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The Grand Master of Maryland.

THE “Anglo-American” Lodge, under the genial rule of the Masonic veteran, Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D., &c., is doing good service in prominently bringing into notice the cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry; more especially in relation to our brethren across the “big pond.” One of the most enjoyable meetings in connection with the department of the lodge work was held on Tuesday last, when a very hearty reception was tendered to M.W. Bro. THOS. J. SHRYOCK, G. Master of Maryland. Although the distinguished guest is the youngest G.M. in the United States, he has already become one of the foremost Masons of that great country, and has been, and still is, one of the most generous supporters of Masonic literature it has been our pleasure ever to enumerate. Greatly owing to his lavish aid, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland for upwards of a century are being reprinted, under the able editorship of Bro. SCHULTZ, and as Grand Master, Bro. SHRYOCK has had two fine medals struck, one being commemorative of the 200th assembly of the Grand Lodge, and the other of its Centennial. We extend to the M.W. Bro. T. J. SHRYOCK our hearty greeting on visiting our country, and can assure him of a most fraternal reception wherever he may visit, and whenever he can attend any of our lodge meetings. We are pleased to learn that our distinguished brother is to be the guest of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York, on Monday next, when Bro. WHYTEHEAD will read a Masonic Paper. The W.M. and officers of the York Lodge, No. 236, have accepted an invitation to be present.

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The Craft in Worcestershire.

It is evident from the report we publish in another part of our columns that Freemasonry in Worcestershire, under the auspices of its present popular Chief, R.W. Bro. Sir E. A. H. LECHMERE, Bart., M.P., is doing admirably. The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge at Halesowen, on the 14th inst., was very numerous attended, and the proceedings, brief as they were comparatively, passed off amid great enthusiasm. The reports on the condition of the Craft in the Province were highly satisfactory, while the brethren took the opportunity of evincing their loyalty to the throne by voting an address of congratulation to her MAJESTY on the occasion of her Jubilee celebration. Divine service in the parish church formed part of the day's arrangements, and in the evening over 100 brethren sat down to banquet in the Drill Hall, the chair being occupied by the PROV. G. MASTER. We are much pleased at the success of this meeting. Freemasonry under its present ruler has made marvellous strides in this small but compact Province. It has gone even beyond its strength—if we compare it numerically with other Provinces—in its support of our Charitable Institutions, and it has played a very conspicuous and commendable part in its encouragement of Masonic literature, and the study in an especial degree of everything relating to Masonic archaeology. It is, in fact, among the best ordered of our Provinces, and the brethren, who are strongly imbued with the true spirit of Masonry, lose no opportunity of doing all they can to promote its welfare. We congratulate Bro. Sir E. A. H. LECHMERE on being the ruler of such a Province, and the Province on having so genial a ruler; and we trust the day may be far distant when an association so honourable to both, and so gratifying to the Masonic body generally, shall be severed.

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Bro. Gould among the Pirates.

EVERYONE will sympathise with Bro. GOULD at the barefaced outrage committed by a New York publishing firm of which he is the victim. It is to be regretted there is no international copyright which will prevent these piratical appropriations of the results of an English author's labours by unscrupulous American tradesmen, but as there is no law on the subject, there can be no remedy. What, however, makes this particular act of piracy the more glaring is the

countenance given to it—we may almost venture to say the assistance rendered in perpetrating it—by certain conspicuous members of the Masonic Fraternity in the United States, men who have the reputation of being themselves either writers of long standing or the friends and patrons of Masonic literature. We trust that the advertisement of this act of literary piracy of which Bro. GOULD has so indignantly complained may turn out to be a misrepresentation of the circumstances so far as they relate to Bros. CARSON, DRUMMOND, and PARVIN, and that these brethren have had no more to do with robbing Bro. GOULD of the just reward of his labours than Bro. GOULD himself. It is bad enough to find that a work which it has cost years of labour to write is being reproduced in the States without the author's sanction or authority, and that there is no international law to prevent it, but to find that three leading American Masons are in league—as they are represented to be in the advertisement of the pirated edition—with the robbers, and that a claim is advanced in their behalf of their having afforded the author assistance which he neither asked for nor received is an outrage on public decency with which we hope Bros. CARSON, DRUMMOND, and PARVIN are in a position to prove they have had nothing whatever to do.

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A Colonial Worthy.

WE in England are so apt to be engrossed with our own business that but little time is allowed us for making ourselves acquainted with the doings of our Colonial lodges and brethren. Yet the accounts which reach us periodically are enough to show that Freemasonry, as it is practised even in our remotest colonies, is scrupulously careful in all its proceedings, that the officers of lodges and District Grand Lodges must be thoroughly conversant with their duties, and that among the Craftsmen are many who in knowledge, ability, and zeal will compare favourably with some of our most learned and expert brethren. We publish elsewhere an address delivered some time ago at the dedication of the new Masonic Hall in Brisbane, Queensland, by Bro. BARRON L. BARNETT, D.D.G.M., and we call the attention of our readers to it more particularly, because it is so well-written, appropriate, and even eloquent. The Queensland brethren must be proud in having in their midst so able and well-informed a brother, while, so far as we in this country can judge of those whom we know by name and repute only, we should imagine that among the brethren upon whom the PRINCE OF WALES, M.W.G.M., was pleased to confer the rank and privileges of Past G. Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England, on the occasion of the Jubilee meeting in the Royal Albert Hall, there can be few worthier of such honour than Bro. B. L. BARNETT, now P.G. Deacon of England, as well as D.D.G.M. Queensland.

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Unseemly Disputations.

It is a truism to say that there is much violence of opinion among the older Masonic jurisdictions in the United States on all questions affecting what is known as the Mothership of American Freemasonry, the feeling being most strongly exhibited in those which are chiefly interested in the settlement of the matter in dispute. But although we have long since become accustomed to the ridicule and even abuse which every now and then have been showered upon the supporters of the Philadelphia claims to the honour of being the Mother City of American Freemasonry, we cannot say that heretofore anything of a personally offensive or libellous nature has been alleged against them. Quite recently, however, we have had brought under our notice a most vile personal attack made by Bro. BRENNAN on Bro. CHARLES E. MEYER, which transcends anything in the shape of vulgar personal abuse we have ever met with either in profane or Masonic writing, and of which it is enough to say that it has evoked a storm of righteous indignation from Bros. HUGHAN, WHYTEHEAD, and every one else in this country whose good opinion is worth having. Of course it is out of our power to explain how and why it is that some people are unable to argue a vexed question without descending to such depths of scurrility as Bro. BRENNAN has in this instance, but we take upon ourselves to suggest that a brother who finds it difficult or impossible to remember what is due to himself and his opponents as gentlemen—and in these unseemly disputations it is a more grievous sin against decency to make than to receive a slanderous attack—should give up arguing. It is far better that the Mothership of American Freemasonry, or any other point in dispute, should remain unsolved than that the very unedifying spectacle should be offered to the world of a Mason vilifying one of his chief opponents as though he were a pickpocket, because he finds it impossible to meet his various propositions by fair argument.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the above province was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 14th inst., in the National Schools, Halesowen, when there was a large attendance of brethren.

Amongst those present were :

Bros. the Right Worshipful Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P.; W. H. Westwood, P.P.S.G.W., in the D.P.G.M. chair; Jones, Charity Steward; Rev. A. B. Timbrell, P.G.C.; Rev. Knight Law, Rev. W. J. Downs, Rev. J. W. Welshaw, G. Taylor, P.G.S.; Williamson, P.P.S.G.W.; W. E. Walker, P.S.G.D.; C. E. Bloomer, P.S.G.W.; W. Somers, P.A.G.D.C.; A. Pearson, P.P.G.P.; I. Foley, P.P.G.S.B.; Brown, P.G.P.; Barkley, P.J.G.W.; Turner, P.P.G.R.; A. Buck, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Waldron, P.G.D.C.; F. H. Lloyd, J. Turner, J. Fisher, E. J. Chambers, C. Bellingham, R. Preece, Roberts, J. Jones, T. Taylor, Vale, De Denne, E. Lowe, Grove, Russell, Parry, T. Brettell, J. Jordan, James Jones, T. Lamb-Smith, P.P.G.D.; W. Waring, R. Stevenson, G. T. Owen, W. H. Hughes, John Wright, H. Milward, Birmingham; E. W. Smith, Noah's Ark; T. Troman, Underwood, and J. Wadham. There were present about 140.

Letters were received stating regret of absence from Bro. Godson, D.P.G.M., and others.

On the motion of the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, it was resolved that a loyal address congratulating her Majesty the Queen on the 50th year of her accession to the Throne be adopted and forwarded to her Majesty by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

Bro. A. Green was re-elected Grand Treasurer.

A report on the state of Masonry in the province was presented, and was deemed to be highly satisfactory.

The Worshipful Provincial Grand Master appointed :

Bro. C. E. Bloomer	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Bachley	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. E. Walker	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Harvey Preen	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. Troman	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. Taylor	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Rev. A. B. Timbrell	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. W. Wilshaw	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Chap.
" G. Brown	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Waldron	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.

It was decided that the next Provincial Grand Meeting be held at Moseley, near Birmingham.

The brethren afterwards walked in procession to the parish church, where a special service was held. An eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. A. B. Timbrell. The choir rendered in excellent style the anthem, "Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest," which has been recently composed by Bro. T. Troman, organist of Handsworth parish church. The collection, which was on behalf of the National Schools and Organ Fund, amounted to 15 guineas. The brethren also decided to give a sum of money for the support of orphan children.

In the evening the brethren to the number of 110 assembled in the Drill Hall, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion.

Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere occupied the chair of King Solomon, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were observed.

Bro. Sir EDMUND LECHMERE thanked the members of the Halesowen Lodge for the excellent provision made for the brethren.

During the day the bellringers of the parish church, in honour of the visit of the Freemasons to the town, rang a peal of 2562 changes of grand-sire triples, which contained the last half of Holt's ten-part peal, in one hour and 20 minutes.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

Lord Egerton of Tatton, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England, Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, held a Provincial Grand Lodge at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Tuesday, the 20th instant. There was a fair gathering of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, Masters, Wardens, and brethren. The Stamford Mark Lodge, 48, was opened. The usual formal business having been transacted, Lord Egerton invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. C. W. Spencer Stanhope	...	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Captain Gilbody	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. R. Vanderkeste	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" The Hon Tatton Egerton, M.P.	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" R. W. Banks	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. F. Edisbury	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. K. Stevenson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Fletcher	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Richard Newhouse	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. H. Heapy	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. H. Middleton	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" John Morris	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" G. F. Willis	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Peterkin	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. J. Hughes	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" John Daken	...	...	...	
" Herbert Ems	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" S. Smith	...	...	...	
" T. Cowley	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. Capes	...	...	...	
" S. Thompson	...	...	...	

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK UNDER THE "ANCIENTS."

By BRO. G. B. ABBOTT.

Thus far I have shown (a) that even if there is no evidence obtainable from the Minutes of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge of England of a Provincial Grand Lodge Warrant having been granted for New York, there are three several entries in those minutes in which certain brethren are described as the Prov. G. Principal Officers elect, the P.G.M. elect and P.S. G.W. elect being specified in all three, and the P.J.G.W. elect in two out of the three; (b) that even if the Duke of Athole is wrongly described as the *fourth* instead of the *third* Duke, the date of the 5th September, 1781, everywhere assigned to the said alleged warrant of Constitution, comes within the *seventh* year of the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Athole, who was Grand Master of the "Ancients" on that date; (c) that even if the Duke of Athole, who was G.M. on the aforesaid 5th September, 1781, is misdescribed as *fourth* instead of *third* Duke—and I have shown that it is not necessarily a misdescription after all—it is only in repetition of a mistake made in a still more important letter written on one of the most momentous occasions in the history of the "Ancient" Fraternity, and that too much stress, therefore, must not be laid on a mistake made owing to ignorance—excusable ignorance in the case of such men as Dermott, Dickey, and Bearblock—or through a slip of the pen or other cause; and (d) that the absence of the Grand Master's signature from the Warrant is to be explained by the fact that, though there was a Grand Master when the said warrant is alleged to have been granted, there was none when it was issued for use by the New York brethren. I will now present further evidence from the minutes of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, which will fully account for any irregularities—whether apparent or real—in connection with this alleged Warrant, and which, in my opinion, ought to go a very long way towards convincing those who have condemned it as a forgery, that they have been over-hasty in formulating that judgment.

On the 5th September, 1781, the day on which the Duke of Athole was re-elected Grand Master, Charles Bearblock was re-elected G. Secretary, and on the 6th February, 1782, when the the "Ancients" found themselves without a Grand Master, the said Charles Bearblock was solemnly installed in office "according to Ancient Custom." On the 6th March, 1783, Bro. Bearblock addressed a letter to G. Lodge, in which he stated, "for the reasons therein mentioned that he could not attend the Grand Lodge," and on motion duly carried he was discharged from office, Bro. Robert Leslie being appointed his successor. On the 3rd March, 1784, the Dep. G. Master (Dermott) having ascertained that Secretary Leslie had received neither accounts nor papers from his predecessor, and that Bearblock had been summoned to render them, but had taken no heed of the summons, it was "Ordered that a Committee of Nine Masters of the Warranted Lodges be now chosen and appointed finally to receive, take, and examine the accounts and papers of Chas. Bearblock, late G.S. with the Grand Lodge, and of all monies and transactions concerning the same, and do report their proceedings to the Grand Lodge—any five to be a quorum, and proceed to business—And that Bro. Bearblock be summoned to attend the said Committee, and to produce all letters, papers, book accounts, and writings, in his power or pos'son belonging to and concerning the Grand Lodge, the Committee to meet at the Rose Tavern, Old Bailey, on acct. Bro. Bearblock's attendance"—Bro. Bearblock lived at 53, Old Bailey. "The Lodge then proceeded to the choice of said Grand Committee, and the W. Masters of Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 31, 77, 194, 195, and 221 were severally chosen and approved, and agreed to meet." The said Committee met as appointed on the 15th March, Bro. Dagnia being in the chair, and all the Worshipful Masters being present as well as the Grand Secretary and Bro. Bearblock, who, in reply to the earlier questions that were put to him, declined to produce any account or furnish any information unless certain of the Grand Lodge books were given to him for the purpose. We then read: "The Secretary then stated and referred to several Omissions of the year 1781, particularly two sums recd. of Lodges 219 and 218 being the two first referred to. Mr. Bearblock acknowledged these were Omissions amounting to £6 11s., and that there might be more for the said year 1781—the Secy., Leslie, stated and referred to Omissions amounting to £30 for the year 1781;" and "Mr. Bearblock being asked if he wd. acct. for those sums or any others he had recd., he ansd. No he wd. not and the Secy. or Committee might get or come at them as they cd." The proceedings of the Committee were shortly afterwards closed, and on the 29th March, Grand Lodge having first read and confirmed the Minutes of its Committee, it was "Proposed and Ordered that Bro. Bearblock settle with the Grand Lodge finally on or before the first day of June next, upon pain of Exclusion, and the Grand Secretary to give him Notice of this Resolution." On the 2nd June, Bro. Dermott, D.G.M., being in the chair, it is recorded that "Bro. Bearblock having sent in no accounts or any person to explain," the D.G.M. excluded him for ever from the Society, and ordered "that the present Secretary give notice" of such exclusion "to the several and respective lodges in England, Scotland, Ireland, and America."

It is evident from the statements I have quoted above that Secretary Bearblock was a consummate rascal and fully merited the punishment awarded him by the Grand Lodge. But what mostly concerns us in relation to this present inquiry is that the solitary admission he permitted himself to make in answer to Secretary Leslie's inquiries had reference to this very Prov. Grand Lodge Warrant which Bro. Findel has over-hastily dubbed a "very equivocal Constitution." Leslie had inquired of him as to "several omissions of the year 1781, particularly two sums recd. of Lodges 219 and 218," and Bearblock at once "acknowledged these were Omissions amount-

ing to £6 11s." Now, Lodge No. 219, according to the Ancient Lodge lists for 1804 and 1813, the latter of which will be found in Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges," was the Provincial Grand Lodge of New York, and consequently any irregularity noticeable in connection with its non-entry in the proceedings of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, or its issue to the New York brethren, can only in reason be accounted for by Bearblock's acknowledged omission of the money paid in respect of it from his accounts.

On turning to the Atholl Register, I find at p. 64, vol. 7, the following entry, which I have been at the pains of transcribing literally:

No. 219. Provincial Grand Warrant for New York.

1781

5 Sept. The Revd. William Waler, Esqr., A.M., P.G.Mr.

John St. Browning, Esqr., P.S.G.W.

The Rev. John Brandsley, P.J.G.W.

Recd. for Warrant 3. 3. 0.

This entry, unless I am very grievously mistaken, is in the handwriting of Secretary Bearblock; it certainly has about it the characteristics of his style, as will be apparent on comparing it with the writing in the Minute Book when he was Grand Secretary, and it would be his duty to write up the minutes of successive meetings. Moreover, there is no evidence in the Minute Book to show that the sum of £3 3s., though it was received by Bro. Bearblock, as acknowledged above, was at any time paid over by him to the Grand Treasurer, which confirms his statement in answer to Leslie's query that "these"—viz., the sums received from Lodges 219 and 218, which were both Provincial Grand Lodges—"were omissions amounting to £6 11s." This carries us one step further in our enquiry as to the authenticity of the alleged "Ancient" Warrant of Constitution for establishing the Provincial Grand Lodge of New York, and it shows that, though there is nothing in the "Ancient" minutes about the grant of any such warrant—an omission, by the way, which is very far from being unusual—there is an entry of the Warrant having been issued and paid for in the "Ancient" Lodge Register in what I consider is, beyond all doubt, the handwriting of the man—Charles Bearblock—who was Grand Secretary of the "Ancients" at the time it was granted, and whose signature will be found at the foot of the document itself. It does not look as if there were anything "equivocal" about a Warrant of Constitution in favour of which such evidence as I have succeeded in accumulating can be adduced.

There is only one other remark which I feel called upon to make in reference to Bro. Findel's account of this alleged Provincial Grand Lodge warrant for New York, and the action taken under its authority by the New York lodges. Having stated that nine lodges—three town and six military—asssembled on the 5th December, 1782—should be 5th September—"in one Grand Lodge," he adds: "The brethren of the Lodge of the Regiment 'Seybothen' (Anspach-Bayreuth) were Germans, and at their head was their Chairman, Max von Streit." This was Lodge No. 215, consecrated, as we have already seen, on the 21st February, 1782, by Bro. Rev. W. Walter, P.G.M. elect, acting as D.G.M., under an authority from Bro. W. Dickey, D.G.M. England; and, whatever might have been the nationality of its members, whether they were Germans or North American Indians, it would not invalidate the fact that this was an English lodge constituted by warrant from and working under the "Ancient" Grand Lodge of England. I am at a loss to understand Bro. Findel's motive in introducing this remark, unless indeed it may have been to emphasise his objections to the Provincial Grand Lodge Warrant as a forgery by attempting to show that the Provincial Grand Lodge which was constituted under its provisions was formally inaugurated by lodges which had no right to be represented at, and take part in, its constitution.

(To be continued.)

## AN IMPORTANT WORK.

Bro. W. T. R. Marvin, of Boston, U.S.A., is now preparing a supplement to his invaluable work on "Masonic Medals," and is naturally anxious to make the additional volume as complete and accurate as possible. I have promised to do my best relative to medals struck in England, Ireland and Scotland, other than those already described in his grand volume, as well as generally to add to the number to be described, which hitherto have not been known to our indefatigable brother, who is the best authority on "Masonic Medallics." Fortunately for us both, Bro. G. L. Shackles, of Hull, has promised to give us all the information in his power, based upon the splendid collection he has amassed, and as his Cabinet of Masonic Medals is the largest, most varied and important in Europe, we have an abundant store to draw from. Then again, there is the unique Collection made by Bro. George Taylor, of Kidderminster, containing many pieces of special value and rarity, also the excellent Cabinets of curious and ancient medals owned by Bros. James Newton (of Bolton), T. Lamb-Smith (of Worcester), Major Irwin (of Bristol), and numerous others, which were kindly lent for the Exhibitions held in York, Worcester, Shanklin, and Plymouth, which have done so much to aid in the study, description, and appreciation of the Medallic Collections in this and other Countries. Bro. T. B. Whytehead (of York), was the originator of these valuable aids to Masonic Research and Study, and but for him and them, we should know much less than we do of the value and character of the Collections made by brethren and lodges, and of the treasures owned by some who do not belong to the Craft.

We want particulars of the following medals, or information as to their origin, and communications thereon may be addressed to me at Torquay, or to Bro. Shackles, of Hull. Descriptions of pieces not in the Catalogue of the four great Exhibitions named, and presumably unknown to us, will also be gladly received at earliest convenience, for although the publication of the supplement will be delayed for some time, it is necessary to begin the accumulation of suitable material at once. The sizes may be reckoned according to the number of sixteenths of an inch, which is the standard adopted by Bro. Marvin.

1. "The Bard of Avon Lodge," now at Hampton Court, used to give a gold medal (value five guineas) to be contended for at the Collegiate School, Stratford-on-Avon. The competition was open to all the pupils and comprised an examination in English literature, Shakespeare, &c. Possibly,

owing to the removal of the lodge from Stratford-on-Avon, a few years since, that custom is not continued, but whether so or not, a description of the medal is much desired.

2. In Marvin's "Masonic Medals," No. XXXII., a Scottish medal is described, which we considered to be about 1736, but evidently it is some 15 years later. According to the excellent authority of the R.W. Bro. Cochran-Patrick, the obverse contains a representation of the "New Exchange," Edinburgh, the foundation-stone of which was laid September 13th, 1753. I mention this now, that brethren may know of the date being approximately fixed, as it and two others (now exceedingly rare as this one is) were placed in that foundation-stone. The reverse of one of these two is the same as that of the medal before noted (viz., arms of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and motto, &c.) Marvin's No. 32 is owned by Bro. Newton (34 Worcester and 317 Shanklin) and the late Bro. C. Williams\* (142 Worcester) of England. An impression is in R.W. Bro. Cochran-Patrick's collection, and at the sale of Bro. Marvin's medals one was disposed of also. An engraving of the piece is to be found in "Masonic Magazine," April, 1882. The description by the R.W. Brother named is more explicit in some respects than that previously given. "The Grand Master of the Scottish Freemasons [George Drummond, Esq.], grasping the hand of a brother Mason, points to a seated figure of silence, in the background is the new Exchange at Edinburgh, above are the sun and moon, with the seven stars of the Pleiades. Masonic implements lie about on the ground. Exergue AMICITIA VIRTUTE ET SILENTIO." (Per Bro. G. L. Shackles).

3. Dr. Frazer, of Dublin, has a curious medal, as yet not identified. Obverse, "Cross of Malta, with old Castle, Church and Head, with Dagger at Angles. Legends, KILL-WININ and SPES MEA IN DEO EST. Reverse, two Masonic columns or pillars, the three lights and Masonic emblems. Legend, Virtuti et Silentio." The owner considers it dates from 1700 to 1750. It is of copper. Size 28 (No. 494, Worcester.)

4. A singular medal—so far unknown—is owned by Bro. Dr. Frazer, the origin of which remains a mystery. It is oval in shape (size 32 by 28, of lead) and is of an unusual design. On one side is a figure between two columns and the legend at foot "GLORY BE TO GOD," &c., and on the other, apparently lodge pavement, on which are three lights, according to the Scottish custom. (Master at the East and Wardens in the West), with emblems, &c. It was, however, found in Dublin quite recently. I must get an exact description, but the foregoing will do as a means of recognition *ad interim*. It is a puzzle to me, and I regret being unable to assist Dr. Frazer as yet with respect to its origin, &c.

5. Bro. W. H. Rylands has a jewel, the use of which neither of us can fix. It is gilt, and size about 34, the hanger being of crimson ribbon, &c. The jewel consists of three triangles of varying sizes, so as to include the whole in one jewel, only they hang loosely from the tops, and there is scroll work all over each.

6. The Grand Tyler of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts (Bro. Parker) wrote me about a jewel, or star, of five points, with raised rays, within being a circle pendant, enclosing a double triangle of five points, having the letter G in the centre. Around the circle are the letters "BB. HB. HH. FF. KK." I do not believe it is Masonic, but connected with another Society known to those who are familiar with the "Morgan Exposure," by Thorne (Devon).

7. Bro. T. Lamb-Smith has a triangle of silver and pastes, which enclose, on a black ground, a square of gold resting on wreath of gold. Can any one enlighten us as to the purpose for which this was made and worn?

I shall probably write out another list ere long; but meanwhile desire the aid of all interested in Masonic medallics in tracing the foregoing.

W. J. HUGHAN.

\* I should like to know who purchased this and other Masonic medals in the late Bro. William's collection, which were recently sold.

## FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.

BY BRO. R. F. GOULD.

The following paragraph, under the heading "News from Paris," appeared in the *Daily News* of the 17th instant:—

"Paris, Friday, Sept. 16.

"The Freemasons of France are holding their general assembly or convention at the Grand Orient. 275 lodges are represented there. Two ministers attend the sitting—M. Heredia and M. Barbe, and an ex-Speaker of the Chamber, M. Brisson. Freemasonry was brought into France for the first time as a political organisation in the 18th century, and united with the sect known as the Illuminati. In this country it was always hostile to the Monarchy, and unquestionably by its occult action helped to bring about the Revolution. Louis Blanc thought it greatly helped to undermine Louis Philippe. Freemasonry certainly helped MM. Brisson, Floquet, and other leading political men to rise to high situations. Gambetta seeing the influence of the Masonic organization joined it. The time at which he entered the Grand Orient was a time of reaction against Clericalism and everything that was favoured by the Reactionists of the Versailles Government. It was about then, on the motion, not of M. Littré but of a M. Massol, who entered in 1886 into a memorable controversy with Father Hyacinthe, that a convention held in the Rue Cadet erased the Great Architect of the Universe from the statutes of the French Masons. The actual convention is debating whether it should not be restored, inasmuch as its omission has the effect of isolating the Grand Orient from the brethren of other countries and withdrawing it from the Universal Church of Freemasonry. The French brethren also have not admitted at the election for their Grand Council which has just taken place any Alsace-Lorrainers. They wish to be in amity as Freemasons with the German lodges, to one of which the Emperor William and the Crown Prince belong. Of course this is without prejudice to their patriotic hopes as Frenchmen. The President of the Grand Council just elected by 200 votes is a Radical, and opposed M. Spuller at the last bye-election for the Côte d'Or."

The Paris Correspondent of the *Daily News*, though by no means a safe guide with regard to the past history of the Society, brings before us some



information respecting the *present* condition of French Freemasonry which will interest all readers.

The *Freemason* has a large circulation abroad—continental as well as colonial—and I shall cherish the hope that one or more of its Parisian subscribers, or readers, noticing the foregoing extract, may inform us through the medium of these columns, whether there is any near prospect of the Grand Orient of France returning to fraternal communion with the vast family of Grand Lodges, by restoring to its Statutes that cardinal article of the Mason's Creed—a belief in THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE—which was so unhappily discarded from its formularies in 1877.

### OLD WARRANTS.—I.

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

So far as I have been able to trace, the oldest original warrant, granted by the Grand Lodge of England, and still in existence, is that of the St. John's Lodge, No. 39, Exeter, of July 11th, 1732. A still older document or Charter was exhibited by Bro. Gould, at Plymouth (No. 494), in June, 1887, bearing date "February, 1731," being the *seventh* issued by authority of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. No. 495, at the same Exhibition, from the same Library, was not numbered, but bore date, 13th Nov., 1733; John Pennell, Secretary; The Grand Master who authorised it was *Lord Kingsland*, the Grand Wardens being *Jas. Brennan* and *Wm. Cobbe*. The seal (defaced) was suspended from a ribbon of blue and yellow silk. It was re-issued to the "Crimson Lodge," Newport, as No. 21, in 1797, and duly noted accordingly on an extra slip of parchment attached.

I should like much to have particulars of any older original warrants, if any there be, especially for England, as such documents are of special value in many ways.

As the first of the series, I append the warrant of No. 7, Ireland, aforesaid.

By the Right Worshipful and Right Honourable LORD KINGSTON, Grand Master of all the Lodges of Free Masons in the Kingdom of IRELAND, the Right Honourable the Lord *Netterville*, Deputy Grand Master, the Honourable *William Ponsonby*, and *Dillon Pollard Hamson*, Esquires, Grand Wardens.

Seal.



No. 7.

WHEREAS Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers *Christopher Stephens*, *Joseph McClary*, and *James Newlan* have besought us, that We would be pleas'd to erect a Lodge of Free Masons in the City of Dublin, of such Persons, who by their knowledge and skill in Masonry, may contribute to the Well Being, and Advancement thereof. We therefore duly weighing the Premises, and having nothing more at Heart than the Prosperity and true Advancement of Masonry, and reposing special Trust and Confidence in Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers, the said [names as before] of whose Abilities and Knowledge in Masonry We are satisfied; Do by these Presents, of Our [erasure of a word] certain Knowledge and meer Motion, Nominate, Create, Authorize, and Constitute the said [names as before] to be Master and Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be held by them and their Successors, lawfully admitted in the said Lodge for ever. And we do hereby Give and Grant unto the said [names as before] and their Successors, full Power and lawful Authority from Time to Time to proceed to Election of new Master and Wardens, and to make such Laws, Rules, and Orders as they from Time to Time shall think Proper and Convenient for the Well Being and Ordering of the said Lodge; reserving to Ourselves and Successors, Grand Masters and Grand Wardens of IRELAND, the sole Right of deciding all Differences which shall be brought by Appeal before Us and Our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of IRELAND. In WITNESS whereof, We have hereunto set our Hand and Seal (?) Day of February in the Year of our Lord God 1731, and in the Year of Masonry 5731.

*Tho. Griffith, Secretary.*

*Intratur per.*

### THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

FROM ITS ORIGIN, 1788, TO ITS CENTENARY, 1888.

The worry caused by Mason's bankruptcy, and the lawsuit in which they found themselves involved as a consequence, does not, however, appear to have had the slightest effect in diminishing the energy and activity of the several Committees. New rules were passed relating to the admission of Girls, the great object of which was to secure that those received into the School should be in a healthy condition. Thus at the meeting of the House Committee in July, it was settled that in future the medical certificate to be produced by a child on admission should be as follows: "I have examined E. M., and find she has had the Small Pox, has no defect in her eyes or limbs, and is not strumous nor afflicted with any disorder or infirmity whatever;" while at the General Committee the week following it was resolved that candidates should present themselves at the meeting of the General Committee immediately preceding the election, in order that the members might satisfy themselves that none of the children had contracted any disorder or infirmity since the presentation of their petitions. In the month of August, the same Committee agreed to recommend to the next Quarterly Court for adoption as a standing regulation of the Charity—and the Quarterly in October adopted it without hesitation—the following law, viz.:—

That in order to guard against the admission of any child whose state of Health, either in body or mind, at the time of its being elected into the School, renders it unfit to be received under the Laws of this Institution,

Every Child after the Election into the School shall be examined by Two of the Medical Gentlemen specially appointed to the Charity, and their certificate of her Health shall be laid before the House Committee next after such Election, when every Child shall attend to be admitted by Order of the said Committee if eligible by the Regulations of the Charity. But when from the appearance of any Child before the House Committee such certificate shall not

be perfectly satisfactory to them, they shall be empowered to suspend her admission, if they see occasion so to do, till further enquiry be made—entering on their minutes for the consideration of the next General Committee their reason for such suspension.

In October, 1795, a law was passed to the effect that no motion for the alteration of an old law or the introduction of a new one should be made either at a General Court or General Committee, unless a week's previous notice had been given to the Secretary, who should insert the said notice in the summons for the meeting of the said Court or Committee. In December new arrangements were drawn up for the conduct of elections, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Adam Gordon for having brought forward the subject. In January, 1796, a memorial was drawn up, and ordered to be presented to Grand Lodge, in the hope and expectation that that body would be pleased to contribute towards the support of the Institution, and the month following the Secretary had the satisfaction of announcing that on the motion of Bro. Heseltine, the Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge had agreed to contribute annually a sum of £26 5s. In March, the mother of one of the candidates having produced her marriage certificate, the Committee at once "took into consideration the propriety of such certificate being always produced with the Petition of every Candidate," and it was ordered that in future the Secretary should instruct every one applying for a blank petition that the marriage certificate of the child's parents must be produced; while later in the year the Secretary was ordered to have the words "in Open Lodge" inserted in the certificate from the lodge recommending the petition. In November, 1796, Bro. W. Forssteen gave notice of a motion for the next General Committee to the effect "That all Life Governors, as well as Masters of Lodges, Governors in Perpetuity, or Governors for 15 years, be permitted to vote by Proxy at all Elections, and on all Questions relative to this Charity," and the motion was carried.

In the meantime, during the period in which the foregoing Regulations were passed, there happened a few other events of sufficient interest to be recorded here. In June, 1795, a letter was received from a Mrs. Charlotte Lambert, who had taken one of the girls into her house as an apprentice, in which the lady spoke in the warmest terms of admiration of the manner in which the School must be conducted, and enclosing draft for 15 guineas, of which 10 guineas was to constitute Mr. John Lambert a Life-Governor, and the remainder was her own personal donation. In July Bro. Adam Gordon, a most worthy upholder of the Charity, was elected Acting Treasurer, Sir Peter Parker, Bart., D.G.M. and Treasurer, being absent on duty as Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth. The same month the portrait of the Chevalier Ruspini, Institutor, by Bro. the Rev. W. Peters, was hung in the Schoolroom, and the question was first mooted of erecting tablets with the names of the chief benefactors inscribed thereon. In September, the death of Lord Macdonald, a Trustee, was announced, and shortly afterwards the Earl of Moria, A.G.M., was elected in his stead. In October, the Collector, Bro. Edmonds, who for some time previously had shown great inattention to his duties, was dismissed, and his place was filled by a Bro. Whalley, who, after a brief experience, proved equally objectionable, and was treated in the same summary fashion as Edmonds. In November, it was proposed to increase the salary of Bro. Cuppage, Secretary, from £21 to £40 per annum, and arrangements were made for instructing the children in Psalmody, the services of a competent tutor being secured at four guineas a year.

In January, 1796, there being a candidate on the list who was on the point of becoming superannuated—that is, no longer eligible to be admitted through having exceeded the maximum limit of age—a Special Court was ordered to be held on the 29th February, and the girl was recommended to the Governors for election; the result being that she was chosen and became an inmate of the School. At the same Special Court it was announced that the net proceeds of a concert given in aid of the Institution in Freemasons' Hall, under the patronage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, by Drs. Dupuis and Arnold, Mr. Linley, Mr. Cramer, and others, amounted to £193. In July, the Matron reported that an attempt had been made to break into the School, and measures were at once directed to be taken in order to make the premises as secure as possible. In October, a vote of thanks was passed to a Mr. J. H. Durand, the winner of "the Queen's Guineas" at Chelmsford in 1794, from whom a donation of £105 had just been received, a similar compliment having been shortly before paid to G. Smart, executor of the late Dr. Dupuis, who had bequeathed the sum of £50 to the School. About the same time, in order "to prevent any partial recommendation of Persons to serve the Charity," the House Committee resolved that tradesmen should be invited by public advertisement to supply their goods.

As regards the interior arrangements of the School, which as the children were augmented in numbers necessarily became more and more onerous, there would seem to have been few grounds of complaint. The cases in which the Committee were forced to proceed to the extreme penalty of expulsion were very rare, while there can be no doubt as to the care with which they were looked after, both as regards their morals and their health. Indeed, we find that whenever a girl's condition was such as to render necessary an extra amount of watchfulness, the Committee generally arranged for her being temporarily returned to her parents or friends, a weekly sum being paid for her maintenance. By this means, too, they were able to prevent anything of a contagious or infectious character from spreading among the other children, the result being that anything approaching to a general outbreak of illness in the School very rarely occurred.

*To be continued).*

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Robert Grey, President, James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. There were also present Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Alfred A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, W. P. Brown, David D. Mercer, H. Garrod, W. M. Bywater, C. F. Hogard, C. Dairy, F. R. Spaul, R. Bradley, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, J. H. Matthews, F. Richardson, G. A. Condy, A. C. Haslip, E. Bowyer, G. Read, R. J. Taylor, W. Hopekirk, T. Call, W. S. Page, A. Calver, H. Dickey, C. H. Webb, G. H. Langley, A. M. Cohen, R. J. Homan, H. Massey, C. W. Kennedy, W. Hamlyn, F. Couldevy, W. Vail, C. M. Free, H. Cattermole, A. E. Gladwell, E. R. Cusin, T. Nettlefold, C. Castell, A. Betts, and C. Blum.

After the Board had been opened, the PRESIDENT announced that the balance of income of the Benevolent Fund for the year was £12 os. 6d.

The brethren then confirmed the recommendations made at the last meeting to the amount of £260. The new list contained the names of 20 petitioners—a much shorter list than ordinary. These came from lodges at London, Walsall, Richmond (Yorkshire), Sandbach, Liverpool, George Town (Demerara), Plymouth, Bangalore, Upton, Balmain (New South Wales), Battle, Wadebridge, Hungary, Bombay, Canada, and Birmingham. Two of these were dismissed and five were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £255, which was made up as follows: One recommendation of £50 and one of £40, five grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, three of £10 each, and one of £5.

## FREEMASONRY IN CORNWALL.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, has fixed Thursday, the 13th October, for holding the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall at Bodmin, under the wing of One and All Lodge, No. 330, which was warranted in 1810, and is now in a prosperous condition. The W.M. is Bro. B. F. Edyvean, and the Secretary Bro. G. E. Liddell. There are 20 Past Masters, who are still subscribing members to the lodge, including Bro. F. J. Hext, P. Prov. S.G.W., who served that office in 1847; and Bro. Sir Charles B. Sawle, Bart., the respected D. Prov. G.M., who occupied the chair in 1854. When the Prov. Grand Lodge was held at Bodmin in 1866 there were 20 lodges, and the R.W. Bro. Augustus Smith was the Prov. Grand Master. In 1874, when it was again held in that town, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe had been installed for about a year, having then 24 lodges under his rule. Now there are 30 lodges, and though Cornwall is the most westerly province in England, there is no county in which the Craft is better managed, the funds more ably administered, or the Provincial Grand Master more esteemed and beloved. The business at the forthcoming meeting will be considerable. The rules will be subject to confirmation respecting the Annuity and Benevolent Fund; a number of reports will be announced for the decision of the brethren, and propositions will have to be considered which in some instances will require the careful attention of those on whom the management of the funds for the Charities mainly rest. There is one candidate for a widow's annuity, and four for educational grants, the state of the finances happily enabling all to be elected, if the members so determine. The officers will be appointed and invested as usual, on the return from Divine service at church, and possibly there will be some form of commemorating the Jubilee, which, Masonically and generally, will prove acceptable to all concerned.

## ADDRESS BY BRO. B. L. BARNETT, D.D. G.M., AT THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL, BRISBANE.

Some time since we gave a report of the dedication of the new Masonic Hall in Brisbane, Queensland, the ceremony being performed, at the particular request of R.W. Bro. the Hon. A. C. Gregory, D.G.M., by Bro. Barron L. Barnett, Dep. D.G.M. In the course of the proceedings Bro. Barnett delivered a very eloquent address on the principles of Freemasonry, and especially on the very ancient ceremony in which the brethren were at the time engaged. This address is so well framed, and must have been listened to with so much pleasure and interest by Bro. Barnett's audience, that we need offer no apology for introducing it to our readers, even though its delivery took place a considerable time back.

"In assembling to dedicate this building to an exclusive purpose, we are performing an act which satisfies a universal idea. Amongst every people, and in every age, groves, altars, fanes, temples, and basilicas have been devoted to uses of contemplation, worship, teaching, or government, and the act or function of dedication, or devoting to the special purpose, has always been accompanied by particular ceremonial. The actual dedication is naturally the public announcement that the place is thenceforward made over to the purpose assigned, but it has always been customary to surround this declaration with the pomp and display and solemn acts as practised in India, Egypt, Judaea, Greece, Rome, Britain, and other countries in ancient times. It was always accompanied by imposing ceremonies, and it has descended to our own times in form like the ancient, with some natural changes suited to our idea; but it is remarkable that no change has been effected in the leading forms, which seem to be agreeable to the innate notions, if there be such, attendant on the idea of dedication. It is to be noted that benedictions, libations, anointings, and circumambulations have always remained as distinguishing features of these services, and we practise them as Masons—ever Conservative—no doubt by some tradition, for we have no settled ritual, even unto this day. Biblical history furnishes innumerable instances of places and things devoted to high purposes; even dwellings were dedicated by special rites; the name of the Deity was inscribed about the doors of such houses. 'Thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house and upon thy gates,'—and again—'The officers shall speak unto the people, saying, what man is there that hath built a new house and hath not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in battle, and another man dedicate it.' Profane history, since it em-

braces accounts of people more widely spread through the world and more diversified, affords many more instances; and we know that dedication to tutelary deities was practised widely in houses and other places, and some pious wish, or votive sentence, or favourable omen, was placed over the portal. To us, particularly, as Masons, the idea of setting aside a place for our communications is familiar and seemly; indeed, it is an absolute necessity, and it is creditable that we should desire to set up our altars with state and circumstance, and maintain them as symbols of our union and our dutifulness to this ennobling profession. We have formulæ for defining Freemasonry—they are well, as formulæ—but it is not easy to define it. I do not know how this is, unless it be that whilst Freemasonry is in the highest degree an intellectual profession (that is to say, it appeals to the mind and understanding), it is quite as much, if not more, founded in feeling—an 'affair of the heart.' There are, no doubt, very many who are indifferent, not zealous, or whose appreciation is of a weaker order; but the majority of us seem to imbibe the sentiment of fellowship quickly and perhaps unconsciously. It is the idea of fellowship which would prompt to truth and Charity, and if we profess these and practise them, we may be sure our characters as men will become ennobled. It would be easy to commence by reference to the altar erected by Noah as an instance of permanent dedication—an obscure tradition is said to have existed that it was built from the remains of one erected by Adam (for of that there is some record)—and enumerate all the accounts of special dedication and consecration of persons, things, and places, to religious purposes as recorded in the Bible up to the brilliant and circumstantial account of the dedication of the Temple by King Solomon, and, later, to the re-consecration of the Temple by the Maccabees, after its pollution under Antiochus Epiphanes. The accounts of these ceremonials, as given in the sacred records, interest us more than any taken from other sources, since we derive most of our imagery—our origin indeed—from one of these events. We lay stress on ceremony. In all assemblies of men for any serious purpose there is the practise of some form, otherwise there would be no order or regularity. It is essential; it has always prevailed; and the tendency of modern thought and practise seems rather to confirm than abrogate the use of ceremony and set forms—forms are wanted for harmony and regularity. Ceremonies in themselves, by themselves, may be idle and superficial; but when they are attached to lofty ideas, when they impress the mind and attract the attention, they are useful, necessary, they have high sanction. At all events, we all know that Masons insist on ceremony for the sake of uniformity and decorum, and to impress the memory. There are men of abstracted minds who can conceive of the higher ideals by contemplation alone, and for them it is asserted that rites are barren, that temples and altars are unsuggestive, but rather that the mountain tops, or other natural places, open to the 'canopy of heaven,' are fitter surroundings for their voiceless homage, or that justice may be dispensed by the wayside, as the case may arise, or that learning may be imparted *ambulando*. But we are nearly all too practical, too much occupied by our worldly occupations, for this abstraction. The reality of plain earth and open sky, seen by us every moment of our lives, cannot impress us with particularity. This is, perhaps, a weakness in our nature, but it is natural; novelty influences us. We must have special places, things, and surroundings to evoke feeling and excite ideality, which only give beauty and grace to our lives. We may deduce this necessity from what is assumed to have actually taken place with Solomon's great edifice. Mountains planted with groves were the primitive temples. High places were anciently thought to be appropriate as places of worship, and to Mount Moriah was attributed a peculiar sanctity, all its three summits—Moriah, Zion and Aera—being venerated as holy ground. Calmet says, 'The tops were arranged in oblong squares surrounded by groves.' They were much resorted to. Firstly, there were tents and houses, and, finally, from a town these became a holy city. But it is my design to point out that the natural grove in process of time became a magnificent Temple, with all its paraphernalia of ritual worship, as the inevitable development of the religious aspirations of a busy people. Mount Moriah is symbolically referred to as 'the floor of the lodge.' Neither this circumstance nor the three great sacrifices thereon made is referred to in any dedication service that I am acquainted with, and, considering the references to them in our teaching, it is remarkable. We sometimes find the words, 'consecration' and 'dedication' used synonymously. They are not strictly synonymous. 'Consecration' applied originally to places to which were attributed some particular qualities—conferred by virtue of the occult idea of the consecrative faculty itself, believed to be specially gifted—for example, the presence of the Shekinah in the Hebrew Temple, or the descent of a 'Holy Presence' in other cults; or, in Heathen Temples, the supposed visitation, by choice or favour, of the Deity or hero to whom the place was devoted. The better synonymous explanation for 'consecrated' is 'hallowed.' The idea of 'Sacer,' from which the word 'consecrate' is derived, is primarily 'Divine.' Words are often used apart from their original application on account of fancied resemblances or as figures, and thus the expression 'consecration' may be used in a sense different—in degree—from its original meaning. In its simple sense, then, 'consecration' is misapplied to such purposes as ours, for we do not hold that a hall, a building, is hallowed in the reverential sense. Although it is customary with some to speak of consecrating a lodge, it is not strictly proper, the authoritative expression is 'constituting' a lodge; but it may also be formally dedicated to its particular purpose. Dedication is always used in reference to a hall or building, and no other term is applicable. Assuming, however, the term consecration to be fittingly applied to the lodge itself, dedication only will be here shown to apply to the place of meeting by remembering the Biblical historical fact that, whether in tabernacle or temple, it was the sanctum sanctorum that was the consecrated, the hallowed place; the outer structure, with its halls and courts, and public places, was dedicated to a multiplicity of important and public purposes, and as a sitting place for the arcanum. In the 1st Book of Kings, after giving the dedicatory prayer or supplication, it says, chapter 8, verse 64, 'The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord.' The tabernacle and temple are our exemplars in more instances than this; and it is interesting to remark that, whilst dedicating this room, we shall symbolically anoint and quasi-consecrate the lodge or lodge-

board, which will be placed for the time in the centre of the room. This may be taken as an emblem to those who are so minded of the hallowing of the middle of the court, emblematically ever present in the place devoted or given up by to-day's proceedings to the exclusive purposes of Freemasonry. There is no prescribed ritual for this dedicatory function. Neither consecration nor dedication is mentioned in the Book of Constitutions. Indeed, 'Preston'—14th edition, edited by Dr. Oliver—says: 'The ceremony is never to be used but when it is specially ordered.' The most particular modern instance of this ceremonial in Masonry, from which all such that have taken place since have derived their precedents, was the opening of Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 23rd May, 1776—110 years ago—when it was solemnly dedicated to 'Masonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence.' 'Dedicatio,' the original of 'dedication,' is properly devoting, or appropriating, and that is the duty we have to perform. To dedicate, set apart, and assign this building to the uses of Masonry, and the only 'consecration' we will seek to perform is to permit the heart silently, yet exultingly, to respond to the symbolical references of our dedicatory service, and each man, a celebrant for himself, to consecrate his heart to virtue and universal benevolence. An ancient charge, not now often used, says: 'A lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and improve themselves in the mysteries of their ancient science; in an extended sense it applies to persons as well as to place.' The person, my brethren, is the true object for consecration—that may be hallowed by kind fellowship and peaceful inclinations—and when we meet in this hall duly 'dedicated' to Masonry, may we, 'consecrated' in virtue and universal benevolence, bring 'dedication' and 'consecration' in union, nor seek to make those ideas alike, which separated, though joined, make a concord of sentiments that could govern the world. Benevolence is not always almsgiving; literally it is 'well-wishing,' but in a fuller sense 'well-doing'; also it is Charity—Charity in thought, Charity in deed, Charity in word, Charity in silence—which last is best of all and rarest of all, a truly Masonic virtue. May this place be viewed as such an honoured one for all the years it shall stand to our uses, and be a notable monument of Masonic wisdom, Masonic strength, and Masonic beauty, and let us all say—'So mote it be.'

We have much pleasure in adding that, since the event above referred to, Bro. Barnett has been presented with a handsome Dep. D.G.M.'s jewel of office by sundry members of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 908, Brisbane, in recognition of his valuable services to Freemasonry, the great interest he has always evinced in its welfare, and as an acknowledgment of the honour reflected on the lodge by his selection to fill the important office of D.D.G.M. of Queensland. This jewel, which has been manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London, is oval in form, and of 18-carat gold, with a Royal blue centre, surrounded by a garter, on which is an elaborate wreath of wheat ears and laurels, surrounded by the name of the district in raised gold letters. The emblem of office, viz., the square, is formed of five brilliants. The jewel is suspended from a garter blue ribbon, the top representing wheat ears.

## BRO. C. E. MEYER AND THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE.

At the meeting of the Anglo-American Lodge on Tuesday last, the Secretary, Bro. George Reynolds, read the following letter from Bro. C. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia:—

"Philadelphia, 1st Sept., 1887.

"My Dear Bro. Baker,

"After a very pleasant trip across the broad Atlantic, we reached home in safety.

"The passing of time increases the pleasant recollections of the evening spent in the Anglo-American Lodge under your Mastership on July 21st, 1887.

"To my mind the importance of such a meeting cannot be over estimated. It was not an individual or personal matter for those who were received, but it was a tangible, positive recognition of the universality of Freemasonry. It is true that those received by you so handsomely were all from the United States, yet, when it is considered that these brethren came from different parts of this great country, from Grand Lodges as sovereign in their own jurisdiction as the Grand Lodge which gave you life and leave to live and to do a Mason's work, it must cause a young initiate to feel that he was entering into a Society that, go where he would on the face of the wide world, was ever ready to open its doors and kindly greet him, come when he would.

"It is the strongest evidence against the attacks of our enemies, and in spite of Papal Bulls of Excommunication, etc., it exemplifies that Freemasonry is not treason, nor is it inimical to the interests of Church or State; and that it flourishes wherever mankind are left free to judge for themselves, and where education is free to all in Republics, Monarchies, or Empires.

"A brother sitting at home by his own fireside, or at the Altar of Freemasonry, can have no conception of the privileges that Masonry gives to its members. One must go from home to realise its importance, and I can assure you that I never experienced this so much as during our late visit to England. On our landing at Londonderry we found the brethren open-handed, waiting to welcome us, and so in Port Rush, Belfast, Kilwinning, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle-on-Tyne, York (grand old city), and London; everywhere a welcome, and more than a welcome, so in leaving for home the brothers' benedictions followed us and bid us God speed.

"We think of the pleasant sight of the two flags blended in the decoration of the banquet hall and the lodge room, and also in your seal and coat of arms; the conception of such a union was a Masonic one, and the time is now when these two flags wield an influence in the world that commands respect and confidence. Time may come when the English speaking nations may all be under one flag, but there can be no stronger bonds than there are now, under the banner of ancient Craft Masonry.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1887.

## Original Correspondence.

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

"ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM."

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your able reviewer having now concluded his notices of our transactions, allow me to express the gratification of our W.M. and members that you should have allotted so much of your valuable space to the consideration of our unpretentious volume. That he has not always been able to agree with all the conclusions arrived at on the various papers is only natural, inasmuch as the members of the lodge, who heard them delivered, are themselves at variance. And this precisely constitutes the charm and value of our meetings. Let those brethren who have not yet favoured us with their presence pay us a visit and judge for themselves. The papers are always listened to with the greatest attention; here and there a brother may be observed making a hasty note; the lecturer resumes his seat, and after a pause comes the fun. The livelier the discussion the more divergent our views, the more we enjoy it, and let me add, the more we learn, for thus only can both sides of every question be fairly presented. Our meetings are always advertised in your columns; all visitors are welcome, whether invited or not, and again I say, let them come and judge for themselves. Our next, and installation meeting, will be on the 8th November, and will be advertised as usual.

Our Correspondence Circle started in February, now numbers 132 members. If a dozen more present themselves shortly—I expect at least 50 more before the end of October, applications are coming in daily—we shall have funds enough to issue Part II. of our transactions in November. This will include papers by Bros. Hughan, Dr. Westcott, and Gould; reviews by Bros. Dr. Woodman and Gould; an essay (a most curious speculation) by a German brother, and various other matter. Should we issue this part, and I have little doubt of it, I think it will be admitted that for the first year our Correspondence members will have had a full half-guinea's worth. But next year, if properly supported, we hope to do better still, and issue our "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum" every three months.

Towards the end of this year, or earlier, we hope to publish our first volume of Reprints. The chief feature of this will be a heliotype facsimile of the whole of the "Masonic Poem," otherwise known as the Halliwell MS., date about 1390. But it will also contain reprints of four other scarce works, two of which are only known to be represented by one copy each. I may, perhaps, mention that the subscription list is filling fast, and advise interested brothers to lose no time in applying to me. For Correspondence and lodge members, 10s.; for outsiders, 15s. Other volumes of reprints will follow at intervals.

As regards the Circle, I fancy Worshipful Masters are hardly aware that lodges, chapters, &c., may become Correspondence members at the same price as individuals; i.e., in England, the Continent, and North America for 10s. 6d.; in the Colonies elsewhere 15s. For this trifling annual sum, the lowest I should think ever charged by a literary society, every member of the lodge in question would be able to peruse our transactions in turn, and thus keep himself posted in the latest Masonic thought and research. Nor is this all, as soon as our Circle increases sufficiently to warrant it, we shall establish our fast growing library in central London premises, combined with reading and writing rooms, open to every Correspondence member, and to every subscribing member of a Correspondence lodge or chapter. This will be an immense boon to country and foreign brethren visiting London. Surely such a project deserves support! A few lodges have already joined our banner; for instance, the library of the Grand Lodge of England; the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Belgium; Coombe Library, Hayle; Goodwill and Goede Hoop (D.C.), Lodges in the Cape; Eboracum Lodge, York, &c.; but we want many more.—Yours fraternally,

G. W. SPETH, P.M., Sec. 2076.  
Streatham House, Margate.



## A FREEMASON'S TOMBSTONE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly allow me, through your columns, to bring before the attention of the brethren, a movement, in Newcastle-on-Tyne, to restore the tombstone of John Cunningham, Pastoral Poet. Cunningham was born in Dublin, in the year 1729, but in after-life came over to England, where he engaged himself to a company of players, and while in Edinburgh, published the first edition of his poems, which at once brought him before the world of letters, as a man of taste and merit. In 1760 he finally settled down in Newcastle, and ended his days here, and was buried in St. John's churchyard. It is, however, as Masons we are more particularly interested, and in two or three of his poems he gives clear evidences that he was in possession of the mysteries of the Craft. Especially in this—the case in his "Eulogium of Freemasonry"—when he sings—

"Hail to the Craft, at whose serene command  
The gentle arts in glad obedience stand;  
Whose magic stroke bids fell confusion cease,  
And to the finish'd Orders yields its place;  
Who calls Creation from the works of earth,  
And gives imperial cities glorious birth.  
To works of art her merit's not confined,  
She regulates the morals, squares the mind;  
Corrects with care the tempest-working soul,  
And points the tide of passions where to roll,  
On virtue's tablets marks each secret rule,  
And forms her lodge an universal school;  
Where Nature in mystic laws unfolded stand,  
And sense and science, join'd, go hand in hand;  
O, may her social rules instruction spread,  
Till truth erect her long neglected head;  
'Till through deceitful night she darts her ray,  
And beam, full glorious in the blaze of day;  
'Till man by virtue's maxims learn to move;  
'Till all the peopled world her laws approve,  
And the whole human race be bound in Brother's love."

The same spirit of Masonic principle runs through all his pieces. His genial disposition and blameless life made his companionship courted by the best society in the town, and at his death, which took place in 1775, a tombstone was erected by his friends. In 1865, a memorial window was placed in the church to his memory by the well-known citizen of Newcastle, Mr. Joseph Cowen. The grave and tombstone have fallen into ruin and delapidation. A Committee has, however, been formed to restore it to its original condition, of which Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., P.G.M. for Northumberland, is Chairman; Dr. Hodgkin Banker, Treasurer; and the writer, Secretary. I feel sure that there are several brother Masons who have only to be made acquainted with the movement who would be willing to assist in the labour of love in doing justice to the tomb of a brother Mason, who has left a bright and pleasant name behind him.—I remain, Sir, yours fraternally,

JOHN ROBINSON.

67 Woffington-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

## MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letter of "J., 174," and the table prepared by him, and published in your last issue, has this leading idea—provinces should give to the Charities donations equal in amount to the value of the relief or education, &c., given to their nominees whom they succeed in getting elected to receive the benefits of those Institutions, plus expenses of management, I presume. That proposition is not in accordance with the scheme of Masonic benevolence as understood and practised by the Craft hitherto.

It geographical features, the shifts and changes of trade and commerce, and the varying conditions of life generally, should result in one province being largely composed of wealthy brethren, and another having only a few, or none, and if, unfortunately, the candidates from the poor province outnumber those from the rich one, I do not see why the plea that "the rich provinces ought to help the poor ones" should not be admitted, for it certainly embodies the generally accepted idea as to what constitutes Masonic Charity, that is, its almsgiving aspect.

I venture to hope—nay, I believe—that there are few brethren, either in London or the provinces, who will agree with the propositions of "J., 174."—I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

September 19.

ESPOIR.

## THE ONLY LADY FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having read Bro. J. Stevens' letter in your issue of the 17th instant, I think the following facts, with reference to the "only Lady Freemason," will be of interest to the Craft.

The story which Bro. Stevens quotes, is in the main correctly told.

Helene, Countess Hadik Barkoczy, born 1833, was sole heiress of Count Johann Barkoczy, and being the last of her race was permitted by the Hungarian courts to take the place of a son. She succeeded her father on his death in 1871, in the extensive Majorat of Barkoczy. In 1860 she married Count Bela Hadik, aide-de-camp to the unfortunate Emperor Maximilian, of Mexico. With her inheritance she came into possession of an extensive Masonic library. She was a highly educated lady, and made the Masonic literature her earnest study; and having mastered the secrets and rituals of almost every Degree in Freemasonry, an ardent admiration for the Masonic "Idea" was aroused in her. She was well acquainted with a few Freemasons, through whom she endeavoured to gain admittance into the Craft.

Her desire was granted, and she was, in 1875, duly initiated in the Lodge Egeyloseg, in Unghvar, holding a constitution from the Grand Orient of Hungary.

On learning this glaring violation of the statutes, which only allow the admission of men into the Order, the Grand Orient of Hungary instituted proceedings against the guilty brethren, i.e., against the Deputy Master of the lodge, Bro. Géza Mocsary, who conducted the initiation for "breach of the Masonic vow, unjustly conferring Masonic Degrees, doing that which degrades a Freemason and Freemasonry, and for knowingly violating the statutes,"

and against the Bro. Orator, the Bro. Junior Warden, and the Secretary of the lodge for the same offences, with exception of the third, and against the other brethren of the lodge of the third, second, and first Degree for the last-named offence.

The judgment of the Council was given at their meeting the 5th January, 1876. All the accused were found guilty. The Council condemned the Deputy Master to the loss of all his Masonic rights and expulsion from the Order for ever; the officers to have their names struck off from the lists, and the other members of the lodge to be suspended for a space of twelve, six, and three months respectively.

But still the question remained whether the duly initiated Countess Helene Hadik Barkoczy could and ought to be looked upon as a regular Freemason; to claim all the rights of a member of the Fraternity.

On this point the Grand Orient of Hungary decided in their meeting of the 19th March, 1876, as follows:

1. The Grand Orient declare the admission of the Countess Helene Hadik Barkoczy to be contrary to the laws, and therefore null and void, forbid her admittance into any lodge of their jurisdiction under penalty of erasure of the lodge from the rolls, and request all Grand Lodges to do the same.

2. The Countess is requested to return the invalid certificate which she holds within 10 days, in default of which measures will be taken to immediately confiscate the certificate whenever produced at any of the lodges.

The proceeding of the Hungarian lodge in initiating a woman was universally condemned; but the question whether an initiation once effected could be undone became a subject of much controversy at the time, and was ventilated in the *Freemason* of 23rd September, 1876.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. KUPFERSCHMIDT, P.M. 238.

23, Woodberry-grove, Finsbury Park,  
20th September.

## THE REVELATION OF THE SHECHINAH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Many thanks for your criticism in last week's paper upon my little book. With your permission, I beg to make the following remarks: If a circle is described and the Shemham phorasch placed in the Quinaries we have the 360 degrees.

The wonder wheel on page 18 is the Druidical circle—that circle, or wheel when squared is the Christian Church. In my Tarot the four aces are—the ace of lods, the ace of Hes, the ace of Vans, and the second ace of Hes, or, hieroglyphically speaking, the ace of Eagles, the ace of Water-carriers, the ace of Bulls, and the ace of Lions.

As to the "astral key of their relative cards," I beg to call your attention to that Hermetic maxim, without which all Hermeticism and Kabbalism is obscure—I mean "That which is above is the reflection of what is below;" "That which is below is the reflection of what is above"—each in its own order, and here steps in the grand key of correspondences.—Yours truly and fraternally,

VINCIT QUI LE VINCIT.

July 19th.



## Craft Masonry.

**CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).**—A regular meeting of this old established and flourishing lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday, the 19th inst. This was the first gathering of the winter session, and was marked by a large attendance of officers and members. Bro. Daniel Hughes, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Henry Harbord, I.P.M.; R. P. Stevens, S.W.; J. Hoddinott, J.W.; J. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.P.G.D. Essex, P.M., Sec.; W. R. Haylock, S.D.; A. Prince, J.D.; G. Rubardt, I.G.; J. E. Finister, Org.; E. Penney and R. F. Whur, Stewards; H. McClelland, P.M.; A. Ginger, P.M.; David Hughes, P.M.; and G. Conolly, P.M. The visitors included Bros. C. R. Williams, W.M. 72; W. J. Palmer, 341; J. Mayo, 1614; J. Murrell, 193; C. G. Daviniere, 1669; J. Richardson, 511; S. Webb, 193, Treas. 1287; J. Garrod, P.M. 754; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Ballot having been taken for Mr. Henry Hall, as a candidate for initiation, and resulting unanimously in his favour, he was initiated by the W.M. in a very fluent and impressive manner. The highest credit is due to Bro. Hughes, W.M., for his admirable working, which proved that he had made good use of the few years that have elapsed since his initiation. The by-laws having been read by the Secretary, the resignation of Bro. Hand was considered, and it was unanimously decided to ask that esteemed brother to re-consider his decision. It was agreed that Bro. Stevens, S.W., should represent the lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and it is to be hoped that he will be as successful as the present W.M., who, we believe, took up the largest list to that Institution ever sent up by the lodge. Propositions having been received, lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to a substantial banquet, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent under the genial presidency of the W.M., who carried out the duties of the chair in the banquet room with the same success that had marked his efforts in the lodge.

The usual toasts were subsequently given, and received with the customary heartiness.

Having proposed "The Queen and the Craft," Bro. D. Hughes, W.M., gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said that, as Masons, they were proud of his Royal Highness as the M.W.G.M. of their Order. Those brethren who were privileged to attend the meeting at the Royal Albert Hall must have been impressed with the able and efficient manner in which his Royal Highness conducted the important duties of that great day. Their M.W.G.M. was a hard working Mason, and he (the W.M.) had never felt so proud of being a Mason as he did on that

memorable occasion. He would not enlarge on that important toast; but ask them to receive it with enthusiasm.

"The Grand Officers" having been given, Bro. Harbord, I.P.M., introduced the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and remarked that he esteemed it a pleasure and privilege that the task should devolve upon himself. He would be brief in his remarks, for he knew that one and all would receive the toast in an enthusiastic manner. The brethren had not forgotten the way in which Bro. Daniel Hughes, their respected and esteemed W. Master, performed his work in the lodge room, or the admirable manner in which he presided over the banquet table, and the members did not need reminding of the happy and glorious day they spent under his presidency at their summer festival. Their W. Master took as much interest in Freemasonry, and especially in their lodge, as it was possible for any brother to take, and he devoted his whole energy to the work. The brethren would therefore join, with all heartiness, in drinking the health of the W.M.

Bro. Daniel Hughes, W.M., said he rose with diffidence to respond to the flattering allusions made by the I.P.M., and to thank the brethren for the enthusiasm that had characterised their reception of the toast. He could not, however, help admitting that a great deal of the I.P.M.'s remarks were true, especially as regarded the interest he took in their lodge. The end of his term of office was gradually drawing near, and he could assure them that his year in the chair had been one of more anxiety than any since he entered the Order. He had naturally been anxious for the prosperity and well-being of their lodge, and his desire had been to carry out his duties in such a manner as to merit the esteem and regard of the brethren. That had been his aim and ambition since he had occupied the chair, and whilst he held the position of W.M. he should continue to exert himself for the benefit of their lodge, and carry out his duties to the best of his ability.

"The Initiate" having been given and duly responded to by Bro. Hall, the W.M. proposed "The Visitors," and said that this toast was one that invariably afforded considerable pleasure to the W.M.'s. They were very pleased to meet brethren from other lodges, and the members took credit to themselves that it was a well-known fact that visitors were always sure of a hearty and cordial welcome. They endeavoured to entertain them and give them a treat in the lodge working, and he was glad to say he had never known a visitor leave them who had not been well satisfied at their endeavours.

Bro. Garrod, P.M. 754, in response, said it was a matter of great regret to him that he had not been present to witness the admirable working, but he had been with them in spirit. The visitors would agree with him that a brother who failed to enjoy himself at that lodge must be dull of understanding. Through the kindness of his esteemed friend, Bro. Beaumont, P.M., the energetic Secretary, he had been enabled to spend a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Bro. Williams, W.M. 72, also returned hearty thanks for the hearty reception accorded the visitors, and said that he felt a great honour had been bestowed upon him in visiting their lodge for the first time. He had particularly enjoyed the treat of listening to the very admirable working of the W.M., who was very ably supported by the officers. Without good officers, few brethren, except the W. Master, and P.M.'s, knew the difficulties that presented themselves, but with efficient officers such as he had seen that night the work was a pleasure, and was more impressive to the candidate. When every detail was carried out as successfully as on the present occasion, it must be a source of pride and gratification for the W. Master to preside over such an efficient staff of officers.

Bro. Mayo, 1614, also replied.

"The Past Masters" was next given by the Worshipful Master, who remarked that his respect for the P.M.'s increased at every meeting, especially as his year was drawing to a close, and he should soon become one of their number. He should, however, be proud to be the junior of that class, for every P.M. had been so successful that it was not possible for him to excel them. There was great credit due to the P.M.'s for the spirit of emulation they had given the other members. In that body they had had a splendid example, for they were all brethren who had the lodge at heart and had done their best for its welfare. He regretted to say that three of their P.M.'s had passed away to the great majority, but those who were left would continue to exert their influence for the welfare of their lodge. He asked the members to heartily receive the toast, and coupled with it the name of Bro. Harbord, I.P.M.

Bro. Harbord, I.P.M., after thanking the W.M. for his kind remarks, said that the P.M.'s would always take the greatest interest in the lodge, and endeavour to promote its welfare to the best of their ability.

Bros. Beaumont, P.M., Sec., and J. Hughes, P.M., Treas., also responded.

"The Officers" was next given by the Worshipful Master, who complimented them on their efficient work, and having been replied to by Bros. Stevens, S.W., and Hoddinott, J.W., the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening the following members assisted the enjoyment of the brethren with some excellent music; Bros. South, Tuck, Prince, Stevens, and Ginger. A special meed of praise is due to Bro. South, whose admirable singing was deservedly appreciated by all present.

**EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).**—The regular meeting of this very popular lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Thursday, the 15th inst. Bro. W. Englefield, the W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Past Masters Kirkaldy, Forrest, Hunter, and a good staff of officers.

Mr. Geo. Hartley was initiated into Ancient Freemasonry, and Bros. W. P. B. Browne, Harry Williams, and E. Clifford passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, in a very able manner by the W.M. In response to a letter received from the Secretary of the Girls' Institution with reference to the coming Centenary Festival, Bro. Price, the present S.D., at once offered to represent the lodge on the auspicious occasion.

All other business being completed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to partake of refreshments.

After the loyal toasts had been drunk, Bro. Kirkaldy, the I.P.M., proposed in very suitable words "The Health of the W.M."

Several other toasts followed, and some good singing, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

**LODGE OF LOYALTY** (No. 1607).—The annual installation meeting of this comparatively young and progressing lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, City, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. J. R. Large, W.M., supported by Bros. R. S. Cushing, S.W.; and A. J. Clark, J.W.; the other officers in attendance were: Bros. F. Brown, P.M.; Treas.; J. Newton, P.M., Sec.; E. Holsworth, S.D.; J. Hattersley, D.C.; C. H. Webb, P.M., and F. W. Rose, Stwds.; Very, Tyler; Past Masters W. Gayton, I.P.M.; T. Jones, F. Carr, C. G. Hill, and W. F. Darnell. Bros. Barlow, Hodgson, A. T. Large, Bacon, Thompson, and Roberts. The following visitors were also present: Bros. Dunstan, 1326; Smith, S.W. 228; Olley, S.W. 1524; Langman, J.W. 1324; Wingham, S.W. 25; Farries, 1365; Plater, 1437; Horscroft, 211; Parker, 1366; Taylor, P.G.O., P.M. 2000; Green, 1604; Skegg, P.M. and Sec. 1441; Manton, 1541; Eedle, S.W. 1441; Clark, J.D. 1679; Thompson, P.M. 742; J. A. Brown, 1672; Whiting, 174; and Johns, 860.

The minutes having been confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Cushing, was duly inducted into the chair in a highly creditable manner by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. R. Large. The W.M. then appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year, prefacing each investment with an appropriate address. The newly-appointed officers are Bros. J. R. Large, I.P.M.; Clark, S.W.; Holsworth, J.W.; F. Brown, P.M., Treas.; J. Newton, P.M., Sec.; Halford, S.D.; Hattersley, J.D.; Rose, I.G.; Bacon, D.C.; Webb, P.M., and Darnell, P.M., Stwds.; A. T. Large, Org.; and Very, Tyler. The newly-installed Master, in a manner highly to his credit, then initiated two gentlemen (Messrs. Denney and Dunham) into the Order, and after announcing his intention of representing the lodge at the forthcoming Festival in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the Aged, the lodge was closed with the usual "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet-room, and after dinner the W.M. gave for the acceptance of the brethren the usual loyal toasts, "The Queen," "The Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," which were accepted in the usual manner.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Large, and Bro. Cushing, the newly-installed W.M., in acknowledging the compliment, expressed his earnest hope that the lodge would continue its steady progress, and when his year of office terminated he trusted that the confidence bestowed in him by the brethren would not be found to have been misplaced.

The toast of "The Initiates" was then submitted by the W.M., who thanked the lodge that work was found for him to do on the first night of his reigning in the lodge. The W.M. ventured to hope that the initiates might find as great a satisfaction in their admission into Freemasonry as the lodge possessed in its welcome to them that day.

Bros. Denney and Dunham having both gracefully replied,

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Large," and, in doing so, paid a high tribute to the out-going Master for his zeal and interest in the lodge and for the Craft generally, and concluded by presenting to him, in the name of the lodge, a very handsome Past Master's jewel as a token of the regard and esteem in which he was held.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. Large responded in very feeling terms.

"The Masonic Institutions," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast were each honoured with the greatest heartiness.

During the evening a capital selection of glees, solos, and part songs were rendered by Bros. Taylor, Horscroft, and Plater, under the able direction of Bro. J. A. Brown. The brethren separated at a late hour after a most enjoyable evening.

**ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE** (No. 2191).—Reception of the Grand Master of Maryland.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 20th inst. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Brackstone, Baker, P.G.D., W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. Major Geo. Lambert, P.G.S.B., I.P.M., who was supported by Bros. Adolphus Clark, S.W.; F. Kedg, J.W.; George Reynolds, Sec.; W. Hancock, acting S.D.; T. Skinner, P.M., acting J.D.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; H. Wilkie Jones, D.C.; H. W. Schartau, Org.; C. A. Ralph, Stwd.; T. H. Tilton, P.G.M. N. York City; J. B. Grieve, P.M. 1351; R. Fairclough, F. Jackson, B. Somers, J. Rowe, A. Harris, R. Cross, Felix Gottlieb, P.D.D.G.M. (E.A.) P.A.G.D.C.; W. Frigout, C. A. Ilder, G. P. Bertini, C. Corby, J. Allen. Visitors: Bros. Thomas, J. Shryock, G.M. of Maryland, U.S.A.; J. B. Knotz, P.M. 13, Concordia, Baltimore; Jas. A. Smeyser, 13, Baltimore; A. Knight, P.M. 1152; T. C. Pratt, P.M. 957; W. H. Lee, Prov. Asst. G. Sec. Middx.; George Kenning, P.M. 192, 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; A. L. Bullen, 1614; Ernest Caudillier, 890; A. Temple, 1614; H. T. Clark, 1563; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, the acting W.M. introduced Bro. Shryock, G.M. of Maryland, to the brethren. He tendered to their distinguished visitor a cordial fraternal welcome on his visit to their lodge. They had entertained many American visitors of rank and distinction since the formation of the lodge, and would in the future be pleased to receive any brethren visiting this country from across the Atlantic. He thanked their visitor for the compliment paid them. Bro. Shryock, having been saluted, returned thanks for the kindly welcome extended to him, the remembrance of which he should convey to his Grand Lodge on his return. The minutes of the regular and emergency meetings held in July, having been read and confirmed, ballot was successfully taken for Mr. John Allen, and Bro. Harry D. Warne, Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, Consular Agent, U.S.A., at Brighton, as candidates for initiation and joining respectively. Mr. Allen being in attendance was regularly initiated by the acting W.M., and Bro. B. J. Somers passed to Second Degree. A letter was read from Bro. C. E. Meyer, P.M. 295, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American brethren who recently visited this country, heartily thanking the Anglo-American Lodge for its kindly welcome, the sincerity and cordiality of which had far exceeded their most sanguine expectations. The letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes, and on the motion of Bro. Major Lambert, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Tilton, a vote of thanks was passed to the

American brethren who so kindly presented the lodge with a Master's jewel. Several brethren were proposed as joining members, including Bros. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; and Dr. I. Zacharie, P.G.M. California. Letters of regret for non-attendance having been read from several absent members, and all Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

An adjournment was then made to the banquet room, where ample justice was done to a substantial repast. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then duly honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The President of the United States" having been given,

The acting Worshipful Master proposed "The Grand Officers," and remarked that, although the Pro Grand Master was absent endeavouring to recruit his health, he was kept informed of the affairs of the Craft by cablegram and letters.

Bro. Felix Gottlieb, P.G.S.B., in reply, said if he might judge from the reception accorded the toast, he should say that a unanimity of feeling prevailed in paying a great compliment to the Grand Officers. He little expected to have been called upon to respond for so important a toast, but he had nothing more to do than to express the sincere feelings of his heart, which might perhaps compensate for the lack of language. He was sure that when the Pro Grand Master and the other Grand Officers heard of the hearty manner in which their healths had been proposed and received it would afford them considerable gratification to know that they were not forgotten by this lodge. His experiences of Masonry extended over very many years in the far East, where they had not the advantages possessed by the brethren in the great mother country, and he alluded more especially to lodges of instruction. Language failed him to adequately express his thanks for the reception accorded the toast. He should at all times take a deep interest in the welfare of their lodge, which brought together Masons not only from America, but he would go further and say from East and West, North and South.

Bro. Major Lambert then said that during the short time their lodge had been in existence, they had been honoured by the presence of several Grand Masters and other distinguished brethren from America. They were honoured on the present occasion by the presence of Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, M.W.G.M. of Maryland, U.S.A., whose health he now desired to propose. They were very much indebted to that brother for coming amongst them and accepting their hospitality. He assured him that it was no idle compliment they offered him, for he had come from that which he should call Britain, because the State over which he ruled was thoroughly British. They were building up to the best of their ability that fraternal feeling which should exist between the two countries. They desired to pay a compliment to their friends, and he need not tell them that that lodge was established so that Americans who crossed the Atlantic could find a home in this country, where the members are imbued with American ideas and a strong desire to extend the right hand of fellowship, and hear of their great country. They thanked their American friends for the honour paid them in dining with them, and trusted that when they returned they would convey to their Grand Lodge that the hearts of Englishmen beat as warmly towards them in the present as they had in the past.

Bro. Thos. J. Shryock, M.W.G.M., Maryland, U.S.A., in response, said that he did not believe that any American, no matter how gifted he might be in flow of language, could do justice to the compliments paid to America, the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and himself, by their lodge. As a reader of their great Masonic newspaper, the *Freemason*, the existence of this lodge came to his notice several months since, and he made up his mind that if he visited England he would visit the Anglo-American Lodge, if possible. He could assure them he was not sorry he made the resolution, and carried it out. The Grand Lodge which he represented was one of the oldest, and he might be permitted to say, one of the most highly respected of any in the American jurisdiction. They no doubt had noticed that he was not quite as old a man as the brother on his right, from New York, and they might wonder that so young a man should be elevated to his position. He was the youngest Mason who had occupied the position, but he had tried to do his duty, for he believed in Freemasonry, and was convinced that if their mission ceased when they left the lodge, all they went through was mummery, and what they practised was not fit to be practised by any intelligent body of Englishmen. But he believed that Masonry had a far-reaching influence. When the last Grand Master of English Freemasons went over to that other great Secret Society, the brethren in America stood looking with anxious eye, wondering what would be done, and hoping that judgment would suggest the appointment of the strongest man in the world, and when they installed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M., he could tell them that every heart in America beat faster. They received him with no greater joy than the American brethren, and to-day, as the Grand Master of Masons, his Royal Highness has no more loyal subjects than the Masons of the United States, and he spoke for over a million Freemasons. There was no antagonism between Freemasonry and the Church, but Freemasons said to Rome, "So far and no further." In America to-day, they stand as the sponsors for that which means civil and religious rights. Some time since their city held its 150th Anniversary. All the Institutions were called upon to assist in the festivities, which lasted eight days. At last the Masonic fraternity was called upon to lend a hand. The Grand Master promptly said "it is not a Masonic occasion, and it is against the landmarks of our Order." The citizens claimed that they should come out, and a meeting of the Grand Officers having been held, it was decided that a Masonic escort should be furnished to the school children. They paraded and marched all through the city, past the great pile erected by Rome, and as they marched by it seemed to him that a fitting reply would be "Here, my Lord Cardinal, is the answer we bring to the anathemas of Rome." They stood as a wall of adamant in America, and knew they were supported by the brethren in England. They looked to English Masonry as their mother in Freemasonry, for they had done the right thing every time, and he hoped they would continue to do it. He thought that one of the grandest things that he had ever heard of was the establishment of this lodge, and he found there were a large number of wandering Masons, like himself, who knew they would receive a hearty welcome. There was another thing in regard to the three great Masonic Charities in this country. In America they

had no large Masonic Charity, but give them a chance and they would get even. But they had the pleasure of entertaining many London brethren who crossed the Atlantic. At the head of a large business house he had had occasion to try those brethren who were stranded and needed relief, and he could say that he had three brethren in his employ who to-day occupied the best positions that could be gained. He could ensure a hearty welcome for any brother who visited them, and hoped they would avail themselves of the invitation.

"The Health of the W.M." was next proposed by Bro. T. H. Tilton, who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to propose the health of Bro. Major Lambert, I.P.M., who had so ably presided that evening. They all knew that distinguished brother well, for he was one of the first who had taken action in the formation of their lodge, and they were at all times pleased to see him with them. They also knew him well in connection with the Charities, and one who supported them liberally.

Bro. Major Geo. Lambert, I.P.M., replied, and said it afforded him a great deal of pleasure when the foundation of the lodge was first mentioned to him by Bro. George Reynolds. He had a great desire to hold office in the lodge, but he found that if he did so, he would be depriving some brother of the opportunity of performing it no doubt better than he was able. He was pleased, however, to be appointed I.P.M. to assist Bro. Brackstone Baker, and he would say that the founders were perfectly right in placing that brother in the chair as first W.M., as he represents no less than 17 American Grand Lodges in their own Grand Lodge. He regretted the absence of their W.M., although it was but right that he should take a holiday. He was sorry their W.M. was not present to welcome their American friends, who would have found him a most able and willing Mason. He hoped that whilst representing the W.M. in the chair he should discharge the duties to their satisfaction. He felt they ought to have some nucleus in London where the Anglo-Americans could find a home. He thanked them heartily for drinking his health, and asked them to devote a glass of wine to "The Health of Bro. Brackstone Baker, their W.M.," wishing him a pleasant holiday and a safe return.

"The Initiate" having been given, and briefly responded to by Bro. Allen, and "The Visitors" ably replied to by the American and other visiting brethren present.

The acting Worshipful Master gave "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," and said he very much doubted whether they would have had an Anglo-American Lodge if it had not been for the energy and determination brought to bear by Bro. George Reynolds. He hardly knew how to thank that brother for his labours. They all regretted the absence of their Treasurer, whose duties had also fallen upon their Secretary, and he was sure Bro. Cummings would not have delegated his post to Bro. Reynolds if he had not thought it would be efficiently carried out.

Bro. George Reynolds, Secretary, thanked the brethren very sincerely for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. It was a great gratification to him to see the lodge progressing so rapidly and performing such sound work. The present occasion had been like putting a second seal on their lodge. He thanked the W.M. for the way in which he had spoken of his work, and he should continue to carry out those duties to the best of his ability so long as he could perform Masonic duties. He assured them it gave him an immense amount of pleasure to be the Secretary of such a young and prosperous lodge, and they intended to be one of the most flourishing lodges in existence. He hoped he should be spared for many years to carry on the work, in which he was so ably assisted by the other brethren, and more especially Bro. Major Lambert.

"The Officers" was then given, and a suitable reply having been made by Bro. Clark, S.W., the Tyler's toast brought a very successful meeting to a close.

During the evening several brethren enhanced the enjoyment by musical selections, including Bro. Schartau, Org., who presided efficiently at the piano.

**HENDON LODGE** (No. 2206).—The second ordinary meeting of this young and prosperous lodge took place on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.P. G.S. Works Middx., P.M. 2048, W.M.; J. Thom, S.W.; Fraser, J.W.; A. H. Scurrah, Sec.; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507, Treasurer, and acting I.P.M.; J. Lewis, S.D.; A. A. Nottingham, J.D.; A. Langley, I.G.; A. J. Hearne, D.C.; E. W. Wheeler, Org.; Whiting, Tyler; and several other brethren and visitors.

Previously to the commencement of the ordinary business of the lodge the founders of it were photographed. A copy of the group will be framed and placed in the lodge room.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren were candidates to be passed to the Second Degree: Bros. W. F. Parsons, A. M. Parsons, C. H. Watts, and Mansell Powell; and they were passed to the Degree of F.C. in due form. A ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen: Messrs. F. W. Hearn, John Hudson, J. H. Dobbs, and T. Easun, as new members; and for Bros. Sergt. Major Gardiner, Royal Fusiliers, of No. 1604; and Edward Maas, of No. 173; and was declared unanimously in their favour. The W.M. communicated this fact to Bro. Gardiner, and welcomed him as a member in a most cordial manner. Messrs. Hearn, Hudson, Dobbs, and Easun were then initiated into the ancient mysteries of Freemasonry in the W.M.'s well-known and impressive style, the musical accompaniment being most ably and effectively rendered by the Organist (Bro. Wheeler). The report of the By-Laws Committee was considered, and the by-laws as submitted were unanimously approved and adopted. Application was made to the W.M. for a lodge of instruction to be held at the Old Welsh Harp, under the warrant of the Hendon Lodge. The W.M. was pleased to grant permission, remarking that from personal experience he had found lodges of instruction of great benefit to those members who wished to become acquainted with the working of the various ceremonies. We understand that the Organist will attend the meetings for the purpose of rendering the musical part of the ceremonies, which will no doubt make this lodge of instruction a very popular one. A Committee will meet shortly to settle the details of formation, night of meeting, &c. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in due form.



The brethren then adjourned to the banquet table, where an excellent dinner had been provided by the host, Mr. J. Warner, in the absence of his relative, Bro. W. P. Warner. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been severally given and responded to,

The I.P.M. gave the toast of "The W.M." in very eulogistic terms. The toast was received most cordially, accompanied with musical honours.

In reply, the Worshipful Master said: I thank you most heartily and sincerely for the very kind manner in which you have received and responded to this toast. The foundation of this lodge has been a very great pleasure to me, although the work appertaining to it has been somewhat laborious. Most of you are aware of the difficulty experienced in getting a warrant for a new lodge; for there are now so many lodges that the M.W.G.M. will not grant any new warrants unless there is some special or good reason for his doing so. Considerable time elapsed before I could induce the Grand Secretary and others to say that there were good reasons for establishing a lodge in Hendon. This parish, I believe, contains about 11,000 inhabitants, and until the formation of this one has never had a Masonic lodge, and taking that and other matters into consideration, I felt that I had very good reasons for applying for a warrant to establish a lodge in Hendon. At length all obstacles were removed, the warrant was granted, and the lodge has been formed. This is our second meeting since our consecration, and we have had added eight new brethren besides two joining members; I gather therefore that we are in a very satisfactory condition—to have ten members join in two meetings is not altogether usual. Our meeting to-night has been a most successful and harmonious one. As most of you know, I take great interest in Freemasonry, and I believe there is no institution like it under the canopy of Heaven; there is no Fraternity or Society that can boast of such antiquity, of such an excellent code of morals, or one that considers the welfare of its members so much—especially those who are thrown into distress—as well as the widows and the fatherless children. We take a special pride in looking after the welfare of those who are thus left. I again thank you most heartily, and can assure you that I shall always feel bound to the Hendon Lodge by the bond of fraternal affection, and shall feel it incumbent upon me to help on the prosperity of the lodge, and to aid its members in any way I can.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. H. Stiles, P.M. 1507; E. C. Mulvey, S.W. 2202; Akhurst, 145; Lazarus, 188; Baker, 1744; and Edrupt, 534.

"The Initiates" was given and received most heartily. The new brethren severally responded, each expressing his pride and pleasure in having been elected a member of the lodge, and expressing their admiration of the impressive and beautiful ceremony.

Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music by Bros. Hearn, Hudson, Powell, Fraser, Dobbs, and others, accompanied by the Organist, Bro. Wheeler, who proved himself as efficient on the piano as he had previously done on the organ.

The brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

#### LYMINGTON.—New Forest Lodge (No. 319).

—St. John's Day was celebrated by the above lodge on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when Bro. Harry Mee, the S.W. of the past year, was installed as W.M. of the lodge by Bro. E. H. Elers, P.P.G.C., Chaplain to the High Sheriff of Hampshire. There was a numerous attendance, the visitors including several Southampton brethren, and the Board of Installed Masters was composed of Bros. Elers, G. J. Gould, W.M. 319; B. Maturin, P.P.G.C.; T. P. Payne, 130, P.P.G.R.; H. Doman, 319, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Lashmore, 394, P.P.S.G.D.; John Adams, 359, P.P.G.D.C.; J. S. Pearce, 1780, P.P.G.D.C.; I. Harle, 1780, P.P.G.P.; W. Horton, 130, P.P.G.P.; T. Walton, 1780, P.G.A.D.C.; J. C. Burbage, 319, P.P.G.S.; and Le Roy, 319. The installation was preceded by an initiation, this ceremony being ably worked by Bro. H. Doman. At the conclusion of the installation, the new W.M. invested his officers as follow: Bro. G. J. Gould, I.P.M.; J. Slater, S.W.; H. Pearce, J.W.; Rev. E. H. Elers, P.M., Chap.; H. Doman, P.M., Treas.; Le Roy, P.M., Sec.; A. S. Harrison, S.D.; A. Bist, J.D.; G. T. Gidden, I.G.; Cherrett, Org.; Sawyer, D.C.; E. R. Jackman, A.D.C.; Hayball, Stwd.; and Bailey, Tyler. Before the close of the lodge, a Past Master's gold jewel was presented to the retiring Master in recognition of his services to the lodge during the past year.

A sumptuous banquet was afterwards served by Bro. Dore at the Livery Institute, to which a goodly number of brethren sat down, the W.M. presiding.

The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, Bro. Maturin, P.P.G.C., responding for "The Visiting Brethren" in a speech of truly Masonic spirit, in the course of which he expressed his high admiration of the principles upon which the Institution, of which he had been a member over 40 years, was founded, and his hope that the newly-installed Master of the lodge would have a pleasant and successful year of office.

In proposing "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," Bro. Burbage announced that several brethren, thinking that Bro. Gould's services were worthy of some recognition beyond the jewel already presented in the lodge, had subscribed together, and, after consulting the wishes of Bro. Gould, they had purchased of Bro. George Kenning a Jubilee jewel, the exact *fac simile* of the one presented to the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in connection with the recent Jubilee celebration at the Albert Hall. This was a gold jewel, and, although it had been rather costly, the brethren had subscribed so liberally that a balance was left in hand, which would be appropriated as Bro. Gould should direct. He then pinned the jewel on the breast of Bro. Gould, who briefly replied.

"The Health of the new W.M." was also cordially drunk, and, altogether, a very pleasant evening was spent.

#### LEICESTER.—John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 523).

—The first meeting of the winter session was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when nearly 50 brethren attended. Bro. J. G. Murdin, Prov. G. Steward, W.M., opened the lodge, there also being present Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng., D.P.G.M. Leicester-shire and Rutland; J. Young, P.M., Prov. J.G.W.; J.

T. Thorp, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; C. E. Stretton, C.E., P.M., W.M. 270, P.P.S.G.W.; F. J. Baines, P.M., Treas., P.P.S.G.W.; Miles J. Walker, P.M. 1265, P.P.J.G.W.; E. P. Steeds, P.M. 2081, Prov. G. Reg.; W. Beaumont Smith, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; G. F. Wike, P.M. 279, Prov. G.S. of W.; B. A. Smith, B.A., P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; C. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1007, Prov. G.D.C.; J. Harrison, P.M. 1391, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Pickard Brown, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Newsome, I.P.M.; S. Knight, W.M. 1391, Prov. G.S.; W. H. Lead, W.M. 2081; besides the officers and many visiting brethren.

A ballot was taken for Bro. Robt. Lever, 362, as a joining member, and also for Mr. R. L. Lever, both being duly elected. The initiation was proceeded with, the ceremony being admirably rendered by the W.M., ably assisted by Bro. Thorp. Various appointments were made to official positions in the province, and Grand Lodge certificates delivered to brethren. An exceptionally interesting event then took place, Bro. Thorp (in the absence of R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.M., P.P.G.M., the "father" of the lodge) presenting a suit (undress) of Grand Lodge clothing to the D.P.G.M., Bro. Partridge, in complimentary recognition of the honour conferred by the M.W.G.M., having appointed him to the rank of P.A.G.D.C. The recipient suitably acknowledged the kindness of the brethren, stating he valued the gift most highly as coming from "his mother lodge, the dear old John of Gaunt," and was gratified that a further honour had been paid to the province. A vote of condolence was passed with reference to the somewhat sudden demise of Bro. S. Barfield, only recently appointed S.D., and correspondence read from brethren in distant parts.

There was a large influx of brethren towards the close of the lodge, and afterwards all the visitors were most hospitably entertained. The usual Masonic sentiments were agreeably diversified by some excellent harmony and recitations rendered by Bros. W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., Prov. G.O.; W. H. Scott, P.P.G.O. Lincolnshire; A. Page, 1391; A. E. Brice, J.D.; W. H. Swingle, 2081; H. Goodacre Marriott, 2028; J. B. Waring, and others.

#### SOUTHPORT.—Starkie Lodge (No. 1070).

—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 10th inst., and was opened by Bro. J. H. Barrow, P.M., P.P.G.D., assisted by Bros. T. S. Corey, P.M.; James Hesketh, P.M.; John Wainwright, P.M.; James Platt, P.M.; George Cobham, H. E. Collingworth, and W. Clarke. Visitors: Bros. W. Platt, P.M. 1313; John Cobham, P.M. 241, P.P.G.D.; Thos. Whitehead, P.M. 241, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Callow, P.M. 673, P.P.G. Treas.; Robt. Foote, P.M. 1505, P.P.G. Treas.; Robt. Martin, P.M. 1182, P.P.G. Treas.; H. H. Smith, P.M. 1182, P.P.G.D.C.; P. R. Barrow, Sec. 1570; J. Caldwell, 1570; and John C. Robinson, P.M. 249.

After the lodge had been opened, the chair was taken by Bro. John Cobham, P.M. 241, who proceeded to pass his son (Bro. George Cobham) to the Second Degree. After the ceremony had been performed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a substantial tea.

#### SITTINGBOURNE.—St. Michael's Lodge

(No. 1273).—The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge was held at the Town Hall on Thursday, the 8th inst. The meeting was attended by a large gathering of brethren of the province, and the members present were Bros. Rev. W. H. Bond, W.M., in the chair; G. Goble, S.W., W.M. elect; Henry Morris, J.W.; Geo. Payne, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; F. J. Seale, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. of C., Sec.; Laurence Seager, J.D.; A. J. Lee, D.C.; C. Bradley, I.G.; T. A. Burley and H. Greenstod, Stwds.; C. Bennett, Tyler; J. M. Goldfinch, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. J. Harris, P.M.; H. G. Sutton, P.M.; H. Black, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Kennett, P.M.; Henry Iron, P.M.; Charles Burley, P.M. 184, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Wm. Roots, E. A. Scoones, E. J. Mannion, G. Pavey, and others. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Iron, P.M., P.G.S. of W. Middlesex; W. Y. Comber, P.M. 1592; Dr. H. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.W. Kent; T. Wills, P.M. 299, P.P.G.S. of W. Kent; A. Spears, P.M. 158, P.P.G.O.; N. J. Carpenter, P.M. 158; E. Stutely, P.M. 158; G. T. Green, P.M. 158; J. Auty, W.M. 158; G. Baker, W.M. 503 (who was accompanied by several members of Lodge 503); S. Varren, P.M. 184, P.P.G.P.; R. J. Foord, P.M. 503, P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Tolpult, P.P.J.G.D.; W. H. Drake, P.M. 133, P.P.G.O.; R. Rodman, P.M. 133; P. Phelps, W.M. 709; A. Austen, W.M.; and H. W. Kedgley, P.M.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Rev. W. H. Bond, and the minutes having been unanimously confirmed, Bro. G. Goble was presented by the I.P.M., Bro. H. Iron, to receive at the hands of the Worshipful Master the benefit of installation, and in due course, and in ancient form, was placed in the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, Bro. Bond. This part of the ceremony having been efficiently and satisfactorily performed, the W.M., Bro. Goble, then invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. Rev. W. H. Bond, M.A., I.P.M.; H. Morris, S.W.; L. Seager, J.W.; G. Payne, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; F. J. Seale, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; C. Bradley, S.D.; A. J. Lee, J.D.; H. Greenstod, I.G.; T. A. Burley, D.C.; E. A. Scoones, and E. J. Mannion, Stwds.; and C. Bennett, Tyler. Bro. Bond completed the ceremony by a most careful rendering of the usual addresses, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his services as Installing Master, the mover of the vote remarking that the excellent manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed was a happy termination of Bro. Bond's working during the two years he had so well and worthily occupied the chair. Bro. Bond was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a slight recognition from the brethren of the lodge of his services as Master during the past year, and for which he very suitably returned thanks. Bro. H. Black, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., efficiently performed the duties of D.C. The W.M. having received congratulations and hearty good wishes from all the brethren, and visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Bull Hotel, when 60 partook of an admirable banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards given. During the evening a good programme of music was rendered by Bros. Cozens and Bell of London, and the brethren were deeply indebted to Bro. T. W. Page, 299, for his kindness in singing, Bro. Page giving some songs in admirable style, to the great delight of all present.

**LIVERPOOL.—Fermor Hesketh Lodge (No. 1350).**—The installation of officers in connection with this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, when a fairly large number of members and visiting brethren put in an appearance. Bro. H. Ashton Hill, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge in the presence of the following officers: Bros. Peter Ashcroft, I.P.M.; Dr. A. Samuels, P.M.; B. Browne, P.M. and Treas.; J. T. Stowell, P.M.; C. P. Titherley, P.M.; E. King Ellison, S.W.; F. G. Staedeli, J.W.; R. Morris Jones, Sec.; Van Gahlen, S.D.; Chas. C. Robin, I.G.; and Rev. John Stowell, Chaplain. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. Swd. Br. England and Prov. G. Sec.; J. Newell, P.P.S.G.W., 155; John C. Robinson, P.M. 249; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.D., P.M. 785; J. R. Bottomley, P.G. Std. Br., P.M. 1675; R. Stirzaker, W.M. 1620; James Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; E. Sherwood, I.P.M. 785; James P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.; C. Fothergill, P.M. 1264; R. Wylie, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Tyerman, P.M. 786; K. Martin, P.P.G. Treas.; and J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.S.G.D.

The W.M. elect, Bro. E. King Ellison, S.W., was presented for installation by Bros. H. B. Browne, P.M. and Treas., and C. P. Titherley, P.M., and the ceremony was performed with due efficiency by Bro. Dr. Samuels, P.M., and subsequently the W.M. invested the following officers for the year: Bros. H. Ashton Hill, I.P.M.; F. G. Staedeli, S.W.; R. Morris Jones, J.W.; F. Van Gahlen, Sec.; Chas. C. Robin, S.D.; Thos. Coggins, J.D.; A. F. Thomas, I.G.; Daniel Connor, Stwd.; Henry B. Browne, Treas.; and Rev. John Stowell, Chaplain.

Upon the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a goodly repast was served under the supervision of the house Steward, Bro. J. Casey.

The usual toast list was presented for acceptance, and, after "The Health of the retiring W.M." had been honoured, Bro. E. King Ellison took occasion to present him with a beautiful Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Liverpool,) on behalf of the lodge, a present that was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Ashton Hill.

During the evening a capital musical programme was provided, for which the following brethren were responsible: Bros. J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.; Eaton Ratty, R. N. Hobart, J. T. Jones, and David Williams.

#### TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).

—The annual installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. Thomas Prust was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. J. Lane, P.M. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. T. W. Morgan, S.W.; T. H. Wills, J.W.; A. T. Blamey, P.M., Prov. G. Std., Chap.; J. Dodge, P.M., P. Prov. G. Treas., Treas.; F. S. Hex, I.P.M., Sec.; J. W. McKellar, S.D.; T. J. Crossman, J.D.; S. Wills, D.C.; T. Brooks, Org.; C. P. Waite, I.G.; W. Hersey and J. Taylor, Stwds.; and J. E. Newton, Tyler. The Treasurer's accounts, showing a balance of £39 10s. in favour of the lodge, was received and adopted, and Bro. J. Lane, P.M., was re-elected representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions and Charity Steward. Subsequently, at the request of the W.M., Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past S.G.D., delivered a very able and instructive address to the members on the importance and great advantage of lodges of instruction.

The banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, presided over by the W.M., Bro. T. Prust, and was numerously attended.

After dinner, and before proceeding with the toast list, the W.M. stated that he was aware some of his predecessors had placed wine on the table, but as a teetotaler he preferred to spend the money in another way, and had therefore much pleasure in handing a cheque for £5 5s. to the Charity Steward.

The W.M. then gave "The Queen and the Craft," alluding to the fact of her Majesty being the daughter and mother of a Grand Master, as well as being related to numerous other members of the Fraternity; and, after stating that the Queen was one of the largest contributors to the Masonic Charities in England, quoted her Majesty's reply to an address recently presented to her by Grand Lodge, as follows:—"I receive with great pleasure your loyal and dutiful address on the completion of the fiftieth year of my reign. I have observed that the Society of Freemasons increases in number and prosperity, in proportion as the wealth and prosperity of my Empire increase, and I heartily appreciate the efforts which have always distinguished your Society. I heartily thank you for your devotion to my throne and person."

The next toasts—"The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" and "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the other Grand Officers of England, Present and Past,"—were also well received.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. England, in responding for the latter, drew attention to the Queen's reply to the Jubilee address, in which her Majesty alluded to the fact that the Order kept pace with the prosperity of the empire. That being so he thought they might congratulate themselves accordingly. In 1737 there were in England and Wales only about 130 lodges, and during that year the 20th Prince of Wales was initiated. In 1787 the 22nd Prince of Wales was initiated, and at that time there were about 350 active lodges in this country. In 1837 there were about 500, the population being about 15,000,000, while at the present time, with a population of about 27,000,000, the lodges had increased to over 1500. There were more Masons in this country now than there were in the whole world 100 years ago. The Craft was doing a good work everywhere, especially in India, where it was assisting to break down caste, and he thought they all ought to be proud of belonging to such a Society, and to do their best to sustain its honour. As a Charity it was spending £200 per day in this country, and could consequently claim to be in every respect a truly beneficent Society.

"The Worshipful Master," ably proposed by Bro. J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., was duly acknowledged by Bro. T. Prust, who expressed his gratification at being elected to the chair of the lodge, and assured them of his intention to do all in his power to promote its prosperity.

"The Installing Master" was next proposed by Bro. B. Knight, P.M., who highly eulogised the Installing Master on the excellent manner in which he had performed the

important ceremonies that afternoon, to which Bro. J. Lane suitably replied.

Bro. W. J. Hughan proposed "The I.P.M. and the other Past Masters," at the conclusion of which Bro. J. Dodge presented Bro. F. S. Hex with a handsome Past Master's jewel in appreciation of his services during the past year.

Bro. Hex feelingly acknowledged the compliment, and thanked the brethren for that expression of their kindness.

To the toast of "The Visitors," responses were made by Bros. E. Richards, W.M. 328; J. R. Parnell, W.M. 1358; P. O. Karkeek, and W. Taylor, P.M. 328.

"The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. A. T. Blamey, P.M., Prov. G. Std., elicited a response from Bro. J. Lane, P.M., the Charity Steward, who stated that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was then supporting 178 aged Masons and 227 widows of Masons, with annuities amounting in the aggregate to £14,584. Of that number 20 annuitants hailed from Devonshire, costing the Institution £712 per annum. There were also 248 girls in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and 240 boys in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; while, locally, the Devon Masonic Educational Fund assisted 12 children at an annual cost of £180, and the Fortescue Annuity Fund provided for five aged Masons at a cost of £150. He concluded by stating his intention to again represent the lodge as Steward at the next Festival for the Boys' School, at which the Prov. G.M., Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., had promised to preside, and urged the brethren to a practical exposition of their sympathy by making the usual collection for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

The collection having been taken up, "The Officers of the Lodge," responded to by the S. and J. Wardens and other brethren, and the Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful meeting.

**MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Greenheys, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., for the purpose of initiating Mr. Solomon Macfoy into Freemasonry, he having to leave England for West Africa. The following brethren were present: Bros. Wm. Lyon, W.M.; W. T. Allitt, S.W.; A. B. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Brown, P.M., Sec.; J. Farrington, S.D.; J. G. Driver, I.G.; Geo. Burrows, Tyler; A. T. Forrest, I.P.M.; Wm. Byway, P.M.; Wm. Bostock, P.M., D.C.; P.P.G. Sd. Br.; J. Kenworthy, J. C. Wills, W. Battersby, John H. Stovold, G. F. Howard, P. G. Crampart, T. Hartley, A. Jacobson, J. Tunstall, H. Mason, G. Sutherland, J. E. Greenwood, and Wm. Paget. Visitors: Bros. T.M. Johnson, 992; J. Bowers, I.G. 1730; C. Fairbank, 1633; A. Geddings, 1166; Julius Arensberg, P.M. 1161, P.P.G. Purst.; M. Sykes, 1633; Thos. North, P.P.G. I.G.; W. D. W. Ireland, 125 and 222; S. Alexander, 1798; R. Timperley, P.M. 993, P.P.G.D.; A. Grice, 992; M. Sykes, 1798; John Garside, W.M. 317; and R. R. Lisenden, I.P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd.

The brethren first had tea, and at rather a late hour the lodge was opened in due form, and the reason for the emergency meeting explained. The ballot for Mr. Solomon Macfoy was taken and declared in his favour. He was subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. C. Swinn delivered the charge in a highly impressive manner, Bro. Wm. Brown, P.M., presenting the working tools.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

At the social board, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, "The Health of the Initiate" was ably proposed by Bro. A. T. Forrest, P.M., and drunk with much enthusiasm.

Bro. Solomon Macfoy returned thanks in a few well chosen sentences.

The toast of "The Visitors" was also proposed and responded to, and a very pleasant but much too short period was spent.

Some very satisfactory alterations and improvements have been made in the lodge room, which might now be fairly called a Masonic drawing room. The ceiling and panelling is white and silver; the windows are hung with white lace curtains and canopied with drab satin. An immense advantage is derived from being able to proceed direct to the banquet room from the lodge. Altogether the brethren are to be congratulated on being privileged to hold their meetings in such an elegant apartment, and we are sure they thoroughly appreciate the privilege, and also the efforts which Mr. Fulton (the genial proprietor) has made to ensure their comfort and convenience.

**PORTISHEAD.—Eldon Lodge (No. 1755).**—The annual installation of W.M. of this lodge took place at the Royal Hotel on Saturday, the 10th instant. The ceremony was ably and impressively performed by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset, P.G.D., and at its conclusion the W.M., Bro. W. K. Thomas, proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bro. C. L. Thomas, I.P.M.; A. W. M. Weatherley, S.W.; W. Glasspole, J.W.; J. R. Thebridge, Treas.; W. Minns, Sec.; J. Green, S.D.; E. Davey, J.D.; W. J. Shapland, D.C.; and J. Carey and J. Shepherds, Stwds.

There was a large attendance of brethren from this and the neighbouring province.

Upon the completion of the duties of the lodge, the brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Mrs. Boulter. The usual toast list was enlivened by the interposition of several capital songs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**MANCHESTER.—Arthur Sullivan Lodge (No. 2156).**—The first meeting after the recess was held in the new lodge room at the Old Boar's Head, Withy-grove, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. A. H. Williams, W.M.; N. Dumville, I.P.M., P.G. Steward; E. W. Irving, acting S.W.; P.G. Steward; F. W. Lean, acting J.W.; Charles Turner, P.M., D. of C., acting S.D.; Joseph Gagg, B. Brierley, Sec.; C. Blacon, Massey, J. Whittaker, A. S. Kinnel, and others. Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, P.M. 44, Prov. G. Sec., Past G. Sd. Br.; Wm. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire, Past G. Sd. Br.; Robt. Williamson, Prov. G. Sd. Br.; R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Stwd.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Subsequently Bro. A. Taylor was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. A letter was read from the Tyler, announcing his resigna-

tion, which was accepted, and Bro. J. Dawson elected in his stead. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

After tea the visitors were entertained with a musical treat from the various professional brethren belonging to the lodge, which was thoroughly appreciated.

**TILBURY.—Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge (No. 2184).**—The election meeting of the above young yet flourishing lodge took place on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Tilbury Hotel. Bro. C. T. Lewis, P.M. 1472, P.G. Stwd. Essex, presided as W.M., assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Jolly, P.M. 1472, P.M.; A. Carman, P.M.; F. J. Eedle, acting S.W.; G. Westlake, J.W.; H. Lewis, Treas.; G. Hughes, Sec.; C. H. Canning, S.D.; A. S. Dale, J.D.; T. Ringrose, I.G.; J. J. Hammond, W.S.; J. Ives, Tyler; A. Bailey, J. Barnes, H. Plater, G. F. Penney, W. Joyce, C. Taylor, and W. Mott. The visitors included Bros. L. Pott, P.M. 1716; G. Jones, P.M. 174; C. H. Webbe, P.M. 174; C. J. Powlings, 1472; G. Spencer, 87; and C. Gratwick, 1343.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the ballot was taken for Messrs. J. Beadle, G. Arnett, and J. E. Baker, and, proving unanimous, those gentlemen were duly initiated. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler was then proceeded with, and Bro. Smith, S.W., was unanimously elected to the chair; Bro. H. Lewis was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Ives, Tyler. Two brethren were chosen as Auditors, and it was unanimously resolved "That the W.M. should be presented with a Past Masters' jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, as some slight reward for his valuable services, both as a founder and first Master of the lodge."

Bro. Lewis having briefly but effectively returned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a handsomely served banquet, after which the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, and Provincial Grand Lodge toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was received and drunk with enthusiasm.

"The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Initiates," and "The Officers" were the other toasts.

## INSTRUCTION.

**JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Dandridge, W.M.; Vackty, S.W.; Faulkner, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Penrose, S.D.; Dale, J.D.; Haire, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; J. J. Pitt, P.M.; J. W. Freeman, P.M.; Prior, Turpin, Emblin, Wright, Coudrey, Thomas, and Leng.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The usual questions leading to the Third Degree were then duly answered by Bro. Turpin, and the lodge was called off. On resuming, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Vackty, S.W., was elected W.M. for the second Thursday in October, and appointed the officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).**—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. Dr. J. Powdrell, W.M.; J. Arrowsmith, S.W.; P. Recknell, P.M., J.W.; J. Holden, S.D.; H. Bangs, J.D.; J. Bartlett, I.G.; C. Mulvey, Preceptor; Clappitt, Poynter, and J. Smith.

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. Clappitt acting as candidate. Bro. Holden then answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The Preceptor proposed, and the J.W. seconded, that the S.W. occupy the chair of W.M. at the ensuing meeting—carried unanimously. The officers were appointed in rotation. Bro. Mulvey proposed in most feeling terms a vote of condolence, to be entered on the minutes, upon the death of Bro. C. J. Ifter. The lodge was then closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 16th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. G. Coat, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; W. J. Copplestone, Treas.; G. Swan, S.D.; H. D. Aslett, J.D.; H. Oliver, I.G.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, and D. Stroud.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Stroud, W.M. 2045. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Coat, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Coat being candidate, the W.M. rendering the traditional history in a very efficient manner. The W.M. having risen for the first and second times, Bro. D. S. Long was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas., W.M.; J. R. Allman, S.W.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1793, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; W. Death, S.D.; W. J. Mason, J.D.; F. E. Wovler, P.M. 1603, I.G.; A. W. Thompson, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, acting Preceptor; H. Moss, J. R. Hayes, J. Smith, W. Seamen, and C. S. Mote. Visitors: Bros. H. Alexander, 852; R. G. Edwards, 1257; and Banfield Rashleigh, 457, P.P.G.S. Monmouthshire.

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, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Moss being candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history in his usual able manner. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bros. Alexander Edwards, and Rashleigh were elected members. Bro. Allman was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously carried for the able manner Bro. Read had rehearsed the duties of the chair. Bro. Read acknowledged the compliment in very felicitous terms. 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 20th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Chapman, W.M.; S. Renaut, S.W.; J. Osmond, J.W.; Bellchamber, S.D.; Steele, J.D.; C. F. Williams, I.G.; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; H. C. Ball, G. A. Ball, Hurl, Brien, Austin, Roots, Cannon, Fullick, Dr. Jaquet, Lades, Eedle, and Ellis.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Austin, having answered the usual questions,

was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Austin candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First. Bro. Ellis, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Ellis candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the first Tuesday in October—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed the officers. 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 15th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; J. Graham, S.W.; J. R. Harneil, J.W.; J. B. Grieve, S.D.; J. Grunebaum, I.D.; J. S. Henry, I.G.; W. Brindley, acting as Preceptor; R. J. Harneil, acting as Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. Rayner, A. Clark, Thomas Sims, and J. D. Bromley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 1st Section of the Second Degree. Bro. Grunebaum having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. A. Clark proposed that Bro. T. Sims, Valley City Lodge, Dakota, U.S.A., become a joining member—seconded by Bro. R. J. Harneil; Bro. J. S. Henry proposed that Bro. J. J. Grunebaum, 1617, also become a joining member—seconded by Bro. J. Graham; both brethren were unanimously elected. Bro. T. Sims, in thanking the brethren for having elected him, expressed great pleasure for the hearty manner in which he had been received in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction. Bro. J. Grunebaum also thanked the brethren for having elected him. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. D. Graham, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, being proposed by Bro. W. Brindley, and seconded by Bro. R. J. Harneil. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Cochrane, W.M.; Heath, S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; Swan, S.D.; Hubbard, Sec., J.D.; Rayner, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Greulich, Wilton, Dresden, C. Woods, Neville, and Sims.

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. Wilton candidate, the charge being given by the W.M. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor and the brethren. Bro. R. H. Williams was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. H. Purdue, P.M., W.M.; Allman, S.W.; C. R. Cross, J.W.; Speigel, P.M., Preceptor; E. Austin, Treas.; F. Craggs Sec. (pro tem.); C. Coombs, S.D.; Hagan, I.D.; Walker, I.G.; Stroud, P.M.; Raynham Stewart, P.M., P.G.D., P.P.D.G.M. Middlesex; Child, P.M.; Cochrane, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Cavers, Head, Sansum, and Stonnill.

The lodge was opened, minutes read, and ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Hagan being candidate. The three 1st Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Raynham Stewart was elected a honorary member of the lodge. Bro. Allman was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. D. Stroud, W.M.; J. Brown, S.W.; E. C. Mulvey, J.W.; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; D. S. Long, S.D.; C. Hopkins, I.G.; Speigel, P.M.; F. Craggs, W. W. Williams, and W. G. Coat.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. E. C. Mulvey. Bro. Speigel, P.M., 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. Speigel being the candidate. The W.M. then rendered the traditional history. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and the 3rd and 4th Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bros. Speigel and D. S. Long. After the usual risings Bro. Brown was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).**—A meeting was held on Friday, 16th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Brindley, P.M., W.M.; Gibson, P.M., Treas., S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Arnold, jun., J.D.; Green, jun., I.G.; Green, sen., P.M.; Arnold, sen., Coleman, Brandon, and Edwards.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Green, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Green being the candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Green, and the lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Coleman being the W.M. elect. Bros. Evans, 172, and Wright, 1585, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Gibson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

Recent bank failures and the lapse of ancient rights of note issue have been taken advantage of by the Bank of England to augment its note circulation by £450,000 or two-thirds of the aggregate of the lapsed issues, under the powers of the Bank Act of 1844, which provides that cash or bullion must be held to the extent of the Bank notes issued, less an amount of approved securities, which will in the future amount to £16,200,000. This addition to the note circulation will afford some relief to the Money Market, which may be speedily affected by a demand from the United States, as there is a fall in the New York Exchange, and the New York Bank statement shows a smaller reserve than there has been for a long time.

The *Liberal Freemason* of Boston, Massachusetts, in recording the death of the well known writer of serial stories, Bro. Sylvanus Cobb, jun., gives a brief sketch of his Masonic career, from which it appears that he was initiated in the town of Norway, Maine, and was a P.M. of the Oxford Lodge of that town. Since 1863 he had resided in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, where he became a Royal Arch companion, a Royal and Select Master, and a Knight Templar. He was Grand Scribe E. of Massachusetts in 1881, and G.P.C. of Works in the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters the same year. He had also taken the 32° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Bro. Cobb died on the 27th July, 1887.



## Royal Arch.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Mariners Chapter (No. 249).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when there were present Comps. Chas. Fothergill, M.E.Z.; Alex. Cotter, P.Z.; P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; John C. Robinson, P.Z.; G. S. Willings, P.Z.; A. Bucknall, H.; Jas. Ashworth, J.; Samuel Frazer, S.E.; Edward Carter, Stwd.; Wm. Hudson, Org.; W. H. Ball, Janitor; Richard Edwards, J. H. Linaker, Peter Robb, R. Shacklady, G. E. R. Bircher, T. Littleby, and Thos. Bush. Visitors: Comps. John Leary, 477; and H. H. Smith, H. 673.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for five brethren, who were duly elected. Bro. Matthew Jarvis, 667, being present, was admitted and exalted to the Supreme Degree of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, the ceremony being ably performed by the three Chiefs and Assistant Sojourner.

After the transaction of the usual routine business the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet, and a pleasant evening was spent.

**ACCRINGTON.**—Chapter of Equality (No. 1145).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 15th inst. There were present Comps. R. Rushton, P.P.G. Treas.; Z.; T. Hindle, P.Z.; H.; Jas. Grime, J.; B. Gossling, P.P.G.S.B.; John Tennant, P.P. Asst. G. Soj.; S. Edmundson, S.E.; S. Holgate, P.S.; T. Cronshaw, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. Lloyd, 2nd Asst. Soj.; R. Hunt, and others. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.D.C. Eng., P.G.H.; W. H. Cunliffe, P.G.D.C.; and Eli Knowles, Z. 462.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Comp. Sillitoe installed Comp. Hindle, Z.; Comp. Grime, H.; and Comp. Holgate, J.; he also invested the following officers, viz.: Comps. R. Rushton, P.Z., S.E.; R. Hunt, S.N.; W. Lloyd, P.S.; T. Cronshaw, 1st Asst. Soj.; and S. Edmundson, Janitor. The addresses to the Principals, officers, and companions generally were delivered by Comp. Sillitoe in a very impressive manner.

Before closing the chapter, Comp. Hindle, Z., proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe for his attendance and valuable services. He said that they all rejoiced to see their worthy Provincial Grand Second Principal sufficiently restored to health to enable him to resume his Masonic duties, and to come amongst them to perform in his faultless manner the ceremonies of the various Degrees, more especially the Royal Arch. He had heard Comp. Sillitoe perform the installation ceremony in that and other chapters on many occasions, and he hoped to hear him doing so for many years to come. The M.E.Z. also referred to the well-deserved recognition of Comp. Sillitoe by the Supreme Grand Chapter.

Comp. Grime, H., seconded the proposition, and expressed his regret that Comp. Sillitoe was not able to stay for the festive board, where the companions would have honoured his restoration to health and promotion in Grand Chapter in the "flowing bowl."

Comp. Holgate, J., supported the proposition, which was carried with acclamation.

Comp. Sillitoe, in reply, said that, looking at the fact that he had before him a journey of nearly 40 miles, and as the evening was rather damp, he was sorry he could not avail himself of the pleasures so temptingly held out by their genial Comp. H.; nevertheless, he was fully aware of the quality of their entertainment and hearty reception of visitors, as he had had previous experiences of both, for from the consecration of the chapter to the present time he had, he believed, installed all the Principals, and he could look back to the very pleasant outings he had enjoyed in connection with their installation festivals. He thanked them all most heartily for their kind expressions, and hoped to visit them for many years to come, and to see the chapter continue to prosper as it had done since its commencement.

The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment, where mirth and good fellowship reigned supreme.

## INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT** (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Sims, S.N. 834, M.E.Z.; J. Davies, 733, H.; M. Spiegel, 834, J.; H. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; F. E. Vowler, S.N.; C. R. Wickens, P.S.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset; E. Child, P.Z. 538; and T. J. Head, 2022.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Head being candidate. A cordial vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was unanimously passed for the admirable manner in which Comp. J. Davies had rehearsed the duties of H. for the first time, which compliment he responded to in very grateful terms. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

## Mark Masonry.

**BOLTON.**—St. John's Lodge (T.I.).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 8th instant, there being present Bros. E. G. Harwood, W.M.; W. Wadson, S.W.; N. Nicholson, J.W.; W. Court, M.O.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G. W. Treas.; W. Cooper, P. Prov. G.D., Sec.; R. A. Phillips, I. of Wks.; J. Eckersley, S.D.; R. Jones, J.D.; T. Nightingale, Dir. of Cers.; W. H. Brown, Stwd.; T. Higson, Tyler; F. W. Brockbank; J. Kenyon, S.G.D.; J. Horrocks, P.S.G.D.; J. F. Skelton, J. Hardcastle, E. Gregory, W. Wood, G. Sterling, J. Wolstenholme, J. W. Thompson, J. Booth, T. H. Heyes, J. Hibbert, W. Green, R. Johnson, Org.; R. H. Swindlehurst, T. Murphy, G. E. Greenhalgh, T. Morris, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; Henry Critchley, John Whittaker, John Alcock, P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; Thomas Harper; and T. Morris Halliwell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Brockbank announced that the petition to the Mark Benevolent Fund, on behalf of the daughter of the late Bro. Stanley, had been favourably received by the Board, who had placed her upon the foundation of the

Institution, and granted her the requisite sum for education and clothing. Much gratification was expressed by the brethren, at the result which had been attained with great promptitude and attention on the part of the officials connected therewith. Three candidates, all members of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, were balloted for, and elected, and two being in attendance, viz., Bros. Murphy and G. E. Greenhalgh, were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Masons, by Bro. J. Kenyon, P.M., P. Prov. G.D., who also explained the working tools of the Degree, and delivered the lecture to the candidates. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. J. Kenyon for his arduous services, and many compliments were paid to him for his very effective rendering of the ritual. Bro. W. Wadson was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bros. G. P. Brockbank, Phillips, and Brown were appointed to audit the accounts for the past year.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, and partook of refreshments. A portion of the ancient charges was read by the Senior Warden, and the lodge closed in due form.

**LIVERPOOL.**—West Lancashire Lodge (No. 65).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Adelphi Hotel, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., and was opened by the W.M., Bro. D. W. Cangle, assisted by Bros. D. Davies, I.P.M.; John Williams, P.M.; John Hayes, P.M.; H. Brown, S.W.; J. L. Houghton, M.O.; Jas. Keet, R.M.; John C. Robinson, Sec.; William Hewson, J.D.; A. S. Ramage, Org.; Richard Owen, I.G.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; John Milne, Jas. Martin, John Molloy, Robt. Forbes, J. Pittaway, B. G. Lloyd, J. Miller, D. Matthews, and Silvester Matthews, P.M., P.G.D. Bro. John Reid, 304, Japan, was a visitor.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to advance to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. Bro. A. Pedersen, P.M. 549, who had been balloted for at the previous meeting, which ceremony was performed in a very efficient manner. This being the night for the election of W.M., and the ballot papers having been distributed, the popular S.W., Capt. H. B. Browne, was declared unanimously elected, and Bro. John Hayes, P.M., was elected Treasurer.

After the transaction of the usual routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th instant, when Bro. Jas. Black was installed by Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.G. Sec., and invested the following as his officers: Bros. H. Caruthers, S.W.; T. Atkinson, J.W.; E. L. Waugh, M.O.; H. Peacock, S.O.; T. Mason, J.O.; J. Hewison, Sec.; J. Towers, S.D.; W. Paisley, J.D.; and J. Hewison, P.P.G.T., Tyler. The following were also present: Bros. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M., D.P.G.M.M.; R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; T. Brakenridge, S.W., 213, P.P.G.I.G.; J. O. Scott, S.W. 151, P.G.I. of Wks.; and others. The Deputy Prov. G.M. presented Bros. Peacock and Mason with their Provincial Grand Lodge certificates.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the Globe Hotel, to refreshment.

## MASONIC PRESENTATION AT HAYLE.

Bro. N. J. West, C.E., of Messrs. Harvey and Co., Hayle, having decided upon taking up his residence in London to represent the firm there in place of the late Mr. W. Husband, C.E., the brethren of the Hayle lodges, of which Bro. West is a member, felt they could not allow him to leave Hayle without presenting him with a token of their respect and esteem. The matter having been heartily taken up by the members of the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, the Hayle Royal Arch Chapter, No. 450, and the Cornubian Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 87, a Committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. Tope, W.M. 450; J. Mudge, Smith, Bazeley, Warren, Spray, Mills, G. B. Pearce, J. G. Osborne, and R. Hawkings, and their efforts culminated in the presentation to Bro. West, at a banquet on the premises, to which he was invited by the brethren, of a magnificent album (supplied by Bro. George Kenning, London), containing an illuminated address, and the signatures and photographs of the members of the Hayle lodges.

The following was the illuminated inscription on the album:—"To Worshipful Brother Nicholas James West, C.E., P.M. Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle; Prov. Grand Treasurer of Cornwall, P.Z. Hayle Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Prov. Grand J. of Cornwall, P.M. Cornubian Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Prov. Grand Mark Treasurer and Prov. G.W. of Cornwall, P.M.W.S. Cornwall Chapter Rose Croix, member of 30°, Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta."

The following was the beautifully engrossed address:—

"We, the undersigned, your brethren and companions in Freemasonry, members with you of the lodges and chapters meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, desire to express our sincere regret that you are about to leave this neighbourhood to reside in London. Whilst deploring the loss of a good neighbour and a prominent and useful citizen we shall more especially feel the deprivation of your valued personal assistance and co-operation in the many matters pertaining to our beloved Freemasonry. To this deep regret, however, is allied the pleasure of expressing to you in this permanent form our high esteem for you as a Freemason, and our great admiration of the many excellent Masonic virtues manifested by you whilst associated with us in lodges and chapter. To recount the many services you have rendered to Freemasonry, locally as well as to the Province of Cornwall, would be impossible; but this we can say, that in all the high and responsible offices you have been called upon to fill you have proved yourself a master workman and a just ruler. To those who have had to follow you have been to them an example impossible to excel and difficult to equal. In addition to the great interest, zeal, and ability shown by you during so many years in connection with our Craft lodge, special reference may be made to your high attainments in Royal Arch and Mark Masonry, in both of which you have made for yourself and the county a fame and a name as widespread as well deserved. We repeat, that whilst we know we must sustain a great loss by your departure, we hope that the future with you may be even brighter and more successful than the past

and that in all your subsequent career the Great Architect of the Universe may bless you with abundant happiness and prosperity."

About fifty brethren attended the banquet, and after the CHAIRMAN (W. Bro. J. Mudge) had proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, he proceeded to make the presentation to Bro. West. He said he had known Bro. West from his infancy, and had observed how diligent and painstaking he had been as he attained to manhood. Having referred to several great engineering works in which Bro. West had been associated, and remarked that Bro. West's name was to be found inscribed upon some of the finest pieces of machinery in the world, he said in a limited community, such as Hayle, the loss of Bro. West would indeed be long and greatly felt. (Hear, hear.) It was as a Freemason they had invited him there that afternoon. Who had presided over the affairs of their Craft lodge with the same diligence and skill as Bro. West? (Hear, hear.) Who could make the keystone in the Mark with the same ability, and who could preside at the pedestal and decipher the figures of the sacred scroll, as Bro. West had done? (Applause.) As a man and a Mason Bro. West demanded their admiration, and they had felt as one man in marking in some measure at least their sense of the loss they were sustaining by Bro. West going elsewhere. They sincerely hoped their loss would be Bro. West's gain. (Applause.) Bro. West was leaving them in the path of duty in connection with his firm, and they hoped the change would be for the advantage of Bro. West and the firm also. (Applause.) Bro. West's loss in connection with the Craft, Mark, and Royal Arch lodges of Hayle would be an irreparable one. (Hear, hear.) He called on Bro. G. B. Pearce to read the inscription.

Bro. G. B. PEARCE having read the inscription, which was repeatedly applauded,

Bro. MUDGE presented the album to Bro. West, as a high memento of the esteem they bore towards him, and in the hope that in after years when he looked upon the book it would recall to him many reminiscences of the old days of home and of Hayle. (Applause.)

Bros. GEORGE EUSTACE representing the Hayle Chapter, GILBERT B. PEARCE representing the Cornubian Lodge of Mark Master Masons, then spoke on behalf of their respective lodges, testifying to the great interest shown by Bro. West in these Degrees, and the marked ability with which he had always carried out his duties in connection therewith.

Bros. W. K. BAKER, FRANK HARVEY, J. G. OSBORNE, W. TREVENEN, and J. M. RICHARDS (Helston), J. LOVELL, jun. (Penzance), JOSEPH SARAH (Redruth), and others also spoke in similar terms of admiration, coupled with regret at losing such a useful brother.

Bro. WEST, who was received with hearty cheers, feelingly acknowledged the presentation. He spoke eloquently with respect to the principles of Freemasonry, and remarked that they were gathered there by reason of those great principles, without which they would not have met each other that day. He appealed to them ever to honour the great and noble cause of Freemasonry, which, when fully recognised and acted upon, rendered them brethren in deed as well as in name. Wherever he might be, when he looked upon the beautiful gift they had given him his mind would be carried back to Hayle, with which all his dearest and most cherished memories were inseparably associated. While thanking them most warmly for their generous presentation, he on his part would assure them that whatever Masonic associations he might form in other parts, he would always remain one of them in heart, and would do nothing which would in any way be as a blot upon the beautiful address he saw before him. (Applause.) Although taking up his residence in London, he would ever regard himself as a Hayle man, and would never miss an opportunity of re-visiting the place and the people he loved so well. (Loud applause.)

The toast of "The Chairman" was then given by Bro. WEST, and responded to in the happy and eloquent manner for which Bro. Dr. MUDGE is so celebrated amongst his brethren. Bro. John P. Smith, P.M., &c., the honoured Secretary of both Craft and Mark lodges, also came in for an expression of hearty thanks and congratulations at having succeeded so admirably in catering for the brethren on this occasion. Appreciative reference was also made to Bro. Smith's services in this and other respects during very many years past.

Bros. White, Lovell, jun., Boase, Baker, Smith, Wagner, and others contributed greatly to the pleasure of the brethren by their songs and recitations.

## Obituary.

### BRO. J. G. CHANCELLOR.

The intelligence of Bro. J. G. Chancellor's death will be received everywhere with general regret. Bro. Chancellor had been a member of the Craft for close on 30 years, during the greater portion of which he had taken a very active part in Masonry, and in particular had rendered valuable services to our several Institutions. The deceased was initiated in the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, in 1858, and occupied the chair of W.M. in 1863. He joined the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 60, in 1871, was its representative on the Board of Grand Stewards for the year 1876-7, and was elected its W.M. in 1880. He was also a Past Prov. Grand Deacon of Surrey and a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted to the Degree of the latter in 1862 in the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, and installed M.E.Z. of the Canonbury Chapter, No. 651, in 1886. But, as we have said already, it is in connection with our Charities that his name will be best remembered. He was a Vice-President and had served four Stewardships for the Boys' School, and had been a member of its House Committee from about 1868 to 1880. He had served three Stewardships for the Girls' School, and having qualified as a Vice-President was made an honorary Vice-Patron in consideration of the able manner in which he had fulfilled his duties as a member of the Audit Committee. He had further constituted himself as a Life Governor of, and had served one Festival Stewardship for, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. His death occurred on the 15th inst., at the age of 67. We feel sure that our readers will join with us in tendering our deep sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased, and in affirming that for many years to come the memory of Bro. John Gyles Chancellor's virtues, his ability, and his kindly spirit will be sacredly cherished by his brethren in Masonry.





Specimen pictures (five sizes) of the Royal Masonic picture commemorative of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, K.G., &c., &c., as R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master of England, at the Dome, Brighton, June 22nd, 1886, are now on view at George Kenning's Masonic Show Rooms, Little Britain and Aldersgate-street, London.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday next, the 29th instant.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their next regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 1st prox., at four p.m.

Prince Albert Victor has consented to visit Northampton on October 18th, to lay the foundation-stone of extensive enlargements at the Northampton General Infirmary, undertaken by the county as a Jubilee memorial.

Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston left Portland-place, on Saturday last, for Witherslack Hall, Lancashire; and the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Halsbury) and Lady Halsbury have gone for a few weeks to Pendruccombe, Launceston.

Bro. G. W. Knight, W.M. 1507, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, held at the "Moorgate," Moorgate-street, on Monday, the 10th prox. Lodge opens at 7.30 sharp. Brethren are cordially invited.

By command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Whitehaven under the united banners of Lodges No. 119 and 872, on Tuesday, the 4th October.

Owing to the appeal for funds for the relief of the sufferers by the recent calamitous fire at Exeter having been so generously responded to, the Mayor of that city has informed Bro. Lord Mayor Hanson that the necessities of the case have been met, and, consequently, the Mansion House Fund, which had been opened for the same object, has been closed.

About 300 members of the Iron and Steel Institute visited Chatsworth, at the invitation of the Duke of Devonshire, on Saturday last, when, in his grace's absence, his son, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., presided at luncheon. The toasts of "The Queen," "The Duke of Devonshire," and "Success to the Institute," were drunk amid loud applause.

**THE SUPPLY OF HORSES FOR THE ARMY.**—Mr. Stanhope, replying to a statement made in Lincolnshire that he had ordered horses from Canada for the army in preference to English horses, says that on coming into office he found that 300 had been ordered from Canada; but he had decided that the experiment should not be repeated, and refused further orders. He believed that horses for military purposes in time of peace could be obtained in the United Kingdom, and he had sanctioned a scheme for the appointment of Government buyers.

**A NEW P. AND O. STEAMER.**—The Oceana, the third of the additions to the Peninsular and Oriental Company's fleet, was launched from Messrs. Harland and Wolff's yard at Belfast, on Saturday. Her dimensions are—length, 483 ft.; breadth, 52 ft.; and depth, 37 ft. She will register nearly 7000 tons, and her triple-expansion engines are expected to develop 7000 effective horse-power, which should drive her 17 knots at full speed.

**THE JEWISH NEW YEAR.**—During the time that the churches, chapels, and meeting houses were filled with Christian workers last Sunday night every synagogue throughout the world was also crowded, for Sunday evening, at 5.15, commenced the year 5848, according to Rabbinical chronology. "Rosh Hashonah" (the head or beginning of the year), the 1st day of the month of "Tishri," was kept by the British Reformed Jews on Monday, and by the orthodox "Sephardim" (Spanish and Portuguese) and "Ashkenim" (German and Polish) congregations on Monday and Tuesday. According to the Talmudical legends it was on Monday 5848 years ago that the Almighty created the world out of chaos. The day is also called "Yom Hadin" (the Day of Judgment); for, according to the ancient writings of the Jews, it is on this day that the God of Mercy, surrounded by his archangels, sits upon His throne, and every man, woman, and child is judged. It is then recorded in the heavenly books that he that is wicked and whose evil deeds have outnumbered the good, shall suffer the penalty of death during the year; he whose good and evil deeds are equal, and repents, shall have another lease of life; and he who has acted with virtue, goodness, and mercy shall live in happiness during the year. On such annually recurring days as last Sunday (Sabbath and festivals commence and end at sunset), after having attended synagogue and before supper begins, the Jewish head of the family says a number of prayers, and, following an old Jewish observance handed down from time immemorial, takes a sweet peeled apple, cuts it into as many pieces as there are persons at table, and gives each one a piece; he then, followed by the rest of the company, dips his portion into a cup of new honey and chants a blessing, and before eating each one says in Hebrew—"To a good year and a sweet one."

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the lungs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally and the Ointment rubbed externally are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills and Ointment purify the blood, remove all obstructions to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overorged air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints by which so many are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.—Advr.

Bro. Alderman De Keyser has had his residence in Clapham Park placed in telephonic communication with the City.

Bro. Sheriff-elect Higgs and Mrs. Higgs will return on Saturday from Eastbourne to Willenham Park, Barnet.

Bro. Sir John Bennett has given a silver watch as a prize to be competed for by the boys attending the Bermondsey swimming classes at Spa-road.

Bro. the Earl of Airlie arrived, last week, at Cortachy Castle from Italy, where he had been to witness the autumn manoeuvres of the Italian army.

Bro. General Lord Wolsley, who had been on leave of absence for about a month, has resumed his duties at the War Office as Quartermaster-General of the Forces.

Bro. Lord Carrington opened the session of the New South Wales Parliament on Tuesday, when his lordship said that the prospects of the colony were full of hope and encouragement.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was to have reached London on his return from Denmark on Thursday, is announced to leave for Scotland, where he will visit the Queen and Bro. the Earl of Fife, to-day (Friday).

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill will visit Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 22nd prox., for the purpose of distributing the prizes to the students of the Science and Art Classes. It is not improbable that his lordship may take the opportunity of delivering a political address.

**MUSICAL EDUCATION IN AMERICA.**—On Saturday Mr. J. S. Curwen, President of the Tonic Sol-fa College, accompanied by Mrs. Curwen, left Liverpool in the Umbria for a visit to the United States and Canada. Mr. Curwen proposes to study the condition of musical education in the States and the Dominion. He will also deliver a few addresses.

Bro. Henry Irving was entertained at a banquet given in the Fine Art Gallery by the Glasgow Pen and Pencil Club on the 15th instant. In the course of his speech, in acknowledgment of his health, Bro. Irving referred to the destruction of the Exeter theatre, and expressed his belief that he could prepare a design for building a theatre which would make it, humanly speaking, absolutely free from risk.

The English church at Copenhagen, to which the Prince of Wales has generously presented a peal of three bells, was consecrated on Saturday last, among the distinguished personages present at the ceremony being the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Czar and Czarina of Russia, the King and Queen of Denmark, the King and Queen of Greece, the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark, Prince Albert Victor and the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, and other members of the Royal and Imperial families of Russia, Denmark, and Greece. After the event, the Prince and Princess of Wales entertained the numerous and illustrious party at luncheon on board the Royal yacht Osborne.

The Sheriffs elect are not going West for all their adornments, as some of those preceding them have done. Of course I presume chariots must come from Coachland, and therefore Messrs. Offard send both Sheriffs' conveyances. Major Davis very properly orders his liveries from Mr. S. Parnwell, of Queen-street; his State harness from White and Coleman, of Bishopsgate-street; his official chain of Mr. Wagstaff, of Bishopsgate-street; and his official badge of Messrs. Edward, of Cheapside. Mr. Higgs has ordered his liveries from Messrs. Creasy, of London-wall; his chain and badge of Bro. George Kenning, of Aldersgate-street; and his State harness from McDougall's, of Finsbury Pavement. This is as it should be. All City men and true, and the proceeding shows that the coming Sheriffs will make their first consideration the welfare of the citizens of the City of London.—*The Metropolitan.*

A Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, N.Z., was held at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on the 21st July last. R.W. Bro. H. Thompson, D.G.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. W. Deamer, M.D., P.A.G.D.C. England, Dep. D.G.M.; S. Berbridge, D.S.G.W.; M. Sandstein, D.J.G.W.; F. J. Smith, D.G. Reg.; W. R. Mitchell, D.G. Sec.; H. Sawbell, D.S.G.D.; W. T. C. Mills, D.G.D.C.; W. M. Lyttelton, D.G.S. of W.; W. B. Allwright, acting D.G.S.B.; J. G. S. Scott, D.G.P.; E. U. Just, D.A.G.D.C.; T. Burns, T. L. Smith, Fred. Rockett, and W. Walter, D.G. Stwds.; and R. Stevens, D.G. Tyler; as well as by the representatives of about half the lodges on the roll. Amongst the documents and reports submitted was a subscription list to the Memorial Home, showing contributions amounting to £54 5s. from nine of the lodges, and a statement from the D.G. Treas. showing the balance in hand to be close on £542. The D.G.M. in the few remarks he addressed to District Grand Lodge drew the attention of the D.G. Officers to their neglect in answering circular letters of invitation, and also impressed upon them the necessity for being more punctual in their attendance, so that the proceedings might commence at the time appointed. Bro. Hulbert's motion to contribute £25 from the funds of the District Grand Lodge towards the Memorial Home—a non-Masonic Charitable Institution about to be established in the Colony—was negatived by a considerable majority. The D.G. Secretary was instructed to reply to Victory Lodge, Nelson, on the subject of its proposal to establish a Scholarship for the children of Masons in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, to the effect that Masonic Scholarships had been established in the district a few years, but that they had fallen through in consequence of some of the lodges refusing to subscribe, and that, as the scheme for such an establishment would prove unworkable, the District Grand Lodge could not accede to the request of the lodge. The District Grand Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

**FIRE ESCAPE.**—A great improvement has been made in window fire escapes by Mr. J. H. Heathman, of 2, Endell-street, Bloomsbury, who has devised a simple brake on a very light rope, capable of being quickly attached to any bedstead, to lower a whole family without loss of valuable time in the hasty moments when the staircase is impassable, through either smoke or flames. Coming so soon after the Exeter calamity, we feel sure our numerous readers will take interest in the invention.

The usual weekly meetings of the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, will be resumed on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at the Mitre, Chancery-lane, at eight o'clock.

A fête was given at the Crystal Palace on Saturday in honour of the hundredth anniversary of the adoption of the American Constitution.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford have arrived at their residence in Charles-street, St. James's, after several weeks' cruise in their yacht.

The Marquis of Hartington is entertaining company at Hardwicke Hall, near Chesterfield. The guests are expected to separate to-morrow (Saturday).

On Wednesday, being St. Matthew's Day, Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and various other civic functionaries, attended divine service at Christ Church, Newgate-street.

Bro. Sir E. Baldwin Malet, G.C.B., H.B.M.'s Ambassador at Berlin, was to have left that city on a short visit to England on Wednesday, and will afterwards return to his post accompanied by Lady Ermytrude Malet.

The autumn season of Trinity College, London, will commence on Monday next, when new students will be admitted, and on the following day the inaugural address will be delivered by the Warden, Bro. the Rev. H. G. Bonavia Hunt, Mus. Doc., F.R.S.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., who has been the guest of Bro. Sir G. O. Wombwell, Bart., at Newburgh Priory during the current week, was present at the Easingwold Agricultural Show on Wednesday, and, at the luncheon, returned thanks for the toast of "The House of Commons."

The Council of the Society of Arts, in order to encourage art workmanship, have adopted the plan of offering substantial prizes to workmen. The objects may be copies of existing works, modifications, or original works, and the judges will take into account originality or beauty of design, fitness of treatment, and excellence of workmanship. For the present year substantial prizes are offered in eight classes—painted glass, glass blowing in the Venetian style, enamelled jeweller's work, inlays in wood, lacquer, decorative painting, bookbinding, and renoussé and chased work in metal.

John Barker, described as an elderly man of respectable appearance, having no settled residence, was charged at Manchester with obtaining food and lodgings by false pretences. The landlady, having her suspicions, asked the prisoner for some money, but he replied that he would pay her for the week on the following day, and becoming indignant, he produced a Masonic Certificate and asked her was not that sufficient evidence of his respectability. This was certainly very flattering to the Masonic body, but it did not help John Barker out of his difficulty, and he was committed to the Sessions for trial.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Railway Station, on Monday, 24th prox., the following being the order of the proceedings, viz.: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Partridge, P.M. 1686; Second, Bro. Beavan, J.D. 1963; Third, Bro. Esling, J.W. 1321; Fourth, Bro. Grover, I.G. 186; Fifth, Bro. Andrews, Stwd. 1986; Sixth, Bro. Walker, P.M. 72; and Seventh, Bro. Westley, S.W. 186. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Folkard, 1963; Second, Bro. Coe, P.M. 1339; Third, Bro. Johnson, P.M. 1320; and Fourth, Bro. Bate, P.M. 72. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Lissimore, 177; Second, Bro. Boulton, W.M. 357; and Third, Bro. Dawson, P.M. Caxton Lodge.

**PRESENTATION.**—At a meeting of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on Wednesday evening, the 21st instant, his Worship the Mayor of Lewes, Bro. Farncombe, P.P.G. S.B., presented the Master, Bro. George Holman, with a beautiful silver medal, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee occurring during his year of office, and took occasion to compliment Bro. Holman on the excellent manner in which he performed the duties of his office. He also expressed a wish to give a similar medal to the lodge, in addition to the many interesting relics already possessed by the lodge, which we need hardly say was accepted by the brethren with every expression of satisfaction, and a cordial vote of thanks accorded his Worship for the gift. The lodge possesses a very curious old organ, said to have once belonged to Queen Elizabeth, and on Wednesday the musical portion of the service was revived, and given during an initiation with excellent effect.

**CHAMPAGNES.**—We have often wondered what must be the feelings of a connoisseur in wines when he is told that his favourite vintage, be it of port, of claret, or of champagne, is exhausted, and that no amount of money can procure for him henceforth even a taste of that fine old brand which years long by he had laid down in his cellars so reverently and of which he had ever since imbibed so generously and lovingly. Such an announcement to a patron so noble and so exquisitely discriminating must be indeed terrible, and yet, as a rule, we believe, the connoisseur survives what no doubt he considers at the time a deathblow to his future happiness, and finds in other brands of scarcely inferior merit—if in truth they are inferior—that ample solace which he so richly merits. There are many old wines that were once celebrated of which nothing survives but the memory, and this if not the case with one description of wine only, but with all that are calculated to win fame, and then retain it when won. We know it is so with champagnes, and of which we meet with some of rare quality at long intervals, which at once establish themselves in favour with connoisseurs, and which only lose that favour when the supply is exhausted. Such champagnes, however, are to be met with, as we have hinted, but rarely, and in the cellars of the best wine merchants, such as is the house of "Ruisseau Frères, Reims," whose sole agents in London are Messrs. Brook and Saunders, 2, Fen-court, Fenchurch-street. Here are to be had champagnes that will satisfy the most critical taste, and will be found worthy rivals of the most noted brands of former days, there being, in our humble judgment, nothing more exquisitely flavoured in the way of champagne than their "Bât" and "Extra Sec" of 1830 Vintage. We trust the fact will become every day more and more widely known, and that the firm, of which Bro. Col. A. W. O. Saunders, Past D.G.M. Madras, is a member, will secure the amount of patronage which they so well deserve.