M.; H. G. Buckley, C. E. Cassal, J. T. Wright, W. J. Morris, and John Gilbert, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. W. Pritchett, J.D. 1261; G. Harding, P.M. 1238; E. T. Smith, 1765; and J. Kitt, 1791.

The lodge having been opened in due form, a ballot was taken for Bro. W. J. Morris, No. 72, which proved unanimously favourable. Bro. J. T. Wright was then passed to the Second Degree in a most able and impressive manner by the W.M., who also gave the explanation of the tracing board. The W.M. having declared his intention of representing the lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Girls' School, the sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted to be put on his list as Steward.

Notice of motion for making certain alterations in the by-laws was given by the Secretary, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board, where an ample repast awaited them, provided by the worthy host, Bro. Sadler. A most pleasant evening was spent, under the genial presidency of the highly esteemed W.M. The enjoyment of the brethren was much enhanced by some excellent singing.

**TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—This influential lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 23rd ultimo. Among those present were Bros. A. H. Gurney, W.M.; Lieut. Col. Cuming, acting S.W.; E. Jenkins, J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Middx., P.M.; Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Sec.; Capt. A. Bunn, S.D.; Major-Gen. Cuming, P.G.S. Wales, &c., acting I.G.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; W. Taylor, P.P. G.W. Middx., P.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.G.S. Middx., I.P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. Davidson was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and Bro. Coombs was raised to the Third Degree by the I.P.M., both ceremonies being well performed. The sum of five guineas was voted to the list of the W.M. as Steward for the K.M.I. for Boys.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

**STAINDROP.—Rose of Raby Lodge (No. 1650).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Scarth Memorial Hall, on Tuesday, 26th ult. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. Foster, W.M., who was supported by his officers. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., P.M. 85, P.P.G.R. (Norfolk) then took the chair, and Bro. John Robinson, the W.M. elect, was presented and installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. John Fawcett, S.W.; J. P. Daley, J.W.; M. Bradley, S.D.; C. H. Sharp, J.D.; T. Neilson, I.G.; and Thos. Pyburn, Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the usual addresses, at the close of which he received the hearty thanks of the brethren for the able way in which he had rendered the impressive ritual. Bro. Dr. Hill Drury has been the Installing Master at this lodge for three years in succession. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, to celebrate their annual Festival, at which they were joined by a large contingent of brethren from the Darlington and Balmoral Castle Lodges.

**LIVERPOOL.—Antient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).**—With the earnestness which so largely characterises the natives of the Principality, the members of the above lodge (largely composed of Welsh brethren), consecrated about 10 years ago, have shown the true spirit of Masonry in connection with their history, standing almost first amongst lodges in the province in their contributions to the various Masonic Charitable Institutions. During the past year no less a sum than £112 was given to these benevolent schemes, and the accounts show a balance to the credit of the lodge of about £100.

At the installation meeting on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, the chair was taken by Bro. James Williams, W.M., who was supported by Bros. T. H. W. Walker, P.M.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Hughes, P.M.; W. E. Coxon, P.M.; T. Evans, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. R. Bottomley, P.M.; Treas.; S. J. Hughes, Sec.; John Lewis, S.W.; F. Sleight, J.W.; O. J. Rowlands, Asst. Sec.; David Williams, J.D.; D. J. Davies, I.G.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. E. George, P.M. 1356; John Lees, P.M. 1356; B. Holgate, W.M. 1356; Thomas Delamere, P.M. 1620; H. Hughes, J.W. 1356; J. Wood, 1094; J. M. Page, W.M. 292; W. H. Cook, W.M. 1013; Joseph Queen, W.M. 2042; R. Foote, P.P.G.T.; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P. S.G.D.; R. Martin, P.P.G.T.; J. Hawkins, W.M. 216; Hartley Wilson, S.W. 1356; T. Sowden, S.W. 786; J. A. Hignett, S.S. 1393; A. Cornett, 786; and others.

The chair was, after the preliminary business, handed over to Bro. D. Kellett Smith, the senior P.M. of the lodge, who most effectively installed the incoming W.M., Bro. J. Lewis, S.W., the presentation being made by Bros. J. H. W. Walker, P.M., and James Williams, P.M. The following officers were afterwards appointed and invested: Bros. James Williams, I.P.M.; F. Sleight, S.W.; S. J. Hughes,

J.W.; J. R. Bottomley, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); O. J. Rowlands, Sec.; D. J. Davies, S.D.; L. J. Godfrey Evans, J.D.; W. Hawkins, I.G.; G. Yates, Org.; J. K. Cave, Deputy Org.; R. M'Gee, S. M. Leigh, J. T. Jones, and J. S. Peak, Stewards; and J. H. W. Walker, P.M., D.C. Bro. M. Williamson was re-elected Tyler.

At the close of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master, and a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. by his successor, on behalf of the lodge. The brethren afterwards dined together under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Casey's catering giving entire satisfaction. The usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were heartily honoured, the music incidental to these being rendered by Bros. D. J. Davies, D. Williams, J. T. Jones, O. J. Rowlands, and L. Wynne, all of 1675, and E. Grime, N. F. Burt, T. Shaw, and J. Cantor, of 1609, accompanied by the Organist, Bro. Yates, and Bro. J. K. Cave, Deputy Organist, the very attractive programme being highly creditable to Bro. J. T. Jones, the musical director.

**BOLTON.**—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated at the Commercial Hotel, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., when there was a large attendance of members. The W.M. elect, Bro. T. B. Tong, was installed by Bro. Alexander Cosgrave, W.M., the ceremony being performed in a most impressive manner. Bro. Nathaniel Nicholson, P.M., Sec., invested the officers, and the lodge is now constituted as follows: Bros. T. B. Tong, W.M.; A. Cosgrave, I.P.M.; W. E. Bardsley, S.W.; B. Derham, J.W.; J. H. Greenhalgh, P.M., Treas.; N. Nicholson, P.M., Sec.; T. Naylor, S.D.; J. W. Hawksworth, J.D.; J. W. Taylor, Prov. S.G.D., D.C.; Whittaker and J. Miles, Organists; T. Morris, I.G.; J. B. Goulburn and T. E. Smith, Stewards; and T. Higson, Tyler. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.M. 37, 221, and 1723, P.G. Std. Br., delivered the address to the officers and brethren.

At the close of the business the banquet was held, successfully catered for by Mrs. Priestley, and the after proceedings were of a most enjoyable character, not the least feature being the entertainment provided by the full choir of the lodge, Bros. Miles and Whittaker presiding at the pianoforte, and Bro. Briercliffe at the harmonium.

The loyal and patriotic toasts were enthusiastically rendered, as also those of "The G.M.," "P.G.M.," and other Officers, including Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire."

The choir rendered several glees, quartettes, &c., in a most efficient manner, and several members contributed to the harmony of the evening, the musical programme being of a varied and enjoyable character. The lodge is in a most prosperous condition, and the year opens with considerable promise.

**TEDDINGTON.**—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This prosperous lodge met at the Clarence Hall, on the 27th ult., and among those present were Bros. Warner, W.M.; Finch, S.W.; Porter, J.W.; J. Piller, P.M., Treas.; Forge, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Hill, S.D.; Simmonds, J.D.; Barnes, I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; Ruffle, Org.; Gilbert, Tyler, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. T. Middleweek and W. Smith were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Hall, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. in a most able manner. The lodge elected the W.M., S. and J. Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, to represent them at the forthcoming meeting of Masons, to be held at the Albert Hall, under the presidency of his Royal Highness, the M.W.G.M., in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee.

Apologies for non-attendance having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren and their visitors adjourned to the banquet. Among the visitors were Bros. Cuff, P.M., of the Kilburn Lodge, and Crew of the Richmond Lodge. The usual toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was spent, thanks both to instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. Ruffle, Porter, Crew, Hall, Hill, and others.

**SHANKLIN (I. of W.).**—Chine Lodge (No. 1884).—At a meeting of the above lodge held on Thursday, 28th ult., at the New Institution, the following were present: Bros. A. Greenham, W.M.; J. Bailey, I.P.M., P.G.A. D.C.; F. Cooper, P.P.G.S., P.M., Treas.; F. Rayner, S.W.; J. H. McQueen, P.M., J.W.; Lewis Colenutt, Sec.; H. A. Matthews, J.D.; W. J. Mew, Tyler, Cantelow, G. H. Matthews, and R. Young. Visitors: Bros. Conner, P.M., J.W. 1809; Isod; and W. Cluett.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read, the Worshipful Master rose and presented two large photographs of the Shanklin Masonic Exhibition, framed, and said: In presenting these photographs I do so not only with pleasure, but with a certain amount of pride. I shall always feel proud of the Exhibition, and I believe every member of this lodge will also. It was not only a day which we shall always remember, but it is as it were a landmark in the career of this lodge which will have an important bearing upon its future. This is the first time since the Exhibition I have made any illusion to it of a general character, but I have often thought of the noble aid we received, not only from Shanklin but from the province and from Masons beyond it which made it the success it was. I intend to present at some future time a volume of letters, bound, which I have received from Masons in all parts of England and out of it, thanking me and thanking you for the splendid efforts made, not only in bringing that unrivalled collection together to be seen, but to have them so fully described, together with the notes of Bro. Hughan, forming a catalogue which Masonic students will ever be proud of. I look upon the results of that Exhibition far and beyond its effect on this lodge. I look upon its effects on Freemasonry in general; and depend upon it the tendency of the times is to gather up the historical threads of the Order, to preserve its ancient traditions and documents, to infuse into its members more enthusiasm for the literature of the Craft, and to study some of those priceless and unique gems which were pointed in the early days of speculative Masonry and exhibited in our Exhibition. It is because it was felt to have an important influence on the Craft in general,

partly by reason of its being so large and valuable, and because the largest and wealthiest exhibitors all gave their aid so willingly, and the Masonic historian of England, Bro. Hughan, amidst his many labours and without knowing any of us, appended his notes to the Exhibition, which will for ever stamp it as an authority. There was a vast amount of labour in connection with it, but when I call to remembrance the appreciation I have received from Masons in general, I feel sure all of us will look back upon that great effort with pride and satisfaction. It has given an impetus to this phase of Freemasonry, which I believe will roll on and benefit the Craft in general, for I think there is a more liberal application of its surroundings, and a growing feeling that its sphere is not limited to conferring the three Degrees of Masonry, and that feeling of research which is promoting the growth of Masonic intellectuality will absorb into its power, embrace, and utilise not only its historical and symbolic literature, but the products of the literary men of to-day, and the lodge room will in time become the medium of spreading Masonic knowledge to a greater extent than at present, and, I trust, correcting some of the prejudices one now and then is made aware of. Very few of you are aware that from among some of my Masonic friends in the Island I met with very severe criticism and rebuke for allowing the patronage of ladies and gentlemen to the Exhibition catalogue, and I was made aware that not only had I passed beyond the bounds of prudence, but I had lost their patronage and their guineas. I accepted then the entire responsibility, I admitted I consulted no one, and I bore the brunt of their criticism; but this much I will say, the names of the ladies and gentlemen as patrons in the catalogue are an honour to it. But, brethren, time has worked a vindication of my conduct, not only in that but in admitting the public, which was equally censured. I read in a Plymouth paper (and in fact you have heard the circular this evening) that Bro. Hughan himself—no mean authority, mark you—proposed that any lady or gentleman contributing a guinea could become a patron of precisely a similar exhibition, and to which the public will be admitted. I confess I read that with satisfaction, because as a young Mason it shows my impulses, which had no precedent to guide them, were right and well founded, and it also proves that this dissemination of Masonic knowledge will play a greater part in the future in spreading Masonry and enhancing its value as an Institution. The usefulness of the Craft must move with the times, and though, years ago, those esoteric portions of Masonry were kept concealed and hidden it serves no useful purpose now, and checks the legitimate growth of the Craft. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, and the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Goble, were exhibitors, and are both imbued with a love for the literature of the Craft. If you looked at Bro. Le Feuvre's collection, starting as it did with Constitutions of Grand Lodge, which, I am pleased to say, he has now a complete set of, the value of which is very considerable, for I only know of one other complete set—Bro. George Taylor's; if you looked at his collection you would have seen it embraced old works on the principles and practices of the Craft that the province had no knowledge of, and would have no opportunity of examining except for this Exhibition, and these valuable collections may perhaps some day lead to a provincial library, as suggested at the exhibition banquet by Bro. Goble. The photographs which I present to-night are of the Exhibition, and they mark this point in the history of the Order—that the Shanklin Exhibition, which our Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., honoured us by opening, was the pioneer for diffusing in a public form a knowledge of the richest gems of the Craft, and I am proud to say our example is being followed by the Plymouth Masons. The box which I have brought here contains the records of the Exhibition. I believe in treasuring everything pertaining to this lodge, for it is years ago I gave a very humble wooden box to preserve the archives of the lodge in. In years to come the records of this institution, when we shall be no longer carrying on this lodge, will be more highly valued than they are to-day; but this I am fully convinced of, that the Shanklin Exhibition the Craft universally felt proud of, the American press hailing it with pleasure. Therefore, in giving this archive box to preserve its records, I am saving for the future that which will be valuable.

Bro. F. Rayner, S.W., proposed that the best thanks of the lodge be given to the W.M., and recorded on the minutes, for his kindness in presenting the two very fine photographs of the Masonic Exhibition as well as the archive box, wherein would be preserved all the documents relating to that memorable event. Those who assisted the W.M. in carrying to such a successful issue the Exhibition, would not be likely to forget the immense amount of time he devoted to it, and the zeal and energy he displayed from the beginning to the end, and even, if they were at all likely to forget it, the two splendid specimens of photographic art which will further adorn the walls of the lodge would always remind them of the great interest the W.M. had in the lodge, by making such handsome presentations which would be looked on and read with pleasure in future years by those who followed them and became members of Chine Lodge.

The Worshipful Master then rose and said: I have the pleasure of presenting the photo, framed, of Bro. D. P. Cama, in Masonic clothing, as Grand Treasurer. It is a very great compliment to Chine Lodge, and I have also been honoured with one myself. Bro. Cama was interested in the Exhibition and was a patron, and now he has shown his appreciation of our efforts, and is a patron of the Chine Lodge Jubilee Fund, as the following letter will show:—

"Dear Sir and Brother,  
"I enclose a cheque for one guinea, which please place on the list of Chine Lodge Jubilee Fund, wishing your noble appeal will be supported by our Craft.—I remain, yours fraternally,  
(Signed) "D. P. CAMA, Grand Treasurer."

I have also received a similar letter from Bro. F. Hastings Goldney, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, enclosing a guinea and giving his patronage to our Jubilee Fund. Bro. Cama has been elected to the highest office Grand Lodge could confer, and those who know how much he has done for Masonry, and how liberal he was to the Institutions, would think the honour well deserved. His Masonic record is a bright one, and the lodge called after him will perpetuate his name. I am proud to think he considers the Chine Lodge worthy of his photograph, and of hanging side by side with our worthy Past Masters. I feel sure it will ever be appreciated and valued. I propose that our best thanks be con-

veyed to him, and that we assure him his kindness will be remembered and his photograph treasured.

Bro. Richard Young rose to second the vote of thanks proposed by the W.M., and, commenting upon points in the eloquent speech to which the members had so attentively listened, and with the sentiments of which they cordially agreed, observed that no doubt the spirit and purpose of Freemasonry were far-reaching and comprehensive, hence the generous reciprocity which existed among the brethren in all climes and of all nationalities. But on the present occasion it was only fair to remark that if the enterprise and zeal displayed by Bro. Greenham had not found scope and success in the late exhibition of Masonic treasures, the honours which had distinguished the chair of 1886 would certainly not have reflected honour upon the brethren. The circumstance therefore would seem a most happy one in confirming the opinion that Chine Lodge Exhibition had made its mark upon the constitutional history of Freemasonry in advancing the interests of the Craft and conferring high honour upon the Executive Committee. The members one and all present desired to express this recognition of the services of their W.M., while appreciating the honour of being associated with his enterprise.

The W.M., Bro. Greenham, then rose and said: I have another surprise for you, but it is one which will give you great pleasure to see. I have the pleasure to be the medium of presenting the photograph of Bro. J. H. McQueen, P.M. of the Old Enoch Lodge, No. 11, and J.W. of this lodge, and I must say it is a splendid life-size photograph of him. I had the privilege of proposing him as a member of this lodge. I felt then to have a Past Master of his rank and position in a lodge which has seen its centenary years ago, joining our lodge was of itself alone, without the individuality of Bro. McQueen, a good thing for Chine Lodge. A very old lodge has a peculiar charm for me, and I think a Past Master of such a lodge more to be envied than one who has passed the chair of one recently created. You are all aware how real his interest in this lodge has been since he joined us, in fact, I may say he has taken an interest in other lodges, and joined them, but Chine Lodge in this respect is his favourite, and long may it continue to be so, and, I trust, deserve it. We were all very proud of having him as a member, and I was more so to have him as a Warden of this lodge. I felt then he conferred a great honour on me in accepting that office, and we all look on to a prouder day when that latent appreciation of yours will be allowed a spontaneous outburst, and his kindness to us remembered. To have his photograph here will influence the lodge for good, and prove to all who see it, be they members or visitors, that he considers us worthy, and it is an encouragement for younger members to take a greater interest in the lodge and Masonry, and we can all look to the future with pleasure when he shall rule over us. If there is one year of office, if I am spared, that I shall do my very best to make brilliant, if there is one installation that I shall throw my heart and soul in, to make memorable, it will be Bro. McQueen's, for both mine has been graced by his generous acts, that will perpetuate his name, and made my installation days to be remembered in Isle of Wight Masonry. I do not wish to repeat my remarks that I made on Bro. Newman's photograph, but I do feel that amid all the depressing difficulties our heavy debt entails, these presentations to Chine Lodge prove to me we shall emerge through them, and the kind and generous acts of Bro. McQueen has always been, and will always be, appreciated by me, and by every member of this lodge, and the vote of thanks to him will, I know, be heartily and unanimously agreed to.

Bro. John Bailey, I.P.M., Prov. A.G.D.C. Hants and Isle of Wight, said: I had the pleasure to second Bro. McQueen as a member of this lodge, and I second the resolution now, and express my grateful thanks, not only for this gift but for all Bro. McQueen has done for us; our walls are adorned with many gifts, but none will be more valued than this one.

Bro. F. Cooper, P.M., desired in a few words to express how grateful he felt for the interest Bro. McQueen was taking in Chine Lodge, as evidenced by his generosity, and identifying himself with it as he was doing now.

Bro. J. Conner, P.M., P.P.G. Sec. Lanarkshire, and J.W. of 1869, begged the W.M. to allow him to say that Bro. McQueen had done also as much for their lodge. He had endowed the chair of their lodge in the Benevolent Institution, and they also had a small debt connected with the formation of the lodge, and Bro. Queen had helped them to reduce that, and he was quite sure the Sandown brethren felt deeply indebted to him.

Bro. J. H. McQueen briefly returned thanks. He said since he became a Mason he had endeavoured to the best of his ability to help on Masonry, and the Institutions that were maintained by Masons. He was very glad that what he had done—and he tried to do what lay in his power—was appreciated. He agreed with the W.M. that the debt was a heavy burden on the lodge, and should he ever be in the chair of Chine Lodge he should try to reduce it, and he approved of the efforts of the Worshipful Master to do so.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room to the usual lodge dinner. After the loyal toasts had been duly honoured,

Bro. McQueen proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which, he was sure, would be well received.

Bro. Greenham, W.M., in replying, thanked the brethren for the kind reception given to his toast. They all knew he tried to do his best for the lodge, particularly for the lodge debt. However, that night he had to make a humiliating confession that he had deprived the lodge of £5 per year benefit, or the interest on £100 debt. He felt sure their regret would be great, but his was greater. In closing down that night in rising for tee second and third time he did not enquire if any of them had aught to propose for the benefits of Masonry, &c., or if Bro. McQueen intended to offer the mortgage at a lower rate of interest, saving them £100 a year. He had worked hard to get £100, and to think he should lose that through his ignorance—(Bro. McQueen: Negligence)—well, perhaps, negligence, or a little of both—would be a regret, and the first one he had had to associate with the Chine Lodge. Bro. McQueen intended to punish his forgetfulness, for at their next lodge he thought he would be away, and some of them would perhaps remind him of it in the future. To him it was a matter of profound regret, and he could only say that he was sincerely sorry that he had been the means of robbing that lodge of a great advantage. In concluding he gave them "The Health of the Wardens and Officers

of China Lodge," which, he was sure from the way in which they had supported him, would be cordially received.

Bro. F. Rayner, S.W., said: I am very sorry to hear the W.M. say he has missed such a golden opportunity of reducing the debt, but if I can venture to make an excuse it is this, that at the Lodge of Instruction our W.M. is thinking of our wives. I mean he is anxious to let us go home as early as we can to them, and it is generally near 10 o'clock, for our convenience he rises sharply, and does not make the enquiry after the first time. I trust Bro. McQueen will take that into consideration, and feel that to this habit must be attributed his omission this evening.

Bro. McQueen, in responding, was assured at the excuse given by the Senior Warden, that the W.M. was thinking of their wives, and so omitted a part of the ritual, however, he would make the offer he intended to in lodge, by taking over the mortgages at the lower rate of interest mentioned.

The W.M. subsequently rose and thanked Bro. McQueen for his kindness.

**YORK.—Agricola Lodge (No. 1901).**—The installation of Bro. J. Martin, M.D., S.W., as W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year, took place in the Agricola Masonic Rooms, on Monday afternoon, the 25th ult., when there was a good attendance of brethren and several visitors. The ceremony was performed by Bro. B. Polkinghorne, P.M., who officiated as Installing Officer. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers: Bros. B. Polkinghorne, P.M., I.P.M.; A. M. White, S.W.; J. H. Taylor, J.W.; F. Woolnough, Secretary; W. P. Bellerby, Treasurer; J. E. Wilkinson, S.D.; W. H. Wigham, J.D.; G. Manton, I.G.; T. Harding, J. Eccles, and J. Sutcliffe, Stwds.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Chap.; J. Thomson, D.C.; and E. Osborne, Tyler. The ballot was then taken for Sergt.-Major J. Genese (Medical Staff Corps), and proving unanimously in his favour, he was initiated by the newly-installed W.M., who afterwards passed Bro. Latham (Commissariat and Transport Corps), to the Second Degree.

On the lodge being closed, a long toast list was afterwards gone through, including the usual loyal and Masonic toasts and "The Health of the W.M."

Several of the brethren contributed songs and recitations.

**WATFORD.—Earl of Clarendon Lodge (No. 1984).**—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 28th ult. There was a numerous attendance, including Bros. W. T. Graves, P.P.G. Stwd., W.M.; R. Townsend, S.W.; T. C. Grant, Treas.; S. Goodchild, Sec.; W. T. Boydley, S.D.; W. Large, P.M., D.C.; C. Sturman, I.G.; H. J. Gillard, P.P.G.D. Herts; A. G. Brett, P.M.; Dawson, D.P.G.M. Herts; and many others. Visitors: Bros. F. Delavanti, P.M. 1319; J. H. Casson, P.M. 1635, P.P.G.O. Derby; E. St. Clair, 14; J. Brock, P.M. 299; S. Martin, I.P.M. 404; J. Whaley, W.M. 172; H. Clarke, I.G. 1837; W. Green, 1604; H. J. Turner, P.M. 1608; E. Bacon, 1607; A. Boehr, P.M. 1515; D. O. Brian, 889; H. Cattermole, S.W. 1839; C. P. Ayres, 404; J. H. Jones, Org. 1695; W. Wilson, 1580; G. F. Marshall, P.M. 69; J. R. Mills, 2045; A. Stradling, J.D. 404; C. E. Bulling, 1287; A. B. Archer, 1163; J. L. Cooke, J.W. 2128; R. Fendick, P.M. 1426; J. L. Jones, P.M. 1670, P.P.G.D. Middx.; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; J. T. Crawford, 766; R. C. Wilson, 766; A. Hubbard, 813; H. J. Dutton, 1706; W. H. Morris, J.W. 404; E. Bamford, P.M. 1549; H. Parkin, 1319; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the preceding regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. B. O. Hewitt was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in a very impressive manner by the W.M. Ballot was successfully taken in favour of Bro. G. H. Thomas, 2045, as a joining member, and Mr. George Watkins as a candidate for initiation. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and Bro. R. Townsend, S.W., having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair according to ancient custom. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. T. Boydley, J.W.; T. C. Grant, P.M., Treas.; S. Goodchild, Sec.; G. Sturman, S.D.; H. Honeycombe, J.D.; W. Large, P.M., D.C.; F. Fisher, I.G.; W. T. Whittington, Steward; and C. Thomas, Tyler. Bro. J. Rogers, being unavoidably absent, his investiture as S.W. was postponed. The usual addresses were then effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Graves, I.P.M., who performed the ceremony throughout in a most successful manner.

The I.P.M. then asked the lodge to accept from him a handsome album, as a memento of his year in the chair. On the motion of Bro. Gillard, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the I.P.M. for his kind and generous gift, and the motion placed upon the minutes. The circular from the Pro G.M. was then considered, and, after a slight discussion, the five tickets for the Albert Hall meeting were distributed amongst the W.M., two Wardens, and two P.M.'s respectively. Bro. Gillard, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Graves, I.P.M., for the very able and efficient manner in which he had rendered the installation ceremony, and said the brethren would agree with him that it had been all that could be desired. The motion, having been seconded by the Secretary, was carried with acclamation. Bro. Graves, I.P.M., briefly returned thanks for this further mark of their favour.

There being no further business for transaction, the lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the Corn Exchange, which had been hung with tapestry and curtains, and beautifully decorated, under the direction of Bro. Whittington, who is to be congratulated on the result of his labours. A very pretty and pleasing effect was given by Clarke's fairy lights, which, to the number of 340, were distributed over the room, and, true to their name, gave a fairy-like and charming finish to the effective decorations.

Ample justice having been done to a substantial repast, the usual toasts were duly and heartily honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Grand Officers," and "The Prov. G.M." having been given, The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers," and said that no words of his were needed to commend the toast to their notice, for he knew that as soon as Bro. Dawson's name was mentioned, its success and hearty reception was ensured.

Bro. Dawson, Dep. P.G.M. Herts, in reply, said it was

very gratifying to find, wherever they went, that the P.G. Officers were always warmly proposed from the chair, and most cordially received by the brethren. Those who had been fortunate enough to gain the purple had done good suit and service in the Craft, and in their official connection with the province faithfully and zealously carried out the duties entrusted to them. He thanked the brethren on their behalf for the warm reception accorded the toast. He felt he must add another word, and thank them on his own behalf for the kind reception they had given him. If the Prov. Grand Master were present he would say that as there are a large number of lodges in the province, the difficulty in the selection of Prov. Grand Officers increases year by year. They did not admit the word jealousy in Masonry, and the Prov. G. Master was always most anxious to act impartially in the distribution of honours. To those brethren who would like the purple, but who had not yet been selected, he would say, in the words of the Lord High Executioner of the "Mikado"—"We have got you on the list, and none shall be miss'd." He had the privilege of assuming the gavel to propose what he considered the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M." Their present occupant of the chair had to follow Bro. Graves, who had done an immense deal of good for that lodge. It was very well for a brother to accept the office of W.M., and preside over the banquet in an agreeable manner, but it was another thing for a brother to do the work as thoroughly as their I.P.M. had done. In the initiation ceremony it was necessary to have good working, for if the work was not well done, the candidate would have a hazy notion of Freemasonry, and not be impressed. But if the ritual is properly rendered he knows there is something more in Masonry than what is called the "fourth" Degree, and makes a study of it. The W.M. that evening was surrounded by those who appreciated and esteemed him, and who were present to evince the regard they had for him. It augured well for his term of office when they saw brethren come forward to support him at the commencement of his year, and he was convinced that twelve months hence, when he hoped to be present, they would be able to congratulate him upon a very successful year in the chair.

Bro. R. Townsend, W.M., after heartily thanking the brethren for their kind reception of the toast, said he fully appreciated the kind remarks made by the Dep. P.G.M. As they would admit he was but a juvenile in his present position, they would no doubt take the will for the deed, and excuse him from making any lengthy speech. He assured them that he was fully aware of the difficulties in following such an excellent brother as the I.P.M., but he would do his best to successfully carry out the duties.

"The I.P.M." was then given by the W.M., who said he regarded the duty of proposing the toast as a very pleasing one. He should try to emulate the excellent example set by Bro. Graves whilst in the chair, and if he failed it would not be for lack of energy or zeal. During the last year they had had a W.M. of whom they always would be proud, for he had carried out the duties in a very creditable manner. His year had been characterised by painstaking work, and his anxiety and willingness to do anything for the welfare of the lodge. He (the W.M.) would take that opportunity of presenting him with the jewel, which the lodge had unanimously voted as a very small recognition of the admirable services he had rendered. He also had much pleasure in presenting him with a beautiful engraving representing the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., in 1875. He hoped Bro. Graves would live for many years to wear the Past Master's jewel, and he asked him to accept the engraving as a token of the esteem and affection with which he was regarded by every member of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge.

Bro. W. T. Graves, P.P.G. Stwd. Herts., I.P.M., in reply said he could not adequately express his thanks for these marks of their favour. He thanked the W. Master very sincerely for his kind remarks, and the brethren generally for the magnificent jewel, which he should look upon with pride. He hoped that his son would be spared long enough to be initiated into Freemasonry, when he would be able to understand and appreciate the honour they had conferred upon him. He had no idea that a secret could be kept in so small a place as Watford, but he assured them that they had quite taken him by surprise in presenting him with the valuable picture. He thought that he had scarcely deserved that honour, for he had but done his duty as every brother ought to do, and he was more than gratified if the brethren were satisfied with his efforts. He was sure the work of their present W.M. would far eclipse anything he had done, and he could only sincerely hope the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength to carry out the duties of his high office with credit to himself, and satisfaction to the brethren.

Bro. J. H. Casson, P.P.G.O. Derby, in response for "The Visitors," said he was not aware when he received an invitation from his esteemed friend Bro. Graves, I.P.M., that he should receive a further honour by being called upon to respond. There were many visitors present of greater worth in the Craft than himself, but there were none present who more fully appreciated the delightful afternoon they had spent in the lodge, and the profuse hospitality they had received at the banquet table. It had been a great treat to him to see the admirable working of the I.P.M. He had attended many lodges in England and other places, but he had never seen a lodge worked with greater unanimity and smoothness. The I.P.M. had been a great friend of his, and he esteemed him accordingly, and thanked him personally for the great pleasure he had given him in affording him the opportunity of spending such a pleasurable and profitable evening.

Bro. Jones, P.M. 1670, P.P.G.D. Middx., also replied.

Bro. W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211, replied for "The Charities," which was given in appropriate terms by the W.M., and on behalf of the three Institutions tendered hearty thanks for the reception accorded it. They were all aware that Bro. Terry had had a most unprecedented success for the R.M.B.I., and also that the Festival of the Girls' School would take place on the 11th May. The work these Institutions are doing is well known, and it must be gratifying to all Masons who are desirous of the welfare of these Institutions, that the Girls' School had taken on all the candidates at the last meeting of the Quarterly Court. On behalf of the Boys' School, he should like to be able to announce to Bro. Binckes the name of a brother to serve as Steward at the next Festival of this deserving but needy Institution. By this means something might be done which would redound to the credit of their lodge, and the credit of the Jubilee year.

"The Officers" having been duly given and responded to by the brethren concerned, the Tyler's toast brought a successful and pleasant meeting to a close.

An excellent programme of music, under the direction of Bro. W. T. Graves, I.P.M., added considerably to the enjoyment of the brethren. Amongst those who assisted were the Misses Large and Graves, Bros. A. Hubbard, Henry Parkin, Hy. Haywood, H. Dutton, and G. Young.

**CLEATOR MOOR.—Stirling Lodge (No. 1989).**—The annual installation of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. Bro. H. Ward, W.M., opened the lodge, when the minutes were confirmed, and Bro. Chas. Gowan, P.M., P.G. Swd. Br., assumed the chair, and Bro. J. Bewley, W.M. elect, was presented and installed in a most efficient manner, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Rothery, S.W.; R. Walker, J.W.; Ed. Clarke, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; Chas. Gowan, P.M., Sec.; J. McHarry, S.D.; J. Dickinson, J.D.; Wm. Heathcote, D.C.; Ed. Irwin, I.G.; J. Friars, J. Nixon, and R. Rothery, Stwds.; and Geo. Watson, Tyler. The following brethren signed: Bros. Thos. H. Nesbitt, P.M. 1004 and 2050, and first Prov. Grand Sec.; Dr. Speirs, 1989; J. Johnston, A. W. Turner, R. Hindmarch, Alex. Hardie, A. R. Benson, J. D. Welsh, Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. P. Moordaff, 371; J. Hutchinson, 371; Thos. Brakenridge, W.M. 872; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. D. P. Field, S.W.; J. S. Moffat, J.W.; J. M. Clarke, S.D.; J. Lewthwaite, W.M. 962, P.G. Stwd.; R. Smith, 1267; Henry Hartley, John Nicholson, L. Ward, P.M. 1400, P.A.G. Purst.; G. H. S. Smith, I.G. 1400; J. Morten, S.D.; B. Craig, I.P.M. 1660; J. Dickson, J.W.; and others.

With the usual good wishes from the visitors, the lodge was closed in form, and the newly-installed Master invited all to accompany him to the Queen's Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an evening spent a credit to the infant lodge of the province.

**CROYDON.—George Price Lodge (No. 2096).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. H. M. Hobbs, P.S.G.D. Surrey, W.M.; F. T. Ridpath, S.W.; E. Samuel, J.W.; J. S. Fraser, Sec.; M. L. Levèy, S.D.; W. G. Goode, J.D.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, I.G.; W. C. Oates, D.C.; W. Lane, Tyler; G. Price, P.G. Treas. Surrey; Rev. G. P. Merrick, P.P.G. Chap. Surrey; D. Guedalla, E. C. Leaver, R. W. Wilson, J. C. Leaver, E. C. Holdsworth, L. Percival, C. Holden, and H. H. Aston. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Ranson, W.M. 1790; J. Kilvington, S.D. 1790; and W. Fox Hawes, S.D. 403.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting, and of the emergency meetings were read and confirmed, with the exception of the resolution altering the day of meeting. The ballot was taken for Mr. Lionel Percival, and being unanimous in his favour he was duly initiated into Freemasonry. The Secretary having read the by-laws, Bro. F. T. Ridpath, S.W., was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year, Bro. J. C. Leaver, Treasurer, and Bro. W. Lane, Tyler. The W.M. gave notice of motion as follows: "That the meetings of the lodge take place on the second Saturday instead of the fourth Wednesday of the month, and that the installation meeting be changed from May to June." The Master elect having expressed his wish to be present at the meeting at the Albert Hall, in June, it was resolved "That the four remaining tickets should be balloted for."

An Audit Committee having been appointed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

## INSTRUCTION.

**ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).**—A meeting was held at York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 2nd inst., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. H. Marsden, 73; W.M.; H. Halliday, 2160, S.W.; W. F. Hall, 192, J.W.; J. Passingham, 193, S.D.; J. B. Smith, 813, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, 2148, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, 179 and 788, Preceptor; C. Sheppard, P.M. 1366, Sec.; C. A. Ifter, 1897 and 2191, Asst. Sec.; J. Kew, P.M. 179; E. R. Smith, 1044; C. Smales, 1604; A. Giddings, 1194; S. T. Halls, 1310; J. R. Gamble, 706; W. H. Lawrence, 1987; H. Bangs, 1693; and Dr. J. Powdrell, 1744.

The lodge was opened in regular form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in Second Degree. Bro. Hill, offering himself as a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions leading to that Degree, was duly entrusted and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Lodge closed in the Third Degree. Bro. Preceptor worked the First Section of the Lecture. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. Preceptor proposed, and Bro. J. W. seconded, that the S.W. be elected as W.M. for ensuing week—carried unanimously. The officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

**HIGHGATE LODGE (No. 1366).**—A meeting was held at the Bull and Gate, Kentish Town, on Thursday, the 28th ult., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Giddings, W.M.; Quartly, S.W.; Cluff, J.W.; Hill, S.D.; Garratt, J.D.; Nash, I.G.; Frost, P.M., Preceptor; and Scattergood, Sec.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Scattergood, having offered himself as a candidate for passing, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was most ably rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a most effective manner. Bro. Quartly candidate, Bro. Nash, 1668, was unanimously elected a joining member. Notice was given that the Fifteen Sections would be worked on the 5th and 12th inst., 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 2nd inst., at the Forchster Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. O. W. Battley, W.M.; C. S. Mote, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. Bailey, S.D.; M. Rosenberg, J.D.; Hardy, W.M. 201, I.G.; J. Laurence, Stwd.; F. T. C. Keeble, P.M. 1426; Dr. Ingleby-Mackenzie, P.M. 372, 30° (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656; W. Seaman, E. F. Ferris, J. Smith, and W. Harris. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Huntley, 1425, and E. A. Warfield, 704.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hardy rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Seaman candidate. The eight women's proxies belonging to the lodge of instruction were given to Bro.

Keeble to assist the widow of a late brother, who was a member. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree by Bro. Battley. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Chandler being candidate. Bros. Huntley and Warfield were unanimously elected members. Bro. Mote was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. It was then notified that Bro. James Terry, Secretary R.M.B.I., had kindly consented to rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation at the first meeting in June—viz., the 6th, at 8 p.m. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Keeble for acting as Preceptor in the unavoidable absence of Bro. G. Read. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 21st ult. Bro. D. Hills, as W.M., opened the lodge, supported by Bros. J. L. Barrett, S.W.; A. S. Josling, J.W.; J. Tattersall, S.D.; F. Rush, J.D.; J. H. Gaskin, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; W. Paddle, P.M.; Treas.; W. J. Ball, Sec.; J. K. Pitt, F. J. Smith, M. Spiegel, and others.

The work comprised the opening in the three respective Degrees, the 1st Section and ceremony in M.M. Degree, and the closing ceremonies. A very satisfactory evening's instruction was afforded to all present.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., Bro. James Stevens, Preceptor, rehearsed the ceremony of installation of W.M., placing Bro. A. Josling in the chair of K.S., who invested, with appropriate addresses, Bros. J. K. Pitt, S.W.; F. Rush, J.W.; J. Fogden, S.D.; J. L. Barrett, J.D.; J. Gaskin, I.G.; W. H. Paddle, P.M., Treas.; and W. J. Ball, Sec. The other brethren present included Bros. M. Spiegel, who acted as P.M. and D.C. throughout the installation ceremony, H. Whitehouse, F. J. Smith, F. Bailey, and others.

The Audit report was produced and read at this meeting, and a favourable balance was shown in the treasury. It is intended to increase the attractive character of this lodge of instruction by the purchase of additional Masonic regalia, and also to constitute a second Charitable Association in aid of the Masonic Charities on the lines of that lately closed, and which was so eminently successful.

The agenda of work for the remainder of the present session is arranged as follows: May 12th—Ceremony in Second Degree, and 2nd and 3rd Sections of Lecture; 19th—Ceremony in Third Degree, and 3rd Section of Lecture; 26th—Fifteen Sections, June 2nd—Ceremony in First Degree, and 6th and 7th Sections of Lecture; 9th—Ceremony in Second Degree, and 4th and 5th Sections of Lecture; 16th—Ceremony in Third Degree, and address by Preceptor; 23rd—Resumé of the foregoing work in all Degrees; 30th—Preceptor's night: entry drill, social board, and close of season. Members of other lodges will be heartily welcomed at these meetings.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. A. Austin, W.M.; Ladd, S.W.; J. Block, J.W.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; Steng, S.D.; Pullen, J.D.; Hurl, I.G.; C. R. Williams, E. Fullick, A. Arrowsmith, W. Roots, J. Hattersley, Harry Kedgley, P.M.; and George Emblyn.

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. Fallick candidate. The lodge was called off. Ballot was taken for five allotments of £5 5s. each in connection with the Chaucer Charitable Association. The lodge was called on. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. W. Roots. 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 4th inst., at the Restaurant, Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Coleman, W.M.; Lane, S.W.; Ogg, J.W.; Brindley, P.M., acting Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Green, jun., S.D.; Wynn, J.D.; Spon, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Coughlan, P.M.; Snales, Mimms, Whitehead, Haseldine, Thorburn, Falconer, Corby, Goode, Hershorn, Holden, Sutton, Grafton, and Evans.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was given by Bro. Mimms and adopted. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Corby being the candidate. Bro. Goode answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Goode duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Whitehead, who rehearsed the ceremony of investiture of officers. Bro. Corby gave the three addresses. Bro. Falconer was elected a member. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. J. D. Graham, W.M.; F. W. Cash, S.W.; H. Crookes, J.W.; G. H. Reynolds, S.D.; A. Bullen, J.D.; G. F. Swan, I.G.; E. Chamberlain, acting as Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; A. Cogliati, A. Clark, and J. Woodward.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. H. Reynolds having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. F. Swan. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. A. Bullen, having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. J. D. Graham resumed the chair, and Bro. G. F. Swan that of I.G. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. E. Chamberlain proposed that Bro. F. W. Cash, 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. E. Chamberlain proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. J. D. Graham, W.M., for the excellent manner in which he had occupied the chair in the lodge for the first time. He had carried out the duties most satisfactorily, and had worked the ceremony of initiation in a clear and precise manner—seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on the 3rd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Neville, W.M.; Hubbard, S.W.; W. C. Williams, J.W.; Woods, S.D.; Uresden, J.D.; Keene, I.G.; Cochran, P.M., acting Preceptor; Wills, Dimsdale, R. H. Williams, Sims, P. J. Davies, Craggs, and Stroud.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wills being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. R. H. Williams. Lodge being resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, the officers being appointed in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was carried to Bro. Neville for the very 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. 1780).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Taylor, W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Wombell, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Coleman, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; Brindley, P.M., I.G.; Green, jun., Jamieson, Clarkson, and Green, P.M.

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. Jamieson being the candidate. Bro. Green, 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. Green being the candidate. Bro. Jamieson, a F.C., answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Brindley, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of this Lecture. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that Bro. Wake, 2030, be elected a joining member of this lodge. It was also unanimously carried that Bro. Glover be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Smyth, W.M.; Child, P.M., S.W.; Jennings, J.W.; E. Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Wood, S.D.; Cross, J.D.; Stonnill, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; Stroud, P.M.; Cockerill, Benton, Cotton, Craggs, and Higginson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Benton candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cotton candidate. The 1st and 4th Sections were worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his occupying the chair for the first time. Bro. Child was elected W.M. for next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 30th inst. Present: Bros. E. Ayling, P.M., W.M.; G. Gardner, P.M., S.W.; J. Wood, J.W.; A. Williams, Sec.; J. Davies, S.D.; W. G. Coat, J.D.; C. Hopkins, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; Spiegle, P.M.; D. S. Long, E. Aslett, F. Craggs, W. W. Williams, D. Stroud, and P. J. Davies. Bro. Cotton 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. Cotton, 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 by the W.M. in such a manner as to gain the high commendation of the brethren, Bro. Cotton candidate. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Davies. Bro. Cotton was elected a member, 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 2nd inst. Present: Bros. Steele, W.M.; Wright, S.W.; Glover, J.W.; Beavan, S.D.; Boulton, J.D.; Gibbs, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Coe, Partridge, Coates, Ruffie, Heathcote, Wood, Cole, Burnett, Rowe, Stubbs, and Lissimore.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Andrews, Ruffie, and Lissimore, respectively, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Wood as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. Burnett proposed, and Bro. Westley seconded, Bro. Cole, 1744, as a joining member. Carried unanimously. Bro. Cole thanked the brethren, and hoped to be present as often as possible. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Wright, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Wright returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Secretary announced the working of the Fifteen Sections at the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington; when the respected Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. Westley, would be J.W. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**CROYDON.—EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD (No. 463).**—A meeting was held at the King's Arms Hotel, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. Ridpath, W.M.; Fenn, S.W.; Budd, J.W.; Chamberlain, S.D.; Cambridge, J.D.; Salter, I.G.; Hobbs, Preceptor; and Homes, Sec. There was a good attendance, and amongst the visitors Bro. Hopekirk, A.G.P.

Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Dr. Matthey being candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the W.M. gave the charge. Bro. Hopekirk was unanimously elected a member of the lodge, and observed what great advantages were to be obtained from attending lodges of instruction. This being the last night of the session, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hobbs, P.S.G.D. Surrey, the Preceptor, and to the Secretary for their services during the session, and after the W.M. had risen and nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, the 6th September next. This lodge has had a very successful session.

## Royal Arch.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual convocation of this flourishing chapter was held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at which were present Comps. Hilton, M.E.Z.; Grumant, P.Z., acting H.; Addington, J.; C. W. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; North, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Beneditti, 2nd A.S.; W. Cowley, P.Z.; Ramsey, P.Z.; Crook, Fry, Meirhoff, Fleck, Dr. Makeman, Foes, and Charlie Woods. Visitors: Comps. Taylor, P.Z. 22, 217; Douglas, 1269; Vickery, 1269; Eckersall, 89; and W. Vail, 169.

The chapter being opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for the following brethren: Bros. A. E. Austin, 619; George H. Foes, 172; and Dr. Makeman, 1559; and proving unanimous in favour of the three, the M.E.Z., with the assistance of the other Principals and officers, proceeded to exalt the last two, who were present, to the Degree of Royal Arch Masons. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner, the ritual being perfect in every respect. The delivery of the addresses by the M.E.Z., Comp. Hilton; the acting H., Comp. Grumant; and that of J. by Comp. Taylor, P.Z., was of such a character as to call forth eulogiums from everyone present; while the work of P.S. was performed in a very masterly manner by Comp. Stone. Apologies for absence having been read, and all business being ended, the chapter was closed in due form.

At the banquet which followed, the whole of the above-named companions attended, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

In proposing the toast of "The Queen" (coupled with Royal Arch Masonry), the M.E.Z. said that Royal Arch Masons were always loyal subjects. In this jubilee year they were ready to show their loyalty still more, if possible, to her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, who had ruled over this country with such marked success, and with such beneficial results to her people. He was sure the companions would drink her health with extreme pleasure, and hope for a long continuance of her happy reign. This toast was duly honoured, as was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.G.Z.," to this followed the toasts of "The Pro Grand Z.," "The Grand H.," and "The Grand J.," with the rest of the Grand Officers present and past.

In proposing "The M.E.Z.," Comp. Cowley, P.Z., spoke most highly of Comp. Hilton. He said that the M.E.Z. not only performed his duties of First Principal in a perfect manner, but he was always ready to do everything for the good of the chapter. He never tired of aiming to keep up the honour, prosperity, and prestige of the Star Chapter.

In reply, Comp. Hilton, M.E.Z., said that he was always happy to perform any Masonic duties, but when he was called upon to fill the place of honour in such a prosperous concern as the Star Chapter, it would be impossible for him to do otherwise than throw his whole heart into the work. He felt the difficulty he would have in amply fulfilling his duties, but he would do his very best to deserve the good words that had been said of him.

The toast of "The Exaltees" was proposed by the M.E.Z., who said he was very glad to welcome Comps. Foes and Dr. Makeman among them. They both brought with them such high recommendations that it would be useless for him to try to enlarge upon their many merits. There was no doubt that this was the most important toast of the evening.

Both companions replied in short, pithy speeches, in which they said how deeply impressed they had been with the ceremony, and expressed their determination to pursue their Masonic enquiries with increased zeal.

The M.E.Z. said that the companions of the Star Chapter always felt highly honoured when they had a goodly assembly of visitors. On this occasion they were particularly happy in being joined at the festive board by so many companions who were such hard workers in Masonry. Comp. Taylor, P.Z., had been particularly kind in delivering the address of J. in such an impressive manner, and that without the least notice. On behalf of those present he welcomed the whole of the visitors. No doubt, as the chapter increased in numbers, the number of their visitors would also increase.

Comp. Taylor, P.Z. 22 and 217, in reply, said that he had visited many chapters, but he could honestly say that he had never seen better working than that of the Star Chapter. The work of M.E.Z., H., and P.S. had been performed in a manner that reflected the very highest credit upon all concerned. The working was very similar to that of his own chapter, and he had been able to follow it, and could sincerely say that he believed every word had been correctly placed. He was exceedingly pleased with every thing he had seen, and was glad to meet such congenial companions. He thanked those present very much.

Comp. Douglas, 1269, said he had received much pleasure from his visit. Comp. Hilton, M.E.Z., was a member of his old lodge, and he also met there many who were old friends. He also wished to reiterate all that had been said by Comp. Taylor about the perfect working of the Star Chapter. He had been deeply impressed.

Comp. Eckersall, 89, felt very highly honoured in being their guest on that evening. He had often said that there was no place where a happy evening could be better spent than in a Masonic lodge. He felt he should now qualify that statement by the addition of "unless it be a Royal Arch Chapter." Certainly the ceremony of exaltation had been most impressive, and all the compliments that had been paid the M.E.Z. and his officers were fully deserved. He was particularly pleased with his friend Comp. Stone, and was certain that no one could do the P.S. work better.

Comp. Vail, 169, said he would endorse all that the previous speakers had said. It gave him great pleasure to witness the flourishing condition of the chapter. He wished it increased prosperity.

Comp. Vicary, 1269, said he was there for the first time, but he hoped it would not be the last by a very great number. He would always feel it a pleasure to be in a chapter where such good work was being done.

The M.E.Z. said that the toast of "The P.Z.'s" was a very important one indeed. The Star Chapter could boast of some very highly honoured Past Principals. Comp. Williams, P.Z., Treasurer, was absent in the South of France. He had passed through the trying ordeal of the recent earthquake, and, although he had been much unnerved, his health was good. He had sent home to say that the state of those who had suffered from that visitation of the Great Supreme Ruler was past comprehension. Comp. Ramsey, P.Z., had left to catch the train. He was always ready to do all that he could for the chapter. Comp. C. W. Williams, P.Z., Sec., had also left. He was certainly very highly esteemed by all those present, and deserved all the good wishes he obtained. Comp. Cowley, P.Z., never slackened his efforts to promote the prosperity of the chapter. Comp. Grumant, P.Z., was a host in himself. He had undertaken the office of H. that evening, and also been at hand to give the M.E.Z. a word during the evening, in the absence of Comp. Bumstead.

In reply, Comp. Cowley, P.Z., said that he would not make a long speech, for he should spoil Comp. Grumant's chance. He was glad to witness the prosperity of the chapter, and would always do his best to promote and increase that prosperity.

Comp. Grumant, P.Z., said he was only an Entered Apprentice as a P.Z., or rather a Fellow Craft. When he became a Past Master in the Craft he thought he had done a grand thing, but now he was a P.Z., and especially a P.Z. of the Star Chapter, he felt that he had done a much grander thing. In tracing the history of the chapter, he referred to the founders. Some were now members, some were abroad, and some had been called to the Grand Chapter above. From the very beginning they had met with steady progress—not rapid, but very happy progress. Never had one unpleasant event occurred, and now they were in a very proud position.

In proposing "The Officers," the M.E.Z. expressed the same satisfaction as the visitors had already done with their work. The S.E. and S.N. had done their work well, and he wondered where they would get anyone to supply the place of Comp. North, P.S., when he should leave that office which he filled so perfectly.

Comp. North, S.N., said that with such excellent Principals it was impossible for the officers to do their work badly. They caught the spirit and "couldn't help it."

Comp. Stone, P.S., said he was delighted to do his best, and was very glad he had succeeded in giving satisfaction. He should always try to perform any duties that might fall to him in as perfect a manner as possible. Masonic work was to him the highest pleasure.

Comp. Beneditti, 2nd A.S., also replied.

During the evening harmony prevailed. Songs were sung by Comps. Addington, Stone, North, Taylor, Woods, and Vail, and recitations were given by Comps. Douglas and Meirhoff.

**SPHINX CHAPTER (No. 1329).**—The convocation of the above chapter was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 23rd ult. Present: Comps. B. R. Bryant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; E. A. Whitby, H.; Capt. R. Stokoe, J.; Capt. R. J. Vincent, S.E.; R. J. Voisey, P.Z.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z.; B. Lyon, P.Z.; G. W. Marsden, jun., S.N.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; Jas. Hill, P.S.; C. Wilson, 1st A.S.; V. T. Murché, 2nd A.S.; C. Gooding and J. C. Reynolds, Stewards; E. J. Dav, Org.; G. Harrison, Janitor; Thomas Roe, C. W. J. Bird, Wm. Briant, T. E. Kettlewhite, R. C. Davis, John E. Latham, Wm. Andrews, J. C. Bradley, T. Arnold, John J. White, J. Lightfoot, G. Gill, and G. Beneditti; also the following visitors: Comps. H. Baldwin, M.E.Z. elect 720; J. Collings, J. 804; and J. Raynor, 180.

After the minutes of the convocation of January 22nd had been confirmed, the S.E., Comp. Captain Vincent, announced that the two brethren proposed as candidates for exaltation had written expressing their inability to be present. This was received with much regret by the companions, as by it the officers of the chapter lost an opportunity of showing their well-known ability of rendering the Royal Arch ritual. The companions, however, were able to participate in one very pleasing action, viz., voting unanimously a handsome Treasurer's jewel to Comp. J. C. Reynolds, sen., as a testimony to their appreciation of his valuable services as Treasurer to the chapter since its consecration in 1876.

Comp. Reynolds feelingly thanked the companions for the token of their esteem, and expressed himself as willing to render as good a service in the future as the jewel on his breast denoted he had done in the past.

The jewel was much admired, and was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The companions then proceeded to vote 10 guineas to the Benevolent Institution and five guineas to the Boys' School. All Royal Arch business being ended, the chapter was closed in ancient form.

The companions afterwards dined together under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).**—This chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 26th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. Alfred Tisley, M.E.Z.; W. Lake, P.Z., P.P.G.R. Cornwall, acting H.; H. Clemow, J.; Jenkins, S.E.; W. E. Farrington, S.N.; Farthing, P.S.; T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z., Treas.; Skelton, Gaze, Edwards, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. C. G. Moore, 277, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was duly exalted into the Royal Arch Degree.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts received full justice.

**FARRINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1745).**—This chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ultimo. Among those in attendance were Comps. H. J. Lardner, M.E.Z.; Strugnell, H.; J. Young, J.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., S.E.; J. Lister, S.N.; Webber, 1st A.S.; T. Simpson, 2nd A.S.; N. Prower, M.A.; Herbert, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the year ensuing took place with the following result: Comps. Strugnell, M.E.Z.; J. Young, H.; J. Lister, J.; Walls, S.E.; T. Simpson, S.N.; Webber, P.S.; Herbert, 1st A.S.; N. Prower, 2nd A.S.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; and Parkinson, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel having been voted to the outgoing M.E.Z., and a vote of thanks passed to Comp. Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., for his services as Treasurer, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

A few toasts followed.

**FALMOUTH.—Volubian Chapter (No. 75).**—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 21st inst., when Comp. W. H. Dunstan was installed as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year. The installation was ably performed by Comp. Norman Gray, P.G.S.B., assisted by Comps. E. D. Anderton, P.G.S.E.; and W. D. Rogers, A.P.G.S.E. The other Principals also installed were Comps. G. H. B. Reed, as H.; and J. M. Carne, as J. The M.E.Z. then invested his officers as follows: Comps. G. T. Olver, S.E.; J. M. Richards, S.N.; S. Tresidder, P.S.; W. Anderson, 1st A.S.; H. Liddicoat, 2nd A.S.; W. F. Newman, Treas.; Rev. J. M. Sutton, Chap.; M. Little, D.C.; W. C. F. Rogers, Org.; J. T. Williams, Stwd.; and J. N. Francis, Janitor.

The companions afterwards adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where an excellent repast was prepared in Comp. and Host Carter's best style, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and heartily received, and a most pleasant evening was spent. This chapter, although dormant for more than 20 years, is now in a most flourishing condition, and is one of the largest in the country.

**SUNDERLAND.—De Lambton Chapter (No. 94).**—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street East, when there were present Comps. J. R. Smart, M.E.Z.; J. C. Moor, H.; E. Sutherst, J.; T. Henderson, P.Z., S.E.; M. Frampton, P.Z., Treas.; J. Scarborough, P.S.; T. G. Garrick and W. Dawson, A.S.; G. Wanless, P.Z., acting S.N.; J. J. Clay, P.Z.; J. D. Todd, P.Z.; J. Potts, P.Z.; and several others.

After the usual routine business, Comp. R. Hudson, P.Z., installed Comp. J. C. Moor, as M.E.Z.; Comp. J. J. Clay, P.Z., installed Comp. E. Sutherst, as H.; and Comp. E. Sutherst installed Comp. T. G. Garrick, as J.

Amongst the visitors were Comps. R. W. Halfnight, M.E.Z.; J. Eggleston, H.; J. Kimmond, P.Z.; J. Mitchinson, P.Z.; H. J. Turnbull, P.Z.; F. Maddison, P.Z.; and A. T. Munroe, P.Z., all of 80; J. G. Kirtley, M.E.Z.; J. R. Pattison, H.; F. M. Watson, P.Z.; and Liddell, P.Z., all of 97; M. Douglas, P.Z. 534; R. Todd, H. Crisp, F. C. Cowper, J. Deans, J. Hewson, James Hudson, T. Smith, and J. Dickman.

In the evening, the whole of the above companions attended a banquet presided over by the M.E.Z., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened by songs and recitations.

**YORK.—Zetland Chapter (No. 236).**—The usual quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on the 27th ult., when Comp. J. Sykes Rymer was duly installed as M.E.Z.; Geo. Kirby, as H.; and Geo. Garbutt, as J., by Comps. Jos. Todd, P.Z. and Treasurer to the chapter. The newly-installed M.E.Z. then invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. Jos. Todd, P.Z., Treas.; E. W. Purnell, S.E.; Samuel Border, P.S.; Major McGachen, S.N.; Geo. Robinson, 1st A.S.; E. Carter, 2nd A.S.; T. G. Hodgson, Org.; H. S. Hopton, D.C.; T. Watkinson, Stwd.; and W. G. Calvert, Janitor.

There were four candidates for exaltation, viz., Bros. Wm. Page, Farbrace Sidney Gramshaw, Herbert Leeds Swift, and Wm. Ward, who were all duly exalted to the Supreme Degree and the lecture given to them by the M.E.Z. The ceremony was throughout performed by all concerned in a very creditable and impressive manner. Comp. Rooke, P.Z., moved that the sum of ten guineas be paid out of the funds of the chapter to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was carried unanimously.

Several minor matters were then disposed of, and the chapter closed, after which the companions dined together in the banquet hall of the lodge, when the usual toasts were given and acknowledged, and the rest of the evening spent in harmony.

**SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda Chapter (No. 240).**—A regular convocation of this prosperous chapter was held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., in the Masonic Hall. There were present Comps. J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.H., Z.; J. T. Wilson, P.Z., H.; W. Davidson, J.; T. Coulson, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z., Treas.; J. A. Hall, S.E.; W. Ross, S.N.; G. Wilson, P.P.G.O., Org.; L. Inkster, P.S.; C. Sutcliffe, 1st A.S.; William Moffitt, 2nd A.S.; and T. Potter, Janitor. Among the ordinary members present were Comps. D. Cameron, G. F. R. Purvis, G. Mitchell, Smith, Tweeney, Humphries, Hunter, Woolner, Johnson, and the Rev. Harris. Visitor: J. Witter, P.Z.

The chapter was opened and the minutes of the previous convocation read. The ballot was then taken for the exaltation of a brother, which proved favourable, but he, for professional reasons, not being able to attend, two propositions for exaltation to the Sublime Degree of R.A. Masons were tendered and considered, after which the appointments of the Three First Principals and other officers for the ensuing year were proceeded with, with the following result, viz.: Comps. G. Robson, M.E.Z.; W. Davidson, H.; W. Ross, J.; J. A. Hall, S.E.; L. Inkster, S.N.; C. E. Sutcliffe, P.S.; T. D. Marshall, 1st A.S.; W. Woolner, 2nd A.S.; T. Coulson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; G. Wilson, P.P.G.O., Org.; and T. Potter, Janitor.

After the closing of the chapter the companions adjourned down stairs to the dining hall of the club, where a most sumptuous supper awaited them, prepared in Comp. and Mrs. Potter's (the custodian of the hall and club) best style. Too much praise cannot be given to Comp. T. Coulson, P.Z., Treas., for the unflinching interest he takes, not only in chapter business, but in everything connected with the lodges which meet in the new and splendid hall the Freemasons of South Shields now possess.

**MARYPORT.—Nicholson Chapter (No. 371).**—The annual meeting for installing the Principals of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 20th instant. Comp. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.P.G.H., Z., presided, supported by his officers and members. The minutes were read and confirmed, when Bro. J. Gibson was balloted for and exalted to the Supreme Degree. Comp. A. Walters, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S., assisted by Comp. Geo. Dalrymple, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J., discharged the duties of installation. Comp. James Gardiner, P.P.G.P.S., was installed Z; and Comps. A. Walters, H.; Robt. Brown, J.; E. B. Penrice, S.E.; Jas. Dickinson, S.N.; P. de E. Collin, P.Z., P.P.G.H., Treas. for the eighth time; J. Raven, P.S.; J. Kendall, 1st Asst. S.; J. O. Scott, 2nd Asst. S.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Gibson, Steward; and J. Messenger, Janitor.

The following companions were also present: Comps. J. Nicholson, P.Z. 371, P.P.G.J.; Thos. Mandale, P.Z., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. R. Banks, P.Z., P.G. Swd. Br.; E. Mitchell, and J. Abbott.

The Treasurer's statement of accounts was submitted and passed. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Installing Principals, Comps. Walters and Dalrymple, and with other general business the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions spent a very agreeable hour in the refreshment hall.

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).**—The election meeting of the above chapter took place on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill, with the following result: Comps. E. B. Hobson, Z.; R. J. Cook, H.; J. H. Roberts, J.; H. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent, S.E.; E. Palmer, S.N.; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st Asst. S. Kent, Treas.; S. Clarke, P.S.; C. Lawson, 1st Asst.; W. Morris, 2nd Asst.; W. G. Lloyd, D.C.; and W. Lardner, Janitor. Among the other companions present were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G. J. Kent; H. Mason, P.Z., P.G.S.B. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd Asst. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; W. C. Taylor, Dr. Bernays, W. Harris, C. Clapham, J. Farriers, J. Topp, G. Frost, and C. Jolly. Comp. R. Edmonds presided in the unavoidable absence of Comp. W. Rees, Z., through severe illness.

After the chapter was closed, the companions partook of refreshment, and passed a few hours in song and harmony.

**TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).**—This chapter met at the Albany Hall, on the 20th ult. Amongst those present were: Comps. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., acting M.E.Z.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.G. J. Middx., H.; D. P. Cama, Grand Treasurer, P.Z., acting J.; W. Taylor, P.P.G. J. Middx., P.Z., acting P.S.; W. H. Saunders, P.Z., acting S.N.; Dunkley, P.P.G.O. Middx., 1st Asst. Soj.; A. H. Gurney, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and E. Jenkins. Comps. Bué, and Saunders were visitors.

The ballot having been taken on behalf of Bro. H. Cama, he was duly exalted into the Royal Arch Degree, by Comp. Walls, who subsequently installed the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders as M.E.Z. The installation of the Second and Third Principals was postponed in consequence of the unavoidable absence of Comps. Smiles and Hosken. The officers invested were Comps. Walls, S.E.; Richnell, S.N.; Dunkley, P.S.; A. H. Gurney, 1st Asst.; E. W. Jenkins,

2nd Asst.; W. Taylor, P.Z. Treas.; and Harrison, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the installing officer, and the sum of five guineas voted to the list of Comp. A. H. Gurney, as Steward of the R.M.I. for Boys. Apologies were received for absence from Comps. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., G.S.; R. H. Thrupp, P.G.H. Middx.; J. Woodward, P.G.S.E. Middx., and many others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts were duly gone through and enthusiastically received.

## INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, P.P.G.R. Dorset, Z.; C. R. Wickens, 704, H.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, J.; H. Dehane, H. 890, 2nd A.S. 862, S.E.; Capt. A. Nicols, Z. 890, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, S.N.; W. C. Williams, 733, P.S.; Jas. Sims, 834; T. C. Edmonds, 1507, 890; G. Gregory, Z. 1538, J. 704, P.S. 2048; and F. J. Day, 1320.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Sims being the candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing fortnight, Comp. Edmonds being Z. A communication from Comp. Child was read. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

## Mark Masonry.

**PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).**—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 19th ult., when there were present Bros. W. E. Farrington, W.M.; T. O. Harding, M.A., S.W.; F. Clemow, J.W.; T. R. Richnell, P.P.G.S.B. Middx. and Surrey, P.M.; Treas.; W. W. Codd, N. Prower, T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.M.; Alfred Tisley, P.A.G.D.C., P.M.; Chouffrier, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Richards, 1670, and it proving to be unanimous he was duly advanced to the Degree by Bro. Walls. Bro. T. O. Harding, W.M. elect, having been presented, he was installed into the chair of A. by Bro. Walls. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. F. Clemow, S.W.; W. W. Codd, J.W.; N. Prower, M.O.; E. A. Harris, S.O.; J. Harris, J.O.; Richnell, Treas.; Tisley, Sec.; H. Harris, S.D.; Chouffrier, J.D.; and Richards, I.G. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and a Past Master's jewel presented to Bro. W. E. Farrington.

The lodge was then closed and an Ark Mariners lodge duly opened by Bro. T. C. Walls, P.G.C., W.M. Bro. Richards was admitted a member of the Degree by the W.M. Bro. Tisley was installed as W.C.N. for the year ensuing, and the following appointments were made: Bros. Harding, J.; Richnell, S.; F. Farrington, S.D.; W. E. Farrington, J.D.; and W. W. Codd, Guard.

A Past Commander's jewel having been presented to Bro. T. C. Walls, the lodge was closed, and the brethren of both degrees subsequently dined together, under the presidency of Bro. T. O. Harding. The usual toasts followed.

The jewels mentioned above were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London.

**YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.).**—At the usual quarterly meeting of this lodge, held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., Bro. Geo. Simpson, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. F. Smith, I.P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., Sec.; M. Millington, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; J. Blenkin, S.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Org.; W. Lackenby, H. C. Pickersgill, Major McGachen, S. J. Dalton, W. T. Nance, G. Chapman, E. W. Purnell, H. S. Hopton, W. Brown, J. R. Jackson, W. Sharp, A. M. White, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. H. Sharp, 250; S. Jacob, 352; and J. B. Parkin, 352.

A successful ballot was taken for Bro. C. G. Rushworth, late of the St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, as a joining member. On the motion of Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., seconded by Bro. Millington, P.M., five guineas was voted to the Grand Mark Educational Fund. Bro. Whythead said that he intended to act as a Steward this year, and hoped the brethren would help his list, as they had as a lodge experienced substantial benefit from the fund in the education of an orphan son of one of their former members. Bro. G. Chapman was appointed and invested as Assistant Secretary by the W.M.

The ceremony of advancement was rehearsed and the lodge was closed, after which the members met at refreshment and enjoyed a few hours of relaxation.

**SUNDERLAND.—Union Lodge (No. 124).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the evening of the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace. The W.M., Bro. R. Kinmond, P.S.G.D., presided, and was supported by the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. Y. Strachan, and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, including Bros. J. Wood, P.S.G.W.; W. Logan, P.G.S.O.; Rev. Joseph Lawson, P.G.C.; John Straker Wilson, P.G. Sec.; John Strachan, P.P.G.J.O.; William Liddell, P.P.G.M.O.; F. Maddison, P.P.J.G.W.; Wm. Coxon, P.P.G.J.O.; H. C. Jepps, P.P.G.J.O. Mid.; J. Usher, W.M. T.I.; M. Frampton, P.P.G.S.O.; T. M. Watson, P.P.S.G.D.; S. M. Harris, I.P.M. T.I.; J. Page, W.M. 293; R. Whifield, M.O. 293; J. J. Clay, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the V.W.D.P.G.M.M. and officers were received and saluted in due form. The W.M. elect, Bro. M. H. Dodd, S.W., was introduced by Bro. F. Maddison, D. of C., to the Installing Master, Bro. R. Kinmond, by whom Bro. Dodd was duly installed as W. Master. The following were afterwards appointed and invested as the officers for the year: Bros. R. Kinmond, I.P.M.; J. C. Moor, S.W.; J. R. Pattison, J.W.; G. Porteous, M.O.; John A. Hall, S.O. (absent); R. W. Halfnight, J.O.; Thomas M. Watson, P.P.S.G.D.; J. D. Todd, R. of M.; Robert Singleton, Sec.; H. Liston, S.D.; J. Scarborough, J.D.; F. Maddison, P.P.S.G.W., D. of C.; R. Blake, I.G.; J. J. Wilson, Steward; and J. W. Brown, Tyler.

The congratulations of the V.W.D.P.G.M. and of the visiting brethren were expressed to the W.M., and the lodge was afterwards closed. The annual festival was held in the evening, Bro. M. H. Dodd, W.M., presiding.

**WIGAN.—Rose and Thistle Lodge (No. 158).**

The annual meeting of the members of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., supported by Bros. W. Johnson, S.W.; R. B. Seddon, J.W.; J. Browne, Secretary; W. H. Horrocks, M.O.; J. Wilson, S.O.; J. Smyth, J.O.; R. Layland, S.D.; W. Holt, J.D.; R. Knowles, I.G.; W. Patterson, Tyler; A. H. Crossley, W.M., P.G.J.O.; T. Milner, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; A. Lambert, G. Makinson, and others. Visitor: Bro. C. E. Beazer.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Henry Ackerley, Walter Simpson, and W. Taberner, all members of No. 1335, who had been proposed by Bro. Murray, and seconded by Bro. W. Johnson, S.W., and being favourable in each case, they were admitted, and regularly advanced to the Mark Degree by Bro. Murray. The next business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Johnson, S.W., who was duly presented by Bro. Milner, and by Bro. Murray was installed as W.M., and saluted accordingly. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are as follows: Bros. R. B. Seddon, S.W.; J. Browne, J.W.; W. H. Horrocks, Secretary; T. Wilson, P.M., Treasurer; J. Wilson, M.O.; W. Holt, S.O.; R. Layland, J.O.; R. Knowles, J.D.; J. Smith, I.G.; G. Makinson, Std.; J. D. Murray, P.M., D.C.; and W. Patterson, Tyler. After one proposition for advancement, the lodge was closed.

**WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).**

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 29th ult. Bro. G. Ryrie, W.M., P.G.D.C., presided, and was supported as follows: Bros. Thos. Brackenridge, P.G.I.G., S.W.; Rev. J. Anderson, P.G. Chap., J.W.; W. J. Tyson, P.G. Org., M.O.; W. D. P. Field, S.O.; D. Atkinson, J.O.; W. H. Bewlay, Org. and Sec.; Dr. Muir, S.D.; J. M. Clarke, J.D.; J. Casson, I.G.; T. Richardson, Tyler; T. Atkinson, P.M., P.J.G.W.; W. Bewlay, P.M., P.G.M.O.; T. H. Nesbitt, S.W. 323; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Sec.; J. Bowes, H. Burns, Thos. Rowlings, R. D. Metcalf, and others.

The minutes were confirmed, and Bro. Jas. Lawson was advanced to the Degree of Mark Master, and two candidates were proposed for advancement. The lodge was then closed in form.

**Knights Templar.**

**WIGAN.—Faith Preceptory (No. 41).**—The installation meeting of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Thursday, the 14th inst. The preceptory was opened by the E.C., Sir Knight R. B. Seddon, and the muster roll called. After the confirmation of the minutes, Sir Knight J. D. Murray, P.E.C., P.G. St. Br., took the bâton and Sir Knight W. T. Wylde having been presented by Sir Knight S. A. Oliver, P.E.C., was duly installed and saluted as E.C. The officers appointed were as follows: Sir Knights W. Goodacre, Constable; T. P. Simpson, Marshal; J. G. Christian, Sub-Marshal; S. A. Oliver, re-elected Treasurer; J. D. Murray, re-appointed Registrar; S. Farmer, Capt. of Lines; and W. Patterson, Equerry.

The knights afterwards dined at the Victoria Hotel along with their visitor, Sir Knight Edward Barber, P.E.C.

**Ancient and Accepted Rite.**

**YORK.—Hilda Chapter (No. 23).**—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., E. and P., Bro. Simpson, assisted by his officers, on Friday, the 29th ult. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, and Inspector General of the North-Eastern District, was received and properly saluted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The M.W.S. elect was presented to Ill. Bro. Banister for installation, who performed that ceremony with his usual care and impressiveness. The M.W.S. then appointed the following officers for the year: E. and P. Bros. W. Brown, High Prelate; Major McGachen, 1st Gen.; R. Weddington, 2nd General; T. B. Whythead, P.M.W.S., Recorder and Treasurer; W. Fraser, G.M.; H. C. Pickersgill, Raphael; Donald Grant, Captain of Guard. A unanimous vote of thanks was proposed by the M.W.S., seconded by the Treasurer, and supported by the I.P.M. W.S., to their dear friend and Inspector General, Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, for coming so great a distance to attend their meetings. Ill. Bro. Banister responded in feeling terms, wishing the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. Martin M. Reynard, a prosperous and happy year, and "Hearty good wishes" to all the members.

At refreshments the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and the Inspector General left early to catch his train.

**WEST LANCASHIRE ALPASS BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

A meeting of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution was held on Friday evening, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Pierpoint, P.P.J.G.W. There was a very large attendance. The special business of the evening was the election of two widows to the Fund, there being five candidates for the vacancies. The polling was exceedingly heavy, and, after the scrutiny of the papers, it was found that a candidate from Leigh and another from Liverpool had been elected, the respective voting being 739 and 699. The votes recorded for the other three candidates were carried over until the next election, for which there are already five candidates. The Secretaries, Bros. Foote and Barrow, carried out the arrangements most satisfactorily. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

The annual supper of the Creaton Lodge of Instruction took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. The creature comforts were most liberally provided by the host, Bro. Cavers, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by a large number of the brethren.



It is with regret we have to record the death of Lieut. Stewart (son of Bro. Raynham Stewart, P.G.D.), off Suakin. The *Times* of Tuesday last contains the following particulars of the unfortunate occurrence:—"Her Majesty's ship Gannet has arrived here. While chasing a supposed slave dhow, near Mersa-Halib, a boat's crew was suddenly attacked by a large party of natives concealed in a creek. Lieutenant Stewart was fatally wounded while tending a wounded sailor, and died on board. Four bluejackets were wounded—one severely—but all are doing well. The boat's crew behaved splendidly, and the Gannet shelled the native village." We offer our sincerest sympathy, which, we are sure, will be shared by all our readers, to Bro. Stewart, to whom it must be a source of consolation in his great trial to know that his brave son died at the post of duty, and in the performance of an act of devotion to a wounded comrade.

Bro. Clever, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, was, on Friday last, elected W.M. of the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., has just been appointed, with the sanction of the M.W. the Grand Master, representative at the Grand Lodge of England of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, United States of America, the head-quarters of which are in Baltimore.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, this (Friday) afternoon. We are glad to hear that Bro. Binches has thus far succeeded in obtaining the services on the Board of rather more than the average number of brethren, and we trust his efforts in the same direction will be attended with such further support that on the day of the Festival, the Chairman, whoever he may be, will find his task on behalf of this important Institution seconded by the enthusiastic efforts of a more than usually strong array of Stewards.

The ceremony of installation of Principals will be rehearsed for the last time this session at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, on Tuesday next, the 10th inst., to commence at half-past five o'clock. The usual exaltation ceremony will be rehearsed at half-past six o'clock. Present and Past Principals will kindly note this, and that the session will close on the 24th inst.

**ST. JAMES'S HALL.**—Bro. Sydney Herbert gave his annual evening concert on Monday last, when he was assisted by the following artistes: Misses Chapuy-Leslie, Edith Luke, and Elliott, Messrs. Evans, Everett, Hubbard, Curtis D'Alton, Frank Lynne, Arthur Wieland, and Egbert Roberts. Violin, W. Buels; pianoforte, Sinclair Mantell and Lehmeier; conductors, Messrs. Haskins, Mantell, and Klein. The different morceaux were well rendered and the hall was full.

Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, consecrated the Queen's Jubilee Lodge, No. 2193, at Nelson (near Burnley), on Thursday, the 28th ult. Bro. W. O. Walker, P.S.G.W., installed Bro. John Exley as the first W.M., and also invested the officers. A large number of brethren were present.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the United Strength Lodge of Instruction, No. 228, on Wednesday next, the 11th inst. Bro. James Kew, P.M. 179, is the Preceptor, and Bro. H. Palmer, of whom full particulars may be obtained from his address, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-street, Hampstead-road, N.W., the Honorary Secretary.

The Knights Templar pilgrims from Mary Commandery, No. 369, Philadelphia, to whose approaching visit to England in connection with the Templar re-union at York in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, will leave New York by the Fumessia on the 2nd July instead of as originally proposed, on the 5th July. The additional days thus gained will be turned to very good account, however, as the pilgrims will have an opportunity of visiting the Grant's Causeway, &c.

Messrs. Cassell and Company will publish during May "The Queen's Pictures, illustrating the chief events of her Majesty's life" (reproduced by the gracious permission of the Queen), as a special Jubilee Number of "The Magazine of Art." The text will be written by Richard R. Holmes, Esq., F.S.A., Librarian at Windsor Castle, and the work will contain engravings of pictures which have been executed from time to time by the Royal commands to illustrate the chief events of her Majesty's life, and of portraits of the Queen painted at various periods by celebrated painters. Many of these pictures have never before been engraved, and are now published for the first time by the special permission of her Majesty.

Upwards of 250 of the brethren of the Woolwich and Plumstead lodges assembled at the Masonic Hall, William-street, on Friday evening, the 29th ult., to witness, or assist Bro. Terry, Secretary Masonic Benevolent Institution, to perform the ceremonies of consecration and installation, under the auspices of the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Terry took the chair shortly after 9 o'clock, Bro. N. Brown being appointed to the S.W. chair, Bro. W. Maule to the J.W. chair, and Bro. Cleal acted as Secretary. The ceremonies were splendidly carried out, and a cordial vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Terry for his work. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Hancock, and afterwards the brethren partook of refreshments at Bro. Capon's, the Earl of Chatham Hotel.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—In the complaints peculiar to females these Pills are unrivalled. Their use by the fair sex has become so constant for the removal of their ailments that rare is the household that is without them. Amongst all classes, from the domestic servant to the peeress, universal favour is accorded to these renovating Pills; their invigorating and purifying properties render them safe and invaluable in all cases; they may be taken by females of all ages for any disorganisation or irregularity of the system, speedily removing the cause and restoring the sufferer to robust health. As a family medicine they are unapproachable for subduing the maladies of young and old.—[ADVT.]

The annual meeting of the National Great Priory of the Knights Templar of England, will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday next, the 13th instant, at 4 p.m. The business transacted will be of the usual character, and at the close there will be the usual banquet. Tickets one guinea each.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New York, which will take place at the Masonic Hall, New York, on the 27th June prox., is looked forward to with a considerable amount of interest. Several important amendments to the Constitutions will be acted upon, and the Grand Master will submit his report on the payment of the debt on the Hall and Asylum Fund.

The following dinners take place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 7th instant:—Monday—Lodge of Joppa; Lodge of Unions. Tuesday—Grosvenor Lodge; Old Acquaintance Musical Society Dinner. Wednesday—Grand Chapter Club; United Lodge. Thursday—Westminster and Keystone Lodge; St. Andrew's Lodge. Friday—Fidelity Chapter; Gavel Club. Saturday—Jubilee Dinner Royal Institution of British Architects.

The Court and Livery of the Wheelwrights' Company dined together at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 29th ult. The Master, Bro. W. G. Lemon, presided, and among those present were Bros. the Lord Mayor, Lieut.-Col. and Sheriff Kirby, J. Morgan Howard, Q.C., M.P., H. H. Bridgman, J. H. Puleston, M.P., H. Windybank, and others. The badges worn by the 15 Past Masters of the Company were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain.

The first annual supper in connection with the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, No. 299, was held at the Bull Hotel, Dartford, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. Grieg, S.W. 299, Bros. C. Potter and T. Jenkins being the Senior and Junior Wardens for the evening. Upwards of thirty members and friends partook of an excellent repast, served in Mr. Bray's well-known style. During the evening a very handsome jewel was presented to Bro. W. J. Light, P.M. 299, the Preceptor to the lodge, as a slight acknowledgment of the services he has rendered the lodge of instruction during the past twelve months. The lodge of instruction meets every Tuesday (except the third Tuesday in the month) at the Bull Hotel, Dartford.

The President and members of the Royal Academy gave their annual banquet at Burlington House on Saturday last, when among the principal guests present were the Prince of Wales, and Bros. the Duke of Abercorn, Lord Ashbourne, the Marquis of Bath, Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Halsbury, Lord Chancellor of England, Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., Sir E. Clarke, M.P., Earl Cowper, K.G., Sir W. Hart-Dyke, M.P., Earl Granville, Lord George Hamilton, M.P., the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Lord Herschell, the Earl of Jersey, the Earl of Lathom, the Lord Mayor, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, the Bishop of Peterborough, the Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., Viscount Sherbrooke, Lord Stanley of Preston, the Earl of Wharcliffe, and General Viscount Wolseley.

**PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.**—We are pleased to hear that the commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee in this province, by the proposed subscription of two thousand guineas for two presentations for widows in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is progressing most favourably, much to the satisfaction of the executive, of which Bro. W. F. Smithson is Chairman, and Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M., is Treasurer. We believe every lodge in the province is supporting it, and at the Grand Chapter at Leeds last week, Bro. Smithson proposed and carried a vote of fifty guineas to the fund. The chapters in the province have also accorded their warm support to the project.

Before the season of the year of grace and Jubilee, 1887, is out, everybody will assuredly be drinking Mont d'Or Champagne. Anyone may judge of its success by that which attended the inauguration of the Mont d'Or cellars underneath Piccadilly last Friday evening. Messrs. Leatham and Cator may be alike congratulated on the transformation of Bro. Col. Edis' crypt into a fairylike drawing room and banqueting hall, on the excellent supper provided from the Freemasons' Tavern, and on the quantity and quality of their company. Amongst the guests were Lords Rosebery and Cork, Sir Spenser Ponsonby, Bro. Edis, the architect, Bro. Augustus Harris, Mr. Arthur à Beckett, and a great many stars of the literary world. The Mont d'Or Champagne was pronounced excellent. After supper Bros. Nicholls and Campbell, together with Mr. Chas. Coborn, gave a most entertaining concert, and, what is better, perhaps, than all, nobody was any the worse next morning, a fact which speaks volumes for the virtue of the Mont d'Or.

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, which is to be held in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., bids fair to be one of the most imposing Masonic gatherings that has ever been assembled in the North of England. It is expected that about two thousand Masons will be present. The proceedings will be in some measure in honour of the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, as an address of congratulation upon the auspicious event will be moved. A full length life-size portrait of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, painted by Bro. Sydney Hodges, with an appropriate address, will be presented to him by the ninety-seven lodges of the province; and the Charity Committee will present an address to Bro. J. L. Hine in acknowledgment of his twenty-one years' services as Chairman. In addition to the grand organ, a band of Masonic instrumentalists will take part in the ceremonial. The banquet will be held in the Town Hall, and the menu will be of a very choice character. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of the Provincial Grand Organist, assisted by Bros. Seymour Jackson and Fred Gordon (both of the Carl Rosa Opera Company), and Bro. Oliver Gagg's Masonic string band.

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

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, May 14, 1887.

## SATURDAY, MAY 7.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1494, Felix, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1567, Elliot, Railway Hot., Feltham.  
" 1929, Mozart, Greyhound, Croydon.  
" 2148, Walsingham, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.  
" 2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey H.H., Camberwell.  
Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## MONDAY, MAY 9.

Lodge 5, St. George and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 53, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot., W.C.  
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.  
" 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
" 1670, Alephi, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1691, Quadratic, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1789, Ubique, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
" 1923, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Streatham.  
Chap. 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 720, Panmure, Stirling Castle Hot., Church-st., Camberwell.

" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.  
Rose Croix 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., 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, MAY 10.

Supreme Council 33°, M.H., 33, Golden-sq., W.  
Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
" 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hamps'ead.  
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1668, Samson, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
" 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1969, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.  
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tav.  
Mark 315, Henniker, 8a, Red Lion-sq., W.C.  
" 332, Boro' of Greenwich, William the Fourth, Trafalgar-rd., Greenwich.

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Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.  
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 6.30.  
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, 8.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
Mount 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-rd., Notting-hill, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 11.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Supreme Council 33°, M.H., 33, Golden-sq., W.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.

Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union Waterloo, William-st., Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

" 87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd.

" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

" 1228, Beacontree, Private Room, Red Lion, Leyton-stone.

" 1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.

" 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1986, Honor Oak, White Swan Hot., Upper Norwood.

Chap. 778, Bard of Avon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

" 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

" 946, Strawberry Hill, Town Hall, Twickenham.

" 1305, St. Marylebone, Regent M.H., Portland-pl., W.

" 1446, Mount Edgumbe, St. Botolph's-chambers, E.C.

" 1549, Stanmore, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.

Mark 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.

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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.

Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

## THURSDAY, MAY 12.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.

" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall (worked in the German language.)

" 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Gt. House, Cheshunt-pk.

" 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bdge.

" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

" 1216, Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell.

" 1457, Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex.

" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke-grove-rd., Notting-hill.

" 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.

" 2168, Derby Allcroft, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington.

Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.

Mark 331, Davison, 8a, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

K.T. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple, E.C.

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Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.

Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.

City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.

Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.

Creation, Wheatshaf 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 Wolsley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.

Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.

The Great City, M.H., Mason's-avenue, E.C., 6.30.

Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.

Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.

West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.

Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30.

North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.

Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

## FRIDAY, MAY 13.

Great Priory, Cannon-street Hotel.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.

" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.

" 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.

Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James'.

" 569, Fitzroy, Hd. qr. Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.

Mark 144, Grosvenor, Café Royal, Regent-st.

" 198, Croydon, 105, High-street, Croydon.

K.T. 26, Faith and Fidelity, &amp;c., Cannon-street Hot.

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Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane, 73.0.

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 Woodwich, 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, MAY 14.

Lodge 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.

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" 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton.

" 2029, King Solomon, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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