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United Grand Lodge.

THERE is an exceptionally heavy programme of business to be transacted at the Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, and we anticipate, therefore, there will be a more numerous attendance of brethren than usual. The recommendations contained in the Report of the Board of General Purposes will doubtless command a ready assent from the members present, that relating to the proposed increase in the GRAND SECRETARY'S salary being no more than is just and proper, having regard to the increasingly onerous nature of the duties he is now called upon to discharge, the efficiency with which he discharges them, and the kindness and courtesy he uniformly displays towards all who have occasion to consult him on the business of the Society. The notices of motion are three, but the third in order relates to a matter of annual occurrence—the grant of £70 towards providing coals for the inmates of the Asylum, at Croydon, during the winter months. The first and second motions are directed towards the fulfilment of the same object—namely, a Jubilee contribution from the funds of Grand Lodge towards our three Institutions, but while Bro. JOSEPH CLEVER, the author of the first proposal, would limit the donation to £1000 to each of the three Charities, Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., considers it should amount to £2000. The only question, therefore, which the brethren will have to consider—the propriety of making some such memorial presentation being generally admitted—is as to the amount to be voted, and that again must be governed by the amount of available resources at the disposal of Grand Lodge. However, we doubt not that Grand Lodge, being actuated by a desire to do something worthy of the occasion, will exercise its usual discretion, and will contribute a sum that will be both generous and just, and at the same time a substantial addition to the proceeds of the Masonic meeting in the Albert Hall, on the 13th prox.

The coming Boys' School Festival.

FAIR progress has been made during the last few days in the important work of strengthening the Board of Stewards for the Boys' School Festival on Tuesday, the 14th prox., and the number of brethren who have volunteered their services for this year's Anniversary, according to our latest returns, is 262. As there is a clear fortnight between now and the eventful day, we may hope to see this figure still further enlarged, so that, as far as the number of active workers is concerned, the outlook is by no means unpromising. There is also a reasonable ground for anticipating that the selection of the day immediately following that of the grand convention of brethren at the Royal Albert Hall, in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, when so many of our provincial friends must visit London, will not be without its effect in swelling the general total of contributions to the greatly impoverished exchequer of the Boys' Institution. But though the array of Stewards is fairly numerous, it contains within itself certain elements of weakness which it is just as well we should lay before our readers, while there is still a chance of their being—we will not say removed altogether, but—made less momentous than they appear at present. The constitution of the Board is by no means what we have been accustomed to see it. There is usually a preponderance of provincial brethren, but this year the weight of numbers is on the side of the Metropolis, which with about 350 lodges has some 140 representatives, while the provinces, with quite thrice as many lodges, have only 120. Last year the numbers were London 125 Stewards, Provinces 165 Stewards; in 1885, London 119 Stewards, Provinces 156; and in 1884, London 130 Stewards, Provinces 160 Stewards. London, moreover, will not only send up the larger number of Stewards, but more of its lodges will be represented than in 1886 or 1885, and about as many as in 1884, though the number is still short of what is regarded as a fair average. Unfortunately, the numerical weakness of the Provinces more than neutralises the London recovery. Last year we had the satisfaction of pointing out that the Provincial returns were spread over a more extended area than usual. This year more than a third of the Provinces are unrepresented, among the absentees being several whose non-participation in the Anniversary will be a subject of surprise as well as regret with our readers, while with the exception of West Yorkshire and some others, those that have sent up Stewards have fewer representatives than usual. Let us hope the example of Bro.

FORD, D.P.G.M. of Sussex, at the recent Festival of the Girls' School, who gave his name as a Steward almost at the moment of sitting down to dinner and made up a neat little list under the circumstances, rather than allow his Province to go unrepresented, will be followed, while there is yet time to lend a helping hand with a chance of lending it to good purpose. But Jubilee or no Jubilee, there is, in the case of the Boys' School, a heavy deficit of over £2000 to make good and an extra number of Boys to provide for, so that we trust the Returns, whether they be mostly London or mostly Provincial, will be sufficient to satisfy the absolute necessities of the Institution during the current year.

Annual Report of the R.M.B.I.

The annual meeting, on Friday, the 20th inst., of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution passed off most satisfactorily, the Report presented by the Committee of Management being in all respects most encouraging. As we publish this Report in full elsewhere, we need not do more than invite our readers to study carefully its contents, and note how marvellously the youngest of our Institutions—which has not yet been in existence for half a century—has progressed, and what a vast amount of good it is rendering to our poorer brethren and their widows. Considering, too, how successful have been the labours of the past year, and how unprecedentedly large is the total of contributions, both received and promised, we are not surprised at the modest self-gratulations in which the Committee have seen fit to indulge. We heartily congratulate them on the splendid results they have achieved, and we trust that, for the sake of the Institution as well as to the further enhancement of their own fame, they may long continue to exercise their present functions.

Male Fund Election R.M.B.I.

WE have said the Report of the Committee of Management was in all respects satisfactory, but, as we have noted on previous occasions, probably the most gratifying among the announcements it contained was that relating to the elections which were to follow immediately, and at which they recommended that 16 men and 41 widows should be placed on their respective Funds, including permanent additions of five to the former and 25 to the latter. Such welcome news has not been heard for many a day, and, as may be imagined, the ballot that followed caused more than the usual amount of excitement, which, in the case of the Male Fund was not allayed till Saturday, an error in the returns having necessitated a scrutiny. The result has since been made known, and from this it appears that from the list of 51 candidates, ultimately reduced, by two deaths and a withdrawal, to forty-eight, London succeeded in electing only two, from a reduced contingent of 15, while East Lancashire carried her two and Warwickshire two. Devonshire and Hants and the Isle of Wight placed each one out of three, and Cheshire and Northumberland each one out of two, the other successful candidates hailing from Essex, Kent, Suffolk, Sussex, West Yorkshire, and Guernsey (Channel Islands). The highest successful candidate—from Hants and the Isle of Wight—polled 4665 votes, and the lowest 1880 votes, several of the unsuccessful being well up and polling votes which in ordinary years have sufficed to win places. The votes brought forward from last year were 7620, and the votes issued were 48561, making a total available of 56181; but of those issued only 44,666 were passed by the Scrutineers, so that the unused votes with the usual small array of spoil ones numbered 3895.

The Widows' Fund Election.

WE must all rejoice that, thanks to the generous contributions of the Craft in February last, the Committee of Management have seen their way to effect so substantial an increase in the number of applicants on the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The list of candidates as settled in February comprised 77 names; but three widows having died in the interim, there remained 74 on Friday, the 20th inst., and out of these as many as 41 have been elected, and for the rest of their lives will be in receipt of a comfortable little annuity of £32, so that those who remain over for a further trial, or trials, are considerably fewer than seemed inevitable two or three months since. As regards the successful, we find that London has carried 13 out of its 23 candidates, reduced by death to 22; Suffolk and West Yorkshire each its three candidates; and East Lancashire two out of five; Kent and Hants and Isle of Wight each two out of six; and Lincolnshire two out of five; one other hailing originally from Ireland having died before the poll. The remaining 14, making up the 41 elected, hailed from 13 Provinces and the District of Bengal, the candidate from the latter taking the first place with 2570 votes, of which 680 were brought forward from last year. The lowest who obtained a place polled 812 votes, while the highest unsuccessful, with 792 and 791 respectively, were well up, and will find, no doubt, some slight compensation in the cheques they will severally receive from the Trustees of the "HERVEY Memorial Fund." As to votes, the number brought forward was 23,663, and the number issued 51,034, making a total of 74,697. But

only 46,060 of those issued were used, there being spoiled and not used 4974, of which the latter necessarily formed the bulk. It is worth adding that the old lady whose name headed the list, and who has been an approved candidate for nine years, has at last obtained her election. Let us hope she will enjoy the fruits of her success, thus tardily achieved, for many years.

THE intelligence of the unexpected death of Bro. Sir HORACE JONES, Grand Supt. of Wks., City Architect, will be received everywhere with the sincerest regret in Masonry, in his profession, and in the large circle of those who were privileged to enjoy his personal friendship or acquaintance. As a brother, the deceased had won fame, both in the private lodge and in Grand Lodge, having been appointed to the office of Grand Supt. of Works in the latter in 1882, and re-appointed annually ever since. As City Architect, to which post he was elected in 1864, he had designed most of the great architectural works executed by the Corporation since that date, the most important being the London Central Markets at Smithfield, Billingsgate and Leadenhall Markets, the Guildhall Library, Museum, and Reading Room, and the new Council Chamber. He also had part in designing the bridge over the Thames at the Tower, which is now in course of construction. Recently the QUEEN conferred upon him the honour of knighthood on his retirement, after two years' service, from the Presidency of the Royal Institution of British Architects. His death occurred on Saturday last, and as there were no grounds for anticipating it—the illness which had confined him to his house for the last fortnight having been far from serious—the regret will be as deep as it is general. To his relations and friends, and indeed to all who knew him, we offer our sincere tribute of respectful sympathy.

THE other evening, Bro. RICHARD EVE, the Grand Treasurer, received a compliment which he well deserves and will highly appreciate. The Lodge of Honour and Generosity, No. 165, of which he is an old and respected Past Master, presented him with his clothing as Grand Treasurer, and a beautifully illuminated address in which the subscribers to the gift bore ample testimony to the esteem and respect they entertain for Bro. EVE, both personally and Masonically. May we be permitted to suggest that such an illustration as this of the "Honour" in which the Grand Treasurer is held among his own people, and the "Generosity" with which the latter give expression to their feelings is in all respects worthy of a lodge of such early origin and such high standing, and bearing so felicitous—and as it happens, so appropriate—a title.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, the 1st prox.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 27th April for confirmation.
3. Appointment and investiture of President of Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
6. Election of a Grand Lodge Auditor.
7. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."
8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A brother of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, No. 851, Worthing	£50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate...	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother	150	0	0
A brother of the Camalodunum Lodge, No. 660, Malton	75	0	0
A brother of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, Hertford	150	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London	75	0	0
A brother of the Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772, London	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 272, Boston	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge Zetland-in-the-East, No. 508, Singapore	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Mundy Grove Lodge, No. 506, Shipley Gate	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607, London	50	0	0

9. Special report from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire—under Article 193, Book of Constitutions—transmitting and recommending a memorial from the Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, East Stonehouse, for the expulsion from the Order of Bro. Joseph E. Curteis, of the said lodge, he having been recently convicted of felony and sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

10.—REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that there being at present no complete catalogue of the Library of Grand Lodge, they have arranged for one to be prepared as soon as possible, and that in order to accommodate brethren who make use of the Library in the evening, the Board propose that it shall remain open on Mondays and Thursdays until 10 o'clock p.m., and on other days by arrangement. The Board recommend that Bro. H. Sadler, G. Tyler, be appointed Sub-Librarian, under the Grand Secretary, in addition to his other duties, with a salary of £20 a year, in order to carry out the proposed arrangements.

The Board also recommend—That in consideration of the very large increase in the Craft and Royal Arch of late years, and consequently in the duties of the Grand Secretary, and especially of the manner in which, in the unanimous opinion of the Board, those duties are discharged, it be recommended to Grand Lodge that the salary of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, the present Grand Secretary, be raised from £800 per annum, its present amount, to £1000 per annum, and that the first quarterly payment

of such increased salary be due and payable on Midsummer Day now next ensuing.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £6401 17s. 10d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash, £100; and for servants' wages, £100; and balance for annual allowance for library, £25 6s. 3d.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

17th May, 1887.

At the meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, the 17th May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the W. Bro. John Lawrence Mather, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, said that, this being the last meeting of the Board prior to the election, he was desired by the members to express their most sincere thanks to the V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, for the kindness and courtesy uniformly displayed by him on all occasions as President of the Board of General Purposes.

11.—APPEAL.

By Bro. the Rev. HENRY WATSON, P.M. No. 757, Past District Grand Chaplain Bombay, against a ruling of his District Grand Master, refusing him permission to refer to official letters of the District Grand Secretary when asking a question in District Grand Lodge, of which he had given due notice.

12.—NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. By Bro. JOSEPH CLEVER, P.M. Lodge of Amity, No. 171, Greenwich:—

That one thousand pounds be paid from the Fund of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to each of the Masonic Institutions, viz.: 'The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons,' 'The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,' and 'The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,' as a Special Jubilee Offering of this Grand Lodge to further the objects of those Charities.

2. By W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D.:—

That in commemoration of the Jubilee of the reign of her Majesty the Queen, the following donations be given from the Fund for General Purposes:

To the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	£2000
„ Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	2000
„ Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	2000

3. By W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D.:—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General purposes:—

Bro. George Hunt, P.M. 1009, nominated by Bro. Frank A. Huet, W.M. 1170; Bro. Henry Sutherland, M.D., W.M. 99, nominated by Bro. Felix Sumner Knyvett, J.G.D.; Bro. Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584, nominated by Bro. George H. Haydon, P.M. 46, P.G.S.; Bros. Charles Belton, P.M. 165, Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M. 205, Thomas Hastings Miller, P.M. 907, Edward Terry, P.M. 29, and George Gardner, P.M. 2012, nominated by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Bros. James Terry, P.M. 228, John Horace Thompson, W.M. 1471, and John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128, nominated by Bro. John L. Mather, Asst. G.D.C.; Bro. Thomas Charles Walls, P.M. 1381, nominated by Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745; Bros. Frederick Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891, and Nusserwanjee Dossabhooy Fracis, W.M. 255, nominated by Bro. Samuel J. Parkhouse, P.M. 571; Bro. William Alfred Scurrah, P.M. 2048, nominated by Bro. Charles Belton, P.M. 165; Bros. Nusserwanjee Dossabhooy Fracis, W.M. 255, and Frederick Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891, nominated by Bro. Dorabjee P. Cama, P.G. Treasurer; Bros. Frederick Trotman Bennett, W.M. 211, Robert George Clutton, W.M. 631, Hubert L. M. Hancock, W.M. 143, Henry Pritchard, W.M. 1415, Augustus Taylor Day, W.M. 58, William E. Stewart, W.M. 2000, Charles Belton, P.M. 165, H. Bishop, P.M. 66, A. Cooper, P.M. 1591, W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768, Richard Coleman Hallows, P.M. 33, Howard Henry Room, P.M. 2090, and Robert Clay Sudlow, P.M. 263, nominated by Bro. Robert Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., A.G.D.C.; Bro. Henry Dickey, W.M. 1744, nominated by Bro. John Laurence Mather, A.G.D.C.; Bro. Henry Von Joel, P.M. 957, nominated by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Bro. Charles Dairy, P.M. 141, nominated by Bro. James Brett, P.G.P.; and Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 1216, nominated by Bro. G. P. Britten, P.M. 183.

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board: Bro. Thomas Chas. Walls, P.M. 1745, nominated by Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745; Bros. Lieut.-Col. George Haldane, P.M. 1615, Albert Escott, P.M. 1593, Thos. Henry Gardiner, P.M. 654, Thomas Charles Walls, P.M. 1381, Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537; Thomas James Reeves, W.M. 1118, and Jas. Brett, P.M. 177, nominated by Bro. Robert Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., A.G.D. of C.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons:—

Bros. Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.M. 733, Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554, John Edward Dawson, P.M. 404, Charles George Dilley, P.M. 147, Major Alfred Durrant, W.M. 569, Albert Fish, P.M. 1366, Richard Kimpton, P.M. 1287, William John Murlis, P.M. 1642, Alfred Henry Tattershall, P.M. 140, and Japheth Tickle, P.M. 1196; nominated by Bro. George Mickley, P.M. 449.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- Lodge 2196, The Victoria, Bridgetown, Barbados, West Indies.
- „ 2107, The Spencer Walpole Temperance, Douglas, Isle of Man.
- „ 2198, The Beresford, Petersham, New South Wales.
- „ 2199, The Jubilee, Mittagong, New South Wales.
- „ 2200, The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
- „ 2201, The Earl of Sussex, Brighton, Sussex.
- „ 2202, The Regent's Park, Regent's Park, London.
- „ 2203, The Farnborough and North Camp, Farnborough, Hants.
- „ 2204, The Poulett, Wynyard, Tasmania.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire was held at Westbromwich on Tuesday, the 17th inst., and was attended by about 150 members of the Craft. This was the first occasion for upwards of 30 years on which Provincial Grand Lodge had met at Westbromwich,

and the event excited unusual local interest, as was evidenced by the crowd which assembled to witness the procession from the Town Hall to Christ Church, and the large congregation which filled the building. The proceedings of the day began with the opening of the Dartmouth Lodge, No. 662, at noon, by the W.M., Bro. T. Spencer. Shortly afterwards the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. G. S. Tudor, and his officers entered the lodge, which on this special occasion was held in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall.

There were present, in addition to the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Foster Gough, and the following Prov. Grand Officers: Bros. J. Bromley, P.S.G.W.; T. J. Barnett, P.J.G.W.; the Revs. G. Tuthill and F. E. Waters, P.G. Chaplains; J. Bodenham, P.G. Treas.; E. H. Croydon, acting P.G. Sec.; J. B. Morgan, P.J.G.D.; T. E. Fowke, P.G.D.C.; F. Woolley, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Hartland, P.G. Org.; F. Brandon, P.M. 418, P.G. Reg.; B. H. Brough, P.G.S. of W.; J. R. Lee and J. T. Snape, P.G. Standard Bearers; R. A. Willcock and E. J. Mousley, P.G. Stwds.; J. Perkins, P.A.G.P.; and J. J. Tomlinson, P.A.G. Tyler. There were also present—

Bros. J. Webberley, P.M. 546, P.P.G.R.; Edwin Roberts, P.M. 677, 1942, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Beaumont Piercy, P.M. 418, 2149, P.P.S.G.W.; A. J. Prince, 546, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Peake, W.M. 1942; W. H. Hales, P.M. 418, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Turner, P.P.G. Reg.; John Smith, W.M. 460; J. T. Eayrs, P.M. 662; E. T. Collins, W.M. 696; G. H. Stanger, P.M. 419; H. C. Owen, I.P.M. 526; J. Steen, P.M. 526, P.P.G.R.; H. Lewis, P.M. 526, P.P.S.G.W.; J. L. Hamshaw, P.M. 418, 2149, S.W., and I.P.M.; G. Dance, P.M. 662; E. H. Thorne, 526 and 1838, P.P.G.S.B.; T. H. Cope, P.M. 1520; J. Wentworth, W.M. 347; E. Piddock, P.M. 1792, P.P.G.S.B.; F. E. F. Bailey, W.M. 539; the Rev. R. B. Storey, Chap. 696; G. F. Oldershaw, I.P.M. 662; H. George, P.M. 884, 1661; the Rev. Rev. F. H. Beaven, Chap. 726; Dr. E. W. Taylor, Org. 726; the Rev. T. Lloyd, Chap. 526, P.P.G.P.; C. Jones, P.M. 1060; H. J. Clarkson, W.M. 1060; J. Jacobs, P.M. 482, P.P.G. Reg.; H. W. Rogers, W.M. 696; W. Vernon, P.M. 455, 1537, P.P.G.S.B.; W. W. Weston, W.M. 1039; J. F. Pepper, P.M. 482, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. R. Kimpton, P.M. 482; M. Barker, P.M. 1792, P.P.J.G.W.; T. M. Humphries, P.M. 539, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Warrilow, W.M. 482; R. H. Rowbotham, P.M. 539; G. J. Payton, W.M. 482; G. C. Kent, P.M. 546; the Rev. W. Randall, P.M. 482, P.P.G.S.; W. B. Stocker, P.M. 493, P.P.J.G.D. Gloucestershire; S. Parker, P.M. 419; T. Spencer, W.M. 662; W. J. Whittall, P.M. 482, P.P.G.R.; T. Taylor, P.M. 2149, 418, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Barker, W.M. 226; J. H. Walton, P.M. 696, P.P.G.P.; D. Smith, P.M. 637; S. Clapp, P.M. 662, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Mould, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and others.

Bro. Col. Tudor having taken the chair, and opened the lodge, the P.G. Master and D.P.G. Master were greeted Masonically, after which the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Stafford last year were read, the P.G. Treasurer's accounts were submitted, and the roll of lodges called over.

The P.G.M. then announced the receipt of letters expressing regret that the writers were unable to be present, from Bro. F. James, P.D.P.G.M., and many others. Having expressed his pleasure at seeing so many brethren present, Col. Tudor referred in terms of deep regret to the loss which the province had sustained by the death of Bro. Cartwright, who for a long number of years faithfully carried out the duties of P.G. Secretary. Noticing the occurrence of the Jubilee, he said that Masonry had made wonderful progress during her Majesty's reign. When the Queen ascended the throne there were between 500 and 600 lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England; now there were 2200. The P.G.M. then announced his appointment of Bro. Capt. E. H. Thorne as P.G. Secretary, and expressed his full assurance that Capt. Thorne would be a worthy successor to the late Secretary, and that the province would have in him an officer of great ability. He was sorry that in consequence of the state of his health Bro. Fowke had felt himself compelled to resign the office of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Fowke had performed a great deal of hard work in that office, and he (Col. Tudor) greatly regretted on that occasion that he had not an opportunity of promoting him to some higher office, which he well deserved. Another old officer of the province, Bro. Bagguley, was also wishful to resign, but did not like to do so after so many years' service. Under the circumstances, he proposed for the present to leave the office vacant, and appoint an Assistant Tyler. Having expressed his grateful acknowledgments to Col. Gough for the great assistance which he received from him in ruling the province, Col. Tudor proceeded with the formal appointment of his officers as follows:—

Bro. J. F. Pepper ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. H. Croydon ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. Bodenham ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Capt. E. H. Thorne ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. C. Kent ...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" The Rev. F. E. Waters ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" The Rev. F. H. Beaven ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. G. Lowe ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" D. Smith ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. Spencer ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Brown ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. H. Stanger ...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" T. H. Cope ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" E. T. Collins ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. T. M'Lean ...	...	Prov. A.G. Std. B.
" J. H. Smith ...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Dr. Taylor ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Davenport ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Stringer ...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Williams, P.M. 539 ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. S. Hildick, P.M. 539 ...	...
" G. Dance, P.M. 662 ...	...
" J. T. Eayrs, P.M. 662 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Tyler.
" W. Twist ...	...

The lodge was adjourned and the members walked in procession to Christ Church. The prayers were said by the vicar, the Rev. C. H. JOBERNS, M.A.; the Rev. F. H. BEAVEN, vicar of St. Chad's, Stafford, read the first lesson, and the Rev. G. TUTHILL the second lesson. An excellent practical sermon concluding with a few words of exhortation suitable to the occasion was preached by the Rev. F. E. WATERS. The amount of the collection was £11 3s. 6d.

At the close of the service the members returned to the Town Hall and resumed business. On the motion of Bro. Col. Gough, the sum of £5 was voted to Christ Church School; £3 to the Vicar's Needy Fund; and £4 to Hope Sunday School, Hanley; and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. F. E. Waters for his admirable discourse.

On the motion of Bro. the Rev. Dr. RANDALL, seconded by Bro. WEBBERLEY, a vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Bro. Cartwright.

Some conversation took place with reference to the fund which is being raised to perpetuate the memory of Bro. Cartwright. It was stated that about 160 guineas had been subscribed. The matter was further referred to a Committee.

The lodge having been closed, a banquet was afterwards served in the same room, and subsequently a toast list was gone through.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "The Health of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England" were drunk with the greatest cordiality, as was also the toast of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Past and Present," with which was coupled the name of Bro. Col. Gough, who responded. Referring to the recent candidature of Bro. Godson, M.P., for the Grand Treasurership, he spoke of the hearty reception which Staffordshire brethren always received in Worcestershire, of which Bro. Godson is D.P.G.M., and stated his intention of asking for the support of the Staffordshire brethren to Bro. Godson's candidature on a future occasion.

The Rev. Dr. RANDALL proposed "The Health of Bro. Col. Tudor," remarking that the P.G.M. had been most careful in the performance of his Masonic duties, though his health had been such that most men would have excused themselves in similar circumstances. He expressed a fervent hope that Col. Tudor's health would improve, and that he would be long spared to carry on those duties which he performed with so much satisfaction to the province.

Bro. Col. TUDOR, in the course of his reply, expressed a hope for a large attendance of brethren from the province at the Jubilee Masonic gathering at the Albert Hall, London.

The PROV. G. MASTER then proposed "The Health of Bro. Colonel Gough and Officers."

The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER and Bro. PEPPER responded.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. CADDICK, and responded to by Bro. STOCKER.

Bro. LEWIS then proposed "The Masters of Lodges," which was responded to by Bro. SPENCER.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed Bro. BARNETT, who remarked that £700 had been subscribed in the province last year for the Charities.

"The Provincial Stewards" and the Tyler's toast followed.

At intervals throughout the proceedings, the masterly performances of Bros. Dr. Taylor and Hartland on the fine organ, which the hall possesses, gave genuine pleasure. The organ, which was a gift to the town by Mr. Brogden, formerly member for the borough, is perhaps the finest concert instrument in Staffordshire.

GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

The annual meeting of this priory was held at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Friday, the 13th inst., Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Great Sub-Prior, presided, and there were from 80 to 90 members present.

Among those who attended may be mentioned:—

V.E. Sir Knights Capt. N. G. Philips, Rev. E. Moore, Capt. Beswicke-Royds, and C. J. Banister, Provincial Priors; and the following officers: E. Sir Knights Rev. H. K. Cooper-Smith, Prelate; Col. A. W. Adair, acting constable; H. J. Sparks, Marshal; Ralph Clutton, Treas.; Raymond H. Thrupp, Reg.; W. Tinkler, V.C.; Col. G. Haldane, Sub-Marshal; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Almoner and Chap.; Major George Lambert, Warden of Regalia; Frederic Davison, Herald; R. A. Luck, Sid. Br. (B.); Capt. Gresley Hall, Aide de Camp; Edward Swain, Chamberlain; Henry Lovegrove, Captain of Guards; W. H. Hodgkin, Swd. Br.; and W. Ganz, Org. Other prominent members of the Order present were Sir Knights Dr. Ralph Godding, K. L. Loveland, George Cooper, Controller S. G. Bake, Lieut.-Col. Somerville Bury, Raphael Costa, the Hon. W. F. Orde-Powlett, F. W. Driver, M.A., Dr. G. Mickley, Frederic Wood, Reginald Young, H. C. Heard, George Kenning, Charles Belton, Lieut.-Col. W. Long, C. F. Matier, C. J. Hampden, and others.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of 10th December last, the report of the council was taken as read. In this report were duly noted the installation on 7th December last, of V.E. Sir Knight A. F. Godson, M.P., as Provincial Prior of Worcestershire. The appointment of V.E. Sir Knight R. I. Finemore, as Provincial Prior of South Africa, *vice* the Hon. R. W. Hoskins Giddy, deceased; the sudden death of the Provincial Prior of Devonshire, Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, on 19th April last; and the granting of two warrants for new preceptories, one at Durban, Natal, called the Victoria Jubilee, and the other at Blackpool, named the Rose of Lancaster. Reference was made in the report to the subject of the formation of a Canadian Preceptory at Melbourne, and the resolution passed by the Great Priory at the December meeting strongly protesting against that act, and requesting that the warrant should be at once withdrawn by the Great Priory of Canada. In consequence of the special meeting summoned in Canada on 25th February last, to consider the question, having been very thinly attended, through the inclemency of the weather, and it then being resolved that action on the matter should be deferred until the regular meeting of the Canadian Great Priory in July next, the Council, therefore, recommended Great Priory to let the matter remain in abeyance until the next meeting in December.

This recommendation was unanimously agreed to, the GREAT SUB-PRIOR stating that he believed the question would be happily arranged.

The other recommendations in the report were also agreed to, viz., that a donation of 100 guineas be given to the Imperial Institute in commemoration of the Jubilee of the Queen, the Patron of the Order; the reduction of the minimum fee for the installation of candidates from five guineas to three guineas, in the case of those preceptories desiring to avail themselves of the permission, and also the striking off the roll, and declaring the warrants to be forfeited, of all preceptories, shown in a list in the report as being seven years and upwards in arrear, unless the annual returns and payments were made by the 1st of January, 1888.

The following is the list of the officers appointed for the ensuing year. E. Sir Knight A. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., having resigned, through pressure of official and Parliamentary duties, the office of Chancellor held by him for some 10 years, a well-known and highly esteemed knight was appointed to succeed him. With one or two exceptions, all the knights appointed were present and were invested:—

Sir Knight The Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, M.A. ...	Prelate.
" F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. ...	Chancellor.
" Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P. ...	Constable.
" Major-General R. S. Simmonds ...	Marshal.
" Ralph Clutton ...	Treasurer.
" Raymond H. Thrupp ...	Registrar.
" W. Tinkler ...	Vice-Chancellor.

Sir Knight Lieut.-Colonel G. Haldane	...	Sub-Marshal.
" The Rev. A. J. Hayman Cummings	...	Almoner and Chaplain.
" Major George Lambert	...	Warden of Regalia.
" J. E. Le Feuvre	...	Herald.
" J. W. Monckman	...	Std. Br. (Beauceant).
" Robert Berridge	...	Std. Br. (Vexillum Belli).
" E. B. Bright	...	G. Prior's Banner Br.
" Dr. T. B. Purchas, R.N.	...	Aide-de-Camp.
" W. G. Lemon	...	Aide-de-Camp.
" Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc.	...	Chamberlain.
" H. L. Hollingworth	...	Captain of Guards.
" Pelly Hooper	...	Captain of Guards.
" Major Mortimer Hancock	...	Sword Bearer.
" W. Ganz	...	Organist.

E. Sir Knight Ralph Clutton was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The members of the Council appointed by the Great Priory were the same as those named last year, viz., S. Rawson, Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, Lieut.-Col. G. Haldane, and Dr. Ralph Gooding.

There was a slight change in the elected members of the Council, the names being, H. C. Burt, T. W. Coffin, Charles Goolden, C. A. Newnham, and Reginald Young.

The Members elected on the Grand Master's Council and Court of Appeal continue as before, viz., Col. Shadwell Clerke, Capt. N. G. Philips, and Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds.

At the conclusion of the business of the Great Priory, a Priory of Malta, under the banner of the Oxford and Cambridge University Preceptory was held, and eight Knights Templar were installed Knights of Malta.

A considerable number of members afterwards dined together under the genial presidency of Colonel Adair.

EARLY MENTION OF "DEACONS" IN THE ATHOL GRAND LODGE REGISTER.

The case cited by Bro. John Lane, in his interesting "Notes on the Minute Book of an early Athol Lodge," in the *Freemason* of the 7th instant, of "Deacons" being included among the officers of an Athol Lodge, though undoubtedly earlier than any I have seen or read of, is by no means unusual. At least, I judge so from the fact that the roll of members of the Athol organisation contained in the newly-discovered Register of the Athols includes three instances in which those officers are specified. The first is that of Lodge No. 34, constituted 18th April, 1754. Here Michl. Thorpe is entered as Master, and then immediately following him are Robt. Fisher and Jas. Murray, severally described as "S.D." and "J.D." Here, however, I imagine the transcriber has written "S.D." and "J.D." for "S.W." and "J.W." respectively. The second instance is furnished by the entries under Lodge No. 37, constituted 19th August, 1754. These are as follow, viz.: Wm. Cowen, Mastr.; Wm. Osborne, S.W.; Jno. Nelson, J.W.; Chas. Buss, S.D.; Leonard Holiday, J.D.; Wm. Child, Sec.; Thos. Field, Membr.; Richd. Houlditch, Membr. The third and last is that of Lodge No. 36, constituted 14th August, 1754, but registered after No. 37. These are Jno. McCormick, Mastr.; Fenwick Hederington, S.W.; Jno. Buckley, J.W.; Wm. Healy, S.D.; Jas. Scolefield, J.D.; Saml. Galbraith, Mr. 3.; Lau. Dermott, G.S.; Richard Gollins, Membr.; Robt. Whitehall, Membr. I mentioned both these cases of Nos. 37 and 36 in the last of my series of Papers on "The Early Organisation of the 'Ancients,'" on the 7th August, 1886, but the question of early "Deacons" formed no part of the limited task I had then set myself. However, though nearly a year later as regards date than the Lodge No. 20 cited by Bro. Lane, they are to this extent of greater importance, as they make it clear that Deacons were recognised thus early by the Athol Grand Lodge authorities as being amongst the regular officers of a lodge.

I fully agree with Bro. Lane when he says, apropos of "Deacons" as lodge officers, "One may, I think, reasonably and fairly infer that the 'Antient' Masons copied this practice from Ireland." It is no more than a natural inference that Dermott, the organiser of the "Ancients," who was originally an Irish Mason, should have derived most of his ideas as to lodge constitution and ritual from Ireland. But there is something more than opinion and inference to justify this view. The Athol G. Committee Minutes of 1752 contain direct evidence that the laws for the government of subordinate lodges were taken from Ireland, and the ceremony of installation as well. In the minutes of meeting held at the Griffin, Holborn, on the 1st April, 1752, Bro. Christopher Byrne, Master of No. 6, in the chair, it is recorded that "The copy of the Bye-laws for private lodges, as written by the late G. Secretary, J. Morgan, was read and compared with Bro. Lau. Dermott's copy of the Bye-Laws of his former lodge, No. 26, in the city of Dublin, and the latter being deemed the most correct, it was

"Unanimously resolved that the most correct copy should be received and acknowledged as the only Bye-Laws for private lodges in future. And public thanks given to Bros. Philip McLaughlin and J. Morgan for their good intentions and trouble in drawing up the former Bye-laws."

At the meeting held at the Temple, Shire Lane, Temple Bar, on St. John's Day, 24th June, 1752, Bro. John Morris, Master of No. 9, in the chair, it is recorded—"Having no Grand Master nor Grand Warden to install the Grand Secretary"—L. Dermott—"was Reinstall'd according to the Ancient Custom and manner of installing Grand Secretaries. And having gone through the Ceremony he was proclaimed and saluted accordingly. After which he repeated the whole Ceremony of Installing Grand &c. in the manner which he had learn'd from Brother Edward Spratt, Esq., the celebrated Grand Secretary of Ireland. The long Recital of this Solemn Ceremony gave great satisfaction to the audience, many of which who never had an Opportunity of hearing the like before."

At the meeting at the Temple, Shire Lane, on the 2nd September, 1752, Brother George Hebden, W.M. No. 4, in the chair, it was

"Resolved that this Grand Committee shall be formed immediately into a Working Lodge of Master Masons in order to hear a Lecture from the Grand Secretary, Laurence Dermott. The Lodge was Open'd in Ancient form of Grand Lodge, and every part of Real Freemasonry was traced and explained: except the Royal Arch.

"The Lecture ended, and the Lodge was closed with the most agreeable and harmonious humour."

The first and second of the foregoing extracts show (1) that the Bye-laws of the private "Ancient" lodges were derived from those of Dermott's

Mother Lodge—No. 26, of Dublin; (2) that the ceremony of installing "Grand &c." was derived from Dermott's knowledge acquired from Edward Spratt, Grand Secretary of Ireland. Nor do I see any just cause or impediment why we may not assume that the working of "every part of Real Freemasonry," as traced and explained at the meeting recorded in the last extract, was derived from the same Irish source.

As regards the mention among the visitors to Lodge No. 20 of "L. Dermott, G.S. 1," and the inference Bro. Lane would seem to derive from this description, that, "as these entries take the Lodge (No. 1)"—by which I understand him to mean Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, warranted 13th August, 1759—"a considerable period further back than has just been mentioned," this No. 1 was constituted some six years before it was warranted, it seems to me the No. 1 noted in these entries is either the Grand Committee or Grand Lodge, according as the said entries were made before or after the installation, in December, 1753, of Robert Turner as G. Master. It is, I believe, Bro. Gould's contention that first the G.C. and then the G.L. was the Ancient No. 1, until the warrant and proclamation of Grand Master's, No. 1, in 1759, and these entries do not appear to disturb this view. I have gone carefully through the Athol Grand Lodge minutes for these years, and in the few cases in which "No. 1" is ascribed to a brother, it is to a Grand Officer of the year or a Past Grand Master; nor, after Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, was "proclaimed and took the first seat accordingly," do I find that any of the brethren previously described as "No. 1" retain the description.

G. BLIZARD ABBOTT.

A VALUABLE WORK.

The Yorkshire Lodges.—A Century of Yorkshire Freemasonry, by J. Ramsden Riley, Bradford (Historian of 387), P. Prov. Grand D.C., West Yorkshire. Leeds and London, T. C. Jack.

Brother Riley has done for Yorkshire what other competent brethren should do for the remaining provinces in England whose annals are still unpublished. I trust there are many who will be inclined to follow his excellent example and thus take part in the production of similar handsome volumes for the information of the tens of thousands of the "mystic tie," who, without such aids, will continue in ignorance of the histories of their own local lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges.

Bro. Riley has been most industriously accumulating facts for many years past relative to the origin and progress of the Craft in the third largest province in the country, and has grudged neither time nor expense in the search after authentic details of all and every kind whatsoever, that could possibly be of interest and value with respect to such a praiseworthy object. Nor has his labours been restricted to West Yorkshire, for the indefatigable historian of the "Airedale" Lodge considerably included the *North and East Ridings* of the county within the scope of his researches, thereby completing a history of all the lodges now or previously working in the two provinces into which the large county of Yorkshire is divided. Hence, while vastly adding to the labour of the compilation, the result is most gratifying and comprehensive in character, as the whole of the lodges from 1729 to the present time are now included in the survey, and the work has been made a thorough County Masonic History.

Evidence is to be found on every page of Bro. Riley's conscientious endeavours to exhibit as fully as possible the main features in the eventful careers of nearly one hundred and fifty lodges, warranted from time to time, either by the Grand Lodge of England—the premier of its kind in the world—or its successful rival, the Grand Lodge of the "Atholl Masons," and subsequently by the present United Grand Lodge of England.

So interesting are the numerous details, especially those affecting the old lodges, whose centennials and sesqui-centennials have been celebrated of late years, and so vivid are the sketches presented of Masonic life in the olden time, that I feel assured the work cannot but prove to be almost as acceptable and entertaining to students of the Craft generally, the "wide, wide, world" over, as to members of the Yorkshire lodges in particular.

Then again, the extinct "Grand Lodge of all England" so long held at York, comes in for its share of attention and description, the transactions of that ancient and honourable *Atelier*, being again and again noticed as the history is unfolded and the facts made known.

The simple and handy system adopted by Bro. Riley enables him to give all the lodges according to the years of their formation, so that the tables admit of easy reference, even when the years of constitution are not known by those who consult its pages. Should the subject be quite new, or not familiar to readers, these well-arranged lists (marshalled according to seniority on the roll, or placed so as to exhibit the numerous numerical alterations from 1740 to 1863), will be found equally useful for consultation and recognition, as for more critical purposes.

In a short notice such as this, which is simply intended as a friendly acknowledgment of the valuable services of one of my esteemed confrères, one must refrain from undue particularisation of the many excellent features in the fine volume, but it is hoped that sufficient has been said to indicate the importance of Bro. Riley's researches, which have culminated in the publication of his "Yorkshire Lodges;" and that its circulation will be such as to encourage the spirited Publisher, who has done his best to make the work look attractive, typographically and artistically. In this he has succeeded to such an extent as to put most Masonic volumes in the shade in such respects.

The five plates which adorn the work, are not only most artistic in character, but are of considerable value, containing as they do the Arms of the Stone Masons and the several Grand Lodges of England, besides a number of curious Seals of various Lodges and Grand Bodies from early last century, particularly those relating to Masonic Organisations in Yorkshire. Such a collection has never been produced before, and hence the numerous examples of Masonic devices for Seals, &c., cannot fail to prove of considerable utility to members of Lodges which are thus so capably represented in the Engravings.

I warmly support Bro. Riley's advocacy of Lodge histories from minute-books, as also most strongly his advice that such labour should be accomplished whilst the materials are to be obtained, for past experience proves that accidents may at any time deprive us of the precious original records. The introduction (which was written by me and gratefully accepted by the Author), will be found useful in relation to the extinct Grand Lodge of all England, held last century in the city of York, and will likewise serve to illustrate the esteem in which Bro. Riley is held by the undersigned,

W. J. HUGHAN.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual general meeting was held in the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 20th inst. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Patron, Trustee, &c., presided, and there was a very full attendance of brethren.

The minutes of the annual general meeting of the 21st May, 1886, having been taken as read,

The SECRETARY announced, amid manifestations of general satisfaction, that R.W. Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, had kindly consented to preside at the Anniversary Festival, which will be held on the 29th February, 1888.

The report of the Auditors' was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and then the following report by the Committee of Management of the proceedings of the past year was read, approved, and ordered to be recorded in the minutes:

"The Committee of Management has much pleasure in submitting a report of its proceedings during the past year to the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution.

"The annual Festival was held by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Grand Patron and President, on Tuesday, the 22nd February last. W. Wither B. Beach, Esq., M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, presided, and the Board of Stewards 384 in number, which supported him, were successful in raising amongst them the munificent sum of £19,229 10s. This grand total, which considerably exceeds the amount subscribed at any previous Festival in behalf of this Institution, cannot be otherwise than gratifying, not only to the general body of the English Craft but likewise, and in an especial degree, to the Right Worshipful Brother in the chair, and the Stewards who laboured so earnestly and energetically to promote his advocacy. Moreover, large as the sum undoubtedly is, there are grounds for anticipating that, before the year is ended, it will be supplemented by many further contributions. The Province of West Yorkshire is engaged in raising 2000 guineas (£2100) to enable it to purchase the right of two perpetual presentations to the Widows' Fund,—that of East Lancashire has entered upon a similar task, and the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland has resolved on contributing 1000 guineas (£1050). These undertakings which are already in progress, furnish the best of reasons for believing that the subscriptions obtained during the Jubilee year of her Majesty's reign will approximate closely to, if they do not exceed, a total including the grant of £1000 from United Grand Lodge of £2,4500, or about £1500 more than has been realised at any Anniversary Festival held in behalf of a Masonic Institution, under these circumstances, it becomes the duty of the Committee, and it is needless to say the duty is fulfilled with the most genuine pleasure, to place on record its deep sense of gratitude to the Right Worshipful Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., and his numerous body of Stewards for their successful services on the occasion.

"The Committee has also to report, that in consequence of the unprecedented success attendant on the unceasing and urgent appeals on behalf of this Institution, the sum of 100 guineas was presented to the Secretary in acknowledgment of the zeal shown by him during the past 12 months.

"At the election in May, 1886, there were upon the funds of the Institution 375 Annuitants, namely, 173 men, and 202 widows. To-day there are 128 approved candidates, of whom 51 are men, and 77 widows, and the Committee having determined at its Meeting, in February, that there should be elected from this list 9 men (6 immediate and 3 deferred), and 28 widows, that is to say, 25 additional, to be admitted immediately, and three deferred, who, in the then entire absence of vacancies, would otherwise have been the only widows to be balloted for on this occasion, the total number of annuitants will now be 400, namely, 173 men, and 227 widows.

"But in the interval that has elapsed since the February meeting there have died 2 men and 13 widows, so that as regards the former, there will have to be 11 men elected, while as regards the widows, the number to be elected will remain at 28, it having been resolved that such Annuitants as might fall vacant during the interim should be considered part of the authorised increase of 25. When, however, the Committee came to this determination, it was not foreseen, nor could it have been anticipated, that the Festival of the year would have been productive of so splendid a total, and as it seems desirable that the overwhelming disproportion still existing between the number of applicants and the number of vacancies—particularly in the case of the Widows' Fund—should be reduced as far as possible, consistently with the future financial security of the Institution, the Committee considers itself justified in recommending that the 13 vacancies in the Widows' Fund caused by death, should be filled up, and to further increase the number of male annuitants by 5. In the event of this recommendation being adopted, there will then be 178 Annuitants, each receiving £40 per annum, on the Male Fund, and 227 Annuitants, each receiving £32 per annum, on the Widows' Fund, the total sum annually distributable amongst these 405 Annuitants amounting to £14,384. To this must be added a further £200 divisible under Law 9 (Male Fund) among the Widows 10 in number, of recently deceased Male Annuitants, so that the annual expenditure on account of Annuitants only, will henceforth amount to £14,584, and the Committee trusts this large outlay will suffice, at all events for some years, to meet the average demands on the resources of the Institution. A time must come when it will be impossible, without serious risk, to further increase the responsibilities that have been incurred.

"The Committee take this opportunity of recording its sincere thanks to United Grand Lodge, both for the grant of £1000 from the Fund of General Purposes and its renewed subsidy of £70 towards providing the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

"It is also desirous of conveying its cordial thanks to the honorary surgeons of the Institution (Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq.) for their invaluable services and unremitting attention to those among the annuitants, both resident and non-resident, who have been unfortunately compelled to seek medical advice and assistance.

"It is likewise most gratifying to the Committee to be in a position to report that the building at Croydon is in a

complete state of repair, and only needs that care and supervision which are requisite in the case of all similar buildings.

"The audited statement of account for the year ended the 31st March, 1887, is appended, and, in laying it before the Governors and Subscribers, the Committee, while inviting the most rigorous examination of its details, is confident it will be found that a scrupulously just economy has been exercised in administering the funds of the Institution. It therefore hopes that the appeals which it will be its duty to address to the Governors and Subscribers for a continuance in the future of that generous support which has been so loyally accorded to it in the past, will not be made in vain.

"It remains for the Committee to express its earnest hope that the English Craft generally will be as liberal as heretofore in contributing the large amount of funds which is indispensable to the maintenance of the Institution in its present high state of efficiency. So long as Freemasonry remains among our most cherished Institutions in this country, so long will there be a number, more or less considerable according to the varying circumstances of the times, of indigent brethren and widows of brethren, whose sore distresses it was one of the proudest privileges of our Society to alleviate as far as possible; and the Committee is persuaded that no existing Masonic organisation is able to cope so readily and efficaciously with those distresses as the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. May a continuance even in an enhanced degree, of the support so imperatively needed be always forthcoming."

Bros. West, Skudder, and Martin, having been elected members of the General Committee, a motion by Bro. ROBERT WYLIE, seconded by Bro. BIRCH, for the appointment of a Committee of five brethren to take counsel with the Boys' and Girls' Schools Committees as to the advisability of making other arrangements for the Spring Elections, was adopted.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Patron, P.G. Std. Br., was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Institution, and Bros. Tattershall, Berry, and Newton, Auditors.

Scrutineers having been appointed for conducting the election, it was announced that two men and 13 widows had died since the proxies were issued, and that the numbers to be elected that day would be 16 men and 41 widows, of whom 13 men and 38 widows would be immediate annuitants and the remaining three in each case deferred.

The ballot was then proceeded with, and carried on till three p.m., when the poll closed.

Later on the result in the case of the Widows' Fund was declared, but in that of the Male Fund a Scrutiny was held the day following, when the result was made known.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings. For the successful candidates see our advertisement columns, but as regards the unsuccessful candidates, about whom information can be obtained at the offices of the Institution, we beg to state that the Hervey Memorial and the Emulation Lodge of Improvement Funds, were distributed as follows: Hervey Memorial Fund: Men—Bros. W. Bennett (£7 10s.) and J. Smith (£7). Widows—Mrs. Themans (£7 10s.) and Coles (£7). Emulation Lodge of Instruction Fund: Bro. Geo. Cubitt and Mrs. Read, £5 each.

SUPPER AT THE CHAUCER LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1540.

A supper in connection with the above increasing and popular lodge of instruction took place at the Old White Hart, Borough, on the 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. T. J. Robins, P.M. 25, supported by Bro. T. Croaker, P.M. 185, and the following brethren: Bros. Walter Wingham, Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Secretary; W. Roots, G. Austin, F. W. Farmer, Fullick, S. Renaut, Hattersley, Thompson, Briley, Hart, and Murray. Visitors: Bros. G. Reynolds, J.W. 1614, Secretary 2191; Large, P.M. 1607; Cushing, W.M. elect 1607; Rose, Std. 1607; Phillips, 1839; Green, 1614; and others.

After the brethren had done justice to the good things placed before them by Bro. S. Renaut, the much-respected host, Bro. T. J. ROBINS, in proposing the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, spoke in glowing terms of "The Queen," and the good she is always doing, and the interest both she and the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, took in all three Charities, and hoped that in the Jubilee year the Charities would benefit much from the proposed great gathering of the Craft at the Royal Albert Hall.

Bro. T. CROAKER, in proposing "The Health of the Chairman, Bro. T. J. Robins," spoke of him in eulogistic terms, and at the same time said he knew they were all pleased to see him amongst them that evening. No more popular brother could have been chosen to occupy the chair. He was well known in Southwark, always at work for the poor, and looking well to Charity.

Bro. T. J. ROBINS thanked Bro. T. Croaker for the kind words which had fallen from his lips, and also the brethren for drinking his health so heartily. He could assure them it gave him great pleasure to be amongst them. He was almost the first member of the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, and he had its interest at heart, and would promise them that he would come more amongst them. He had now a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to propose "The Health of the Visitors." They were all known to the brethren present. He was indeed pleased to see amongst them that evening Bro. G. Reynolds, his old friend and brother, whom he had known for many years, and the brethren also knew him, both as a hard working Mason and as Secretary to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, where he is generally to be found on Thursday evenings at the Criterion, Piccadilly. He hoped the visitors had had a pleasant and enjoyable evening. No doubt had the weather been finer more would have been present, but he could assure the visitors that the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction was pleased to welcome them, and trusted they would come again, not only to the supper, but to the instruction.

Bro. G. REYNOLDS, in reply, thanked Bro. T. J. Robins for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the hearty way in which his health had been drunk. He had come amongst them under great difficulties; the first was tearing himself away from his wife, who wondered how he could go out on such a wet night, but that difficulty was got over by a hansom cab, where so few are to be found at the West-end; and the other difficulty was tearing himself away from the Covent Garden

Lodge of Instruction that evening. He quite astonished the worthy Tyler when he told him he was going to another lodge of instruction. He had known their worthy Chairman many years, long before he had embraced the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Somehow or the other, he was always happy with Bro. Robins, whether in Masonry or at Ramsgate, or taking a pleasant trip to Boulogne. He had heard much of the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, and hoped to come amongst them to work, and to be instructed by their worthy Preceptor, Bro. W. Wingham, whom he had met for the first time at Margate in a pleasant little hostelry, and where Bro. Wingham recruited his health for his arduous duties as Preceptor. He thanked them all very much for the kindness shown towards him that evening, and he wished the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction every success.

Bro. ROSE, in replying, said he was but a young Mason, but could assure the brethren he felt flattered by being called upon to respond for the visitors. It was his opinion that lodges of instruction were not appreciated as they should be. They were the backbone of Freemasonry, and much more was to be learned from them than from mother lodges, where no Fifteen Sections were worked. In the Fifteen Sections the beauties, he thought, of Freemasonry were fully described, and no brother who took an interest in Freemasonry could be tired of listening to them. In thanking the brethren for the kind and hearty manner in which the health of the visitors had been drunk, he trusted soon to be amongst them for instruction, and he hoped some evening to hear the Sections worked, in which he took great interest, and he wished all connected with the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction health to carry out the duties connected with it.

Bro. T. J. ROBINS said now it was his privilege, and he could assure the brethren it was also a great pleasure to him, to propose the toast of the evening—and that was "Success to the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. W. Wingham, Preceptor; T. Croaker, Treasurer; and F. H. Williams, Secretary. He was quite delighted to hear from them that the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction was doing quiet and good work. He himself was one of the founders of the lodge of instruction, and had been helped much in his different offices as he worked up to the position of W.M. of the Robert Burns Lodge. The attendance of brethren at the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction had steadily increased, and hoped would still continue to do so. Lodges of instruction were not supported as they should be, especially by the officers in lodges. All officers in lodges, including the W.M., should work together, and where better than in a lodge of instruction? Then the work to be done in lodges would be more perfect. Their worthy Preceptor, Bro. W. Wingham, was a young Mason to be Preceptor. The more credit due to him. He had worked hard in Masonry, and took a great delight in instructing others. He had a wonderful memory, which was a great gift and assistance. What one brother took years to learn, another would learn in a few months. Bro. W. Wingham was well-known amongst them, was a good Mason, a first-rate fellow, and he wished him health to carry on his arduous duties as Preceptor to the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction. Bro. T. Croaker was also well known on the south side of the water; was a capital Treasurer, took every care of the funds, and he would be glad if more were put into his care, and Bro. F. H. Williams was a capital Secretary, working hard for the benefit of the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction. He could say with certainty that if it had not been for Bro. Williams's indefatigable perseverance the lodge of instruction would have ceased to exist. He would ask the brethren to drink prosperity to the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, and also to the health of Bros. W. Wingham, T. Croaker, and F. H. Williams.

Bro. W. WINGHAM, Preceptor, in replying, thanked the brethren for the kind and hearty manner in which his health had been drunk, and also their worthy Chairman for the kind way in which he had spoken of him. He could assure the brethren that when he accepted the Preceptorship of the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, he felt he was undertaking a great responsibility and a most important duty. He wondered at one time whether there would be a sufficient attendance of brethren to keep the lodge of instruction going. He was happy to say by their generosity all was going well, and they were now in a good and flourishing position. He could assure the brethren he would do his very best for the welfare of the lodge, and he hoped the number of attendances would increase, as it gave him great encouragement to persevere in his duties as Preceptor. The brethren attending were making good progress in the ritual, and that did his heart good, and he hoped that each brother as he came on for office in their different lodges would do his work not only to the satisfaction of the W.M. but to the brethren, thus showing the usefulness of lodges of instruction, and that they were the proper schools to learn every duty connected with a mother lodge.

Bro. T. CROAKER thanked the brethren for all their good wishes towards the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, and said the more attendances there were the better he was pleased, and the more cash received the better for the Charities.

Bro. F. H. WILLIAMS, Secretary, said he thanked the brethren for the kind reception given him. All connected with the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction persevered to make it a success. Their labours had been rewarded by good attendances of brethren, and also by the work they were doing in their respective lodges. When he took up the Secretaryship the attendances of brethren were very small, quite discouraging. They had now an average of 19 on the evenings of the meeting of the lodge of instruction. He gave with pleasure much time and attention, and was always delighted when he saw a good attendance of brethren. They all worked well and harmoniously together, and under the Preceptorship of Bro. W. Wingham good ceremonial work was done. He should continue to persevere in his duties as Secretary, and looked forward to yet greater support, especially as they were now in such comfortable quarters, and had everything necessary to make the lodge of instruction still more successful.

The Tyler's toast, given by the worthy CHAIRMAN, closed a most jolly and pleasant evening, the excellent singing and capital recitations by Bros. Farmer, Renaut, Rose, Phillips, Large, Cushing, and others had added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Seldom in any lodge has been heard such a splendid display of talent. The brethren on parting all expressed themselves delighted with the whole evening's entertainment, not forgetting their worthy Chairman, Bro. T. Robins, and the host and hostess, Bro. and Mrs. Renaut.

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Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers
proceeded to the Election of 16 Male Annuitants from an
approved list of 51 Candidates, and 41 Female Annuitants
from an approved list of 77 Candidates, when the following
were declared duly ELECTED:—

MALES.

	Votes.		Votes.
Bro. Jolliffe ...	4665	Bro. Townsend ...	2115
Bro. Elcomb ...	2366	Bro. Monday ...	2054
Bro. Ruf ...	2295	Bro. Marshall ...	2012
Bro. Darwin ...	2265	*Bro. Harper ...	1973
Bro. Riddell ...	2154	*Bro. Rowe ...	1956
Bro. Taylor, John ...	2146	Bro. Hackforth (Dfd) ...	1910
Bro. Larsen ...	2143	Bro. Bowler ...	1894
Bro. Sewell ...	2121	Bro. Willcocks ...	1880

FEMALES.

No. on Poll.	No. on List.		Votes.
1	21	Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett ...	2570
2	39	Mrs. Langley ...	2123
3	10	Mrs. Cook ...	2108
4	9	Mrs. Leaver ...	2028
5	45	Mrs. Harper ...	1930
6	22	Mrs. M. A. Taylor ...	1914
7	42	Mrs. A. Page ...	1836
8	44	Mrs. E. Gibson ...	1833
9	40	Mrs. E. A. Butcher ...	1809
10	38	Mrs. J. Ellis ...	1746
11	35	Mrs. M. A. Bird ...	1649
12	28	Mrs. R. Wardale ...	1649
13	57	Miss Mary Holder ...	1649
14	14	Mrs. E. C. Dann ...	1561
15	17	Mrs. Percy ...	1533
16	36	Mrs. C. L. Hart ...	1513
17	77	Mrs. Charles Beake ...	1482
18	7	Mrs. J. M. Townsend ...	1470
19	76	Mrs. M. A. George ...	1454
20	31	Mrs. Harriet Andrew ...	1441
21	63	Margt. Perrott ...	1441
22	46	Mary A. Brown ...	1394
23	59	C. M. Luckes ...	1377
24	71	Eliza Smith ...	1377
25	24	Annie Lloyd ...	1344
*26	26	Elizabeth Oates ...	1335
*27	62	Elizabeth A. Brafield ...	1335
*28	53	Julia Acason ...	1329
*29	34	Elizabeth Redfean ...	1306
*30	47	Emma Spencer ...	1306
*31	70	Matilda C. Jones ...	1303
*32	66	Elizabeth Stapleton ...	1301
*33	65	Mary Ann Weldon ...	1283
*34	57	Ann Geldart ...	1281
*35	50	Jane Taylor ...	1242
*36	52	Mary A. Godbold ...	1212
*37	41	Mary S. Edwards ...	1130
*38	68	Francisca Bradley ...	1052
39	64	Ellen Hall (deferred) ...	922
40	1	Margt. Rowell ...	834
41	58	Georgiana Lucia ...	812

The votes of the Unsuccessful Candidates will be carried
forward to the next election.

Those marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned
by death since the voting papers were issued.

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SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1887.

Original Correspondence.

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
It was announced in the *Standard* of Friday, the
20th inst., that the above will not be a Grand Lodge, but
simply a meeting in the Albert Hall, to which Freemasons
alone will be admitted. This I can testify will be a great
disappointment to hundreds of provincial brethren, besides
myself, who purchased their tickets in a great measure, not
only to show their loyalty to our Gracious Queen, but also
to be present at and take part in the ceremony of opening
and closing Grand Lodge on an imposing scale, such as
might probably never occur again in the annals of Masonry
in this country.

I fully appreciate the difficulties attending the proper
tying of such a lodge in so large a hall, with its numerous
entrances, but still, I think they might be overcome, and
trust that even yet it is not too late to alter the arrange-
ments—if it is a fact that they yet been made—otherwise I
fear the seats of many who have applied for tickets will be
vacant, and thus mar the effect of the assembly. If,
however, it cannot be so arranged, I would suggest for the

consideration of the authorities that those who have purchased tickets shall be allowed to wear an Albert Hall jewel in addition to the Jubilee jewel, or if this is not thought desirable, an Albert Hall clasp to be worn with the Jubilee jewel. The jewel or clasp to be specially designed, and obtained only through the Grand Secretary, who has the list of purchasers of tickets.

I hope that this suggestion will have the advantage of your weighty support, and receive due consideration.—Fraternally yours,
May 23rd.

PROVINCIAL.

P. LAMBERT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In 1882, the best qualified brother I knew to undertake such a task, strove hard to solve this worthy's individuality. But it is often easier to ask questions than answer them, and I fear his well meant efforts were unrewarded.—(See Masonic Notes and Queries, May 13th, 1882, signed "MS.")

If Bro. Rowbottom has really discovered a connection with the Great Pyramids, let me recommend him to follow it up. I have long had an idea that "Lambert de Lintot" was reserved for one of the biographers of the second Millenary epoch, and therefore hail with satisfaction even a gleam of light to have him really connected with something more tangible than his London publisher "is a consummation devoutly to be wished."

I wish Bro. Rowbottom success, and, as evidence of my interest, let him read *Royal Arch* for the two capital letters after the name. This will save him time.—Yours fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

Bradford, 24th May.

RARE MASONIC ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

There has recently come into my possession a very old engraving. It bears the following inscription: "To the Right Honble. the Marquis of Carnarvon, one of the Lords of the Bed Chamber, to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, &c., Kt. of the Most Honble. Order of the Bath, Grand Master of the Antient and Honble. Society of Free and Accepted Masons." This plate is humbly dedicated by his Lordships most Obedient Humble Servant,

MONTGOMERIE,

Gardner of Grand Lodge.

A.E.V. Meulen, Pinx., A. V. Haacken, Fecit., 1738.

The engraving represents a portly man, dressed in a richly laced coat. He wears a fur cap similar to that worn by the present City Sword-Bearer, and grasps a huge claymore. He has a white apron without any ornament thereon, and his left hand rests on the square and compasses. Who was Montgomerie? Was he the first Grand Tyler or Guardian of Grand Lodge? Any information will greatly oblige—Yours fraternally,
May 25th.

T. C. WALLS, P.M.

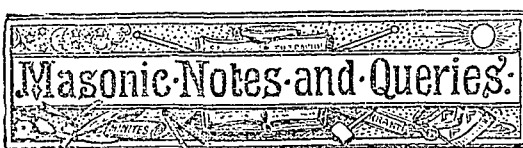


OFFICIAL DIRECTORY PROVINCE OF CORNWALL. Edited by Bro. HUGHAN, Past S.G.D. of England, 1887.

We are pleased to welcome the sixteenth issue of this very useful Cornish Masonic Directory, especially as Bro. Hughan may be said to be the pioneer of this handy series of Calendars for the Provincial Grand Lodges. The names of the new Grand Officers of England are appended, so there has not been much time lost, those which follow, of the Province of Cornwall dating from last year, of necessity. There are 30 lodges in Cornwall, dating from 1751 to 1886, having 1476 members, which, singular to state, proves that there were nearly 100 more brethren in 1877. The elaborate table gives all the numbers of members for each lodge from that year to now, there being a gradual reduction from 1877 to 1885, when the lowest point was reached, viz., 1465. We hear that this diminution is mainly due to the more rigid application of the rule relating to "arrears" of subscriptions, the common sense motto now adopted being "No pay, no privileges." A page is devoted to each lodge, on which the names of all the Past Masters, years of office and provincial rank (if any) are duly given, after which the names of the Master and Wardens are noted, with the name and address of the Secretary, so that a glance is sufficient to indicate the position, so to speak, of each lodge, from a Provincial Grand Lodge point of view, the number who have the right to vote at all meetings, &c. The new rules of the Provincial Grand Lodge are printed, which will be a great boon to the members, and we hope that the two sermons by Bro. the Rev. E. K. Kendall, M.A., D.C.L., Prov. G. Chaplain, will be equally so. We are sorry Bro. Hughan has not given the usual lists of votes in the Masonic Charities, but are glad there is a prospect of their being issued as a supplement farther on, when Bro. G. B. Pearce has completed his Stewardships. At present there are a total of 1439 votes held by officials and by brethren, thus leaving plenty of room for improvement. Bro. Hughan is always glad to exchange copies with the editors of other Masonic Calendars.

We gather from the various accounts that have appeared, that Bro. the Imperial Crown Prince of Germany, who has recently undergone an operation in the throat by Dr. Morell Mackenzie, is going on most satisfactorily, and that the fears that were held some time since are likely to prove groundless. It is further stated that his Imperial Highness will be well enough to visit England with his wife (the Crown Princess and Princess Royal of Great Britain) and children, in order to take part in the State Festivities in connection with the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. This news will be received everywhere with satisfaction.

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726] AN OLD-WORLD FREEMASON.

I regret my thoughtless omission. The date of the will is defaced, but happily we find that amongst the appraisers of Cadeby's goods was one Edmund Brakynburgh, mercer, who died in 1451.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

727] AN OLD-WORLD FREEMASON (724).

As Bro. Speth (725) points out, I regard the date as most necessary information. But why should we not read the word zona as meaning a sash used on certain festive occasions worn round the waist?

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

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A certain Mr. Woodhill held a position as Master Mason to King George I., i.e. between 1714 and 1735. What was the position? Was it conferred by the King, and if so, who were Woodhill's predecessors in office?

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.



Craft Masonry.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—The annual installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C. The following brethren were present: Bros. L. S. Fountaine, W.M.; R. E. Hunt, S.W.; W.M. elect; Herbert, J.W.; Follet, P.M.; Treas.; Nell, P.M.; Sec.; Symons, P.M.; D. of C.; Cubbon, S.D.; Kelsey, J.D.; Dove, I.G.; Liddall and Dowsett, Stwds.; Driver, P.M.; Humphries, P.M.; J. Smith, P.M.; Ayres, Byford, A. Whitby, A. M. Whitby, B. S. Liddall, Carter, W. Smith, Knowlden, Bruty, Cobb, Millington, Wood, Sammes, Wilkins, Locke, and Mallett, P.M., Tyler. Amongst the visitors there were Bros. Payne, P.P.G.P. Surrey; Belby, W.M. 615; Patrick, W.M. 1227; Gush, P.M. 1541; Trick, P.M. 1366; Lowther, P.M. 907; Budkin, P.M. 1365; Stevens, P.M. 1216 and 1426; Chamberlain, 1608; Dowling, 1757; Morris, 902; Margetts, 1598; Worster, 1563; Green, 1614; Fletcher, 33; Gore, 1924; Munday, 1787; Kelsey, 1178; Eeles, 1364; Nowakowski, 534; Packer, 1571; Franklin Clive, 1319; and Brimshaw, 104.

The lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Byford was duly raised to the Third Degree. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Mark Ashford, and being unanimous in his favour, he was regularly initiated into Freemasonry, both ceremonies being very ably performed by the W.M., assisted by his officers. The Worshipful Master vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. G. Symons, P.M., and D. of C., who, on the presentation of Bro. Follet, P.M. and Treas., duly installed Bro. R. E. Hunt, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. The ceremony throughout was most ably performed and was a great treat both to the members and visitors, and at a later period a vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the lodge to Bro. Symons, thanking him, and as a record of the appreciation of the brethren for his services. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. L. S. Fountaine, I.P.M.; Herbert, S.W.; Cubbon, J.W.; Follet, P.M., (re-elected), Treas.; Nell, P.M., Sec.; Symons, P.M., D. of C.; Kelsey, S.D.; Dove, J.D.; Liddall, I.G.; Dowsett and Sammes, Stwds.; and Mallett, P.M. (re-elected), Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. addressed each of his officers on investing them with their collars, pointing out their several duties, and was so au fait with his work that it augurs well for his successful working of the ceremonies during the ensuing 12 months. The ballot was taken for those who should represent the lodge at the forthcoming meeting at the Albert Hall, which resulted in favour of the W.M., I.P.M., Treasurer, Secretary, and P.M. Symons, the Installing Master.

The lodge having been closed, an adjournment was made to the banquetting hall, where a splendid repast had been prepared under the personal superintendence of Bro. Wood (Wood and Roman), and presided over by the W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with enthusiasm.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Fountaine, who in doing so eulogised his successor, and expressed the pleasure he had experienced during his year of office, and acknowledged the assistance he had received from the officers, and promised every assistance that lay in his power to the W.M., to whom he wished a successful year of office.

The toast was received with good "Strong Man" fire, and the W.M. in acknowledging, thanked the brethren for their many kindnesses, and especially for bestowing upon him the highest honour in their power. It was, he said, his great ambition to wear the lodge jewel, which was worn by the Master of the lodge, and was always transferred on nights of installation. He trusted that at the end of the year the brethren would be satisfied with his working and management of the lodge, and that they would say of him as they had of so many of his predecessors, "Well done."

"The Health of the Initiate," Bro. Ashford, proposed by the W.M., was well received, and Bro. Ashford in a suitable speech replied.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said it gave him great pleasure to see so many there, and amongst them many old and personal friends. He trusted they had all enjoyed themselves both in the lodge and at the table. On behalf of the lodge he gave them a cordial welcome.

The toast was replied to by Bros. Payne, P.P.G.P. Surrey; Bilby, Patrick, Gush, Trick, and Jas. Stevens, who expressed their pleasure and satisfaction at being present, and also of the lodge working.

Bro. Stevens, in the course of his reply, promised to present to the lodge its history from the commencement, now over 153 years ago.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," expressed the great pleasure it gave him in doing so. Bro. Fountaine had had a very successful year of office in all ways. He had done his work in a manner highly satisfactory, and everything had worked smoothly and harmoniously. In conclusion, he presented Bro. Fountaine with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted him, and expressed a hope that he would live long to wear it.

Bro. Fountaine, I.P.M., in reply, said he could not adequately express his thanks for the way in which his name had been received. He thanked the W.M. very sincerely for his kind remarks, and the brethren generally for the jewel, which he looked upon with pride.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. G. G. Symons, D. of C.," and, in doing so, expressed his satisfaction that Bro. Symons had consented to install him, from the fact that it was he that had initiated him (the W.M.) into Freemasonry. He felt sure that both members and visitors were pleased and delighted with the way the ceremony was performed.

Bro. Symons, P.M., replied, and thanked the W.M. and brethren, and said it gave him great pleasure to be of any assistance to the lodge.

"The Past Masters' Health" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who hoped he would have their support during his year.

Bros. Driver, Smith, and Humphries suitably replied.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary."

The Secretary, on behalf of Bro. Follet (who had left to catch his train) and himself, responded.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

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

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing, Bro. Franklin Clive distinguishing himself, as also did Bro. Packer, who sang and presided at the piano. Mr. Saunders on the violin was deservedly encored, as was Mr. Gatfield for his rendering of "They all love Jack."

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1231).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th instant, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. There were present Bros. Englefield, W.M.; Boyell, S.W.; Esling, J.W.; Fendick, P.M., Treas.; R. G. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; Price, S.D.; Busch, J.D.; Newnes, I.G.; Davis, Org.; Millar, W.S.; A. C. Lester, and others. The visitors were Bros. Harvey, P.M.; Hamblyn, Basil Cooke, and Cattle. The lodge having been opened in due form, Mr. Geddes was balloted for, and the ballot proving unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bros. Thomas J. Chowles was passed to the Degree of F.C.; Bros. W. B. Seward, F. W. Chowles and A. E. Adlard were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s. The work was excellent. A ballot was taken for the other four tickets (the W.M. taking the first) allotted to the lodge for the great meeting at the Albert Hall, on the 13th June.

Other business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room. The post prandial proceedings were enlivened by the capital singing of Bros. Beeson, Mulford, and Harris, and Bro. Price gave with effect an amusing recitation. The usual toasts were duly given and drunk, and the brethren separated after a most pleasant evening.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. G. W. Knight, W.M.; T. C. Edmonds, S.W.; F. W. Dimsdale, J.W.; F. J. Perks, Secretary; Davey, S.D.; Bates, J.D.; R. W. Fraser, I.G.; Bruton, D.C.; Bryce and Alloway, Stewards; C. J. Scales, P.M.; W. M. Stiles, P.M.; G. Clark, jun., P.M.; and Whiting, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Dickenson, J.W. 1181; Bruton, J.D. 1871; Battims, 1777; Humphreys, 879; H. Scales, Baker, 869; Hart, 193; and about forty members.

The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Dazio Tronqué was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bros. Ward and Reid were then passed to the Degree of F.C., and a ballot was taken for Messrs. W. H. Richardson and G. F. Fuller, which proving unanimous, they were initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient custom, other lodge business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily received by all present.

Bro. C. J. Scales, P.M., in the absence of Bro. Lovegrove, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and it was received in a hearty manner by the brethren.

The W.M., in reply, said that being only an emergency meeting, he was extremely pleased to see how well he was supported by the brethren and visitors. His time was now getting very short, but he was sure the brethren would give the W.M. elect their hearty support, as he had had, and hoped he should be in as good health in October as he now enjoyed, so that he could install his successor.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters."

Bro. W. M. Stiles responded for Bro. J. Willing, P.M., Treasurer, and Bro. Scales for the Secretary.

"The Visitors" and "Officers" came in for a hearty reception.

The evening was enlivened by songs by Bros. Ball, W. M. Stiles, P.M.; Moggeridge, Alloway, Barry, and others, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th instant, at the Brixton Hall, Acre Lane. There were present Bros. Chas. Pardon, acting W.M.; H. Massey, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Albany, Sec.; W. T. Perkins, J.D.; J. H. Thomas, P.M., D.C.; H. E. F. Bussey, P.M.; Thomas Minstrell, P.M.; R. Hancock, I.G.; C. Basil Cooke, Asst. D.C.; Jas. Mackintyre, W. Macdonald, John Bune, F. H. Gale, Jos. Capp, F. Saunders, W. J. Fisher, J. W. R. Browne, J. C. Manning, John Allan, Chas. Lock, T. M. Rendle,

H. J. Sanderson, W. James, W. E. Pitt, and others, The visitors were Bros. A. C. Lester, 1321; Field, Putman, and Darlington.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Pardon announced that although the W.M., Bro. W. O. Goldsmith was much better, he was unable to be present, and the absence of their officers was due to their being professionally engaged in consequence of the visit of the Queen to the East-end. Bro. Pitt was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Mason was unanimously elected, and afterwards initiated.

The work of the lodge being ended, the brethren sat down to a substantial supper. In the course of the proceedings Bros. Hancock and Capp were warmly welcomed both after a long absence, and their respective healths cordially drank. Bro. Rendle, in a facetious speech, proposed "The Past Masters," and Bro. Pardon, in proposing "The Initiates," waxed eloquent on the serious side of Freemasonry as exemplified by its brotherly love and charity.

Bro. Masson, the initiate, briefly acknowledged the toast, and thanked the brethren for permitting him to become a member of the lodge.

Bro. Cooke, in responding for "The Charities," gave a satisfactory report of the recent concert in aid of the Charity Fund of the lodge. The brethren separated soon after eleven o'clock, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

EMPIRE LODGE (No. 2108).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 24th inst. The occasion being the Queen's birthday, many Colonial brethren were invited to a special banquet; but, owing to a gathering of the Colonial delegates at the Colonial Office, the attendance was not so numerous as it otherwise would have been. There were, however, several brethren present representing Colonial Masonry, and, under the genial presidency of Bro. Lennox Browne, W.M., a very successful and pleasant evening was spent. Amongst the members present were Bros. A. J. A. Trendell, S.W.; Ernest Turner, Sec.; Andrew Miller, S.D.; W. O. Harding, J.D.; E. Berlandina, I.G.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, E. E. Harding, W. R. Henderson, H. Harker, R. S. de Ricci, J. Wedgwood, T. M. Grant, A. Harvey, L. H. Samuelli, J. W. Flemming, and F. Hecht. Visitors: Bros. W. Doyle Glanville, Combermere Lodge, Melbourne; T. Hunt, S.W. 1471; Hugh D. Sandeman, 1383, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Barron L. Barnett, 908, D.D. G.M. Queensland Straits; C. Tyler, P.M., Treas. 66; F. W. Macan, 26, P.G.S.; O. Tremenny, J.D. 90; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Emil Behnke, S.D. 969; C. W. Pearce, 1691; F. H. Gottlieb, P.D.D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago; S. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; A. E. Sanson, W.M. 1494; F. Sumner Knyvett, G.D.; Reginald Groome, 1969; Geo. Basset, 969; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Lennox Browne, W.M., then raised Bros. De Ricci, Harker, and Henderson to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in an able and impressive manner. A letter was read from Bro. Washington Eves, Treasurer, expressing his sincere regret at his unavoidable absence, and wishing the brethren a pleasant evening. Three brethren belonging to lodges on the Gold Coast were proposed as joining members. A brother in distress having been relieved from the Benevolent Fund, and there being no further Masonic business for transaction, the lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to a splendid banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the Worshipful Master said they were fortunate in meeting on the anniversary of the birthday of their Sovereign. The ears of the brethren were still ringing with the fine words of the Bishop of Ripon, who spoke of the Queen as a woman who sympathises with her subjects, and who has a right to call upon her subjects for sympathy in return. But the present was a joyful occasion, and they would not therefore talk of sorrow. In their lodge they had always done everything to promote the wishes of the Sovereign; he would, therefore, without further comment, ask them to drink that toast with all cordiality and in bumpers.

The next toast given by the Worshipful Master was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and, in introducing it, he said it needed no words from him; but at the same time he would give way to no man in loyalty to his Royal Highness. He would take that opportunity of saying he hoped that those brethren who had not yet made their contribution towards the fund for the Imperial Institute would do at once. He wanted them to understand that it was as a mark of respect and affection to his Royal Highness that they desired to help the object he had so much at heart. He had already received a gratifying response from the members, and hoped they would send up a sum worthy of their lodge.

"The Grand Officers" was then proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said they claimed the Pro G.M. as a member of their lodge. The D.P.G.M. had also taken a great interest in it, and the rest of the Grand Officers were always represented at their gatherings. The Rev. J. S. Brownrigg was a member of their lodge, and had given them an oration which had been reprinted in many of the Colonial papers, and which was still fresh in the memory of the brethren. He was their Chaplain, and therefore something more than a nominal honorary member. There were also present that evening Bros. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; F. Sumner Knyvett, G.D., whom they heartily congratulated upon his accession to office; and also Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D. of C., whom they were also pleased to welcome.

Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., in reply, said there was one sentiment he would bring to their notice and that was that if they were not growing they were dying. They were growing in popularity, in their relations with one another, and in their loyalty to that gracious lady, the anniversary of whose birthday they celebrated that day. The Grand Officers grew in the accession to their numbers, of brethren like Bro. Knyvett who sat on his left. He felt certain there were signs about their lodge that it would grow into one of the most important lodges in the metropolis.

Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett, G.D., gave "The Worshipful Master," and said he wished the honour of proposing it had been placed in worthier hands, for he felt unable to find words to do justice to the dignity and importance of the toast. All the brethren would feel that their future prosperity must depend upon the closer relations, and closer feelings of family love that must exist between the

mother country and her colonies. There could not be a bond that would draw them closer together, than the bond of Freemasonry. A lodge like theirs must be a great link in cementing that love and friendship between this country and the colonies, and he now called upon them to drink to the Health of the W.M. of this great, although young lodge. It had already done good work in calling together brethren from all parts of the world, and he was sure they would honour the toast accordingly.

Bro. Lennox Browne, W.M., in reply, said he felt he had no right to return thanks for this toast, for he felt how little he had done to bring the lodge to its present state. He felt he was there by their favour to give way, at the end of the year, for a better man. He had, however, done his best and would continue to do so. The lodge was still progressing, for he had to propose as joining members Bro. Gottlieb, P.D.D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago, who was pre-eminently a member for that lodge, and Bro. Zacharie, P.G.M. California, who was doing good work on new lines in Masonry. He begged to thank the brethren for the honour conferred upon him by proposing and receiving his health so heartily, and he was especially indebted to Bro. Knyvett.

"The Visitors" having been given by the Worshipful Master, was responded to by Bro. Barron L. Barnett, D.D.G.M. Queensland, who said it was no idle form when he said he felt the responsibility of replying for so comprehensive a toast. The country in which he lived was under the British Crown, and had a government of its own. Masonically they were in the same position, for they had the distinguished honour of being under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. They were under the advantages and disadvantages in his colony of having three Constitutions working side by side. It gave them the opportunity of seeing the differences in the ritual, but it would be a great subject of rejoicing to himself and others who take an interest in Masonry, if they could have but one system of government and one Constitution. They had no desire to renounce their allegiance to the English Grand Lodge unless they could form an Australasian Constitution. He was glad to know the Empire Lodge formed a home for travelling Masons of whatever country they might be and however they might differ in working. That lodge had laid itself out for cosmopolitan Masonry. It was a great work and he was rejoiced to know it for it gave them the privilege of belonging to it. He believed the Empire Lodge had regulations by which they might join whilst in foreign countries, and so be in strong, fraternal and proper communication with the members. He believed that a lodge which laid itself out for such good work had a great future before it. He had to thank them for the kind and fraternal reception accorded him, and should represent what he had seen to his friends.

Bro. F. H. Gottlieb, P.D.D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago, said he would that the W.M. had named some other brother to respond who would more adequately express the thanks of the visitors for the manner in which they had been received. He felt that words failed him, for he was under the disadvantage of having been away from this country for many years, and, therefore, the words which would give expression to his feelings did not readily occur to his mind. It had not been a matter of a short invitation, for they had been given a very fair length of time to decide, but speaking for himself, he readily accepted the kind invite. The previous speaker had told them of the many miles that separated his colony from that country, and they in the Eastern Archipelago are similarly situated. When the opportunity offered for any of them to visit sweet home, they hoped to learn something they might take back to help Masonry, and to strengthen and sustain it. He had had the honour of being associated with other lodges, and had received warm welcomes wherever he had visited, and it was this feeling and attachment that none but Masons could feel, for Masonry had made brothers of them all. He felt his own shortcomings would be overlooked, when he said he was deputed to express fraternal greetings from those in a distant land who belonged to the great chain of Masonry that encircled the world. That country was but a small place, but it was large in the possession of that bond which binds one end of the earth to the other. Thus they went on link by link, each one joining more closely together the great chain of love and affection, which, he hoped, strengthened and assisted them. The present occasion had been a great one, and the W.M. had enabled them to learn something. The day was a special one, for what greater day could they have than the 24th of May? The anniversary of the birth of the Sovereign, their Queen and Empress—long may she be spared to rule over all!—Victoria, the good, whom they were proud to acknowledge as Empress of India, and as regards whom he would venture to say the Masons of the Eastern Archipelago would yield to none in their devotion and loyalty to her. He sincerely thanked them for the hearty welcome accorded him, and assured them it would ever be treasured in his memory as one of the pleasantest things that had happened to him during his visit to the old country, and he would be proud and happy to be enrolled as a member of the Empire Lodge.

Bro. A. E. Sanson, W.M. 1494, also replied.

In giving "The Grand Lodges of the World," the W.M. said he should be very brief as the hour was late, and he was sure no words were necessary from him to ensure it a hearty and fraternal reception. He should couple with the toast the name of Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D. and W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge, which was a lodge formed on somewhat similar lines, and at the consecration of which he had the honour of being present. He was afraid that lodge would rival theirs, if there could be any rivalry in Freemasonry, but when he told them that Bro. Brackstone Baker represented 18 Foreign Grand Lodges in our Grand Lodge, he was convinced they would agree with him that they were fortunate in having a brother present as capable of replying for this toast. He should also include Bro. Zacharie, P.G.M. California.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D. in reply, said he could remember after the Crimean War he was at a dinner to celebrate the return of a Colonel who had done honour to himself and credit to his country. They proposed the health of this Colonel, and included his Regiment in the toast, then they extended it to the whole Army, and then the Navy, and so on, until it was as comprehensive a toast as the one he had now to reply for, which embraced the whole world. He had heard that the sound of the gavel was never silent all over the world, for there were always ceremonies being carried out. He had no power to respond for the whole world, but he could reply for the 18 Grand Lodges which it was

his privilege to represent. He had been much struck with a remark made the other day by his friend Bro. Consul-Gen. Waller, which was very expressive. He said the first thing they did when they wished to establish a Western State was to build a church, then a school-house, and finally a Masonic lodge. He considered that a comprehensive view of the progress of Masonry, for it was a necessary triumvirate. There was a peculiar fitness that this lodge should invite the Anglo-American Lodge which carried out the same work in connection with America as the Empire Lodge does with the Colonies. In America there was that generous feeling that the flag of distress was the only flag they cared to honour, and a similar feeling existed in the Colonies. He thanked them for the hearty reception given him, and for the kindly manner in which the toast had been given.

Bro. E. Zacharie, P.G.M. California, also replied.

"The Officers" having been given and suitably responded to, the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening.

During the evening Bros. Bassett and Groome rendered some excellent music.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE (No. 2191).—The second regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 10th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., when there were present the W.M., Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Bros. Adolphus Clark, S.W.; Fred Kedges, J.W.; John B. Cumming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Secretary; H. Wilkie Jones, acting as S.D.; J. J. Woolley, J.D.; James Woodward, acting as I.G.; Stuart Lane, Organist; Theodore H. Tilton, P.M. 603, New York City, P.D.G.M. 7th Dist. New York City, U.S.A.; James Rowe, Robt. Fairclough, F. Jackson, C. A. Iter, Robert Cross, T. W. Donald, and Geo. W. Cumberpatch. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Grant, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey, P.M. 890, and P.M. and Treas. 1718; W. S. Henderson, P.M. 1718; A. B. Frenzel, Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston; and H. Carman, W.M. 548.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed. The Treasurer's report was read. Mr. George William Cumberpatch already balloted for on the previous meeting, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The worthy W.M. after the initiation, stated that he had not performed the ceremony for nearly 25 years, his last initiate being Bro. Alderman De Keyser. The bye-laws as now submitted were unanimously accepted, subject to the approval of the Grand Secretary. The communication from the Pro Grand Master was considered, in reference to the Imperial Institute and the Royal Albert Hall celebration. Many of the brethren expressed a wish to be present on that occasion. The W.M. informed the brethren that he had received an invitation from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, at Baltimore, U.S.A., to a Centenary Celebration, and also from the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, in which the W.M. of that lodge expressed a sincere wish that he would be present to represent the Anglo-American Lodge as he had received much kindness from the brethren at the consecration of the Anglo-American. Whereupon it was unanimously agreed that the W.M., Bro. Brackstone Baker, take the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren of the Anglo-American Lodge to the Empire Lodge. Telegrams and letters regretting their absence were read from Bros. George Lambert, I.P.M.; T. M. Waller (American Consul-General), S.D.; C. Corby, Francis W. Frigout, T. A. Dickson, and G. H. Reynolds, I.G.

All Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment in the Prince's Room, where a capital dinner was served by Bro. G. P. Bertini.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, the W.M., having to leave early, at which the brethren expressed much regret, the chair at the request of the W.M., was taken by Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, P.M. 603, Past District G.M. of the G.L. State of New York, U.S.A.

After the brethren had done justice to the good things placed before them, Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, as Chairman, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In alluding to the Queen, he said what a pleasure it must have been to her Majesty on Saturday last to receive from the hundreds of thousands of her loyal subjects such an enthusiastic and heartfelt welcome in this the Jubilee year of her reign. The sight was one not to be forgotten.

His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., had been pleased to grant a warrant for their lodge when there were more than 350 lodges in London. But we were seeking a special privilege—a lodge where English and American Freemasons could come together under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England, and to provide a Masonic home in the Mother Country for the American brother. It was an inestimable advantage, and all felt under great obligation to the M.W.G.M., and he could assure the brethren that in the lodges in America no toast was received more cordially than that to H.R. Highness the Prince of Wales. All loved him; and we love and honour him as our Grand Master. The Grand Officers he knew wished the Anglo-American Lodge every success, as evidenced by the presence of so many at the consecration.

Bro. J. B. Cumming, Treas., in proposing "The Health of Bro. Theodore H. Tilton," said all must regret the absence of their W.M. Their worthy Chairman was much respected, not only on this side of the water, but on the other. He was well known in Masonic life, and in joining the Anglo-American he knew he had the interest of the lodge at heart. Although he took no office in joining the lodge, he trusted he would be spared to do so in the future. He was full of honours in American Masonry, and their W. Master felt that in asking Bro. Tilton to take the chair at the banquet table he was doing not only an honour to the lodge, but to their brethren in America. He asked the brethren to drink the toast in a bumper.

The Chairman, in responding, thanked the brethren most cordially. He was sorry that Bro. Brackstone Baker had to leave them so early, and he felt it was a great honour when he asked him to preside at the dinner table. The Anglo-American Lodge could not possibly have chosen a better Master or a better representative of American Masons than their worthy Worshipful Master, Bro. Baker. He was a good Mason—an example to them all. He had worked hard in Masonry, and gained many honours not only here, but in America. He was the representative of 18 American Grand Lodges in this country, and he knew all the brethren would wish him health and strength. Bro. Theodore H. Tilton said that he had presided at lodges in America; but there the dinners were not so formal as here. (Not so English, you know.) He trusted that his humble efforts had given the brethren present satis-

faction. He could assure them he would do his utmost for the prosperity of the lodge. He had its interest at heart, for he could not help feeling that the formation of the Anglo-American Lodge was the right thing at the right time and place. When the news arrived out in America that the M.W.G.M. had granted a warrant for that lodge, it was received most heartily by the American brethren, and he had a letter from M.W. Bro. Simons, P.G.M. of New York, to that effect, and in which he said how pleased they were to know that Bro. Brackstone Baker had been chosen as the first Master. He again thanked them for the honour bestowed on him as being the representative of their W.M. at the dinner.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Initiate," said it was a joyous toast, and, in this instance, as it was the first baby born. The initiate was a full grown baby, and he was pleased to see him amongst them as the first initiate. Other children would, no doubt, join them, for there was another on the list whom he heard was away in foreign parts. From the attention the initiate had paid to the ceremony, he was sure he had been impressed with the beautiful ritual. He trusted he would become a good brother and a worthy Mason, and that a large family would follow him.

The Initiate, in responding, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which his health had been drunk, and also for the kind words spoken. He felt it was a great honour to be accepted amongst them, more especially as the first initiate. He assured the brethren he had been deeply impressed with the ceremony and would do all in his power to become a good Mason and a credit to the lodge and the Craft.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said it was the social part of Masonry, and the visiting brethren were always made welcome. They bring lodges into closer connection, and are often the means of cementing long and true friendships. Visitors were the golden chains that bind us together more closely. He hoped the visitors had passed a pleasant time with them.

Bro. J. C. Grant, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey, in replying, thanked the brethren for the hospitality shown towards him and also to Bro. J. B. Cumming for his kind invitation. He had spent a very pleasant evening, and he was quite sure that the lodge was only to be known and it would be appreciated. In his opinion the Anglo-American Lodge would do much good, and was just the sort of thing that was wanted. A great many English brethren had brethren in America and when they came or visited England they could be brought here, and work under Grand Lodge—in fact a home for American Masons, and a lodge for resident American Masons. It was one of the best of Institutions, and he wished the lodge every success.

Bro. H. Carman, W.M. 548, in returning thanks, said he was much pleased with the kind reception given to the visitors, not only at refreshment but in the lodge room. Their worthy W.M., Bro. Brackstone Baker, was a most genial Master, and in the lodge there was a true Masonic feeling amongst the members which gave great pleasure. He had one regret, and that was not to have been one of the founders of the Anglo-American Lodge. He had now joined a lodge in Essex which would in time entitle him to wear the purple. He was indeed pleased to be amongst them that evening, and thanked Bro. G. Reynolds, their Secretary, for the invitation. The forecast of the success of the lodge was most favourable. The S.W. and all the officers did their work well, which was a great satisfaction. It helped the lodge, and he wished the Anglo-American Lodge every success.

Bro. Frenzel, of the Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston, in thanking the brethren for the hearty manner in which the health of the visitors had been drunk, said he felt happy in being the first American brother to congratulate the lodge as a visitor. He had known R.W. Bro. Tilton for some time, and would have liked to have been one of the founders with him. Masons travelling in foreign countries were always much appreciated by their foreign brethren, more especially in America. A good Mason at home was a good Mason abroad, and there was some peculiar way of finding a good Mason from a bad Mason. He much appreciated the working of the lodge, and there was such a good feeling in the lodge that made one very happy, he felt as if he were in his own lodge at home. He had some knowledge of the fraternity and had travelled many thousand miles, but he could assure the Anglo-American brethren that he had been much impressed with all that he had seen and heard that evening, not forgetting Bro. Organist, and he hoped one day to be one of the members. He wished the Anglo-American Lodge prosperity and success and plenty of work to do.

The Chairman said, before he proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, he was sorry they had not the pleasure of having the company of their genial I.P.M., Bro. George Lambert, that evening, but the Secretary had informed him he was very busy with a higher Degree in Masonry. He would ask the brethren to drink most heartily to "The Health of Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge." In Bro. J. B. Cumming, Treasurer, they had an excellent brother, one that was careful, and from the report he had read to the members, everything up to the present was correct. He trusted he would after a short time have a good balance always in hand, and that the lodge would go on and prosper. In their Secretary they had a good hard working one, who did all he could for the brethren and the welfare of the lodge. They had heard what their worthy W.M. had said of him in the lodge, which he not only endorsed, but felt the brethren would do the same. From the very first he had done his part well. Before the consecration he (the Chairman) would wake up in the night and wonder how Bro. Reynolds would manage the great entertainment of the consecration. He did manage it. It was a great event, and came out bright and correct, which all the founders and brethren attending the consecration will ever remember with pleasure and delight.

Bro. J. B. Cumming, Treas., in responding, said he felt highly flattered by the kind remarks of their worthy Chairman. It was a great thing to feel they were in a right condition. Masonic lodges always wanted new blood, and he trusted some of the members would bring new blood amongst them, he should always be happy to receive it, and he could assure the brethren, as their Treasurer, he would do all in his power for the benefit of the lodge.

Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the health of the Treasurer and himself had been drunk. He trusted that both would be spared many years to work amicably together for the

welfare of the Anglo-American Lodge. He would do all in his power, for he felt he had the good wishes of all the brethren connected therewith, and hoped to retain the same. It was pleasant to know that his services were so highly appreciated, and gave him great encouragement. As to the consecration, his labours were well rewarded by the kindness and assistance of many brethren. What could he have done without that assistance? While away he had been well represented at two meetings of the founders by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, I.G., who acted as Secretary, and posted him well while in foreign parts. It had been a great trouble to him to be away after the first meeting of the founders, but he was compelled to go, and he could assure Bro. Theodore H. Tilton that he woke up several times on board ship in the Bay of Biscay with his head full of ideas of the ceremony of consecration, which were matured after breakfast while walking the decks of the good ship "John Elder." From their worthy Chairman and all connected with the lodge, he had received great sympathy, and when he told the brethren that Bro. Theodore H. Tilton brought twenty-three visitors, and some big visitors too, and another brother (J. J. Woolley, S.D.), eighteen, it proved the interest taken in the Anglo-American Lodge, and how by such generosity it stimulated his energy to make it a success. He was sorry their W.M. had been compelled to leave them, but in asking Bro. Theodore H. Tilton to take the chair he had a good representative, and he (Bro. G. Reynolds) was pleased to congratulate him on the very sociable and admirable manner in which he had carried out its duties.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the S.W. and J.W., and the Officers of the Lodge," said he was very sorry not have their much respected Bro. T. M. Waller (American Consul General) S.D., and Bro. G. H. Reynolds, I.G., with them that evening, but he would ask the brethren to drink heartily the healths of the officers who were with them. All had done their work well, and all had the interest of the lodge at heart. He trusted now they had begun real work with an initiate, others would soon follow. But no matter what number, he was sure all would be equal to the work. They had been much pleased with the initiation ceremony, the musical part of which was ably rendered by Bro. Stuart Lane.

Bros. A. Clark, S.W.; F. Kedge, J.W.; and Stuart Lane, responded.

The Tyler's toast brought this pleasant evening to a conclusion, to which Bros. H. Carman, Stuart Lane, and others had contributed much to the enjoyment by their musical abilities.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this good old lodge was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 23rd inst., when there was a capital muster of brethren and plenty of work to do. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. E. Shewbrooks, who was supported and assisted by Bros. W. M. Pybus, I.P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; J. G. Smith, P.M.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; James McCulloch, P.M.; Wm. Dalrymple, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; W. F. Raeburn, Sec.; T. Thompson, S.D.; William Richardson, J.D.; H. F. Dryden, I.G.; Robt. Ferry, Org.; M. R. Wright, Stwd.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; R. Swanson, W. H. Denton, J. T. Corking, Wm. Stafford, W. J. Jobson, G. C. Potts, W. H. Tillar, C. Green, J. T. Ridley, W.M. 406; R. J. Millburn, S.W. 406; B. H. H. Snaith, Stwd. 406; H. G. Yarrow, 406; J. U. Simpson, 406; M. Lax, W.M. 1274; W. Lee, 80; R. S. Timmins, 1085; D. Hyams, 424; T. R. Jobson, J.D. 1664; J. Ray, 1543; T. Allan, 1543; Isaac Taylor, J.D. 1342; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the ballot was successfully taken for Mr. Robert Curry Tate, who being in attendance, was initiated by the W.M. Bros. Glassman and Campbell were raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. Three propositions for initiation were submitted, and after the usual formal business was transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board.

REIGATE.—Surrey Lodge (No. 416).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge, the leading lodge in the province, took place at the Public Hall, High-street, on Saturday, the 21st inst., when Bro. W. Percy Morrison was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and proceeded to invest his officers. An interesting circumstance in connection with the meeting was that Bro. Geo. Carter Morrison, P.M., Treas., had the satisfaction of seeing three of his sons in the lodge—one in the chair, another, Bro. Frank Morrison, as I.G., and a third, Bro. Walter G. Morrison as an initiate. Thus three members of this Masonic family are holding office at the same time in the same lodge, a circumstance which is unique so far as we are able to ascertain.

MANCHESTER.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 633).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. F. H. Davidson, W.M.; John Duncan, S.W.; S. B. Broadbent, J.W.; J. L. Aspland, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; W. Cartwright, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; E. S. Titmas, J.D.; J. W. Saynor, Org.; James Sly, Tyler; G. Smedley, P.M.; W. H. Hughes, P.M.; J. F. Sallon, P.M.; E. Nathan, P.M.; S. C. Witton, S. H. Kay, T. Dalziel, and W. E. Darwin. Visitors: Bros. E. Dodd, W.M. 78; W. Dunkerley, 78; and H. Booth, 2109.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates for initiation, which in each case proved unanimous. Mr. J. Willer was then admitted, and duly initiated in the mysteries of Masonry by Bro. W. Cartwright, P.M., P.G. Steward. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. L. Aspland, P.M., P.P.G.R., who duly initiated the next candidate—Mr. James R. Johns. The charge was given to the initiates in a very impressive manner by the J.W., Bro. S. B. Broadbent. The ballot was then taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, and resulted in the choice of the brethren falling unanimously upon Bro. Duncan, S.W., who acknowledged the honour conferred upon him in suitable terms. Bro. Aspland, P.M., P.P.G.R., was again elected Treasurer, an office which he has held for many years. Bro. Cartwright, P.M., P.G. Steward, was elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, in place of Bro. Aspland, who has held that position for several years past, and who now begged to be relieved from it. Bros.

Witton and Cartwright were appointed Auditors to examine the accounts, and Bro. Sly was re-elected Tyler. Two brethren were proposed as joining members, and, after receiving "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet room, under the presidency of Bro. Hughes, I.P.M., and spent a very pleasant and agreeable evening together.

HOUNSLOW.—Dalhousie Lodge (No. 865).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. R. H. Williams, P.J.G.D. Middx., W.M.; W. H. Causton, P.M., acting S.W.; J. R. Walter, P.M., acting J.W.; C. A. Walter, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., Treasurer; W. C. Williams, Secretary; S. W. Keene, S.D.; C. Woods, acting J.D.; P. J. Davies, acting I.G.; G. Swann and J. S. Upjohn, Stwds.; Thomas Bowler, Tyler; Clare, Lewarne, Morgan, Long, Gardener, Dovey, Strong, Dobie, and J. Davies. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Wood, W.M. 1642; A. Pritchard, 1767; R. Gibbs, 1891; and T. A. Saville, 1585.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. John Davies, 169, and Bro. Maurice Spiegel, P.M. 188, as joining members of this lodge, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bro. T. A. Saville was raised to the Degree of M.M., the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the W.M. This being the night of election, the ballot was then taken for W.M., which proved unanimous in favour of Bro. W. C. Williams. The ballot was then taken for Treasurer and Tyler, which resulted in favour of Bros. C. A. Walter and Thomas Bowler, respectively. An Audit Committee was elected to examine the accounts, consisting of Bro. Lewarne, Upjohn, and Clare. It was resolved to present the W.M. with a ticket for the Albert Hall, the remaining four being balloted for by the brethren. A Past Master's jewel was then presented to the W.M. for his very able and efficient working during the past twelve months, and Bro. R. H. Williams thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. The W.M. then proposed that a Past Secretary's jewel be presented to Bro. W. C. Williams for his services during the year, stating that Bro. Williams came to his assistance at a moment's notice, the former Secretary, through unforeseen circumstances, being obliged to resign the office after being invested in June last. This was carried unanimously. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Red Lion to discuss the good things provided by the host, Mr. Bull. After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. W. H. Causton, P.M., in the absence of the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," complimenting him on his admirable working, both in the lodge and at the festive board.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked Bro. Causton, and the brethren generally, for their kind expressions towards him, hoping that, although leaving the Master's chair, which he was sorry to do, he would always be allowed to retain their kind sympathy and regard.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," and "The Officers" were given, and duly honoured, and were pleasantly interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. Strong, Davies, Lewarne, and others.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in this flourishing little lodge.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—The members of this lodge met at the Griffin Hotel, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when the chief business was to raise Bros. J. C. Marshall and C. J. Pettit. Unusual proficiency in the former degree was displayed by the candidates, and they were rewarded for their assiduity by an admirable display of working on the part of the W.M., Bro. Chapman. The traditional history had not been heard in this lodge for some years, and Bro. Chapman was heartily thanked by the junior members for the intellectual treat he afforded them. The working was closely watched by two Past Masters (visitors) of known ability, and later in the evening they testified in high terms to the perfect delivery of the ritual by the W.M. The lodge now stands adjourned till October.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 19th inst. Bro. Henry Kimm, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., I.P.M.; Robert Hughes, S.W.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M. 40, P.M., as J.W.; Rev. Hy. Hawkins, M.A., Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; W. A. Raper, Sec.; T. J. Walder, S.D.; T. W. Jordan, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; R. T. Davison, M.D., I.G.; C. Leary, Tyler; J. B. Sargent, Prov. G. Purst., P.M.; Charles Martin, J. B. Foster, W. E. Skinner, and R. Avis.

The minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed, and communications read, Bro. Kimm then passed Bro. F. W. Hotham. The election of W.M. then took place, the choice of the brethren falling upon Bro. Hughes, S.W. Bro. Wells, P.M., was elected Treasurer for the 17th time, and Bro. Leary, Tyler. The Stewards for the forthcoming installation banquet were then chosen. There being no further business, lodge was closed in due form.

BRIGHTON.—Stanford Lodge (No. 1947).—At the usual monthly meeting of this lodge held at the Town Hall, Hove, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., the sections of the first lecture were worked, the W.M., Bro. L. R. Styer, acting as preceptor. The following brethren (all members of the lodge) took part in the ceremony, viz.: Bros. J. Eberall, P.M. 315, 1636, S.W.; C. Nye, P.M. 732, J.W.; J. W. Stride, P.M. 315, Treasurer; E. S. Medcalf, Sec.; H. Endacott, S.D.; J. H. Glassington, J.D.; J. Wells, I.G.; E. H. Winkworth, S.S.; T. Bullen, J.S.; R. Willard, E. H. Hughes, and A. F. Lamette. Every brother knew his part perfectly. The whole of the work was gone through without the slightest hitch, not a single illustration being left out. There was a large attendance of visitors, every lodge in the town and many in the Province being represented. At the conclusion of the work, Bro. J. Dennant, P.M. 271, expressed the great satisfaction that he and the other visitors had derived from the ceremony being so perfectly worked.

The brethren then adjourned from labour to refreshment, a very pleasant evening was spent, the visitors especially being highly gratified at having had an opportunity of witnessing so interesting a ceremony.

It is the intention of the lodge to continue the sections of the Second and Third Degree.

SURBITON.—Surbiton Lodge (No. 2146).—The first annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst. at the Maple Hall. In June last this lodge was consecrated, and Bro. Dr. Gibbs appointed first Master. It was intended to be a working lodge. Since its formation 15 have been initiated, passed, and raised, and all the Fifteen Sections have been worked in addition. The lodge is rich in good workers, led on by Bros. Gibbs and Hart, both P.M.'s of St. Margaret's Lodge, 1872, which was founded at Surbiton some few years since. The Surbiton Lodge numbers 33 subscribing members, and nearly all were present on the day under notice. Grand Lodge was represented by Bro. Prettyman, G.P., and the present officers of the province by the D.P.G.M., Bro. West; and the P.G.S., Bro. Greenwood. The visitors also included Bros. Jas. Squire, P.M. 3 and 889; J. W. Squire, P.M. 3; H. White, P.M. 1257; Coleman, P.M. 1614; Pearce, W.M. 1872; W. Chapman, W.M. 889; J. Drewett, W.M. 1638; R. Piper, S.W. 1872; and W. Drewett, S.W. 889.

Lodge being opened by the W.M. and his officers, the business incidental to the annual meeting was taken first. The Auditors' report was highly satisfactory, and the accounts showed a good balance in hand after meeting the extraordinary expenses which attach to the first year of the existence of a lodge. The installation of Bro. A. Storr, P.M., P.A.G.P., was then proceeded with, and most efficiently too, by Bro. Gibbs. The accompanying music was rendered very ably by Bro. Burritt Lane. The new W.M. having been saluted in due form, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. C. Gibbs, I.P.M.; A. Wilson, P.M. 1298, S.W.; F. P. Hill, J.W.; R. Sebastian Hart, P.M. 1872, Treas.; J. W. Allen, Sec.; S. Hewett, S.D.; T. H. Beck, J.D.; F. Budden, I.G.; Jas. Hill, I.P.M. 1658, Org.; W. W. Wakeford, D.C.; W. McMillan, Stwd.; and J. List, Tyler. The addresses followed from the Installing Master, and the W.M. next initiated Mr. Thos. Johnson into the mysteries of the Order. This was done with befitting solemnity, and the efficiency of the principal officers was soon proved, the S.W. being called on to give the address to the initiate, which he did with striking eloquence and point. Then the J.W. gave the explanation of the working tools, without the slightest flaw or defect, and finally Bro. Hart delivered the charge with the strictest accuracy in every detail. Nothing presented itself of special interest subsequently, except that the I.P.M. moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Burrell for the gift of a handsome cover for the Secretary's table; it is of rich maroon material, with the lion of St. Mark (the badge of the lodge) embroidered thereon.

The lodge being closed, the assembled company partook of an elegant repast, served by Bro. Packham.

The customary toast list was before the W.M., who, in terse language, proposed each in turn in words which commended themselves to every one who heard them.

In replying for "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. West—who was paying his first visit here—said the Surrey lodges were noted for their good working, and he was glad to find the Surbiton no exception. It gave him great pleasure to observe the correct rendering of the ritual throughout, and to notice how well the S.W. and J.W. were prepared to come on to higher office.

In replying to the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Storr (who, by the way, is brother of the deceased "Charity" Storr) impressed upon the lodge three points—a strict adherence to the Book of Constitutions, the advisability of private tuition as offered by a lodge of instruction, and the practice of Charity. The W.M. strongly urged the formation of a Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge; and a box being extemporised, was later on sent round, and came back laden with £6 12s. 3d., of which £4 was from the lodge of instruction connected with the lodge, as a nucleus for a Charity Fund.

The toasts were varied with songs, and a right pleasant evening was spent.

ST. MARY CRAY.—Cray's Valley Lodge (No. 2147).—This lodge held its final meeting prior to the summer vacation, at the Institute, on Saturday, the 16th instant. There were present Bros. E. H. Rolfe, W.M.; Newson, S.W.; Joynton, J.W.; Downey, Sec.; H. Tyrer, S.D.; J. Pollard, J.D.; A. Bowers, I.G.; Marshall, Stwd.; and Parkinson, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Knight, W.M. 1507; and Boswell, S.W. 1339; and a full attendance of members.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Cookson having answered the usual questions was passed to the Degree of F.C. "Hearty good wishes" were given to the W.M., and the brethren adjourned to banquet. A very enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren, interposed by several excellent songs. Many of the brethren then left for London.

INSTRUCTION.

TEMPERANCE LODGE (No. 169).—A meeting was held at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford, on Friday, the 20th instant. Present: Bros. Leng, W.M.; Borrett, S.W.; Walters, jun., J.W.; Talbot, S.D.; Walters, sen., J.D.; Lazarus, I.G.; Milbourn, Preceptor; Vellenoweth, Sec.; Penrose, Walter, Falkner, J. G. Dale, H. A. Dale, and Cracknell. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Penrose candidate. Bro. J. G. Dale was examined, and entrusted with a test of merit. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Dale personating candidate. Bro. Penrose was examined, and entrusted with a test of merit. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Penrose candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. H. A. Dale, 879 and 1310, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge; the dues were then collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the officers having been already appointed for the ensuing Friday, Bro. Borrett was unanimously elected W.M. for the first Friday in June. Nothing further offering on the third rising, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 23rd inst., when there were present Bros. C. Sheppard, P.M. 1366, W.M.; J. Passingham, S.W.; J. K. R. Cama, J.W.; N. J. Goodchild,

S.D.; J. B. Smith, J.D.; N. H. Hosegood, I.G.; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; E. C. Mulvey, Preceptor; W. J. Hall, H. Halliday, Hill, Giddings, Dr. Powdrell, T. Underwood, P.M. 1366; Recknell, P.M. 212; Marsden, and Lawrence.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. W. F. Hall being the candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of the Preceptor, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising in his usual excellent and impressive manner, Bro. Dr. Powdrell being candidate. The lodge was then closed, and adjourned to Monday, the 6th June.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. W. Mason, W.M.; J. Bailey, S.W.; E. F. Ferris, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; A. Wolter, S.D.; O. W. Battley, J.D.; W. Chapple, I.G.; J. R. Allman, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; A. Hardy, W.M. 201; Captain A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; Dr. J. Ingleby-Mackenzie, P.M. 372, 30° (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; C. S. Mote, C. A. Bond, J. Potter, W. H. Wadham, and J. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened up, and after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hardy candidate. Bro. Bailey was elected W.M. for the 13th June, Bro. James Terry taking the chair on the 6th June, when brethren are invited to attend in Craft clothing. There will be no meeting on Bank Holiday. A communication from Mrs. Aconson was read, returning thanks for the assistance rendered to her at the late R.M.B.I. election. 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 24th inst., when there were present Bros. G. Perkins, W.M.; A. Austin, S.W.; Wright, J.W.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; F. Croaker, Treas.; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; W. Steele, S.D.; S. Renaut, J.D.; J. Osmond, I.G.; Youlden, Roots, Belchamber, Arrowsmith, Moorcroft, F. W. Stephens, Eedle, Hattersley, and W. Cannon.

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. F. W. Stephens as candidate. The lecture on the tracing board was very ably delivered by Bro. G. Perkins. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. W. Roots. The W.M. rose for the first time, when it was proposed by Bro. J. Osmond, and seconded by Bro. Emblyn, that Bro. F. W. Stephens, 1348, become a joining member; the ballot proved unanimous. Bro. Stephens returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the Preceptor announced that the W.M. for the ensuing week was elected. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Buller, W.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; H. G. Marsden, J.W.; R. J. Harnell, S.D.; F. M. Noakes, J.D.; Jas. Woodward, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Brindley, W. Lincoln, Angelico Cogliati, Carlo Grassi, Frank Gulliford, Jas. Rowe, W. Hancock, T. A. Dickson, A. Clark, and J. Lane.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. R. J. Harnell, S.D., worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Angelico Cogliati having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. Angelico Cogliati answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. F. Kedge, 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. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 24th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Pembroke-square, Kensington. Present: Bros. P. J. Davies, W.M.; Keene, S.W.; Hubbard, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., as Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); J. Davis, S.D.; Wood, W.M., J.D.; W. C. Williams, I.G.; Jas. Sims, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.J.G.D., P.M.; Pellatt, Fayers, and Dresden.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. Davies. Bro. Pellatt, having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Keene was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

UBIQUE LODGE No. (1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Glover, W.M.; Mason, S.W.; Green, jun., P.M., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Green, sen., P.M., S.D.; and Coleman, W.M., I.G.

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 the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Boulton candidate. The lodge was closed down, and Bro. Mason was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 21st instant. Present: Bros. J. Brown, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; J. H. Wood, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; G. Gardner, S.D.; Gammell, J.D.; W. G. Coat, I.G.; Sims, P.M. 834; Spiegel, P.M.; D. Stroud, F. Craggs, W. Worth, W. W. Williams, and Thornton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Gammell offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Gammell candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The Auditors' report was then read and unanimously passed. This being the usual evening, the officers of the lodge were elected for the ensuing year. Bro. Ayling as Preceptor, Bro. G. Gardner as Treasurer, and Bro. A. Williams as Secretary were unanimously re-elected to their respective offices, and awarded hearty thanks for their past services. Votes of thanks were also cordially passed to the Auditors, Bros. Aslett, Coat, and Long, and to Bro. F. Craggs, who so willingly performed the duties of Steward for the lodge. It was resolved that the annual supper should take place in the lodge room on Wednesday, 8th June, at 8 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained of the Secretary or other officer; and on that evening a testimonial, subscribed to by all the brethren of the lodge, will be presented to Bro. E. Ayling, the highly-esteemed Preceptor.

DARTFORD.—Emulation Lodge (No. 299).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. T. Jenkins, W.M.; J. C. Weddell, W.M. 1837, S.W.; A. Bovey, J.W.; C. C. Potter, W.M. 1343, acting Preceptor; C. Hind, Hon. Sec.; C. Powling, S.D.; R. S. Howitt, J.D.; F. Snowden, I.G.; Carter, Tyler; W. Greig, W.M. 299; and G. C. Baker. Bro. E. S. Lancaster was a visitor.

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. Lancaster candidate. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and it was proposed by Bro. Potter, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Greig, that a vote of thanks be recorded to the W.M., Bro. Jenkins, for the very able manner in which he had

performed the ceremony for the first time—carried unanimously. It was proposed by Bro. Potter, and seconded by Bro. Greig, that the S.W. occupy the chair at the next meeting—carried. The S.W. returned thanks, and informed the brethren that he would work the Third Degree. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

ST. MARY CRAY.—CRAYS VALLEY LODGE (No. 2147).—A meeting was held at the National School Room, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Present: Bros. E. H. Rolfe, W.M.; A. Alger, S.W.; J. Pollard, J.W.; H. Tyrer, S.D.; Pugh, J.D.; A. Bowers, I.G.; Marshall, Mathews, G. W. Knight, W.M. 1507, Preceptor; and others.

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. Cookson candidate, who answered the questions. Lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed part of the ceremony of installation, Bro. Knight candidate. Lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Alger was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

Brethren residing near this lodge should pay it a visit, and will receive a hearty welcome from the members. Lodge opens at 8 p.m. every Wednesday throughout the year.

Royal Arch.

OXFORD.—Apollo University Chapter (No. 357).—The annual festival of this chapter was held on the 25th inst., when there were present Comps. F. H. Penny, P.P.G. Std. Br., M.E.Z.; R. E. Baynes, P.G. 1st A.S., H.; W. L. Morgan, P.G.S.E., J.; the Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.S., P.G. Supt.; E. G. Bruton, P.Z. 340 and 1399, P.P.G.H.; Harrison, P.Z.; Pope, P.Z.; and Wakeman, P.Z.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Comp. the Rev. H. Sayers, of No. 377, was elected a joining member. Comp. E. G. Bruton then assumed the chair, and installed the Principals as follows: Comps. R. E. Baynes, M.E.Z.; W. L. Morgan, H.; and Lord Valentia, J.; and the following companions were invested: Comps. Rev. J. H. Jukes, P.P.G.S., P.Z., S.E.; F. P. Bulley, S.N.; A. C. Clark, P.S.; R. C. Lever, 1st A.S.; P. Greenwood, 2nd A.S.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.S., P.G. Sup., Treasurer; and G. Norwood, Janitor. Sums of five guineas were voted to each Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It was determined to request the Prov. Grand Superintendent to honour this chapter by holding his Provincial Grand Chapter under the auspices of this chapter at its next regular meeting on Wednesday, the 30th of November next.

The companions adjourned to Christchurch to dinner, when the usual toast were duly proposed and honoured.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Chapter of Truth (No. 521).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street, when the following companions were present—Comps. R. Williamson, P.Z., P.P.G. Swd. Br., as Z.; W. H. Jessop, H.; Lewis B. Brierley, as J.; J. W. Turner, P.Z., P.P.G. Swd. Br., S.E.; A. Armitage, S.N.; Alfred Gill, P.S.; John Shoesmith and W. E. Jowitt, Assist. Sojs.; George Marshall, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas.; Chas. Newsome, H. 264; Henry Shaw, P.Z.; J. T. Sheard, B. S. Steward, and E. A. Beaumont.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. George Hardy, 112, was balloted for, and the ballot being favourable was exalted by Comp. R. Williamson. The lectures were delivered in an admirable manner as follows: the historical, by Comp. Lewis Brierley, 290; symbolical, by Comp. John Shoesmith; the mystical, by Comp. R. Williamson, P.Z. The sum of five guineas was voted from the chapter funds to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentations West Yorkshire.

This completing the business, the chapter was closed, when the companions adjourned to refreshment and separated after a pleasant evening.

JARROW.—St. Bede Chapter (No. 1119).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Grange-road, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., for the installation of principals for the ensuing year. Among those present were Comps. A. McDougall, Z.; H. Golder, H.; T. Renton, J.; J. S. Wilson, P.Z.; J. T. Wilson, P.Z.; J. A. Witter, P.Z.; M. H. Dodd, P.Z. 1119; J. C. Moor, Z. 94; E. Sutherst, H. 94; R. Singleton, S.E. 97; E. Sedcole, S.E. 1119; and others. Comp. H. Golder was installed as First Principal by Comp. J. S. Wilson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Comp. T. Renton as Second Principal by Comp. J. T. Wilson, P.Z.; and Comp. Jas. Sedcole, E., was installed as Third Principal by Comp. J. A. Witter, P.Z. The other officers appointed for the year were: Comps. Henry Soderberge, S.E.; James Robinson, S.U.; R. W. Klyne, P.S.; G. Forster and M. A. Lax, 1st and 2nd A.S.; M. Dodds, Treas.; J. S. Wilson, P.Z., P.P.J.G.D. of C.; J. Horner, Janitor; G. W. White, Org.; R. Dent and M. A. Lax, Auditors. The chapter was afterwards closed.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, Z.; Charles Hunt, J. 507, H.; W. C. Williams, 733, J.; H. Denane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., Z. 890, S.N.; C. R. Wickens, P.S.; W. H. Chalfont, 1st A.S.; E. Child, P.Z. 538; J. Smith, 890; and J. Sims, S.N. 834. The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Child being candidate. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously carried, to be recorded on the minutes, for the admirable manner in which Comps. Hunt, Williams, and Wickens had rehearsed the duties of their respective offices for the first time in this or any other chapter of improvement. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Self Help.—Prior to the discovery of these remedies an easy, ready, and reliable remedy for outward disfigurements and inward complications was, practically speaking, unknown. No one need now be at a loss if they should unfortunately suffer from piles, ulcers, sores, tumours, boils, bruises, sprains, &c. Enveloping Holloway's medicines are very intelligible printed directions for using them, which should be attentively studied and immediately followed by all who resort to his treatment. Sooner or later the sufferer will assuredly triumph over the worst diseases. This searching Ointment disperses all those malignant humours which aggravate diseases of the skin, prevent the cicatrization of ulcers, and excite inflammatory tendencies in the system.—[ADVT.]

Mark Masonry.

HASTINGS.—East Sussex Lodge (No. 166).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Castle Hotel. Among those present were Bros. Councillor W. H. Russell, Prov. G.S.O., W.M.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, Prov. G.S.W., I.P.M.; T. W. Markwick, Prov. S.G.D., S.W., W.M. elect; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.G. Chap., J.W.; F. H. Hallett, Prov. G. Org., M.O.; F. Duke, Prov. A.G.D.C., S.O.; J. B. Foord, J.O.; John Bray, Sec.; S. Chandler, S.D.; P. M. Skinner, Org.; H. Haine, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; T. Trollope, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.M.; C. W. Duke, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. D. Hunter, and others.

The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Markwick was presented and installed into the chair by Bro. Trollope in his usual admirable and efficient manner. At its conclusion, the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Russell, I.P.M.; E. R. Currie, M.A., S.W.; F. H. Hallett, J.W.; J. B. Foord, M.O.; S. Chandler, S.O.; Henry Kimm, J.O.; F. Rossiter, Treas.; F. Duke, Sec.; Pidcock, R. of M.; C. W. Duke, D.C.; Haine, S.D.; R. Jones, J.D.; P. M. Skinner, I.G.; H. Muscat, Org.; and Leslie, Tyler.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room at the Queen's Hotel, where Host Glade had provided an excellent banquet. The menu had been carefully prepared, and included a selection of choice and seasonable dishes, which were evidently appreciated. Harmony, in its fullest Masonic meaning, prevailed until the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Conclave (No. 122).—The enthronement meeting of the above conclave was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, V.E. and Perfect Sir Knight Thomas, G.V.E. Kent, Sovereign, presiding. The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comps. Capt. W. Weston, P.Z. 13, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent; E. Palmer, P.S. 913; and Mandark and Weiss, of 1837, and proved unanimous. Comp. Mandark was the only candidate present, and he was installed according to ancient form. A college of Viceroy and Senate of Princes was then opened, and E. Sir Knight Robinson, V.E., G.P. Kent, and M.P.S. elect, was enthroned, and Sir Knight C. Coupland, V.E. elect, was consecrated and placed in his chair. The following officers were then invested—Sir Knights A. Penfold, S.G.; C. Jolly, G.H. Kent, J.G.; Rev. H. Cummings, M.A.P.S., G.H.P.; G. Sub-Prelate England and Kent, H.P.; Thomas, P.S., D.V.G.E. Kent, Treas.; Bateman, G.A. Marshal England, and D.G.R. Kent, Recorder; Weddell, P.; Joynson, Std. Br.; Fletcher, Org.; and Creed, Sentinel. The M.P. Sovereign then presented a P.S. jewel to Sir Knight Thomas, and in so doing complimented him upon the admirable manner in which he had filled that chair during the past year. Sir Knight Thomas said he accepted it with the utmost gratification, and need not tell them how highly he then did and should always prize it. If his humble efforts had proved satisfactory he was pleased, and could only return them his sincere thanks for their handsome present. Letters of apology were read from Sir Knights Hogard, Matier, Lake, and Dr. Mickley, and sympathy was expressed at the recent loss by death of Sir Knight Coleman. The Installing Officer was Sir Knight Thomas, assisted by the V.E. and Perfect Sir Knight F. Wood, G.S. England, and Grand Intendant General Kent, who were duly accorded votes of thanks for their excellent services. Sir Knight Thomas said it was true that custom required them to install their successor in the Craft, but it was seldom done in conclaves. He looked upon it as the duty of a Sovereign to enthrone his successor. It was not a very serious matter to prepare oneself to do so; the two ceremonies coming together made it rather hard; but Sir Knight Wood had relieved him of the work of consecrating the Viceroy, a duty he had performed most admirably. He trusted that that time next year their present Sovereign would enthrone his successor, and concluded by thanking them for their appreciation. Sir Knight Wood expressed the pleasure it afforded him, in his official position, to be present, and not only assist but witness the perfect work done by their esteemed Past Sovereign. He fully supported the remarks of Sir Knight Thomas, and felt sure that the present Sovereign would follow in the footsteps of his predecessor.

It was announced that the Divisional Grand Conclave of Kent would meet on the second Monday in July, when a Chapter of the Holy Sepulchre would be held for the purpose of installing properly qualified candidates.

The conclave was then closed in due form, and the sir knights afterwards banqueted at the Belvedere Hotel.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

YORK.—York College.—On Wednesday, the 18th inst., the members of this college held their quarterly meeting at Howden, an old-fashioned market town, mainly noted for its church and its horse fair, situated not far from the banks of the Humber. The various contingents from York, Leeds, and other places met at Selby Station, at 1 p.m., and were met by waggons, in which they were conveyed to Hemingbrough, the first point of attraction on this occasion. The church at Hemingbrough is very remarkable for its architectural beauties, and forms a conspicuous landmark for miles around. Its exquisitely proportioned spire, rising to a height of 126 feet above the battlements, can be seen from far across the fertile table land that borders the northern banks of the Ouse and Humber. Here the party were met by the genial vicar, Bro. the Rev. J. Paton, who directed their attention to the principal features of interest, especially the ancient oak stall work and remains of elaborate carving. The choir, restored a few years ago by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, is in admirable condition, but the rest of the building exhibits terrible want of repair. Especially is it lamentable to observe the destruction that must have been wrought in that debased age, when Churchwarden Gothic was the prevailing idea amongst the old oak carving, remains of which, mutilated and hacked, may be seen in the late 18th and early 19th century pews, with which the bulk of the church is disfigured, and which cause the build-

ing to resemble a pig mart more than a place for the exercise of Divine worship. Great credit is evidently due to both incumbent and parishioners for what has been done to maintain the fabric; but most of the inhabitants are poor, and the income of the living itself is one of the smallest in the diocese. Mr. Pearson, the Church Architect, speaks of this church in the highest terms as one of the most interesting and beautiful of structures. A former vicar of Hemingbrough compiled a short history of the church, and a copy of this was presented by Bro. the Rev. J. Paton to each of the visiting Rosicrucians.

Bidding a regretful farewell to the vicar the collegians again took carriage and drove to Wressell Castle, a ruin on the banks of the river Derwent, and the remains of what was once one of the most important fortresses of the north and the palatial seat of the great Percy family. The Rev. R. Kennedy, vicar of Wressell, met the party and conducted them over the ruins and read a most interesting paper on the history of the Castle, in the course of which he gave some account of its construction and quoted Leland's description of its appearance in his day. He also gave some details from the household book of the Percy's in which the regal magnificence of the establishment is described. The Castle was dismantled by order of the Parliament in 1650, but long after that date the portion left, containing some of the principal state rooms, was still replete with beautiful oak carving. In 1796 an accidental fire completed the destruction.

A vote of thanks was passed to the reverend gentleman for his kindness, and the party once more betook themselves to their carriages and were conveyed to Howden. Here preparations had been made in the Town Hall for the ceremonial meeting of the college, some of the furniture of the Cuthbert's Lodge having been most kindly lent by its members. Amongst those who were present were Frates W. F. Tomlinson (Leeds), Celebrant; Col. J. Monks (Durham), Deputy; Wm. Brown (York), Sec.; J. R. Dore (Huddersfield), 4th A.; G. H. Locking (Pontefract), C.N.; S. Chadwick (Malton), T.B.; Major McGachen (York), Herald; W. H. B. Atkinson (Pontefract), Med.; C. Palliser (Northallerton); and others. Frater T. B. Whythead (York) Chief Adept of the Province, was also present. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. T. H. Pattison, Baildon Lodge; J. R. Welsman, P.M. Harmony Lodge; T. M. Watson, P.M. Palatine Lodge; T. J. Armstrong, Palatine Lodge; T. M. Wilkinson, P.M. Witham Lodge; H. Jekyll, Witham Lodge; George Chapman, P.M. Newstead Lodge; A. Stott, P.M. Brighthouse Lodge; T. Myers, P.M. Philanthropic Lodge; and W. Stott, P.M. Probity Lodge. Bros. G. Chapman, A. Stott, T. Myers, Wm. Stott, and R. H. Sootheran, Anchor Lodge, previously balloted for, were then duly inducted, the Celebrant delivering the lecture on the numbers.

Cordial votes of thanks were passed to those who had contributed to the day's enjoyment, and to the W.M. and members of the St. Cuthbert Lodge, Howden, for fraternal courtesies, and it was resolved that the next meeting in August should be held at Newark.

After the close of the college the members were conducted over Howden Church by the vicar, Bro. the Rev. W. Hutchinson, who pointed out the many interesting features of this once magnificent building, little, if at all, inferior to most cathedrals. The ruins of the old palace of the Bishops of Durham, in the vicarage gardens, were also inspected, the numerous tombs of the Saltmarshe family and the altar tombs and remains of ancient statues and mural slabs. An adjournment was then made to Bowman's Hotel, to high tea, where the members were joined by the vicar and by Bro. Rowntree, Sec. of the St. Cuthbert's Lodge, and a very pleasant couple of hours were passed, prior to the members leaving for their respective homes by train.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

ALFRED MEADOWS CONCLAVE.—The second meeting of the above conclave was held on Thursday, the 19th instant, when Bros. F. A. Philbrick, A.C., J.R.; T. H. Tilton, of New York, Major Penrose Dunbar, J. M. Collins, Dr. Mackintosh, J. M. Bastone, T. J. Hanley, and H. Gamble Hobson were initiated. The Secretary reported that he had a long list of distinguished brethren who had applied for admission to the conclave. Bros. Shadwell Clerke, Zacharie, Philbrick, Martin, Lewis Thomas, and the Secretary were appointed a Committee to go through the names and select the candidates to be admitted at the next meeting (at the S.R.'s house, on June 4th), also to draw up by laws and take such other necessary steps as to them might seem fit for establishing the Order and granting warrants for the formation of new conclaves, applications for which had already been received. Brethren interested in the Order are desired to communicate with the Secretary, Bro. W. J. Spratling, 74, Wickham Road, Brockley, S.E.

JUBILEE BANQUET AT THE DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

A banquet, in celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee, was given by this lodge at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, the 19th inst. There was a good attendance, and under the genial presidency of Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., W.M., a pleasant evening was spent by all. Amongst the members and visitors present were Bros. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G.; Rev. Dr. Brette, J. S. Jarvis, George Kenning, Rev. Dr. Lansdell, W. Lake, E. Y. Jolliffe, Treasurer; J. Salmon, T. E. Gibb, S.W.; J. P. Fitzgerald, J.W.; T. B. Concanon, Arthur Smythe, Nathan Robinson, F. A. Pullen, Hygins, H. Halliday, S.D.; J. P. Harding, W. Frewen Lord, Charles Coutts Mechi, S. R. Lamble, W. Wetenhall, George Rawlinson, Major Arthur Hill, John Glenn, Muir Smith, I.G.; J. F. Davey, Stwd.; Frank Rothchild, George Godfrey, Millward, W. W. Lee, 1897; W. J. Charles, Henry Povey, D.C.; W. Cook, W. Mackie, Schartau, Grice, Arthur Thompson, James Kift, Bristo, George Rawlinson, A. B. Hudson, E. Anderton, E. E. Wright, R. Pittam Stevens, R. D. Cummings, Sec.; I. C. McLearn, M.D.; J. Corbett, J.D.; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; Whiting, Mostyn, and Thomas.

After ample justice had been done to a sumptuous repast, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The **WORTHY MASTER**, in giving "The Queen and Royal Family," said he should give that and the two following toasts without comment, as he should have to

speak at length on the following one. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers" having been given,

The **W. MASTER** said he had to propose what, in ordinary meetings, was called the toast of the evening. It was "Her Majesty's Jubilee and the Craft." He had deferred any remarks respecting the Queen until now, because that being the Jubilee gathering they had considered it expedient to make a special toast. On the face of the summons they had said "Jubilee year," as the lodge was consecrated during the last 12 months, and the Jubilee year was its first year of work. They considered it an honour and a privilege to be one of the many lodges consecrated during the Jubilee year, and looked upon it as a good omen for the future. In asking them to drink that toast he would remind them that her Majesty had given them three Royal Masons, who were taking an active part in the work of the Craft. She was a mother in the Craft, and he might safely say a mother of her people. In speaking of her, he would ask them to think of the blessings they owed to her reign. If they looked back to the period when she came to the throne, at the time when Lord Melbourne was Prime Minister, a few of them could call to mind the state of things which existed then. They could say that railroads were a novelty, and the old coaching days were in full force—and a glorious thing it was to go 150 miles outside, a coach and see the beauties of the surrounding country. He could speak of that from his own personal experience. The world does not stand still, for they had altered all that, and the modes of travelling were now easy and luxurious. They now had the electric telegraph, the telephone, penny postage, and other things, not known 50 years ago. Having noticed these changes he would confine himself to the Sovereign. Last week they had a striking instance of what had been the result of her laws, and that was shown by her people in her journey through the London streets. The Queen had been delighted with the display of her people's love and affection, and had shown it by her spontaneous offer to stop at the Mansion House on her return journey. It was her own wish, and they had all read how affectionate she was to her old friend Sir Robert Carden. One of the outcomes had been that she had offered baronetcies to the Lord Mayor and Sir Robert Carden and knighthood to the Sheriffs. They, as citizens of this great place, might safely say with satisfaction that there was no other country, Germany perhaps excepted, where it could be said that the Sovereign could go through eight or nine miles through a crowded thoroughfare without any protection, but trusting herself fearlessly to the people. They had cause to lift up their hearts to the G.A.O.T.U. with feelings of gratitude that they had been privileged to live under such a Sovereign. For the Queen and her subjects the past year had been one of great satisfaction and enjoyment. If they looked on the Queen and the example she had set, they realised that she had done an immense amount of moral good that teaching by word of mouth could not accomplish. Another great thing was that the sanctity of religious life had been fostered. Turning to the political aspect, the Queen during her reign had had to deal with Ministers of State of various opinions, and they all knew and rejoiced that in her intercourse with them not a word had been said against the fairness of her dealings, for she had received them equally alike and taken counsel with them. If they went behind the scenes and considered the pains she took to successfully carry out all she undertook, all those things converged to one striking point—the extreme industry she brought to bear on her work. Nothing had to wait for her, and she had set them the example that whatever their hands had to do, they should do it with all their hearts. If any of her subjects were in distress, messages of sympathy were sent, and even people in foreign lands were not forgotten. If they looked back at the many instances in which this sympathetic feeling had been evinced, it should teach them to feel for the wants of others. Her Majesty during her reign had been a Sovereign who had strictly confined herself to constitutional usages, and everything had been kept within the lines of the Constitution. When they looked back upon the time when she began life, and the number of Ministries there must have passed away, they could not help thinking that she must have had a vast experience of human life. All these things had tended to make her what she is. Not one of them could live 50 years and not suffer bereavement, and the Queen had been no exception to the rule, for death strikes alike on monarchs and on paupers. She had suffered irreparable loss by the death of her husband the Prince Consort, her daughter, the Princess Alice, and the Prince Leopold. Latterly the Empire had extended, and the English people had come to the conclusion that it was a pleasant thing for any people who are brought under the English Constitution. A large piece of Burmah had been added last year, and the news they read showed how successful our rule had been over it. Very recently they had also read that Zululand had been brought under our sway. Through force of circumstances our Queen had been called upon to reign over a larger number of people, and those who had been brought under her rule, would live to be thankful for it. As they were all aware, on the 13th June there would be a grand gathering of Masons, and they were all anxious for its success, for it would be a commemorative meeting which could not be shown in any other country in the world. She had brought them so many blessings that well might they say "Long may she reign over us." Her Majesty would leave a mark that no other Sovereign had done before, and it would be a very long time before any Sovereign would do as much as she had done. He therefore asked them, as loyal Masons, to drink with the utmost cordiality to "Her Majesty's Jubilee and the Craft."

Bro. Alderman Sir JOHN STAPLES, K.C.M.G., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He rejoiced that the W.M. had placed this toast in his hands, for he knew it needed very little comment to ensure it a hearty reception, and he should, therefore, have an easy task. He would first thank the W.M. for the excellent discourse he had given on the Queen. He thought that he knew all about the Jubilee, but he would confess that the W.M. had enlightened him considerably, and their sincere thanks were due to him. The W.M. had reminded them that their lodge started in the Jubilee year, and he hoped there was a grand future in store for it. They were very fortunate in having such a W.M. to inaugurate the lodge, although this was not the first he had started, having taken a leading part in the Aldersgate Lodge, which now holds such a distinguished position. Bro. Derby Allcroft had been before them for many years, and had filled the G. Treasurership

with credit both to the Craft and himself. He had taken an active part in the affairs of the country, and had represented the people in Parliament, and the lodge ought to be proud of a W.M. who had so deservedly earned for himself such a high position. He had known their W.M. for many years, and the more he knew of him, the more he esteemed him. He hoped that for many years the W.M. would permit him to continue his friend. He was sure he need not say anything more but to ask them to drink with all cordiality to the health of their W.M.

Bro. J. DERBY ALLCROFT, P.G. Treas., W.M., returned thanks for the kindly manner in which the toast had been given and received. He sincerely thanked Bro. Sir John Staples for the kind words he had used, and also for the expressions of good feeling, which he assured him were reciprocated. He could not take credit for all the duties of W.M., for he regretted to say he had been unable to attend the last two meetings of the lodge. It was difficult between so many engagements to decide which one to accept. He had, therefore, to throw himself upon their good feeling and sympathy, and he knew that Bro. Fitzgerald was more capable of doing the work. He was pleased to say that since the lodge was started they had had seven initiates and three joining members, which were signs that the lodge was needed and was appreciated. It was their wish to advocate quality rather than quantity, for they desired their lodge to be one that would be looked up to in the Craft. If the members would all put their shoulders to the wheel they would make their mark. He sincerely thanked Bros. Fitzgerald, J.W.; Corbett, J.D.; and Povey, P.M., D.C., for the part they had taken in the work. He again thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and earnestly hoped the lodge would go on and prosper.

"Success to the Benevolent Fund" having been given by the W.M., "The Visitors" was introduced by Bro. GIBB, S.W.

Bro. Rev. Dr. LANSDALL returned thanks on behalf of the visiting brethren. He considered that this interesting occasion would be a proud one in the history of the lodge, which had been alluded to as having been born in the Jubilee year. He presumed that his name had been coupled with the toast, as he happened to represent the oldest lodge in the Craft, which existed even before the Grand Lodge. He wished to remind them of what Masonry had done since that lodge was formed, and seeing there were now 2200 lodges in existence, he thought there was considerable cause for congratulation. There were three words to which he would refer—universality, equality, and benevolence. He could answer for the universality of Masonry, for he had been round the world, and, with the exception of Siberia, had found Masons wherever he went. Equality, for they met together as brothers, no distinctions of rank being recognised; and that benevolence was not forgotten had been testified by the previous toast. He had the pleasure of seeing this lodge consecrated and could congratulate them on its progress. All the visitors would join him in wishing it prosperity in the future.

"The Press" and "The Officers of the Lodge" having been given, the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

An excellent programme of music was given under the direction of Bros. J. F. Haskins and J. Kift, assisted by Bros. H. Schartau, Arthur Thompson, and R. Grice.

MASONIC LECTURE BY BRO. HUGHAN, P.S.G.D. OF ENGLAND, AT TAUNTON.

At the ordinary monthly meeting of the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, held at the Masonic Hall in the Crescent, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., Bro. A. Stevens, W.M., in the chair, a most interesting lecture upon the history of the Grand Lodge of England was delivered to a large assembly of brethren by Bro. Hughan, of Torquay, P.S.G.D. of England, the well-known Masonic historian. Bro. Hughan has devoted the greater portion of his life to Masonic research, and he is probably at this time the leading authority in the kingdom upon matters of English Masonic history. He has written several books on the subject, and all readers of Masonic literature must be familiar with his writings. The subject of Wednesday night's lecture would not, perhaps, be interesting to non-Masonic readers. It is, therefore, only necessary to state that for nearly three quarters of an hour Bro. Hughan held the attention of his audience by his clear and well-thought-out statement of the circumstances which led up to the establishment of the present United Grand Lodge of England. He pointed out how that from being originally essentially a Christian Institution, the Craft had now become cosmopolitan, but at the same time he held, in antagonism to the contentions of some French Masons, that Freemasonry, which was not based upon the acknowledgement on the part of its members, as its first principle, of the existence of the Deity was a shadow without the substance. Bro. Hughan's remarks upon the relative ages of lodges as indicated by the numbers they bore were full of interest, dealing as they did with some lodges in the Province of Somerset, which he proved to be younger than they claimed to be. The Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, he said, held the third position in Somerset with regard to age. The warrant was dated 1788, and he congratulated the members upon the approaching celebration of the centenary. It would be a great year for the lodge, and he trusted he would be spared to take part in the celebration to which the occasion would give rise. Bro. Hughan stated that a Freemason's lodge existed in Taunton before the present lodge was removed hence from Ilminster, and its headquarters were at the Nag's Head Hotel, but for some unexplainable cause its warrant was allowed to lapse.

Bro. Hughan's remarks were illustrated with some very old and quaint books and documents. The lecturer (who had during the evening been elected an honorary member of the lodge) was asked several questions by the brethren present, after answering which he was cordially thanked by the W.M. for his very able and instructive lecture.

Bro. HUGHAN acknowledged the compliment. The distinguished brother afterwards joined the brethren at refreshment after labour, and his health was heartily drunk.—*Somerset County Gazette*.

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CONSECRATION OF THE FEARNLEY LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 58.

On Monday, the 16th inst., a lodge was opened in this Degree in the Fearnley Mark Lodge in the Masonic Hall, Halifax, by Bro. C. F. Matier, Past G.J.W., assisted by Bros. Wm. Vincent, G.I.G.; C. L. Mason, P.G.M.M. West Yorkshire; Dr. Smyth, Grand Chaplain; Radcliffe, Barker, Green, and Trevor.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Vincent elevated the following brethren to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners: Bros. J. G. Lee, Gledhill Hallas, T. Gaukrodger, J. W. Monckman, Rev. W. Dunn, W. F. Tomlinson, J. Marshall, W. R. Massie, Wm. Akroyd, Joseph Rhodes, and W. H. Wilson.

The petition for the warrant was then read, together also with the warrant which had been granted to Bros. Mason, Massie, Radcliffe, Barker, and Green.

Bro. Matier, assisted by Bro. Vincent, then consecrated the Fearnley Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in a very impressive manner. Bro. Matier then installed Bro. C. L. Mason, P.G.M.M., into the chair as the first W.C.N., after which Bro. Mason invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. J. Massie, J.; Radcliffe, S.; Dr. Smyth, Chap.; Green, Treas.; Hallas, Scribe; Barker, S.D.; Lee, J.D.; Tomlinson, D.C.; Gaukrodger, G.; and Rhodes and Wilson, Stewards.

The W.C.N. proposed that Bros. Matier and Vincent be admitted honorary members of Fearnley R.A.M. Lodge, which was carried unanimously.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a substantial tea, and a very pleasant evening was spent.



The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday next, the 4th prox.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will hold its annual meeting at the King's Head Hotel, Harrow, on Saturday next, the 4th prox., at 3 p.m., when the Prov. Grand Officers for the year will be appointed. A banquet will follow at 5.30 p.m.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, held at the Red Lion, York-street, St. James's-square, by the Preceptor, Bro. W. C. Smith (W.M. of the City of London Lodge), on Tuesday, the 31st inst., at 8 p.m.

A Masonic Charitable Association was started on the 2nd instant in connection with the Coborn Lodge of Instruction, held at the Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook. Bro. J. Taylor, P.M. 753, Preceptor, was elected Treasurer, and Bro. R. R. Green, J.D. 1804, Hon. Secretary. This Association will make the third formed in connection with the Coborn Lodge.

Bro. James Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was on Wednesday last installed W.M. of the Cranbourne Lodge, at Hatfield, and although Bro. Terry has appeared in this character in other Lodges on many previous occasions, we congratulate him none the less heartily, and also the lodge on having such an able and well-tried Master to rule over them.

The consecration of the Wiltshire Anchor Lodge of Ark Mariners took place at Devizes, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, the ceremony being most brilliantly performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., assisted by Bro. Bryant, P.G. Standard Bearer. Thirteen candidates were elevated to the Degree, and Bro. Nott was afterwards installed as W.C.N. A meeting of the Wiltshire Keystone Mark Lodge was held later on, when Bro. Matier advanced three candidates.

The following dinners, &c., take place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 28th inst.: Monday—Royal Somerset House Lodge; De Grey and Ripon Lodge; Mr. Morton's May Ball. Tuesday—St. James's Union Chapter; Tuscan Lodge; 34th Regiment; The Queen's Tradesmen. Wednesday—The Artists' Benevolent Fund; Smeatonian Society; Lodge of Antiquity; Evening Star Lodge; Nobody's Friends. Thursday—Mount Moriah Lodge; Bedford Chapter; St. George's Chapter; Girls' School Club; National Benevolent Institution; 9th Regiment; 19th Regiment. Friday—Jerusalem Lodge; 60th Rifles; 12th Suffolk Regiment.

ALDERSGATE LODGE, No. 1657.—Bro. Edward Anderton, W.M. of this lodge, entertained the members at a dinner given at the Albion Tavern, on Friday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., P.M.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; Alfred Brookman, P.M.; Samuel White, P.M.; W. H. Froome, P.M.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M.; Arthur B. Hudson, Frederick Crockford, Matthew R. Webb, John Larkin, E. F. B. Fuller, George Rawlinson, W. W. Thompson, P. F. R. Saillard, W. S. Chapman, James Shotter, and J. S. Jarvis.

The demonstration by the brethren of Lincolnshire in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee will be on a grand scale. On June 21st the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Masonic Hall, Lincoln, at which an unusually large attendance of brethren from the 22 lodges in the county is expected to be present, when the opportunity will be taken of adopting an address of congratulation to her Majesty on the attainment of the 50th year of her reign. In the afternoon the brethren will walk in procession to the Cathedral, where it has been arranged to hold a special service. The sermon will be preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Dr. A. P. Purey-Cust, P.G. Chap. of England. At the conclusion of the service a collection will be taken in aid of the Masonic Charities, and the procession will then reform and return to the Masonic Hall. The annual banquet will afterwards be held, and will be graced by the presence of ladies introduced by brethren. In the evening it is intended to hold a Masonic assembly, restricted to Masons and their families, at which there will be music, singing, and dancing.

Bro. Charles Belton, P.M., No. 165, and Sec. No. 1, is one of the candidates for the Board of General Purposes, to be elected on the 1st proximo.

All the leading Cabinet Ministers and Great Officers of State gave grand banquets in honour of the 68th anniversary of the Queen's birthday on Tuesday. There was also the usual "Trooping of the Colours" on the Horse Guards Parade at 10 a.m., at which the Prince of Wales was present, and in the evening the principal clubs and houses were illuminated in honour of the occasion.

An event of considerable interest to the Craft generally came off at Douglas, Isle of Man, on Tuesday evening, in the consecration of the Spencer Walpole Temperance Lodge, being 2197 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. Amongst those whom the occasion had attracted to the island were several brethren from Liverpool, amongst these being Bros. Williams, P.P.A.G.D.C. of West Lancashire; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.D. West Lancashire; John Cobham, P.P.S.G.D. West Lancashire; Robert Foote, P.P.G. Treas. West Lancashire; and others. The ceremony of consecrating the lodge was very ably performed by Bro. James Hodgson, Prov. G.R. of the Isle of Man, P.M.; and that of Installing the Master of the lodge by Bro. J. A. Brown, P.Z., Prov. S.G.W. of the Isle of Man, P.M.; the W.M. of the lodge being Bro. T. H. Nesbitt, Prov. G. Sec. of the Isle of Man, P.M. The local brethren were present in large force, and a great number sat down to the banquet, which, in accordance with the system on which the lodge has been founded, was conducted on strictly temperance principles.

The English Comedy Company have opened at the Strand with a production of Colman and Garrick's once famous comedy, "The Clandestine Marriage." Of late years this old play has not been seen on the stage, and yet it contains much to interest an audience who care for what is termed the classical style of piece. Lord Ogleby is a well-drawn character, and Mr. Wm. Farren plays his father's part with a sense of humour and polish that could not be surpassed by any actor of the present day. He gives a wonderfully true rendering of the silly old gentleman who imagines he can still cause a flutter in the hearts of the ladies. He has perhaps his best scene in the fourth act, where Fanny, who is secretly married to his protégé, begs his protection, leading him to believe that she has become a victim to his charms. Miss Angela Fenton, who makes daily improvement in her acting, does very well with Mrs. Sterling, but Miss Strudwick is not quite happy in the character of Fanny. Mr. Conway, as Sir John Melville, makes a lot out of a poor part, and adds a great deal of interest in the play by his handsome presence and easy manner. We think every one should support the company, for so few can possibly have seen this play, and probably will not have an opportunity again. Some other of the less known old comedies are to be revived during the tenure of the Conway and Farren Company.

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Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, Royal Italian Opera.

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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.

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Every Evening at 7.30, THE BEGGAR STUDENT.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, June 4, 1887.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 28.

Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
 " 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1679, Henry Muggerridge, M.H., Masons'-avenue.
 " 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
 " 1777, Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham.
 Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, MAY 30.

Mark Grand Stewards, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 31.**GRAND MARK LODGE.**

Chap. 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1.**UNITED GRAND LODGE, at 7.**

Chap. 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
 Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 8.
 St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, at 8.
 Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.

Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.

United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2.

Lodge 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
 " 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Brook Hill, Plumstead.
 " 1361, United Service, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1950, Southgate, Railway Hot., New Southgate.
 " 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark 244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville Place, W.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 3.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond-rd.
 Chap. 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
 Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane, 7.30.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.M.s.), F.M.H. 7.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith W., at 8.
 Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 St. John's, York and Albany Ho., Regent's Park, N.W. 8.
 Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
 Ubique, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
 Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, King's Head Hotel, Harrow, at 3.
 General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 1494, Felix, Mitre Hall, Hampton Court.
 " 1507, Elliot, Railway Hot., Feltham.
 " 1929, Mozart, Greyhound, Croydon.
 " 2148, Walsingham, M.H., Wilmington, Kent.
 Chap. 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bdg.

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