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The Doings at Northampton. THE week now rapidly approaching its end has been an eventful one, not only for the worthy townfolk of Northampton and the inhabitants of the county which bears its name, but for the brethren of the Province of Norths and Hunts, who for a long time past have been but indifferently favoured as regards opportunities for displaying their zeal and ability as Freemasons. There was a grand gathering of the province in 1884 at Peterborough, when the first stone of the new tower about to be erected for the Cathedral was laid with Masonic ceremonial, but with this solitary exception, there has not been, owing, we presume, to the frequent absence of the Provincial Grand Master on his colonial expeditions, much activity displayed in Norths and Hunts. We may look to see this changed now, to the credit both of the province and the Craft generally. On Monday, R.W. Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, a young but energetic Mason, was installed in office as Provincial Grand Master, and from what passed on that occasion, from the spirit he manifested and the reception he experienced, there is small reason to doubt that Freemasonry in these counties will present itself forthwith under a new and more attractive aspect. On Tuesday, the brethren again played the chief part in the event which had brought Prince ALBERT VICTOR of WALES, G.S.W. of England, all the way from Copenhagen, and which gave Bro. the Earl of EUSTON and his lodges an opportunity of exhibiting their enthusiasm under the new régime. The event itself, which is described at length elsewhere, needs no special comment. It was the inauguration of a memorial of the QUEEN'S Jubilee, which will benefit largely the poor inhabitants of the town and county of Northampton. It was fitting that the grandson of the QUEEN should perform the ceremony, and that, as he is a Principal Grand Officer of United Grand Lodge, he should be supported by the Masons of the province. The proceedings passed off admirably, and we are confident the brethren of Norths and Hunts will long remain in their present mind that if Freemasonry is a pursuit worthy of being followed, it must be followed worthily.

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The Mansion House Banquet. FOLLOWING in the footsteps of Bros. Alderman Sir FRANCIS WYATT TRUSCOTT, Sir JOHN WHITTAKER ELLIS, Bart., M.P., Sir JOHN STAPLES, K.C.M.G., and others of his distinguished predecessors in the Civic chair, Bro. Alderman Sir R. HANSON, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, has entertained at a grand banquet at the Mansion House Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, Deputy G.M. of England, and the Grand Officers Present and Past of United Grand Lodge. The meeting took place on Tuesday, when there was a numerous gathering of brethren bent on doing honour to so worthy an occasion, and their efforts, as a matter of course, proved successful. These hospitable receptions by our Masonic Lord Mayors are a conspicuous and meritorious feature of our time. The latter are always most welcome when they visit our lodges and receive the honour which is their due, and it would seem as though a Masonic banquet had become almost as much a fixture in the mayoral entertainments of the year as those at which her Majesty's judges, or the men of literature and science figure as the chief guests. At all events, these banquets are calculated to prove mutually advantageous by strengthening the feelings of respect which host and guests entertain towards each other, and we take this opportunity of congratulating Bro. Lord Mayor HANSON on the success of Tuesday's gathering. It was worthy of the chief Magistrate and of the Fraternity whose principal dignitaries he received so hospitably.

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Scheme B Girls' School. THERE are one or two considerations affecting the Scheme for celebrating the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls which, though they have not been referred to in our recent articles on the subject, have by no means been overlooked, and may reasonably claim our attention, while the proposal is before our readers in all its early freshness. One of these is the alleged unwisdom in embarking on further building operations on the ground that, as the space at the disposal of the authorities is limited, and the neighbourhood is being rapidly built

over, it will become necessary sooner or later to remove the School further from London. If there were a strong likelihood of such a contingency happening, it would show that the authorities had acted most improvidently in approving the present Centenary project and submitting it for the approval of the general body of subscribers. But it must be manifest to all, from what Bro. FENN said at the Quarterly Court on the 8th inst., that the question of removal has not been lost sight of either by the Special or the General Committee, and, that being so, the inference we naturally draw from the conduct of both is that the possibility of the Institution having to be removed further from London is so remote, that it may safely be left out of account in any scheme for the re-arrangement and extension of the present premises. The available space at St. John's Hill is ample for the requirements of the School; the site is one of the healthiest near London; access to it from all parts of England and the Metropolis is easy; and when the existing premises have been altered and enlarged, the School, both as a building and educationally, will be one of the finest in the country. Of course, it would have been very much better if, 35 years ago, when the authorities set about purchasing the ground at St. John's Hill, and erecting the original portion of the existing premises, they had secured more of the former and made the latter more commodious. But we must not blame them too severely if, at a time when money was not obtainable in such large amounts as now, they reduced their appeal for funds to as modest limits as possible, neither must we lay it to their charge as a serious error that they did not foresee and provide for the amazing increase which has since taken place in the numerical strength of the School: no one could have foreseen that. However, as we have said already, the present space is ample, and the outlay thus far incurred—amounting, we believe, to upwards of £60,000—being vastly in excess of any sum that could be realised by the sale of the premises, even if an extravagant price were paid, the contingency of a removal into the country may be dismissed from our minds altogether. There need not, therefore, be a moment's hesitation on the part of the Craft about supporting the Centenary proposals of the Committees. There will be no removal of the School from where it stands now, except under compulsion, and in that eventuality, a proper sum would be paid to the authorities by way of compensation.

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Bro. Tew's Address. AS usual, Bro. T. W. TEW, Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, took advantage of the opportunity afforded by the meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge at Heckmondwike, on the 5th inst., under the banner of the Amphibious Lodge, to deliver one of those admirable addresses to which he has accustomed us since his installation in office, and as the events of the past summer afforded him ample material for the exercise of his eloquence, his address on this occasion was listened to with more than ordinary interest by his numerous hearers and will have been studied with more than ordinary pleasure by our readers. The current year has been indeed an eventful one with the West Yorkshire brethren. Not only have they borne their part honourably, as is their custom, in all the principal events in Masonry which have marked its progress—such as the Festivals of our Institutions, the Communications of Grand Lodge, and the meetings of Provincial Grand and private lodges, which are part and parcel of our ordinary life—but the excellence of their organisation, and the zeal they manifest for everything Masonic, have made themselves even more conspicuous than usual. They were strongly represented at the great Masonic meeting in the Royal Albert Hall on the 13th June; they took a still more prominent part in the similar meeting held at York on the 14th July; they have contributed liberally towards the Imperial Institute—the national memorial of the QUEEN'S Jubilee; and, above all, they have out-Yorkshired West Yorkshire in their generous support of our Institutions, among which in average years they distribute about £2000, but for which during this year of Jubilee they will have raised fully twice that sum, the additional 2000 guineas being devoted to the purchase of two Perpetual Presentations to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. With such a record as this to comment upon, it was to be expected that Bro. TEW's address at this meeting would be of an exceptionally eloquent character, and no one who has read his speech as reported in our columns last week will have doubts as to Bro. TEW having risen to the occasion and acquitted himself worthily. The brethren, too, must have been pleased at having for their ruler one so capable as Bro. TEW of estimating as well as recounting their services. It may be all very well to talk to people of angelic disposition about "virtue being its own reward;" but it is a pardonable frailty among men of average calibre, that they should rejoice to find their endeavours to fulfil their duty are recognised, and especially when those endeavours have been unusually successful. West Yorkshire, we repeat, has outdone itself in this year of Jubilee, and the jubilant tone of Bro. TEW's admirable address at Heckmondwike was in strict accordance with the facts of this memorable epoch. There is one other circumstance which must not be overlooked, and particularly as Bro.

Tew made light of his own part in the transaction and bestowed all the praise for its success on his province. We would allude to the fact of his having undertaken almost at a moment's notice, and when Bro. BINCKES, after well-nigh innumerable failures, was at his wit's end to find a Chairman for the Boys' School Festival, the duties of that office. That West Yorkshire supported him loyally is no more than might have been expected, but not every one is endowed with the courage which prompted Bro. Tew to accept so grave a responsibility on the very eve of the Festival. For this we hold that the Craft as a body is deeply indebted to Bro. Tew, and we are glad of this opportunity of expressing to him its thanks for a service so important and so ably rendered.

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The late Bro. Lord de Tabley, P.P.G.M., Cheshire. VERY general regret will be felt throughout the country at the loss which the Craft has sustained through the death of R.W. Bro. Lord DE TABLEY, Past Prov. G. Master, and G. Sup. of Cheshire. The sad event had been anticipated for some time past, his lordship having attained an age when the power of rallying from a severe attack of illness is very small, but none the less will the sorrow occasioned by his loss be deep and sincere. The deceased had been a member of our Society for 56 years, having been initiated at Oxford, in 1831. He had worn the purple of Grand Lodge since 1859, while for upwards of 20 years he had presided over the strong and ancient Province of Cheshire with conspicuous ability and success. He had helped materially to promote the cause of our Charitable Institutions, and had only ceased from the active pursuit of Masonry when his health and strength were no longer able to bear the strain. We offer our respectful sympathy to his family, his large circle of friends, and the brethren of Cheshire, to whom by his wise counsels, his geniality, and his tact, he had endeared himself, and by whom his retirement from office was so greatly lamented.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

Bodmin—which was specially decorated for the occasion—was selected this year as the meeting-place of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, which assembled there on the 13th ult., in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master.

The other Prov. Grand Officers present were—

Bros. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., D.P.G.M.; R. Adams, 330, P.S.G.W.; G. B. Pearce, 450, P.J.G.W.; Rev. M. J. Sutton, 75, P.G. Chap.; R. Carter, 75, P.G. Reg.; E. D. Anderton, 331, P.G.S.; W. K. Baker, 1272, P.S.G.D.; A. Luke, 977, P.S.G.D.; C. Parsons, 789, P.J.G.D.; W. B. Morris, 181, P.J.G.D.; J. Bassett, 856, P.G.S. of Wks.; J. G. Henwood, 970, P.G.D. of C.; W. Giles, 496, P.A.G.D.C.; Norman Gray, 967, P.G.S.B.; G. Darke, 1136, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Brewer, 496, P.A.G.S.; Martin Sampson, 121, P.G.O.; J. Pearce, 1071, P.G. Purs.; J. Langdon, 131, P.A.G.P.; W. Andrew, 789; C. de C. Treffry, 977; J. C. Burrow, 1544; and H. B. Neame, 589, P.G. Stwds.; J. N. Francis, 75, P.G. Tyler; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of Eng.; T. Chirgwin, 131, P.P.S.G.W.; P. J. Wallis, 330, P.P.G. Reg.; Frank Harvey, 450, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Dennis, 330, P.P.J.G.D.; I. Dawe, 970, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Rowe, 330, P.P.G.T.; T. Geach, 856, P.P.J.G.W.; Col. W. E. Michell, 1528, P.P.S.G.W.; T. C. Polglaze, 75, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Guy, 496, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Milford Cock, 589, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Reynolds, 331, P.P.G.S.; F. B. Williams, 977, P.P.G.S.B.; P. Giles, 496, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hill, 970, P.P.J.G.D.; F. Dennis, 75, P.P.G. Purs.; H. F. Willey, 1284, P.P.S.G.D. (Devon); W. Bailey, P.M. 1544; E. Scantlebury, 856, P. Prov. J.G.D.; G. H. Small, 121, P. Prov. G.S. Wks.; W. F. Creber, 1164, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Jones, 1954, P.P.G.S.; Rev. R. F. Fraser-Frizzell, 893, P.P.G. Chap.; A. T. Grant, 318, P.P.G. Purs.; J. R. Hayman, 121, P.P.G.R. Hants; J. Hugell, 856, P.G.D.C.; Rev. F. B. Paull, 496, P.P.G. Chap.; T. Hicks, 1529, P.P.J.G.W.; F. J. Hext, 330, P.P.S.G.W.; F. J. Hext, jun., 330, P.P.G.S.B.; R. A. Courtney, 510, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Darke, 1136, P.G. St. Br.; J. W. Higman, 496, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hawker, 330, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Gill, 967, P.P.G.D.C.; W. J. Hawke, 330, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Nettle, 510, P.P.G.S. Wks.; R. Lean, 331, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Roberts, 1785, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Brooking, 1071, P.P.G.S. Wks.; C. E. Juleff, 496, P.P.G.O.; T. White, 510, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. Harris, 510, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Turner, 557, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Lovell, jun., 121, P.P.S. G.D.; Dr. Bedford Kerswill, 1164, P.P.J.G.W.; G. Kerswill, 970, P.P.J.G.W.; G. Barnes, 1164, P.P.G. Purs.; E. Poor, 1136, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. Wks. Devon; J. Olver, 1138, P.P.G.S.B. Devon; C. E. Brown, 856, P.P.G. Tyler; J. R. Collins, 330, P.P.G.S.B.; and W. Mason, 496, P.P.J.G.D. The P.M.'s present were—Bros. E. Varcoe, 977; J. T. Tillman, 131; R. H. Marshall, 1528; G. Sarah, 589; J. J. Hawkin, 331; I. H. Spear, 330; W. Ellis, 318; H. C. Welch, 967; T. C. Mack, 131; R. C. Whetter, 856; R. Parken, 1164; H. Searle, 699; T. J. Smith, 496; J. Sobey, 1164; J. T. Baker, 1151; W. Bartlett, 856; T. R. Mills, 1006; R. Vercoe, 330; J. O. Job, 496; J. H. Cousins, 557; R. H. Shapcott, 970; A. W. White, 1136; W. H. Martyn, 1785; W. H. Pope, 1785; J. Doney, 856; R. Hooper, 510; R. S. Olver, 330; R. Sampson, 789; E. Herring, 1071; G. Burns, 1071; G. Cassell, 1136; J. Pearce, 1136; J. G. Anderson, 970; T. Cook, 970; F. G. Vincent, 330; W. J. Tredinnick, 496; B. G. Derry, 856; and R. Pearce, 1071. The I.P.M.'s present were—Bros. J. H. Hoyte, 856; W. T. Davey, 330; G. M. Downing, 131; W. Colenso, 121; T. White, 789; J. T. Rodda, 1544; G. Bennett, 557; H. P. Vivian, 589; W. Stephens, 1954; and J. G. Blight, 496. The W.M.'s: Bros. S. Tresidder, 75; F. Edvye, 330; E. Williams, 1272; C. Hudson, 318; S. White, 970; H. Worsdell, 967; A. P. Davies, 977; C. Kent, 699; J. Julian, 331; J. D. Pearn, 893; J. Tonkin, 131; J. Lander, 1964; J. McTurk, 496; A. K. Collins, 1136; J. Stribley, 1785; W. H. Huddy, 510; T. W. Perry, 856; G. Trethewy, 1164; H. Down, 2166; H. Bowden, 1071; W. Bond, 557; and T. A. Bailey, 115. S.W.'s: Bros. J. M. Richards, 318; R. Rillston, 777; E. Wedlake, 121; J. Pendray, 1544; B. Parsons, 789; R. Courtenay, 1151; T. Whale, 330; W. I. Watts, 496; F. R. Thomas, 189; R. Bonney, 1954; J. Duckett, 893; P. B. Henwood, 510; R. C. Revell, 1071; and R. Edgcumbe, 970. J.W.'s: Bros. W. Walls, 589; R. Rundell, 1151; W. Anderson, 75; W. E. Grose, 699; J. Brewer, 1964; W. M. Roberts, 1164; J. R. Brewer, 330; E. B. Trezise, 1136; W. H. Martyn, jun., 1785; W. R. Rawling, 1071; T. C. Betty, 557; W. E. Marchant, 893; J. P. Lillicrap, 570; N. Bray, 2166; and F. J. Denison, 977.

The lodge having been opened in due form, apologies were read by Bro. ANDERTON, P.G.S., from Bros. N. J. West, P.G. Treas.; Morgan, P.G. S.B.; J. F. Penrose, Rev. G. L. Church, J. Willey, W. J. John, Captain Colville, W. D. Rogers, C. Bryant, Rev. G. K. Kendall, and H. Pole.

On the roll of lodges being called, Bro. ANDERTON stated that every lodge in the province was represented, a satisfactory fact not often occurring in connection with meetings of Provincial Grand Lodges in other parts of the kingdom.

Bro. ANDERTON, in the absence of Bro. N. J. West, P.G. Treas., read the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance in hand of £127, as against £125 last year. (Applause.) In regard to the sale of directories,

he referred to the valued services of Bro. Hughan as editor, and called attention to the lack of interest in the directory displayed by certain lodges.

The SECRETARY read his annual report, which referred to the consecration of Lodge Cothele, 2166, and stated that the ceremony was performed by the D.G. M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, in a manner never before equalled. The address which the P.G.M. then delivered was one of the finest Masonic exhortations he had ever heard, their duties and responsibilities as Masons never having been more ably and kindly brought before them. (Applause.) Their thanks were especially due to the P.G.M. for the lessons they learned that day. (Hear, hear.) The number of subscribing members in the province was 1476, being an increase of 11 on the previous year, and as the increase was about the number represented by the new lodge (Cothele), the Order was practically in the same position as last year. There had been 107 initiations during the year, so they had lost a great many members by brethren neglecting to pay their fees, a few by death, and a few leaving the county. He congratulated the lodges generally on the manner in which they were worked, but pointed out that many of the officers of the lodges were not only ignorant of the Constitution and by-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge, but even of their own by-laws. The ignorance in regard to the Constitution was something alarming. He called special attention to the section of the Constitution referring to non-subscribing Masons visiting lodges, which stated that a non-subscribing Mason could only visit any lodge once in his life, and not once a year, as was generally understood.

The reports were adopted.

Bro. CHIRGWIN read the report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. The subscriptions and donations for 1887 were £146, a decrease of £12 on last year, which with the £192 balance in hand at the end of 1886 and £142 interest on vested fund made the total income £481. The grants to male annuitants amounted to £45, to female annuitants £28 10s., educational grants £30, expenses £17, leaving a balance in hand of £360. The capital account amounted to £4038, being an increase of £133 since the date of last meeting. (Applause.) From the commencement of the fund in 1864 to the present the receipts had amounted to £6350, out of which there had been paid to male annuitants £1240, female £153, grants for relief £60, educational grant £465, expenses of management £259—total £2178; balance £4171, namely, investments £3811, in bank £360.

The SECRETARY read the Treasurer's report of subscriptions to the Imperial Institute, the total being £58. Bro. Anderton added that many of the brethren had subscribed to the Institute in other ways.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he himself had subscribed through another channel. The Masonic subscriptions would be added to the sum total from the county, which would amount to between £500 and £600, nearer the latter than the former.

The SECRETARY read the report of the Committee of Relief, which stated that a grant of five guineas had been made that day to the widow of a Penryn brother, and £5 to the widow of a Fowey brother. The Board of Benevolence in London had granted £80 to the Province, £30 to a widow of a Falmouth brother, £20 to the widow of a Penryn brother, and £30 to a brother of the Carew Lodge, and a grant had also been made to the widow of a Wadebridge brother. The Committee's grants were confirmed.

The brethren proceeded in procession to the parish church, where a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. M. J. Sutton, P.G.C. A special anthem written for the occasion by the Organist, Bro. Juleff, was sung.

On the lodge re-assembling, Bro. GILBERT PEARCE submitted his report of the second year's operations of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, which showed total receipts of 366 guineas from all sources, and the number of subscribing members, including lodges and chapters, to be 205, the increase this year being 137 guineas and 47 members. Of this 366 guineas 240 were sent to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, 65 guineas to the Institute for Boys, 55 guineas to the Girls' Institute, and adding to the voting strength of the province 96 votes, of which 68 are life votes and 28 perpetuity votes. In the two years only that the association has been at work it had collected the handsome sum of £619 for the great Charities. (Applause.) Bro. Pearce also announced that his stewardships realised for 1887 for the central Masonic Charities the very large sum of £704. (Applause.)

Bro. HUGHAN, in proposing the adoption of the report, said their hearty thanks were due to Bro. Pearce for the trouble he had taken in working so well on behalf of the province. (Applause.) They must all be gratified to find such a very large sum had been raised on behalf of the Charities for the past year, and that the Association had done so remarkably well—even better than the previous year. Bro. Pearce had succeeded in raising the largest sum in one year ever raised for the Charities in the Province of Cornwall. (Applause.) They must also be very pleased to see that the formation of the Association had in no way injured the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. (Applause.) Bro. Hughan stated that the Freemasons were now spending at least £200 a day on behalf of their Masonic Charities. (Applause.)

The voting in connection with the applications with regard to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund resulted as follows: A grant of £10 to the widow of a Falmouth brother; an educational grant of £15 for five years to the son of a Tywardreath brother; a grant of £15 for four years to the son of a St. Columb brother; a similar grant to the son of a Redruth brother; and a grant of £15 for five years to the daughter of a Fowey brother.

Bro. C. Truscott, who was expected to be present to submit his annual statement as manager of the votes for Masonic Charities, was not present. Bros. Truscott and Pearce were re-elected Stewards of the Masonic Charities.

The SECRETARY read the report of the Truro Cathedral Fund Committee, which showed that it now amounted to £549.

Bro. the Rev. and Hon. J. T. BOSCAWEN promised another £5. (Applause.) This made the total of £554.

Bro. HUGHAN, in moving the adoption of the report, said there was a very strong feeling generally in the province that a portion of their funds should be devoted to the Cathedral Fund, and if £46 were voted to it, the contribution from the Freemasons of the province would then amount to £600. One reason why they ought to vote something from the province

was because Truro Cathedral was the first cathedral the foundation of which had been laid with Masonic honours. Another and primary reason was because their beloved Grand Master—(applause)—was Chairman of the Cathedral Committee, and had devoted so much of his time and interest on the work; and unless they voted a substantial sum they would not be doing their duty either to the Cathedral or to their Grand Master. (Applause.)

Bro. BAKER seconded the resolution, and remarked that he believed, irrespective of religious belief, the Cornish Masons were proud of the Cathedral. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he was always jealous that the funds of the province should be devoted to no object to which they could not be legitimately applied. He, therefore, thought, unless the proposition was likely to be carried unanimously, it ought not to be considered.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE remarked that although the members of the Craft took a large part in the laying of the foundation-stone of the cathedral, it, of course, would be impossible they should do so upon the occasion of the opening of the building. The accommodation was limited to between 1700 and 2000, and it had been a very difficult matter to the Committee to allot places. He thought, however, that the province should be represented by a few chosen members, and if a few names were submitted to him he would try to obtain tickets for them. (Applause.)

In answer to Bro. BAKER, the PROV. GRAND MASTER said the original idea was that the money subscribed by the Freemasons of the province to the Cathedral Fund should be devoted to defraying the cost of one of the central piers, on which a brass plate would be placed recording the fact. (Applause.)

Twenty-five guineas were voted to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and ten guineas to the Girls' School, Boys' School, and Aged Masons' Fund respectively. Bro. Milford Cock was elected Treasurer to the Fund, Bro. Chirgwin Secretary, Bro. Crewes Assistant Secretary, and Bros. S. Tresidder and J. Tonkin Auditors.

Bro. W. Guy was elected Prov. G. Treasurer, with Bros. Bailey and W. Giles as Auditors.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that the collection at the church amounted to £8 5s. Two-fifths were voted to the East Cornwall Hospital, two-fifths to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and one-fifth to the vicar of Bodmin. He thought they ought to have the Provincial Grand Lodge earlier in the year. (Hear, hear.) Referring to the Jubilee, the Earl said he attended the magnificent gathering of Masons at the Albert Hall, and he had the pleasure of seeing honours conferred upon those in whom they were interested. (Applause.) He was sure they gladly welcomed Sir Charles Sawle in his capacity of Past J.G.W. of England. (Loud cheers.) The Prov. Grand Master said he had five Jubilee honours to confer—Past Provincial Grand honours. He distributed them as follows:—

Bro. W. J. Hughan	...	...	P.P.S.G.W.
" S. G. Bake	...	...	P.P.S.G.W.
" Richard Carter	...	...	P.P.J.G.W.
" W. Rowe	...	...	P.P.J.G.W.
" J. H. Hoit	...	...	P.P.G.S.B.

The Prov. Grand Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Bro. Sir Charles Graves-Sawle	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" E. D. Anderton	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Nettle	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. M. J. Sutton	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. R. Erskine	...	...	
" W. Andrew	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. Chirgwin	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" B. G. Derry	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. J. Hawken	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" D. C. Burrows	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. D. Grant	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. H. Cousins	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Sarah	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Doney	...	...	Prov. G.D.D. of C.
" J. Tilman	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Major Rashleigh	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" H. Jones	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Harris	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. Gill	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. C. Mack	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Searle	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" John Langdon	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" T. H. Spear	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. R. Mills	...	...	
" W. Carne	...	...	
" E. Herring	...	...	
" G. Cassell	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" T. S. Bailey	...	...	
" J. N. Francis	...	...	

Bro. Chirgwin appointed Bro. J. C. R. Crewes as clerk assistant.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said a Past Master's collar had been instituted to distinguish them as such. Its distinguishing characteristic was silver braiding upon it.

Bro. E. POOR moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Anderton for his long and valuable services as Secretary.

This was seconded by Bro. HUGHAN.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he had to thank Bro. Anderton most deeply for the way in which he had worked as Prov. Grand Secretary. The Prov. Grand Master hoped that in future all Secretaries of lodges would endeavour not to add to the work of the Secretary of the province.

Bro. ANDERTON, in reply to the vote (which was heartily carried), said he had done everything he could for the good of the province. (Applause.)

Bro. Colonel MICHELL moved a vote of congratulation to the Prov. Grand Master on the honour which had been conferred upon him in being appointed aide-de-camp to the Queen.

Bro. Sir CHARLES SAWLE seconded the vote, which was heartily carried, and the noble PRESIDENT having replied, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards held a banquet at the Guildhall, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

## INSTALLATION OF BRO. LORD EUSTON AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

On Monday afternoon Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston was formally installed Grand Master of the Province of Norths and Hunts, in succession to his Grace the Duke of Manchester, resigned.

There was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the province at the special Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, which was held in the Museum of the Town Hall, Northampton, and the visitors included Bros. the Right Worshipful General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; the Right Worshipful Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W., Lord Mayor of London; Thos. Fenn, President of the Board for General Purposes; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence; Edgar A. Baylis, Dep. G. Dir. of Cers.; and the W. Mayor, A. B. Cook, P.G.D. of C. Upwards of 200 Masons were present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the officers of Grand Lodge present were saluted. Bro. the Earl of Euston was then duly installed Provincial Grand Master by R. W. Bro. General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey.

Bro. General BROWNRIGG congratulated Lord Euston on his appointment to the distinguished position of Grand Master of the Province of Norths and Hunts, and expressed his conviction that its high and onerous duties would be effectively discharged by him.

Lord EUSTON replied briefly, but to the point, and returned his heartfelt thanks to the brethren for the welcome they had given him that day.

The ceremony completed, the new Provincial Grand Master was greeted with Masonic enthusiasm. Bro. Lord Euston then proceeded to appoint his officers. Bro. Butler Wilkins was re-appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master amidst general approval, his discharge of the duties of that office for some years past having won for him the hearty approval of the province. Bro. Lord Euston's elevation to the Prov. Grand Master's chair left the office of Prov. G.S.W. vacant. He appointed Bro. Geo. Ellard, Prov. G.D. of C., and P.M. of 360 and 1764, as his successor, evidently, by the way in which it was received, a most popular selection. Bro. Rev. S. W. Wigg, of Anstey, Assistant Chaplain of the Province, was appointed Chaplain in place of Bro. the Rev. G. B. Hooper, who has removed from the county. Bro. Smith, of St. Peter's Lodge, was appointed Prov. G.D. of C. in the room of Bro. Ellard. Two veteran workers of the province, Bros. Buckle, P.G. Sec., and J. U. Stanton, P.G. Treas., received the honour of Prov. Grand Rank, as Prov. S.G. Wardens, in recognition of their long and valued services, and in association with the Jubilee year.

Thanks were given, on the proposition of Bro. Rev. S. J. W. SANDERS, P.G. Chap. of England, seconded by Bro. TERRY, to the Duke of Manchester, for his past services to the province.

On the proposition of Bro. BUTLER WILKINS, D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Rev. S. W. WIGG, the hearty thanks of the brethren were given to Bro. General Brownrigg for his presence and services that day.

A Masonic address to Prince Albert Victor, to be presented on the following day, was also adopted.

Subsequently the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall.

The banquet was served in the Large Hall. Some 200 brethren sat down. The P.G.M., Lord Euston presided, and was supported on his right by his Deputy, Bro. Butler Wilkins, P.G.S.B.; by Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, P.G.W.; Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sanders, P.G. Chap.; Colonel Shadwell Clerke, G. Sec.; Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., &c.; and on his left by Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B.; Bro. T. Fenn, President B.G.P.; Bro. Robert Grey, President, B.B.; Bro. E. A. Baylis, Deputy G.D. of C.; Bro. Major A. B. Cook, P.G.D.C.; Bro. Sir Lionel Darell, G.S.; Bro. E. Darell, P.G.S.; Bro. S. Hamilton Cartwright, and Bro. Edward H. Bedford. The whole of the brethren on the left, also the Lord Mayor, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Terry, and Hedges, are members of the Studholme Lodge, Lord Euston's mother lodge, and their presence was a testimony to the respect in which they hold Lord Euston as a brother of their lodge, of which, by the bye, General Brownrigg is the founder.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "The Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," having been given from the chair, and duly honoured, the Chairman gave "The Health of the Pro G.M. of England, Lord Carnarvon, the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

The LORD MAYOR of LONDON, Sir Reginald Hanson, who received an enthusiastic greeting, briefly replied. He referred to the attendance of Grand Lodge Officers as an evidence of the esteem in which Lord Euston was held by them, and trusted that for many years he would continue to preside over their province. (Loud cheers.)

General BROWNRIGG, who was received with much cheering, said he felt it was a conspiracy of his brethren, though a conspiracy of brotherly love and goodwill, which had led to his performing the duty of installing their Provincial Grand Master that day. (Cheers.) It was, however, a duty he had gladly undertaken, and he asked them to drink "The Health of the Prov. G.M., Earl Euston." (Loud and prolonged cheering.) They had it on Scriptural authority that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." If his mouth could but give utterance to the abundance of his heart at that moment, they would listen to such a flow of eloquence as they had rarely heard. (Laughter.) Unfortunately, his mouth was not equal to the demands of his heart, and he could only say they had secured in Lord Euston a P.G.M. whose work would delight them. (Loud cheers.) They had seen in the few words they had already had from him that his heart was in his work, and they would find that he would discharge faithfully and well the duties of the high office to which he had been appointed. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)

Lord EUSTON, on rising to respond, was greeted with a degree of enthusiasm rare in Masonic circles. When the applause had subsided, he said he hardly knew how to thank the brethren for the way in which they had received him—especially how to thank them for the way in which they had come from all parts of the province to do him the honour they had done. It would be a day he should remember as long as the Great Architect of the Universe gave him power to remember anything. (Cheers.) The way in which they had come from their distant lodges to be present at the installation of one who had been so short a time amongst them only gave him



greater encouragement and greater hope to go on, and knowing them a great deal better as he went on, he should esteem it a privilege to do all he could to advance the interests of the lodges. (Cheers.) General Brownrigg had said a great deal more than he deserved. (Cries of "No," and "We'll back you up.") They would back him up, he knew. (Cheers.) In military or civil life, when a man had anything to do, there was nothing which gave him greater incentive to do what he had to do well and thoroughly than the knowledge that he would be well backed up. (Cheers.) He could not tell them how pleased and happy he was to be amongst them. He should feel that wherever he went in Northamptonshire he should meet friends and brethren—(cheers)—and in them, whenever he had a cause to plead, he knew he should have a pretty strong following. (Loud cheers.) His lordship then appealed to the brethren on behalf of the Infirmary Fund, and said he hoped they would show to those who were not Masons that Masonry was what they said it was—Charity from start to finish. (Loud cheers.) The collection would be taken as soon as he sat down. (Laughter and cheers.) Continuing, he said he meant to do all he could for the province. He should go round to each of the lodges and try to know them all. He hoped they would get young Masons coming in and that other lodges would be raised. He again thanked them, and with them to back him up and help him they would find that heart and soul he was with them. (Loud and prolonged cheering, again and again renewed.)

The collection was made, and £70 18s. 6d. was at once realised. But Prov. Grand Lodge, the CHAIRMAN said, would add to that £10, and brethren had guaranteed on the morrow an additional sum of £19 1s. 6d., which would bring the sum assured up to £100. (Loud cheers.) Towards this sum it may be added, the top table contributed £25 10s.

Lord EUSTON next gave "The Health of Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M.," and highly eulogised the complete and thorough way in which he had discharged the duties of the office. (Loud cheers.) He felt that in taking the office of P.G.M. his work would be rendered light by the able assistance of Bro. Butler Wilkins, in whom, as second in command, he had the most perfect confidence. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. BUTLER WILKINS, who was warmly cheered, briefly replied, and spoke of the harmony and usefulness in which Lord Euston would find the lodges of the province working. (Cheers.)

Lord EUSTON next proposed "The Health of General Brownrigg," the founder of his own mother lodge—(cheers)—and to this the gallant GENERAL warmly and appropriately responded.

Lord EUSTON, in giving "The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," coupled with it the name of Bro. George Ellard, who had proved himself a most hardworking and zealous Mason, and whom he had, therefore, had great pleasure in placing in the position of P.S.G.W., as a man who was peculiarly fitted for it. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. ELLARD briefly replied, and paid a warm tribute to men like Bros. Buckle and Stanton, who, with the D.P.G.M., had been the backbone of the province for years. He felt that the prophecy of Lord Euston as to the future of the province would be realised under his leadership; and his lordship might rest assured that whatever he proposed for the good of the province would be gladly carried out by the brethren. (Cheers.)

The other toasts were:—"The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. BUCKLE, acknowledged by Bro. BINCKES; "The Visiting Brethren from neighbouring Provinces," for whom Bros. EDWARD DARELL and Captain COX spoke; and "The W.M.'s of the various Lodges in the Province," for whom Bro. SPENCER, W.M. 445, and Bro. SIDDON, W.M. 607, replied.

During the banquet the platform and the Mayor's tribune were occupied by many lady friends.

The brethren were warm in their encomiums of the various arrangements made for their comfort by the Local Committee, which consisted of the following brethren: Bros. Butler Wilkins, J. U. Stanton, George Ellard, H. Brown, A. Cockerill, T. P. Dorman, A. Jones, T. Emery, H. Hodges, E. Fletcher, J. J. Hart, J. Kellett, T. Wetherell, and George Butcher (Secretary).

#### LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NORTHAMPTON GENERAL INFIRMARY BY PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR.

This important Masonic ceremony, following as it did the installation of Lord Euston on the previous day, was the occasion of a large gathering of the brethren. Prince Albert Victor, who was the guest of Lord Spencer, arrived at Northampton about noon, and, after receiving addresses from the inhabitants and from the Governors of the Infirmary, a procession was formed, of which the Masonic body formed a part, and proceeded to the site of the new building. The ceremony was performed in accordance with the Masonic ritual.

The following address, which was read by Lord EUSTON, was presented to his Royal Highness:—

To his Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor of Wales, K.G., R.W.S.G.W. of England.  
May it please your Royal Highness,

We, the R.W.P.G. Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts, beg to approach your Royal Highness to offer to you our heartiest welcome to this ancient town.

We rejoice that your visit is on an occasion so much in harmony with the principles of our common Craft, the relief of distress and the spread of beneficence, and we trust that the presence of your Royal Highness this day in the sacred cause of Charity may give an impetus to the work which has been begun, and which, when completed, will be also the expression on the part of our province of our thankfulness at the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty our Queen.

We recognise with pride the honour done to our ancient and honourable Fraternity by so many members of your Royal House, who have entered its lodges, and done excellent work as brethren of the mystic tie, and we trust that that connection, so intimate and so valued in the past, may have a long continuance in the future. More especially we beg your Royal Highness to convey to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our M.W. Grand Master, the assurance of our dutiful submission and obedience.

Praying that the Great Architect of the Universe may have you in His holy keeping, and preserve your life for many years of honour and usefulness, we beg to tender our assurance of unswerving and heartfelt loyalty to your House and person.

Signed on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held in Northampton, October 17th, 1887, A.L. 5887,

EUSTON, P.G.M.  
BUTLER WILKINS, D.P.G.M.  
F. G. BUCKLE, P.G. Secretary.

This address was also received with loud cheering.

Bro. Lord EUSTON added, I beg to say that last night we had a collection for the Infirmary, and I am pleased to lay on this stone 100 guineas. (Loud cheers.)

His lordship then laid a purse of money on the stone.

His Royal Highness Prince ALBERT VICTOR replied. He said: My Lord Euston and brother Masons—I thank you for your cordial address of welcome. You are well aware of the interest which my father takes in the affairs of our ancient Order, and it is a matter of sincere pleasure to me to have been assisted in this ceremony by so numerous a body of the province of which you have just been installed Grand Master. (Loud cheering.)

The choir then sang "God save the Queen," in which the company joined, and the proceedings terminated.

The Masons first left, and marched to the Masonic Hall to disrobe, and the Mayor and Corporation went to the Guildhall. The Prince remained in the building a short time, and then entered the Infirmary, where he inspected the wards, afterwards proceeding to the Guildhall to the banquet in his honour given by the Mayor.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE CHERWELL CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS, No. 599, AT BANBURY.

It may interest many of our readers to learn that the Cherwell Lodge of Freemasons was constituted by warrant from the Grand Lodge of England so far back as the year 1852, when the Rev. Charles Kegan Paul, Prov. G. Chaplain of Oxfordshire, and who, we believe, is the present head of the renowned publishing firm of the same name, was nominated as the first Worshipful Master.

The Consecration Ceremony was performed on the 23rd February of the same year by the Rev. Chas. John Ridley, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, assisted by Bro. Stephen Burstall, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and a large number of Oxford brethren; since which time the lodge has been governed by a long array of Worshipful Masters, many of whom, from their great knowledge of, and skilful working in the Art, have received high honours, and have thus rendered themselves eminent in the Craft. Owing to the zeal, energy, and ability displayed by some of the members during the last few years, Freemasonry in Banbury has made rapid progress, so much so, that in 1882 it was thought desirable that a permanent building should be established, a building which would not only give greater comfort and convenience to the brethren, but one also which should at the same time be more worthy of the Great Architect of the Universe Himself, and of those moral precepts which are inculcated in all Masonic lodges. On the 17th November, the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren, had the high and distinguished privilege of receiving their Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany, K.G., who honoured them by laying the foundation-stone of their new Hall.

Bro. J. S. Palmer was unanimously re-elected W.M., and on the 12th November, 1883, in the presence of a brilliant gathering of Masons, formally opened and performed the first ceremonies in the Hall which had been commenced under such happy auspices.

The Cherwell Lodge, which has always held a high reputation in the province, continues its onward progress, and is at the present moment one of the most prosperous lodges in Oxfordshire. We think, therefore, that the members have acted wisely in founding a Royal Arch Chapter for the working of a more advanced portion of the Order. A petition was signed and forwarded to the Grand Chapter of England by the following companions: Comps. the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, Prov. G.M., P.G.W. of England; Reginald Bird, M.A., Deputy Prov. G.M., P.G. Soj. of England; Right Hon. Viscount Valentia, Prov. J.G.W., P.G.W. of England; John S. Palmer, P.P.G.W., M.E.Z. designate; John Potts, P.P.G.W., H. designate; Edward Prescott, P.P.G.W., J. designate; Edward J. Bruton, P.P.G.W., P.P.G.H.; Thomas Eley, P.P.G.R., P.P.G.S.; H. Robins, P.P.G.W., P.P.G. Std. Br.

A charter having been obtained, the consecration of the Cherwell Chapter took place in the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 10th inst. In the absence, through illness, of Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. of England, who had kindly undertaken the duty, the beautiful ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by Comp. the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, the M.E. Grand Superintendent, assisted by Comps. E. Bruton, Rev. R. W. M. Pope, and T. Eley.

The chapter having been formally opened, the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, intimating that they were assembled to establish a new chapter, which he had every reason to believe would have a bright and prosperous career.

The companions having signified their approval of the officers named in the charter, the Presiding Officer proceeded to constitute the companions into a regular chapter in ancient form.

A very able oration on the nature and principles of the Institution having been delivered by Comp. Rev. R. W. M. POPE, the ceremony was continued, and ably rendered throughout in that solemn manner to which the beautiful ritual of the Craft so readily lends itself.

The installation of Principals was undertaken by Comp. Eley, who in a masterly manner installed Comps. J. S. Palmer, as M.E.Z.; John Potts, as H.; and Edward Prescott, as J. Comps. Bruton, Eley, Drinkwater, and Robins kindly accepted office pro tem., and were duly invested by the M.E.Z.

Many brethren having been proposed for exaltation, and a Committee having been appointed to frame the by-laws, the new chapter was closed in due form.

The musical arrangements were most effectually carried out by Comp. W. R. Bowden, P.P.G. Org., assisted by Comp. J. Varley Roberts, Mus. Doc., Organist of Magdalen College, Oxford.

An excellent banquet was provided by Bro. A. Johnson at the Red Lion Hotel, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the speeches throughout the evening being of an unusually able character.

Comp. J. S. Palmer, M.E.Z., who presided, was supported by Comps. J. Potts, H.; Edward Prescott, J.; the M.E. the Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire, P.G.S. Eng.; Right Hon. Earl of Jersey, Provincial Grand Master; Reginald Bird, M.A., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, P.G.S. Eng.; Rev. R. W. M. Pope, P.P.G.S.N.; E. G. Bruton, P.P.G.H.; T. Eley, P.P.G.S.; and other distinguished guests.

The toasts were—"The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "The Grand Principals of the Order, and the Officers of the Grand Chapter, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Comp. Reginald Bird; "The

Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire"; "The Consecrating Officers, and Comp. Rev. R. W. M. Pope"; "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present, and Comp. Bruon." The toast of "The Principals of the Cherwell Chapter" was given by the M.E.Z., the Provincial Grand Superintendent, and replied to by the M.E.Z., J. S. PALMER; "The Visitors," to which Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of JERSEY and Comp. Rev. G. E. BARNES responded; "The Officers of the Cherwell Chapter, and Comp. Eley."

During the evening excellent songs were given by Comps. Bowden, Eley, and Dr. Roberts.

The Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

### CONSECRATION OF THE LINDSAY CHAPTER, No. 1335, WIGAN.

In January last, a charter was obtained to enable the brethren of the Lindsay Lodge, No. 1335, to take the Royal Arch Degrees in a chapter attached to their own lodge. Although there are only two Craft lodges in the town, yet the promoters of the new chapter felt justified in applying for a new chapter, owing to the number of P.M.'s of 1335 being unable to get Principals' chairs for many, many years.

The promoters of the Lindsay Chapter are Comps. the Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford, P.G.N.; M. W. Peace, P.M.; Lieut.-Col. R. A. Farrington, P.M.; S. A. Oliver, P.M.; L. R. Rowbottom, P.P.G.N.; C. E. Beazer, P.M.; J. D. Murray, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Treas. West Lancs.; H. T. Byrom, P.M.; W. Johnson, P.M.; A. H. Crossley, P.M., H. 178; R. B. Seddon, W.M.; and J. Browne, S.W.—all of the Lindsay Lodge; and on the 29th ult. the chapter was duly constituted and dedicated by Comp. W. Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G.S.E., as Deputy to the Grand Superintendent, the Earl of Lathom.

The installation of Principals was undertaken by Comp. Robt. Wylie, P.G.P.S., P.P.G.H., and the manner in which the work was performed by the Consecrating and Installing Officers, as well as the beautiful oration, so ably and so impressively delivered by Comp. Rev. T. B. Spencer, M.A., P.Z., afforded an intellectual treat to the companions present.

The Principals installed were Comps. the Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford, Z.; M. W. Peace, H.; and Lieut.-Col. Farrington, J.; and the officers invested were Comps. S. A. Oliver, Treas.; J. D. Murray, S.E.; H. T. Byrom, S.N.; C. E. Beazer, P.S.; W. Johnson and R. B. Seddon, Asst. Sojs.; and J. Browne, D.C.

There were present during the whole of the ceremonies—

Comps. J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.S.; A. G. Collins, Prov. G. Reg.; J. J. Greaves, P.Z., P.G.O.; T. Milligan, P.G.A.S.; R. Worrall, P.G.D.C.; J. Williams, P.G.S.B.; J. B. Wolstenholme, P.A.G.S.E.; C. Wilson, P.A.G.D.C.; F. J. Pentin, P.G.S.N.; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P.; E. Beilby, P.Z. 897; G. L. Campbell, P.Z. 178; J. Phillips, P.Z. 178; T. Milner, Z. 178; and the following companions of 178: J. Brindle, W. Daniel, R. Knowles, J. Lambert, W. Taberner, T. R. Simpson, J. Preston, J. Wilson, J. Radcliffe, John Cobham, 241; Ralph Bettey; and E. H. Beaman.

The Consecrating and Installing Principals were, on the motion of the M.E.Z., elected honorary members of the chapter.

The names of eight exaltees and eight joining members were proposed and seconded.

Apologies were received from several companions, and from esteemed Comp. G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br.

After the chapter was closed, the companions adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the banquet awaited them, which was served in admirable style by Miss Jerums. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., the Earl of Crawford, the chair was taken by Comp. Peace, H., supported by the J. and the Prov. Grand Officers.

During the dinner the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were introduced between the courses, and fully honoured, and thanks to the Chairman, who discharged his duties in an admirable manner, were expressed. A most enjoyable evening was spent by both visitors and members.

### MASONIC BANQUET AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

The Lord Mayor on Tuesday evening entertained at the Mansion House a distinguished company of brethren. The banquet ostensibly was given to the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England, and those present, numbering upwards of 300, included:—

Bros. the Right Worshipful the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; the Earl of Jersey, Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire; Alderman Sir J. Staples, K.C.M.G., P.G.D.; Alderman Whitehead, Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs, Alderman Savory, Alderman Cowan, Sheriff Davies, Sheriff Higgs, Dr. E. E. Wendt, Grand Sec. German Correspondence; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Rev. W. Stradling, P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. J. Martin, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth, Grand Chap.; Lieut.-General Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W.; Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. G.M. Shropshire; Sir G. Elliot, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. South Wales; Col. C. Lyne, Prov. G.M. Monmouthshire; Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, Prov. G.M. Jersey; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hampshire; Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middlesex; T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts; Sir H. Williamson, Bart., Prov. G.M. Durham; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; T. W. Tew, J.P., Prov. G.M. West Riding, Yorks; H. D. Sandeman, Past District G.M. Bengal; Sir G. Goldney, Bart., P.G.W.; Rev. G. W. Weldon, Grand Chap.; R. Eve, Grand Treas.; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; George Kenning, P.G.D. Midd.; R. Grey, President Board of Benevolence; F. S. Knyvett, J.G.D.; Lieut. Col. Sir A. Kirby, E. B. Sutton, P.G.D.; G. Ford, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; John Aird, M.P., Col. F. Gadsden, G. Plucknett, jun., Carmalt Jones, G. Hughes, O. T. Hodges, Sergeant Robinson, Dr. A. G. Medwin, W. Jarvis, W. V. Morgan, Dr. C. Godson, H. A. Rigg, G. P. Goldney, Deputy W.M. 259; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; W. C. Beaumont, P.A.G.D.C.; W. E. Stewart, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. Purchas, R.N., P.A.G.D.C.; J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; Colonel Edis, G. Supt. of Wks.; R. G. Glover, P.D.G.D.C.; Sir J. S. Goldie Taubman, K.C.M.G., P.G.M. I. of Man; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; C. Belton, S.G.W. Surrey; D. B. Ledsam, G.S.; H. Hacker, G.S.; W. J. Parker, G.S.; A. J. Lawrence, G.S.; G. L. Eyles, G.S.; R. Clowser, G.S.; A. T. Day, Dr. H. Sutherland, A. Hill, G.S.; V. Robinson, G.S.; S. G. Glanville, G.S.; C. Critchett, Major T. P. Powell, G.S.; Dr. G. Weldon, G.S.; W. H. Rylands, G.S.; F. Gordon Brown, G.S.; Col. C. Harding, P.A.G.D.; O. Hansard, C. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; J. Gibson, P.G.S. of W.; Dr. W. H. Russell, Edmund Yates, W.M. Bard of Avon Lodge; G. Cooper, S.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, J.G.D.; G. Plucknett, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.; R. Gooding, P.G.D.; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; Dr. I. Trollope, P.G.D.; Sir G. Prescott, Bart., P.G.D.; T. Weller Poley, P.G.D.; Dr. G. B. Brodie, P.G.D.; R. H. Holmes, P.G.D.; F. West, P.G.D.; H. Smith, P.G.D.; J. L. Mather, Assistant G. Director of Ceremonies; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B.; F. T. Bennett, H. Pritchard, H. Dickey, T. H. Miller, T. D. Bear, Dr. F. Pocock, H. H. Room, R. St. A. Roumieu, W. H. Cobb, Rev. R. F. Hosken, T. J. Reeves, T. H. Gardiner, T. C. Walls, A. Escott, T. E. Fenn, R. G. Clutton, J. F. Hepburn, P. A. Scratchley, J. T. Briggs, R. M. Jones, W. Kuhe, P.G.O.; C. Geldard W.M. 859;

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The LORD MAYOR, on rising to propose the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft"—stated the great pleasure he had, at the close of his year of office, to welcome so many names at the Mansion House, and although he intended that this should be a gathering where there should be a minimum of speeches, he hoped there would be a maximum of talking, and that on this occasion they should find the Mansion House by no means a temple of silence. (Cheers.)

In giving "The Health of the Grand Master," the LORD MAYOR stated that he had received a letter from his Royal Highness, expressing regret at his inability to be present. They could scarcely have anticipated the pleasure of seeing his Royal Highness among them, considering the labours he had undergone of late. With regard to those members of the family who were now suffering, it was, he was sure, the sincerest hope of every Freemason that theirs was but a passing ailment. (Cheers.)

In giving "The Health of the Grand Officers," his LORDSHIP stated that but for the fact of the Earl of Carnarvon being abroad for the benefit of his health, they might have expected him to be present among them. They had heard of him at the Cape, and at every one of the colonies he visited he would be respected for his eminence as a Mason and a statesman, and for the interest he had always shown in those distant lands. With regard to the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, he had been probably the most hard-worked man in the British empire. As a Past Grand Warden, who never was a present one—(laughter)—he thanked his Royal Highness for the honour which had been conferred upon him by the Grand Master during the year. The Grand Officers were doing their utmost to promote the interests of the Craft and, as a result, the world at large. (Cheers.)

The Earl of LATHOM said, in reply to the toast, that it was some satisfaction to himself that he was replying for about three parts of the room. They thanked the Lord Mayor for the kindly hospitality which he had extended to them as Masons. He spoke of the universality of Masonry and the benefits which were derived from it.

The LORD MAYOR, in proposing "The Health of the Brethren below the Dais," thanked the several lodges of which he was either a Past Master or a hon. member, for the honour they had conferred upon him.

Bro. EDMUND YATES responded, and

Bro. the Earl of JERSEY proposed "The Health of the Lord Mayor," stating the great pleasure they had derived from his Lordship's hospitality. They had not often the advantage of meeting together, but meeting together in the ancient City Hall, they ought now to thank the Lord Mayor for the honour which he had conferred upon them. Freemasonry was not only largely prevalent in the Royal palaces of England, but it was strongly present in the civic home of the great City of London. They all admired Lord Mayor Hanson as a personal friend, but they were bound to acknowledge him as a brother, and not Chief Magistrate of the greatest city in the world. (Cheers.)

Bro. the LORD MAYOR briefly replied.

During the evening an excellent selection of vocal music was supplied by Bros. J. A. Browne, W. Coates, H. Taylor, and R. Hilling. The banquet was most admirably served by Messrs. Ring and Brymer, and the whole proceedings were of an exceptionally enjoyable character.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The Prov. G.M.M., Bro. R. C. Else, held his Provincial Grand Lodge at the Three Choughs Hotel, Yeovil, early in the present month, under the banner of the William de Irwin Lodge, No. 162, which has lately been resuscitated (after being in abeyance nearly six years), mainly by the exertions of Bro. W. J. Nosworthy, P.P.S.G.W.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—

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" Dr. W. W. Westcott, W.M. 162 ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. W. Stone, W.M. 119 ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. Burnett, W.M. 191 ...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" T. H. Holroyd, W.M. 128 ...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Dr. P. H. Colmer, S.W. 162 ...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. C. Winter, 191 ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. W. Radway, P.G.D. Eng. ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. T. Elworthy, P.M. ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Honton, P.M. 162 ...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" J. G. Vile, 121 ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Rice ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. H. Good, 128 ...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" C. C. Strawbridge, 191 ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. G. Crowe, 348 ...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Gill, 348 ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. A. Milborne, 162 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Capt. Newell, 162 ...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" A. J. Salter ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1887.

## Original Correspondence.

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

## THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I do not see that the letter you inserted last week from "J. 174" affects my criticism of his introductory letter and Table or that of "Espoir," whose views I, in the main, supported. As far as my knowledge goes of the Provincial Associations to which "J. 174" refers, they are of two kinds, and both have, instead of clashing with our principal Charities, rendered them essential service. There are the Associations, such as those established in East and West Lancashire and elsewhere, which educate the children of poor or deceased brethren in the local schools, and thereby reduce the pressure upon the central Charities; and there are the Associations, like that of Staffordshire, which offer facilities for the local brethren becoming Life Governors or Life Subscribers to the same central Charities. But, except in so far as they help to explain why the provinces which have established the former kind figure in the Festival Returns for less than might have been expected from them, or why those which have the latter kind are able to contribute more, I do not see what these classes of organisation have to do with the Table which "J. 174" has been at the pains of compiling, and which, if it is to be criticised at all, must be criticised on its own merits, as it stands, and not in connection with something else which is wanting. This Table sets forth what London and the several Provinces, &c., have contributed at our several Benevolent Festivals during the seven years, 1881-1887;



what these contributions amount to altogether in each case and their annual average; the annual value or cost of the benefits which each receives from the Institution; and the excess of contributions over "value received" or of "value received" over contributions as the case may be. As it stands, and assuming that its figures are accurate and that it means what it professes, I admit it is a valuable help to the merely tabular view of Masonic benevolence; but if it means something more or less than it professes, then I am afraid I must ask "J. 174" to pardon me if I have failed to ascertain what he has furnished me no data for ascertaining. If I have gone astray, it is because I have taken his Table for what it contains, and not for something which he now tells us it does not, but ought, to contain. May I take the liberty of suggesting that "J. 174"'s explanations of last week would have been better, if like the reasons once given by a jury for their verdict, they had been left unsaid, and for the same reason, namely, that they entirely destroy whatever value it may possess?

As regards the letter of "Zetetes," I do not feel called upon to introduce the name of a particular province into a discussion which concerns London and the provinces generally, nor is it in my power to "explain the trick," by which many votes are obtained for little money. However, I will say this by way of corroborating my former statement, that the province I had in my mind when writing my former letter has been represented at three out of the 12 Festivals held during the last four years; that during that period it has given nothing to the Girls' School and 60 guineas to the Boys' School, while, according to the Subscribers' Lists issued on February of this year, it has five children in the former and four in the latter Institution; and that during the same period it has given less than £100 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in which, from the latest returns I have seen, it has one male annuitant and four widow annuitants. If this sum of between £150 and £160 represents all it has been able, without detriment to its own interests, to contribute to our chief benevolent Institutions during three years, then I repeat, there is nothing further to say—its mite is as worthy a contribution in the eyes of all just Masons as the larger gifts of stronger and richer provinces. But if, as, in the absence of any information to the contrary, I am justified in opining, its lodges are constituted as are those of similar provinces, which are neither richer nor poorer, yet contribute more largely and more frequently, then I say this "province I could name," but do not, has been wanting in its duty towards our Central Institutions and should lose no time in repairing the default. I am not propounding a very novel or very alarming proposition when I lay it down that it is the duty of each of the constituent parts of our Masonic body corporate to bear its due share of the common burden which devolves on that body, and that when some of those parts fail in their duty, then one of two results must ensue: (a) either the common burden is not borne to its full extent; (b) or the remaining parts have cast upon them more than their due share of the joint responsibility. —Yours fraternally,

ZETA.

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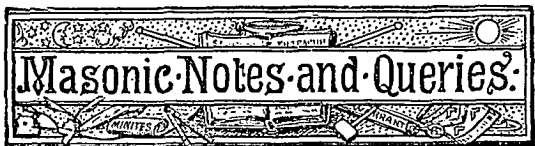
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to "X. Y. Z.," his edition is the second, and is worth 10s. It is not very scarce, as is the first edition, which latter has long been at a fancy price. Several of 1802 have been exhibited, and others are known; but of 1798 I only know of two, one of these being in Bro. George Taylor's magnificent Worcester collection.—Yours fraternally,

October 15th.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.



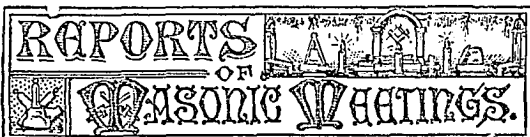
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## PROV. G. LODGE OF NEW YORK, A.D. 1781.

I have carefully read Bro. G. B. Abbott's exhaustive articles on the origin and character of the *Provincial Grand Lodge Warrant of New York under the "Ancients"*, and entirely agree with him that the able Masonic Historian, Bro. J. G. Findel, was in error in pinning his faith to the dictum of Bro. F. G. Fincke, who in 1856 wrote a pamphlet, which I know well, entitled "The Early History of the Original Charter of the Grand Lodge of New York, critically examined." Bro. Fincke sought to prove that the Charter in question was an imposition, and that there was no Duke of Atholl Grand Master of the "Ancients" at the time of its issue. The fact of the 4th Duke of Athole having been initiated under age, from a modern American point of view would invalidate any document issued by one so admitted, but as we all know, his Grace was passed through the Three Degrees, installed as Master, and also as Grand Master, all in one day. A copy of the original Warrant may be found in the *Freemasons' Chronicle* of September 2nd, 1876, and another bearing the same date, and in precisely the same terms and particulars, save the change of the names of the officers so appointed, is given in the *Masonic Magazine* for August, 1876, having been issued to constitute a Prov. G. Lodge for the Counties of "York, Chester, and Lancaster," the only one of the kind ever traced in England. The explanation of the Title of the 3rd Duke of Athole (who was deceased) being given, instead of that of the 4th Duke, who was then M.W.G.M., in my opinion is to be found in the fact that the printed form of Warrant used when the 3rd Duke was G.M. was made to do duty when the 4th succeeded to that office, the blanks being left for the names of the Provincial Grand Officers to be designated, place of assembly, &c. I have no doubt myself that the authorities did not consider it needful to have a new set of (blank) Warrants printed, but neglected to alter the "Prince John the Third," into the 4th of that name. The ingenious suggestion of Bro. Abbott's, that the latter, though the 4th Duke, was the 3rd John, whilst true in fact, did not in my opinion influence the authorities in 1781.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Bro. Colonel Sir Alfred Kirby and Lady Kirby have returned to town from the East.



## Craft Masonry.

**CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday, the 17th inst. There was a good attendance, including Bros. Dan. Hughes, W.M.; H. Harbord, I.P.M.; R. Pittam Stevens, S.W.; J. Hoddinott, J.W.; Jno. Hughes, P.M.; Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; W. R. Haylock, S.D.; A. Prince, J.D.; G. Rubardt, I.G.; J. G. Finister, Org.; E. Vanner and R. F. Whur, Stwds.; G. A. Cundy, P.M.; A. Ginger, P.M.; F. Rich, G. English, J. Hutton, H. Barwell, W. J. Tuck, G. Lawson, C. J. Whetnall, Hy. Hall, A. N. Harden, G. Smith, J. H. Hayden, A. South, P. G. Rogers, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Saunders, Org. 15; J. Mayo, 1614; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. Wm. Thompson and Julius Bona, having been duly balloted for, were initiated into Freemasonry, after which Bro. Hall was raised to the Second Degree. The ceremonies in both Degrees were rendered by Bro. Daniel Hughes, W.M., in a clear and distinct manner, which impressed the candidates and gratified and delighted the brethren. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial repast.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, being proposed by the W.M. and received by the brethren in a hearty and fraternal manner.

Bro. Harbord, I.P.M., said the gavel had once more been entrusted to him, and the brethren would know it was for the purpose of proposing "The Health of the W. Master." He had no doubt it would be received with the enthusiasm it deserved. They would agree with him that the pleasant task of proposing this toast was the only work he had to do, for the manner in which the W.M. performed his work rendered the post of I.P.M. a sinecure. They had all seen the work Bro. Daniel Hughes, W.M., had done that night, which had been a credit, not only to himself, but also to the lodge. He would, therefore, ask them to rise and drink with all heartiness and sincerity to the health of their W.M.

Bro. Daniel Hughes, W.M., in reply, said that once more it afforded him great pleasure to respond, and thank the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast of his health. He could assure them that the words of the I.P.M. applied to his case exactly, for he carried out his duties to the best of his ability, and he hoped to their satisfaction. As time was short he would conclude with those few remarks, again thanking them for their great kindness.

The W. Master then gave "The Initiates," and said that nothing afforded the occupant of the chair more pleasure than initiating good men into Masonry. During his year he had been singularly favoured. The two initiates of that evening had been attentive candidates, and that fact had assisted him materially in the working of the ceremony. He had been especially pleased to initiate an esteemed friend of his, Bro. Bona, into Freemasonry. That brother had come from the United States, and although he had Masonic friends there, had preferred entering Masonry in the old country. The brethren would be pleased to hear that he had been gratified at the manner in which the ceremony had been conducted. The other initiate had been proposed by Bro. Lawson, a brother initiate of his (the W.M.'s).

Bro. Thompson having returned thanks, Bro. Bona replied, and said that the words Faith, Hope, and Charity had been told him a long time ago, but he had heard them repeated in the lodge that night. He had walked in that path since his youth. He was glad that he had been initiated in this, his native country. He was very thankful for their kindness, which he should never forget during his life. He was sorry to say he could not remain with them, as he had to return to America; but he hoped to be with them again in March next, when he trusted to be passed and raised in their lodge.

"The Visitors" was next given by the Worshipful Master, who tendered a sincere welcome to the visiting brethren.

Bro. Saunders, Org. 15, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial reception he had received. Although he had visited many lodges, he had much pleasure in testifying to the excellent working he had witnessed. The officers were all well acquainted with their duties, and thoroughly supported their W.M. He hoped to have the pleasure of visiting them again ere long.

The other visiting brethren having responded, the Tyler's toast closed an enjoyable meeting.

During the evening several songs and recitations were given by the brethren, Bro. Finister, Org., presiding at the pianoforte in a brilliant manner.

**ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND LODGE (No. 1538).**—Wednesday, 12th inst., was the first meeting of the winter season of the above lodge, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C. There were present Bro. Leversedge, W.M.; P.M.'s Bros. Robertson, Treas.; Woodward, Sec.; Hatch, Gregory, Parkes, Smith, and other brethren, while several visitors graced the meeting with their presence. The lodge was opened in due form, and Bros. Sproston, Hemming, and Finch were passed to the Degree of F.C., after which Mr. C. R. Bonne was balloted for, and the same proving unanimous, Mr. Bonne was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. Hatch, P.M., in a manner which was as impressive as it was cultured. Bro. T. J. Fluck, S.W., was then introduced as the W.M. elect, and he was duly installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Leversedge. The following officers were appointed and duly invested: Bros. Mumford, S.W.; Harper, J.W.; Robertson, P.M.; Treas.; Woodward, P.M., Sec.; Hartnoll, S.D.; Maitland, J.D.; Stranger, Org.; Roberts, I.G.; Kersey, W.S.; and James, A. W.S. The usual addresses were then rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Leversedge, I.P.M. The W.M. having risen for the first and second time, Bro. Woodward,

P.M., Sec., called the attention of the lodge to the case of the lad Le Gros, son of a lately deceased brother. After advertizing to the fact that the M.W.G.M. had graciously given the St Martin's-le-Grand candidate 95 votes, the Secretary regretted to have to announce the failure of the lad, and called on each brother to do his best to ensure Le Gros' success at the next election. The report of the Audit Committee having been duly read and received, the Secretary moved that the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. T. H. Roberts for his efforts on behalf of the Craft in having introduced seven initiates in 13 months. This having been duly seconded and agreed to, the pleasing ceremony was gone through of investing Bro. Leversedge, I.P.M., with the P.M.'s jewel, and Bro. Woodward, P.M., with the Secretary's jewel. The two well-earned rewards having been graciously acknowledged, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

During the evening the usual toasts were proposed and responded to in equally felicitous terms, and thus, aided by the harmonious efforts of several talented brethren, a most enjoyable time was spent.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—The October meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There were present Bros. E. Anderton, W.M.; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.G. W. Middx., I.P.M.; G. Vickery, S.W.; J. Renals, J.W.; A. Brookman, P.M.; Treas.; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.G.D., P.M. and Hon. Sec.; A. B. Hudson, S.D.; F. Crockford, J.D.; J. Larkin, D.C.; M. R. Webb, I.G.; G. Rawlinson, Stwd.; George Kenning, P.M.; S. White, P.M.; W. H. Froom, P.M.; J. Shotter, J. S. Jarvis, W. S. Chapman, E. C. Philpot, and T. Benskin. Visitors: Bros. C. Kiechelmann, P.M. 515; H. W. Leonard, 905; J. Bodenham, P.G.D. of C.; and T. Owen, P.M. 1287.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. E. Campbell Philpot was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. in a most impressive manner.

The brethren dined together under the gavel of Bro. E. Anderton, the W.M. Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette received the congratulations of the lodge on his appointment to Grand Lodge office.

**OLD ENGLAND LODGE (No. 1790).**—The members of this lodge met on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, when there were present Bros. H. M. Hobbs, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, W.M.; F. T. Ridpath, S.W.; J. Kilvington, J.W.; W. Foulsham, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland, Treas.; G. S. Horsnail, Sec.; R. G. Fleming, J.D.; C. Tarry, Steward; W. H. Ranson, I.P.M.; H. Baber, P.M.; F. C. Pascall, P.M.; J. Buckley, Sherry, Cox, Symmonds, Mortimer, Healey, Gordon, Jas. Davies, Bolton, Horton, Chamberlain, Best, Griffin, Greenfield, James Clarke, and W. Lane, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. Fox Hawes, S.D. 463; W. Burn, I.G. 880; and E. C. Holdsworth, Stwd. 2096.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read, Bros. Healey and Buckley were passed to the Second Degree. A sincere vote of condolence was proposed by Bro. Foulsham, P.M., and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. C. Daniel, P.M. 65, (an honorary member of the lodge) on the sad death of his only son. After other business had been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

The supper, which partook more of a dinner (in regard to quality and quantity, and the manner in which it was served) gave credit to the experience and business ability of Bro. Tarry, the Steward of the lodge. The usual loyal toasts were by the W.M. of "The Queen, Loyalty to the Throne, and Fidelity to the Craft," which was followed by Bro. Kilvington and brethren singing "God save the Queen."

The Worshipful Master then spoke of the great pleasure he felt in meeting the brethren and the visitors on that, as on every occasion, at this his mother lodge, and alluded to the telegrams received from Bros. Samuel, S.D., and Elverston, who were unable to attend. The W.M. then said, having obtained the proud position of W.M., which it was the pride of every Freemason to attain, he hoped those who had been initiated since he was introduced into Masonry in the Old England Lodge would, when called upon, accept the obligations which he had the pleasure of discharging.

"The Visitors" toast was given by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bros. Fox Hawes, Burn, and Holdsworth.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Officers," which was responded to by Bros. Ridpath, S.W., and Kilvington, J.W., both of whom heartily endorsed the kind expressions of the W.M. respecting the junior brethren, and admitted the satisfaction they felt in occupying their respective positions in the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and remarked that whenever their Treasurer, Bro. Foulsham, was absent, their meetings appeared to him to be found wanting, and a keen feeling of some unnatural vacancy existed. He hoped that Bro. Foulsham, who was one of the founders and original prime movers of the lodge, would live many years yet to be present with them, and give them the advantage of that extensive and large experience in Freemasonry which he possessed. As regarded the Secretary, he was sure Bro. Horsnail would look after the interests and financial transactions of the lodge, and he was certain that Bro. Foulsham would take the necessary care of the funds of the lodge. Bro. Foulsham, in acknowledging the toast, stated that he felt proud in meeting the brethren, and was delighted to see so many present who had been initiated by him, and referred to the W.M., the I.P.M., and others who had passed the Master's chair as worthy examples to imitate. He then reviewed the good which the principles of Freemasonry inculcated, and what vast benefits human nature had received from it, and he hoped that Freemasonry would continue to progress, and be the fertilizer of true Christianity.

Bro. Horsnail, the Secretary, observed that the duties which their W. Master had appointed him the honour to discharge should to the best of his ability and attention continue to be carried out with the view of meeting the lodge's approval. He looked upon them more as pleasure than an obligation, and he trusted that he would be able worthily to follow in the steps of the W.M. and of the revered Treasurer, who were his sponsors in Masonry.

Bros. Ridpath, Kilvington, Griffin, Sherry, and Buckley, gave some excellent songs, and Bro. Balton a recitation which met with particular favour and admiration.

Expressions of approval and thanks were bestowed on Bro. Kilvington for his attention to the Musical arrangements.

The evening throughout was one of universal accord.

#### MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE (No. 1900).—

The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Inns of Court Hotel, on the 12th inst., when a goodly number of members and visitors were present. The usual routine business having been despatched, the installation of Bro. J. D. Collier, the W.M. elect, was proceeded with, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. Gardener. Bro. Collier having previously occupied the chair of K.S., the Installing Master was deprived of the satisfaction of giving the whole of the impressive ceremony, which was not in this case needed. The W.M. Master appointed his officers as follows: Bros. S. Brooks, S.W.; Doble, J.W.; G. P. Festa, P.M., Treas.; Slyman, P.M., Sec.; Stacey, S.D.; Henwood, J.D.; Sheppard, I.G.; Goodman, Director of Ceremonies; Austen, Organist; and Shelton and Philippe, Stewards. The W.M. then, in the name of the brethren, presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Gardener, the P.M.'s jewel of the lodge, together with the collar and jewel of I.P.M., accompanying the presentation with many expressions of goodwill and esteem on the part of himself and the other members of the lodge. Bro. Gardener returned thanks in feeling and appropriate terms, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a very choice banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Gosden.

In proposing the toast of "The Queen," the W.M. referred to the Jubilee celebrations of the year, amongst which he considered that at the Albert Hall was one that would live in the memory of all Masons who had the privilege of being present.

The toasts of "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," followed by that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," were next given by the W.M., who said they all felt proud of the honour that had been conferred on a member of the lodge who had been appointed P.G.S.B. He referred to Bro. Hedges, whom they all heartily congratulated.

Bro. Hedges, in replying, said that he was very pleased to have the first opportunity of responding to the toast of the Grand Officers in the lodge in which he had occupied the chair as W.M. He could not let the opportunity pass also without thanking the brethren present for the very kindly terms in which the vote of congratulation had been conveyed to him in the lodge.

Bro. Gardener then proposed the toast of "The W.M." They all knew, he said, what the Secretary had done for the lodge from its commencement, and now that he occupied the chair of W.M. they felt sure he would exhibit the same zeal that had contributed so much to the success of the lodge in the past.

Bro. Collier, in returning thanks, said that the welfare of the lodge would be his constant study during his year of office. He had taken the greatest interest in its welfare from the first, and was very pleased to occupy the chair of W.M. It was 10 years ago that he filled the same position in another lodge, and he was quite as ready now as formerly to do the work, assisted, as he knew he should be most heartily, by the officers. Before sitting down, he had a pleasing duty to perform, that of presenting to them the toast of "The I.P.M." Bro. Gardener had endeared himself to the members, and had done everything in his power for the welfare of the Montague Guest Lodge, and nothing had given him greater pleasure than to have had the privilege of pinning the jewel on his breast in the lodge.

The Immediate Past Master, in reply, said he had tried honestly to do his duty, and hoped he had been successful. He should still continue to take the deepest interest in the lodge, which he hoped would have a successful year under the rule of Bro. Collier.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given, and responded to by Bros. Danes, Fish, W. Lake, and Fenn.

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

Bro. Festa responded, and thanked the W.M. for his kind words about the Past Masters. The W.M. was pleased to remark, he said, that he wanted the assistance of the Past Masters, and he (Bro. Festa) desired to say that the Past Masters equally wanted the assistance of the members generally. They had heard that the lodge was prosperous, and as long as the harmony existed which had been so characteristic of the past, so long would the lodge prosper and maintain its position.

Bro. Slyman also responded, and said that he was very pleased to see one who had done so much for the lodge occupying the chair of W.M., and he would do all he could to assist him in the ceremonies and the duties of the lodge generally.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given. The Treasurer, the W.M. hoped, would hold the office for many years to come, and there was no brother more competent to fulfil the duties of Secretary than Bro. Slyman, and they owed him a debt of gratitude for undertaking the office.

Bros. Festa and Slyman suitably responded, and the Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable evening.

#### STRAND LODGE (No. 1987).—

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly. There was a good attendance of brethren, including Bros. W. Harris, W.M.; Jno. Douglass, S.W.; W. Madge, J.W.; Jas. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Sec.; A. Daly, J.D.; J. H. Bet's, I.G.; H. S. Foster, D.C.; F. Jackson, A.D.C.; J. W. Hare and C. J. Taylor, Stwds.; R. Mackway, Org.; J. R. Stacey, I.P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. G. M. Green, 975; Palmer, 1044; G. T. Miles, 1920; H. Woodroffe, C. N. McIntyre, 1559; Thomas Vernon, 25; A. J. Keston, 1269; J. Barnett, jun., J. D. 2192; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 2206, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx.; C. R. Ellis, P.M. 1982; T. E. Warren, 1319; C. F. Worrell, 1351; John Jones, 1507; Jas. C. Smith, P.M. Savoy Lodge; J.

W. Dickey, W.M. Savoy Lodge; J. H. Latimer, 34; H. J. Honeybeer, 55; W. D. Schwarz, St. Marylebone Lodge; J. M. Birch, 177; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the preceding, regular, and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and Bro. J. Douglass having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair by Bro. Stacey, P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. T. Madge, S.W.; A. Leon, J.W.; J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Sec.; E. N. Dale, S.D.; H. S. Foster, J.D.; F. Jackson, I.G.; C. J. Taylor, D.C.; A. H. Koning, A.D.C.; J. W. Hare and Potter, Stwds.; R. Mackway, Org.; E. Evans, Assist. Sec.; and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. The addresses were then effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M., after which Messrs. F. J. Francis and W. Gooch were regularly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by Bro. Douglass, W.M., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to make the presentation. He had no doubt that Bro. Harris, I.P.M., felt delighted at the honour of passing the chair, and throughout his year of office he had done his best for the welfare of the lodge. There could be no better reward for his labours than the distinction of wearing that jewel. Bro. Harris, I.P.M., briefly thanked the W.M. and brethren for the jewel, intimating that he hoped to have the opportunity of saying a few words on the subject at a later period of the evening. A petition to the Board of Benevolence from a brother of the Royal Savoy Lodge was recommended by the lodge, and duly signed by the W.M. and officers. Bro. J. Willing, P.M., Treas., proposed that a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded to Bro. Leon, J.W., for his kindness to the brethren who participated in the summer festival, and for his handsome present on that occasion. This proposition having been seconded by the I.P.M., was unanimously agreed to. Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., Sec., then moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Stacey, P.M., for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Master, having very kindly undertaken that office at a moment's notice. The proposition was supported by Bro. Harris, I.P.M., and heartily endorsed by the brethren. Bro. Stacey, P.M., having acknowledged the compliment, and there being no further business for transaction, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Harris, I.P.M., said the gavel had been entrusted to him for the first time as a P.M. to perform a very pleasing duty. It was to ask the brethren to join with him in drinking "The Health of the Worshipful Master," fervently wishing him a very happy, prosperous, and good year of office. There was no doubt that Bro. J. Douglass, W.M., would do his utmost to deserve their confidence. It was not the first time that their W.M. had presided over a lodge, and the good he had done for Freemasonry in the past commended him to their favour. Bro. Douglass was a Past Master in the art of doing good, and in the art of looking after the welfare of all brethren who claimed the right of Freemasonry. That brother was not only a figure head, but he had done good suit and service in the Craft, and he only sought an opportunity of following in the footsteps of the lodges he had previously served in. Altogether their W.M. was a worthy brother, and was one of the founders of their lodge. There were no further words needed to induce the brethren to heartily drink his health, wishing him "God speed" in his undertaking.

Bro. J. Douglass, W.M., said he hardly knew how to reply to the eulogistic remarks of the I.P.M., for he did not think he deserved all that had been said. He was very proud that the members had shown confidence in him by electing him to the position of W.M. In the vocation of life to which he was called his evenings were mostly occupied, and it had been difficult for him in the past to attend as regularly as he wished. However, he hoped that during his year of office the brethren would find their confidence had not been misplaced. He would attend regularly, and do his utmost to further the interests of the lodge. He thanked them very much for the kind way in which he had been received.

"The Installing Master" was next given by the Worshipful Master, who said it was a difficult thing to install a brother at any time, but to be called upon at a moment's notice, as Bro. Stacey had been, was to be asked to perform a very difficult task indeed. However, Bro. Stacey had carried out the duties in a highly satisfactory manner, and as the brethren were better acquainted with him than he (the Worshipful Master) was, he would simply ask them to drink his health.

Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M., in reply, said he had hoped that the kind compliment paid him in the lodge would induce the W.M. to keep his time for a better purpose. He had thanked them then and he now thanked them again, and was pleased to have had the honour of installing their W.M.

"The Initiates" having been proposed, and suitably responded to by Bros. Francis and Gooch, the W.M. Master proposed "The Visitors," and remarked that it was one of the great treats of Freemasonry to visit a lodge and receive the hospitality extended, for it was the interchange of these visits that cemented the bond of friendship which was so characteristic of the Craft.

Bro. Dickey, W.M. 1744, replied, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He was pleased to see Bro. Douglass installed in the chair for the second time, for he had previously held that position in the Royal Savoy Lodge. He trusted the W.M. would have a successful year of office.

Bro. Scurrah, W.M. 2206, also responded, and said it was always a great pleasure to him to attend this lodge, for there were so many members whom he knew and esteemed highly. It had been a pleasure to him to see the W.M. installed, and trusted he would have a happy and prosperous year of office. This was a very large lodge, and no doubt required an expert brother to rule and govern it, but the members had selected an excellent occupant of the chair by installing the present W.M. He hoped they would continue to prosper in the future as they had so conspicuously done in the past.

Bro. J. C. Smith, P.M. 1744, and other brethren also replied.

The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters, Treasurer,

and Secretary," eulogising the excellent services rendered by those brethren in the past, and asking the members and visitors to heartily drink their health.

Bro. Jas. Willing, P.M., Treas., responded, and thanked the W.M. for the high compliment he had paid him. He could only say that he should always like to have such a worker on his right as their W.M. The P.M.'s were determined, one and all, to support their W.M., and he was sure the officers would do their best to make the lodge as happy in the future as it had been in the past. He should ask them at the next meeting to show their kindness in a practical form by supporting him in his Stewardship for the Girls' School Centenary Festival. Seeing what their lodge had already done for the Charities, he was sure he could count upon the hearty support of the W.M. and the brethren.

Bro. Harris, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the great kindness they had always shown him. He was one of the founders, who, looking back and seeing the dimensions to which the lodge had grown, thought that it was something that Masons should be proud of. He did not think there was another lodge that had ever started under the Grand Lodge that had attained such a position in so short a time, for they were now nearly 100 strong. During its short existence there had been no less than £400 contributed to Charities, which was a great emblem on the banner of their lodge. He tendered his best thanks for the token of their appreciation, which they had been pleased to give him.

Bro. Stacey, P.M., and Wm. Stiles, P.M., Sec., also replied.

"The Officers" was next given, and having been responded to by Bro. Madge, S.W., the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music was provided by Bro. Mackway, Org., assisted by the Criterion Glee Choir.

#### WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).

—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duke-street, on Monday, the 17th inst., when there was a good muster of the Craft. Bro. Thos. Brakenbridge, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, viz.: Bros. W. D. P. Field, S.W.; J. S. Moffat, J.W.; Rev. J. Anderson, P.G. Chap.; Chaplain; Dr. Muir, Sec.; J. M. Clerk, S.D.; D. Atkinson, J.D.; J. S. Bryden, D.C.; B. Taylor, I.G.; and J. Sewell, Tyler.

The member for the borough, Bro. G. A. F. C. Bentinck, M.P., honoured the W.M. with his presence during the evening, and received a hearty welcome. The following P.M.'s, members, and visitors were also in attendance: Bros. H. Burnes, I.P.M., P.G. Purst.; T. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. B. Cowman, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; F. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.A.G.C.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; G. Ryrie, P.M., P.P.G.C.; T. Glessall, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; J. Jacques, W. Lewis, T. Fisher, J. Wood, E. Pattinson, T. Robinson, H. Kerr, F. J. Kerr, T. Blenkinsop, W. Milligan, J. Storey, J. A. Nichol, D. Farquharson, L. Taylor, T. Rawlings, W. H. McClellan, J. Dixon, H. J. Webb, Dr. J. Pirie, D. Hamilton, D. H. Cook, J. Musgrove, 119; W. C. Johns, P.M. 119, P.G. Stwd.; Dr. C. J. J. Harris, S.W. 193; J. Cant, Sec. 119; G. Starkey, S.D. 119; G. W. Roll, 1225, West Lancs; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Three candidates were initiated—Bros. Dr. Pirie, Dr. Webb, and Hamilton. Three candidates were passed to the Second Degree, and with one proposition, and "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. That of "The M.P. for the Borough," was ably proposed by Bro. Burns, I.P.M., and Bro. Bentinck replied, thanking the brethren for the very warm reception they always gave him when it was convenient for him to spend an hour in the lodge that he felt pleased to be a member of, and added that nothing would have given him more pleasure than to have been at the annual Provincial Grand Lodge on Friday, but he had an engagement for that day that he could not put aside.

With a long list of toasts and songs a very agreeable evening was spent.

#### FROME.—Royal Somerset Lodge. (No. 973).

—On Tuesday last, the installation meeting of the above lodge was held, the Installing Master being Bro. R. C. Elise, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. Somerset. Bro. T. H. Holroyd was installed as Master for the coming year, and after the ceremony he appointed his various officers.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a capital banquet at the George Hotel.

#### MANCHESTER.—Derby Lodge (No. 1055).—

The installation of Bro. W. O. Pettitt took place, and the St. John's Festival celebrated, on Thursday, the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Bedford-street, Bury New-road, when there were present Bros. Robt. Williamson, W.M., P.G. S.B.; W. O. Pettitt, S.W.; C. Bagot, J.W.; W. Taylor, Sec.; C. Smith, S.D.; J. Challender, J.D.; J. W. Hallam, I.G.; J. Taylor Evans, Chap.; J. Kirk, Tyler; A. Morrison, P.M.; Robt. Leech, P.M.; A. B. Wimpory, P.M.; F. Cooper, P.M.; Thos. E. Rigby, P.M.; Joseph Snape, P.M.; J. Anderton, C. R. Hardman, J. B. Peace, J. Heywood, J. Chapman, W. Provis, Thos. Dearden, G. Chappell, Geo. McWilliams, F. Hilton, J. H. Charlton, J. Hilton, J. Featherstone, Thos. Smith, and James Gray. Visitors: Bros. H. J. Holdsworth, P.P.G. Dep. D.C. West York; Rev. E. J. Reeve, P.P.G. Chap.; J. W. P. Leresche, P.P.G. Reg. E.L.; William Nicholl, P.M. 317, P.G. Treas.; J. T. Richardson, P.G.D.; E. W. Irving, W.M. 1170, P.G. Stwd.; R. R. Liseniden, I.P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd.; Wm. Jaffrey, P.M. 152, P.P.G.D.; J. J. Meakin, W.M. 992, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1030, 1459, P.P.G.D. of C.; T. H. Jenkins, P.M. 999, P.P.G.S.B.; Wm. Ollier, P.M. 992; R. Holland, P.M. 852; D. H. Malkin, W.M. 935, S.W. 325; E. Dodd, W.M. 78; F. H. Dale, W.M. 1773; E. J. Keen, W.M. 1030; F. J. Garner, I.P.M. 992; J. Carter, P.M. 1009; J. Board, P.M. Zion; J. G. Shaw, 387; H. Slater, 1219; J. W. Turner, 387; W. H. Williams, W.M. 2156; C. Turner, P.M. 1011, D.C. 2156; N. Dumville, I.P.M. 2156; Wm. Dumville, 2156; Cuthbert Blacon, 2156; Oliver Gagg, 2156; A. S. Kennell, 2156; James Whittaker, 2156; Seymour Jackson, 1140 and 2156; Wm. Jones, P.M. 325; and T. Matthews, 2156.



The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Owen Pettitt, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Robt. Williamson, and with all due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. On the re-admission of all M.M.s, the customary proclamation was made, and salutes given. Bro. A. B. Wimpory, P.M., subsequently vested the officers as follows: Bros. C. Bagot, S.W.; C. Smith, J.W.; Rev. T. Taylor Evans, Chap.; J. Heywood, Sec.; J. Challender, S.D.; J. W. Hallam, J.D.; A. B. Wimpory, D. of C. (invested by Bro. R. Williamson); J. Peace, I.G.; C. R. Hardman, Org.; J. R. Smith, T. Smith, H. T. Newman, and H. Grimshaw, Stwds.; and J. Kirk, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Joseph Snape, P.M.; to the Wardens by Bro. A. Morrison, P.M.; and to the brethren by Bro. J. J. Meakin, P.P.G.D. Bro. Fred. Cooper, P.M., presented the working tools in the Three Degrees to the W.M. The whole of the work was capitally done, and gave great satisfaction to all present. There being no further business, the Provincial Grand Officers retired, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet, and the caterer, Mr. Skinner, of the Atlantic Restaurant, obtained and thoroughly deserved the thanks expressed before all the brethren by the W.M., for the splendid dinner he provided.

After the banquet the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and preliminary Masonic toasts, all of which were honoured with that heartiness characteristic of Freemasons.

In responding to the toast of "The V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. G. Mellor, and the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. J. W. Leresche, J.P., P.P.G.R., in acknowledging the honour, referred to his long acquaintance with the W.M., having known him from a boy, and expressed his assurance that the lodge would suffer nothing from having elected Bro. Pettitt to preside over it. He had been very much pleased and gratified with the working of the lodge, with the successful entertainment, and the magnificent hospitality extended towards him. Bro. Leresche concluded by saying that he had no doubts for the future prosperity of the Derby Lodge.

Bro. W. Nicholl, P.G. Treas., also replied on behalf of the P.G. Officers.

The I.P.M., Bro. R. Williamson, P.G.S.B., in proposing "The W.M.," said he should be very brief, because Bro. Leresche had said the very same things about the W.M. as he (Bro. Williamson) had intended to say, therefore the brethren would have to kindly imagine that he (Bro. Williamson) had said them. The I.P.M. went on to say that the praise bestowed upon their W.M. was not flattery, but well deserved, and he felt sure that if the officers supported their W.M. as he deserved to be supported there need be no fears as to the manner in which Bro. Pettitt would perform his duties or of the prosperity of the lodge. He, personally, would do his best to support the W.M., and heartily wished him a happy and prosperous year of office. He called upon the brethren to rise and drink the W.M.'s health. The invitation, it is needless to say, was promptly responded to, after which Bro. Pettitt expressed himself very grateful to Bro. Williamson for his kind remarks, and to the brethren for so heartily responding to the toast. He stated he never anticipated such a brilliant gathering as there had been that day, or of seeing upwards of 30 P.M.s at the Board of Installed Masters. It was certainly highly gratifying, and he thanked all present for the brilliant reception he had received, and especially the musical brethren who had mustered so strongly to give him their support and valuable talent. He promised to do his utmost whilst in the chair of K.S., to promote the welfare of the Derby Lodge and Freemasonry generally, and concluded by hoping that as he had made no enemies in the past he should make none in the future.

Bro. Robt. Leech, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Robt. Williamson, I.P.M.," stated that when eight years ago the lodge was held at the Knowsley Hotel, Bro. Williamson, who was then I.G., said he felt sure he should never fulfil the duties of that office satisfactorily, but he (Bro. Leech) would ask the brethren after what they had seen the I.P.M. do that day whether he had not performed his work in such a manner as left nothing to be desired. The success of the Derby Lodge, Bro. Leech went on to say, had been unexceptional during Bro. Williamson's year of office. He had worked day and night to bring about a satisfactory result, and had succeeded. The thanks of every member of the lodge were due to him, and he (Bro. Leech) was pleased to say that the Provincial Grand Lodge had rewarded his efforts by honouring him in May last with an appointment, which was worthily bestowed and thoroughly appreciated, not only by the recipient, but by the members of the lodge generally. In conclusion, Bro. Leech said that to further mark their appreciation of Bro. Williamson's services, the brethren had subscribed a sum of money to purchase a P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street), which he on their behalf had great pleasure in presenting him with, trusting he would long live to wear it amongst them.

The I.P.M. subsequently returned thanks for the kind expressions made use of by Bro. Leech, and for the handsome gold jewel the brethren had presented him with, which he should highly esteem and regard with pleasure.

Several other toasts, including "The Visiting Brethren," "The Past Masters," "The Executive Committee," "The Masonic Charities," "Our Musical Brethren," were proposed and responded to, and a most enjoyable and memorable evening terminated at a rather late hour.

**WIGAN.**—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th instant, at the Masonic Hall, King-street, there being present Bros. R. B. Seddon, W.M.; J. Browne, S.W.; A. H. Boucher, J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.M., Treas.; H. Riddlesworth, Sec.; W. Rigby, S.D.; W. Hart, J.D.; G. L. Campbell, P.M., D.C.; C. A. Cranshaw, I.G.; C. D. Mortimer, Org.; Smallwell, Tyler; C. Snape, P.M.; R. Layland, C. Cockson, C. A. Cranshaw, W. Taberner, and W. Woods. Visitors: J. Brindle, W.M.; T. P. Simpson, J. M. Ashurst, and J. Wilson, all of 178. The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master and officers, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. D. Murray, at the

request of the W.M., took the chair, and Bro. W. Woods was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Sedden then resumed the chair, when, on the motion of Bro. Murray, the sum of 35 guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to Masonic Charities, thus completing the sum of 100 guineas raised in the lodge during the present year for the various Masonic Charities.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 12th inst. Among those present were Bros. A. H. Gurney, W.M.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G.C. of Middx., P.M., Treas., acting S.W.; Jenkins, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Sec.; H. Jenkins, J.D.; Toulmin, I.G.; Perry, W.S.; Briggs, I.P.M., P.S.G.D. Middx.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Davis was ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. Bro. C. Jenkins was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, Treasurer, and Harrison, Tyler. Bros. Coombs and Davis were elected Auditors. A Past Master's jewel having been unanimously voted to the W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The customary toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above powerful lodge took place on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Lord Raglan Hotel. Bro. R. Gooding, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following P.M.'s, officers, and visitors: Bros. W. Maule, I.P.M.; Capt. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M., P.D.G.D.C. Natal; G. Kenney, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Kent; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); A. Murdock, J.W.; A. Ware, Sec.; W. Seager, S.D.; T. Cowper, J.D.; W. Musquin, I.G.; W. Sayle, Stwd.; J. Ward, 956; F. Howell, 1000; W. H. Keeble, 13; W. G. Stackwood, 1068; and some 50 brethren of the lodge.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Sergeant-Major G. W. Ingle, and proved unanimous. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Sergeant R. Port, 2093, and Sergeant A. T. Hetier, as joining members, and that also proved unanimous. The candidate was then initiated, and the W.M. gave the charge and the lecture on the tracing board—a rare Masonic treat to all present.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of supper, and on re-assembling around the social board drank the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts enthusiastically.

The toast of "Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master of Kent," was honoured, as usual in this part of the province, with a bumper.

Bro. Kenney, in responding to the toast of "Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he considered it a great honour to hold office in such a noble province; but did not lay the flattering unction to his soul that the honour was meant for him especially; no, it was meant for the lodge. He looked forward next year to an even higher position. He complimented the W.M. for his interesting work that night, especially his lecture on the tracing board, and thanked the brethren for the hearty reception he at all times met with at their hands.

Bro. Gooding, in response to the toast of "The W.M.," said it afforded him great pleasure to be present, although he had to come all the way from Aldershot. He should attend every time if he possibly could, but felt sure that if he could not, he left one at Woolwich—Bro. Maule, their esteemed I.P.M.—who would carry out the duties of the chair.

The other toasts were "The P.M.'s," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—On the 10th instant, the regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate. There was a good attendance, embracing the following brethren: Bros. W. Browne, W.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; G. Simson, P.M.; W. B. Dyson, S.W.; S. J. Dalton, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; W. Lackenby, S.D.; J. H. Shonksmith, Stwd.; P. Pearson and J. D. Irving, Asst. Stwds.; W. Storey, I.G.; J. Hall, Tyler; F. W. Halliwell, F. H. Vaughan, J. Thorpe, L. Beaumont, H. Chapman, W. H. A. Coates, J. E. Wilkinson, J. S. Spetch, T. Milner, F. Stubbs, J. Smith, J. R. Jackson, W. T. Nance, A. Archer, W. S. Child, G. Chapman, and visiting brethren: Bros. M. Bryson, 236; Major Macgachen, 236; H. Scott, 236; R. E. Trillitt, 236; and T. Archey, 236. The business consisted in the raising to the Third Degree of Bro. S. J. Scott, which was performed by the W.M., who also gave the traditional history and tools. The election of Master for the ensuing year then took place, and Bro. W. D. Dyson, S.W., was unanimously elected, Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., being re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Hall, Tyler. These brethren thanked the lodge in a few well-chosen words, and after the close of the lodge a merry party met round the festive board and enjoyed a most harmonious evening.

On the following Wednesday evening the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Brown, gave a farewell supper to the Past Masters and officers of the lodge, which proved exceedingly enjoyable.

**HARROW.**—Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow-Station, on Saturday, the 15th inst. The chair was taken by Bro. John Weston, W.M., who was supported by numerous members, including Bros. Von Holtorp, S.W.; Gaskin, J.W.; John Osborn, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Mayne, S.D.; Sheffield, J.D.; Bayne, D.C.; Young and Davison, Stwds.; W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and H. Mayes, P.P.G.S.B. Visitors: Bros. Homan, W.M. 1602, and Searle.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Thomson having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed for the instruction of the brethren. The lodge was then closed, and an adjournment made to an excellent repast.

A very enjoyable evening was spent under the genial presidency of the W.M., some excellent songs rendered by the brethren considerably enhanced the enjoyment.

**MANCHESTER.**—Arthur Sullivan Lodge (No. 2156).—The usual meeting took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Old Boar's Head. Present: Bros. W. H. Williams, W.M.; A. Avison, S.W.; F. W. Lean, J.W.; E. W. Irving, P.G. Stwd., Treas.; B. Brierley, Sec.; C. Turner, D.C.; W. O. Pettitt, Sec.; Oliver Gagg, I.G.; Seymour Jackson, Stwd.; N. Dumville, I.P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. Gladney, J. J. Lambert, R. Morley, J. Hulme, T. Matthews, R. Chadwick, A. S. Kinnell, J. Haworth, J. Summors, Lawrence Lord, and H. Dawson, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Nicholl, P.M. 317, P.G. Treas.; Rev. R. H. Cotton, S.W. 1170; S. M. Shaw, 1993; J. Gregory, 204; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd.

The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. In the Third Degree the W.M. related the traditional history and explained the tracing board, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a capital tea "à la fourchette," and a very pleasant couple of hours were passed, the musical profession, which is largely represented in this lodge, contributing greatly to the visitors' enjoyment.

## INSTRUCTION.

**TEMPERANCE LODGE (No. 169).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford. Present: Bros. Dale, W.M.; Leng, S.W.; Talbot, J.W.; Millbourn, Preceptor; Vellenoweth, Hon. Sec.; Lazarus, S.D.; Akehurst, jun., J.D.; Akehurst, sen., I.G.; Walters, jun., Strickland, Finnermore, and Wells.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Strickland was examined and entrusted with a test of merit. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Strickland personating the candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Talbot, Millbourn, and Walters, jun., respectively, each assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Talbot, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Wells, 1212, was unanimously elected a member, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Leng was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. J. Round, W.M.; C. J. Biorn, S.W.; C. Coleman, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. J. Stratton, S.D.; S. J. Humfress, J.D.; R. T. Redfearn, I.G.; N. Turner, P.M. 72; G. Weston, S. W. Marktelow, and J. Webster.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, Bro. Baker, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Webster candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were next worked. Bro. Biorn, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for the able manner in which he presided for the first time in this lodge of instruction. All Masonic business being ended, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 14th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Qu-en-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. J. Coplestone, W.M.; H. Oliver, S.W.; R. Williams, P.M., J.W.; W. G. Coat, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; D. S. Long, I.G.; and J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor.

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. Long being the candidate. Bro. Craggs offering himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Oliver 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 17th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. Chapple, W.M.; C. Coleman, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; C. S. Mote, S.D.; H. Moss, J.D.; E. Coleman, I.G.; J. R. Allan, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; F. E. Vowler, P.M. 1603; J. Stevens, P.M. 1425; S. Smout, P.M. 1642; H. Alexander, O. W. Battley, F. Morrell, and A. Le Clair.

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. Vowler being candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Coleman was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously carried, to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Chapple for the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time in this or any other lodge of instruction; which compliment Bro. Chapple acknowledged in suitable terms. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. Blake, W.M.; Smith, S.W.; Hughes, J.W.; Ives, S.D.; Colley, J.D.; Bailey, I.G.; Duffield, Preceptor; Lewis, Treas.; Arnott, and Beadle.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Beadle candidate. Bros. Beadle and Arnott, being candidates for passing, were duly questioned and retired. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Smith, S.W. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Ives, being a candidate for the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. in a very able manner. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Smith then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Blake. On rising for the second time, Bro. T. Duffield, Preceptor, proposed, and Bro. G. Hughes, J.W., seconded, that Bro. Smith, S.W., occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting—carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. T. Duffield proposed that the lodge open at 7 sharp and close down at 9 p.m.—seconded by Bro. Hughes, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Restaurant, 1, Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Coleman, W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, acting Sec.; Ogg, S.D.; Houlden, J.D.; Holland, I.G.; Harris, Wynn, and Goode.

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. Goode, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Goode being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harris candidate. Bro. Glover was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Nothing further offering, 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 13th inst., when there were present Bros. Carlo Grassi, W.M.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.W.; G. F. Swan, J.W.; James Rowe, S.D.; J. D. Graham, J.D.; H. G. Marsden, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. H. Reynolds, acting as Sec.; Geo. Restall, B. Solomon, E. Faulk, Walter Hancock, and W. Proudfoot.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Restall having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. W. Hancock offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. E. J. D. Bromley, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed 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 18th inst., at the Scarisdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Cochran, W.M.; Hubbard, S.W.; Dresden, J.W.; Craggs, S.D.; J. H. Neville, J.D.; Wildes, I.G.; J. Davis, P.M., acting Preceptor; Keene, R. H. Williams, Heath, and C. Woods.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Keene answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The 5th and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Davis, assisted by Bro. Craggs and the brethren respectively. Lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Davis, assisted by the brethren and Bro. Cochran respectively. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. A. Hardy, W.M.; Dresden, S.W.; Klein, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); Spiegel, P.M., S.D.; Stanley, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; S. Cochran, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; Child, P.M.; and T. H. Wood.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. rendering the traditional history in a very impressive manner. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Dresden, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. On this occasion the lodge was honoured by Bro. Cochran, P.M., acting as candidate.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Thursday, the 27th inst., Bro. John Davies being W.M.; Bro. George Read, P.M., S.W.; and Bro. S. Cochran, P.M., J.W.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 15th inst. Present: Bros. W. G. Coat, W.M.; J. Brown, S.W.; D. Aslett, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; J. H. Wood, S.D.; Spiegel, P.M., J.D.; C. Woods, I.G.; Cochran, P.M.; Purdue, P.M.; F. Craggs, C. Hatt, H. F. Williams, and Edmonds (visitor).

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were then worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Spiegel, P.M. Bro. C. Hatt offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. Bro. Hatt answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree. Bro. Edmonds was unanimously elected a member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. J. Brown was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. Russell, W.M.; Steele, S.W.; Esling, J.W.; Lissimore, S.D.; Folkard, J.D.; Pennaill, I.G.; Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Walker, Price, Coe, Gaze, Gibbs, Burnett, Pugh, Beavan, Green, Keene, and Stubbs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Russell then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Westley, who opened the lodge in the Second Degree. Bro. Beavan, being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising, with the traditional history, was very correctly and impressively rendered by the W.M., Bro. Westley, with Bro. Beavan as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Walker worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Steele, S.W., was elected W.M. for the first Monday in November; the 24th inst. being appropriated to the working of the Fifteen Sections, and the following Monday being Preceptor's night. Bro. Steele thanked the brethren, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Secretary called attention to the time of meeting being altered for next Monday to 7 p.m., in place of 7.30. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**DARTFORD.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 299).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Bull Hotel, when there were present Bros. A. Bovey, W.M.; F. Snowden, S.W.; C. Powling, J.W.; W. J. Light, P.M., 299, Preceptor; Charles Hind, Sec.; C. Hind, S.D.; P. Jones, P.M., 1837, J.D.; C. D. Mears, S.W. 1076, I.G.; Carter, Tyler; and Wm. Greig, W.M. 299, P.G.P.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing being about to be rehearsed, the Preceptor offered himself as the candidate. The questions were put and answered, and he was entrusted and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The Preceptor then explained the second tracing board. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. It was proposed by the Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Hind, that Bro. C. D. Mears, S.W. 1076, be admitted a member of this lodge of instruction—carried. Bro. Mears returned thanks. It was proposed by Bro. Greig, and seconded by Bro. Powling, that the S.W. occupy the chair at the next meeting—Tuesday, the 1st prox.—carried. Bro. Snowden returned thanks, and promised to rehearse the initiation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

### Royal Arch.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).**—This old chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when there were present among others Comps. Cleghorn, M.E.Z.; Staley, H.; Rest, J.; Davis, S.E.; E. A. Harris, S.N.; Kimpton, P.S.; Isaacson, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. Davis, I.P.Z.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Holbrook, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx.; N. Moss, P.Z.; W. Codd, H. Harris, Hardy, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, and a notice of motion to increase the annual subscription having been given by the Second Principal, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The numerous toasts were given from the chair pertinently, but commendably brief. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

**LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).**—A convocation of the above chapter was held on Wednesday at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Comps. F. D. R. Copestick, M.E.Z.; W. F. Darnell, H.; John Taylor, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Charles Arkell, P.Z., Scribe E.; Henry Hughes, Scribe N.; T. S. Holland, P.S.; Thos. Cohu, P.Z.; Dr. W. A. Dingle, W. R. Dixon, C. J. Harmsworth, J. Kent, and G. Cotton. Visitor: Comp. George Augustus Taylor, P.Z. 22.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the audit meeting was appointed to be held on the first Monday in December. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Comps. W. F. Darnell, M.E.Z.; John Taylor, H.; T. S. Holland, J.; Charles Arkell, P.Z., Scribe E.; Henry Hughes, Scribe N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; W. R. Dixon, P.S.; Orchard, 1st A.S.; and C. J. Harmsworth, 2nd A.S.

The chapter was then closed, after which the companions dined together, Comp. F. D. R. Copestick presiding.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Industry Chapter (No. 48).**—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, when there was a fair attendance. In the absence of Comp. J. G. Smith, M.E.Z., the duties were undertaken by Comp. M. Corbitt, P.Z.; assisted by Comps. J. Moul, H.; John Duckitt, J.; Robert Whitfield, S.E.; W. Richardson, as S.N.; A. Simpson, P.S.; W. Brown, 1st A.S.; E. Arkley, 2nd A.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; and others. Amongst the visiting companions were Comps. R. Hudson, P.G. Swd. Br. England, Prov. G.S.E.; John Spearman, P.Z. 481, P.P.G.H. Northumberland; Barker, P.Z. 124; and others.

Bros. Edmund Carr, 48, and T. R. Jobson, 1664, were exalted as companions by Comp. M. Corbitt, after which the installation of the Principals took place, Comp. John Moul being installed as M.E.Z., and Comp. J. Duckitt as H., the duties of both being performed in an admirable manner by Comp. R. Hudson, P.G. Swd. Br., Prov. G.S.E. Comp. J. Duckitt installed Comp. R. Whitfield into the chair of J. The other officers were afterwards invested, viz.: Comps. Jas. McCulloch, S.E.; Wm. Brown, S.N.; H. F. Dryden, P.S.; Wm. Richardson, 1st A.S.; J. Patterson, 2nd A.S.; M. Corbitt, P.Z., Treas.; R. Ferry, Org.; and J. Curry, Janitor.

The chapter having been closed in due form, the companions adjourned to the refreshment room, and partook of the annual banquet.

**WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).**—The annual meeting for installing the principals of this chapter was held on Friday, the 14th inst., when Comps. W. B. Cowman, H., P.P.G. Swd. Br., was installed Z.; J. Paterson, P.G.D.G., H.; Chas. Gowan, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; Geo. Ryrrie, S.N.; W. Bewlay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Rev. J. Anderson, P.G. Chap.; Chaplain; W. C. Johns, P.S.; Thomas Allison, 1st Asst. S.; G. H. S. Smith, 2nd Asst. S.; and John Casson, P.G. Janitor, Janitor. The Installing Principals were Comps. Ed. Tyson, P.Z., P.G.J.; and Geo. Dalrymple, P.Z., P.P.G.J.

The following were also present, viz.: Comps. Thos. Atkinson, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; F. Hodgson, P.Z., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; L. Ward, R. Tyson, H. Ward, T. Brakenridge, W. H. Bewlay, J. S. Moffat, Geo. Starkey, G. W. Roll, A. Walter, P.Z. 371, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Thos. Mandle, P.Z. 371, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Jos. O. Scott, 2nd Asst. S. 371; Jas. Dickinson, S.N. 371; and others.

With a vote of thanks to the installing chiefs, and one proposition, the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to the banquet hall, where an excellent spread awaited them, provided by mine host of the Black Lion Hotel, and a very pleasant evening was spent, with toast and song.

**CROYDON.—George Price Chapter (No. 2096).**—The first regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 15th inst. There were present Comps. H. M. Hobbs, P.P.A.G.D.C. Surrey, Z.; J. D. Langton, P.A.G.S. Surrey, H.; J. S. Fraser, P.P. A.G.S. Middlesex and Essex, J.; A. S. Brown, S.E.; A. Adams, Treas.; M. L. Levey, P.S.; F. Cambridge, P.G. Org. Surrey, and G. Smith, Asst. Sojs.; F. West, P.G.S., P.G.H. Surrey; G. Price, P.G. Treas. Surrey; and C. Holden. Visitors: Comps. J. Hooke, Z. 463, P.G.S. Surrey; and L. Baker, 1.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for several brethren, and two of them being present—Bros. D. Guedalla and F. W. Leaver, of the George Price Lodge—were exalted. The by-laws, drawn up by the Committee appointed for that purpose, were submitted and approved, Comp. George Price, P.G. Treas. Surrey—after whom the chapter is named—was unanimously elected an honorary member. The M.E.Z. having expressed his wish to act as Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was appointed to represent this chapter.

After other business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet table. During the evening some excellent songs were given by Comps. F. West, F. W. Leaver, and G. Smith. Comp. F. Cambridge presided at the piano.

### INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. T. C. Edmonds, 890, S.N. 1507, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chaifont, P.S. 975, H.; C. R. Wickens, P.S. 704, J.; H. E. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z. 890, S.N.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 477, P.P.G.R. Dorset, P.S.; M. Spiegel, 834, 1st A.S.; P.Z.s: J. Smith, 890; J. Davies, 733; J. Sims, S.N. 834; F. E. Fowler, 1043; J. N. Watts, S.E. 1196; and W. J. Mason, 1328. Visitor: Comp. G. March, 733. The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. March being candidate. A vote of thanks was passed, to be entered on the minutes, to Comp. Dean for rehearsing the ceremony for the first time in this chapter of improvement. Comp. March, after the ballot proving unanimous, was elected a member. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

### Mark Masonry.

**HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 284).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, when there were present Bros. Fidler, W.M.; Gilling, S.W.; Rev. C. H. Roberts, J.W.; Webb, S.O.; Metcalfe, Knightley, Sharpe, Oddy, Barnes, Pinder, Dance, H. V. Clements, P.M., P.P.G.S.; P. J. Dunbar, P.M., P.G.M.S.; and J. D. Birkin, P.M., G.M.S. Visitors: Bros. Linzell and Garrod.

The installation ceremony was performed in a very perfect and impressive manner by Bro. Linzell. Bro. Percy Gilling, after being installed, invested his officers as follows: Bros. Roberts, S.W.; Webb, J.W.; C. Handley, M.O.; C. Sharpe, S.O.; J. Handley, J.O.; C. J. Knightley, Treas.; J. Oddy, Reg. of Marks; J. D. Birkin, P.M., Sec.; W. Metcalfe, S.D.; M. J. Barnes, J.D.; J. Pinder, I.G.; and L. Domorazek, S.W.S. After the investiture of the officers, the W.M., Bro. Gilling, presented in the name of the lodge a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. A. G. Fidler, who returned his warmest thanks to the brethren for the very handsome jewel they had presented to him.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren present adjourned to the banqueting room, when the beautiful repast prepared by Bro. Smithers was done ample justice to.

### Knights Templar.

**MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D).**—This old encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn, on Friday, the 14th inst. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights J. B. Glenn, Eminent Commander; J. H. Dodson, 1st Captain; Alfred Tisley, 2nd Captain; W. Paas, P.E.C., P.G.B.B., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C., P.G.C.G., Reg.; H. J. Lardner, C. of L.; G. Gravely, I.P.E.C.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; Wood; N. Prower, M.A.; L. Steele, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Sir Knight Dodson was elected Eminent Commander for the year ensuing, and Sir Knight W. Paas re-elected Treasurer. Sir Knights Prower, Maple, and Slater were elected as Auditors. A Past Commander's jewel was then unanimously voted to the outgoing E.C. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sub. Prior; A. Williams, P.E.C.; W. Roebuck, P.G.H., P.E.C.; Freer, Berridge, P.E.C.; and others.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. The customary toasts followed.

**WIGAN.—Faith Preceptory (No. 41).**—The usual meeting of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Thursday, the 6th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the E.C., Sir Knight W. M. Wylde, Sir Knight Wm. Johnson, P.E.C., took the baton, and opened the preceptory.

After the muster roll was called and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comp. Wm. Taberner, of the Lindsay Lodge, No. 1335, and being unanimous he was admitted and duly installed and saluted as a K.T. The other officers present were Sir Knights G. L. Campbell, P.E.C.; J. D. Murray, P.E.C., Vice-Chancellor, Reg.; T. P. Simpson, Marshal; J. G. Christian, Sub-Marshal; and A. H. Crossley, P.E.C. Letters of apology were received by the E.C. from Sir Knights W. M. Wylde, Wm. Goodacre, R. B. Seddon, and S. A. Oliver, P.E.C., Treas. The encampment was closed in due form.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**ADONIRAM CHAPTER (No. 101).**—The first meeting since the consecration of the above chapter was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square. In the unavoidable absence of the M.W.S., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the chair was most ably filled by Bro. C. H. Driver, 32°. There were present Bros. Col. Adair, 33°; Alfred Williams, 30°, Treas.; C. Fitzgerald Matier, 32°, Recorder; Robert Berridge, 30°, 1st General; James Moon, 30°, 2nd General; Dr. Lott, 30°, Org.; J. Vincent, Dr. Stewart, 32°; George Kenning, 30°; Rev. James Nelson Palmer, M.A., Col. Aubrey W. O. Saunders, Major-General Robert Henry Cunliffe, Fredk. Trotman Bennett, Bryant, Taylor, Grimwade, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting—11th February—were read and confirmed. Bro. William Shakespeare Webster was perfected. Bros. Sir Richard N. Howard, 30°, P.M. W.S. Weymouth, Rev. James Nelson Palmer, M.A., Col. Aubrey W. O. Saunders, Major-General Robert Henry Cunliffe, and Fredk. Trotman Bennett were admitted as joining members. The by-laws were read and approved. Bro. Lord Henniker was elected M.W.S., and Bro. Alfred Williams Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The alms having been collected, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner, under the genial presidency of Bro. Alfred Williams, Treasurer, supported by Bro. Robert Berridge, 1st General, and Bro. James Moon, 2nd General.

Bro. Col. Adair, 33°, in responding to the toast of "The Supreme Council," fully explained to the brethren the meaning of the form used in closing the chapter.

### Rosicrucian Society of England.

**METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.**—The quarterly convocation was held at the Masonic Rooms, 16a, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 13th inst. Present: Frs. Dr. W. R. Woodman, M.D., IX°, S.M.; James Lewis Thomas, IX°, J.S.M.; R. Ray, VIII°, M. of the T.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.I., VIII°; Geo. Lambert, P.M.I., VIII°; George Kenning, P.M.T., VIII°; T. C. Walls, Dep. M.T.; W. Wynn Westcott, VIII°, Hon. IX°, Sec.; S. L. Macgregor Mathers, VIII°; T. W. Coffin, Webster Glynes, Rev. T. W. Lemon, J. J. Thomas, Nelson Prower, T. O. Harding, T. Graham Robinson, J. N. Frye, John Sartain, F. H. Gottlieb, and John Gilbert, Acolyte.



The M. of the T. opened the temple in due form, and completed the mystic circle. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. A. W. Richards, P.M. 1670; Henry Parnell Hay, P.M. 1627; and B. A. Smith, 523, and they were all elected members. A ballot was taken for Fra. T. H. Tilton as a joining member, and he was elected. The three candidates having been duly prepared, were conducted by Fra. S. L. M. Mathers into the temple, and these aspirants were advanced to the Degree of Zelator by Fra. Robert Ray in an impressive manner. The secrets were conferred by the Supreme Magus. The lecture was given by the M. of the T. Certificates of honorary rank in the Soc. Ros. Confed Reipub. Unit. Stat. were distributed on behalf of Fra. C. E. Meyer, S.M., to Frs. Dr. Woodman, James Lewis Thomas, Wynn Westcott, and Robert Ray. Notifications of regret for absence were received from 18 fratres and three candidates.

Fra. Dr. Wynn Westcott then read a lecture on the American ritual of the Zelator Degree, and also the historical lecture with which the High Council of the U.S.A. has supplemented it. He concluded by narrating that, having observed that a Mr. A. E. Waite had published in a work, entitled the "Real History of the Rosicrucians," the regulations of the Society, copied from No. 1 of the "Rosicrucian," a copyright periodical, without payment or permission, he had taken counsel's opinion on the breach of copyright, and had threatened legal proceedings. He was now happy to report that Mr. A. E. Waite had made in writing an humble apology, and promised to withdraw the excerpt in his next edition, and to publish an apology.

A vote of thanks for the lecture was carried unanimously by acclamation.

Fra. Gottlieb considered that the college owed grateful thanks to the High Council for the prompt action of the Secretary General.

Fra. S. L. M. Mathers added supplementary remarks on the origin of the ancient Rosicrucians, and gave notice that he should propose at the next convocation that the "annua reports" of the Metropolitan College be made copyright.

Fra. Lambert proposed, and Fra. James Lewis Thomas seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that the thanks of the college be given to Fra. Wynn Westcott for his recent exertions on behalf of the college and its proprietary rights, and to Fra. Mathers for his services in the ceremony and for his researches into the history of the Rosicrucians.

Fra. Rev. T. W. Lemon handed in a copy of the "Medium and Daybreak," on account of an essay upon Rosicrucianism, stated to have been delivered in a trance by a Mr. Tetlow, and asked the Secretary General to report upon it at the next convocation.

A sample of type-writing applied to the issue of summonses was sent in from Fra. Dr. Bulmer. The Secretary General read a letter from the S.M. of the United States, expressing his great satisfaction with the reception accorded to him and his fratres from the U.S.A. last July.

The college was closed in due form, and the mystic circle dissolved.

### Allied Masonic Degrees.

**YORK.**—Ebor Council (T.I.).—On Thursday, the 13th inst., the annual meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, when Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., presided in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Dr. B. L. Mills, in India. Bro. Wm. Watson, P.M., P.Z., received the Degrees of St. Lawrence, Knight of Constantinople, Red Cross of Babylon, and Grand High Priest. Bro. H. C. Pickersgill was elected W.M., and was installed in the chair by Bro. Whythead, and the council was closed, the members afterwards meeting at refreshment. Among the members present were Bros. J. L. Atherton, Wm. Brown, J. Blenkin, Major McGachen, W. B. Dyson, J. T. Seller, and others. The following were appointed to office by the W.M. Bro. J. L. Atherton, S.W.; Wm. Brown, J.W.; J. Blenkin, S.D.; Major McGachen, J.D.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., Sec. and Treas.; J. T. Seller, I.G.; H. E. Cousins, K.G.; and P. Pearson, Tyler.

### Royal Ark Mariners.

**YORK.**—York Lodge.—A meeting of this body was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on the 13th inst., when Bros. Wm. Brown and J. T. Seller were elevated to the Order, by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.N. Bro. H. C. Pickersgill was installed in the chair of N.

### West Indies.

**JAMAICA.**—Sussex Lodge (No. 354) (E.C.).—Bro. Wm. Arbouin Paine, was on Wednesday, the 21st ult., installed as Worshipful Master of this lodge, the installing brother being Bro. R. S. Houghton, P.M. Sussex Lodge. The R.W. the District Grand Master, accompanied by his Wardens and Secretary, paid an official visit to the lodge. Bro. Paine's administration is as follows: Bros. Geo. H. Pearce, S.W.; William Andrews, J.W.; R. S. Houghton, Sec.; A. H. Jones, Treas.; A. W. MacGowan, S.D.; Geo. C. Hutchins, J.D.; C. M. Calder, I.G.; and Geo. Magnus, Tyler.

The lodges of the city were represented by the following Past Masters: Bros. E. J. Andrews, A. E. Burke, C. T. Burton, C. L. Campbell, Wm. Duff, C. M. Kerr, J. B. Lyons, M. H. Lawrence, J. Milholland, C. Plummer, and S. J. Streadwick.

Bro. Paine is Past Depute Provincial Grand Master for Jamaica under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and it was on his appeal in January last to the Grand Lodge of England which obtained the reiteration of the following ruling: "A Scotch Master, regularly installed, and in possession of the secrets of the chair, who has qualified by service as an English Warden, should, if elected to the Chair of an English lodge, be installed therein with the same procedure as if he was an English Past Master."—*Vide* report of proceedings of Grand Lodge of Scotland, 1887-1888, page 11.

Bro. Joseph Farncombe, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer Sussex, has been unanimously elected Mayor of Lewes for the third year in succession.

### Malta.

#### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

The half-yearly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Malta was held at the Masonic Hall, 27, Strada Stretta, Valetta, on Tuesday, the 27th ult.

The brethren present were as follows: Bro. J. W. Starkey, D.S.G.W., as D.G.M., in the chair, in the absence of the D.D.G.M., Bro. Bullock; Bros. W. Rotherham, P.D.S.G.W., as D.D.G.M.; W. Dahn, P.D.S.G.W., as D.S.G.W.; W. Pariente, P.D.J.G.W., as D.J.G.W.; F. Owen, D.G. Chap. (acting); G. Legond, D.G. Treas.; T. Currie, D.G. Reg.; D. C. Wilson and J. C. Stanley, P.D.G. Regs.; F. Gardiner, Pres. Dist. Committee of Gen. Purps.; J. Montgomery, P.D.S.G.W., D.G. Sec.; T. Castillo, D.S.G.D.; J. May and H. J. Harnack, P.D.S.G. Deacons; J. Yardley, D.J.G.D.; J. Critien, P.D.J.G.D.; J. Shillinglaw, D.G. Supt. Wks.; E. R. Barber, D.G.D. of C.; F. J. Coward, Asst. D.G.D. of C.; W. Marshall, D.G. Swd. Br.; T. C. Morris, D.G. Std. Br.; H. Hartley, acting D.G. Std. Br.; F. C. Cooper, acting D.G. Org.; R. Peel, acting D. Asst. G. Sec.; G. Bashford, D.G. Purst.; C. H. Horsfall, D. Asst. G. Purst.; K. N. Beck, D.G. Tyler; J. McKay, Mortimer, Easterbrook, Dixon, Pain, and Roberts, D.G. Stwds.; and many brethren and visitors.

District Grand Lodge was opened in form. Prior to proceeding to the business upon the agenda paper, Bro. STARKEY, in a lengthened speech, paid a passing tribute of respect to the memory of the late District Grand Master of Malta, R.W. Bro. W. Kingston, who died in London on the 10th August last.

The roll of the District Grand Lodge officers and of private lodges in the district was then called. The minutes of the meeting held on 29th March were read and confirmed. The minutes of the District Committee of General Purposes was next read, and its recommendations unanimously adopted, amongst which was the following: "That a mural brass tablet be placed in the lodge room to the memory of the late R.W. Bro. William Kingston."

The DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY laid before District Grand Lodge a concise report of the first half-yearly proceedings of the recently formed "Malta Masonic Charities Association," which proved to be a greater success than had been anticipated.

Grand Lodge circular dated 8th September was next read, and in conformity therewith Bro. STARKEY was pleased to announce the appointment of Bro. James Montgomery, P.D.S.G.W., P.M. 1926, D.G. Secretary, to the rank of Past Deputy District Grand Master for Malta, in honour of the Jubilee year of her Majesty's reign.

This announcement met with hearty enthusiasm from the brethren present. Bro. STARKEY (in the chair) then feelingly referred to the loss by death, since last half-yearly communication, of two well known and worthy brethren, viz., Bros. Webster Paulson, P.M. 1923, and W. Henchcliffe, P.M. 407.

District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, which reflected the greatest credit upon the D.G. Tyler, Bro. Beck.

The usual Masonic and loyal toasts were given and received with heartiness, but without honours, in respect to the memory of the late District Grand Master.

#### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, occupied the President's chair. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took their chairs of Senior and Junior Vice-President. There were also present Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, G. P. Britten, W. P. Brown, J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; D. D. Mercer, H. Garrod, J. H. Matthews, C. Dairy, G. A. Cundy, W. H. Perryman, G.P.; A. C. Woodward, F. Richardson, P.G.D.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; F. R. Spaul, F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; R. J. Taylor, R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; W. Hopekirk, A.G.P.; T. Cull, J. Nixon, C. E. Monro, W. Pennell, E. Witts, H. W. Baldwin, J. R. Dunlop, A. Bannister, H. Massey, N. B. Headon, E. R. Longley, J. F. Quartley, H. Dickey, H. Bertram, G. Bugler, T. Harper, W. C. Smith, W. J. Forscutt, J. H. Duckitt, W. Watkins, H. Jones, E. Walker, W. Englefield, L. Lazarus, H. Purdue, R. Trill, A. E. Taylor, M. L. Alexander, H. E. Frances, J. S. Simmonds, P. H. Jones, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed a recommendation to the Grand Master made at the last meeting of the Board and then proceeded with the new list of 47 cases. These came from London lodges, and lodges at Walsall, Sandbach, Plymouth, Canada, Birmingham, Tonghoo (Burma), Ipswich, Linslade, Wareham, Middleton, Croydon, Berkhamstead, Chatham, Douglas (Isle of Man), Redcar, Ashford (Kent), Bristol, Newport (Isle of Wight), Richmond (Surrey), Burslem, Chelmsford, South Shields, Sunderland, Dover, Twickenham, Keswick, and Carlisle. During a sitting of four hours and a half the Board deferred seven cases and dismissed two. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £985.

This was made up of one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £75; and three of £50 each; six recommendations of £40 each; and eight of £30 each; eight grants of £20 each; two of £15 each; eight of £10 each; and two of £5 each.

We would remind our Suffolk brethren of the lecture on "Knobs and Excrescences," to be given by Bro. James Stevens in the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, at Sudbury, on Friday evening next, the 28th inst. The lodge will be opened at 6.30 p.m. Colchester and Cambridge brethren should take note.

Bro. Terry's Theatre in the Strand was opened to the public on Monday, when a very admirable performance of "Meddle and Muddle," with Bro. Lionel Brough as the principal character, followed by "The Churchwarden," in which Bro. E. Terry himself took the part of Daniel Chuffy, was set forth. At the fall of the curtain Bro. Terry addressed the audience amid hearty demonstrations of enthusiasm, promising that he would do all in his power to deserve their kind patronage.

#### OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS OF DURHAM.

On the evening of the 11th inst., the St. John's Lodge, No. 80, Sunderland, was honoured with the first official visit of the Provincial Grand Officers of Durham since their recent election. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M., was accompanied by several of his principal officers, among whom were Bros. C. Booth, P.S.G.W.; H. J. Turnbull, P.M. 80, P.J.G.W.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. England; J. Clay, P.M. 97, P.G.D.C.; A. Grey, P.M. 949, P.P.G.S.; W. Ross, P.M. 1470, P.S.G.W.; W. K. Brown, P.M. 1119, P.S.G.D.; I. R. Patterson, P.G.S.; F. Maddison, P.M. 949, P.S.G.D.; F. Henderson, P.M. 94, P.G.S.B.; R. Shadforth, P.M. 949, P.S.G.D.; T. Renton, P.M. 1119, P.S.G.D.; J. A. March, P.M., P.G. S. of W.; H. W. Halfnight, P.M. 949, P.P.G.P.; J. Potts, P.M. 97, P.P.G.S.; W. Davison, P.M. 1970, P.G.S.; R. H. Yeld, W.M. 1389, P.P.G.C.; J. E. Nelson, P.M. 80, P.P.G.P.; T. Elwin, P.M. 80, P.P.G.P.; T. Atkinson, W.M. 80; and others.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed himself as highly delighted with the success and efficiency of the St. John's Lodge, and thanked them for the hearty reception they had accorded him and the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge. He was pleased that on the first official visit they had made to a private lodge he should be called upon to support the appeal of the lodge in favour of the claim of a brother of the lodge upon the Charitable Fund of the Order. Charity was the foundation of their noble Order, and its exercise one of their first duties as Masons.

At the banquet which followed in honour of the distinguished Master, the usual national and Masonic toasts were given.

There was a large attendance of visitors from the various lodges in the county of Durham.

### Obituary.

R.W. BRO. LORD DE TABLEY, P.P.G.M. CHESHIRE.

After a long illness, which, owing to his advanced age, it was feared from the outset must terminate fatally, R.W. Bro. Lord De Tabley, Past S.G.W. of England, and Past G.J. of Supreme Grand Chapter, and Past Prov. Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Cheshire, has passed away, his death having occurred on Wednesday morning, at his seat, Tabley House, Knutsford, within a few days of completing his 76th year. His lordship was among the most popular members of the Craft, and in the various exalted positions he had held in its ranks had rendered it many important services, which were the theme of praise among Masons while he was living, and will constitute a lasting tribute to his memory now that he is dead. Like very many of his brother peers who are or have been Masons, our deceased brother was initiated into the Fraternity while a student at Christ Church, Oxford, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in the year 1831; but his fame as a Craftsman was won in his native county of Cheshire, in sundry of whose lodges and chapters he filled the chair of W.M. or Z., and of whose Prov. Grand Lodge he was a Past S.G.W. In 1859, the late Lord Zetland, Grand Master, conferred upon him the collar of Senior Grand Warden of England, and six years later, on the death of that fine old warrior and Freemason Stapleton, 1st Viscount Combermere, the G. Master showed a still higher sense of Bro. De Tabley's services, by appointing him Prov. G. Master of Cheshire. In this office, in which a brother has such grand opportunities for doing much or little, the deceased laboured incessantly to strengthen and advance the interests of Masonry, and how successful his labours must have been may be gathered from the fact of one-fourth of the lodges in his province having been constituted during the period of his presidency. In 1868 he was appointed Grand Superintendent of R.A. Masons in Cheshire, and on the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.E. Grand Z. of Supreme Grand Chapter, in May, 1875, his lordship was chosen to fill the chair of Third Grand Principal. But it was not alone by this admirable discharge of the duties pertaining to these various offices that Lord De Tabley distinguished himself. He upheld the cause of Masonic Benevolence in his province by the support he was at all times ready to extend towards the Cheshire Masonic Educational Association, which had been founded shortly before his appointment as Prov. Grand Master, and which under his able management has since become one of the best provincial organisations of its kind in England. He also successfully pleaded the same cause at more than one of the anniversary festivals of our principal Charitable Institutions, having twice occupied the chair in behalf of our Girls' School, and having fulfilled the same duty for our Boys' School in 1867, and for the Benevolent Institution in 1866. Last year his lordship, finding the infirmities of age creeping upon him, resigned his position of Prov. G. Master, carrying with him into his retirement not only the love and respect of the Masons of Cheshire whom he had ruled so successfully for more than a score of years, but also of the whole body of English brethren, by whom, as well as by those who had the good fortune to be more intimately associated with him, the loss caused by his death will be sincerely lamented. His lordship was a Life Governor of all our Institutions and Past President of the Cheshire Educational Association, and even if Lodge No. 941, of Knutsford, which bears his name and was founded in 1862, should cease to meet, there is little likelihood that the services rendered by him will ever pass into oblivion.

We regret to have to record the death, on the 17th inst., of the wife of our esteemed Bro. Gardner, of Goldhawk House, Chiswick, I.P.M. of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012. We offer our sincerest sympathy to Bro. Gardner in his bereavement, and we feel sure it will be shared by many of the Craft.

**CRYSTAL PALACE COMPANY'S SCHOOL OF ART (LADIES' DIVISION).**—Twelve lessons—Elocution, Conversation, and Reading Aloud—by Miss Elsie Fogerty, are now being given on Thursdays at 11 a.m. Equally important in the education of a lady as the ordering of her personal demeanour, is the artistic cultivation of her vocal utterance.





We understand the preliminary meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at an early date, and it will be desirable for those who wish to act as Stewards and to take part in the initial stage of the proceedings, to lose no time in forwarding their names to the Secretary, Bro. Hedges.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., after spending the race week at his residence at Newmarket, returned to Devonshire House on Saturday last.

Bro. the Maharajah of Kuch Behar, Past G. Warden of England, gave a reception and farewell ball at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, on Friday, the 14th inst., previous to his departure for India.

Bro. the Earl of Onslow, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, will take the chair at the next house dinner of the St. George's Club, at the Club House, Hanover-square, on Friday, the 14th November next.

The Commander-in-Chief has given permission to the 1st Surrey Rifle Volunteers, in which Bro. Alderman De Keyser, Lord Mayor elect, served some time, to furnish a guard of honour at the Guildhall on the 9th November next.

The 19th annual Cat Show has been held at the Crystal Palace during the present week, and has attracted a considerable number of visitors, the exhibits, which number 429, arranged in 52 classes, including some very fine specimens of the feline tribe.

**THE SHIPWRIGHTS' COMPANY.**—Bro. Ex-Sheriff Burt (Master of this Company) has issued invitations for a dinner at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, the 1st prox., to meet Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Major and Sheriff Davies, and Bro. Sheriff Higgs.

Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie's report of the condition of the Imperial Crown Prince of Germany is satisfactory, but there seems little reason to doubt that his Imperial Highness will have to winter in Italy. At all events, his sojourn at Baveno will be prolonged for some time.

Among the guests invited to Eaton Hall by the Duke and Duchess of Westminster to meet H.R.H. the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, and the Duke of Teck during the present week, are Bro. the Earl of Arran and Lady Esther Gore, and Bro. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., and the Hon. Miss Harbord.

The Prince of Wales reached Blisworth Station on his way to Easton Neston, Northamptonshire, on Monday afternoon, on a visit to Sir Thomas Fennor-Hesketh, Bart., with whom his Royal Highness has remained as guest ever since. The Prince was received with hearty cheering on alighting at the station, and on passing through the village.

At the meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, on the 14th inst., at which Bro. Lord Magheramorne presided, the report of the Committee recommending the purchase of Parliament-hill and other land for the enlargement of Hampstead Heath was adopted by a majority of 29 to 14. The price agreed upon is £302,000, and for £152,000 of this the Board of Works has now made itself responsible.

Bro. Hughan, the well known Masonic Historian, who is on a visit to Truro and neighbourhood, has kindly promised to give a lecture in the Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, Truro, on Monday, the 24th inst. Bro. John Tonkin, W.M., will preside. Bro. Hughan was Master of this famous lodge—noted for its correct Masonic work and zealous service—in 1868 and 1878, and continues on the roll as a subscribing member. The subject selected is in reference to the continuity of the Craft during the last five centuries, and at the close of the lecture there will be a discussion, and then a collection on behalf of the local Masonic Educational Fund.

Sir Andrew Barclay Walker, Bart., of Osmaston Manor, Derbyshire, and Gateacre Hall, Liverpool, was married to the Hon. Maude Okeover, second daughter of Bro. Houghton C. Okeover, at Okeover, near Ashbourne, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. The family of the bride, who was a maid of honour to the Queen, have resided at Okeover Hall for many centuries. The wedding presents included a diamond, ruby, and pearl brooch from the Queen, enclosing a piece of her Majesty's hair, and a silver-framed portrait of the Queen, gifts from the Princess Louise, the Princess Henry of Battenberg, and other members of the Royal Family, and a magnificent bracelet from the brethren of Derbyshire, of whom Bro. Okeover is the Deputy Grand Master.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Creation Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791, held at the Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W., on Thursday, the 27th inst., as follows:—First Lecture, 1st Section—Bro. F. W. Woodard, 1791; 2nd—Bro. S. Cochrane, P.M. 1056; 3rd—Bro. G. E. Higginson, 1791; 4th—Bro. Brietbart, W.M. 1828; 5th—Bro. E. Child, P.M. 538; 6th—Bro. J. Davies, Preceptor, 169; 7th—Bro. J. Sims, P.M. 834. Second Lecture, 1st Section—Bro. C. Coombs, W.M. 780; 2nd—Bro. M. Spiegel, P.M. 168; 3rd—Bro. D. Stroud, W.M. 2045; 4th—Bro. W. G. Reynolds, P.M. 1441; 5th—Bro. F. Craggs, 834. Third Lecture, 1st Section—Bro. Fisher, P.M. 834; 2nd—Bro. A. Hardy, W.M. 201; 3rd—R. H. Rogers, P.M. 1791. Lodge will be opened on this occasion at 7.30 p.m. punctually.

Pertinent questions. What is more comforting in cold and damp weather than "Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy"? What is more beneficial to the weak and aged than this wholesome tonic as recommended by Medical Men? What do Sportsmen and Travellers find more sustaining than a flask of this unrivalled liqueur, and for whom a stronger quality ("Sportman's") is prepared? Beware of imitations. Observe our branded corks and capsules. Sold by Wine Merchants, and by Thomas Grant and Sons, Madstone, and 46, Gresham-street, E.C. Makers of the delicious Morella Marmalade. Sold by Grocers.

Bro. Sir John Puleston, M.P., of the Wheelwrights' Company, took part at Ford in the opening of a Wesleyan bazaar in aid of an organ fund.

The latest news of Bro. Pearse Morrison, C.C., reports him as having safely arrived at Kimberley, Cape of Good Hope, in good health.

Bro. Major-General Sir Redvers Buller, after an absence on duty in Ireland of nearly a year, has resumed his duties at the War Office as Quartermaster General.

We hear that the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, Clevedon, Somerset, held for some time past at Mr. Wickenden's, Regent House, will be removed to the Public Hall, which will be appropriately decorated for its use.

The Princess Victoria, as well as the Princesses Louise and Maud, of Wales, have been attacked with measles during the past and present week, but their Royal Highnesses have had the disease in a mild form, and are already well on their way towards convalescence.

Bro. the Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., H.M.'s First Commissioner of Works, has been suffering for some time past from a severe attack of gout, combined with fever, the result of a chill, and it is probable that some time will elapse before he will be able to resume his duties.

On Monday Prince Albert Victor of Wales arrived at Northampton, where he was met by Earl Spencer, whose guest at Althorp Park he was during the period of his visit. Bro. the Earl and Countess of Cork being among the company invited to meet his Royal Highness.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and the Countess of Carnarvon returned from Kimberley to Cape Town on the 25th ult. His lordship expressed great gratification at the heartiness of his reception, and explained his views on the subject of the confederation of the South African Colonies and States.

Madame Adelina Patti will make her last appearance in England previous to her departure for the Brazils at the concert which will be given by Bro. William Kuhe, P.G. Org., in the Royal Albert Hall, on the 6th December next. Madame Patti will be absent for a long time, and will not be heard at all in this country during the year 1888.

Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and Sir E. Du Cane, K.C.B., are members of the Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department to report upon the accommodation for prisoners awaiting trial at the police courts and courts of petty sessions, and also on the provision of food for destitute prisoners on trial there.

**ÆOLIAN CLUB.**—The members of this club dined on Monday last at the Falstaff, Eastcheap, under the presidency of Bro. John Barnett, jun. (Perinet et Fils), to the number including visitors, of nearly one hundred. Afterwards a concert was given of a high order under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry, the artists being Miss Kate Chaplin, Mr. Sinclair Dunn, Mr. Henry Taylor, Mr. James Bayne, Mr. Coombe James, Mr. McCall Chambers, and Mr. F. R. Kinke.

At the last meeting of the Campbell Lodge, 1415, held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 8th inst., Bro. H. Pritchard, I.P.M., proposed, and Bro. F. W. Levander, P.M., seconded, that a Treasurer's jewel be presented to Bro. T. Cubitt, P.G.P., in recognition of his valuable services as Treasurer to the lodge during the past 15 years. We are happy to say that the proposition was carried, not only unanimously, but also with the greatest enthusiasm.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Duncombe-street, York, on Friday, the 28th inst., at the invitation of the York Mark Lodge, F.I. The lodge will be opened at 2 p.m., and at 4.30 there will be a dinner. The election of Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason for the ensuing three years will take place.

Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough has been entertaining a select party during the past week at his Yorkshire residence for the pheasant and partridge shooting. Among his lordship's guests were Lord Burghersh, Lord de Grey, the Hon. G. Lascelles, and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P. The covers were not entirely bereft of leaves, but, on the whole, birds were abundant and in good condition, and some excellent bags were made.

The first of the Monday popular Concerts for the ensuing season will be held at St. James's Hall, on Monday next, the 24th inst., when an excellent programme, including a quartet by Spohr, waltz by Chopin, Spinner-lyed by Mendelssohn, &c., will be presented, the executants being Madame Norman-Neruda, M.M. Josef and Casimir Hofmann, L. Ries, Hollander, and Howell; Vocalist: Miss Liza Lehmann. The Saturday popular Concert season will be inaugurated on Saturday next, the 29th inst., when the programme will be composed of selections from the works of Beethoven. The executants will be the same as in the "Monday Pop.," with the exception of the Hofmanns, and the vocalist will be Mr. Santley.

The Elcho Challenge Shield and the International Challenge Trophy, which were won by the English eight and twenty respectively at the meeting this year of the National Rifle Association, were handed over to the custody of Bro. Lord Mayor Hanson, on Saturday last, and placed in the Guildhall, the occasion being made more than usually interesting by the presence of a guard of honour furnished by the Honourable Artillery Company, and detachments from several London Volunteer Regiments. In the evening Bro. the Lord Mayor entertained a numerous and distinguished company at dinner at the Mansion House, among the guests being H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, and Bros. Major-General Sir Redvers Buller, Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Halford, Bart., Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, and others.

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

The Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company (court) gave a dinner at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday. Bro. Knapton Abel, Master, presided.

Bro. G. Sala has written upwards of 7000 newspaper articles during the 35 years of his connection with the press.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by his son Prince Albert Victor, visited the Olympic Theatre on Saturday evening last.

Bro. John Lobb will be a candidate to represent the Ward of Farringdon Without in the Court of Common Council on next St. Thomas's day.

Bro. J. J. Goodinge, C.C., has been elected Chairman of the Aldersgate Past Officers' Club for the ensuing year.

Bro. Alderman Evans was entertained to a banquet at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday last, by the representatives of Castle Baynard in the Court of Common Council.

**THE MASONIC CHARITIES.**—The Frome Lodge has celebrated the Jubilee year in a very praiseworthy manner, by the members subscribing £147 to Masonic Charities.

Bros. Lord Wolverton, Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., J. G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., and many others were among those who received Mr. Gladstone on his arrival on Tuesday in Nottingham, and were present with him at the meeting of the Council of the National Liberal Federation.

We have the pleasure to announce that the weekly meetings of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction, No. 355, which were adjourned over the summer months, will be resumed at the Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., to-night (Friday), at 7.30.

A dramatic performance in aid of the Devon Masonic Fund will be given by the Devonport Private Dramatic Society, at the new Theatre, Devonport. The pieces selected are "War to the Knife" and "Robert Macaire." We trust the result will be a handsome addition to the funds.

Bro. Henry Garrod, P.G.P., P.M. of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, and the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, was, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, elected W.M. of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, of which lodge he has been Secretary since its consecration, nearly 30 years ago.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., will be the guest at the house dinner of the Constitutional Club, Liverpool, on Monday next, the 24th instant, and on Wednesday will deliver an address to his constituents.

The Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, No. 1638, which meets at the Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, will in future assemble on Tuesday nights instead of Thursday. Brethren from any lodge, properly vouched for, are welcome at all times. The first meeting of the session will be Tuesday, October 25th.

On Thursday a grand banquet was given in the Guildhall of York to Bro. Sir Joseph Terry, Lord Mayor of York, in recognition of his services to the city, and in celebration of his attaining the honour of knighthood. A large number of persons were present, including all the leading citizens of York and the neighbourhood, amongst whom our brother is most popular.

Bro. Henry Irving paid what was necessarily a flying visit to Stratford-on-Avon on Monday afternoon, for the purpose of dedicating to the service of the public the beautiful fountain which has been erected at the cost of Mr. Childs, of Philadelphia, as a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee. There was, of course, a numerous gathering of visitors from all parts in honour of the occasion, the Mayor of Stratford being supported by his brother Mayors of Worcester, Lichfield, Coventry, Warwick, Leamington, the American Minister, Bro. Earl De la Warr, and Bros. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., P.G.D., and J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.

On Wednesday a valedictory service was held in York Minster on the eve of the departure for Australia of Bro. the Very Rev. C. E. Camidge, Bishop of Bathurst. Bro. Camidge had been consecrated Bishop on the previous day in Westminster Abbey. Bro. the Dean of York had arranged a special service for the occasion, the whole of the music used having been selected from the compositions of the late Dr. Camidge, organist of York Minster, and uncle of the Bishop of Bathurst. For three generations the Camidges held the office of organist of the great Northern Cathedral. The present Bishop of Bathurst was born near York, and was educated at the Cathedral School, and was a Canon of York, so that a service of this description was particularly appropriate. The Archbishop of York preached the sermon, and there was an offertory in aid of diocesan work in Bathurst. We understand that on the afternoon of the same day the infant son of Bro. T. B. Whythead, chapter clerk of York, was christened at St. Maurice's Church, the sponsors being Bros. the Dean of York and the Bishop of Bathurst. The Bishop has done good Masonic service. He is P.M. and P.Z. of a Wakefield lodge and chapter, and is a Past Prov. Grand Chaplain of both Yorkshire provinces, whilst for several years he has acted as Chaplain to the Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, of which town he was the vicar. A number of Freemasons were present at the farewell service, desiring to pay respect to their episcopal brother on the eve of his departure.

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.

We are informed that Lord Egerton of Tatton, Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, has nominated Bro. Richard Newhouse, of Bowden, as Provincial Grand Secretary, and he will be invested at the forthcoming meeting at Crewe. Bro. Newhouse is a P.M. of the Standard Lodge, No. 1045, and has also acted as its Secretary for over 20 years, and he is the P.G. Secretary of Mark Masonry for Cheshire and North Wales. Bro. Newhouse succeeds Bro. E. H. Griffiths, of Nantwich, whose valuable services to the Craft for many years past are to be fully recognised.