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The Queen's
visit to the
East-End.

One of the chief functions appointed to be held during the Jubilee Season has passed off most brilliantly. On Saturday last, the QUEEN, in accordance with her promise, visited the East-End of London for the purpose of formally opening the People's Palace, and laying the first stone of the Technical College which is to be connected with it. There was comparatively little of State pageantry about the proceedings. The Royal party journeyed from Paddington to Mile-End in five carriages, the last of them, which contained her Majesty and two of her daughters, being attended by the usual escort of Household Cavalry. But if there was but little or none of that splendour which is usually associated with Royal progresses, there was more than compensation in the genuine outbursts of loyal and kindly feeling with which our gracious Sovereign was received by the densely-packed lines of orderly spectators which extended throughout the whole of the long route traversed. The houses in the successive streets, moreover, had put on for the occasion their very bravest appearance, and there was little else to be seen, besides the innumerable masses of people, than flags and banners and gay pennons with innumerable devices of welcome, and an abundance of floral and other decorations, which were always effective and in many instances extremely tasteful. The reception accorded to her Majesty was in keeping with the decorations, that is to say, it was as spontaneous and hearty as it was general, and the QUEEN must have been deeply touched by the affectionate loyalty displayed by all classes of her subjects, and especially by those who were gathered to do her honour in the East of London. It was a grand event, and for heartfelt enthusiasm could find a parallel in no other city in the world. We have no doubt the series of Jubilee celebrations so splendidly inaugurated last Saturday will be carried through to the end with an equal measure of success.

H.R.H. the
Grand Master at
Yarmouth.

It is natural that the Prince of WALES, as a Norfolk landed proprietor, should take a deep interest in whatever is likely to promote the welfare of the county in which he regularly spends a considerable portion of the year. It is not surprising, therefore, that, in spite of the pressing demands upon his time, his Royal Highness should have readily acceded to the request to lay the foundation-stone of the Great Yarmouth Hospital with full Masonic ceremonial, or that on the occasion of his visit to Yarmouth on Wednesday to fulfil his promise, the reception accorded to him both by the inhabitants generally and by the Masons of Norfolk particularly should have been characterised by unwonted enthusiasm. The brethren met in their full regalia, and to the number of about three hundred, in the Town Hall, where a Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk was held under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Lord SUFFIELD, P.G.M., among the more distinguished visitors present being Bros. Lord HENNIKER, P.G.M. of Suffolk; Lord CHARLES BERESFORD, M.P., Past J.G.W. of England; and Admiral Sir H. KEPPEL, G.C.B., who were in attendance on the PRINCE. Thence they proceeded to the site of the new building, and when all were assembled there, and his ROYAL HIGHNESS had received and acknowledged an address from the Town Council, the ceremony of laying the stone was carried out in accordance with the ancient rites of the Craft, and the proceedings terminated. We must congratulate our Norfolk brethren on their good fortune. The installation of Lord SUFFIELD as their Provincial Grand Master was among the earliest public Masonic acts done by the Prince of WALES after his installation as M.W.G.M., while as recently as the early spring of last year Prince ALBERT VICTOR of WALES was passed to the Degree of F.C. in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 100, Great Yarmouth. Of these and the other marks of favour they have received from time to time from the M.W. GRAND MASTER they must be very proud, and we have no doubt the Masons of other provinces, while not grudging Norfolk its good fortune, would very much like to be in its shoes on these auspicious occasions.

The Coming
Boys' School
Festival.

LAST week we placed before our readers in general terms the present position of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and its more immediate claims upon the generous support of the brethren at the Festival, which will be held at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, the 14th June prox. This week it is our duty to lay before them the same claims, but in fuller detail, and fortified by other material circumstances, for the enumeration of which we could not then find space. Briefly the case, as described in our former article, stands thus. The Boys' School has invested moneys amounting to only £17,000, or about two-sevenths of what the Girls' School and one-fourth of what the Benevolent Institution has. Its permanent income, including the grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, is within £750, and its expenditure in 1886, taking both "Ordinary" and "Special" together, exceeded £10,800, while the Balance due to the Bank on the Sustentation of Building Account and the Preparatory School Building Fund Account for the same year were, in the one case, —stated in round figures—£568, and, in the other, £1632; or together £2200. These facts show us the financial position of the Institution. As regards the numerical strength of the boys on the establishment, there will be in August next 258 children in the School, as against 242 in 1886, and 215 in 1885, successive additions having been made to the last stated number at the various elections that have been held since the Preparatory School buildings became ready for occupation. On the other hand, the cost per boy for maintenance, education, &c., has been very appreciably reduced from £46 19s. 9d. in 1885 to £40 6s. 7d. in 1886, as shown by the Table appended to the published Statement of Accounts for the latter year. This bears out what we have always said as to the scrupulous care exercised by the authorities in the financial administration of the Institution, and should dispose, at once and for ever, of the assertions which have been so often, but so causelessly, made that the rule of the Executive is the reverse of economical. As to the value of the educational system adopted in the School, the same remarks apply with equal force to this as to the sister Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea, every year furnishing evidence as to the admirable character of the training from such authentic sources as the published results of the Cambridge Local Examinations, in which appear regularly the names of all, or nearly all, the boys who present themselves as candidates. At the last Cambridge Examination in December, 1886, for instance, of the nine boys who offered themselves as candidates from this School, seven obtained honours and the remaining two passes, and in every one of the preceding years in which Our Boys have submitted themselves to this ordeal, though the numbers have been different, the result has invariably been the same, or nearly the same, the smaller numbers now offering themselves being in all probability due to the reduction in the age for leaving the School—from 16 years to 15 years. In short, the Institution morally, educationally, and financially is a pattern of good management, and the brethren are thus assured that the moneys will be well bestowed which find their way into its coffers. But the question which must seriously engage our whole attention for the next three or four weeks is whether or not the Festival of the 14th prox. will yield a sufficient sum for all these requirements, that is to say, not only for the regular expenditure of the year amounting, with a small margin for unforeseen contingencies, to some £12,000 or £13,000, but likewise for the aforesaid deficit of about £2200 and the extra cost of the 12 additional boys elected in April last, amounting at £40 per boy to £480 for the year? Well, there is a Board of Stewards, some 250 strong, and there is reason to believe that it includes a fair proportion of that particular class of irrepressible canvassers who have no place for "No!" in their vocabulary, would not understand its meaning if it were there, and certainly would not think of accepting it as an answer to their appeals for subscriptions and donations if they understood its meaning. But even if we allow for more than a fair proportion of these worthy people the Board is by no means strong enough to do what is required in the present position of things. The Benevolent Institution wanted money badly in the beginning of the year and it has had it; the Boys' School is in a similar strait and the problem we are considering now is—Will it succeed in obtaining the wherewith to satisfy its needs? With a Board of 250 Stewards we think its Festival receipts will fall short of the amount, but we see no reason why it should not succeed if the Board is enlarged to about 300 and the by no means excessive average of £50 per list is reached. However, it is less our province to express an opinion on a matter of this kind than to furnish the information on which such opinions are formed. A return of at least £15,000 is needed on the 14th June next and we must hope it will be forthcoming. The Chairman and the Stewards will do their part of the work, and Bro. BINCKES is deeply engaged in his; and it is for the Craft, as a body, to determine whether their labours shall be as productive as is necessary.

The Annual Meeting of the R.M.B.I. THE splendid Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February last has already yielded good fruit, the Committee of Management, owing to the unprecedented total of subscriptions announced at it, having been enabled to increase their investments by the purchase of a further £5000 stock; and to day (Friday), when the annual meeting will take place in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern, an extension of the benefits of the Institution will be proposed, and no doubt carried, which, as it will effect a substantial reduction in the number of worthy candidates now seeking for admission, will be the most telling, because the most practical, commentary on the merits of the latest Benevolent Anniversary. In February, the Committee, with a full sense of the responsibility they were assuming, declared the number of annuitants to be elected in May should be 28, including the three deferred on the Widows' Fund, and 9, including also the three deferred on the Male Fund, the number of candidates in the former case being 77, and in the latter, 51. At the usual monthly meeting on the 11th instant, the Committee having regard to all the circumstances, but especially to the fact of the Festival having yielded upwards of £19,000 with the certainty of additional contributions from West Yorkshire, East Lancashire, and elsewhere, being received in the course of the present year of Jubilee, wisely determined to recommend to the general body of Governors and subscribers in annual meeting assembled, that 40 widows should be elected instead of 28, and 16 men instead of 9. In the case of both Funds, the proposed additions since February include the vacancies that have arisen in the interim, so that the net addition to the established strength of the annuitants in each case will be commensurately less. On the other hand, the lists of candidates have been likewise reduced by death or withdrawal, and the proportion of appointments to candidates will be far greater than even the most sanguine friends of the Institution could have hoped for or believed possible six months ago. And when we bear in mind that in February there were only 9 vacancies—6 immediate and 3 deferred on the Male Fund, and only the 3 deferred on the Widows' Fund, to be filled this year, the full measure of the benefits we are deriving from the Anniversary in February will be still more apparent. Verily, the Chairman on that memorable occasion, his Board of Stewards, the contributors, and Bro. Secretary Terry must be now reaping the reward of their brilliantly successful efforts to enlarge the benefits of this useful Charity!

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East Lancashire and Bro. J. L. Hine. THE brethren of East Lancashire have done a graceful act in presenting an illuminated address to Bro. J. LANCASTER HINE, on his retirement after a 21 years' tenure of the office from the Chairmanship of the Charity Committee of the province. The address will be found elsewhere in the report of the Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, on the 11th instant. But we cannot let slip the opportunity it affords us of contributing our humble testimony to the value of the services which Bro. HINE—"Time-honoured Lancaster," as we have seen him described—has rendered to Freemasonry, not only during his 21 years' service in the chair of the Charity Committee of his province, but during the whole of his long and brilliant career, extending over somewhere about 40 years. Bro. HINE has won distinction in every branch of the Royal art, but he is known, and will always be remembered by the splendid and protracted services he has rendered to his Province in the cause of benevolence. It is mainly at his instigation that East Lancashire has contributed so largely to our Central Institutions, and so generously supports a Masonic Association of its own, while as manager for the Province of the elections in London in which it was interested, he has had the chief hand in securing the admission of 50 Boys and 27 Girls into their respective Schools, and has won election into the Benevolent Institution for 63 brethren and 25 widows of brethren. How much labour and anxiety such continuous and trying work as this must involve can be known only by brethren who have been engaged in duties similar to those which Bro. HINE is now resigning; and it is, as we have said, a graceful act on the part of his East Lancashire brethren, as well as a subject of deep gratification to him personally, that, on his retirement from so onerous a post, Bro. HINE should have been presented with so cordial an address.

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Grand Lodge of Connecticut. WE are very sorry to have to report a serious difference between the members of the Hiram Lodge, Connecticut, and the Grand Lodge of that State. Hiram Lodge is the oldest on the roll, but, unfortunately, has had its charter withdrawn by the Grand Lodge, and its members are suspended for insubordination. For the senior lodge to disobey the authorities is a very sad offence indeed, and though we are assured that the feeling in No. 1 "is as strong as ever, and there is no disposition to concede anything to the demands of the Grand Lodge," we trust that during the period allowed the members for reflection, that wise councils will prevail, and that before the warrant is finally revoked, they will again fall into line, acknowledge their wrong, and obtain forgiveness from their brethren. On April 28th a meeting of the lodge was held, when it was expected that resolutions were to be submitted, indicative not only of protests from the members, but expressive of defiance. Happily these were not proposed. The members, it is said, in the event of their expulsion or separation from the Grand Lodge, would not look upon themselves as connected with a clandestine lodge, but would simply regard themselves as "non-affiliated Masons." Well, if this would be any consolation to them, we cannot say it would be so to us; for, to belong to a so-called Masonic Organisation—which would be scouted by all regular Masons in Connecticut, by every other Grand Lodge in the United States, and by all regular foreign Grand Lodges—could not satisfy us under any circumstances. We are much mis-

taken in our estimate of the natural and Masonic feelings of a majority of the members of the Hiram Lodge, if in a little while they do not rebel against their mistaken leaders in the rebellion, and petition as individuals to be re-instated, even if the chief members continue recalcitrant. A lodge, which has existed since the year 1750, cannot afford to become careless of its character at the present time, for to continue disobedient will mean the forfeiture of its ancient position on the roll. For the sake of the eventful past we still hope that the members generally will soon see the error of their ways. At all events, a sufficient number will doubtless remain steadfast to the Grand Lodge to secure the perpetuity of their warrant.

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The "Locke MS." WE were not a little surprised the other day to read in the "Architect," under the attractive heading of "Bygones," an article on the noted "Locke MS.," in which the writer evidently accepts that apocryphal document as genuine and authentic. We are gravely told that notwithstanding "the statute passed in 1425 enacted that it shall be felony to plot confederacies amongst Masons, and such as shall assemble upon such confederacies shall suffer imprisonment and make fine and ransom at the King's will. Yet some three or four years afterwards King Henry became a Mason." (!) We are further told that "it is supposed to have been written in the time of HENRY VI., and by the King's own hand." Brethren who desire light on the subject should consult the latest examination of the MS., which will be found in Bro. GOULD'S history, chapter xi. That well known brother proves conclusively, as indeed some had done previously, that the document cannot be traced before 1753, in which year it was printed in the "Gentleman's Magazine," the small pamphlet of 1748, published at Frankfort, having so far escaped detection. The objections to the genuineness of the "Leland-Locke MS.," founded on internal evidence are numerous and weighty. Halliwell declares that "the orthography is most grotesque and too gross even to have been perused either by HENRY the SIXTH or LELAND, or both combined," and he hesitates not to describe it as "a clumsy attempt at deception." The wonder is that so singular a composition should have been so generally accepted by our Masonic Historians of the last century, though we are bound to confess the wonder diminishes, as we find that even now there are still some who cling tenaciously to the document. Bro. GOULD has arrived at the conclusion that the catechism in question was drawn up at some period subsequent to the publication of Dr. ANDERSON'S Constitutions of 1738, and he thinks it probable that the memoir of ASHMOLE, in the "Biographia Britannica" (1747) may have suggested "the idea of practising on the credulity of the Freemasons." Any way there was scarcely a Masonic work issued during the latter half of the last century that did not contain a reproduction of this apocryphal MS., and for long it was generally considered to be one of the most trustworthy evidences relating to the Craft in the fifteenth century. Time has served, however, to dispel the illusion, and it only now remains for brethren to carefully examine the criticisms of competent Masonic students to refuse their faith in the MS. in question.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire held its annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon, the 11th inst., in the Free-trade Hall, Peter-street, Manchester. There was a large attendance of officers and brethren. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.W. of England, Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, occupied his official chair, supported by Bro. G. Mellor, the W.D. Prov. G.M. Bro. H. Smith, W.D. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire; Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br.; and Bro. Capt. Garnett, Prov. S.G.W. of West Lancashire, were present.

The following officers of this province answered to their names:—

Bros. W. O. Walker, Prov. S.G.W.; J. R. Beard, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. E. J. Reeve, Prov. G. Chaplain; Rev. Jno. Watson, Prov. G. Chaplain; Peter Radcliffe, Prov. G. Treasurer; J. Lees Aspland, Prov. G. Registrar; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Secretary; J. W. Taylor, Prov. S.G.D.; W. J. Cunliffe, Prov. S.G.D.; J. M. Sinclair, Prov. J.G.D.; John Buckley, Prov. J.G.D.; J. W. Abbott, Prov. G.D. of C.; Wm. Hardcastle, Prov. G. Dir. of C.; Wm. Balmer, Prov. Asst. G. Dir. of C.; Wm. Hutchinson, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; Warwick Wood, Prov. G. Std. Br.; William Bolstock, Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. M. Bentley, Prov. G. Organist; John Troop, Prov. G. Purst.; and John T. Redfern, Prov. G.A. Purst.

Of Past Provincial Officers who have served under Col. Starkie there was a very numerous contingent.

The Grand Officers having been saluted, God save the Queen was sung in honour of the Jubilee of her Majesty's reign, Bro. Seymour Jackson giving the solo part of the music, and Bro. Pettit accompanying upon the organ. On the roll being called it was found that representatives were present from each of the 97 lodges now included within the province. The last lodge consecrated in East Lancashire is the Queen's Jubilee Lodge, at Nelson, No. 2193 on the roll of Grand Lodge.

Letters apologising for the inability of the writers to be present were announced to have been received from the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, the Earl of Lathom, Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, the Marquis of Hartington, Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire, and other Provincial Grand Officers of neighbouring provinces.

The accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, which were taken as read, showed that £900 9s. 4d. had been received, and that after meeting expenditure there remained a balance in hand of £90 9s. 4d. A report of the Auditors was also taken as read, and was accepted with an expression of thanks to the Auditors for their services.

For the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer there were four nominations, viz., Bros. W. Nicholl, 317; H. H. Warburton, 163; Evan Williams, 325; and S. Warburton, 1052. The last-named nomination was withdrawn, and on a poll being taken for the three remaining candidates, Bro. Nicholl was elected by 261 votes against 91 for Bro. Warburton, and 56 for Bro. Williams.

A report was read by the Prov. Grand Secretary giving a satisfactory account of the work of the lodges during the past year. In this Jubilee year, the Prov. Grand Secretary said, there would be a considerable increase in the number of initiates, and he trusted that the newly-received members would be of such a character as would bring increased satisfaction to the Craft at large. When the Provincial Grand Master was installed in that room 17 years ago there were 76 lodges, with 3419 subscribing members. Now there were no fewer than 97 lodges, with 4002 subscribing members in the province.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said the report had given him great satisfaction, as it must have done to all the brethren present. It was gratifying to him to know that the 97 lodges in the province were working according to their ancient rules and landmarks, and in harmony with the precepts sent down by Grand Lodge. He was thankful that the great spirit of Masonry, which was strongly planted in this large, influential, and wealthy part of her Majesty's dominions, was blossoming more than ever in this Jubilee year. (Applause.)

At the half-yearly meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Bolton in November last it was decided to raise a Jubilee fund to be applied to the Charities. It was now decided to ascertain, if possible, the amount such fund would be. The representatives of a large number of lodges stated that as yet their lodges were unprepared to name any specific sums, but, on the other hand, it was announced that 55 lodges were intending to give amounts making a total of £1944. The gratifying intelligence was very cordially received.

Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then invested by the Provincial Grand Master. The following is the list:—

Bro. Eustace Hulton, 62	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
Capt. G. T. Hardman, 283	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" The Rev. J. Watson, 152...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. A. Parkinson, 999	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. Nicholl, 317	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. W. Hamilton, 1253	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Chadwick, 44	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Harvey Heywood, 78	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. T. Richardson, 581	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" T. R. Peel, 1147	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. S. Barlow, 128	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Lawrence Booth, 1252	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. H. Cunliffe, 269	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Godfrey Higham, 1083	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. H. Jefferies, 1161	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" R. Duxbury, 1773	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Bollard, 126	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Thos. Milton, 210	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Joseph Clifton, 277	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Newton, 37	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. T. Redfern, 42	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. Williamson, 1055	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" R. R. Lisenden	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Cartwright	...	...
" James Rome	...	...
" E. W. Irving	...	...
" W. Bee	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" N. Dumville	...	...
" Thos. Higson	...	...

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER afterwards asked the Provincial Grand Master's acceptance of a life-sized portrait of himself, painted in oils. The artist has produced a faithful likeness of his right worshipful subject, attired in full Masonic clothing, and the work is in the highest degree satisfactory. Bro. Mellor said he spoke in the name of the 97 lodges of the province, who had subscribed for the picture, when he said that the suavity, urbanity, and generosity of their right worshipful ruler, combined with his firmness in counsel, had gained for Colonel Starkie the esteem and respect of every brother in the province, and that they all hoped he might long live as their Masonic head. (Applause.)

Bro. SILLITOE, Hon. Secretary of the Presentation Committee, read the text of an illuminated address to Colonel Starkie. This said that in giving the portrait it was the desire of the members of the lodges of the province to evince their grateful appreciation of the admirable, firm, and judicious manner in which their Provincial Grand Master had discharged the onerous duties of his Masonic office during the past 17 years. His fostering care had augmented the power of the benevolent institutions of the province and enlarged the influence of the province among the Masonic Institutions of the country to such an extent that the desire he expressed some years ago was now fulfilled. No child of a Freemason of this province need experience the want of a good education, and generous relief could be administered in all cases of distress and affliction. They prayed that he might be long preserved to rule over the province with wisdom and ability. (Applause.)

The R.W.P.G.M., who was greeted with loud applause, asked the brethren to accept his heartfelt thanks for their noble gift. When last he stood in that hall in a Masonic assembly he was installed Provincial Grand Master. Since then he did not know that he had ever felt so incapable of expressing his feelings as he did now, when 97 lodges and 4002 members recorded their affectionate feeling for him in such a manner. Their Order was rising day by day. They were making their good deeds felt. Their great Institutions in London were pointed to by those who were not members of their Order as examples of the Charity that beats in the bosom of the nation. (Hear, hear.) The noble response to the call for a Jubilee Charity Fund that he had experienced that day made him feel proud to be a brother; but he felt exalted as a man to have the privilege of ruling over the province. This year had been a heavy one to all the lodges. They had had extraneous calls upon them, and they had responded to them as only East Lancashire men could respond, and he felt sorry that they should be troubled further to put their hands in their pockets for anything which might simply be a matter for himself. In again heartily thanking them for this expression of their feeling, he assured them that as long as he lived their gift would record to him efforts on many grand occasions which the principles of the Order led men to undertake to relieve and help their fellows. (Applause.)

Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.J.G.W., was next presented with an illuminated address, on his retirement, after a period of 21 years, as Chairman of the Charity Committee, to which office Bro. J. A. Birch, P.P.J.G.W., has been appointed. During the period of Bro. Hine's chairmanship a sum of £27,000 has been subscribed by the province towards the maintenance of boys and

girls educated at the Royal Masonic Institutions, and in the giving of annuities to aged Freemasons and the support of widows.

The following is the address—

To Bro. Joseph Lancaster Hine, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Past Provincial Grand Treasurer of the Province of East Lancashire.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The members of the Charity Committee of the Province of East Lancashire and of the General Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution tender you their hearty thanks for the valuable services rendered by you to the Charitable Associations of Freemasonry.

Your 21 years' Chairmanship of the Charity Committee has been productive of the most beneficial results, as is evidenced by a greatly improved position upon the Metropolitan Masonic Institutions. The votes of East Lancashire on the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the time of your appointment were only 100, whereas at present they amount to upwards of 2700.

Your efforts in the year 1869 will not be forgotten, when the sum of £2834 was raised in this province for the Boys' Institution, whilst in 1879, when the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, presided at the annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the sum of £3542 was collected by the Stewards under your Chairmanship, this being the largest amount subscribed by any province previous to that time.

From the formation of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, you have been Chairman of the General Committee, and the growth of that Institution affords ample testimony of the value of your services. The Manchester and Salford Relief Committee, which for years was the only Charitable organisation in the province, owed its formation mainly to you, and its efficient working was secured by your constant and unremitting supervision.

We take the opportunity of congratulating you upon your entering upon the fortieth year of your membership in the Craft, and we venture to hope that your active interest and valuable co-operation may be continued to Freemasonry for many years.

Presented at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, on the 11th day of June, 1887, pursuant to a resolution of the Charity Committee of the province, and of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Educational Institution, unanimously passed on the 29th day of March, 1887.

LE GENDRE N. STARKIE, Prov. G.M.,

President of the above Institutions.

The presentation having been duly acknowledged by Bro. HINE, £50 was voted to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Fund, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Town Hall.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire met at Chippenham on the 12th inst., being received by the Lansdowne Lodge, No. 626, the W.M. of which lodge, Bro. the Rev. Canon Millar, having welcomed Lord Methuen, the P.G. Master, the especial business for which the brethren had been called together, was at once proceeded with. A vote of fifty guineas was made from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge towards the Imperial Institute, and a hope was expressed that Wiltshire would be well represented at the great gathering of Freemasons to be held under the presidency of the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master, at the Albert Hall on the 13th of June prox. Representatives from all the lodges in the province were present, and Lord Methuen was supported by Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and by the following Officers, besides a large number of Past Masters and brethren: Bros. J. V. Toone, P.S.G.W.; the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. A. Law, P.G. Chaplain; J. Sparks, P.G. Reg.; H. Bevir, P.G. Secretary; F. S. Hancock, P.S.G.D.; Edward Noke, P.J.G.D.; J. A. Randell, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. Chandler, P.G.D.C.; S. J. Haden, P.A.G.D.C.; T. Ringer, P.G. Std. Br.; A. J. Beaven, P.G. Swd. Br.; H. Millington, P.G. Org.; and G. R. Shemilt, P.G. Purst.

CONSECRATION OF THE REGENT'S PARK LODGE, No. 2202.

The want having for some considerable time been experienced of a lodge for the convenience of Masons residing in the neighbourhood of Regent's Park, and a petition, influentially signed, having been forwarded to the M.W.G.M. to that effect, he was pleased to grant a warrant for a lodge to be called the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202, to be held at the York and Albany, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, the consecration of which took place on Monday last.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., as S.W.; Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B., as J.W.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., as Chap.; J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C., as D.C.; and N. D. Francis, as I.G.

The other brethren present were—

Bros. D. P. Cama, P.M. 1159 and 2105, P.G. Treas.; E. C. Mulvey, 179 and 778; J. K. R. Cama, 2105; C. Sheppard, P.M. 1366; Dr. J. Powdrell, 1744; H. Jordan, M. H. Embley, Dr. N. J. Goodchild, P.M. 704 and 1470; J. Passingham, 193; N. Goodchild, 704 and 1470; W. J. Hall, 193; W. H. Hosegood, 1044; J. Kew, P.M. 179; E. R. Smith, F. J. Goodall, H. Coffin, H. Marsden, A. Giddings, 1194; C. Walker, J. Loath, W. E. Lane, G. Lane, R. P. Tabb, T. Bore, F. Palmer, J. P. Poynter, J. Bangs, H. F. Bangs, H. J. Hazel, H. Sadler, G. Tyler; S. F. Knight Smith, P.M. 1441; and F. M. Noakes, 2148.

After the lodge had been formally opened,

The GRAND SECRETARY, in addressing the brethren on the motive of the meeting, said they were met there that day to perform a ceremony which was very important to them all as Masons, it was to perform the ceremony of consecrating a new lodge. Many years ago a lodge was held in that neighbourhood, but for some reason it ceased to exist, consequently that district has been without a lodge for some time. He had, on previous occasions, explained the great desirability of limiting the number of London lodges. There were now about 350, and unless very good reasons were given, the M.W.G.M. objected to their increase, but considering the large area of that important neighbourhood his Royal Highness gave way, and granted them the warrant. They had, therefore, met to give effect to his letters patent. In Bro. Cama, whom they had chosen as their first W.M., they had a good man and a good Mason, who would obey and uphold the laws and regulations of the Order. They should be careful not to admit anyone unless they were satisfied they were persons of good repute. By observing that rule they would in time have perhaps, not a large lodge, but a good working one. He trusted under the able guidance of their W.M., and his successor, the Regent's Park Lodge would have a successful career.

At the conclusion of the address, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., delivered an eloquent oration on the Nature and Principles of the Institution.

The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, and on its completion Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., was installed as W.M. The following

officers were invested: Bros. E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; J. K. R. Cama, J.W.; Dr. N. J. Goodchild, Treasurer; C. Sheppard, Secretary; N. Goodchild, S.D.; Dr. Powdrell, J.D.; A. Giddings, D.C.; W. H. Hosegood, I.G.; and R. Whiting, Tyler. The addresses were then delivered by the GRAND SECRETARY in his usual faultless manner.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said their first duty was to pass a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., for the impressive way in which he had performed the ceremony, and to ask him to accept the honorary membership of the lodge. He had also to ask him to accept a founder's jewel which he pinned on his breast.

The vote of thanks having been seconded by the S.W., was carried by acclamation, the GRAND SECRETARY thanked the brethren for the very hearty way in which they had carried the vote of thanks. He would accept the honorary membership with pleasure, also the beautiful jewel which they had presented to him, which he should always consider as a memorial of that day's proceedings.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the J.W., a vote of thanks was passed to the Grand Officers who had assisted, and they were unanimously elected honorary members.

Bro. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G. Chap., thanked the brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers, and said they had very great pleasure in accepting the honorary membership.

A Committee was formed to frame the bye-laws. The S.W. then proposed three gentlemen for initiation and several brethren as joining members. The music throughout the ceremony was beautifully rendered by Bro. T. F. Knight Smith, assisted by Bros. Tabb, Embley, and Poynter, who also enhanced the pleasures of the evening by their excellent singing.

After ample justice had been done to an excellent banquet, which was served in a manner that reflected great credit on their worthy host, Mr. F. J. Holden, who was to be their first initiate, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in a manner worthy of the occasion.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing the toast of "The Queen," said they yielded to none in their loyalty to the Queen. People in general, but Freemasons in particular, were looking forward to the Jubilee Celebrations, and they were fortunate in starting their lodge at that eventful period. He was a native of a conquered country, but by her wise and peaceful rule she had endeared herself to them all, and no country was more loyal than India.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," said they all knew how popular he was, and how he had, not long ago, shown his zeal for their welfare by initiating his eldest son, and elevating him to the rank of S.G.W., but, whether as a Mason or not, he was a worthy son of a worthy mother.

"The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who said that he always spoke of the former as the two great pillars of Masonry. With regard to the others, he regretted that want of space prevented them having more present with them that evening. The senior Grand Officer on his left, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., was well-known and highly esteemed by them all. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G. Reg., he should always remember with feelings of very great pleasure for the kindly words he had spoken to him when investing him with the collar of Grand Treasurer of Supreme Grand Chapter, those words had made a deep impression on him which he would always cherish till time with him was no more. Bro. Major Lambert, P.G.S.B., to whom he mentioned his intention to stand as candidate for Grand Treasurer, he should always remember with feelings of gratitude for his kind words of encouragement to go in and win, and to Bro. J. L. Mather, Asst. D. of C., the youngest Grand Officer present, he offered his heartiest congratulations. The toast required no further comment. He asked them to receive it cordially, and coupled with it the names of Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., and Major G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., in reply, said it had devolved upon him to return thanks for the toast so kindly and so ably proposed by their W.M. He could have wished the task had been entrusted to one more worthy to respond than himself, but failing that he was too old, and he trusted too true a Mason not to obey the commands of the W.M., he had spoken in terms of great praise of the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and it was a grand illustration of their W.M. when he said that they were like the two great pillars which stood at the entrance of the Temple, we hail in this lodge a Master who is also a Past Grand Officer, his position there that night was in some measure a type of the universality of Freemasonry which knows no distinction of creed or race so long as they be good men and true; this feeling, he trusted, would have a good effect on them and would be conveyed to the whole Craft. That success might attend them was the hearty wish of the Grand Officers, the prosperity of the lodge would materially depend on the fact that there was nothing worth having that had not to be worked for. He begged to thank them for the kind recognition of their services.

Bro. Major G. LAMBERT, P.G.S.B., then said the W.M. had spoken of his country as a conquered country; he thought the happiness of his country was very bound up with this. Did they not see their young men coming over and benefiting by the instruction gained in our Universities and other centres of learning? Did they not see them becoming judges, and holding high positions under our rule? The country had buckled to, and made for itself a proud position among the nations of the earth. Would that he had the chance to go there and see that glorious empire. What have they not done? They met and saw them standing before them in every station in life. Might he mention Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy as a glorious example? He thanked him for the very kind way in which he had spoken of the Grand Officers, and also for the kind sympathy shown to all classes over which her Majesty was reigning.

The GRAND SECRETARY then said he had to propose the next toast, and he felt it an honour to do so. He would not make the usual remark about it being the "toast of the evening;" but it was a great honour to arrive at the position of Master of a lodge, especially the first Master, as had been accomplished by Bro. Cama that night. When the founders of that lodge looked around among themselves for a Master, they found in Bro. Cama one who possessed all the necessary qualifications. He had many great offices, culminating in that of Grand Treasurer. He belonged to many Orders, and he was quite sure he would fulfil his office in a manner that was worthy of his high position, and be a bright example to them all. He wished him every success during his year of office.

Bro. D. P. CAMA, P.G. Treas., W.M., thanked the Grand Secretary for the very kind way in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for its very cordial reception. It was by the kindness of the founders that he was in that proud position, he would do his very best to maintain and

uphold the tenets of the Order and the dignity of the lodge, but that could not be done by the W.M. alone. He must be assisted by his officers and members of the lodge who should all work in peace and harmony. By what he had seen of them that day he had no misgivings as to the future success of the lodge. He begged again to thank them.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing the toast of the Consecrating Officer, said the noble and gallant Colonel, the Grand Secretary had performed the ceremony of consecration in a manner that would commend itself to them all. His abilities were too well known to them all to need any words of his to induce them to drink his health in a bumper.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, said they had so over-powered him by their kindness that he could scarcely find words to thank them. As their executive officer, it was his duty to perform this ceremony, but he did not do it merely as a point of duty, it was a labour of love, everything had passed off most satisfactorily, and he wished them every possible success.

The "Masonic Charities" was next proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said we have three great Charities, the Festivals of two of which have been held, the third has yet to take place, that of the Old People, turned out a great success. The Girls' was not quite so successful, in view probably of their approaching Centenary in 1888, that of the Boys' had yet to take place, and he trusted Bro. Binckes would meet with all the success he deserved, they are all in great need of our continual support, and he trusted they would always keep this fact before them. The Girls' School had resolved to admit all their candidates without election, and he trusted the others would feel themselves in a position to follow their example. He would couple this toast with the name of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C., in responding, said: It is always an honour to return thanks for our Masonic Charities. I beg, without contradiction, to say that they are not only the best commentary on Masonic professions, but are the crown, shining and precious, so to say, of all our efforts and all our "outcome" as Freemasons. It is, indeed, a very remarkable "totality" which is represented by our Masonic Charitable Festivals and returns year by year, and reflect the greatest credit on our warm-hearted and beneficent Order. No humanitarian society, that I am aware, can compete with Freemasonry to-day in this praiseworthy evidence of genuine and unselfish Charity. Unselfish, did I say? Surely, yes, brethren. We give nothing as of right, nothing as a "quid pro quo." We are not a "Benefit Order," but we give freely and liberally, on good grounds, on a proper claim. We cause the "poor widow's heart to beat with joy," we relieve the old lodge companions and fellow workers of years, and we adopt and educate the children of our less fortunate brethren when left behind, almost often helpless and friendless, in the world. It is a mistake to suppose that Freemasons are a very wealthy Order. That is not so; but the great result of their yearly offerings, representing the interest at three per cent., of more than a million and a half, is brought about by the warm hearts and liberal hands of English Freemasons. Your W.M. has indeed set an example which all in a similar position may well imitate. He and his good wife are Patrons of all our Charities, and I am therefore both honoured and privileged in responding to the toast of the Charities of our Order, as so ably proposed by him.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said they had few visitors there that night, as their room was limited, most of those present being joining members.

This toast was responded to by Bro. T. F. KNIGHT SMITH.

Bro. Dr. N. GOODCHILD replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said he had the greatest possible pleasure in accepting the office of Treasurer. He would do his very best to render the lodge, financially, a success.

Bro. C. SHEPPARD, in responding for the Secretary, thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received the toast. He would do all in his power to forward their best interests.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Officers," and said to Bro. E. C. Mulvey, S.W., the credit was due of initiating the idea of starting that lodge, and on him principally devolved the onerous duty of successfully carrying it through with what measure of success they were all well aware. They had a good staff of officers, many of them Past Masters and Preceptors of lodges of instruction, which augured well for their future success.

Bro. E. C. MULVEY, S.W., thanked the W.M. for the very kind way in which he had spoken of him, and trusted he should meet them for many years in that lodge.

The toast was also responded to by Bros. J. K. R. CAMA, J.W., and W. H. HOSEGOOD, I.G.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful meeting.

The banner, which was much admired, was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF STRIGUIL LODGE, No. 2186, AT CHEPSTOW.

The consecration of the above lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, Chepstow, on Friday, the 13th inst. A large number of brethren from the neighbouring lodges and surrounding provinces attended to do honour to the occasion. The ceremony was performed by the Prov. Grand Master for Monmouthshire, Bro. Col. Lyne, assisted by Bros. Capt. Homfray, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Wm. Watkins, P.S.G.W.; Col. Perkins, P.J.G.W.; E. W. Evans, D. of C.; Rev. J. W. Osman, Prov. G. Chaplain; and other Prov. G. Officers.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. B. Broad, P. Prov. G. Organist.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration, Bro. the Rev. D. G. Davies, P.M., P.P.G.C., was installed by the Deputy P.G. Master as first Master of the new lodge, the ninth within the Province of Monmouthshire. The following brethren, who with the W.M. constitute the seven founders of this lodge, were appointed to office and invested: Bros. Alexander Miller, S.W.; C. W. Whalley, J.W.; Callaghan, Treas.; A. K. Griffiths, Sec.; C. M. King, S.D.; and C. J. Lindam, J.D.

The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master. The names of several brethren were proposed as joining members, and also several were proposed as candidates for initiation.

The new lodge room and ante-room, though small, are very commodiously and suitably arranged. They have been provided and generously placed at the sole disposal of the lodge, on very easy terms, by the Senior Warden, Bro. Miller.

The labours of the day being ended, the brethren adjourned to the Beaufort Arms Hotel, where a well-served banquet awaited them.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, that of "Prosperity to the Striguil Lodge," given by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, being received with enthusiastic applause. In the course of his remarks he alluded to the fact that this was the seventh lodge constituted within the province in the 19 years during which he had been connected with it, and he expressed a hope that Striguil, though the youngest, would not be behind the other lodges in the exercise of all the objects, duties, and virtues of Masonry.

The enjoyment of the meeting was much enhanced by an excellent selection of songs, to the accompaniment of Bro. W. B. Broad, by Bros. Capt. Homfray, Col. Perkins, C. Richards, G. F. Jakeway, and James Hughes, also by an admirable recitation of "The crew of the Nancy Belle," by Bro. Dix, W.M. 1429.

The Tyler's toast closed a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

The whole of the furniture, collars, and jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The thirteenth convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex was held at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, on Saturday, the 14th inst. Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G. Supt., presided, and was supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers: Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp, Prov. G. 2nd Principal; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, Prov. G. 3rd Principal; J. F. H. Woodward, Prov. G.S.E.; J. T. Briggs, Prov. G.P.S.; C. H. Webb, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; W. H. Lee, Prov. A.G.S.E.; and J. S. Fraser, Prov. 2nd A.G.S.E.

There were also present

Comps. F. Sumner Knyvett, G. Swd. Br.; A. W. Duret, P.Z. 382; G. E. Clark, jun., Z. 1777; C. E. Keyser, P.Z. 404, Z. 1549; G. J. Dunkley, P.Z. 1503; G. L. Wingate, M.E.Z. 1423; Jas. Ollerhead, M.E.Z. 946; J. J. Marsh, M.E.Z. 1326; C. Veal, P.Z. 1489; C. L. Smiles, P.P.G.R. 1503; W. Fooks, M.E.Z. 1691, P.P.G.R.; W. Taylor, P. Prov. G.J.; W. A. Rogers, 1549; B. Haynes, J. 1549; R. H. Blackford, P.Z. 1549; G. Gregory, P.Z. 2048; J. Ferguson, P.Z. 1691; R. Pasco, 1549; J. C. Smith, 1507; T. E. Edmonds, S.N. 1507; A. H. Scurrah, 2048; J. K. R. Cama, 1503; E. G. Lewis, Z. 1237; W. M. Stiles, M.E.Z. 2048; H. Stiles, P.Z. 1507; G. Mordy, 1507; R. F. Hosken, 1503; W. W. Morgan, 141; D. R. Soanes, 1549; E. Cowley, 1549; J. Etherington, 619; E. Y. Jolliffe, J. 1194; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The Prov. G. Chapter having been opened, the roll of chapters in the province was called, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, showing a balance in hand of £34 6s. 9d., was also read, and on the motion of Comp. SCURRAH was adopted.

The Prov. G. SUPERINTENDENT re-appointed Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp, as 2nd Prov. G. Principal, and appointed and invested Comp. A. W. Duret, P.Z. 382, as 3rd Prov. G. Principal.

Comp. H. Lovegrove was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, but, being unavoidably absent, was not re-invested. The following officers were appointed and invested:—

Comp. J. F. H. Woodward (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. Ferguson, 1691	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. M. Stiles, Z. 2048	...	Prov. G. Prin. S.
" C. E. Keyser, Z. 1549	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" G. L. Wingate, 1423	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" C. L. Smiles, 1503	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Clark, jun., 1777	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Ollerhead, Z. 946	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Dr. Rogers, 1549	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. J. Marsh, Z. 1326	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. H. Lee, P.P.G. Std. Br. (re-appointed)	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" G. J. Dunkley, P.S. 1503	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Gilbert	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. THRUPP then said that they had been working without bye-laws for many years, and as they had recently revised the by-laws of the Prov. G. Lodge, he proposed that a Committee consisting of Comps. Ferguson, Tickell, Scurrah, and Lee, should be appointed to frame bye-laws for the Prov. G. Chapter.

Comp. DURET having seconded this proposition, it was carried unanimously.

Comp. THRUPP said most of the companions were aware that Comp. H. Lovegrove, Prov. G. Treas., had taken a great deal of trouble in bringing out the Provincial Pocket Book. Most of the Secretaries had willingly given all the information they could, but he wished to impress upon the Secretaries and Scribes the desirability of giving the fullest particulars to Comp. Lovegrove, for the Pocket Book was a very great assistance to the Prov. G. Officers. He, therefore, asked all Secretaries and Scribes in the province to aid Comp. Lovegrove in his labour of love, and reminded them that all profit on the work was generously handed over to the Masonic Charities.

Comp. WOODWARD also pointed out the great inconvenience which arises from companions and brethren not giving the fullest particulars.

There being no further business the chapter was closed in due form.

The companions subsequently met at a substantial repast, after which the usual toasts were given and received with the usual heartiness.

Comp. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Grand Supt., having proposed "The Queen and R.A. Masonry," said the next toast was one that would come to the hearts of all, for it was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, First Grand Principal." They all received him as one of themselves, and the manner in which he carries out the duties of his high position renders him deserving of the highest esteem. His Royal Highness was one of the most distinguished members of the Order, and was always quite ready to do what he could to advance its interest. It was, therefore, with great pleasure that he asked them to drink to the health of their M.E. First Grand Principal.

The PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT then gave "The Grand Officers," and said the toast included some of the most important members of Royal Arch Masonry. There were the three Grand Principals, who look after the interests and advancement of the Order. They were looked up to and esteemed by all, for they were at all times quite ready to perform their duties to the best of their ability. He was sure he need not speak of them individually or refer to their personal excellences. He knew Comp. Lord Leigh very well and the interest he takes in the Order, and he was aware that that excellent companion, in conjunction with many others, was instrumental in raising it to its present high position. He was happy to say there was one

Grand Officer present whom he was certain they would all appreciate, for Comp. Knyvett, G. Swd. Br., had rendered excellent service in many ways. He was very pleased to see Comp. Knyvett there, and it was with a great deal of pleasure he coupled his name with the toast.

Comp. F. SUMNER KNYVETT, Grand Swd. Br., said he rose with great diffidence and pleasure after the flattering speech of the Grand Superintendent, to cordially return thanks for the hearty reception they had given him. It would be presumption on his part to respond for the Grand Principals, further than endorsing all the remarks that had been made concerning them. With regard to the other Grand Officers, he was quite sure they had but one object in view, and that was to promote the interest, and maintain the ancient landmarks of the Order. One of their greatest pleasures and rewards was to merit the esteem of the members. The G. Superintendent had conferred a great honour upon him by coupling his name with the toast, for he saw on his left a distinguished Grand Officer. That companion had justly merited the esteem of all, and he could only say, as far as he was personally concerned, that it would be his study to maintain those ancient landmarks to the best of his ability, and he hoped in years to come he should likewise merit their esteem.

Comp. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, Second Prov. G. Principal, then said they had come to the toast of the evening, it was "The Health of their Prov. G. Superintendent, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart." They were all aware it would take him a very long time to do ample justice to the toast, but fortunately Sir Francis was well known to all present, so that it would require but a few words from him to expatiate on his merits or his qualities as a man and a gentleman. Wherever he goes in the provinces, he is always received in the warmest manner, for they knew he was a good Mason, and that he gives the hand of fellowship to all, even to the youngest initiate. It was his increasing geniality and kindness that had made him the most popular Prov. G. Master and Prov. Grand Superintendent in England. He would not say anything more concerning him, except that they were rejoiced to see him amongst them again, having recovered his strength, and they one and all trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would bestow upon him good health, and spare him for many years to come.

Comp. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G. Supt., said that after the very kind and eulogistic manner in which Comp. Thrupp had proposed his health, they must feel with him that it was with considerable difficulty he could find words to return thanks. He assured them that on the present occasion when he saw such a large assembly he could not adequately respond in a proper manner, for Comp. Thrupp had said so much in his praise that he did not deserve. But Comp. Thrupp had not said more than he (the P.G. Supt.) wished to do for the advantage of the province, and the general welfare of the members. It always gave him the greatest pleasure, although he had not many opportunities, to meet the companions, and feel they were companions and brethren, as they ought to be all over the world. He had had the pleasure of hearing what had been done in the Stanmore Chapter, which had met immediately previous to the P.G. Chapter, and could only regret that he was not present. But he had heard from those who were in attendance that they were very gratified at the way in which the work had been done, and he was sure there was scarcely a chapter in the province that would excel the working of the Stanmore Chapter. He sincerely thanked the companions present for their warm reception, and hoped to have the opportunity of meeting them on many future occasions, when he trusted they would enjoy themselves in the same manner they had that evening.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then gave "The Provincial Grand Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex," and said he felt he could not say enough to thank them for the manner in which they had supported him. He had had various officers and energetic officers, but he could not say sufficient of those around him. Comps. Thrupp and Woodward were his most able supporters. All the companions were well aware of their qualities, and how they exerted themselves for the interest of the province. He was sorry to say he was able to be amongst the companions always; but he felt confident that he left the work in good hands, and had no doubt the duties would be carried out properly under their direction. Comp. Thrupp had for a length of time occupied the position he now held, and he hoped for many more years to have the benefit of his services, and the continuation of the kind assistance he had always rendered. He need not say anything more regarding him, for they all loved and respected him. As long as he had been associated with his province he had never had any more able supporter than Comp. Woodward. He had not only served him most ably, but had carried out his duties in a manner that had endeared him to every companion and every brother. He was proud of him, and was proud of every one of his Provincial Grand Officers, for he felt they were ready and anxious to support him.

Comp. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, Second Prov. G. Principal, in reply, said he was very glad Comp. Pasco had intervened with his song, for it was very applicable and a great assistance to him in responding to say something of "Old Friends," and he hoped he was an "Old Friend" in the province, and was certainly always received as such. He hoped the day would be far distant when he would be received as anything else. He considered it an honour and pleasure to serve under their Prov. Grand Superintendent, for with such a head over them they were bound to do everything they could to support him and promote the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry in the province. He was sure he need not say anything about the Prov. Grand Officers, except that they would unite with him in furthering the interests of the province, and were grateful to the Grand Superintendent for appointing them. He could assure them it was the desire of the Grand Superintendent to know who were the most zealous, and although not constantly with them he always had the province in mind and was the guiding spirit of everything connected with it. He hoped the Prov. Grand Officers who would be appointed in the Provincial Grand Lodge would support him in carrying out his orders, whether they were distasteful or not. That was the only way in which the work could be carried out, and he hoped they would see the orders obeyed and acted on. He again thanked the companions for the reception accorded the toast.

Comp. H. STILES, P.Z. 1507, in responding for "The Visitors," said he was afraid the Prov. Grand Superintendent had made a poor selection in coupling his name with the toast. On behalf of the visiting companions he tendered sincere thanks, for the very enjoyable time they had spent, and was only echoing their sentiments when he said they hoped to have the distinguished honour of visiting again. He wished to be permitted to say that the companions of the province ought to be very proud to have a nobleman, such as the Grand Superintendent, to preside over them. He hoped that on a future occasion he might be one of themselves, and again thanked them for their kindness.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in proposing "The Principals of the Stanmore Chapter," said he was sure it would be received in the most enthusiastic manner. The Stanmore Chapter had not been long in existence, but it had existed long enough to make itself well known, and he could only regret he was not present at the meeting earlier in the day. He was sure the province would be proud of such a chapter, and he heard that Comp. Keyser had carried out the work in a manner gratifying to all. He sincerely hoped it would maintain its position for many years to come and had very great pleasure in submitting this toast to the notice of the companions.

Comp. C. E. KEYSER, Z. 1549, said the members of the Stanmore Chapter felt deeply grateful for the kind remarks of the Prov. Grand Superintendent. They certainly did their best, but he did not know they deserved all the praise bestowed. They would have been exceedingly pleased if the Prov. Grand Superintendent had honoured them with his presence, but trusted that on some future occasion the Provincial Grand Chapter or Provincial Grand Lodge would again visit them, and that they would not only be pleased with the working, but would also have a fitting reception.

The Janitor's toast then closed the proceedings. During the evening Comp. J. G. Dunkley (J. Graham) presided at the piano and rendered some capital songs, and was assisted by Comps. Pasco and W. W. Lee.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

On the 6th inst. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the Prov. G. Master of North and East Yorkshire, was installed by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. of England, as Prov. Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, in succession to the late Comp. J. P. Bell, M.D. The ceremony took place in the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on the invitation of the Zetland Chapter, No. 236, and there was the largest attendance of Royal Arch Masons that have assembled in this province for some years. Amongst those present were—

Comps. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, 236, P.G.H.; J. Todd, P.Z. 236; T. B. Whytehead, P.Z. 236 and 1611, P.P.G.H.; W. Reynolds, P.Z. 250 and 1511, P.G. Treasurer; H. Forder, P.Z. 1010, P.G.H.; R. H. Peacock, P.Z. 200, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Porritt, P.Z. 734 and 1611, P.P.G.H.; J. Bordass, 734, P.G.D.C.; A. Buckle, P.Z. 236, P.P.G.S.; J. Elgey, P.Z. 734; H. Foster, A.D.C. 236; W. H. Marwood, P.Z. 312; T. Turner, P.Z. 294, Prov. G. Reg.; G. L. Shackles, M.E.Z. 1511, P. Prov. G. Reg.; J. Stevenson, P.Z. 312, P. Prov. G.H.; J. S. Moss, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; W. H. Falkingbridge, M.E.Z. 312, P. Prov. Asst. G.P.; G. H. Walshaw, 200, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. Nicholls, 660, H., P.G.S.B.; T. M. Goldie, H., P.G. Std. Br.; W. Lawton, P.Z., P.P.G.R.; T. Marshall, 294, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; W. C. Whiteside, 250, J., P.G.A.S.; W. H. Rose, 66, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; H. Smith, 302, &c., P.Z., Scribe E. West Yorkshire; Rev. W. Valentine, 236, P.Z.; M. Rook, 236, P.G.S.N.; J. T. Seller, 1611, P.P.G.S.; H. Darley, 1248, P.P.G.S.; G. Simpson, 1611, P.Z., P.P.G.P.; A. Farmer, 602, P.P.A.G.S.; V. King, 250, P.G.O.; James Y. Torr, 250, P.G.S.; W. B. Hutton, 57, P.G.S.; W. Tesseymen, 57, P.G.S.B.; J. W. Woodall, 200; T. W. Tew, West Yorkshire; C. Goulding, 294, J.; A. W. Walker, 660, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Gillett, 57, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; G. Balmford, 236; M. Millington, 1611, Z.; G. Chambers, 1248, P.S.; A. H. H. McGachen, S.N.; W. Holder, 250, P.Z.; G. Garbutt, 236, J.; S. Border, 236, P.S.; J. Blenkin, 1611, J.; J. Dunn, P.Z.; E. Bryan, J.; J. S. Rymer, 236, Z.; J. F. Nicholson, 1010, Z.; J. Kemp, 294, P.Z.; H. S. White, 250, Z.; W. Garbutt, 200, Z.; J. Stewart, 312, P.S.; G. Kirby, 236, H.; J. Walton, 57, S.; J. H. Hackett, 200, J.; W. Brown, 1611, J.; J. Sugden, 294, P.Z.; J. R. Ansdell, 1605, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Cowper, 602, P.Z., P.P.A.S.; and the following companions of the Zetland and Eboracum Chapters, New York, viz.: Comps. Hopton, Purnell, Kay, Hodgson, Page, Brogden, Gramshaw, G. Chapman, Nance, Mennell, Crummack, Watkinson, Swift, Bryson, Smith, Ware, Forbes, Archer, Young, Biscoomb, Lackenby, Thackray, Anderson, Calvert, and Hall.

The members of the Zetland Chapter had made ample arrangements for the assembly. The companions met at three o'clock, and at once took their seats in the Zetland Chapter, Comp. Rymer presiding, supported by Comps. G. Kirby, H., and G. Garbutt, J. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then opened, Comps. S. H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. of England, as Z.; H. Forder, H.; and J. Thompson, J.

At the commencement of the proceedings, the SCRIBE E. read an address of welcome to Col. Clerke in appropriate terms, which was warmly acknowledged, in doing which Comp. Col. CLERKE alluded to the pleasure it gave him to come to York to install the Right Hon. Lord Zetland as Superintendent of the Royal Arch Masons of this Province, and his regret at the decease of Comp. J. P. Bell, the late Superintendent of the Province.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter, held at the Humber Chapter, Hull, in May, 1886, were read and confirmed, and also a satisfactory financial statement by Comp. W. REYNOLDS, the Prov. G. Treas.

A deputation of those present then presented his lordship for installation, and the ceremony for which the brethren had specially assembled was carried out in all its details by Comp. Col. Clerke, who was assisted by Comp. J. Bordass, D. of C. The organ accompaniments were given by Comp. V. King, the Prov. Grand Organist. The Grand Superintendent then made the following appointments, viz.: Comps. J. S. Rymer, 336, H.; and J. Blenkin, 1611, J.

Various chapters then communicated, and Comp. Reynolds, P.Z., was then proposed as Treasurer for the ensuing year and unanimously accepted. The Grand Superintendent then appointed—

Comp. M. C. Peck, Minerva Chapter, Hull	...	Prov. G. S.E.
" J. Sugden, Constitutional Chapter, Beverley	...	Prov. G. S.N.
" R. Smithson	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. Nicholson, Kingston Chapter	...	Prov. G. P.S.
" P. Donoghue, Humber Chapter, Hull	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" G. Ayre, Britannia Chapter, Whitby	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" J. H. Hackett, Old Globe, Scarborough	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" C. Palliser, Zetland Chapter, York	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Dunn, Londesborough Chapter, Driffield	...	Prov. G. D. of C.
" T. D. Wing, Humber Chapter, Hull	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" C. Golding, Constitutional Chapter, Beverley	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. J. Lambert, Kingston Chapter, Hull	...	Prov. G. Janitor

After the appointments had been made, his Lordship expressed his thanks to Col. Clerke for the able manner in which the ceremony had been carried out, and feelingly alluded to the loss the province had sustained in the death of the late Grand Superintendent, and also dwelt at some length on the excellences of Royal Arch Freemasonry.

A banquet followed at Harker's Hotel, when the Grand Superintendent presided, and was supported by Col. Clerke, the newly-appointed officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter, and a fair number of those who had attended the installation. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed and responded to.

THE JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT THE ALBERT HALL.

We are informed that the arrangements for the great Jubilee meeting at the Royal Albert Hall, under the presidency of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, are proceeding satisfactorily, and that the allotment of tickets on an equitable system approved by the M.W. Pro Grand Master will be made next week. Applications from lodges, if accompanied by remittances, are still being received and will, we believe, be received while any seats are left.

The following circular has been sent to all lodges requiring extra tickets:

Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, W.C.,
May, 1887.

Dear Sir and Brother,

If you will remit the amount for the extra tickets you require they will be reserved for you.

An allotment, on an equitable system approved by the M.W. Pro Grand Master, will be made as soon as practicable, and it is hoped that the tickets may be sent out at the end of the month.

The following directions will be printed on the tickets:—

Brethren to appear in black frock coat, white gloves, and full Masonic Craft clothing.

By special dispensation of the M.W.G.M., Prov. Grand Officers, Masters, Wardens, Past Masters, and officers of lodges are to wear the collars and jewels of their respective offices.

A seat is provided for every brother to whom a ticket has been issued. Brethren are, therefore, expected to proceed quietly to the places assigned to them.

Brethren bringing coats and hats must take them into the hall and place them under their seats out of view.

Brethren are strongly recommended not to bring their clothing in boxes, as no provision can be made for their safe keeping.

It is requested that remittances be made either in Cheques or Post-Office Orders made payable to me.

In answer to numerous enquiries, I may state that the whole of the money received for Tickets will be handed to the three Masonic Institutions without deduction.

Yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE,
G. Sec.

PRIZE DAY AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The demands on our space last week were such as to necessitate our holding over the list of prize-winners at the fête held at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in connection with the visit customarily paid by the Festival Stewards of the year on Monday, the 9th inst. The recipients of the different awards were loudly greeted by their companions, the winners of the principal prizes being especially honoured in this respect.

The list is as follows—

PRIZES BY THE INSTITUTION.—Gold Medal for Proficiency (with £5 by Bro. William Winn)—Ellen Senior. Silver Medal for Good Conduct (with £5 by Bro. William Winn)—Grace Bartrum. Passing Senior Cambridge Local Examination in 3rd Class Honours—S. M. Norrish and A. W. Cecil (Pupil Teachers). Passing Junior Cambridge Local Examination in 2nd Class Honours—Ellen Senior and Jane Taylor. Passing Cambridge Local Examination in 3rd Class Honours (with £1 5s. each—part of £5—by Bro. William Winn)—Fanny Oberdoerffer, Grace Bartrum, Ada Crow, and Mabel Osmond. Passing Junior Cambridge Local Examination (Satisfied Examiners) Mary Spalding, Emily Cecil, Ellen Ashton, Josephine March, Juliet Priestly, Clara Coales, Sophia Riley, Beatrice King, Susannah Tippler, Frances New, and Helen Foxall. College of Preceptors' examination—Athalinda Allison, Edith Eastwood, and Agnes Fyfe. Proficiency—3rd class, Ethel Fallding; 4th class, Marion Warner; 5th class, Beatrice Knott; 6th class, Florence Dunlop; and 7th class, Ettie Chapman. General usefulness—Sophia Smith and Alice Harbord. Needlework—Alice Pope, Beatrice Cookes, Ruth Byers, Agnes Gooding, and Fanny Wain. Order and Attention (as proved by conduct marks throughout the year)—Jane Turner and Lucy Besley.

PRIZES BY FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.—Religious Knowledge—As distinguished at Cambridge Examination (Bro. Robert Grey)—Ellen Senior, Jane Taylor, Fanny Oberdoerffer, Josephine March, and Juliet Priestley. Music (First Prize)—Royal Academy Examination (Bro. J. H. Matthews)—Agnes Stephenson. Music (Second Prizes) (Bro. J. H. Matthews)—Grace Bartrum and Ellen Delafons. Music (Third Prizes) ("Wentworth Little" Memorial)—Annie Parker, Florence Mason, and Florence Popkiss. Music (Fourth Prizes) (Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch)—Minnie Gough and Gertrude Greenwood. Drawing ("John Boyd" Memorial)—Alice Pope, Nina Prideaux, and Louisa Johnson. French—As distinguished at Cambridge Examination (Bro. P. H. E. Brette, D.D.—Fanny Oberdoerffer. Elocution (Bro. Robert Grey)—Ellen Ashton, Ada Crow, Athalinda Allison, and Daisy Capon. Arithmetic (Bro. Thomas Fenn)—Mabel Osmond and Grace Bartrum. Good Conduct (First Prize) (The Supreme Council 33°)—Emily Cecil. Good Conduct (Second Prizes) (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Mabel Osmond, Rosa Pelham, and Gertrude Hare. Needlework (First Prize) Bro. Edgar Bowyer)—Sophia Riley. Cookery (First Prize) ("Yates" Memorial—St. James's Lodge, No. 842)—Nina Prideaux. Cookery (Second Prize) (Bro. Ralph Clutton)—Clara Pratt. Cookery (Third Prize) (Bro. John Faulkner)—Mabel Osmond. Calisthenics and Deportment (Bro. Col. James Peters, Trustee)—Gertrude Balch. Swimming (Miss Godson)—Rosa Pelham, Mary Skelton, and Annie Parker. Amiability (Selected by her Schoolfellows) (Bro. John Faulkner)—Sophia Riley. Prizes in Junior School: Proficiency (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Amy Cutbush and Bertha Deane. Arithmetic ("Henry Levander" Memorial Prize)—Amy Cutbush. Good Conduct (Miss Bowyer)—Isabel Knight.

CONSECRATION OF THE BRENTWOOD MARK LODGE, No. 377, AT BRENTWOOD.

The consecration of the above Mark Lodge took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood. There were present Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; F. Binckes, P.G.W.; R. Berridge, P.G.O.; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; N. Tracy, G.D.; W. A. Barrett, P.G.O.; T. J. Ralling, P.G.D.; C. H. Driver, P.G.I. of W.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; F. W. Imbert-Terry, F. B. Page, Frank Landon, J. Ramsey, G.S.; G. Cowell, Jos. Earle, J. C. Quenneil, J. C. Goode, H. Wallis, G. C. Morant, J. L. Mather, J. P. Lewin, R. Clowes, A. C. Durrant, W. J. Spratling, J. L. Missen, J. M. Bastone, and the Rev. F. B. Shepherd.

Several candidates were very ably advanced by Bro. J. L. Mather. Bro. F. Binckes, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lord Henniker, Provincial Grand Master, and at his solicitation, very ably performed the impressive ceremony of consecration. Bro. Philbrick having been installed Master of the lodge, proceeded to appoint his officers as under: Bros. G. Cooper, S.W.; F. W. Imbert-Terry, J.W.; J. Ramsey, M.O.; F. Graves, S.O.; F. B. Page, J.O.; F. Landon, Sec.; J. Earle, Reg.; J. C. Quenneil, S.D.; J. C. Goode, J.D.; G. C. Morant, Org.; H. Wallis, I.G.; and E. Mallett, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to an excellently served banquet prepared by Mrs. Mason.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. A. Barrett.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Masters was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the agenda paper of next Grand Lodge was read. The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was afterwards held. Bro. Robt. Grey, P.G.P., President of the Board, presided, Bro. James Brett, P.G.R., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, supported him, and there were also present, Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, D. P. Cama, F. R. Spaul, David D. Mercer, Wm. P. Brown, H. T. Wood, J. H. Matthews, Charles Dairy, Walter Hopekirk, Henry Garrod, G. P. Brittain, W. H. Perryman, Chas. Fredk. Hogard, Thos. Cubitt, Thos. Cull, A. C. Woodward, S. C. Haslip, R. J. Taylor, Edgar Bowyer, Henry Maudslay, John Oliver, Geo. R. Langley, Arthur Roger Carter, W. Alfred Dawson, Walter Snowdin, E. S. Cornwall, F. R. W. Hedges, J. Hallett, C. H. Webb, Alfred Voules, N. D. Francis, A. Calver, David Hart, Lennox Browne, Joseph T. Dobbs, H. Dickey, Thos. Grumman, Alex. C. A. Higarty, John Renton Dunlop, Alex. Street, H. Massey, W. W. Morgan, James P. Allen, J. Taylor, S. R. Walker, W. Proctor, B. Kauffmann, A. E. Birch, W. D. Becket, P.M., W. Le Dunbar, Alf. Fisher, Geo. Bugler, J. D. Hartley, Alfd. Bannister, August Perl, A. Money, J. N. Batt, Robert Voisey, Vincent T. Murche, G. M. E. Hamilton, H. C. Lambert, James Salmon, E. I. Acworth, G. P. Brockbank, John Warren, T. Parker Dixon, T. R. Beaufort, Burcham Cooper, F. C. Christmas, A. Betts, C. Beaumont, D. M. Hughes, John G. Tongue, and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the April meeting to the amount of £450. On the new list there were 57 applicants from lodges in London, Dover, Sunderland, Lahore, Torpoint, St. Vincent's, Landport, Liverpool, Nagpore, Blomfontein, Colchester, Hinckley, Gibraltar, Altrincham, Woolwich, Maidstone, Portsmouth, Malta, Hong Kong, Shipley Gate, Agra, Huddersfield, Norwich, France, Tavistock, Wellington (E.I.), Aberystwith, Enfield, Ipswich, and Castleford. These were relieved with a total of £875, consisting of two recommendations of £50 each; five of £110 each; and seven of £30 each; and grants of £20 each to ten petitioners; £10 each to eleven petitioners; and £5 each to seven petitioners. Five cases were dismissed and five deferred.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular meeting of the Committee of Management was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 11th inst. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. J. E. Dawson, W. H. Perryman, G. P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; George Andrew, Charles Daniel, H. Maudslay, C. H. Driver, Joseph Freeman, J. J. Berry, L. Steans, W. B. Daniell, Hugh Cotter, John Bulmer, G. Bolton, James Brett, P.G.P.; C. J. Perceval, Alex. Forsyth, Thomas Cubitt, J. Newton, F. Adlard, W. J. Murlis, W. Hilton, A. Durrant, C. F. Hogard, and James Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, a letter from Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M. South Wales (Eastern Division), was read consenting to be Chairman of the Festival in 1888.

The Secretary having reported the deaths of four annuitants (one male and three widows) and one approved widow candidate, the Warden's Report for the past month was read.

The nomination of members to serve on the Committee of Management followed, and the draft of the Annual Report having been read for approval and approved, it was agreed that all vacancies caused by death to the 20th inst. be filled up at the election on that day, and that each of the annuitants shall receive a donation of ten shillings in honour of the anniversary of the completion of the Jubilee year of the Queen's reign (20th June prox.).

It was resolved that the offer of West Yorkshire be accepted on terms to be agreed upon between the Province and the Institution.

Bro. Alex. Forsyth having written to state that he was informed a certain male annuitant was in receipt of a pension of upwards of £40 from the Trinity House, it was agreed that the Secretary should write to the authorities to ascertain the amount of pension paid to the annuitant in question.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

MASONIC PRESENTATION TO BRO. R. C. ELSE, P.G.D. OF ENGLAND.

On Friday, the 6th inst., at a meeting of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, held at the Railway Hotel, Highbridge, Bro. R. C. Else, the V.W.P.D.G.M., and P.G.D. of England, was presented with a very handsome silver salver, bearing an appropriate inscription, that had been subscribed for by the brethren on the occasion of his recent marriage. The salver, which was greatly admired, gave the greatest possible satisfaction to the subscribers, the inscription being also admirably executed.

The presentation was made by the W.M., Bro. A. DUCKETT, in an eloquent speech expressive of the high esteem in which Bro. Else was held by the brethren, and the pride they felt that No. 291 was the brother lodge of so distinguished a Mason.

Bro. ELSE was completely taken by surprise, and manifested considerable emotion in acknowledging the gift. He assured the brethren that he should greatly prize the salver as long as he lived, not so much on account of its intrinsic worth as the gratifying evidence it afforded of their esteem for him.

Bro. J. BURNETT, P.M., who had acted as Secretary and Treasurer of the fund, bore testimony to the pleasure the brethren had experienced in subscribing thereto and the high estimation in which Bro. Else was held by them.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will proceed to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at 5 p.m. to the East End to open the new Nursing Home of the London Hospital Medical College, which will provide separate sleeping accommodation for one hundred day and fifty night nurses. The Duke of Cambridge, President of the London Hospital, will receive their Royal Highnesses.

REMARKS ON SOME COMMON OBJECTIONS TO FREEMASONRY.

The V.W. Bro. Dr. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, Senior Grand Chaplain of England, delivered a lecture bearing this title before the members of Prudence Lodge, 2069, Leeds, of which lodge Dr. Smyth is I.P.M., on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. He said: Although Atheists, infidels, and renegade brethren have exerted themselves to accomplish the ruin of Masonry, Sovereign Pontiffs and right reverend prelates of the Romish Church have levelled against it the thunders of their dark and once-dreaded anathemas, able politicians and eminent ministers of all denominations have applied the lever of their talents and influence to topple it down from its high position in the hearts of thousands through the length and breadth of the civilised world, still, however, as a widely ramified and powerful community, has it ever continued to lengthen its cords and strengthen its stakes, affording in the failure of its baffled detractors irresistible evidence of its innocency and excellence. Levity may attempt to soil its beauty, and sophistry to mar it, but, like those pillars in the temple of the Deity which it nobly typifies, it stands, and will stand, upheld by Truth, and admired in its wisdom, strength, and beauty by the wise and unprejudiced. Time will permit me on the present occasion to allude to but one or two of the opponents of our noble Fraternity. Ludwig Greismann, a Dominican monk and lecturer on biology, endeavoured to prove at Aix la Chapelle, in a course of sermons preached during Lent, 1779, that the Jews who crucified Christ were Freemasons; that Pilate and Herod were Wardens of a lodge; that Judas Iscariot, before he betrayed his Lord and Master, was initiated in the synagogue, and that when he returned the thirty pieces of silver to the priests, he did no more than pay the fees for admission to the Order. Paul Cullen, Roman Catholic Archbishop and Primate of all Ireland, in November, 1851, declared that "all Catholics who join the Society of Freemasons are subjected to the penalty of excommunication—cut off as rotten branches from the Church of God, and if they die in this deplorable state, are doomed to eternal perdition." One Major Allyn published, some years ago, a book in America, against the Order, in which he declares: "Its bloody picture exhibits a combination of principles, the most inveterately opposed to free enquiry and individual rights that ever stained the annals of infamy. You may search the blackened character of the Holy Volume, or invoke the archives of the secret tribunals of Germany, where torture yells and grinds her bloody teeth, but your exertions would be vain—you could not find a case to match this masterpiece. The Holy Inquisition, that harbinger of Hell's most dreadful attribute—vengeance—alone may strive for the mastery." Major Allyn became an itinerant lecturer against the Order, and spent many months in delivering addresses before crowded audiences in New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Philadelphia. In the course of these lectures he boasts that thousands seceded from the Order. His barefaced imposition was at last detected, and he was pelted off the stage in disgrace. He pitifully describes his most suitable reward for violating his Masonic obligations. Declaring himself a man of high standing, he confesses that he was "mobbed, insulted, stoned, imprisoned, abused, while he sought in vain the protection of the law." That many-headed body, the *profanum vulgus*, generally awards more pelting than pence to falsehood and perjury, and so Major Allyn appears to have found it. It is frequently asserted that Freemasonry encourages dissipation and intemperance of the worst description, as evidenced to the world by the evil lives of many of its members. I can scarcely imagine that a really unprejudiced and sensible person could admit such an argument against any community. Can we point through the world to a single Institution so perfect and infallible as to possess the power of excluding from its ranks objectionable members. If Masonic lodges in different countries, as is doubtless the case, have in certain instances disgraced their meetings by evil deeds, the blame in all fairness must rest with themselves, and not with the Order, whose primary principle it undoubtedly is to urge on its members, with the fear of God, "the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue; that prudence may direct them, temperance chasten them, fortitude support them, and justice be the guide of all their actions." Connected also with this objection may be viewed the argument that the fruits of Masonry do not appear in every brother as regards peculiar eminence in the objects proposed by the Craft. I proceed in the next place to notice the objection that whatever is secret must consequently be bad, all secrecy, as some would argue, implying evil. If Masonry be really replete with every moral principle, it is asked by many, why is it not given indiscriminately to all, that all may be benefited by its valuable privileges? Now, I utterly deny that secrecy can fairly be imputed as a crime, inasmuch as every age of the world has considered it an excellence when judiciously exercised. Are we not taught by the wisest of men that "a talebearer revealeth secrets, but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter?" Is not secrecy also not only desirable, but absolutely requisite in properly conducting all worldly affairs; and do not all incorporated bodies enjoy this liberty without impeachment? An apprentice, for instance, is bound to keep the secrets of his master, a friend to consult the interests of his company, and not to disclose in common society the mysteries of his profession. Secret Committees and Privy Councils are solemnly enjoined not to publish abroad their debates and resolutions. In courts-martial all the members are bound to secrecy, and in many cases for more effectual security an oath is administered. As we are united in general society by our wants and infirmities and a variety of circumstances contributing to our necessary dependence on each other, so particular societies, of whatever denomination, are all conjoined by a sort of cement, by bonds and laws that are peculiar to each of them, from the highest to the lowest; consequently the injunctions of secrecy among Masons can be no more unwarrantable than in the cases and societies alluded to. Added to this, were the secrets of Masonry universally known, the design of the Art, which is to include the honest and the virtuous, and those alone, in the bonds of its principles would be utterly subverted, and becoming familiar, like many other important matters, would lose its value and speedily sink into disrepute. "Why," it has been asked in reference to this very subject, "do men lock up precious things except to keep

them from unhallowed hands?" The universality of our Order, moreover, extended as it is over every division of the habitable globe, must make it requisite that certain tokens and signs should exist by which brethren of different nations and languages though we may, without difficulty, be known to each other, and act upon the principle of excluding all known immorality, our lodges are open to every good and worthy man, and our secrets are hidden from none but those whose presence among us would prove to the Order of doubtful benefit. We do not invite adherence, and therefore none can be disappointed. It is further alleged by objectors to our Order that on every occasion of admitting a member we bind him by an oath under solemn obligations, with heavy penalties, which they stoutly maintain is an unwarrantable proceeding. Now, if certain persons have bound themselves into an organisation, with the laudable aim of constantly improving in useful knowledge, and also of promoting universal benevolence and the social virtues of human life, and have bound themselves by a solemn obligation to conform to the rules of such Society, where is the folly, immorality, or impiety of such a proceeding? An oath taken under such circumstances is surely lawful and obligatory. A voluntary oath is more binding for being voluntary, because there is no stricter obligation than that which we willingly take upon ourselves. Let us further remember that a person by the fact of requesting permission to enter Masonry admits our authority as accredited custodians of certain secrets, which secrets we surely have a right to protect. I proceed in the next place to notice the objection that by admitting Mahometans, Jews, and Parsees we ignore the great head of religion. This assertion is based on the generally received but erroneous assumption that while Freemasonry embraces that universal system in which all agree—while the infidel and Atheist are excluded from its pale—it ought to be viewed as a religious sect. It is simply a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, uniting its adherents in the bonds of brotherly love, as well as in the constant practice of scientific attainments. It cannot, therefore, be justly denominated a religious society except so far as it derives its authority for universal benevolence and Charity from such parts of God's word as existed at different periods of time when the various decrees of the Order were established. Ancient Masonry having come into existence far antecedent to the Christian era, the name of Christ is not consequently essential to the formulas of the Craft or of Royal Arch Masonry. It has also been gravely asserted by some that our Order is dangerous as a political association. Such an accusation is refuted by quoting the words contained in the charge to an Entered Apprentice: "Your obedience must be proved by abstaining from all topics of political discussion," &c. "I am to enjoin you as a citizen of the world to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing or at all countenancing any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of Society, and by paying due obedience to the laws of any State which may for a time become the place of your abode or afford you its protection." When Societies of Jacobins and disaffected persons were common in England during the sanguinary French Revolution the arm of the law was brought into action to put them down; but the Order of Freemasons was especially exempted by the Act of Parliament which then was passed "for the more effectual suppression of Societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes." Well might it be so when the Government possessed so strong a guarantee of the loyalty of the Order as was furnished by the names of such of its members as the Duke of Wellington, Canning, and Wilberforce, and well may we point with pride, in evidence of its firm devotion to the throne and the law in these our days, to a countless host of worthies so eminent as the Prince of Wales, the Earls of Carnarvon, Lathom, &c., to our own Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Tew), the Dean of York, and thousands of others. Can it be supposed that such as these would glory in owning fellowship with a body of secret traitors, banded together for the hindrance of justice—divine and human? I now proceed to notice the last objection to our Order upon which I propose to touch at present. Our opponents assert that if there is not possible harm in it there is really no benefit, the principal object of those who embrace it being to enjoy the good things of this life and to deck their persons with gaudy ornaments. While we believe that God in His beneficence has given us the things of this present world ever to use as not abusing them, we are bound most stringently to fix rational limits to our hours of enjoyment. Nor do we deviate from the ordinary usages of other Societies in wearing badges and such distinctions as the Craft may confer on its members for their laudable progress in its noble principles. Such are the brief replies which time has permitted me to offer to the leading objections against our Order, an Order which has cheered for many a year my leisure hours, which fostered the piety of William of Wykeham, which developed the genius of Wren and Vanbrugh, which soothed, amid the turmoil of war and the cares of Government, that dauntless soldier and patriot Wellington, who raised on the shores of the Western world the standard of empire. Finally, I believe in regard to Freemasonry that God has indeed been in the midst of her, and therefore has she not been removed—God who, in many a bygone age, has guided her bark through the mists of idolatry, the shoals of infidelity, and the billows of faction. And sure am I that the Lord of Hosts will still be with her, and the God of Jacob still prove her refuge, while she continues true to herself in teaching her votaries generosity to the fallen, sympathy with the suffering, the love of peace, subordinate only to the love of freedom and the glorious principles of a vast philanthropy embracing all nations, which shall have its completion in the Lodge above, where the G.A.O.T.U. reigns as Eternal Grand Master, and the wise and good of every age and every clime shall meet as brethren to part no more.

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To Correspondents.

The following, amongst other communications, unavoidably stand over :—

CRAFT LODGES—Strong Man, No. 45; Hyde Park, No. 1425; Earl of Clarendon, 1984.

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Consecration of the Pantiles Lodge, Tunbridge Wells.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Musical Service," "Die Bauhütte," "Freemasons' Repository," "Voice of Masonry," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "Jewish Chronicle," "Texas Masonic Journal," "The Era," "New York Dispatch," "Court Circular," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "La Revista Masonica," "New Zealand Masonic Journal," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "Allen's Indian Mail," "Masonic News," "Masonic World," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," and "Keystone."



SATURDAY, MAY 21, 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.]

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Province of Shropshire with a very popular R.W.P.G. Master, has certainly good cause to be exceedingly delighted with the successful result of last Wednesday's meeting, especially when it is taken into consideration the numerous demands which are being made this year on all Masons throughout the country, what with the many Jubilee schemes and celebrations, and the local claims outside Masonry, in every town of the land; it is marvellous and most gratifying to all concerned, that such a highly encouraging sum as nearly £12,000 at such a time should be shown as stated in your report.

Ours is but a small Province with eleven lodges, of whom two (St. John's, No. 601, Wellington, and St. Milburga, No. 1120, Ironbridge), were unfortunately unrepresented, otherwise, possibly, the round sum of £12,000 might have been announced. It should be said in favour of St. Mil-

burga Lodge, however, that on past occasions it has been worthily represented at each of the Great Festivals by the W. Bro. J. C. W. Lister, P.M., and P.P.G.A.D. of C. of North Wales and Salop.

On looking through your report it is indeed cheering to notice the splendid position of this our newly formed Province, in heading the returns, by contributing "1000 out of the 11,000 and odd bricks" raised, and also naturally and particularly pleased are we of the Audley Lodge, 1896, the last one consecrated by the late R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., before the division of the Province, to find our W. Bro. Bodenham, P.M., P.P.G.I. of Staffordshire, P.P.S.G. Warden of N. Wales and Salop, &c., who has done so much for Masonry in this and the adjoining counties, in a variety of ways, occupying, by his great exertions on behalf of the Charity, the fourth place of honour in amount of Stewards (that is representing Audley Lodge, Herefordshire, and one fourth of Staffordshire list), with £200 16s. 3d.

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JAS. SMART, P.M.,
P.P.G.O. N. Wales and Salop
(Sec. of No. 1896).
Newport, Salop, May 14th.

THE YEAR OF LIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to Bro. P.M. Stevens' letter in your issue of the 14th inst., do you not think the time has now arrived when dating documents with the "Year of Light" ought to be abandoned?

If it were a fact, that the exact period before the Christian era was 4000 years, it could be done, but when research has proved that the reign of Egyptian rulers extends far beyond the date assigned by Archbishop Usher. I for one think it best to adopt a certain data for an uncertain one.—Fraternally yours,
C. L. MASON, P.M.
Leeds, 16th May.

GREAT PYRAMID MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me to recall to your mind articles on "Great Pyramid Masonry" I contributed to "Masonic Magazine" in 1878, and in connection with this subject to ask if you know a series of Masonic engravings published in London 1787-89, engraved by P. Lambert, R.A., and Master of Lodge No. 53. They are beautifully engraved, and are particularly interesting in connection with Great Pyramid Masonry, as in three of them (there are six engravings—three pairs of various sizes) I find illustrations of Great Pyramid symbolism of the most unmistakeable character. Can you tell me what is known of Lambert? His London publisher's address was Cobham-row, Coldbath Fields; but he is described as of Rouen and of Lintot.—Yours truly,

WM. ROWBOTTOM, P.M. 1028.

Farleigh, Farndon-road, Oxford,

May 11th.

[A set of plates by Peter Lambert, of Lintot, will be found in the Catalogue of Masonic Works, &c., as described in the *Freemason* for the 14th inst. He was the Master of one of the two lodges started by the "Grand Lodge of England South of the River Trent," under the York authority. Lodge 53 is noted in Lane's "Masonic Records," page 40.—Ed. F.M.]

Masonic Notes and Queries.

725] AN OLD WORLD FREEMASON.

Bro. Whytehead in his very interesting note [724] has omitted one most important factor, viz., the date of Bro. Cadeby's testament. Will he kindly supply it? Is anything further known of the wearer of the many-hued aprons?

G. W. SPETH.



Craft Masonry.

MOIRA LODGE (No. 92).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge took place on the 26th ult., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Present: Bros. S. Shorter, W.M.; A. Pringle, S.W.; R. W. Tweedie, J.W.; G. Grenier, S.D.; J. P. Murrough, J.D.; G. Reid, I.G.; A. Dent, I.P.M.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.; J. Houle, P.M. and Hon. Sec.; W. Bohm, P.M.; H. Carter, P.M.; W. Noakes, P.M.; B. Noakes, P.M.; J. A. Maitland, W. Kidner, W. Elgood, L. D. Cohen, A. G. Rogers, M. F. Tweedie, J. P. Fearfield, and T. Lawler. Visitors: Bros. G. L. Lyons, 538, and C. E. Stewart, Apollo Lodge.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the question of uniformly adopting music in connection with the ceremonies of the lodge was discussed, and it was resolved that its adoption should be left entirely in the discretion of the W.M. for the time being. The Secretary then read the second circular letter of the Prov. Grand Master referring to the celebration of the approaching Jubilee of her Majesty by English Freemasons, and it was agreed that an application be made for five tickets of admission to the Albert Hall on the 13th June next. After some discussion it was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., and carried unanimously, "That a subscription list be opened for a Jubilee offering from the lodge to one or more of the Masonic Charities, to be decided on at the meeting in October, and that a circular to that effect be sent to every member of the lodge." The list was forthwith opened and liberally responded to by the brethren present.

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

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Criterion. Present: Bros. H. Shaw, P.M.; J. G. Doncaster, S.W.; W. J. Coplestone, J.W.; H. Purdue, P.M., Sec.; Edwin Lucas, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; A. Williams, Director of Ceremonies; H. F. Williams, I.G.; W. W. Williams and E. Newland, Stwds.; A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler; W. Watson, P.M.; Jas. Sims, P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; Worth, Rice, A. White, C. J. Chambers, J. F. Cliburn, Hardwick, W. E. Purdue, Holland, Broadbridge, W. E. Barker, Spooner, Boyes, Edward Lucas, and C. C. Pounds.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Blake, Bro. Shaw, P.M., in his usual perfect working passed Bros. W. Barker and A. J. Hardwick, and raised Bro. M. R. Rice. The ballot being unanimous in favour of Mr. Courtice Pounds, he was initiated according to ancient custom by Bro. Shaw, P.M. Other lodge business being transacted, the brethren adjourned to a well-earned supper.

EXCELSIOR LODGE (No. 1155).—The installation meeting of this excellent lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. H. I. Fryer, W.M.; W. Vail, S.W.; Henry Pett, J.W.; G. Bolton, P.M., Treas.; G. C. Dille, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Elverston, S.D.; R. H. Goddard, J.D.; C. Clark, I.G.; W. J. Newell, Org.; R. W. Goddard, Tyler; Daniel Bear, P.M.; T. Littlecott, P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; George Burney, P.M.; J. Carver, P.M.; Fredk. Morgan, P.M.; G. B. Lurch, E. P. Shaw, M. Lyons, E. P. Bromet, George Bolton, jun., C. Stevens, D. Varrall, F. Alexander, B. Goldsmith, and S. Lesser.

Visitors: Bros. W. C. Smith, W.M. 1563; T. Grumant, P.M. 1559; R. T. Stringer, P.M. 871; Louis E. Eagle, 1901; J. W. Avery, P.M. 619; R. Harvey, P.M. 871; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; George Skudder, W.M. 169; W. E. Dille, W.M. 147; E. Eagle, 1901; T. H. Campbell, 1901; J. H. Saunders, 1314; G. S. Judge, J.W. 1178; T. J. Woods, 1475; C. J. Maspero, 1892; W. C. Pettitt, 1348; J. Saunders, I.G. 1692; R. P. Tyler, 1692; J. C. Citron, 1614; F. Walden, 2012; W. Davies, J.D. 1901; E. J. Williams, S.W. 1539; M. Bromet, J.D. 205; T. B. Nelson, 700; and others.

An important feature in the evening's proceedings was that the ceremonies were for the first time made musical, the hymns and responses being sung, Bro. W. J. Newell officiating as Organist. We trust that this new departure may be the means of making the lodge more popular and attractive.

Lodge was opened, and Bro. H. C. Stevens having been passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bolton, P.M., who proceeded with the installation ceremony, Bro. W. Vail, W.M. elect, being duly installed into the chair of K.S., and afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. Pett, S.W.; Elverston, J.W.; R. H. Goddard, S.D.; C. Clark, J.D.; Meacock, I.G.; G. Bolton, jun., W.S.; G. Bolton, sen., Treas.; and G. C. Dille, Sec.

A hearty vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. G. Bolton, sen., P.M., for the very able way in which he had performed the installation ceremony, the same was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The business of electing five members of the lodge to attend the forthcoming meeting to be held at the Royal Albert Hall for the purposes of moving a vote of congratulation to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, when the following were elected by ballot: Bros. W. Vail, W.M. (unanimously); Elverston, J.W.; Meacock, I.G.; D. Bear, P.M.; and Bromet.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to a recherché banquet, served in Bro. Fred Morgan's usually excellent manner. After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W. Master, and honoured by the brethren present.

The toast of "The R.W. the Grand the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given by the W.M., who expressed his opinion that the Grand Officers were worthy of the high offices respectively held by them, and that, as they took so much interest in their duties, and carried them out so satisfactorily, he trusted they might long be spared to continue to render that good service in the future as they had in the past.

The Worshipful Master then, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with it the names of Bros. Dille, jun., G. Skudder, E. Eagle, and W. Martin.

These brethren having responded, the I.P.M. proceeded to propose the toast of "The Worshipful Master," saying the choice of the brethren had fallen upon a very worthy Mason in Bro. Vail, and by his work in the past they had an assurance that the credit of the Excelsior Lodge would be maintained, and he concluded by wishing the Worshipful Master a prosperous and happy year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty and spontaneous manner in which his health had been given and received, and he trusted, by a diligent attention to the duties as Master of the lodge, he would still maintain the kind feelings of the brethren, and incompetent as he felt himself to discharge the duties, looking back to the good work done by his predecessors, still he would not permit himself to be excused, but would give every possible attention to the work devolving upon him, so that the lodge might by his efforts lose none of its lustre.

The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. H. T. Fryer, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in the name of the lodge, and in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him as its Master during the past year.

The toast of "Bro. Fryer's Health" having been given, received, and responded to,

The Worshipful Master proceeded to propose the remaining toasts—"The Past Masters" and "The Officers of the Lodge"—after which the Tyler's toast brought to a close the proceedings of a very pleasant evening.

The evening was spent most harmoniously; choice songs and glees were ably rendered by Bros. Albert James, H. W. Schartau, G. S. Carter, and W. E. Dille, jun., who had charge of the musical arrangements.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday, the 13th instant. There was a numerous attendance, including Bros. G. W. Larter, W.M.; F. F. C. Heyse, S.W.;

R. A. Homan, J.W., W.M. elect; J. Weston, P.M., Treas.; J. Osborn, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., Sec.; W. F. Poulton, P.M.; J. Greenfield, P.M.; E. Payne, P.M.; G. Brown, J.D.; R. D. Barnes, D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; R. Garner, I.G.; and E. J. Hiscock, Stwd. Visitors: Bros. W. G. Thomas, 179; C. F. Quicke, J.D. 1531; J. N. Frost, P.M. 865; C. S. Woods, 848; E. A. Beer, 1471; T. Bence, 1897; E. Woodman, W.M. 1897; G. F. Snook, S.W. 1693; T. I. Bird, P.M. 1897, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; C. L. Clark, 228; B. Rennie, 1897; H. W. Alabone, 151; W. Whetnall, I.G. 1693; J. H. Spiller, P.M. 49; C. H. Spiller, P.M. 49; J. Bayne, D.C. 1897; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, after which Bro. James was passed to the Second Degree. The sum of three guineas having been granted for the temporary relief of a distressed widow, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, and Bro. R. A. Homan, J.W., W.M. elect, having been presented, was installed into the chair according to ancient custom. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. F. F. E. Heyse, S.W.; J. Weston, P.M., Treas.; J. Osborn, P.M., Sec.; G. Brown, S.D.; R. Garner, J.D.; W. H. Dresden, I.G.; R. D. Warner, D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; F. C. Everitt, W.S.; Keogh, A.W.S.; Hiscock, A.D.C.; and Thomas, Tyler. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Deering, his investment as J.W. was postponed. The usual addresses were then delivered in a fluent manner by the Installing Master, Bro. G. W. Larter, I.P.M. Messrs. F. W. Schnauber and J. R. Bishop, having been successfully balloted for, were impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the newly-installed W.M. All Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren adjourned to the Old Cock Tavern, High-bury Corner, where an excellent banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Baker.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently duly honoured.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. G. W. Larter, I.P.M., who observed that when the brethren saw the gavel in his hand they would know it was for the purpose of introducing that important toast. As there was a very long programme, he would not detain them with a lengthy speech, for they were all perfectly aware of the excellent qualities of their W.M. Bro. Homan, W.M., had performed the duties connected with the minor offices in a highly creditable manner, and it was the unanimous wish of the brethren that he would have a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. R. A. Homan, W.M., on rising to respond, said he could only tell them how delighted he was to be in his present position. He believed it was the ambition of every Mason to occupy the chair of his lodge, but he had been somewhat fortunate in reaching that important office in a shorter time than most brethren. It would be his earnest endeavour to carry out his duties in as creditable a manner as the Past Masters had done, and he trusted he should receive the hearty support and co-operation of all the officers and members. He sincerely echoed the wish of the I.P.M. that he would have a successful year of office, and thanked them for the enthusiastic reception they had accorded the toast of his health.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Installing Master," and said the brethren would cordially agree with him that Bro. Larter, I.P.M., had ably filled the chair during the past year, and he sincerely hoped the lodge would produce many such Masters. It was his pleasant duty, according to the usual custom, to present Bro. Larter, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel on his retirement from the chair. It afforded him sincere pleasure to make that presentation, and trusted their I.P.M. would be spared for many years to regard it as a memento of a pleasant year of office. He need say no more, as the brethren were aware of the excellent work rendered by Bro. Larter, and had been impressed with the able performance of the installation ceremony. He would, therefore, ask them to cordially join with him in drinking the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Larter, I.P.M.

Bro. G. W. Larter, I.P.M., briefly and cordially thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. He also thanked them sincerely for the handsome jewel presented to him, which would be regarded by his family as a valuable heirloom.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next given, and having been received in the customary hearty manner, was ably responded to by Bros. Schnauber and Bishop.

"The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., who cordially welcomed the visiting brethren, and expressed the hope that they had enjoyed the entertainment provided for them.

Bro. T. I. Bird, P.M. 1897, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, in reply, said he thought the W.M.'s of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge ought to be almost tired of calling upon him to respond, for he had been present at so many installations, and had invariably the honour and privilege of returning thanks for that important toast. He could not for one single moment confess that he was tired of it, for he knew of no lodge where he was received in the kindly and hearty manner that was always extended to him at that lodge. In saying this, he was not speaking of any new experience, for there was not a Past Master at the present time whose installation he had not attended, and therefore the testimony was that of an old hand, who had experienced their kindness often in the past, and hoped to experience it again in the future. One installation was no sooner over than he began to look forward with pleasant anticipation for the next, for he was sure of seeing old faces he had first seen years ago, and hoped to see again. He heartily congratulated Bro. Homan on being W.M. of that lodge, and assured him that his task would be no easy one, for he had had as predecessors some of the best workers in the ritual that were to be found in the metropolis. Bro. Larter, the I.P.M., had certainly made his mark by the fluent manner in which he had delivered the charges on the present occasion. Not a trip or falter did he make, as though he had carefully studied his lesson to render it as perfect as he could. Bro. J. Osborn, P.M., for many years the esteemed Secretary of the lodge, had been instrumental in teaching the ritual to a large number of Masons in the North of London. He sincerely wished Bro. Osborn long life to be the Secretary of their lodge, and to continue to discharge the duties in a manner equalled by few. Then he saw Bro. Weston, P.M., present, whom he was very

pleased to meet once more. But he felt he was trespassing upon the ground of the W.M. in extolling the virtues of the P.M.'s, so that he would confine himself to the visitors' toast. He had been there so often that he considered himself a Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge man, and he believed that if the members did not hear his voice before they separated they would go away discontented. He congratulated the W.M. on having two initiates that day, and on the introductions they brought to the lodge; he had no doubt they would be pillars of strength. To those brethren who had been initiated that evening he would say—study Freemasonry, attend lodges of instruction, and learn all they could, for the more they knew of it the more ennobling they would find it. On behalf of the visitors he tendered hearty and sincere thanks.

Bros. J. H. Spiller, P.M. 49, and W. Whetnall, I.G. 1693, also replied, expressing the great pleasure the visit had afforded them, and the enjoyment with which they had witnessed the excellent working.

Bro. T. Weston, P.M., as senior P.M. and father of the lodge, replied on behalf of "The P.M.'s," and assured the W.M. that they would loyally support him throughout his year of office.

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

During the evening an excellent programme of music was capitally rendered. Bro. W. Wright presided at the pianoforte, and amongst those who assisted were Bros. E. Woodman and J. Bayne, Messrs. M. Ryan and W. Tomlinson, Miss Lottie Gruhn, and Master Frank Homan.

PAXTON LODGE (No. 1686).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday last at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Prior to the installation of the new Master, however, some other business had to be transacted, and the W.M., Bro. E. L. Partridge, opened the lodge at four o'clock, when the report of the Audit Committee was received, and Mr. C. H. Bryson, was balloted for, and was afterwards initiated. Bro. H. E. Francis, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, the Secretary of the lodge, who was to have performed the ceremony of installation, then took the chair, and Bro. C. S. Damant, the W.M. elect, was then presented for installation, whereupon Bro. Francis addressed the brethren present in regard to the rules which regulate the elections of Masters. The Secretary read over to the candidate the ancient charges, to which Bro. Damant gave his assent in the usual form, and had then administered to him the obligation of a Master-elect. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, in whose presence Bro. Damant was formally installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest the officers for the ensuing year. The following are the officers appointed and elected: Bros. R. C. Jones, S.W.; C. Harrington, J.W.; J. M. Klenck, P.M., Treasurer; H. E. Francis, P.M., Secretary; E. E. Stanford, S.D.; W. Jones, J.D.; W. Cunningham, I.G.; Walker, P.M., D.C.; Oldfield, Stwd.; and Bowler, Tyler.

The investiture of officers having been completed, the ceremony was brought to a close by Bro. Francis, who delivered the three orations to the W.M., the Wardens, and the rest of the brethren. Bro. Damant, W.M., then rose and said that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to present a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M. He said he could not tell Bro. Partridge with what pleasure he did this. Bro. Partridge was the first initiate of that lodge, and he considered that that circumstance made the present occasion the more interesting, when the first initiate, having risen to be the Master of the lodge, had now completed his year of office, having performed the duties of his office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. He hoped that they would see Bro. Partridge for many years in the ranks of the P.M.'s of the lodge.

Bro. Partridge expressed his acknowledgments in a few words, and said he should have an opportunity to refer to the subject again presently.

Bro. Damant said there was another little duty he had to perform, which was to present his banner to the lodge if the brethren would do him the honour to accept it.

Bro. Walker, P.M., moved that the banner be accepted, and that a vote of thanks to Bro. Damant be passed for the gift; and the motion (which was seconded by Bro. Stanford, S.D.) was carried unanimously.

Among the visitors present were Bros. George Edis, P.M. 228; T. C. Fryer, P.M. 181; P. F. Telfer, S.W. 12; W. T. Buck, P.M. 1702, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex; Herbert Moss, I.P.M. 1339; E. Wendover, P.M. 171; W. Kootman, 72; W. J. Richardson, W.M. 72; A. G. Boswell, S.W. 1339; J. Beck, 1901; and E. C. Massey.

After the banquet which followed the closing of the lodge the usual Masonic toasts were drunk, and the customary Masonic speeches were made.

In proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the Worshipful Master referred to the work which Her Majesty had that day been engaged in—the opening of the People's Palace—instancing that as an evidence of the interest which the Queen took in her poorer subjects.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," Bro. Damant referred to the vast Masonic Jubilee meeting authorised by the Prince of Wales, which he said would, no doubt, bring a very large amount of money to the Masonic Charities.

In proposing "The Health of the Pro G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers," Bro. Damant merely referred to the fact that it was well known that all the Grand Officers performed their duties in a very efficient manner.

These toasts having all been duly honoured by the brethren, Bro. Francis rose and said by permission of the I.P.M. he had the honour of proposing "The Health of the W.M." He undertook the duty with a very considerable amount of pleasure. He had had the honour and pleasure of initiating Bro. Damant in the lodge; who passed him he did not know, but he believed he raised Bro. Damant, and he had enjoyed his friendship ever since. There was no man in the Masonic world for whom he had a stronger regard than Bro. Damant; all the qualities that should adorn a man he had known in Bro. Damant, who was a true-hearted gentleman. He was therefore extremely pleased at having the privilege of proposing Bro. Damant's health, and at having had the honour of placing him in the chair of K.S. He was a worthy Mason and a worthy man, an honour to the Craft and to the Paxton Lodge.

Bro. Damant, in reply, said he hardly knew how to thank Bro. Francis and the brethren for the manner in

which his health had been proposed and drunk. He had no anticipation of such flattering words being applied to him. It was a great pleasure to him to have been honoured with the approbation of Bro. Francis, and if he had met with the approbation of the lodge at the same time (he did not say he was thoroughly satisfied with himself) he could take the chair with far greater assurance than he could otherwise have done. He did not think it was necessary for him to make a long speech, but he thanked Bro. Francis for the way he had proposed this toast and the brethren for the way in which it had been received.

Several other toasts, including "The Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Press" and "The Officers of the Lodge," were proposed and warmly responded to before the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of the evening.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—Bro. Capt. W. A. Weston, P.M., P.M. 1536, and P.P.G. Sd. Br. Kent, was, on Monday, the 9th inst., installed W.M. of the above lodge, in the presence of a large and distinguished body of Freemasons, representing lodges both far and near, Metropolitan and Provincial. The lodge is held at the Café Royal, Air-street, Piccadilly, and is composed mainly, we might say almost exclusively, of the commissioned and warrant officers of the Royal Artillery, Horse, Field, or Garrison, and those who have at some time or other belonged to that distinguished branch of the service.

The lodge was opened by Bro. G. Mason, W.M., and the usual preliminary business having been settled, the ballot was taken for Capt. A. C. Hansard, R.A., and Quarter-Master-Sergt. W. C. Haley, R.H.A., and proving unanimous, they were duly initiated. Bro. T. C. Lawson was then raised, both ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M. and his officers. Bro. Major J. T. Ritchie, R.A., the first and certainly one of the most popular Masters of the lodge, then assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in grand style inducted Bro. Weston into the chair of K.S. The following officers were then invested: Bro. Capt. White, S.W. Bro. T. F. Cooper was nominated for office, but being at the present time J.W. of his mother lodge, No. 1536, gracefully gave way to Bro. White. We may, in parenthesis, mention that this was not the only act of self-abnegation shown by the gallant brethren, for Bro. W. Maule, S.W., now W.M. of No. 1536, gave up his claim to the chair in favour of Bro. Weston, who, although the first I.P.M., had not before filled the chair as Master of the lodge. But to proceed—Bro. W. R. Arnold was invested as J.W.; Bros. Capt. J. Sculley, R.H.A., P.M., Treas.; Capt. W. Richey, R.A., P.M., Sec.; E. Morris, S.D.; J. Christian, J.D.; Jas. Lawson, I.G.; W. Seager, D.C.; E. Jordan, A.D.C.; J. Murray, Stwd.; C. McCafferty, Asst. Stwd.; and Maule and Cooper, Auditors. The Installing Master then gave the addresses with all the ease and eloquence of a veteran, and concluded a perfect ceremony amid the heartiest congratulations. The presentation of a handsome Past Master's jewel, to Bro. Mason, a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Ritchie, the latter to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and the nominations of joining members and initiates concluded the business portion of the programme.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Capt. J. Spinks, P.M., and P.M. 1536, and P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; R. J. Wishart, P.M.; E. Palmer, P.M., and P.M. 913; F. A. Bowles, P.M.; Capt. Rowan, D. C. Capon, 913; W. Blades, J. H. Chinn, G. Neal, and W. Shackleton, all of the lodge; G. Lambert, P.M. 198, and P.G. Std. Br. England; H. C. Lambert, P.M. 198, and P.J.G.W. Herts; Major W. J. B. Graham (R.V.), W.M. 2041; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M. 1536, and P.P.S.G.D. Natal; W. Jarvis, P.M. 491, and P.P.J.G.D. Jersey; E. Hemmings, P.M. 51, and P.P.G. Std. Br. Essex; V. T. Murché, W.M. 1963; R. Murray, W.M. 2041; W. T. Gamble, P.M. 706; W. F. Masters, P.M. 1339; T. Butt, P.M. and Treas. 700; H. Adding, P.M. 217; T. Burne, P.M. 161; W. Masters, P.M. 1339; A. H. Bowles, P.M. 1395; W. Keeble, J.W. 913; W. G. Lloyd, Stwd. 913; W. C. Taylor, Assis. Stwd. 913; H. Shaw, 913; R. Saunders, 913; C. Clapham, 913; H. Vallom, 1472; G. Nichols, 700; H. Swinhead, 1536; S. Moses, 1668; W. J. Fawcett, 1963; C. Clarkson, 1604; A. Walker, 387; Dr. Jas. Tees, 700; G. W. Pullen, 6; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472, and others.

The banquet having been partaken of, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given by the W.M., and loyally responded to.

In response to that of "The P.G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past,"

Bro. Lambert said he esteemed it a very great pleasure to be with them that day, and also a very great honour to have his name coupled with the toast. The efforts of Grand Lodge to do its duty were "ubique," whether at the Antipodes, or in India, north, south, east, and west; wherever English Freemasonry was, there Grand Lodge extended its protection and guidance, and it was a great pleasure to know that, whatever its dictum, it was always obeyed and respected. After alluding to the responsibility resting on the shoulders of Lord Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and whom he regretted to say had been in delicate health of late, he assured the brethren that it was impossible to carry out the work of Grand Lodge without a good working staff. He paid a high compliment to the Grand Registrar, whose recommendations were founded upon a wise and judicious knowledge of Masonry, and were generally adopted; and in conclusion thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast.

The I.P.M. then proposed "The W.M." and in so doing said no words of his could sufficiently extol the virtues and excellences of their esteemed W.M., nor the benefits he had conferred on the lodge and Masonry generally. As Bro. Weston was a real artilleryman, he (the I.P.M.) felt sure that he would do his duty, and keep up the prestige of the lodge.

Bro. Weston, who was received with cheers, said he could assure the brethren that he took it as a very great compliment to be placed in the chair of such a lodge. He and Bro. Ritchie were two of the founders—Bro. Ritchie its first W.M., and he its first I.P.M.; and during the seven years that the lodge had been in existence it had made rapid strides. Its success was unequivocal and assured, and they might depend upon it that he should do all in his power to hand down its prestige pure and unsullied to his successor as he had received it. He thanked them from his heart for their kindness to him at all times, and resumed his seat amid cheers.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Major Ritchie," and said those who were privileged to be present and see the ceremony must have been proud of such an able Mason and brother. He (the W.M.) had had the pleasure of twice installing Bro. Ritchie in the chair of that lodge, and now Bro. Ritchie had returned the compliment and installed him, and he asked them to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

Bro. Ritchie, who was received with an ovation, said he thanked them very much for their hearty reception of the toast. It was needless for him to express the pleasure it afforded him to perform any ceremony in, or render any service to the lodge. He looked upon the lodge as his child, and he need not tell them he had, since the day of its birth, watched its progress with deep interest, and felt gratified not only at its numbers, but its character and working. He had been a Mason for nearly thirty years, and had seen Masonry in all parts, both at home and abroad, but he had never seen it carried out in its entirety or so conscientiously as in that lodge. But that was not his only point. As Masons they were world-known, and their branches were world-wide, and when they went into their lodge they did not carry out its duties superficially. It was not a mere observance of forms and ceremonies that brought them there or held them together; they studied its teachings, and carried the result of those studies and those teachings into their daily life, and when they left their lodge they left it, if possible, better men than when they entered it. If it were not so, then was the lodge and its working of no avail, but it did teach them a deeper lesson, and enabled them to show to the world at large that a "good Mason" was synonymous with a "good man." For himself, he never went into a lodge without thinking of that grand stanza of Spenser's—

"My true sword carves the casques of men,
My true lance thrusteth sure,
My strength is as the strength of ten,
Because my heart is pure."

and so he prayed every Mason might live and feel.

In response to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Mason trusted that he had endeavoured to serve the lodge faithfully during his year of office; he had initiated seven candidates, and there had been eleven joining members elected, and he congratulated the lodge upon such an accession of strength.

Bros. Ritchie and Richey also responded, and then "The Initiates" were toasted, and they severally returned thanks.

Bro. Jolly responded for an enthusiastic reception of "The Masonic Press."

Bro. White, in responding for "The Officers," said he had no idea when he entered the lodge that day that he should have been called upon to respond for such an important toast. He was initiated some 12 years ago by Bro. Col. Penn, a most distinguished Mason, at Aden, and had visited lodges in Egypt, Arabia, and other places in the Orient. There were certain occult societies in Arabia, among the crypts in Egypt, and also among the Mahomedans lying south of Abyssinia, which bear the same relations to their surroundings that the Rosicrucians and kindred societies of the middle ages did to the budding civilization of those times. He then quoted Burton—the eminent African traveller—upon the connection between the ceremonies of those people and that of modern Freemasonry, and his advice to Masons travelling in those parts to try and affiliate such bodies with Freemasonry. Bro. Penn understood this, and tried to impress it on his subordinates to do so when and wherever there was a chance of so doing. He advocated the doctrine himself, believing that in such a lodge as the Ubique there were immense potentialities for its application, and, after briefly enforcing it, concluded a most interesting speech by thanking the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast.

Some splendid singing by Bros. Lloyd, Clifton, Shaw, and others added to the pleasures, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of the evening.

JOHN CARPENTER LODGE (No. 1997).—

The installation meeting of this important civic lodge—founded by and for old scholars of the City of London School—was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 13th inst. The lodge was opened by the W. Master, Bro. F. Naton, assisted by his officers, Bros. F. Taylor, C.C., S.W.; C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, J.W.; Ex-sheriff C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D., Treas.; Jas. Pinder, P.M., Sec.; Hugh Wilson, S.D.; R. Webb Saker, as J.D.; Mount Brown, as I.G.; F. Inskip, Steward; and J. P. W. Goodwin, Org. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; J. V. May, P.M.; C. Lamb, D. King, J. Whaley, S. H. Simon, L. Ferguson, P. E. Clunn, E. Solomon, and others.

After the reading of the minutes and Auditors' report, and transacting other formal business usual to annual meetings, the W.M. relinquished the chair to Bro. Jas. Pinder, P.M. and Sec., who, at the request of the W.M., had undertaken to install his successor. Bro. F. Taylor, C.C., the W.M. elect, was then presented for installation, and duly installed in the chair of K.S., and afterwards proclaimed and saluted in the three Degrees of the Order. The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed as follows: Bros. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, S.W.; H. Wilson, J.W.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pinder, P.M., Sec.; Alfred Norris, S.D.; W. F. Shaw, J.D.; R. Webb Saker, I.G.; F. Inskip, D.C.; Mount Brown and C. Lamb, Stewards; J. P. W. Goodwin, Org.; and R. W. Goddard, Tyler. Bro. Pinder, after the investiture of the officers, concluded the ceremony by delivering in an impressive manner the three addresses to the W. Master, Wardens, and brethren. A very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. T. Naton, I.P.M., by the newly-installed W.M.

At the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The visitors consisted of Bros. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., Treas. 1260; J. H. Crowther, P.P.G. Reg. Essex.; A. F. Roberts, P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; S. H. Baker, W.M. 1260; A. H. Lilley, P.M. 12; J. Brockett Sorrell, P.M. 176; O. L. Latreille, P.M. 1260; R. Hovenden, I.G. 21; Alfred Bull, 1260; E. Holdsworth, 1607; S. Parnwell, 1293 (C.C.); C. E. Ferry, P.M. 65; H. A. Lovett, P.M. 179; J. D. E. Tarr, S.W. 1293; W. Darkin, 1260 (C.C.); J. F. Haden, 766; W. W. Davies, 1238; and S. Saxby, 1297. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

In replying for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, expressed his great

pleasure at the prosperous condition of the lodge, as he had had the happiness to consecrate it and install its first W.M., Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, during his mayoralty some five years ago.

Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., also responded, and assured the brethren that, in electing Bro. Taylor to the dignified position of W.M., they had made a happy choice, and from the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. of the John Hervey Lodge, which office he had just vacated, the brethren might rely upon having the duties of that lodge thoroughly well carried out.

"The Visitors" was ably responded to by Bros. S. H. Baker, W.M. 1260; H. A. Lovett, P.M. 179; J. Brockett Sorrell, P.M. 176; A. F. Roberts, P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; and J. H. Crowther, P.P.G. Reg. Essex.

The musical arrangements were admirably carried out by Bro. Turle Lee, W.M. elect 1922, assisted by Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Alice Boucquet, and Bro. Fred Bevan, 1706.

The banquet was excellently served under the direction of Bro. J. P. Swayne, 1997.

ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—

The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Westminster Town Hall on Monday last, when there were present Bros. W. H. Baker, I.P.M., as W.M.; W. Sugg, S.W.; H. R. Baker, J.W.; J. C. F. W. Rogers, Treasurer; J. E. Shand, Secretary; J. Gibson, S.D.; R. E. H. Goffin, J.D.; C. C. Piper, D.C.; G. R. W. Wheeler, A.D.C.; H. M. Dunstan, I.G.; F. J. Smith, Steward; A. Walkley, Tyler; Burdett-Coutts, P.M.; S.G.D. Eng.; R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chaplain; Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D. of C., Hon. Mem.; Spink, Foster, Hambling, Barnett, Ward, Schmidt, Bull, Cookson, Cowley, Spong, Montague, Kent, J. E. Smith, Irving, Hillier, T. W. Davies, C. Sweeting, T. Rintoul-Giesel, Vaughan, Wake, Tud Pullen, Tudman, Bridgman, Cocks, Murrell, Poole, Hayler, De Pinna, Newton, Walter Barnett, Wyatt, E. H. Smith, Clouts, Wenkheim, Berry, Chivers, Manley, Musson, Thomson, Humphreys, De Wytenbach, Bull, P.M.; Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer of Eng.; J. Whitehead, W.M. 1425; J. Laing, P.S.G.W., 110 (S.C.); Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; E. H. Sugg, P.P.G. Surrey; T. I. Bird, P.M. 1567, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middx.; J. J. Cantle, P.M. 1791; Walter Morrett, 1937; C. Hunt, P.M. 194; F. J. Wray, P.M. 1257; G. Reynolds, J.W. 1614, Sec. 2191; R. Burleton, P.M. 860; J. J. Woolley, P.M. 15; J. Williams, P.M. 15; J. H. Wood, 145; S. R. Lovett, J.D. 3; P. W. Isaac, 135; George Shread, 74; G. Livingstone, 333; J. Berther, 1563; John Kay, P.M. 742; J. Russett, P.M. 1572; A. J. Bignold, D.C. 1624; C. J. Byworthy, 1420; J. Stephens, P.M. 1424; C. R. Wickens, I.P.M. 733; W. C. Whiting, P.M. 1348; and others.

The ceremonies were performed by Bro. W. Baker, the I.P.M., in consequence of the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. F. Seager Hunt, who was suffering under severe domestic affliction. Bro. Baker raised Bro. Spong to the Third Degree, and passed Bro. Schmidt to the Second. He then most impressively installed Bro. W. Sugg into the chair of the lodge, Bro. T. Bull, P.M., acting as D. of C. The three addresses were also well delivered by Bro. Baker. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. H. R. Baker, S.W.; J. Gibson, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chap.; W. H. Baker, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, Sec.; R. E. H. Goffin, S.D.; E. Mainwaring Dunstan, J.D.; C. C. Piper, I.G.; Wheeler and F. J. Smith, D. of C.'s; and T. J. White and H. Hambling, Stewards. Bro. Walkley was reappointed Tyler.

After the lodge banquet was served in the large hall, Bro. W. Sugg, the W.M., presiding, Bro. Eve, G. Treas., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," as did also Bro. Burdett-Coutts, who received quite an ovation on his first appearance as a Grand Officer of England. He said that the honour conferred upon him by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was not so much a personal one as it was an honour to the Abbey Lodge, of which he was the first Master. He was pleased to see the progress that the lodge had made during the three years of its existence.

The W.M.'s health was proposed and responded to in very pleasing terms. Bro. Spink replied for the Past Master, Bros. Baker as Treasurer, Shand as Secretary, and Goffin on behalf of the other officers.

"The Visitors" toast was enthusiastically received, and responded to by Bro. J. Laing, P.S.G.W. of Aberdeen, and Bro. J. Bird, P.P.G. Sword Bearer of Middlesex.

During the course of the evening a very handsome jewel was presented to Bro. J. F. Warrington Rogers by the lodge in recognition of the services he had rendered as Treasurer of the lodge from its consecration. Bro. Rogers thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said it was only the state of his health which caused him to give up his office in the lodge. His interest would never lessen, and he hoped always to be with them at their meetings. A selection of music was given by the Messrs. Bloomfield, Bros. George Carter, Arthur Weston, H. Newton, and H. R. Baker, under the direction of Bro. E. Sugg, P.P.G. Organist of Surrey. The banquet was well served by Bro. Todman, of the firm of Bertram and Co.

GUERNSEY.—Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship

(No. 84).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, St. Peter Port, on the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. Col. Haighton Wilkins, W.M.; Dr. Hinton, P.M., Mus. Doc., acting S.W.; Ogier, J.W.; J. Lainé, S.D.; Hamel, I.G.; F. Clarke, P.M., Sec.; E. Ozaune, P.M.; Emra Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.R. Suffolk; J. Guilbert, P.M.; J. Hamley, P.M.; and others. Bro. H. C. Longman, who had been previously initiated into Masonry in this lodge was duly passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony and delivering the charge with great impressiveness. Bro. Emra Holmes was invested with the collar of D.C. by the W.M.

The usual business of the lodge having been transacted, and the Pro Grand Master's letter read in re Imperial Institute, the brethren retired for refreshment, and several of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening. Bro. Clarke recited that very fine piece originally published, we believe, in the *Leisure Hour*, "The Eagle's nest," doing full justice to the theme. Bro. Holmes gave Thackeray's "Three sailors of Bristol city," Bro. the Rev. J. Painter, a visitor, sang a very tuneful Irish song, and Bro. Longman gave "The White Squall."

The usual Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and the visitors received a cordial welcome as customary with this lodge.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—

The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, when there was a large muster of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. W. Dawson, was supported by the following officers and brethren of the lodge: Bros. J. Scarborough, S.W.; R. Blake, J.W.; T. G. Garrick, I.P.M.; J. D. Todd, P.M., Sec.; R. Punshon, Treas.; J. Swan, S.D.; M. Cohen, J.D.; G. W. Richardson, I.G.; M. Frampton, D.C.; Hoey and Richardson, Stwds.; J. Potts, P.M.; G. Wanless, P.M.; J. R. Smart, P.M.; E. Sutherst, P.M.; J. Dixon, P.M.; Richardson, Carden, Pont, Harris, Walton, Purdie, Mason, Glenny, Hunter, Clayton, Stafford, Wilton, Atkinson, Thomas, Brown, and Thompson. Amongst the visitors were Bros. R. Shadforth, W.M. 949; T. Atkinson, W.M. 80; F. Maddison, S.W. 949; G. W. Bain, J.W. 949; J. Marshall, S.D. 97; J. Storey, J.D. 67; E. G. Watson, I.G. 97; T. Hunter, I.G. 949; G. C. Watson, J.W. 97; M. Douglass, P.M. 80; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97; E. Wright, 2039; H. E. Chrisp, 949; J. Nicholls, 97; U. Ritson, 1397; and P. Maddison, 1397.

After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. Pont was passed to the Second Degree by the I.P.M., Bro. T. G. Garrick, after which Bro. F. Atkinson, W.M. 80, initiated Mr. J. R. Fenwick into Freemasonry. The brethren then elected Bro. T. G. Garrick, I.P.M., as successor to Bro. M. Frampton (resigned), as representative to the Durham Masonic Education Fund. The W.M., Bro. W. Dawson, then read the following address, which was beautifully illuminated and framed, viz.:—

"May, 1887.

"To Bro. Mark Frampton, P.M. 94, P.P.G.S.B.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"The Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 94, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, having in prospect your removal from Sunderland to Doncaster, desire to embrace the opportunity thus afforded of placing on record their grateful remembrance and appreciation of the interest shown and labour bestowed by you towards the Craft in general, and the Phoenix Lodge in particular.

"The fraternal and intelligent manner in which the services have been rendered by you calls for our highest respect, and in view of your past efforts, it is with deep feeling of regret that we contemplate your removal from our midst.

"We therefore hope that you will be long spared in health to continue your labours on behalf of the work you have so much at heart.

"Signed, on behalf of the lodge,

"WM. DAWSON, W.M.;

"J. SCARBOROUGH, S.W.;

"THOS. G. GARRICK, I.P.M.;

"J. POTTS, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.;

"J. D. TODD, P.M., Sec."

Bro. Frampton feelingly thanked the members of the lodge for this handsome proof of their respect and esteem. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed in due form, according to ancient custom.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, when there were present Bros. T. Gerard Hodgson, W.M.; W. Smith, S.W.; Samuel Border, J.W.; C. Linley, acting Chap.; J. Todd, P.M., Treasurer; E. W. Purnell, Secretary; Mungo Bryson, acting S.D.; J. B. Sampson, J.D.; T. Watkinson, I.G.; W. G. Calvert, Tyler; Major McGachen, P.M.; George Kirby, P.M.; J. Sykes Rymer, P.M.; George Balmford, P.M.; David Lockwood, Tom Archey, Charles Anderson, J. Biscombe, H. P. Hopton, E. Carter, E. B. Kendall, A. Jones, T. Rawling, C. Livesey, E. R. Dodsworth, H. L. Swift, N. Stimpson, and others.

The minutes of the last regular lodge, and the lodge of emergency held on the 2nd inst., were read and confirmed. A ballot was successfully taken for Bro. Eugene George Nicholson, of 1449, as a joining member. Bro. Kendall was then raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Todd, P.M. The W.M. announced that he should represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Bo's School, and Bro. Todd gave notice that he should propose a sum of twenty guineas be voted at the next meeting from the lodge and Charity Funds, to be put on the W.M.'s list.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the banqueting room, where the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there present Bros. C. E. Stretton, P.P.S.G.W., W.M.; S. Cleaver, P.M., S.W.; S. A. Marris, J.W.; R. Michie, P.M., Treas.; E. Holmes, Sec.; G. Collins, S.D.; C. Bennion, J.D.; W. H. Scott, Org.; H. Pickering, I.G.; W. Duncan and W. D. Grant, Stwds.; J. Ianser, Tyler; W. Kelly, P.M., P.P.G.M.; C. Stretton, P.M.; J. O. Law, P.M.; J. E. Beazeley, P.M., and 1391; W. H. Lead, P.M., W.M. 2081; H. Harrison, P.M. and 506; J. H. Marshall, P.M., I.P.M. 1007; J. Clifton, H. B. Bruce, W. H. Noble, F. W. Bottrill, W. R. Deeping, J. Cleaver, J. Lakin, W. Bream, W. T. Dagwell, and E. Newton. Visitors: Bros. G. Newsom, W.M. 2028; S. Knight, W.M. 1391; J. T. Thorpe, P.M. 523, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. W. L. Emmerson, 323; J. B. Waring Lee, 523; H. G. Marriott, and others.

The Rev. Mark Frieberg was unanimously elected as a candidate for initiation, and Bro. Marshall Henry Pearson was raised to Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being most impressively worked by the W.M. It was unanimously resolved to apply for four seats at the Albert Hall meeting, to be held on the 13th prox. A large number of the brethren, under the presidency of the W.M., dined together after the business, and a most enjoyable evening was experienced.

BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 9th inst., when, amongst other business, the proposed new bye-laws of the lodge were considered by the brethren assembled; the task, though a long one, was rendered easier by the foresight of the energetic Secretary, Bro. H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M., who furnished every member with a rough draft in print.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren joined the members of the chapter attached to the lodge at supper at the Castle Hotel. The brethren present were Bros. Rev. John A. Lloyd, W.M.; Rev. F. Macdonald, acting S.W.; Surgeon-Gen. T. Ringer, J.W.; Rev. E. Sanderson, Treas.; H. Culliford Hopkins, Sec.; G. H. Bernard, I.P.M.; Rev. S. J. E. Fraser, Chap.; D. C. Ingle, P.M., I.G.; S. R. McConnell, Rev. R. White, Arthur Edwards, Capt. Simpson, Dr. Lane, and E. N. Fuller. Visitor: Bro. Rev. the Hon. Sidney Meade. With this meeting the lodge session closed till November.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Lodge of Truth (No. 521).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street. The following brethren were present: Bros. Abraham Armitage, W.M.; John Dawson, S.W.; Jas. Brierley, J.W.; C. K. Hare, Treas.; John W. Turner, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Jackson, S.D.; Samuel Crossley, J.D.; A. Graham, D.C.; J. T. Sheard, I.G.; and George Hardy, Tyler; also the following Past Masters: Bros. Shaw, Jowitt, Jackson, Jessop, and Marshall, and a numerous gathering of members. Visitors: Bros. W. F. Smithson, P.M. 1001, P.P.G.D., Chairman of West Yorks Charity Committee; John Mossop, P.M. 1715, P.G. Purst, West Lancashire; Wm. Schofield, P.M. 290, P.P.G. Purst.; James Kaye, P.M. 275, Prov. A.G.D.C.; G. M. Marchant, J.W. 1783; R. Metcalf, J.D. 1783; Arthur A. Stott, P.M. 1102; F. H. Hare, J.W. 1102; G. F. Gent, 319; Samuel Schofield; J. W. Bedford, J.D. 2035; and J. G. Bradley, 219.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which Bro. Dyson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., assisted by Bro. A. Jackson, P.M., the traditional history being given and working tools presented by Bro. George Marshall, P.M. Bro. Smithson gave an excellent exhortation, calling upon the brethren to support the West Yorkshire Jubilee presentations, also pointing out the benefits of our noble Masonic Institutions, and made a strong and noble appeal on their behalf. Let us hope his words may not be forgotten or his appeal made in vain. A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Smithson, which he suitably acknowledged.

Business being finished, the lodge was closed, when the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the Masonic toasts were duly honoured and a very pleasant musical evening spent.

TROWBRIDGE.—Lodge of Concord (No. 632).—The usual monthly meeting of this successful lodge was held on the 10th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. F. Kelland, W.M.; J. E. Hayward, P.M.; R. de M. Lawson, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Gauntlett, P.M.; W. J. Mann, P.P.G.S.; H. E. Bishop, P.M.; T. S. Hill, P.M.; J. H. Foley, I.P.M.; J. L. C. Palmer, S.W.; J. Pocock, J.W.; H. Applegate, F. Selfe, W. R. Brown, A. Cox, H. H. R. Chapman, H. White, T. B. Barnes, H. Mundy, G. Snailum, J. Gouldsmith, Wear, J. Lansdown, and several visiting brethren.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. C. J. Offer was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, after which Bros. W. Walker and S. Pickard were passed to the Second Degree. The ceremonies were most impressively performed by the W. Master, who, at the close of the proceedings, rose and said that he had still another duty to perform, and one of highly pleasing and gratifying character, viz., to present to Bro. J. H. Foley a Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members of the lodge. The W.M. spoke in a most appreciative manner of the great interest Bro. Foley took in Masonry, and of the urbanity and courtesy which always marked his conduct, making special allusion to the able manner which he had filled the chair during his year of office, and of the impressive way which he performed the installation in January last.

Bro. Foley, in accepting the jewel, said he was completely taken by surprise, and, in a few appropriate remarks, referred to the great interest he felt in Masonry, believing that it was calculated to make us all better men.

The lodge was then closed in due form and for the summer recess. The brethren then adjourned to the George Hotel for refreshments, during which Bro. Gibson, a visitor from a lodge in the North of England, spoke of the great pleasure it had given him to see the very able manner in which the lodge had been conducted that evening.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The regular monthly meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Woodiwiss, W.M.; Edgar Horne, I.P.M.; J. Bland, P.M., as S.W.; Severn Taylor, J.W.; W. H. Wright, Secretary; John Walker, S.D.; J. Sutherland, J.D.; W. Forman, Org.; J. Jones, D.C.; W. Lodd, I.G.; T. Day, Tyler; G. Lawes, Stwd.; Past Masters Bros. John Smith, P.P.S.G.W.; G. T. Wright, P.P.S.G.W.; T. R. Gee, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. C. Merry, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Brown, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Cooper, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Frazer, P.P.S.G.D.; C. Webster, P.S.G.D.; J. Copestick, J. Taylor, P.P.G.D.C.; F. G. Sanderson, T. Carter Wigg, and Bros. A. Smith, F. Ball, T. Coulthurst, W. Johnson, W. W. Heywood, F. Sale, J. Melrose, G. C. Copestick, D. Woollatt, S. Tinckler, and W. Walkerdine. Visitors: Bros. C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085; J. O. Mantion, P.M. 1085; H. A. Bemrose, P.M. 253; W. Silver Hall, W.M. 253; J. H. Richardson, W.M. 1085; R. Slater, W.M. 802; Tom Smith, P.M. 802; J. Close, 802; J. Monk, S.W. 802; T. Oldham, J.D. 802; H. V. Edwards, 253; and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimous. The R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Houghton C. Okeover, P.G.W. England, then entered the lodge room, together with Bros. W. Naylor, P.M. 253, P.G. Sec.; Thomas Cox, P.M. 253, P.G. Treas.; and F. Campion, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W.; and was saluted. Bro. W. Walkerdine was then passed to the Second Degree, the charge being given by the acting S.W., Bro. J. Bland, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. The W.M. having announced his intention of acting as Steward at the Boys' School Festival, the sum of twenty-five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on his list. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The letter from the M.W. Pro G. Master respecting the Masonic Jubilee Celebration was read, and the five tickets ordered to be applied for. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the numerous visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren, to the number of fifty-two, afterwards assembled for supper in the lower hall, after which the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were most heartily received.

To the toast of "The Prov. Grand Lodge," the R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master responded in a most fervent and heartfelt speech, alluding to the great pleasure he felt at being able to be present after so long an interval, and witnessing its prosperity. Feeling allusions was also made to the Jubilee year, and to the fact that during it one of his own daughters was to be married.

The acting S.W. proposed the toast of "The W.M.," which was well responded to.

"The Visitors" were proposed by Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., which was responded to by Bros. J. H. Richardson, W.M. 1085; W. Silver Hall, W.M. 453; and L. Robinson, 625.

BIRMINGHAM.—Temperance Lodge (No. 739).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 12th instant, at the Masonic Hall, New-street, when there were present Bros. A. F. Warrilow, W.M.; W. J. Bancroft, S.W.; J. Lees, P.M., Chap.; W. H. Haselar, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. C. Stockhouse, Sec.; T. G. Locker, S.D.; A. E. Parkes, J.D.; G. A. Thomason, P.M., D.C.; H. P. Heathcote, I.G.; C. M. Wrighton, Stwd.; and J. Chapman, Tyler; P.M.'s J. F. Thomason, Org., P.G.O.; J. Ketley, officiating J.W.; J. Taylor; A. W. Wilkinson, P.P.G.P.; J. Srawley, P.P.G.P.; H. Bowley, Aston, Clare, Wilkes, Skerrington, Parker, J. H. Cox, S. J. Cox, Hetherington, Booth, Jennens, and Horner. Visitors: Bros. W. Cardall, Org. 2034; H. Hands, 43; W. B. Stocker, 482 and 493, P.P.S.G.D. Gloucestershire; J. Rooker, Sec. 925; and Stainton, 74.

The lodge having been opened, circulars read, minutes confirmed and signed, Bro. Cox was raised by the W.M. in an able manner, and a letter of sympathy ordered to be sent to the J.W. on account of heavy family bereavement. A letter was read from the Pro Grand Master, re Imperial Institute and Grand Lodge Meeting, 13th June. Apologies for absence were read, and the lodge was closed.

A capital banquet (no intoxicants) followed, and the usual toasts were interspersed with recitations and a good musical programme. (This lodge is the oldest Temperance lodge in England.)

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE.—Lodge of Sympathy (No. 855).—The installation of Bro. Henry Perrett as W.M. for the year took place at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Frank Millman, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., assisted by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Brooke Smith. The following were appointed by the W.M. as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Gould, S.W.; W. Heath, J.W.; A. Perrett, Treas.; L. White, S.D.; E. H. Henley, J.D.; R. M. Worlock, I.G.; C. C. J. Thurm, Sec.; and W. Window, Tyler.

A number of visitors from other lodges were present. The banquet was afterwards held at the Swan Hotel.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN.—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 1067).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. J. S. Bradstock, W.M.; Rev. Wm. Lynes, P.M., S.W.; W. G. Roberts, J.W.; S. W. Woods, Treas.; M. F. Carter, P.M., Sec.; T. Cadle, P.M., S.D.; T. H. Deakin, J.D.; Wm. Spence, I.G.; John Shiles, Stwd.; Job Webb, Tyler; J. Shaw Carleton, I.P.M.; W. C. Heane, P.M.; A. Parker, P.M.; C. A. Gould, S. W. Haddingham, Wm. Jones, and P. Buchanan. Visitors: Bros. James Miller, 217 (I.C.), and O. J. Adams, 457.

The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. P. Buchanan was raised to the Degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. Shaw Carleton, I.P.M. A ballot was taken for a W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. S. W. Wood, Past S.W., was duly elected. A ballot was then taken for a Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas Cadle, P.M., was elected. Bro. Job Webb was re-elected Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room and spent a pleasant evening.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above prosperous lodge took place on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Bro. W. Maule, W.M., in the chair, assisted by the following brethren, viz.: Bros. R. Gooding, S.W.; T. F. Cooper, J.W.; Jas. Gee, Treas.; A. Ware, Sec.; A. Murdoch, S.D.; R. Robertson, J.D.; W. Seager, D.C.; I. Cowper, Stwd.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.M. 913, P.G.S.D. Kent; W. A. Weston, P.M., W.M. 1789, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent; G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; D. Deeves, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Natal; G. Kenney, P.M.; W. Moulds, P.M.; G. Hayward, J. Fox, W. Maughey, C. Wood, W. Mott, H. Rideout, S. Case, W. Warren, J. Haynes, E. Hathaway, A. Spice, W. Sayle, J. Lee, T. Rose, G. Scott, W. Harrison, A. Pickett, and C. Jolly, P.M., P.M. 1472, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. A. Cleale, W.M. 13; E. Palmer, P.M. and acting W.M. 913; E. Taylor, 913; and H. Smith, 700.

The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for Sergeant Alfred Davey, R.A., and Sergeant John Wedderburn, R.A., which proving unanimous, they were duly initiated. Bro. G. Wheeler was then admitted a joining member from No. 1210, and was raised to the Sublime Degree, the W.M. and his officers doing the work admirably. Five guineas were then voted to the widow of a deceased brother, and two guineas to the Imperial Institute, and then the lodge was closed in due form.

After supper the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were honoured.

Bro. Penfold, in responding for "The Grand Officers of Kent," said it was a great pleasure to serve under their genial and beloved chief, Earl Amherst. The time was close at hand when the present Grand Officers would have to give way to their successors. He would have to give up his jewel, and would appeal to Bro. Spinks to say with what pleasure the Grand Officers served under their esteemed Grand Master. He trusted before long that some of the excellent Masons in that lodge, who now had not, would arrive at the dignity of the purple, and cordially, in the name of the officers of the province, thanked them for their reception of his name.

Bro. Maule, in responding to the toast of his health, said he was suffering from a bad cold, which had prevented him, in his own opinion, from doing justice to the work before him. His time, like Bro. Penfold's, was drawing to a close, for at their next meeting they would have to elect a successor, and a good one they would have in Bro. Gooding. He congratulated the lodge on that fact, and could assure them that anything he could do for the comfort or the interest of the lodge he would at all times gladly do.

Bros. Moulds, Weston, Spinks, Penfold, and Jolly responded for "The Past Masters."

Bros. Cleal and Palmer responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Gooding for "The Officers."

Bro. Kenney gave an interesting statement of his visit to the Girls' School on the preceding Monday, and so increased his list, Bro. Penfold adding five guineas, the votes for which he generously placed to the credit of the lodge. With song and sentiment a few happy hours were spent in brotherly love and harmony.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Wm. Brown, W.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; W. B. Dyson, S.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; W. Lackenby, S.D.; J. H. Shonksmith, Steward; P. Pearson and J. D. Irving, Assistant Stewards; W. Storey, I.G.; J. Hall, Tyler; J. Thorpe, F. H. Vaughan, J. Shaw, J. W. Blenkin, L. Beaumont, A. Archer, E. Thackray, G. G. Pook, H. Chapman, W. Ream, J. Smith, W. T. Nance, G. Chapman, and W. Sharp. Visitors: Bros. T. Myers, I.P.M. 304, and W. F. Tomlinson, P.M. 304.

After a successful ballot for a candidate, the Secretary read a letter from Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, thanking the brethren for his election as an honorary member, and Bro. Whytehead, on behalf of that brother, presented to the lodge a copy of the "Ahiman Rezon," 1807, and a vote of thanks was passed for this valuable gift, as also a gift from Bro. Whytehead of a Moira apron mounted for framing.

Bro. Cumberland, P.M., expressed the pleasure he felt at once more meeting in lodge so many of his old friends in Freemasonry, and said how glad he was to see the lodge making such good progress, working so well, and acquiring such a valuable collection of Masonic books, engravings, and curiosities; at the rate its collections were increasing it would soon be far ahead of any lodge in the North.

Subsequent to the closing of the lodge, there was a right merry meeting in the smoke room, when the old familiar ring of Bro. Cumberland's songs once more enlivened the hearts of the Eboracums.

CATERHAM.—Caterham Lodge (No. 2095).—The annual installation meeting of this young but flourishing lodge, which owes its existence to that well known and worthy Mason, Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, took place on Saturday, in the pretty Surrey valley that gives the lodge its name. Two brethren having been raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., Bro. W. Alfred S. Tomkins, the same brother ably installed Bro. George John Eady, M.D., in the Master's chair, and the new W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. E. Street, S.W.; F. A. Guimaraens, J.W.; A. Lockie, S.D.; C. W. C. Webb, J.D.; A. E. Tower, I.G.; and J. Holden, Tyler. The other members of the lodge present were Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.M., E. L. Balcombe, Percy Clarke, George Hogarth, H. C. Gardiner Hill, Herbert E. Stenning, Dr. G. Stanley Elliott, F. Goslin, R. Tyndale Hews, and Herbert E. Stenning. The visitors included Bros. C. Harding, F. W. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey; Charles Greenwood, P.G. Secretary Surrey; W. C. Fenn, J.W. 538; W. T. Evans, 21; Thomas F. Bell, 262; W. Percy Morrison, W.M. elect 416; G. Ralling, 51; A. Parrick, 1397; G. Haldane, 1615; G. T. Wehlen, 511; P. E. Campbell, 1670; H. Cristall, 1397; and Joseph Sawyer, 985.

Before the business of the lodge closed, Bro. Sandeman called attention to a beautiful altar cloth which adorned the pedestal upon which the tracing boards were placed, and which was worked by the lodge by the I.P.M., Bro. Tomkins, and presented to the lodge. Bro. Sandeman proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Tomkins, which was seconded by the W.M., and carried by acclamation, a compliment which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Tomkins.

After the labours of the day, which were not concluded till nearly half-past seven, the brethren sat down to banquet under the genial presidency of the W.M.

"The Queen and the Craft" and the toast of "H.R.H. the Grand Master" were loyally honoured; that of "The P.G.M. and the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," was acknowledged by the D.P.G.M. of Surrey, who said he was proud to be present at so large and good although young lodge.

In response to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master, the D. Prov. Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Sanderson, as usual, made a humorous and characteristic speech, in the course of which he described the rise and progress of Caterham Lodge, and expressed a hope that he might soon see two returns, one was that on installation days no other work should be undertaken, and that they might on future occasions meet in a better and more commodious hall. He went on to speak of the generous hospitality that had marked Bro. Tomkins's Master-ship, and which had culminated in the beautiful altar cloth presented to the lodge that day.

The W.M. then gave "The Health of the I.P.M." in warm terms of kindly approbation, and concluded by handing to Bro. Tomkins a massive silver goblet, suitably engraved, and which he said would be overflowing with love and kindness towards the recipient.

Bro. Tomkins acknowledged the kindness that had been shown him, and which touched him deeply. In concluding he gave "The Health of Bro. Eady," who he felt sure would be an ornament to the Master's chair.

The W.M. suitably replied. He had a difficult task before him in following two such Masters as Bro. Sandeman and Bro. Tomkins. He could say this, however, that he would endeavour to make a good third.

"The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. Webber and Cristall, and "The Officers of the Lodge" by Bro. Street.

"The Masonic Press" was responded to by the representative of the *Freemason*.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Dandridge, W.M.; Vacky, S.W.; Cooper, P.M.; J.W.; S. R. Speight, P.M., Sec.; Penrose, S.D.; Coudrey, J.D.; Balsdon, I.G.; J. J. Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; R. T. Springer, P.M.; Priest, Jenkins, Scott, Austin, Hick, Prior, Greenner, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jenkins personating the candidate. The lodge was called off, and on resuming, the usual questions leading to the Second Degree were answered by Bro. Scott. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bros. Scott, Jenkins, and Turpin were elected members. Bro. Vacky was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HIGHGATE LODGE (No. 1366).—A meeting was held at the Bull and Gate, Kentish Town, on Thursday, the 12th inst., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Frost, W.M.; Kew, S.W.; Finch, J.W.; Hill, S.D.; Thomas, J.D.; Howson, I.G.; Bundy, Bongers, Sharratt, Nash, Giddings, and Scattergood, Sec. 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, and the Second Lecture was worked. The lodge resumed to the Third Degree, and the Lecture was worked. Bros. J. Sharratt, 1861, and H. A. Bongers, 1310, were unanimously elected members. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which Bro. Frost, P.M., had presided over the lodge in working the Fifteen Sections. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allman, W.M.; J. W. Mason, S.W.; J. Bailey, J.W.; H. E. Dehane, P.M., 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; F. Chandler, P.M., 1656, S.D.; A. Wolter, J.D.; E. F. Ferris, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M., 1543, 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; A. Hardy, W.M., 201; Dr. J. Ingleby-Mackenzie, P.M., 372, 30° (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; D. Hart, W.M., 1681; W. Death, C. S. Mote, W. Chapple, W. T. Potts, H. Matthews, C. A. Bond, J. Smith, and R. E. Cursons. Bro. C. Wyatt Francis, S.D., 1996, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was called off and on. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Chapple and Francis candidates respectively. Bro. Francis was elected a member. Bro. Mason was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. A communication was read from Bro. Read which elicited many expressions of sincere pleasure and gratification at its contents. Brethren were reminded that the ceremonies of consecration and installation would be rehearsed on the 6th June by Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. T. Ladds, W.M.; W. Roots, S.W.; J. Hattersley, J.W.; W. Steele, S.D.; Youlden, J.D.; E. Fullick, I.G.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; H. Chapman, H. G. Douglass, J. Block, Renaut, Osmond, and G. A. Ball.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chapman as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Block, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Bro. Ladds vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wingham. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Block candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the first Tuesday in June—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed the officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Restaurant, 1, Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Brindley, P.M., W.M.; Smales, S.W.; Holland, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Holden, S.D.; Haseldine, J.D.; Goode, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Coughlan, P.M.; Green, sen., P.M.; H. White, P.M.; J. Ray, Mitchell, W. Smith, and Grist.

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. White being the candidate. Bro. Mitchell answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Mitchell duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The W.M. gave the lecture on the tracing board. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Goode gave notice of motion as regards the annual dinner. The votes of the lodge were voted to Bro. Wray. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the above-mentioned establishment, when there were present Bros. C. Smales, W.M.; Holden, S.W.; Goode, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Mimms, S.D.; C. Taylor, P.M., J.D.; Salter, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Brindley, P.M.; Coughlan, P.M.; Coleman, W.M., 1604; Barker, Gardiner, T. Whaley, and Morgan.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Coughlan, being a candidate for 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. Coughlan being the candidate. Bro. T. Whaley, being a candidate for the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Whaley being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. It was resolved that the annual supper of the lodge of instruction should be held on the 15th prox. Bros. T. Whaley, 172, and H. Gardiner, 1604, were unanimously elected members of the lodge of instruction. The S.W. was elected W. Master for the ensuing fortnight. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. Henry Crookes, W.M.; A. Bullen, S.W.; F. Kedg, J.W.; F. W. Cash, S.D.; Henry Marsden, J.D.; J. Rayner, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Proudfoot, T. Adams, James Rowe, W. Hancock, E. F. Debenham, H. Newland, J. B. Docker, Angelico Cogliati, Jas. Woodward, F. Dusterwald, and W. Brindley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley worked the First Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. Brindley, having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. W. Hancock offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the First Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. E. F. Debenham was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction—being proposed by Bro. H. Newland, and seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. A. Bullen, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week

—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 17th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; P. J. Davies, S.W.; Dresden, J.W.; Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); Keene, S.D.; Wood, J.D.; Wiles, I.G.; Sims, P.M.; J. H. Neville, W. B. Neville, and Pellatt. Bro. Fayers, 1585, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. W. B. Neville having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. J. H. Neville being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. Fayers, 1585, was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. P. J. Davies was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

UBIQUE LODGE No. (1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Green, jun., W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Hill, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Edwards, S.D.; Salter, J.D.; Mason, P.M., I.G.; Brandon, Grist, Brindley, P.M.; and Coleman.

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

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. John Davies, W.M.; Cross, S.W.; Cochran, P.M., J.W.; Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Stonnill, S.D.; Hardy, J.D.; P. J. Davies, I.G.; Sims, P.M.; Stroud, Briehart, Cockrell, Hayden, Brown, Larter, Smyth, Craggs, Head, Cotton, Cavers, and Jennings.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hayden candidate. The 7th and 4th Sections were worked. Bro. Cross was elected to the chair for the next meeting, and Bro. Hayden was elected a member.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Restaurant Bibra, 53, Cannon-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Wright, W.M.; Yakins, S.W.; Harding, J.W.; B. Catermole, Treas.; H. Mendelsohn, Sec.; Staley, S.D.; Blanchard, J.D.; Bladen, I.G.; and Dixie, Preceptor.

After the lodge had been opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Culver acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, after which the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. F. C. Dixie acting as candidate.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; J. Brown, S.W.; D. S. Long, J.W.; J. Sims, acting Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; Gammell, S.D.; W. G. Coat, J.U.; H. F. Williams, I.G.; D. Stroud, J. S. Wood, F. Craggs, Cotton, and Higginson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cotton offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising, including the traditional history, was worked by the W.M. in perfect style, Bro. Cotton candidate. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and Bro. Higginson was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. J. Brown was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

A meeting of the Benevolent Association was held on 7th inst.; and on the 21st inst. the Treasurer and Secretary will be elected, and the Auditors' report of the year's accounts received.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. J. Glover, W.M.; Harvey, S.W.; Heathcote, J.W.; Wood, S.D.; Cannon, J.D.; Russell, I.G.; J. R. Johnson, Preceptor; Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Walker, 72; Bate, 72; Partridge, Gibbs, Sharp, Wright, Leitchford, Lewcock, Kerry, Cole, and Burnett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Walker, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Kerry, having proved his proficiency, was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Kerry as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Harvey, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Harvey returned thanks for his election, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

DARTFORD.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 299).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. Chas. C. Potter, W.M., 1343, W.M.; Thos. Jenkins, S.W.; C. Hind, J.W.; W. J. Light, P.M., 299, Preceptor; C. Hind, Hon. Sec.; A. Bovey, S.D.; P. Jones, P.M., 1837, J.D.; F. Snowden, D.C.; C. Powling, I.G.; A. March, Stwd.; Carter, Tyler; T. Wills, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M.; H. H. McNaul, P.M.; W. Grey, and R. S. Hewitt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The installation ceremony was rehearsed. The Preceptor presented Bro. Wm. Grey as W.M. elect, who invested his officers. The addresses were given by the Installing Master in a very efficient manner. Bro. Wills, P.M., proposed, and Bro. McNaul, P.M., seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Installing Master, Bro. C. C. Potter, for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony—carried unanimously. Bro. Potter made a suitable reply. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Light, P.M., Preceptor, and seconded by the Installing Master, that the S.W. be W.M. at the next meeting—carried. The S.W. returned thanks. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—No Mystery.—Whenever the blood is impure or the general health is impaired the human body is predisposed to attacks of any prevailing epidemic. The first indication of faulty action, the first sensation of deranged or diminished power should be rectified by these purifying Pills, which will cleanse all corrupt and reduce all erring functions to order. These Pills counteract the subtle poisons in decaying animal or vegetable matter, and remove all tendency to bowel complaints, biliousness, and a host of annoying symptoms arising from foul stomachs. The fruit season is especially prone to produce irritation of the bowels and disorders of the digestive organs, both of which dangerous conditions can be completely removed by Holloway's corrective medicines.—[Advrt.]

Royal Arch.

WHITTINGTON CHAPTER (No. 862).—

The companions of this chapter met in convocation at the chapter rooms, Anderton's Hotel, on Monday, the 9th inst., when there were present Comps. Tate, M.E.Z.; Marston, P.Z.; Higgins, P.Z.; Cuff, P.Z.; Weaver, S.E.; Brown, H.; Collinson, J.; Fisher, S.N.; Gates, P.S.; Dehane, 2nd A.S.; Thompson, and others.

The M.E.Z., Comp. Tate, owing to illness of a serious nature, although First Principal since last November, had not been installed. At this meeting, therefore, the honour of installation was conferred upon him; the ceremony being admirably performed by his predecessor, Comp. Marston. Subsequently the officers for the ensuing year were elected, the following being the result: Comps. J. S. Brown, M.E.Z.; J. Collinson, H.; Fisher, J.; J. Weaver, S.E.; Gates, S.N.; Irvine, P.S.; H. Dehane, 1st A.S.; Larchin, 2nd A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, a candidate announced as for exaltation, was unable to be present. The chapter was then adjourned until November.

At the banquet which followed, the M.E.Z. explained the cause of his being so much absent of late, and elicited very kind expressions of regret from the companions present. The companions were profuse in their thanks to Comps. Marston and Higgins for the self-sacrificing way in which they had promoted the welfare of the chapter. Comps. Brown and Collinson expressed their thanks for the honour conferred upon them in the matter of advancement, and convinced the companions present that in every respect they would discharge their duties with the utmost efficiency. The rest of the officers taking tone from them, were enthusiastic in replying to the toasts which referred individually to them. There are some good workers in the chapter, and it is at the present time in the most robust state of Masonic health.

Comp. Dehane reminded the companions of the facilities afforded for Masonic students by the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, of which he is S.E.

During the evening, the usual plan was followed of making the proceedings pleasant by the musical efforts of some of the companions. Comp. Marston was particularly artistic, and Comps. Gates and Thompson distinguished themselves.

Some of the companions who would have been present were kept away by festivities at the Mansion House.

ALDERSGATE CHAPTER (No. 1657).—

The May convocation of the above chapter was held on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Comps. Alfred Brookman, M.E.Z.; Fredk. Crookford, H.; Edward Y. Jolliffe, J.; John Larkin, P.S.; A. B. Hudson, 1st A.S.; George Rawlinson, 2nd A.S.; George Kenning, Treas.; John Derby Allcroft, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., P.Z.; P. F. R. Saillard, E. W. Stillwell, E. Anderson, James Shotter. Visitors: Comps. West, P.G.H. Surrey, and Lee.

The minutes of the convocation held December 20th were read and confirmed. The companions elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Comps. Crookford, M.E.Z.; Jolliffe, H.; Marshall, J.; From, S.E.; Saillard, S.N.; Kenning, Treas.; Larkin, P.S.; Hudson, 1st A.S.; Rawlinson, 2nd A.S.; Parkinson, Janitor; Shotter, Anderton, and Renals (Auditors). A valuable gold jewel was presented to Comp. Alderman John Staples, K.C.M.G., P.Z., in recognition of his services as M.E.Z. for the past year.

BATH.—Tynte Chapter (No. 379).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 9th inst., when Comp. Col. W. A. Adair, Grand Superintendent of the province, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the chapter, to which formerly he had belonged. Bro. Rev. the Hon. Sidney Meade was then balloted for, and the ballot proving unanimous, and Bro. Meade being in attendance, he was ably exalted to the Supreme Degree by the M.E.Z. The sanction of Grand Chapter for a confirmatory charter having been notified to the companions, the original one being lost, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to supper at the Castle Hotel. The following companions were present: Comps. Rev. John A. Lloyd, M.E.Z.; Surgeon-Gen. T. Ringer, P.Z., acting H.; C. M. Penley, J.; Rev. G. Gardiner, S.N.; Rev. S. J. G. Fraser, P.S.; and Rev. F. Macdonald, 1st A.S. Letters were received from companions regretting unavoidable absence.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—

This prosperous chapter met at the Albany Hotel, on the 14th inst., when there were present among others Comps. J. B. Ryley, M.D., P.P.G.P.J. Middx., P.Z., as M.E.Z.; E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C., P.Z., Treasurer, acting H.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z., 1381, acting J.; T. C. Walls, P.P. G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z., S.E.; Henry Higgins, P.Z., 1381, 1st Asst. Soj.; Peat, Lane, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the year ensuing took place with the following result: Ex. Comps. G. Elliott, M.E.Z.; C. Stevens, H.; W. H. Matthews, J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; W. H. Lee, S.N.; H. Higgins, P.S.; C. H. Köhler, 1st Assist. Soj.; W. Fisher, 2nd Assist. Soj.; E. H. Thiellay, P.Z., Treasurer; and Gilbert, Janitor. Letters pleading inability to attend from companions engaged officially in connection with her Majesty's visit to East London, and Masonically at the Provincial Grand Chapter, at Stanmore (both events taking place on the same day), having been read, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

The customary toasts were pertinently given by the acting M.E.Z., and heartily received.

CROYDON.—Mozart Chapter (No. 1929).—

This chapter met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 16th instant. Among those present were Comps. T. T. Phillips, M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, H.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S. Middx., J.; R. Palmer Thomas, S.N.; E. G. Hoare, P.S.; Law, Janitor; and others. Comp. Egbert Roberts, 1623, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The dispensation from the P.G. Supt., Lieut.-Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., allowing the chapter to be removed from Kingston-on-Thames to Croydon was read. Comp. Walls installed Comp. H. J. Lardner as M.E.Z., and Comp. Lardner installed Comp. Walls as H.,

and Comp. R. Palmer Thomas as J. The following investments then took place: Comps. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., S.E.; E. J. Hoare, S.N.; T. Tremere, P.S.; J. Bennett, 1st. Asst. Soj.; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall, Treas.; and Lane, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning) was presented to Comp. T. T. Phillips. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried, "That the chapter meetings in future be held on the third Monday in May, June, and September. Communications from Comp. Dr. Lott, P.G. Org., &c., and others pleading inability to attend having been read, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts were given, and the proceedings were enlivened by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Comps. Egbert Roberts, and E. Hoare.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. E. Child, P.Z. 538, Z.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, H.; H. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, J. and S.E.; C. R. Wickens, 704, S.N.; W. C. Williams, 733, P.S.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., Z. 890; Dr. J. Ingleby-Mackenzie, P.Z. 90, P.P.G.T. Devon; and J. Smith, 890.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Nicols being candidate. The officers for the ensuing fortnight were elected, and Comp. W. H. Dean as Z. Comp. Smith was elected a member. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday afternoon last, and although the attendance suffered through so many being at the royal ceremonial at the East End, there was a very fair muster of members. The lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the principal business, that of advancing Messrs. A. Gibson and Rushton Odell, to this interesting Degree, was ably performed by the W.M., Bro. R. R. Johnston, and his officers. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M., in presenting the lodge with a volume of the Sacred Law, which was one of great antiquity, said it gave him great pleasure to call the attention of the brethren to the rest of the new furniture which had been presented since last meeting to the lodge by Bros. Holliday, Axford, W. Potter, A. J. Potter, Vickers, and Buxton.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, after refreshment, through the efforts of Bros. J. Holliday, R. Johnston, E. Stor, R. Odell, F. W. Smith, and others, who gave a very excellent selection of songs, duets, &c. The well-known musical capabilities of this lodge has received a great acquisition to its powers in having Bro. Odell among its members, who, in addition to his merits as a vocalist, has no mean reputation as a composer.

Among those present also were Bros. Brighten, P.G.S., &c.; McKay, Holliday, Axford, J. J. Pilley, Catterson, C. Q. Cooper, A. J. Potter, Reg. of Mks.; and W. F. Potter, S.O.

DERBY.—Derby Lodge (No. 302).—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street. Present: Bros. W. S. Hall, P.P.G.I. of W., W.M.; J. Bland, P.S.G.D., S.W.; C. Webster, J.W.; Rev. C. T. Bromwich, Chap.; A. Woodiess, P.G. Std. Br., M.O.; John Walker, S.O.; R. L. H. Mole, P.G. Std., J.O.; W. B. Woodforde, Sec.; C. D. Hart, S.D.; S. Taylor, I.G.; T. Oldham, Std.; W. Stone, Tyler; John Close, W. Johnson, F. Sale, T. Cox, P.M., D.P.G.M.; Percy Wallis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. England; and others.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. J. Bland, S.W., was elected, and thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him. Bro. J. O. Manton, P.M. 246, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Stone, Tyler. The next business was the balloting for, and advancement of, Bro. T. Roe, 802, one of the M.P.'s for the borough of Derby, the work being admirably done by the W.M. and his officers. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards had supper in the Lower Hall, when the W.M. having expressed his intention of acting as Steward at the Mark Benevolent Festival, the whole of the brethren present subscribed to his list.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

The half-yearly meeting of the 30 and higher Degrees was held at the Masonic Hall, in Golden-sq., on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when the following brethren were advanced. To the 32°, Ill. Bros. Sir Geo. Elliot, Bart., William Russell, Geo. J. McKay, Felix H. Gottlieb, F.R.G.S., and C. Fitzgerald Matter. To the 31°, Ill. Bros. Edwin C. Patchitt, Geo. K. Patten, Brig.-surgeon A. S. K. Prescott, and Horatio Ward. To the 30°, Bros. Charles Belton, Lieut.-Col. William Long, Henry A. Rossell, William J. Cunliffe, John W. Edwards, James Wilson, Leopold G. G. Robbins, J. R. Fitzjames Claridge, Edward Kippis, Henry E. Cousans, J. L. Atherton, Chas. Crabtree, Reginald J. Mure, Giovanni P. Festa, Alex. S. Brown, Sir Love Jones Parry, Bart., Geo. Cooper, Robert Berridge, and Major Hamilton Geary.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren dined together at the Café Royal, when the usual loyal, Masonic, and other toasts were given.

By command of the Queen, a State Ball was held at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday. The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by their daughters, the Princesses Louise and Victoria of Wales, and many members of the Royal Family, attended by Bro. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), and the great officers of State, and by Bros. the Duke of Abercorn and Sir Francis Knollys, and the members of his own household were present, the diplomatic and general circles being numerous attended.

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Knights Templar.

GREAT PRIORY OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of the Great Priory of West Yorkshire of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta was held at the Masonic Hall, Dewsbury, on Saturday, the 7th inst., under the banner of the Fearnley Preceptory, No. 39. Fifty knights were present, all the preceptories being represented. The sir knights having been arranged under their respective banners, the Very Eminent Prior Sir Knight T. W. Tew, J.P., the E. Sub. Prior Sir Knight J. D. Kay, and the Great Officers, and officers, entered the hall at 3.40, and were received under the arch of steel.

The priory was then opened, and consisted of the following Great Officers: Sir Knights T. W. Tew, J.P., the V.E. Prior; J. D. Kay, the E. Sub. Prior; Rev. M. C. Lukis, Prov. Prelate; J. W. Monckman, Prov. Chancellor; John Shaw, Prov. Constable; John Barker, Prov. Marshal; Edwin Lee, Prov. Treasurer; Alfred Gill, Prov. Registrar; and the following officers: Sir Knights J. H. Gratton, Vice-Chancellor; J. W. Fourness, Sub. Marshal; John Marshall, Almoner and Chaplain; H. T. Holdsworth, Warden of Regalia; James Deacon, Herald; George Heaton, 1st Std. Br.; Thos. Wrigley, 2nd Std. Br.; J. Quarterman, Prov. Prior Banner Br.; John Spencer, 1st Aide-de-Camp; Francis Fleming, 2nd Aide-de-Camp; R. Hodgson, Chamberlain; F. W. Turner, 1st Capt. of Guards; C. J. Schott, 2nd Capt. of Guards; John Royle, Swd. Br.; C. W. Fincken, Org.; George Beanland, Equerry; and W. Harrison, Sub. Prior Banner Br.

After the muster roll had been called, and all the preceptories being represented, the V.E. Prior Sir Knight T. W. Tew, J.P., and the E. Sub. Prior were saluted in proper form.

The EMINENT PRIOR responded to the salutation, and delivered the following address: Preceptors, Past Eminent Commanders, Constables, Marshals, and sir knights, this priory of Knights Templar, and of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, represented by the knights of the Order, meets to-day in Dewsbury under the banner of the Fearnley Preceptory. Right glad are we to assemble in this hall dedicated to the various Degrees of Masonry. There has been no meeting in Dewsbury of the Priory of West Yorkshire since the consecration of the Fearnley Encampment on the 22nd February, 1866, until to-day. Here, on the 23rd August, 1865, I was installed a Knight Templar, I am, therefore, right glad, and so is this priory, to accept the hospitality of the Eminent Preceptor and sir knights of the Fearnley Preceptory, which is seventeen strong, and works amicably, and in brotherly affection, and increasing in numbers and in prosperity. We are glad also to acknowledge the presence of the Mayor of Dewsbury, and to reciprocate the cordiality of his greeting, as well as that of the sir knights of this flourishing preceptory. We meet, cherishing the memory of the man—Dr. Fearnley—whose name this preceptory bears, and calling to mind the record of his deeds to this noble Order in the past, believe that in his life he hoped this day might arrive, as it has arrived to us, when this eminent preceptory would have, by the enthusiasm of the knights of this Symbolical Degree, the promise of stability and progress for the future. As year by year finds us further away from the first taught precepts of our Royal and Exalted, and Religious Order so with age and experience should our organisation be more complete, as he wished it to be, and our prosperity more assured than he saw it. Templar Masonry is progressive, and the lustre of its past brilliant history must be polished to a higher radiance as time moves onwards. To be progressive is to be aggressive, not in the sense of a war like demonstration, but with sound judgment and calm deliberation, with firm and unerring hands upon our swords, our duty is to stand to order, and with unfaltering courage to enter into conflict with those features and facts of to-day which would seem to be opposed to the highest standards of Morality and Truth, Loyalty and Charity. Although Templarism was founded by Adam de Lisle, and by Raymond du Puy upon events of a different era from the Victorian era, yet the symbols and ritual of this past era are the essence of our ceremonies and the basis of our jurisprudence to-day. We inculcate the teaching founded upon these past events, and try to harmonise them in their application to the prosperity of Templarism as suitable to the progressiveness of the requirements of modern society. Templarism is an exclusive institution. It is an Order founded on the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. How careful should every Knight Templar be to walk worthily of the past, and of the vows he has taken. Sir Knights, the eyes of the world are this year upon us. Let us be loyal to our obligations. There is but one legend for us all—honour, integrity, truth, loyalty, and charity—without which there can be no real Templary, no true Masonry. In the spirit of these observations, and that it is our bounden duty and pleasure to "fear God and honour the King," I ask you to accept the precedents set us by Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and by accepting analogous resolutions show our loyalty to them both, because modern Templary embraces the lodge, the chapter, the council, and the commandery, and we profess attachment to them all. The Grand Master of the Order has, through the Great Sub-Prior, transmitted three circular letters of the 8th January, and 15th April, and 4th May, relative to the approaching Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen. The purport of these communications is well known to you. A great meeting will be held in London, in the Albert Hall, on Monday, the 13th of June next, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Grand Master, when an address of congratulation to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen will be duly proposed. We shall have an opportunity of showing our devotion to the Queen and our loyalty to the throne. To us Templars "king" symbolises government. Queen, in the general acceptance of the term, is a king's wife, and is used by Orientals in another sense, and corresponds to the official title of "king's mother." The throne, the sceptre, and the crown are symbols of Royalty and Royal authority. The throne is that seat on which monarchs sit to receive the homage of their subjects and to give audience to ambassadors. The throne denotes kingly power; the sceptre signifies a rod of command and equity, and a staff of authority to mark the dignity of a monarch. A crown signifies honour. Crowns are bestowed on kings and princes

as marks of their dignity. Templary reminds us "the Eternal Word, the True and Faithful One, had many crowns on His head." Solomon tells us "Wisdom weareth a crown triumphing for ever." Then in our English coronation rule the monarch takes the oath with an appeal to the Supreme Being, and with her right hand on the Holy Gospels. The anointing separates the monarch from ordinary and common use to an appropriate dignity, and renders him, as it were, holy, sacred, and revered in the eyes of the community. The "spurs" symbolise activity and incitement, and stimulus to all that is good and pure and noble, and for the well government of the nation. The sword of State, which is pointless, symbolises mercy, justice, and equity. The Imperial mantle, or Dalmatic robe—so called from its being the regal vest of Dalmatia, was also an ecclesiastical vestment used by the Deacon in the celebration of the holy Eucharist, and it therefore symbolises the headship over Church and State, invested in the Royal monarch. The ring signifies investiture in office, as it was anciently given to bishops on their consecration and appointment to rule and supervise; and, lastly, the Holy Bible, the volume of the Sacred Law, presented to the monarch and then replaced on the altar, is symbolical of a binding and solemn obligation that all these things shall be duly and faithfully preserved as in the sight of heaven, and yet only by the grace and power of the G.A.O.T.U., whose aid is invoked, and to whom the monarch's heart and life is devoted and given, as in days of old victims were offered up as sacrifices upon the altar. Now, with such symbolical regalia, and with such a solemn enthronisation of an illustrious personage, does it become us Templars to offer our homage of respect and devotion to our Gracious Sovereign, to honour her as the anointed of the Lord, and in our hearts to revere our Queen in "faith, fear, and love," and to beseech the Lord "to be her defender and keeper, giving her the victory over all her enemies," her people "from all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion." The Grand Master has further suggested that, in order to show our personal affection and respect for him, we should join in a small subscription in aid of the fund now being collected for the erection of the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India, as a national memorial of the Queen's Jubilee. This Institution is to stand as a lasting memorial of the year of grace A.D. 1887. It is to cement and perpetuate the good feeling which exists between the different peoples and parts of the British Empire, and it is to be at once the symbol of union and a powerful agency in promoting it. I ask, therefore, your consideration to the resolution on the paper, identical with that of Provincial Grand Lodge, to grant a small sum, which shall thus cover and represent all the preceptories in the Priory of West Yorkshire. It would be a complimentary response to the suggestion of the Earl of Carnarvon to thus show our respect to the throne, and be a token of the personal affection of the Knights Templar for our Royal and beloved Grand Master. When we assembled at Keighley on the 17th of December, 1886, you passed a resolution "that the sum of £10 to 10s. be given in support of the scheme adopted by the Province of West Yorkshire to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee." The scheme of the Charity Committee which is becoming most popular is, you are aware, "to raise 2000 guineas, to purchase the right of two permanent presentations to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund for Widows, to be named the West Yorkshire Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentations." The notice on our paper to-day is to obtain your sanction to an appropriation of the total sum to the two presentations. This I believe you will do, and show the spirit of Charity and chivalry which animates the breasts of all Knights Templar. A letter will be read from the Ebor Preceptory at York acquainting you that a large party of American members of the Order of the Temple will visit England in July next. We are invited on Wednesday, the 20th of July, to meet these sir knights and give them a cordial welcome, in this the ancient Yorkshire city of Free and Accepted Masonry. The Prior of West Yorkshire has been asked to take a part in open conclave, which he has accepted, and he believes he will be generally supported by the sir knights of the province. It will be a splendid opportunity in the grand old minster under the Dean of York, for the sir knights of the east and the west to join in a solemn "Te Deum" for the happiness of the great Saxon race, and to praise the giver of all good for the prosperity vouchsafed to both nations during the past 50 years. With deep regret it is my duty to announce the death of another and a distinguished member of our Order, Eminent Sir Knight Samuel White, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, and Past Prov. Sub-Prior of Lancashire. Since I have held the office of Prior of this province much has been done to beautify and adorn the ritual, and also to improve the English ritual of the Order. You will receive with gratification the announcement that the learned Sub-Prior of the province will present to this priory a beautiful alms dish; sir knights, we will thank him for the gift. I also ask your acceptance of a highly chased gilt crozier for the use of the Prelates of Knights Templar of West Yorkshire. This ecclesiastical work of art has been designed by Sir Knight George Lambert, F.S.A., citizen, goldsmith, and member of the Court of Assistants, and a member of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society. We are under great obligations to this erudite knight for the trouble he has taken to obtain for us such an exquisite work of art. I trust he will be informed of our appreciation of his courtesy and of this beautiful crozier as a part of the regalia of this priory. I ask that both these gifts may be entered in the inventory book. They are, indeed, valuable possessions and splendid accessories to our ritual. Sir Knight C. W. Fincken, Prov. Org., has put to music the processional and recessional hymns, and has presented to this priory 100 copies beautifully mounted. We thank him for this appropriate perfection of our ceremonial. The object of my remarks has been to show the aggressive progress of this noble Order, and to evolve our loyalty and charity first to our beloved Queen and Prince, next to our Institutions. In the stir and upheaving of nations and systems, in the march of infidelity we may almost hear the sound of the chariot wheels of the son of man returning in glory to judge the world. Duties are ours. The consummation is God's "in hoc signo vinces." Let us be diligent whilst the time lasts, then we shall conquer. The chief Shepherd will appear, and we, if we have been faithful to the obligations we have taken, shall share his triumph and inherit the promise. And so amid the innumerable claims of our busy lives we may seem to live and realize the double benediction which rested on Abraham of old, "I will bless thee and thou shalt be a

bleasing." Surely it was of such single hearted labourers Charles Kingsley sang:

"Be good, and let who will be clever,
Do noble things, not dream them all day long,
And so make life, death, and that vast for ever,
One grand sweet long."

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed,

Sir Knight W. F. SMITHSON, Past Prov. Constable, proposed, and Sir Knight THOMAS RUDDUCK, Past Prov. Constable, seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That the £10 10s. voted by this priory at the meeting at Keighley, on Friday, December 17th, 1886, in support of the Queen's Jubilee Fund be equally divided between the two West Yorkshire Queen Victoria Jubilee presentations, to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund."

Proposed by Sir Knight JOHN BAKER, Prov. Marshal, seconded by Sir Knight JOHN MARSHALL, P.P. Registrar, and unanimously carried, "That the sum of £3. 3s. be given to the Colonial and Imperial Institute, of which the Supreme Grand Master is the head."

A letter was read from Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, Past Grand C. of G. of England, Hon. Prior of Canada, P. Prov. Constable of N. and E. Yorkshire, of the Antient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, inviting the co-operation of the Priory of West Yorkshire and the Knights Templar of this Province, to receive the Knights Templar of the United States of America in open conclave in the mother city of York, on Wednesday, the 20th day of July, 1887. 30 of the sir knights present at once promised to be present at this meeting, and to co-operate with these sir knights at York in this good work.

The very Eminent Prior Sir Knight T. W. Tew, J.P., then presented to the priory a highly chased crosier for the Prelate of West Yorkshire Priory of Knights Templar, also Malacca cane, painted case, lock and key and bag for the same.

Sir Knight Rev. W. C. LUKIS, M.A., Prov. Prelate, and Almoner and Chaplain of the Great Priory of England, on behalf of the priory accepted the beautiful present.

Proposed by Sir Knight HENRY SMITH, P.P. Chancellor, seconded by Sir Knight JOHN SHAW, Prov. Constable, and unanimously carried, "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the very Eminent Prior."

The Eminent Sub-Prior, Sir Knight J. DUNNING KAY, presented to the priory a magnificent Alms plate.

It was proposed by Sir Knight T. BATEMAN FOX, P.P. Warden of Regalia, seconded by Sir Knight GEORGE BUCKLEY, jun., P.P. Marshal, and carried unanimously, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Eminent Sub-Prior.

Sir Knight C. W. FINCKEN, Prov. Organist, presented to the priory one hundred copies of the processional and recessional hymns with music, beautifully mounted.

Proposed by Sir Knight J. W. MONCKMAN, Chancellor, and seconded by Sir Knight MARK NEWSOME, P.P. Treasurer, and unanimously carried, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Sir Knight Fincken.

The Alms were collected and amounted to £1 15s. 6d.

The Provincial Sub-Prior, Sir Knight J. DUNNING KAY, said it is with pleasure that I propose "That the best thanks of this Priory of West Yorkshire be given to the sir knights of the Fearnley Preceptory, for their reception this day, and the hearty and generous welcome accorded to the Priory." And whilst doing so it may be interesting to the sir knights to have a short history of the Fearnley Preceptory, which I will commence by an extract from the minute book of the Priory of West Yorkshire. "The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Colonel Tynte, having watched for some time the rapid progress made in West Yorkshire, and being desirous of expressing his approval of the efforts made by the sir knights, and further to assist in forwarding the good work, was pleased to appoint Sir Knight George Fearnley, M.D., of Grove House, Dewsbury, and of the Hope Encampment, Huddersfield, to be the very Eminent Provincial Grand Commander for West Yorkshire, and for the purpose of enabling him to conduct the business appertaining thereto, deputed the very Eminent Sir Knight Matthew Dawes, Provincial Grand Commander of Lancashire, to install the said George Fearnley according to Antient Custom. A Provincial Grand Conclave of the Province was summoned to meet at the Masonic Hall, Dewsbury, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of February, A.D. 1860. In accordance with the summons many sir knights assembled from Plains of Rama, Keighley; Hope, Huddersfield; Faith, Bradford; Prince Edward, Stansfield; Salamanca, Halifax; and from many encampments in Lancashire and Cheshire. The Fearnley Preceptory was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Long Causeway, Dewsbury, by Sir Knight Dawes, in the presence of a large number of sir knights, amongst whom were Sir Knights Rev. J. Senior, LL.D., R. R. Nelson, S. D. Lees, M.D., W. Gath, Henry Smith, John Royle, names well known in Dewsbury to-day. After the consecration ceremony the Eminent Provincial Grand Commander of Lancashire installed Sir Knight George Fearnley as 1st Eminent Commander of the Fearnley Encampment, who appointed the following sir knights officers for the ensuing year: Sir Knights Rev. J. Senior, LL.D., Prelate; R. R. Nelson, 1st Captain; R. H. Goldthorp, 2nd Captain; W. Roberts, Expert; D. Salmond, Captain of Lines; T. Dean, Almoner; J. Royle, Std. Br.; and W. White, Herald. A number of companions were proposed as candidates for admission into the Order, also several sir knights to join the encampment. The business of the encampment being over, Sir Knight Dawes opened the Provincial Grand Conclave, and installed Sir Knight George Fearnley, Grand Commander of West Yorkshire, and he appointed Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The encampment met regularly until 1862, when something appears to have gone wrong, for at the encampment held on 22nd of January, Sir Knights William White, Ensor Drury, Graham Stuart, and Joseph Rogers tendered their resignation. The encampment met again on the 21st of August, 1862, but there is no record of another meeting until March, 1865, at which meeting Comp. T. W. Tew was proposed as a candidate, and installed at the next regular encampment, on the 23rd August. The next encampment was held February 27th, 1867, at the Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, at which there was a good attendance, and Sir Knight R. R. Nelson, was installed Eminent Commander. The encampment met regularly until 1874, when on January 8th, Sir Knight T. W. Tew, was unanimously elected to the office of Eminent Commander, but declined to accept the

office, and Sir Knight Lobley was elected and installed in his place. The next encampment was held in April, 1876, when Sir Knight Thomas Pickles was elected and installed Eminent Commander. Then followed the suspension. In February 9th, 1882, a preceptory was called to take into consideration the position of the preceptory, and to ascertain the fees due to the Great Priory and Prov. Great Priory, this resulted in a meeting held on the 19th June, 1882, of the following knights: John Armitage, T. Pickles, Mark Newsome, J. Ibberson, C. L. Mason, Henry Smith; and it was resolved to resuscitate the preceptory under certain conditions. The following sir knights accepted the conditions: Sir Knights Thomas Pickles, E.P.; J. Wordsworth, Constable; Mark Newsome, Marshal; J. Ibberson, Registrar; John Haigh, Captain of Guards; W. Machell, Sub. Marshal; Rev. Joseph Senior, LL.D.; T. W. Tew, J.P.; and John Gill. At a meeting of the preceptory held on the following day the resolution was unanimously confirmed. It was also resolved that the place of meeting should in the future be the Masonic Hall, Long Causeway, and the meetings have been held there ever since. Since the resuscitation there have been installed 10 candidates, including the present Mayor of Dewsbury, and admitted one joining member who is now Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight Charles Woollens. One member has died and two have resigned. The number on the roll of the preceptory is now 17. I am sure you will join me in the hope that this preceptory will continue to prosper and increase in numbers, and that you will cordially vote the resolution I now propose."

This was seconded by Sir Knight J. H. Gration, Prov. Vice-Chancellor, and unanimously carried. Sir Knight Charles Woollens the Eminent Preceptor of the Fearnley Preceptory, responded and acknowledged the vote. The priory was closed in due form, and the Prov. Prior, Great Officers, and officers retired under the arch of steel.

The sir knights numbering about 45, then proceeded to the banqueting room and partook of refreshment bountifully and kindly provided by the sir knights of the Fearnley Preceptory, No. 39.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., a quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, the Past Grand Master, the Earl of Mar and Kellie, on the throne. Bros. Captain F. McLean, W.S., Prov. G.M. of Lanark Upper Ward, acted as Grand Master Deputy; Major F. Clark Forrest, Prov. G.M. of Lanark Middle Ward, as Substitute Grand Master; F. E. Villiers, of Closeburn, S.G.W., and James T. S. Elliot of Wolfelee, J.G.W.; were in their respective places. Amongst the others present were Bros. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; David Kinnear, Grand Treas.; Rev. John W. Ritchie, acting Grand Chap.; William Maclean, jun., C.A., S.G.D.; J. Dalrymple Duncan, J.G.D.; Hippolyte J. Blanc, Grand Architect; Major Allan, Grand Bible Bearer; Albert Abthorpe, Grand D. of C.; George Dobie, Grand Bard; Robert Davidson, Grand Org.; W. Edwards, President of the Board of Grand Stewards; James Caldwell of Craigielea, Past G.D.; George Fisher and David Hume, Past Grand Bible Bearers; James Crichton and J. Inches, Past Grand Jewellers; George Christie, representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado; Earl Hamilton, Grand Director of Music; Major Hills, Grand Marshal; W. Mann, Proxy District Master of all India.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., Grand Master Mason; the Earl of Addington, Grand Master Deputy; the Earl of Kintore, Substitute Grand Master; Lord Saltoun, Lord Ruthven, Sheriff Thoms, John Martin of Auchindennan, Prov. G.M. of Dumbartonshire; Sir James Buchanan, Bart.; Dr. Falconer, Dr. Middleton, &c. Bros. Dickson, Master of the Scottish Lodge Albert Edward, Alexandria, Egypt, No. 707, and Dr. Macleod, Past Deputy District Grand Master of Burmah under the English Constitution, were introduced from the throne, and addressed Grand Lodge.

The GRAND MASTER reminded the brethren that at the last quarterly communication the Grand Lodge passed an address of condolence with the Countess of Haddington, and mentioned that the following letter, which must be most gratifying to every member of the Grand Lodge, had been received from her ladyship, and was now in the hands of every member:—"Tynninghame, April 29, 1887.—The Countess of Haddington presents her compliments to the Grand Secretary, and requests him to do her the favour to convey to the Grand Lodge of Scotland her sincere and grateful thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy received by her at the time of the Earl of Haddington's serious accident, and begs to tender the same on the occasion of the meeting to be held on the 5th of May next."

The following letter, he said, had also been received from the Grand Master Deputy:—"Tynninghame, Prestonkirk, May 3, 1887.—Dear Sir and Brother,—I believe that Lady Haddington has already sent an acknowledgment of the letter of sympathy forwarded to her by members of Grand Lodge, on the motion of the Acting Grand Master, on the 3rd of February, the day after the accident which befel me in the hunting field. I cannot, however, refrain myself from also acknowledging the receipt of the letter, and I beg that you will convey to those in whose name those kind words of sympathy were addressed to Lady Haddington—the Grand Master, Grand Officers, and members of Grand Lodge—the expression of my heartfelt gratitude for the kindly feeling and brotherly goodwill thus evinced towards myself—one more mark of the fraternal bond of sympathy and fellowship which has before now been shown towards myself, and which, I am happy to think, must ever exist among Freemasons. I deeply regret my inability to attend the meeting of Grand Lodge on May 5, and I trust that you will make apologies for my absence. I am still quite an invalid, and I fear some time must yet elapse before I am sufficiently recovered to attend a meeting.—I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally, HADDINGTON.—D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary." I hope, the Grand Master added, that Lord Haddington's illness may not be so long as he expects, and that ere long we will see him amongst us. (Applause.)

The ACTING GRAND MASTER said the Grand Master had written to him personally, telling him he was very anxious to be present at that communication, but that it was absolutely impossible for him to do so. As the brethren would understand, a member of Parliament at the present moment had some little difficulty in getting away from his

place. (Hear, hear.) The Grand Master had asked him to attend in his place, and he willingly did so, for his duties were not so onerous. (Applause.)

The JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN then moved the following motion, of which he had given notice: "That the Grand Master and other office-bearers and members of Grand Lodge beg to present their humble duty to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and desire to be permitted to congratulate her Majesty on her attaining the Jubilee year of her reign. Further, that Grand Lodge directs the Grand Secretary to prepare a loyal and patriotic address to the above effect, and that the Grand Master be requested to have the same presented to her Majesty." In doing so, he said that, whether they were met there as subjects of her Majesty, or as Scotsmen who inhabited that northern portion of the realm, or whether they considered their obligations as Masons another special tie that brought them together, he thought that under any of those aspects the motion was bound to be acceptable to that meeting. (Applause.)

The ACTING GRAND MASTER said that if the Grand Master had been present he certainly would have moved to the same effect. He was himself only lately informed of the motion, and he thoroughly concurred in it, but thought it would come best from the brother who had given notice of it. (Applause.) He concurred in it, and was sure every member of Grand Lodge would do the same. (Applause.) He was sure the Grand Master would have the greatest pleasure in presenting the address as requested by Grand Lodge. (Applause.)

The resolution was then passed with acclamation. It was reported from Grand Committee that the Grand Cashier had, as instructed by the Finance Committee, uplifted from the bank account of Grand Lodge £1665, and paid that sum to the Fund of Scottish Benevolence as a further payment of the floating debt due by Grand Lodge. This left £424 to the credit of the Grand Lodge, which it was recommended should be invested. The Scottish Masonic Benevolent Fund now amounts to £6450. During last quarter £150 had been granted to Masons, and the widows or families of Masons. A statement by the Grand Cashier showed that during the quarter ended 23rd April the income of the Grand Lodge had been £1670, or £775 more than the expenditure. There had during these three months been 1525 entrants to Scottish Masonry.

It was reported from the Grand Committee that the Grand Secretary had tabled copy circular and lottery ticket issued by Rawcliffe, Rothesay, No. 658, in connection with "a sale of the effects of the lodge," and stated that he had informed the Secretary that lotteries for Masonic purposes were prohibited by Grand Lodge. A letter in reply was read. Grand Committee directed Grand Secretary to inform Lodge No. 658 that the lottery could not be proceeded with, and that the tickets that had been issued must be withdrawn—and further to express the Committee's disapproval of the lodge's resolution to dispose of its jewels and paraphernalia by public sale.—Approved.

A circular issued by Fort William, No. 43, soliciting subscriptions in aid of its funds was ordered to be withdrawn, in respect it had not been authorised by Grand Committee.—Approved.

On application to Grand Committee, St. James Kilwinning, Tarbolton, No. 135, has been authorised to appeal to brethren under the Scottish Constitution for subscriptions in aid of the erection of a new lodge-room, in which might be safely preserved the interesting and valuable relics and memorials of Burns's connection with "brethren of the mystic tie" in the village of Tarbolton. The "appeal" to be submitted to Grand Secretary for approval.—Approved.

The G. SECRETARY, on behalf of Bro. J. H. Inches, had presented to Grand Committee two ancient Masonic medals for preservation in Grand Lodge repositories. The gift was accepted with thanks.

The following report by the Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire was submitted:

"Closeburn Hall, April 27.—"I am glad to report, for the information of Grand Lodge, that I have this year made a most satisfactory visitation of the lodges in my province. I have great reason to feel that good and steady Masonic work is being carried on. In many matters of detail, I am glad to say, I find many improvements, and in all the lodges a ready co-operation in carrying out any suggestions that may be made to the Provincial Grand Lodge."

"I have taken great pains to impress upon all Masters and Secretaries of lodges the importance of a strict adherence to the wishes of Grand Lodge with reference to the time that should elapse between the conferring of Degrees. From one and all I have received assurances of compliance with the wishes of Grand Lodge, and I feel I can fully rely upon the promises made to me."

"The institution and opening of a new lodge in Moffat is a feature in this grand work, and I have every reason to believe that it will prove an efficient and faithful daughter lodge."

"FRED. E. VILLIERS, P.G.M." In terms of instruction from Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary tabled report showing the cases that have occurred during the quarter of more than one Degree being given in one night, or without a proper interval, and the reason for each emergency: Of 981 Master Masons recorded under 377 returns of home lodges between 1st February and 25th April current, 423 had their Degrees within proper intervals, and 70 at irregular intervals; 164 were entered, passed, and raised, and 324 had two Degrees conferred without interval. In 38 cases reasons for departure from rule are given—the changes being rung on "going abroad," "proceeding to sea," "leaving town," "emergency," &c.

A letter had been read to Grand Committee from a Scotch brother resident in Milan, stating that a body of Italian Masons, who, because of its interference with politics, had severed their connection with the Grand Lodge in Rome, are anxious to work under charters from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Further, that the petitioners are men of the best position in Milanese society. It was remitted to the Colonial and Foreign Committee to consider and report upon the petition. Apropos of the above application from Italy, Grand Secretary tabled for the inspection of members of Committee the minute book of a Roman lodge of historical interest, from its having, at the date of its suppression by Pope Clement XII., in 1737, been presided over by the Jacobite Earl of Winton, and which has been preserved in the archives of Grand Lodge since 1799. This old record bears the signatures of Lord Winton, "Great Master;" John Murray, of Broughton, Secretary to Prince Charles Edward Stuart; Allan Ramsay, jun., and other Scottish Craftsmen of distinction.—Approved.

This was all the business.

FAREWELL BANQUET.

The Masonic friends of Bro. M. Frampton, P.Z. 90, P.P.G.S.B., entertained that brother to a farewell banquet (previous to his departure from Sunderland for Doncaster, where he will in future reside), which took place on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., at the Palatine Hotel, Borough-road. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. Potts, P.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. J. D. Todd, P.M. There was a numerous gathering, amongst whom were the following Past Masters: Bros. W. Dawson, Thomas G. Garrick, J. Riseborough, G. Wanless, J. R. Smart, J. Hudson, T. Henderson, A. T. Munro, and M. Douglass, and also Bros. J. Scarborough, J. W. H. Swan, A. Hoey, J. W. Brown, Blake, and P. Maddison.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of the evening, expressed the regret of the brethren at the approaching departure of Bro. M. Frampton, and wished him long life, health, and prosperity in his new home, to which

Bro. FRAMPTON replied in feeling terms, and trusted that he would be enabled at no very distant date to re-visit them.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations, and concluded by a well-deserved vote of thanks to Bro. W. Hunter, mine host of the Palatine, for the excellent manner in which he had catered for them.

RETIREMENT OF BRO. HENDERSON,
DEP. CHIEF CONSTABLE WEST SUSSEX.

We hear that Bro. Henderson, Deputy Chief Constable of West Sussex, is about to retire from his post after a continuous service at Petworth, Worthing, and Horsham, of over thirty years. Bro. Henderson's career in the constabulary has been a most successful one, and he will carry with him into his retirement the esteem and respect, both of those with or under whom he has served, and of the inhabitants of Sussex generally. As a Mason, he has distinguished himself likewise. He is a Past Master of the Mid Sussex Lodge, No. 1141, Horsham, Third Principal of the Yarborough Royal Arch Chapter, No. 811, and a jointing member of the Royal Lancashire Lodge, No. 116, Colne—his native place—and other lodges, as well as a Life Governor and Past Festival Steward of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Our Sussex brethren, however, have this consolation with them. Bro. Henderson, when no longer an active member of the county constabulary, will have increased leisure to devote to Masonic pursuits, and it is possible that the constabulary's loss may prove to be a substantial gain to Freemasonry. At all events, Bro. Henderson will always be a welcome and useful brother, whether on active service or retirement, and we wish him a long career of happiness and prosperity.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. JARVIS
AT BOURNEMOUTH.

The funeral of the late Bro. Jarvis, P.M. St. David's Lodge, No. 384, Bangor, North Wales, took place at the cemetery on the 11th inst. Bro. Jarvis was held in great respect both in Bournemouth and in Bangor, where he was in business as a printer and stationer. He was formerly apprenticed to Bro. D. P. Owen, of Welchpool, and he left that town in 1861, and was engaged as an assistant to the late Bro. Jas. Nixon, at whose decease he purchased a half share in that business, and by his genial conduct and trade knowledge he soon gained a very good position, and was often referred to by the clergy and laity. He joined St. David's Lodge, No. 384, on the 16th March, 1871, and served the various offices, ultimately being elected to the chair, and as a reward for the very efficient manner in which he fulfilled his duties, he was awarded the purple by the P.G.M. of the province. He also joined the Mark. His health breaking about six years ago, he was advised to seek a milder climate and travel. He then went to the Orange Free States, and remained about two years. Not liking an idle life, and having greatly improved in health, he returned to England in 1884, but his medical adviser would only consent to his living at Bournemouth; he therefore purchased another business in that town. The short time (nearly three years) he was there he soon became known, although his strength would not permit him to take any active part in the public services of the town. He joined Lodge Hengist, No. 195, and the W.M. and other brethren attended his funeral, and occupied the fifth carriage. All that can be said of Bro. W. Jarvis is, that he was a good and true Mason; he knew the ritual, and also its inner spirit, and he carried that out in his daily life.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES EDELL, P.M. 108.

We regret to announce the sudden death by apoplexy, of Bro. Jas. Edell, P.M. 108, and until recently a member of Lodge 1563. Our good brother, who was a solicitor, having offices in King-street, Cheapside, E.C., was taken ill on Wednesday morning, the 11th inst.; he was in his 68th year. He was universally respected by all who knew him as a genial, urbane, and upright man and Mason. His remains were placed in the City of London Cemetery, Ilford, on Monday last, having first been taken to St. John's Parish Church, Hackney, from his residence, Pembury-road, Clapton, where a funeral service was held by the rector, the Rev. Wm. Brookford; two or three hundred friends had collected there to pay the last tribute of regard to our deceased brother, among them we noticed Bros. J. E. Shand, 1563 and 2030; Chas. Ward, 2030; Thos. Eastgate, 1563; John Charles, and others, old friends of the family. The coffin and hearse were literally covered with wreaths and flowers. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Bro. Robert Ayton, of White-chapel-road, E., and was furnished with solemnity and taste for such an occasion. Our deceased brother leaves a widow, two sons and six daughters, with all of whom we deeply sympathize, and trust the G.A.O.T.U. will give them fortitude to bear their great loss.

The Prince and Princess of Wales attended at the Shoreditch Town Hall, on Tuesday, and opened an old English Fancy Fair and Bazaar in aid of the Building Fund of St. Saviour's Priory, Haggerston. Their Royal Highnesses, who made a large number of purchases, were loudly cheered both on their arrival and departure.

The Craft Abroad.

GRAND CHAPTER (R.A.) OF NEW BRUNSWICK.
The steps taken with a view to organising a Grand R. Arch Chapter for New Brunswick, culminated in a meeting of convocation, held in St. John, on the 21st March, last, when the delegates from seven of the subordinate chapters holding under various jurisdictions, agreed on the formation of such a Supreme authority, and the following were elected and installed as the first Grand Officers of the new body, viz., Comps. E. Lester Peters, M.E. Grand Z.; A. F. Strut, Dep. G.Z.; Jam-s McNichol, Grand H.; Geo. M. Jarvis, Grand J.; T. Nisbet Robertson, Grand S.E.; George F. Pender, Grand S.N.; D. F. Merritt, W. R. Stevens, and N. Campbell, G. Sojourners; S. McKean, G. Swd. Br.; A. W. Reed, G. Std. Br.; A. R. Campbell, G.D.C.; W. Wallace, G. Org.; and G. Gordon Boyne, G. Janitor. The First Principal was installed by Comp. J. V. Ellis, the senior past First Principal present, and the other Grand Officers by Comp. Peters. Committees of ritual, correspondence, &c., were appointed, and the further necessary steps taken to complete the work of organisation.

P.G. CHAPTER OF BOMBAY AND DEPENDENCIES.

The annual convocation of this Prov. Grand Chapter took place on the 24th March last, under the presidency of Comp. Captain Henry Morland, Prov. G.Z., and among those present were Comps. K. R. Cama, Depute Prov. G.Z.; D. P. Melita, H.P., D.G.Z.; C. D. Lunjee, P.P.G.H.; P. M. Jeejeebhoy, P.P.G.H.; N. J. Guddar, P. Proxy P.G.J.; J. Young, P.G.S.E.; F. W. Hodges, as P.G.S.N.; D. D. Curranee, P.G.F.; J. W. Seager, as P.G. 1st Soj.; J. W. Heworth, as P.G. 2nd Soj.; N. M. Pandey, as P.G. 3rd Soj.; Franjee N. Davur, P.G. Swd. Br.; and other Grand Officers, the representatives of chapters, and sundry visitors. The Prov. G. Chapter having been opened, the Prov. G.Z. installed those of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year who were present, and the Prov. Grand Committee having been completed by the election of the usual six companions, a number of letters of apology for non-attendance were read, and Prov. Grand Chapter was closed.



Bro. Dr. R. Turtle-Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C., has been elected Master of the Worshipful Company of Turners, and Bro. W. Burdett Coutts, M.P., Upper Warden for the successive year.

THE MASONIC CARNIVAL.—We hear upon good authority that the photographs of the children at the Masonic Carnival, which were presented to her Majesty the Queen, have been greatly admired. Mr. Victor White is to be congratulated upon his success.

At the annual meeting of the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knights Templar Sir Knight H. H. Shirley was installed as E.P. by Sir Knight H. Lovegrove, and afterwards installed a candidate. The other officers are Sir Knights J. Shilcock, J. Read, A. McDowell, Dunkley, Purrott, Robinson, Scurrah, and Gregory.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Nicholas Bradford, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of England. Bro. Bradford, who was 70 years old, was appointed Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1862, and was a Life Governor and had served Stewardships for all our Institutions.

On Monday afternoon, at the parish church, Walton-on-Thames, Mr. F. Carew Thomas, son of Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., Chief Surveyor War Department, P.A.G.D.C., was married to Miss Isabel Cababé, daughter of the late Mr. Peter Cababé, of Culverton, Oaklands Park, and of Bombay and Manchester.

The great services rendered to the Ancient and Accepted Rite by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke will be acknowledged, and his name perpetuated by the Shadwell Clerke Chapter, Rose Croix, 18, No. 107. The M.W.S. designate is Bro. H. Lovegrove, and the other officers Bros. H. H. Shirley, W. A. Scurrah, John Read, 30, W. R. Palmer, and T. B. Dorman. The consecration will take place on, or soon after, the 6th June.

The V.E., the Great Prior of England, of the Masonic Knights Templar, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.T., has appointed the Rev. Thomas William Lemon, M.A., 31, Past E. Preceptor and Prior of Loyal Brunswick Preceptory and Priory, and P.P.G. Prelate of the Province, to be the Provincial Grand Prior of Devonshire in succession to the late Col. J. Fanner Davy. Bro. Lemon, P.M. 189, P.P.G.C., was, with Bro. R. Pike, elected an honorary member of Lodge St. John, No. 70, the oldest Masonic lodge in the district.

At the last meeting of the Lodge of Hope and Unity, No. 214, Bro. F. B. Page, W.M., a gratifying presentation was made to Bro. George Cooper, Senior Grand Deacon of England. It was considered that the brethren could not better express the esteem in which Bro. Cooper was held, and their appreciation of the honour that had been conferred on the lodge, than by presenting him with a set of Grand Lodge clothing. The presentation was made in open lodge, much to the gratification of all concerned. It was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and was much admired by those present.

Among the chief attractions in Oxford-street on the occasion of the Queen's visit to the East-end on Saturday last was the effective display made by the Medical Battery Company at their conveniently-situated premises at the east corner of Rathbone-place. Not only was there there a grand show of bunting, but there was also a large muster of guests invited to the number of about 150, ladies and gentlemen, to do honour to the occasion, and during the long afternoon they were entertained at a grand vocal and instrumental concert in the Electropathic Saloon at the rear of the building. On the roof, too, there was a military band placed, and as the Queen passed Eastward it gave an effective rendering of the National Anthem, while on the return journey it played the new Jubilee Anthem, "Awake, O Happy Nation"—her Majesty graciously acknowledging the compliment as she passed.

Bro. J. Barnett, jun., presided, at the Guildhall Tavern on Wednesday evening, at a dinner of the "Sons of Industry," a City club which has already celebrated its centenary. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. F. Binckes, J. L. Mather, Hastings Miller, W. Lake, and others. The Chairman proposed the loyal and other toasts in his usual happy manner. Speeches, songs, and recitations followed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent under the genial presidency of the Chairman.

The Fifteen Sections were worked in Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, held at the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, on Wednesday last, by the members. The lodge was presided over by the W.M., Bro. Draper, who was supported by Bros. Forss, S.W.; Musto, J.W.; Richardson, I.P.M.; Dignam, Hon. Sec.; Itter, Saint, Beaton, Kirk, and Dunstan. There was a numerous assembly of brethren, and Bro. Draper, W.M., was made an honorary member for the very able manner in which he had conducted the proceedings.

Everyone must sympathise with Bro. the Earl of Kintore, Substitute Grand Master of Scotland, and Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., at the bereavement he has suffered by the death, at Aden, of his second son the Hon. Ion Keith-Falconer, who, by the honours he achieved at Cambridge, had given promise of a most successful career. The deceased, who was born in 1856, and had gone to Aden as a Free Church Missionary, will also be remembered as one of the best cyclists of the day, having, so far back as 1875, won the Inter-University fifty miles race.

The marriage of Viscount Cranbourne, M.P., eldest son of the Marquis of Salisbury, with the Lady Alice Gore, second daughter of Bro. the Earl of Arran, took place in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on Tuesday, in the presence of a numerous and distinguished gathering, among whom were the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, the Crown Prince of Denmark, Grand Master of Denmark, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Headfort, Bro. Lord and Lady Halsbury, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Airlie, Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper, Bro. Lord and Lady Stanley of Preston, Bro. Lord and Lady Egerton of Tatton, Bro. Lord and Lady Eustace Cecil, and Bro. Lord Alcester.

LINCOLNSHIRE FREEMASONS AND THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.—The Prov. Grand Master has arranged to have the annual Provincial Grand Lodges held in Lincoln on June 2nd, and to celebrate on the same occasion the Jubilee of the Queen's reign. There is to be a special service for the Freemasons in the Cathedral in the afternoon, at which the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Bro. Cust, has consented to preach. Arrangements are being made to hold a Masonic ball at night, and, by special resolution, the banquet will be open for the attendance of ladies. The celebration will, it is believed, be enthusiastically taken up by all the lodges in the province, and no effort will be spared to secure a very large attendance.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL
PROGRAMME.

- DRURY LANE THEATRE.
Every Evening, The Carl Rosa Opera Company.
- ADELPHI THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, THE HARBOUR LIGHTS; at 7.15, Farce.
- PRINCESS'S THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.15, HELD BY THE ENEMY; at 7.30, THE CLOCKMAKER'S HAT.
- GLOBE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.45, THE PRIVATE SECRETARY; at 8, AFTER MANY DAYS.
- SAVOY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.25, RUDDIGORE, OR THE WITCH'S CURSE; at 7.45, THE CARP.
- VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.50, A DARK NIGHT'S BRIDAL; at 8.30, SOPHIA. Matinee Every Saturday, at 2.30.
- GAIETY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, MONTE CRISTO, JR.; at 7.30, DIMITY'S DILEMMA.
- COURT THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, THE NETTLE; at 8.30, DANDY-DICK.
- STRAND THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.30, THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE; at 7.45, TOM NODDY'S SECRET.
- COMEDY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.30, THE RED LAMP; at 8, NEARLY SEVEN.
- TOOLE'S THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, RUDDY GEORGE; at 8.30, THE BUTLER.
- PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.30, DOROTHY; at 7.45, A HAPPY DAY.
- STANDARD THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, THE SILENT WOMAN; at 8, JIM THE PENMAN.
- GRAND THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, ALICE IN WONDERLAND.
- SURREY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, THE GREEN LANES OF ENGLAND.
- ROYAL AQUARIUM.
Open, 12.0; close, 11.30. Constant Round of Amusement.
- LONDON PAVILION.
Every Evening at 8, the Marvellous Variety Entertainment, &c.
- ALHAMBRA THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening at 8, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets, &c.
- CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening at 7.30, Gran variety Company, &c., &c.
- PARAGON THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening at 7.30, Variety Entertainment, &c., &c.
- MADAME TUSSAUD & SONS' EXHIBITION.
Open 10 till 10. Portrait Models of Past and Present Celebrities.