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Supreme Grand Chapter. THERE was a much fuller attendance than usual at the Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday, but had it not been that the bestowal of brevet rank in Grand Chapter to correspond with that conferred already in Grand Lodge in commemoration of the QUEEN'S Jubilee had been, of necessity, postponed in the case of those belonging to Districts Abroad and in the Colonies, in order to enable the GRAND SECRETARY to ascertain who among the Craft Masons were qualified to receive honours in the Royal Arch, there would in all probability have been less than the usual amount of business to transact. However, on this occasion GRAND SCRIBE E. was able to furnish the names of those companions who, having already received Craft Jubilee honours, were entitled to a similar favour in the Grand Chapter, and the rank which it had pleased his Royal Highness, the GRAND Z., to confer upon each. Thus the list of those who have been honoured with brevet rank in the two branches of constitutional Masonry is completed, and we may now congratulate the Companions in the Colonies and Abroad who were fortunately qualified to receive it on Wednesday. There are some good men amongst them, men who, though their names cannot be so familiar to us here as those of the leading members in our London lodges and the provinces, are known to have done good service to English Freemasonry; and it is tolerably certain the bestowal of these Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter honours will have the effect of strengthening the ties which bind our Colonial and Anglo-foreign lodges to Freemasonry in the Old Country.

Festival of the Hants and Isle of Wight Benevolent Association. AMONG the 44 provinces holding under the United Grand Lodge of England there are some few which are numerically stronger than Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and there are many which equal it in point of energy and activity, the resolute loyalty with which they perform all manner of Masonic work, and their steadfast observance of the principle of benevolence. But none excel it in these essentials of sound practical Freemasonry, and the report of the proceedings—which we publish elsewhere—of its Provincial Grand Lodge, as well as of the first Anniversary Festival of its Educational and Benevolent Association, will gladden the hearts not only of our Hants and Isle of Wight friends, but also of the whole body of Craftsmen throughout the country. The province is one of the most regular contributors at all the Festivals of our three Institutions, and there are occasions, as at this year's Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when it both gives generously itself, and is an inducement to others to give generously likewise. Hitherto, however, it has had no organisation of its own that should be capable of dealing advantageously with the distress prevailing within its own borders. It has refrained from establishing any such body in the very excusable persuasion that to do so might have the effect of lessening its ability to render service to the general Charitable Institutions. But last year it altered its determination, and, though it were premature to judge thus early of the result, it seems to us there is very little doubt that in time, and under able management, the new Educational and Benevolent Association which the province has set on foot, will prove, not antagonistic, but a most valuable auxiliary, to the Institutions in and near London. At all events there can be no question as to one point, namely, that the brethren have set about their self imposed task with characteristic determination to make it as complete a success as possible, and the first Festival, which was celebrated in the South Western Hotel, Southampton, at the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 24th ult., has been the means of raising towards the funds of the new local Charity the very handsome sum of £786, which added to the £595 already in the bank, gives an available capital of not far short of £1400, with which to commence operations. This is, indeed, a most gratifying achievement even for such a Province as Hants and the Isle of Wight; more especially as during the current year it has raised close on £1800 for the Benevolent Institution, and lesser sums for the Schools; and if only moderate totals are obtained annually, the Association will be able to carry out its objects without in the slightest degree trenching unduly on the claims of the central Institutions to the continued support of the Province. To Bro. G. FELTON LANCASTER, Past Prov. G. Reg., it seems, the chief honour belongs of originating this association, and to him accordingly we tender our sincere congratulations on his success. Nor must we lose sight of the fact that such a result as has attended his efforts could not have been possible except in so strong and well-ordered a Province and under the patronage of so distinguished a Mason as Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., its Prov. G. Master, who has already seen nearly 40 years of Masonry, and who we trust will be spared still many more years to preside over the destinies of the Craft in Hants and the Isle of Wight. Therefore to the Province generally and to its Prov. G. Master, as well as to Bro. LANCASTER, we present our congratulations of their latest success. May the Anniversary Festivals of this new Association be always as productive as the one held at Southampton towards the close of last month!

Leicestershire and Rutland. THERE is no province in England which, for its size, is more influential for good than that of Leicestershire and Rutland. It has had the good fortune to be presided over by a succession of able and popular rulers, and it numbers in its ranks many brethren who would have made their mark even in provinces that have a longer muster roll. The lodges, too, are characterised by a loyal obedience to the Constitutions, and do their work admirably; while, as an active promoter of the great principle of benevolence, it is surpassed by none. Last week we gave a very full report of the proceedings at the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the 19th ult., when, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Earl FERRERS, P.G.M., the chair was occupied by his respected Deputy, Bro. S. S. PARTRIDGE, the veteran Bro. W. KELLY, Past P.G.M.; Bro. G. TOLLER, P.G.S.B. England; and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, being in attendance. The business transacted was of a more than usually interesting and satisfactory nature. The returns showed a total number of 502 subscribing members, or an average of nearly 40 members per lodge, and the financial statement was equally gratifying. From the very large number of 2566 votes, which, according to the Report of the Charity Committee, are available for future elections, there can be no doubt, even if we were without the evidence furnished by our annual Festival Returns, that the province must contribute generously to our Institutions; indeed, it is on record that for years past Leicestershire and Rutland has subscribed between £300 and £400 to our Charities, and its wealth in votes is consequently not surprising. It has, too, a Calendar of its own, published annually, and containing a store of information, which is useful as well generally as locally. Above all, it is a model of caution in the matter of accepting candidates, and this perhaps is one great reason why it succeeds so well in all its undertakings, and the spirit which prevails among the brethren is so harmonious. All this is most creditable to the province, which fully deserves all, and more than all, the good fortune it has experienced. There was, however, one feature which will distinguish the meeting of the present from those of ordinary years. An experienced and capable member, Bro. S. S. PARTRIDGE, whose name must be familiar enough with our readers as having successively held the responsible offices of Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master of the province, was among those on whom it was the pleasure of the M.W.G. MASTER to bestow Past Grand rank at the Jubilee commemoration in June last, and our Leicestershire and Rutland friends very naturally regarded this as affording them an opportunity of showing their gratitude for Bro. PARTRIDGE'S valuable services by presenting him with a complete suit of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter clothing, &c., and the gift was handed to him on this occasion, the duty of presentation being entrusted to Bro. KELLY, Past Prov. Grand Master, who performed his task both gracefully and kindly, and whose address, brief as it was, must have considerably enhanced the value of the testimonial in the eyes of the recipient. We congratulate Bro. PARTRIDGE on this further mark of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the lodges and brethren throughout his province. Many similar testimonials have at different times been bestowed on others who have shown themselves worthy of such honour; but on none of them have they been bestowed more worthily than in this case, and we trust our worthy brother may be spared yet many years to occupy his present position in Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, was held on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall, when the following companions were present:—

Comps. Rev. C. J. Martyn, G. Supt. Suffolk, acting Z.; Rev. H. A. Pickhard, G. Supt. Oxon, as H.; F. H. Caldwell, G. Supt. Cambridge, acting J.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Sir J. B. Monckton, as G.S.N.; R. Grey, President Committee General Purposes; R. Eve, G. Treas.; Baron de Ferrieres, as P.S.; Dr. R. Gooding, as 1st A.S.; G. Cooper, as 2nd A.S.; F. S. Knyvett, Swd. Br.; V. P. Freeman, 1st Std. Br.; E. L. Baylis, 2nd Std. Br.; W. M. Bywater, 4th Std. Br.; F. Richardson, D. of C.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., as Org.; J. Glaisher, P.A.G.S.; H. Maudslay, P.G.S.B.; C. Egan, P.G. Supt. South Africa; A. Spencer, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.D. of C.; A. B. Cook, P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.A.G.S.; R. Clutton, P.A.G.S.; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G.S.B.; Frederick West, P.A.G.S.; J. M. Case, P.G. D. of C.; B. Kelly Thorpe, P. Asst. G.D. of C.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D. of C.; John L. Mather, H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; William Edward Stewart, P.G.S.B.; Charles W. Driver, P.G.S.B.; Wm. Roebuck, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G.D.D.C.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; William Clarke, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.D.C.; Thos. Fenn, P.P.C.G.P.; John E. Dawson, Charles F. Hogard, P.G.D.D.C.; Charles Martin, P.G. Std. Br.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.B.; James Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. F. Nettleship, P.G. Std. Br.; James Terry, P.G. Std. Br.; Col. Charles Harding, P.G. Swd. Br.; Sir Reginald Hanson (Lord Mayor), P.G.N.; James S. Eastes, P.G. Swd. Br.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G. Std. Br.; Rudolph G. Glover, E. Mallet, H. 1623; Harry Tipper, H. 141; J. R. Clipperton, Z. 19; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; J. S. Cumberland, P.Z. 236 and 1611, P.P.G.J.; A. Lucking, P.Z. 1000, P.G.D.C. Essex; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. and Z. 1348; Geo. Gardner, J. Kennington Chapter; H. M. Baldwin, Z. 720; Bentley Haynes, Z. 65; W. A. Scurrah, Z. 2048; Edward Terry, P.Z. 1319; Charles Belton, P.Z. 59; W. H. Spaul, P.Z. 262, P.G.S.E.; John Roberts, P.Z. 55; S. G. Gilbert, Z. 47; Geo. Stanton, P.Z. 181; W. Alfred Dawson, P.Z. 382; Henry Garrod, P.Z. 507, 749, and 766; Geo. D. Wingate, P.Z. 1423; Joseph House, Z. 1716; and H. Sadler, G. Janitor.

After the formal opening of Grand Chapter, Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., read the minutes of the convocation of August, which were then put and confirmed.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, President, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.D.C., taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th July to the 18th October, 1887, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows.

To Balance, Grand Chapter...	£560	4	9	By Disbursements during the			
" " Unappropriated				Quarter	£262	2	8
" Account	208	12	7	" Balance	514	11	10
" Subsequent Receipts	211	7	9	" " Unappropriated			
				" Account	203	10	7
	£980	5	1		£980	5	1

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

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

From Comps. Henry Naunton Davies, as Z.; Richard Male, as H.; Robert Charles Hunter, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Merlin Lodge, No. 1578, Pontypridd, to be called The Naunton Davies Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Pontypridd, South Wales, (E.D.)

This petition being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the Chapter of Harmony, No. 632, meeting at Devizes, praying to be detached from the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, and to be attached to the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes, in the same county. Both lodges and the Grand Superintendent for Wiltshire having given their consent, the Committee recommend that the prayer of the memorial be granted.

The Committee have further to report that they have received a petition from Comps. Alfred Parry, as Z.; James Sparks, as H.; Francis Barton, as J.; and 20 others, for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, to be called the Chapter of Concord, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Trowbridge, should the prayer of the memorial for the Chapter of Harmony, being detached from Lodge No. 632, Trowbridge, and attached to Lodge No. 663, Devizes, be granted.

This petition, being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be also granted.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

19th October, 1887.

Comp. GREY moved, and Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded, the granting of the prayers of the petitions mentioned in the report.

The motions were carried unanimously.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE then said that in reading the minutes of the proceedings of the August Convocation, the companions would have noticed that he announced at that meeting that the appointments to Grand rank which were to be conferred upon companions in the Colonies and abroad by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee were to be unavoidably postponed till this meeting, because Grand Scribe's office had not the information as to the qualifications of the companions on whom it was proposed to confer the honours. The information had now been obtained, and he had now to announce, by command of the M.E. the First Principal, the Prince of Wales, that his Royal Highness had been pleased to confer Grand rank in Grand Chapter upon the following companions:—

COLONIES AND ABROAD.

Gibraltar	Comp. John Henry Bryant, M.D.	Standard Bearer.
Malta	William Watson	D.D. of C.
Bengal	William Henry Fitze	Assist. Sojourner.
Madras	John T. Greatorax	Sword Bearer.
Eastern Archipelago	Felix Gottlieb	Standard Bearer.
Northern China	Thomas W. Kingsmill	Sword Bearer.
South Africa (W.D.)	Thomas J. C. Inglesby	Standard Bearer.
South Africa (E.D.)	George P. Perks	Sword Bearer.
Natal	Westley Francis	Standard Bearer.
Jamaica	Altamont de Cordova	Prin. Sojourner.
Montreal	Lieut.-Col. Wm. H. Hutton	Assist. Sojourner.
Argentine Republic	George J. Ryan, M.D.	Standard Bearer.
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Standard Bearer.
Queensland	Barron L. Barnett	Prin. Sojourner.
Victoria	H. St. John Clarke, M.D.	Scribe N.
"	Julius J. Eardley Wilmot, M.D.	Assist. Sojourner.
"	Thomas H. Lempriere	Sword Bearer.
Tasmania	George Smith	Standard Bearer.
Canterbury, N.Z.	William Deamer	Sword Bearer.
Otago and Southland, N.Z.	Sir Robert Strut, K.C.M.G.	Sword Bearer.
Westland, N.Z.	James Kerr	Standard Bearer.
Auckland, N.Z.	William Lodder	Standard Bearer.
West Indies (generally)	Col. John Elliott, C.B.	Prin. Sojourner.
India (generally)	Brig.-Gen. G. B. Wolseley, C.B., A.D.C.	Prin. Sojourner.
Unattached	Col. Sir T. O'Brien, K.C.M.G.	Prin. Sojourner.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE next said that Comp. Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer, who was not present for investment in May and August, was now in attendance to have the honour conferred upon him.

Comp. Richard Eve was then invested with the insignia of office of Grand Treasurer, amidst cheers, and Grand Chapter was closed in the usual form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF THE DOVE CHAPTER, No. 456.

A Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at the town Hall, Uttoxeter, on the 1st instant. The M. E. Comp. Col. G. S. Tudor, G. Supt., appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. E. H. Thorne	Prov. G.H.
" J. B. Hall	Prov. G.J.
" H. Kitson	Prov. G.S.E.
" Hamshaw	Prov. G.S.N.
" C. A. Newnham	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. C. Clemesha	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Cooper	Prov. G. Soj.
" Dunning	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" G. A. Thomason	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" S. B. Hildick	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Blackshaw	Prov. G. Swd. Br.

Comp. G. H. Stanger	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. T. Warrilow	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Milmore	Prov. G. Org.
" G. W. Walker	Prov. G. Asst. S.E.
" A. Mear	Prov. G. Stwds.
" S. Mear	
" W. Twist	Prov. G. Janitor.

It was recently decided at a Masonic meeting to form a Royal Arch Chapter to be called the Dove Chapter, in compliment to the river of that name that runs near the town. The ceremony of consecrating the chapter was now performed. After the chapter was opened and the companions were admitted, the G. Superintendent addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, and desired the S.E., Comp. Kitson, to read the charter, in which the following were named as the principal companions: G. Cooper, M.E.Z.; J. P. Hall, H.; and W. Vernon, J.

The companions having approved of the officers named in the charter, an oration was delivered by Comp. Capt. E. H. THORNE, Prov. Grand H., on the nature of Royal Arch Masonry, in the course of which he said that there was one misapprehension which prevailed in some quarters amongst Masons which he wished to remove. It was sometimes considered that the Holy Royal Arch was an entirely separate Degree, but that was not so in fact. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was only the perfection or completion of the Third Degree of Craft Masonry. He then reviewed the circumstances under which Royal Arch Masonry came into existence, and said that however strongly some of them might feel that it was undesirable that there should be too many Degrees in Freemasonry, he thought none of them would think that the Royal Arch could be dispensed with. Speaking of the constitution of the Dove Chapter, he expressed a strong hope that its name would be found truly emblematical of that relief and harmony which were naturally associated with the dove, which they would remember in connection with the history of the Ark was the favoured messenger of rescue and safety, and which was always regarded as the emblem of peace and harmony. He also expressed, on behalf of the companions of the province, the fervent hope that the new chapter would ever bear in mind the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, which were the foundation of Masonic principles and practice in all degrees, and that in the time to come it would be widely known amongst the Masons of their province and elsewhere for its fidelity and devotion to the noble work in which they were engaged.

The ceremony was then proceeded with. The following officers of the Dove Chapter were present: Comps. G. Cooper, Z.; J. P. Hall, H.; W. Vernon, J.; G. Greenslade, S.E.; J. Howell, S.N.; G. Cooper, Treas.; G. C. Kent, P.S.; G. Bennion, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. Brickel, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. B. Piercy, Reg.; J. S. Crapper, Swd. Br.; W. R. Blair, Std. Br.; J. Webberley, D.C.; G. C. Kent, Org.; J. Howell, Stwd.; and T. Warren, Janitor.

Among the other companions present were—

Comps. G. S. Tudor, P.G.S.; G. W. Walker, P.A.G.S.E.; Thomas H. Cope, P.G.S.N.; J. F. Pepper, P.P.G.J., 482; J. Warrilow, P.G.S.B., 482; A. Caddick, P.G.S., 482; G. A. Thomason, J. 482; A. Warrilow, N. 482; Charles Jones, P.G.R., 1068; T. M. Humphries, P.P.G.R., 539; J. Howell, 731; S. Blackshaw, P.G.S.B., P.Z. 295; J. Williams, Z. 539; S. B. Wheway, S.E. 539; J. Bodenham, P.G. Swd. B. Eng., P.Z. 726; A. Mear, 546; B. H. Brough, P.P.O., 546; A. S. Walters, P.A.D.C., 546; S. Mear, 546; J. Webberley, P.G.H., P.Z. 546; W. Brickel, P.G. 1st A.S., 546; J. H. Hancock, P.P.G.S.B., 1060; E. J. Mousley, P.G.S., P.S. 725; C. A. Newnham, P.G. Treas., and P.Z. 419; W. H. Hales, P.P.G.H., P.Z. 418; G. C. Clemenson, Z. 418; W. T. Copeland, P.P.G.S.N., 418; J. S. Crapper, P.Z. 418; G. H. Stanger, P.G.S. 419; E. H. Thorne, P.G.H., P.Z. 419; H. Hitson, P.G.S.E., 419; W. Twist, P.G. Janitor, 419; Thomas Warren, Janitor 546; and J. J. Tomlinson, Janitor 726.

The banquet was splendidly served in the large room at the Cross Keys Hotel, adjoining the Town Hall, by Mr. Charles Bunting, and at its conclusion the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and a very enjoyable and memorable evening was spent.

CONSECRATION OF THE EGERTON LODGE, No. 2216, AT SWINTON, NEAR MANCHESTER.

Another lodge was on Thursday, the 27th ult., added to the already extensive roll, this time in the Province of West Lancashire. Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G. Swd Br., and Prov. G. Sec., in the absence of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, performed the ceremony. Notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather some 60 brethren attended, amongst whom were:

Bros. John Chadwick, P.G. Swd. Br., P.G. Sec. East Lancashire; C. Sinclair, P.J.G.W.; Barrow, P.P.G.D.; Wm. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. J. F. Hogg-Goggin, P.P.G. Chap. East Lancashire; W. H. Dutton, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; Williams, P.M. Worsley Lodge, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; E. C. Mather, P.G. Stwd.; E. L. Littler, P.M. 1730; J. J. Lambert, P.M. 1387; J. M. Simpson, 1387; T. Wilson, 1814, 1387; J. G. Bromley, P.M. 1375; Wm. Hall, P.M. 1387; Beardmore, 852; Dr. W. G. Martin, P.M. 1814; R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd. East Lancashire; and many others.

The home of the lodge will be at the Bull Hotel, and by the time these lines are printed, Mr. Knight, the courteous host, will have been initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. There not being sufficient convenience in the hotel for the consecration, it took place in the Unitarian School Room, and when it is considered that owing to a variety of unforeseen circumstances, the room at 11 o'clock was in exactly the same state as when the children left it the previous day. The transformation that took place in the space of four hours, with very limited assistance, was simply wonderful. The thanks of all interested in this lodge are unquestionably due to the W.M., Bro. Chadderton, who, in preparing everything, worked simply alone.

Shortly before three most of the brethren had assembled, and the ceremony commenced.

Bro. William Goodacre was assisted in his duties by Bros. C. Sinclair, P.J.G.W., acting S.W.; Wm. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B., acting J.W.; the Rev. J. F. Hogg-Goggin, Chap.; and John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec. East Lancashire.

After a Craft lodge had been opened, Bro. GOODACRE explained the object for consecrating the lodge. The petition for forming and the warrant alike were read and approved.

Bro. the Rev. J. F. HOGG-GOGGIN then delivered a most eloquent oration on the principles and tenets of Freemasonry, and the useful lessons to be derived therefrom, and concluded by expressing a hope that the new lodge would become a worthy addition to the already large existing roll.

The anthem "Behold how good and joyful" was sung, and the dedication prayer, offered by the P.G. Chaplain, followed.

The imposing consecration ceremony was then proceeded with and the lodge dedicated, the ceremony concluding with solemn prayer and the chanting of "Glory be to God on high."

Subsequently, on the retirement of all brethren below the rank of Installed Masters, Bro. J. Chadderton (who is already a P.M. of the Bridge-water Lodge at Eccles) was inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Goodacre with due rite and ceremony.

On the re-admission of all M.M.s', Bro. Chadderton was proclaimed W.M. of the Egerton Lodge, No. 2216, and duly saluted in the customary manner.

The following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year by the W.M., and addressed by the Installing Master (Bro Goodacre): Bros. W. Ramsden, S.W.; A. P. Graves, J.W.; R. Wardle, Sec.; S. J. Hampson, S.D.; R. J. Hampson, J.D.; J. E. Edwards, I.G. Bro. J. M. Graves was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Hyde, Tyler.

Bro. GOODACRE finally addressed the W.M. and Wardens, and concluded the installation ceremony with prayer. At the usual time for such business, seven gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, and duly seconded.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed from Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, the lodge was closed.

Most of the brethren afterwards assembled at the Bull Hotel, where a banquet had been prepared for them by Mr. and Mrs. Knight, and which gave entire satisfaction. It seemed thoroughly apparent that the host and hostess had exhausted their resources, to give the brethren a good dinner and make everyone feel happy and comfortable, and they were completely successful.

After dinner the usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

Bro. WILLIAMS, P.M., 1814, P.P.G. Swd. Br., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in felicitous terms, wishing him every success in his new undertaking, and that the lodge would flourish and prosper.

The toast was heartily drunk, and

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in reply, said he was very pleased to see so many brethren supporting him on such an auspicious occasion as the consecration of a new lodge. The sole object he, in conjunction with the rest of the promoters, had in founding a lodge in Swinton was for the convenience of several gentlemen who wished to join the Craft, and who resided in, or near, the locality where the lodge would be held. Bro. Chadderton, continuing, said he was very pleased to hear from some of the members of a neighbouring lodge that he could count on their assistance, if required, during his year of office. He thought such an assurance of help exhibited a true Masonic spirit, and he felt grateful for their proffered assistance. With such help and hearty co-operation he had no fears for the future prosperity of the lodge, and trusted at the end of 12 months to see the lodge free from debt, and in a position to give something to the Masonic Charities.

Bro. W. H. DUTTON, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire, proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. William Goodacre," who, he said, did everything well he undertook, and whose work it was at all times a pleasure to witness.

The toast was heartily drunk by all present.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "Prosperity to the Victoria Lodge, No. 1345, Eccles," several of whose members he was glad to see around the table.

Bros. CORNER, MATHER, OLLERENSHAW, ROWLANDS, and EDWARDS responded.

Other toasts, including "The Newly-invested Officers," "The Visiting Brethren," and "The Masonic Charities," were proposed and responded to, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning, London.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

On Monday, the 24th ult., a special meeting of the above province was held at the Victoria Rooms, Portland-place, Southampton, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M., when there were also present—

Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., P.G.D. of Eng., D.P.G.M.; T. Williams, P.S.G.W.; G. F. W. Mortimer, J.P.G.W.; Revs. E. Nepean and J. C. Wilton, Prov. G. Chaps.; R. J. Rastrick, Prov. G. Treas.; E. Goble, P.G. Swd. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; W. Berry, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. G. N. Palmer, 698, P.G.C. of Eng., P.P.G.C.; G. Wyatt, 151; H. Cawte, 342, and H. Lashmore, P.P.S.G. Wardens; A. Edington, P.D.S. G.W. Bombay; T. W. Faulkner, P.P.J.G.W.; G. M. Watts, 151; C. S. Ward, 694; and A. G. Barker, 694, P.P.G. Chaplains; T. J. Payne, 150; W. B. Rogers, 195; J. Dew, 694; G. F. Lancaster, 1990; and A. R. Holbrook, P.P.G. Registrars; R. Broughton-Smith and J. Chapman, 551, P.P.S.G. Deacons; A. Barfield, 35; G. Pack, 175; W. Furber, 394; G. Lear and A. Portsmouth, of 694; C. W. A. Jellicoe, 785; R. R. L. Rosoman, 1461, and H. W. Townsend, 1903, P.P.J.G. Deacons; T. Giles, 35; T. Stopher, 76; G. J. Tilling, 394; and W. B. Edgeler, 928, P.P.G.S. of W.'s; J. Adames, 359; H. Coles, 359; S. Dore, 319; S. Scott, 394; J. Gieve, J.P., 1069; J. S. Pearce, 1780; and H. P. Arthur, 35, P.P.G.D. of C.'s; J. Robertson, 130; W. Bowyer, 394; and T. R. Lavinton, 1373, P.P.A.G.D. of C.'s; G. Douglas, 1351, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; G. Orley, 1341, P.D.G. Swd. Br. Hong Kong and South China; W. Farrance, 132, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Hall, 903; J. Jackson, 1428; and W. Dart, 2074, P.P.G. Pursuivants; A. J. Firth and H. Pigeon, jun., 1869, P.P.G. Organists; G. L. Stobbs, 175; W. H. Jacob, 76; J. Harvey, 195; W. G. P. Gilbert, 257; J. C. Burbage, 319; J. T. Doswell, 76; F. Sanders, 342; R. J. Turney, 342; C. Cox, 394; J. Patstone, 359; A. Scott, 551; H. J. Thatcher, 694; T. Francis, 804; E. Nayler, 928; E. Pratt, 1428; D. O. Hobbs, 1461; and F. Cooper, 1884, P.P.G. Stewards; J. Exell, 487, and R. Eames, 309, Prov. G. Tylers; H. H. Wheeler, P.M.; F. Rutland, S.W.; J. Leftwich, J.W.; T. Taylor, I.G.; and H. C. Damant, of 35; J. Marks, P.M., and E. Sharland, S.D., of 76; R. W. Lees, W.M.; S. Myer, P.M.; T. Dartnell, P.M.; D. W. B. Taylor, J.D.; H. Abraham, Stwd.; G. S. Coxwell, H. W. Stratton, E. Whittam, E. Rae, and W. Vane, Tyler, of 130; H. Van Marle, W.M.; A. W. Ward, P.M.; G. H. Rolls, J.D.; J. Webber, S.W.; H. Rose, and G. Etheridge, of 132; G. R. King, W.M.; J. Golden, P.M.; J. G. Garnham, P.M.; and A. Millidge, S.D., of 151; J. Shemmonds, W.M.; H. Durrant, P.M.; D. W. Preston, P.M.; C. T. Mills, I.P.M.; W. F. Drayett, and H. W. Woods, of 195; G. Carter, Tyler 257; J. W. Gieve, P.M., and M. H. Blanchard, jun., of 309; H. Mee, W.M.; and G. J. Gould, I.P.M., of 319; P. H. Emanuel, 2068; W. Beuttell, W.M.; Dr. C. Knott, P.M.; and W. Glazebrook, I.G., of 342; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and during a processional march on the organ, a procession of Past and Present Provincial Officers entered the lodge, and was received with Masonic honours, when the P.G. Sec., Bro. E. Goble, called the roll of the lodges in the province, after which the Prov. G. Chaplain offered up a prayer.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER explained the object of the meeting, and said that during the present year among all the classes who were ready

to show their loyalty by commemorating her Majesty's Jubilee none had been more ready to do so than the Freemasons of England—(cheers)—and specially did they prove this when they assembled together at the Albert Hall to greet their Grand Master and to profess their attachment to the person of his illustrious mother. Many of the brethren now before him were no doubt present at that great meeting in London, and saw the large number of Freemasons who assembled together for the one purpose of proving their loyalty. It was a very happy occasion indeed; and it showed that the Freemasons were amongst the foremost of her Majesty's subjects to come forward to give effect to the loyalty which they professed. The Grand Master thought he would mark the occasion by offering rank to a certain number of brethren who, from various causes, had not before had it conferred upon them; and of the collars thus placed at his disposal a certain number were given to the Metropolis and a certain number to the provinces, according to their size and importance. These honours were conferred in order to mark the auspicious year through which we were passing, but as so very few collars could be distributed, it was also thought desirable that power should be given to Provincial Grand Masters to confer the honour of Past Grand rank upon a certain number of brethren in their respective provinces. It must happen in large provinces that many brethren would not attain that rank to which their Masonic services entitled them, and he was happy that an occasion was now presented to him of partially rectifying this. (Hear.) It was, of course, impossible that every Mason could obtain Provincial Rank, for if it were possible no great distinction would attach to the honour, but it should be the aim and object of anyone charged with the government of a province to recognise as fairly as possible the Masonic ability of the brethren and the services rendered by them. (Hear.) It might at first appear that the number of collars to be given away was large, yet when they came to be distributed over a large province they were not so many after all. The best way of dealing with the matter, as it occurred to him, was to divide the province into districts of four lodges—there were 48 lodges at the time this arrangement was made—and then to select from one lodge out of the four a member to receive Provincial Rank. He did not know that any better system could have been devised, though, of course, every system was open to some objection. He need not say that the settlement of the matter had caused a considerable amount of trouble; he and those who had acted with him had given much attention to it, and had tried their utmost to confer the rank as fairly as they possibly could do, and he hoped those brethren who did not receive it would consider that at all events he and others had endeavoured fairly to carry out the duty entrusted to them. He had come to the task with that belief, and he hoped that the selections made would meet with their calm and approving judgment. (Applause.) The P.G.M. then conferred the Jubilee Provincial Honours as follows, the brethren being warmly applauded as they ascended the dais to be invested with their respective collars:—

Bro. W. Stopher, P.M. 76	...	...	P.P.S.G.W.
" T Francis, P.M. 804	...	...	P.P.J.G.W.
" Sidney Myer, P.M. 130	...	...	P.P.S.G.D.
" J. Golden, P.M. 151	...	...	P.P.J.G.D.
" A. Scott, P.M. 551	...	...	P.P.J.G.D.
" A. Algar, P.M. 1780	...	...	P.P.G.D.C.
" J. W. Lodwidge, P.M. 694	...	...	P.P.G.D.C.
" W. L. Coulson, P.M. 723	...	...	P.P.G.S. of W.
" Dr. C. Knott, P.M. 342	...	...	P.P.G. Reg.
" C. G. Adames, P.M. 1776	...	...	P.P.J.G.D.
" C. T. Miles, P.M. 195	...	...	P.P.G.S. of W.
" W. F. Burrell, P.M. 1705	...	...	P.P.G. Reg.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Goble, said it was with regret he had to announce the death of their esteemed Bro. Major Hooper, a Past Prov. Grand Warden of the Province. Bro. Hooper, by his will, had bequeathed the sum of £200 to the Prov. Grand Master and his successors to be devoted to charitable purposes connected with the province.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER referred to the late brother as an old and energetic Mason and a valuable and esteemed brother, and he felt sure they all appreciated his kindness in leaving such a handsome sum to the province. The last occasion he saw him was at a lodge, when he thought it was hardly safe in his then condition of health to attend, but it was represented to him that so firm was his desire to be present that it would have affected him more to remain away than did the fatigue of the effort to be present. From his own knowledge he could say that no one took a more warm or active interest in Masonry than Bro. Major Hooper did, and he was sorry he had passed away. His kindness of heart was proved by the fact that he had left a handsome bequest to Provincial Grand Lodge. (Hear, hear.) He proposed that the brethren express their sense of the loss they had sustained, and accord a vote of condolence to his widow. (Hear, hear.)

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER seconded the motion, and said the bequest to Provincial Grand Lodge was not the only one of the same character which Bro. Hooper has made, as he had also left £200 to the Southampton Lodge.

The motion was put to the lodge and carried in silence.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked the brethren for their large attendance that day, and congratulated them on the success which was attending Masonry in that province, and expressed a hope that many of those present would attend the festival to be presently held of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Benevolent and Educational Association.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Thanks to the untiring energy of Bro. G. F. Lancaster (the originator of the Institution) and several other brethren, this noble Institution is now started on a good foundation. It is formed with the object of supplementing the work of the three great Masonic Charities. The officers of the Institution are: Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M., Chairman; Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., Vice-Patron; Bro. C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treasurer; Bro. Edgar Goble, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec., Honorary Solicitor; and Bro. Richard Eve, G. Treas., P.P.G.W., President of the Board of Stewards.

On Monday, the 24th ult., the first annual festival was held at the South-Western Hotel, Southampton, after the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting,

held that afternoon. About one hundred brethren attended, including the afore-mentioned and the following Stewards:—

Bros. A. R. Holbrook, P.M. 309, P.G. Reg.; H. H. Wheeler, P.M. 35; J. Marks, P.M. 76; J. Robertson, P.M. 130; W. Farrance, P.M. 132; G. Pack, P.M. 175; W. B. Rogers, P.M. 195; E. Hall, P.M. 257; J. W. Gieve, P.M. 309; W. Beuttell, W.M. 342; G. J. Tilling, W.M. 394; E. Brown, W.M. 359; J. W. Boughton, W.M. 487; R. W. Beale, P.M. 487; R. Glasspool, P.M. 723; J. Collings, P.M. 804; E. Naylor, P.M. 928; G. Whitehall, W.M. 1069; W. T. Dupree, P.M. 1069; G. F. W. Mortimer, P.M. 1112; J. Taylor, W.M. 1331; E. Pratt, P.M. 1428; J. Godding, W.M. 1776; W. Berry, P.M. 1780; S. B. Ellis, P.M. 1834; G. Ward, W.M. 1883; G. Backler, Treas. 1903; W. J. Borrow, W.M. 1958; A. K. Prescott, W.M. 1971; R. J. Rastrick, W.M. 1990; H. Harbor, P.M. 2016; G. F. Bevis, W.M. 2068; J. Brickwood, P.M. 2074; and W. Green, W.M. 2153; Comps. J. E. Buck, Z. 342, and G. Orley, P.Z. 1428; Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.M. (Hon. Sec.); also Bros. H. Coles (Mayor of Southampton), E. Brown (Sheriff of Southampton), and G. J. Tilling, J. Robertson, J. W. Gieve, and E. Hall, who occupied the vice-chairs.

The banquet was served in the capacious coffee room, and during the repast a string band discoursed sweet music, including Bro. Godfrey's Masonic valse—"The Grand Lodge."

The PROV. GRAND MASTER gave "The Queen and the Craft," and spoke of the loyalty of Masons, and of the dire apprehension with which they would regard the termination of her reign, not in regard to the character of her successor, but because of the love entertained for her person—sentiments that were shared throughout the whole civilised world. (Applause.)

The PROV. G. MASTER proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and said that among the various matters in which his Royal Highness took part was that of Freemasonry, and though as Grand Master it was his duty to attend their meetings on certain occasions it was, he was sure, a great pleasure to him also, and the manner in which he had presided over the Order since he was elected to the head of it proved that Freemasonry was flourishing under his auspices, and that it might look forward to a prosperous future. (Applause.)

The PROV. G. MASTER proposed "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and referred with pleasure to the fact that he initiated the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, who, from the time he was received in Masonry had never relinquished the interest he felt in the Craft. (Applause.)

W. Bro. EVE, G. Treas. of England, P.P.S.G.W., responded, and remarked in humorous terms that whatever officers the G.M. might create, he could not make a Grand Treasurer, for that alone was a privilege resting with the great body of Masters, and as he had been chosen to it he valued the honour very highly. He referred to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Le Feuvre, Deputy Prov. G. Master, and eulogised the Prov. G. Master, and proposed his health, amidst loud applause.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed the pleasure it gave him to preside over so large and united a province as that of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and to receive the support and encouragement of the brethren in the course he was pursuing. As long as he received their support he should be proud of the position he occupied, but the moment it was found he was standing in the way of the prosperity of the Order he should be the first to remove himself from that position. Bro. Eve had referred to the difference between being elected to an office and being appointed to it. Well, there was something in that, and though the office Bro. Eve held in Grand Lodge was not of itself one of very great importance, yet it was a great honour to Hampshire that one of its brethren should have been elected to fill it by the suffrages of the whole of the Masons of England. (Applause.) The P.G.M. concluded by proposing "The D.P.G.M. and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," speaking of the valuable assistance he received from Bro. Le Feuvre, whose Masonic ability and zeal were undisputed, and also from Bro. Goble, who, as Prov. Grand Secretary, did an immense deal of work. (Hear, hear.)

The DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Past Grand Deacon of England, said the province was increasing in number and importance almost daily. During the last ten days two new lodges had been formed, one of which, Lodge Horsa, No. 2208, Bournemouth, he himself had the gratification of consecrating, and that young lodge would not be absent that night from the subscription list of their newly formed Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. (Applause.) Let them hope that whilst the province increased in numbers it would as constantly increase in the consistent support it afforded to the Charities connected with their great Institution. (Hear, hear.) Referring to the rank conferred that day, Bro. Le Feuvre expressed particular pleasure at seeing honours fall to Bros. Stopher, Francis, and Myer. (Hear, hear.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "Success to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and the Stewards," and said that when the proposition was first made to establish the Institution, he confessed he was in some doubts as to how far it was advisable to start it, being fearful lest the liberality evoked on behalf of the central Institutions in London should be entrenched upon if donations were asked to a local Institution as well. (Hear, hear.) He hesitated for a considerable time, but hearing that in other provinces such an Institution had not militated against the larger Charities, he was able to modify the opinion he had first formed. (Hear, hear.) For himself, he ought to thank the brethren for the handsome way in which they came forward to support him as Chairman of the Benevolent Institution Festival this year—(hear, hear)—and he had been much pleased also with the way in which the brethren had come forward to support this new Institution at its first anniversary. (Hear, hear.) He had no details before him of the mode in which it was started, but there was little doubt that the movement was thoroughly appreciated by the brethren, one of its objects being to educate children who would have but little chance of obtaining admission to the Masonic Schools. Having dwelt on the advantage of giving children such an education as would best fit them for positions they were able properly to fill, he warmly commended the newly-founded Institution to the support of the brethren, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. G. F. Lancaster, who, he said, had been its life and mainstay. (Applause.)

Bro. G. FELTON LANCASTER, P.P.G. Reg., Hon. Secretary to the Institution, said the best answer he could perhaps give to the cordial reception of the toast would be to read at once the amounts contributed by the various Stewards, but before doing that he would ask Bro. Jellicoe, as Treasurer, to give some idea as to the state of the funds before the present effort was begun.

Bro. C. W. A. JELlicoe, P.P.G. Deacon, Hon. Treasurer, said the total amount in hand in the Banks was £594 19s. 11d. (Applause.)

Bro. G. FELTON LANCASTER then continued, and said that of the above sum the Royal Sussex Lodge, Portsmouth, contributed 52 guineas, the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, Portsmouth, upwards of 50 guineas; the United Service Lodge, over £70; the Royal Sussex Chapter,

25 guineas; and the Lodge of Harmony, five guineas. There were on the present occasion 38 Stewards, and the amounts sent in were:—

Bro. A. R. Holbrook, P.M. 309, Province	...	£37	6	0
" H. H. Wheeler, P.M. Medina, 35	...	28	4	6
" J. Marks, P.M. Economy, 76	...	23	14	4
" J. Robertson, P.M. Royal Gloucester, 130	...	37	10	0
" W. Farrance, P.M. Unity, 132	...	16	0	6
" G. Pack, P.M. East Medina, 175	...	21	0	0
" W. B. Rogers, P.M. Hengist, 195	...	41	2	0
" E. Hall, P.M. Phoenix, 257	...	18	5	6
" J. W. Gieve, P.M. Harmony, 309	...	22	11	0
" W. Beuttell, W.M. Royal Sussex, 342	...	18	4	6
" E. Brown, W.M. Peace and Harmony, 359	...	14	14	6
" G. J. Tilling, W.M. Southampton, 394	...	26	13	6
" J. W. Boughton, W.M. Portsmouth, 487	...	16	10	0
" R. W. Beale, P.M. Portsmouth, 487	...	5	5	0
" R. Eve, Grand Treasurer, P.M. Panmure, 723	...	21	11	6
" J. Collings, P.M. Carnarvon, 804	...	32	19	0
" E. Naylor, P.M. Friendship, 928	...	45	2	6
" G. Whitehall, W.M. United Brothers, 1069	...	6	6	0
" W. T. Dupree, P.M. United Brothers, 1069	...	6	16	0
" G. F. W. Mortimer, P.M. Shirley, 1112	...	10	10	0
" J. Taylor, W.M. Aldershot Camp, 1331	...	7	7	0
" E. Pratt, P.M. United Service, 1428	...	52	10	0
" J. Godding, W.M. Landport, 1776	...	52	10	0
" W. Berry, P.M. Albert Edward, 1780	...	9	1	6
" S. R. Ellis, P.M. Duke of Connaught, 1834	...	13	2	6
" G. Ward, W.M. William of Wykeham, 1883	...	22	16	0
" G. Backler, Treas. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, 1903	...	8	8	0
" W. J. Borrow, W.M. Hundred of Bosmere, 1958	...	2	1	6
" R. J. Rastrick, W.M. Emulation, 1990	...	21	0	0
" H. Harbor, P.M. Shalden, 2016	...	11	5	6
" G. F. Bevis, W.M. Portsmouth Temperance, 2068	...	56	3	6
" J. Brickwood, P.M. St. Clair, 2074	...	31	10	0
" W. Green, W.M. Hope, 2153	...	14	2	6
" H. N. Jenkins, Horsa, 2208	...	10	10	0
" R. Glasspool (Unattached)	...	5	5	0
Comp. J. E. Buck, Z. Royal Sussex, 332	...	7	7	0
" G. Orley, P.Z. United Service, 1428	...	5	5	0

Bro. Lancaster added that the new Lodge Horsa, consecrated the preceding week only, had also sent £10 10s., and Bro. G. Wyatt, of Newport, had given five guineas, the total being over £786. (Loud applause.) He would not detain them one minute longer more than to say that the Grand Mark Lodge in London, which had been holding festivals for over 20 years, had not more than twice reached this total. (Hear, hear.) He took that occasion to thank the Stewards for their very arduous exertions, which had brought about such an extremely gratifying result, and referred especially to the great honour done, and the signal advantages to the Board of Stewards in having, as President, such a distinguished brother and liberal benefactor of the central Charities as the Grand Treasurer of England, Bro. Richard Eve, P.P.S.G.W. He thanked the Prov. Grand Master for his presidency; he had thereby much helped the success of the festival. He hoped that year by year the brethren would come forward and emulate those who had got together the magnificent total. (Loud applause.)

This concluded the toast list, and the room was cleared for a smoking concert, which was given under the direction of Bro. R. Sharpe, P.P.G. Org. and P.P.G. Deacon.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH-UMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Darlington, on Friday, the 28th ult. Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., R.W.P.G.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers:—

Bros. T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M.; J. Wood, Prov. S.G.W.; W. J. Watson, Prov. G.M.O.; J. S. B. Bell, Prov. G. Treasurer; J. Bailey, Prov. G. Registrar of Marks; J. Straker Wilson, Prov. G. Secretary; R. Kinmond, Prov. S.G.D.; C. B. Ford, Prov. J.G.D.; A. L. Miller, Prov. G. Inspector of Works; A. S. Fowler, Prov. G.D. of C.; W. Mayson, Prov. G. Sword Br.; G. Lazonby, Prov. G. Standard Br.; A. Carr, Prov. G.O.; and Thomas M. Barron, Prov. G.I.G. There were also present Bros. R. B. Reed, P.G. Standard Bearer of England; A. Robertson, P.P.S.G.W.; C. F. Matier, Assistant G. Secretary of England; R. A. Luck, P.P.G.M.O.; C. S. Lane, P.G.D. of England, P. Prov. S.G.W.; and R. L. Armstrong, P.P.J.G.O.

Bro. J. STRAKER WILSON, P.G. Sec., read the report of the Committee for General Purposes, which showed an increase of one new lodge and 34 members over last year. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of £27 17s. 4d. in hand, and the Committee recommended a donation of £15 15s. to the Mark Benevolent Fund, £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The adoption of the report was moved by Bro. T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M., second by Bro. C. S. Lane, P. Prov. S.G.W., and carried. The Roll of lodges was then called, when the R.W.P.G.M. addressed the lodge, and said that the roll afforded much gratification, and showed a steady, quiet progress, and a very fair increase of members; it was very satisfactory to have every lodge represented in Provincial Grand Lodge as they had been that day, and he trusted that in every town where there was a Craft lodge we should soon see a Mark lodge established.

The Prov. Grand Master re-appointed Bro. Strachan as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and invested the following as officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Col. Addison Potter, C.B.	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. T. Tate	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" T. M. Barron	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" M. Corbitt	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" T. Coulson	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. J. B. Meharry	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. S. B. Bell (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Stonehouse	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" J. Straker Wilson	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Usher	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. Maddison	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" M. H. Dodd	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" A. S. Fowler	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Jno. Page	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" T. M. Morrison	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. Carr	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Jno. Burn	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. Curry	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER named the Northumberland and Durham Lodge (T.I.) as that under which they should meet next year, and Bro. Usher, W.M. of that lodge, nominated Bros. E. Marston and J. Dinning as Stewards.

KENNINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,
No. 1381.

This lodge, which has been doing good work in the neighbourhood for some time past, held a special meeting at the New Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on Friday, the 28th ult. The principal feature of interest was the working of the ceremonies of consecration and installation by Bro. James Terry, P.G. Swd. Br., Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution. The announcement that this would take place induced a large number of brethren to visit the lodge, and when the proceedings opened the spacious room which is used for Masonic purposes was well filled. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. George Everett, P.M., P.Z., who was prevented by indisposition from attending, the chair was taken by Bro. W. P. Webb, P.M. 1381, Preceptor. He was supported by Bros. Richard La Feuillade, W.M. 1381; W. W. Westley, A. Lundie, B. Phillips, P.M.; H. G. Stranger, P.M.; J. H. Stunt, P.M.; J. La Feuillade, Harry N. Price, P.M. 177; W. T. Buxton, S. Rashleigh, E. Sims, Richard Harvey, J.W. 177; L. J. Lundie, E. Clare, Jas. Collins, J. Hearn, and many others. The visitors included Bros. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B.; D. Green, J.W. 728; C. A. Allin, 141; J. Brown, 861; H. T. Telling, 2182; C. T. Shaw, 697; J. Gardner, 1328; W. A. Anderson, S.W. 1672; R. Sanders, 861; H. Wright, 27; J. Butt, P.M. 907; A. Bannister, 1612; J. A. Clarkson, W.M. 1457; E. W. Nightingale, J.D. 87; C. J. Chambers, 834; H. Clarke, 1056; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., assumed the chair, and proceeded to carry out the ceremony of consecration—in the course of which he delivered an eloquent discourse on the nature and principles of Freemasonry. The ceremony was most ably worked in every detail, the brethren joining heartily in the customary hymns and other incidental music, and thus adding considerably to the impressiveness of the working. At the conclusion of the ceremony the installation was proceeded with, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. R. La Feuillade was regularly installed into the chair by Bro. Terry, according to ancient custom. Bro. Terry then completed his labours by investing the officers and delivering the usual addresses. The whole of the proceedings were conducted in a very able and careful manner, and afforded considerable gratification to the large number of brethren present, who listened intently to the admirable and impressive rendering of Bro. Terry.

Bro. LA FEUILLADE, W.M., then said he was about to ask a vote at the hands of the brethren, which he knew would be granted unanimously. It was a vote of thanks to Bro. Terry, P.G.S.B., for having so kindly consented to attend and work the consecration and installation ceremonies. Having never witnessed the rehearsal of the consecration before, he had been very pleased and impressed with the able manner in which Bro. Terry had performed the duties. He, therefore, proposed that a very cordial vote of thanks should be passed and recorded on the minutes to Bro. Terry for his valuable services.

Bro. W. P. WEBB, P.M., having seconded the motion, it was carried unanimously.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., thanked them very sincerely for this mark of their favour. The appreciation of the brethren was at all times welcome, but he regarded it as a special favour on the present occasion, knowing them so well as he did, and therefore being aware they were paying no idle compliment. He should regard it as a distinguished honour if they would allow him to become a joining member.

A large number of visiting brethren present, including Bro. Terry, having been duly proposed and seconded, were unanimously elected members of the lodge.

On the motion of Bro. TERRY, a hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. J. La Feuillade for the able services he had rendered by presiding in an efficient manner at the pianoforte.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, served under the personal superintendence of the worthy host, Bro. W. T. Buxton.

Bro. W. P. WEBB, P.M., presided, and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

In proposing "The Visitors," Bro. WEBB said they were pleased to see such a goodly array of visiting brethren present, and were also gratified that so many of their number had been enrolled as members. Their lodge was fortunate in having the use of a splendid room for the purpose of Masonry, which was, he thought, second to none in London. It was an incentive to brethren to occupy a spare hour in the Lodge of Instruction, which materially benefited those who aspired to Masonic honours.

Bro. GREEN, J.W. 728, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the members very sincerely for their hospitality. He had travelled a long distance, his lodge meeting in S. Africa. It had afforded him extreme gratification to see the able and perfect manner in which the consecration and installation ceremonies were worked by Bro. Terry. He should not easily forget his visit to their lodge.

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

During the evening several brethren rendered some capital musical selections, Bro. J. La Feuillade presiding at the pianoforte in a brilliant manner.

MASONIC PRESENTATION AND SOIREE.

On Friday evening, the 28th ult., the members of the Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, held a soiree, to which their lady friends were invited, at the Bell Assembly Room, Gloucester, the occasion being designed as the opportunity of presenting to the retiring W.M., Bro. Samuel Bland, Prov. S.G.D., an illuminated address, and to Mrs. Bland her husband's portrait, in recognition of the truly Masonic manner in which he had discharged the duties of Master during two successive years. The presentation of the address was made, in the name of the lodge, by Bro. S. Moss, P.P.S.G.D., and that of the portrait to Mrs. Bland by the W.M. elect, Bro. Renwick. The address was beautifully illuminated by Bro. Lifton, and the portrait, which represented Bro. Bland in the clothing of W. Master, was an excellent one, and had been executed in the studio of Bro. Caillard, a member of the lodge. Suitable "refreshment," in the shape of a well-provided supper, and a subsequent dance were incidents of the very pleasant evening spent by the brethren and their visitors.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 1.—The November meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday last at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square. There were present: Bros. G. Powell, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; P. L. Simmonds, G. Stwd., I.P.M.; Thomas Cohu, S.W.; Major Penrose Dunbar, P.G. Stwd., J.W.; H. H. Shirley, M.O.; J. W. Baldwin, I.G.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G. Overseer, P.M.; George Kenning, P.G. Overseer, P.M.; R. H. Thiellay, P.G. Stwd., P.M., Sec.; H. A. Wooster Reeves, Treas.; J. Robinson, Willoughby Weiss, Joseph Henri Weiss, J. T. Rowe. Visitor, Bro. Harding, M.A.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. William Ernest Bush, Alliance Lodge, No. 1827. Bros. Thomas Cohu, S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; H. A. Wooster Reeves, Treas.; Gibbert, Tyler; and Thomas and Schofield, Auditors. It was proposed by Bro. Thos. Cubitt, P.G. Overseer, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Major Penrose J. Dunbar, P.G. Stwd., and carried unanimously, that a Past Master's Jewel be given to Bro. George Powell, Past Grand Steward for his valuable services as W.M.

The brethren dined together at the Holborn Restaurant under the gavel of Bro. George Powell, the usual toasts being ably proposed by the W.M. and heartily responded to by the brethren.

INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 355).—This popular lodge of instruction resumed its weekly meetings (since summer recess) at its old quarters, the Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., on Friday, the 21st ult. Present: Bros. G. Clark, P.M., as W.M.; W. A. Scurrah, S.W. 355; S.W.; T. C. Edmonds, J.W.; A. H. Scurrah, M.O.; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 355, Sec.; and others.

The ceremonies of installation and advancement were most ably rehearsed by the W.M., who received the hearty thanks of the meeting.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Friday, the 28th ult., when were present Bros. T. C. Edmonds, W.M.; G. Morley, S.W.; C. J. Knightley, J.W.; A. H. Scurrah, M.O.; G. Gregory, S.O.; Powdrell, J.O.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; and others.

The ceremony of advancement was very ably rehearsed by the W.M. The executive officers of this lodge of instruction are Bros. J. L. Mather, Grand Treasurer, Preceptor; J. Willing, P.S.G.D. Middx. and Surrey, Treasurer; and W. M. Stiles, W.M. 355, Secretary.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 69).—This chapter met on Saturday, the 29th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, when the M.W.S. Ex. and Perfect Bro. J. W. Monckman, presided, supported by his officers. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, Inspector General of the North Eastern District, was received under an arch of steel and saluted. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. One of the three candidates came up, and was perfected by Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S., most impressively. Two more candidates were proposed and seconded, so that a chapter of emergency will be held before the next regular day of meeting. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister informed the brethren that since the last meeting of the chapter their old and valued friends, Bros. Atherton and Crabtree, had taken the 30° in London, and he was pleased to be there to welcome them both in London and that evening. Ill. Bro. Crabtree, 30°, was unanimously elected M.W.S.; E. and P. Bro. Henry Shaw, P.M.W.S., re-elected Treasurer.

Business over, the chapter was closed in due form. At refreshments the M.W.S. E. and P. Bro. Monckman, presided, having on his right Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°; E. and P. Bros. Norfolk, Fitz-Patrick, Conor Hodgson, Pickles, Whitely, Holdsworth; and on his left Ill. Bro. C. Crabtree, 30°, H. Prelate; Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton, P.M.W.S., 30°; E. and P. Bros. Henry Shaw, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Sugg, and others; E. and P. Bro. Frank Wm. Banister, 1st General, presided in the West.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" in happy terms, which were received enthusiastically.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister returned thanks for the illustrious brethren of the Supreme Council, and also for his health, which were handsomely proposed and heartily received.

Ill. Bros. Atherton and Crabtree replied to "The Health of the 30°" in most excellent speeches.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the Candidate," which was well received, and very appropriately responded to by E. and P. Bro. Fitz-Patrick.

"The Health of the M.W.S." was proposed by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, which was received with acclamation, and after responding he proposed "The Health of the M.W.S. Elect," also "The Officers of the Chapter," which was responded to by the 1st General, E. and P. Bro. Frank W. Banister. A very happy evening was spent.

LEEDS.—Leodiensis Chapter (No. 77).—This chapter met on Tuesday, the 18th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great George-street. E. and P. Bro. H. Warwick, M.W.S., presided, assisted by his officers. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, Inspector General of the North-Eastern District, was received and saluted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. E. and P. Bro. J. W. Fourness was unanimously elected M.W.S., and E. and P. Bro. J. Kay, Treasurer. Business over, the chapter was closed in due form.

The dinner was presided over by the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. H. Warwick, having on his right Ill. Bro. C. James Banister, 33°; E. and P. Bros. Mason, Beck, and others; and on his left Ill. Bro. Richard Wilson, 30°, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. John Dunning Kay, J. W. Fourness, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

The M.W.S., in very flattering terms, proposed "The Health of their Inspector General, Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister," thanking him for coming such a long distance to attend their meeting, and hoped that he might long be

enabled to come and give them the benefit of his advice and instruction, and how pleased they all were to see their old and valued friend looking so well.

In reply, Bro. Banister hoped that the coming M.W.S. might be able to introduce some worthy brethren into that beautiful Christian Degree.

The brethren separated after an agreeable, but small, gathering.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Chapter (No. 96).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S. Ill. Bro. J. J. Wilks, 30°, on Monday, the 19th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, assisted by his officers. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. A letter of apology was read from Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector General of the N.E. District. Business over, the chapter was closed in due form. There was a good attendance at the festive board, which was by invitation from the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. J. J. Wilks, 30°.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and admirably responded to, and a truly happy evening was the result, under the able presidency of our worthy and distinguished brother.

KESWICK.—Border Chapter (No. 102).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Keswick Hotel, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., Ill. Bro. Geo. J. McKay, 32°, M.W.S. in the chair. The minutes of the quarterly convocation held at Whitehaven last July were read and confirmed, when Ill. Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, 30°, presented E. and P. Bro. Dr. Gore Ring, 18°, to the M.W.S. for installation, and he invested the following as his officers, viz.: Bros. P. de E. Collins, 18°, Prelate; Dr. W. F. Rooke, 18°, 1st General; Geo. Dalrymple, 18°, 2nd General; J. Hall, 18°, Recorder; J. Paterson, 18°, Grand Marshal; Rev. R. D. Rawnsley, 18°, Chaplain; J. C. Thompson, 18°, D.C.; Geo. Ryrie, 18°, Herold; J. Eden, 18°, Capt. of Guard; and Thos. Usher, Outer Guard. A draft of by-laws for the chapter were read, and on the motion of Bro. Collins, seconded by Bro. Tyson, they were unanimously approved of as amended, and signed by the M.W.S. for confirmation by the Supreme Grand Council. One candidate was proposed for perfection, and with other general business the chapter was closed in due form, and the brethren subsequently dined at the Keswick Hotel, and were presided over by the M.W.S.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (T.I.)—This old council, which meets under the authority of the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees, had a meeting at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 28th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. C. Walls, W.M.; R. L. Loveland, S.W.; Venn, P.M., acting J.W.; Powell, Treas.; H. J. Lardner, Sec.; Major G. Lambert, P.M.; Brittain, McDowall, N. Prower, M.A.; G. Graveley, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. It was unanimously resolved that in consideration of the many valuable services rendered to this council by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.D.M., he be elected an honorary member. It was also unanimously resolved that the thanks of the council are pre-eminently due to Bro. Powell, Treas., and the members of the Audit Committee for the excellent and thoroughly satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their respective duties. A Committee consisting of the W.M., Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, was appointed to consider the question of altering the day of meeting, and to bring up a report to the next meeting. The council was then closed in the Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr, and adjourned till the last Friday in January next.

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G. COUNCIL R. & S. M., MINNESOTA.

The following are the present G. Officers of the G. Council Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota—namely, Comps. John R. Carey, M.I.G.M.; R. H. Baker, D.G.M.; Geo. S. Acker, G.P.C. of W.; G. W. Merrell, G. Treas.; M. Cheney, G. Recorder; Chas. F. Yeager, G.C. of Guard; C. L. Davis, G.C. of Council; R. D. Brown, G. Marshal; J. P. Pond, G. Chap.; C. D. Boyes, G. Std.; J. C. Fisher, G. Sentinel. There are 7 subordinate Councils, and the returns from six of them show an aggregate membership of 423.

GRAND COUNCIL, R. and S.M., OHIO.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio held their annual meeting in the Masonic Hall, Steubenville, on the same days as the Grand Chapter. The proceedings, which were of an ordinary character, included the conferring of the Order of High Priesthood on 32 High Priests, and the exemplification of the Degrees of Royal and Select Master by the Grand Officers. The following are the G. Officers for the current year, viz.:—Comps. D. C. Weingartner, M.I.G.M.; Geo. D. McBride, D.G.M.; G. M. Acklin, G.P.C. of W.; S. B. Evans, G. Treas.; John D. Caldwell, G. Recorder; E. F. Smith, G.C. of G.; T. J. Melish, G. Chap.; E. D. Pocock, G. Stwd.; and Jacob Randall, G. Sentinel. The next G. Council will be held at Springfield.

GRAND CHAPTER OF OHIO.

The annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ohio was held in the Masonic Hall, Steubenville, on the 5th October and following day, under the presidency of Comp. J. L. H. Long, G.H.P., whose address formed one of the chief features of the meeting. The several committee's were appointed, and the Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented. The following were appointed and invested Grand Officers for the year, viz.: Comps. W. B. Hilman, G.H.P.; J. W. Tredall, D.G.H.P.; W. W. Savage, G. King; J. Munker, G. Scribe; R. V. Hampson, G. Treas.; Emmet V. Rhoades, G. Sec.; Rev. L. F. Van Cleve, G. Chap; W. Frost, G. Marshal; and Jacob Randall, G. Guard. The installation ceremony was carried out by the retiring G.H. Priest, and a vote of thanks having been unanimously passed to the members of the Steubenville Chapter for the cordiality of their reception and the excellence of their arrangements, G. Chapter was closed in ample form.

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CRAFT—Lodge of Unity, No. 183.
ROYAL ARCH—Star Chapter, No. 1275.
INSTRUCTION—Earl of Lathom Lodge, and Fidelity Lodge.

Presentation to Bro. T. A. Morphet.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland," "Orient Freimaurerische," "La Chaine D'Union," and "Keystone."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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 LONDON MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I must again protest earnestly and most emphatically against the publication of such tabular statements as that given in your last issue with reference to the R.M. Institution for Girls.

As I pointed out in my last letter, these statements assume that each province should—irrespective of circumstances—send donations to the Charities equal in amount

to the value of the benefits bestowed by the Institutions upon its candidates. This is a "sale and barter" view of Masonic Benevolence that does not accord with the traditions and teaching of the Craft. There should be no sordid reckonings of this kind; ALL should give in proportion to their means, but, if a province or lodge is so unfortunate as to require an amount of relief in excess of the value of its donations, then I protest it is most un-Masonic to gibe it as a defaulter.

To quote your correspondent "Zeta"—"let praise be given to those provinces who contribute to the support of our Institutions irrespective of any benefits they may derive from them in return, and by all means let censure be withheld from those which, being poor, contribute little or nothing, and yet send many candidates for election. The mites which they occasionally bestow, are to the full as worthy tributes to the grand principle of Masonic Benevolence as the rich gifts bestowed by our wealthier provinces and lodges."

There is no doubt that the supporters of the London Masonic Charities (whether they reside in London or the provinces) intend that their benefactions shall be universally applied to the relief of Masonic distress, whether that distress exists in their own districts or elsewhere.

Where there is fair grounds for the belief that lodges or provinces do not subscribe to the Charities as bountifully as their means will admit, then let us try, by every lawful endeavour, to awake them to a sense of their obligations, but certainly not by publishing broadcast such statements as those I am condemning.

According to the showing of the Prov. Grand Secretary for Lincolnshire, these tables are not even safe guides as financial statements, for he proves that he has sent donations to the Charities which are not accounted for in the tables.—I am, yours fraternally, ESPOIR.

October 31st.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

With all deference to Bro. B. Vickers, Prov. G. Secretary of Lincolnshire, I must decline in response to his invitation of last week, as I have already declined in response to that of "Zetetes," to name the province I had in my mind, when I wrote my first letter, and I do this for the reason I have already stated, that I do not feel myself justified in introducing the name of a particular province into a discussion which concerns London and the provinces generally. I was actuated by no other motive in referring to a province, which I studiously refrained from naming, but which is nevertheless a real province, than the very natural wish to support a contention I have always held, namely, that, as it is in consequence of the action taken by the Craft generally, that our central Charities are in need of so large an amount of support annually, the duty of providing that support should be fulfilled by the general body, and that the members of that body which do not so contribute in accordance with their ability and without detriment to their own interests, expose themselves to the charge of neglecting this duty. I see no reason why a discussion on this or any other question of general interest should not be conducted without referring specifically, and by name, to particular persons and bodies.

As regards the statements made by Bro. Vickers on behalf of his Province of Lincolnshire—for the introduction of which into this controversy he alone is responsible—I accept them as in duty bound, especially as coming from one who by reason of his official position is pretty certain to know more about the doings of the province in support of the central Charities than any other Lincolnshire brother, or than myself who am a stranger. But it will be difficult to pursue the argument unless a common basis is provided on which all the disputants may ground their opinions, and this, I think, will be found in the lists of subscribers published annually by the several Institutions. The lists issued by the Schools appear early in the year and contain the votes to which every subscribing lodge and brother is entitled. They are officially announced as correct to the preceding 31st December, and are so arranged that it is possible to ascertain with very little trouble, what is the voting strength of each province, and to what extent it varies from year to year. That issued by the Benevolent Institution is published some time towards the end of July or beginning of August, and is correct to the previous 30th June; but it is arranged alphabetically as regards persons, and numerically as regards lodges, so that it takes some time and a good deal of patience to find out what is the voting strength of a province, though nothing is easier than to find out how many votes each subscribing lodge, or brother, may have. I have looked into the School lists, but, for want of the necessary time, not those of the Benevolent Institution, issued for the years 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887, and the result, while in the main it confirms Bro. Vicker's figures for the Schools, does not suggest the idea that Lincolnshire with its 22 or 23 lodges has been particularly active during this period.

Girls' School. I find from the 1884 list that on the 31st December, 1883, Lincolnshire had 277 life votes and 21 annual votes, or together 298 votes. According to the 1885 list it had on the corresponding date of 1884, 275 life and 21 annual votes, or together 296; according to the 1886 list it had on the corresponding date 1885 259 life and 26 annual votes, or together 285; and in the list issued early during the present year it has 266 life and 19 annual votes, or together 285 votes. In the supposition that Miss A.B. with 30 votes and Mrs. C.D. 30 votes are one and the same person, but married in the latter case and single in the former, and that Miss W.X. 4 votes, and Mrs. Y.Z. 4 votes, are also under similar circumstances one and the same, then the fluctuations in the voting strength of Lincolnshire between the 31st December, 1883 and the 31st December, 1886, are as follow: Loss—3 Life-Governors with 19 votes amongst them, and 1 Life-Subscriber; that is, 20 life votes; annual votes discontinued 20; total 40 votes. Gain—1 Life-Governor (Lady with 4 votes); and 5 Life-Subscribers, namely P.G. Chapter, a lodge, and 3 brethren; total, 9 life votes, which, with 18 annual votes added, gives a total of 27 votes. Net loss—11 life and 2 annual votes, or together 13 votes. The money value of the votes gained is for 9 life votes, 45 guineas (£47 5s.); and 18 annual votes, 18 guineas (£18 18s.); or together 63 guineas (£63 3s.); so that the donations and subscriptions contributed by Lincolnshire to the Girls' School during 1884, 1885, and 1886, average £22 1s. per year. On the other hand, there were on 31st December, 1883, 6 girls in

the School; on 31st December, 1884, 4 girls; on 31st December, 1885, 5 girls; and on 31st December, 1886, 5 girls; 3 girls having left the School and 2 having been elected into it in the interval.

Boys' School. In the 1884 list Lincolnshire has 540 life votes, including 178 Preparatory School Building Fund, and 36 annual votes, total 576 votes; in the 1885 list, 543 life votes, including 178 P.S.B.F., and 39 annual votes, total 582 votes; in the 1886 list, 549 life votes, including 182 P.S.B.F., and 44 annual votes, total 593 votes; and in the 1887 list, 547 life votes, including 182 P.S.B.F., and 24 annual votes, making together 571 votes. Here also the loss of two single ladies with 4 votes apiece is neutralised by the gain of two married ladies, each with the same number of 4 votes to her credit, and omitting these from the reckoning the result of the fluctuations during the period from 31st December, 1883, to 31st December, 1886, is as follows: Loss—life votes 16, annual votes 55, or together 71 votes; Gain—life votes 23, annual votes 43, the final result being that against the gain of 7 on the former, there is a loss of 12 on the latter, giving a net loss of 5 votes. As regards the moneys paid in during the period, the total of the sums entered in the list is £185 17s., being £122 17s. in respect of the 23 life votes and £63 for new or continued annual votes. Thus, the annual average for 1884, 1885, and 1886, is £61 10s. It is right to add that in 1883 £116 11s. was contributed for Preparatory School and annual votes, and in 1882 £36 15s. for Preparatory School Fund irrespective of other amounts.

As regards boys in the School, Lincolnshire had 5 on 31st December, 1883; 6 on the same date in 1884; 5 in 1885; and 4 in 1886; three having left, and two having been elected during the three years. In short, the province, if it has done little at the Festivals, has contributed freely to this Institution.

I have neither the time nor the patience to go through the lists for the Benevolent Institution in like manner, nor have I been able to show what the province has distributed among the three Charities during the present year. I believe, however, that so far as I have gone, my figures will be found correct, and there can be no doubt about the trustworthiness of the sources from which I have derived them.

It is not for me to offer any opinion as to whether Lincolnshire has or has not done its duty by the Schools, but I fancy I shall not stand alone in my surprise that a province which has raised 2000 guineas "during the past few years for provincial"—that is, I presume, for its own local—"Charities," so relieving the pressure on the Central Institutions, should nevertheless require so much assistance from the latter.—Fraternally yours,

ZETA.

ATTENDANCE BOOKS AT PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As supplementing my letter on this subject which you were good enough to publish last week, I send you copy of a letter which has been sent me by Bro. R. Hudson detailing the system practised in the Province of Durham. The sheet gives the occasion, place, and date of meeting, spaces being left for the name and number of the lodge, and there were two columns below for the names and ranks of the brethren signing. My own idea favoured the practice at Grand Lodge, where there are several books, but possibly this might prove too cumbersome a method in the case of Provincial Grand Lodge where, of course, there are not so many brethren attending as in Grand Lodge. The one objection I see to the Durham system is the risk of some of the sheets being lost, but if this is obviated by due care on the part of the brethren responsible, it must prove efficient so far as a perfect record of attendance is concerned.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

HENRY LASHMORE,
P.M. 394, P.P.S.G.D. Hants and I. of W.

"PROV. G. LODGE OF DURHAM.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"ATTENDANCE BOOK AT PROV. G. LODGE.

"Referring to your letter in the *Freemason* of the 29th inst., I have pleasure in sending you copy of our attendance sheets from Prov. G. Lodge which have been found to be much more effective than the old attendance book (never half signed). We place one for each lodge in the clothing room, three or four in the Prov. G. officers' room, and one in the Prov. G. Master's room, and certain brethren are told off to see that every brother signs his name. These sheets are collected by the Prov. Asst. D. of C., and handed to the Prov. G. Sec.

"We purpose having them bound in series of three or five years.—Yours fraternally,

"R. HUDSON."

EARLY EVIDENCE OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The communication of Bro. Crossley, in last week's *Freemason*, is very interesting, as showing the early period (January, 1765), at which the Royal Arch Degree was worked in Halifax. So far as I know, or have heard, this is the earliest record of the working of the Degree in England, with the exception of the records of the chapter (afterwards the Grand Chapter), held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of all England, at York.

With regard to the "Memorial" for the formation of the Halifax Chapter, mentioned by Bro. Crossley, and referred to in the minutes of the Probity Lodge, No. 61, under date of 9th January, 1765, and which he surmises must have been addressed to the authorities at York, I have to state for his information, that I have searched the records of the Grand Lodge and Chapter, at York, but cannot find any trace of the Memorial having been presented, or any mention whatever of the chapter, or proposed chapter at Halifax.

During the whole of 1765 the Grand Lodge at York met regularly every month, but this was, unfortunately, not the case with the chapter, as I find from a minute of the latter, dated Sunday, 6th May, 1764, that "By order of the Right Worshipful Masters this Lodge was adjourn'd till a convenient opportunity," which does not seem to have occurred until Sunday, the 16th February, 1766, when there was another adjournment until a "convenient opportunity," the next meeting being held on the 29th April, 1768.

It thus appears that, so far as the chapter at York is concerned, there was no meeting during the year in which the Royal Arch lodge, or chapter, at Halifax was working, and as the Grand Lodge records here are silent on the subject, it is evident that the Halifax memorial was not presented to the Grand Lodge or Chapter at York; and I can only come to the conclusion that it was presented to the lodge at Halifax, and that the Royal Arch Degree at the date above mentioned was worked under the authority of, and in connection with, the Probity Lodge.—Yours fraternally,

JOSH. TODD.

York, November 1st.

BROWNE'S MASTER-KEY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If "X.Y.Z." is not in a great hurry (*i.e.*, does not want it quickly for a special purpose) I shall be happy to oblige him with the key to this. In the course of a week I shall be able, I trust, to hunt it up amongst my old papers, and will send it through you, as desired.—Yours fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am pleased to hear of a third copy of the first edition of this work in such good hands. That this was the gift of the R.W. Bro. Kelly does not surprise me. I know no brother more ready and willing to assist in the formation of Masonic libraries, and in the general progress of the Craft. I have had personal knowledge of our veteran brother's zeal, and take this opportunity of acknowledging the same.—Yours fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.



751] THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

I should like to issue a note of warning against the custom of accepting the amounts contributed by Prov. Grand Lodges at the annual Festivals as the totals of their contributions during the years reported on. Possibly such an estimate of the donations, &c., from Lincolnshire may have led to the serious error in not giving the brethren of that well-managed province the full credit for their generous support of our Charities during the term mentioned. Bro. Vickers' communication will put the matter in its true light, and emphasise the fact that the *whole* of the contributions from the several provinces, *whether given at the Festivals or not*, must be duly chronicled to render any tables thoroughly complete and satisfactory.

W. J. HUGHAN.

752] AN OLD CERTIFICATE.

I shall be glad if Bro. Higerty will favour us in this department with an exact copy of the Certificate he mentions, carefully giving any numbers or other particulars which may be thereon. It is always better in these cases to give the full text of such documents, and I hope the excellent example thus set by our brother will be followed by others who can aid the Craft in communicating information on the early History of the Society at home and abroad. I am staying in Truro just now, so have not access to my memoranda relative to Freemasonry in New York, but so far as my memory serves me, the lodge in question had not long existed when the Certificate was issued. Bro. Lane will doubtless tell us if it occurs in any of the "Engraved Lists," but I fancy not.

W. J. HUGHAN.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT SHEERNESS.

One of the most interesting meetings ever held in connection with Masonry in this town took place on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., on the occasion of the two Lodges, Adam's, No. 158, and De Shurland, No. 1089, uniting together to celebrate her Majesty's Jubilee with a banquet at the Britannia Hotel. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. J. Auty, W.M. 158; J. Copland, W.M. 1089; and J. Tower, P.M. 1089, and the efficient manner in which they discharged their respective duties contributed to a great extent in making the proceedings a decided success. The toast of the evening, "The Queen," was given and received with that loyalty and enthusiasm which has at all times distinguished the Masons of this country in their adherence to the throne.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and in the course of the evening the three oldest Past Masters of the lodges, viz., Bros. PANNELL, 1089, and SPARS and BAGSHAW, 158, gave some very interesting and instructive particulars relating to the progress of Masonry in the town as well as in the province.

Bro. J. P. WATTS, P.M. 158, in proposing "The Masonic Charities," alluded to the great work that the several Institutions were doing in rendering assistance to the aged and indigent, and in educating and providing for the wants of children who have been deprived of a father's care and support.

Bro. W. PANNELL, P.M. 1089, in responding, urged upon the brethren the necessity of contributing as far as lay in their power to the maintenance and support of the Institutions, and he quoted several instances where members of the two lodges had benefited by the Charities.

Bro. STUTLEY, P.M. 158, in his usual facetious manner toasted "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bro. HARRIS, P.A.G.D.C. of Essex, and Bro. WIDGERY.

The National Anthem brought a happy and enjoyable evening to a successful termination.

The excellent manner in which the banquet was served by Bro. G. T. Green, P.M., and Mrs. Green, was the theme of admiration of every one present. The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. C. M. Glaysher, Org. 158, and he was assisted by Bros. Tower, Green, Bagshaw, Pyke, Hallett, Griffith, Nutty, and others



Craft Masonry.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE (No. 60).—A meeting of this old and distinguished lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 28th ult. Among those present we noticed Bros. A. S. Josling, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; A. T. Layton, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; H. Hacker, Grand Stwd., J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; Treas.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G. Stwd., P.G.S.B., Sec.; A. J. Altman, C.C., 101, and P.M. 1657, S.D.; J. Moon, J.D.; E. Rogers, I.G.; H. T. Kent, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; R. G. Barton, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; C. E. Soppet, I.P.M., P.G. Stwd.; H. Slade; W. H. Kempster, M.D.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; W. H. Kempster, jun., M.B.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey; T. Comfort, E. J. Altman, P.M. 101, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.G.D. Middx., Proprietor *Freemason*; Phillips, P.M.; Pearce, P.M.; Bullock, P.M.; Cotton, Walton, Debenham, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. George Henry Kenning and John Thomas Cotton for initiation, and it proved to be unanimous. It was also taken successfully for Bros. A. H. Debenham, P.M. 1479, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, and J. M. Hodder, P.M. 217, as joining members. Messrs. Kenning and Cotton being in attendance, were most impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M., who gave at the conclusion of the ceremony the seldom heard, but most beautiful address to the entered apprentices. Numerous apologies for non-attendance having been read, and a notice of motion handed in by Bro. Barton, P.M., for discussion at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice. Bros. J. L. Mather and Hacker responded most ably on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Soppet spoke in high terms of the working capabilities of the W.M. He also complimented him upon the eloquent manner in which he gave the various toasts. In conclusion, he congratulated the brethren upon having the right man in the right place.

The Worshipful Master made a long, but interesting, speech in reply. In the course of his remarks he said that he had been elected to the chair by the unanimous vote of the brethren. During his seven years' connection with the lodge he had received nothing but kindness from the Past Masters and others. It was also a stroke of good fortune to be installed not only in the year, but in the actual month of her Majesty's Jubilee, and, lastly, at the very first meeting of the season, and in the presence of one of the largest gatherings of the lodge within the memory of the oldest member of it, to have had the honour of initiating two gentlemen into the Order whose fathers were old and respected members of the Craft. Altogether his tenure of office thus far had been attended by a concatenation of fortuitous circumstances.

In giving the toast of "The Initiates," the Worshipful Master trusted that the ceremony had impressed them. Freemasonry by its teachings, he said, tended to improve not only the mind, but the morals of its disciples. It was a source of great satisfaction to him (the W.M.) to have had the pleasure of initiating them in the presence of their sires, and he hoped that they would both prove to be worthy sons of most worthy fathers, live long, and live true Masonic lives.

Bro. Mather having given the song of "The Entered Apprentice,"

Bro. Kenning, jun., in reply, expressed his great obligations to Bros. Binckes and Young for having proposed and seconded him. He felt it to be a great honour to be initiated in so venerable a lodge as the Peace and Harmony, and he trusted that his conduct would never cause its members to regret having admitted him into their ranks. Of course, he knew nothing of the working of Masonry elsewhere, but it had struck him that the W.M.'s efforts that evening were of no common order.

Bro. Cotton also replied in a most eloquent speech.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed.

Bro. George Kenning, in response, remarked that it was his first visit to the lodge, and he had been highly gratified with everything. He was extremely obliged to their respected Secretary and Treasurer for having proposed his son. He knew that the Peace and Harmony Lodge had a grand history, and he had selected it for the induction of his eldest boy into Masonic life. In conclusion, he could only express a sincere and fervent hope that his son would prove a good Mason, and particularly a good member of their distinguished lodge.

Bros. Cotton, Walton, and others also replied.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and the Secretary," and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which were throughout of a most enjoyable and interesting character.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY (No. 65).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Thursday, the 27th ult. Bro. W. Walker, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. G. Haller, J.W.; J. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; G. T. Brown, P.M., Sec.; T. J. Ruse, S.D.; H. J. Harriss, J.D.; B. Haynes, P.M., I.G.; R. F. Bourn, A.W.S.; E. J. Rich, P.M., D.C.; Ackerman, A.D.C.; R. Dyson, I.P.M.; J. H. Hawkins, P.G. Stwd.; G. Schadler, P.M., and many others. Visitors: Bros. G. Cronin, 9; J. Simmons, 1839; C. H. Flinn, 1805; J. Pearce, 569; J. Brown, P.M. 975; E. H. Reynolds, 569; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Pearce, Goodrich, and Gray were passed to the Second Degree, and ballot having been successfully taken for Mr. Charles Martin, he was impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry.

Bro. R. Dyson, I.P.M., then rose to propose the following resolution, notice of which was given at the regular lodge meeting in June last: "That this Lodge of Prosperity, No.

65, as Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, while fully recognising the valuable services of Bro. Terry, the Secretary, hereby protests most respectfully but firmly against the action of the Committee of Management in having again voted and paid 100 guineas to Bro. Terry out of funds collected specifically for the Institution, and this lodge earnestly trusts that the Committee of Management will discontinue this pernicious custom, as otherwise the popularity of the Institution will be seriously jeopardised." He said that the reason he brought this motion forward was that he represented the lodge at the Festival in connection with which the matter took place. He thought it would be as well if he stated, for the information of the younger brethren, what a Festival is and how it is conducted. The Secretary of the Institution sent out to the various lodges in the country, and invited them to send up Stewards, their duties being to collect as much money as possible. Every Steward, over and above the amount he must subscribe to the Charities, is also expected to subscribe two guineas, which is called the Steward's fee. This fee is a sort of guarantee for the expenses of the Festival, so that they shall be defrayed out of that fund, and nothing be taken from the money contributed to the Charity. The number of Stewards was 384, and, for the information of those who did not know, he would say that they took up £19,220. This would show that the Stewards worked hard. The 384 Stewards' fees were spent, first, in the expenses of the Festival and the banquet, and secondly, in presenting each Steward with a jewel, which he could wear for the following 12 months. Next, money was paid for the other individual expenses, including a very handsome engraving commemorating the Festival. There then remained in hand, he believed, although he would not pledge himself to the amount, about £160. A meeting was held soon after the Festival, when it was proposed, and he acquiesced in the proposal, that from the balance of the guarantee fund a sum should be voted to the staff in the office. The residue would then leave Bro. Terry, as near as possible, £100, which the Stewards voted to him in consideration of the large amount of work he had to perform. Shortly after that, the Committee of Management met, and in their wisdom saw fit to vote, notwithstanding the sum voted by the Stewards, and out of the money subscribed for the Institution, the sum of 100 guineas to Bro. Terry for his services. He could not find words to express his disapprobation, for it was a misappropriation of money, and so strongly did he feel, that had he not paid his ten guineas, he would not have paid it in order to mark his dissatisfaction. He hoped the brethren would not think that he wished to detract from the services of Bro. Terry, for he was sure that brother had done a great deal for the Institution, but he was fighting for the principle. Bro. Hawkins had previously mentioned the same thing in their lodge, but it was allowed to drop. He felt that if this action was repeated it would be prejudicial to the Institution, and therefore he hoped they would vote in favour of the resolution. Although it might be said they were doing something which would for the moment be detrimental to the Institution, he was sure it could only be in the true interests of that Charity. He therefore begged to propose the resolution, the terms of which were before them. Bro. Hawkins, P.M., seconded the resolution, and said that two years ago, when this matter occurred, he called attention to the fact, although he was at the time serving a Stewardship for another Institution. It was the principle he objected to, for the 100 guineas would go far to alleviate distress among the unsuccessful candidates. There were one or two facts the I.P.M. had omitted. The first was the enormous salary paid to Bro. Terry. There was no man in Freemasonry who appreciated the work done by that brother more than he did. He could thoroughly understand the enormous amount of work performed by Bro. Terry, whom, he asserted, was a highly and over-paid officer. He said it fearlessly, and was sure there were men of equal attainments and verbiage who would be pleased to do the same work for a half, or even a third of the salary. They were quite at liberty to spend the remaining portion of the Stewards' fees as they pleased, but money that had been subscribed from hardly earned salaries for the purposes of Charity should not be voted to a highly paid officer. It was a pernicious thing and a misappropriation of money—subscribed to support distressed people. They had no right to pay Bro. Terry 17s. per cent. on the total of the Festival, above his salary, simply because he had gone about in the performance of his duties. As their lodge was a Vice Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he went to the Committee of Management, and, as the W.M., claimed his right of admission, but he was refused. If they allowed the money to be frittered away, and did not raise their voices in protest, they would not be discharging the duties of the Craft. Bros. Brown, P.M., Secretary, Akerman, and W. Walker, W.M., having supported the resolution, and Bro. Dyson, I.P.M., having replied, it was carried unanimously. On the motion of Bro. Dyson, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Hawkins, P.M., the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to the Grand Secretary, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Benevolent Institution, and to each member of the Committee of Management. The W.M. having intimated his intention of representing the lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the sum of ten guineas was, on the proposition of Bro. Brown, P.M., Sec., seconded by Bro. Dyson, I.P.M., unanimously voted from the lodge funds to be placed on his list.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently duly honoured with the customary heartiness.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Dyson, I.P.M. He reminded the brethren that at the last meeting he told them that if they found their W. Master required assistance he would endeavour to set him right; but Bro. Walker, W.M., had so ably conducted the affairs of the lodge and the ceremonies, that his (the I.P.M.'s) post was a sinecure. He was convinced that as meeting succeeded meeting the W. Master endeared himself more and more to the hearts of the members. He asked them with all cordiality to drink to the health of the W.M.

Bro. W. Walker, W.M., sincerely thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they always received him. They knew from the past that he exerted his best endeavours for the welfare of the lodge. There was a small matter to which he wished to refer, and that was their

annual ball. He proposed that instead of a ball they should have a Cinderella dance; but this they could consider at their next meeting. He would remind them that their second Charity Association finished shortly, and he hoped they would exert themselves to start another. The Second Charity Association had already sent up 410 guineas to the various Charities.

"The Initiates" having been given, "The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M.

Bros. Reynolds, 569, and J. Brown, P.M. 975, responded on behalf of the visiting brethren, thanking the lodge for the hospitality they had received.

"The Past Masters" was next given, and responded to by Bro. Roberts, P.M., Treas.

Bro. Brown, P.M., Sec., also replied, and thanked the brethren, as he had done for many years past, for the cordiality with which he was received. They could rest assured that as long as he occupied his present office he would perform the duties attached thereto to the best of his ability. The lodge had for many years contributed largely to the Masonic Charities, and for that reason the resolution passed unanimously that evening would have some weight. The W.M. had alluded to the Prosperity Charity Association which was just closing, and he wished to say a brother was required to take up the Secretaryship of the third Association. He was the Secretary of the first, and the present W.M. held the post in the second. Those two Associations in eight years had rendered immense help to the Institutions, having sent up nearly £1000.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This ancient lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult., when there were present among others Bros. G. Coop, W.M.; G. C. Hudson, S.W., W.M. elect; Hakim, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Steng, S.D.; Wetzler, J.D.; Cursons, acting I.G.; Langdale, W.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Heaphy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Jordan, P.M.; and Fromholtz, P.M. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. James Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B., &c.; William Clarke, P.G.P., &c.; Taylor, P.M. 144; Farmer, P.M. 160; Apted, P.M. 209; Flack, P.M. 834; Mitchell, P.M. 1558; T. Beale, 201; Harnell, 511; Bovins, 511; Branch, 749; Brell, 780; Young, 1420; Marsten, 1563; Blyth, 1681; Kenningham, 1705; Worstencroft, 1930; Heath, 2041; R. J. Harnell, R. W. Heney, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, Bro. Jones was impressively raised to the Third Degree. Ballot having been taken for Mr. John Trott, he was ably inducted into Craft mysteries. The W.M. then brought his arduous and well performed duties to a close by installing his successor, Bro. Hudson, into the chair of K.S., assisted by Bros. Hopwood, P.M., as S.W.; Dairy, as J.W.; Walls, as D.C.; and Fromholtz, I.G. The newly-installed W.M. then ably invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hakim, S.W.; Steng, J.W.; Carter, Treas.; Stuart, Sec.; Wetzler, S.D.; Langdale, J.D.; Blythe, I.G.; Cursons, W.S.; and Longstaff, Tyler. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Coop, I.P.M., for his services as Installing Officer. A Past Master's jewel was also presented to him. Bro. Fromholtz, P.M., was appointed Steward to represent the R.M.B.I., and Bro. Hudson, W.M., was appointed to act in a similar capacity at the R.M.I. for Girls' Festival, 1888. Notices of motion were respectively given to head their lists with a donation of five guineas each to those excellent Institutions. Bro. Dairy, P.M., also called the attention of the brethren to the fact that the lodge was pledged to the R.M.I. for Boys in 1888 for the sum of ten guineas.

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

The usual toasts were given.

Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P., replied in exhaustive terms on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

In giving the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Coop spoke of the W. Master's long connection with the lodge. They had all seen how well he had filled the minor offices, and also how ably he had invested his officers that evening. He augured for him a most prosperous and successful year of office.

Bro. Hudson, in reply, expressed to the brethren his sincere thanks for the great honour that they had accorded to him in unanimously electing him to fill the chair in one of the oldest lodges in London. He could only say that nothing on his part would be wanting to make his year of office a most prosperous and happy one. In his endeavours to that end he felt confident that he should receive the hearty co-operation of not only the Past Masters but every member of No. 141.

"The Initiates" followed, and it was responded to by Bro. Trott.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Clarke, P.G.P.; Farmer, P.M.; Flack, P.M.; and others.

"The Health of the Installing Officer" was received most heartily, and Bro. Coop, in reply, made a modest and pertinent speech.

"The Masonic Charities" drew from Bro. James Terry one of those stirring appeals which in theatrical parlance, invariably "bring down the house." Without in any way detracting from the merits and necessities of the sister Institutions, he particularly advocated the cause of the aged, some of whom were knocking at the doors of the Institution, in the greatest possible distress. He incidentally mentioned in his kind way the case of Mrs. Themans, the widow of a very old Past Master, who, nearly blind and otherwise afflicted, was a candidate for admission at the next election.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. Hopwood, Jordan, and Fromholtz, and "The Officers," by Bros. Hakim, Steng, Wetzler, and Langdale.

A very excellent programme of music was gone through under the direction of Bro. Taylor, P.M. 144. Among the artists were Bros. Thurley Beale, Alfred Kenningham, and R. W. Heney, the latter brother's comic selections being greatly appreciated.

ORPHEUS LODGE (No. 1706).—This lodge has had many well filled rooms since it was enrolled upon the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, and the installation meeting on Saturday, the 29th ult., was no

exception to the records of past ceremonies of the kind. No one who has ever accepted an invite to assist at an Orpheus gathering would fail to attend a second time when opportunity offered; and to the fact that prodigious hospitality is coupled with the most refined music—to say nothing of the perfect working, which is an intellectual treat—is due perhaps to the large assembly of visiting brethren at the meeting under notice. The lodge met at the Holborn Restaurant, and was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Henry Guy, who was supported by Bros. Walmsley Little, S.W.; W. S. Hoyte, J.W.; H. Parker, S.D.; F. Cambridge, J.D.; D. Strong, I.G.; and Potter, Tyler. The P.M.'s present were Bros. G. F. Smith, jun., Willey, Hodges, Joyce, Murray, Clifford, Sec.; and Blyth, Treas. A candidate having been balloted for and accepted, Bro. S. Kemp presented himself for raising to the Sublime Degree, and with due solemnity and impressiveness, the ceremony was performed by the W.M. In consequence of the S.W. being in the chair of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, the successor to Bro. Guy in the chair of K.S. was Bro. Hoyte, the J.W., whose proficiency in the working had been well displayed in his upward progress. He was presented in the prescribed form by Bro. Willey, P.M., and with befitting care and dignity installed by the acting Master. During this ceremony Bro. E. M. Lott, P.G.O., filled the S.W. chair, and Bro. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey, that of the J.W. On the re-admission of the brethren below the rank of Installed Master, the customary salutes were given to the new W.M., behind whose chair was raised a handsome banner, perceived for the first time. Bro. J. C. Frost was at the organ, and materially enhanced the effect of the proceedings. Bro. Willey acted most admirably as Director of Ceremonies. The three charges were given by Bro. F. G. Smith, P.M., Bro. J. Hodges, P.M., and Bro. Willey, P.M., in their respective order, and it was proved that rust had not yet settled upon those who worthily filled the chair of the Orpheus Lodge in years past. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Walmsley Little, S.W.; H. Parker, J.W.; F. Cambridge, S.D.; D. Strong, J.D.; W. Clifford, P.M., Sec.; J. Blyth, P.M., Treas.; Rainham, I.G.; R. Clowes, P.M., D.C.; J. C. Frost, Org.; Rev. W. Stainer, Chap., Marples, Stewd.; and Potter, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Clifford then drew the attention of the brethren to the handsome banner behind the Master's chair, which he said was the gift of the W.M., Bro. Hoyte, to the lodge on his installation. On the motion of the Secretary, it was ordered that a record of the gift, with a vote of thanks to the donor, be entered upon the minutes. The report of the Audit Committee, which had been sent to every brother, was taken as read, and when the Secretary read out what communications he had received, the newly-appointed S.D. expressed his willingness to represent the lodge at the next Girls' Festival. The other Stewardships will be settled at the next meeting. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a jewel in commemoration of his year of office, and as a token of the regard in which he is held by the brethren over whom he had so well ruled during the past 12 months. Three applications for relief were presented, and a grant was made to one. The others were referred to the Grand Secretary. A volley of "Hearty good wishes" followed, and among those who rose was Bro. Williams, P.M. 219, 1264, P.P.A.G.D.C. West Lancashire, who being on a visit to the Metropolis had sought admission. The brother was cordially received, and kindly invited by the W.M. to partake of the hospitality of the lodge.

When the company assembled in the banqueting room nearly 70 seats were occupied, and a recherché repast was served in a style worthy of the reputation of the establishment.

In approaching the toast list, after a grand rendering of "Non Nobis" by the whole company, the W.M. said he should follow the custom of the lodge by being brief in his remarks, as they all knew what a musical treat was in store for them. After the first two toasts on the list, which every Mason knows full well, Bro. Bywater, G.S.B., and Bro. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey, were called on to respond for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. West said it gave him peculiar pleasure to see his friend, Bro. Hoyte, in the chair, for he was one of his officers in the Province of Surrey. He noticed also that the Orpheus Lodge had another Surrey brother in office, Bro. Cambridge, S.D., P.P.G.O. Surrey, and he hoped his province might long continue to be a happy hunting ground for the Orpheus.

"The Health of the W.M." was given in a very telling manner by Bro. Guy, and Bro. Hoyte was received with genuine enthusiasm when he rose to acknowledge the toast. He said that his predecessor had said many pleasant things of him, and he only hoped he might be able to carry out what Bro. Guy had uttered. It would be his earnest endeavour to carry out the duties of the office in a way which should add lustre to a position that had been held by eminent brethren before him.

In giving "The I.P.M.," the Worshipful Master said he entertained the highest esteem for Bro. Guy, who had carried out the duties of the office most admirably.

Bro. Guy was grateful to the W.M. for his kind reference to him, and assured the brethren that if he had failed in any particular it was not due to want of heart in Masonry but to want of ability. This last reference was met with a general negative.

Bro. Joyce Murray, P.M., a highly esteemed member of the lodge, made an eloquent reply to "Prosperity to the Craft, and the Orpheus Lodge especially," and it was mentioned by the W.M. that Bro. Murray had only missed one meeting since the lodge was founded. Special reference was made by that worthy brother to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge (now £140) and also to the three great Charities of the Order.

Bros. Lewis-Thomas, Dr. Lott, and Williams replied for "The Visitors," who numbered about one-half of the company.

Bro. Williams said they had an Apollo Lodge at Liverpool, and he thought perhaps the Orpheus was a kind of offshoot. He thanked the W.M. for his courteous reception of him that night, for he was quite a stranger save in the mystic tie, and promised a warm greeting to any member of No. 1706 if he would visit him at the Apollo or the Mariners in Liverpool.

Bros. Willey and Hodges replied for "The Past Masters," and soon after the list was closed in the usual way.

The music given during the evening, under the direction of Bro. John Hodges, P.M. (of H.M. Chapel Royal, St. James), was of a grand order. Among other choice glees

was an old one by Dr. Clarke of Cambridge, "It is the roar of Teviot's Tide." This excited great interest, being quite new to many present. It was splendidly rendered by Bros. Hodges, Guy, Gilby, and Bell, with Bro. F. G. Smith at the piano. A splendid exhibition of pianoforte playing was given by Bro. Parker, J.W., P.P.G.O. Essex, who by request, gave Liszt's "Lucia." As a compliment to the W.M., Bro. Saunders, conductor of the music at the Holborn Restaurant, asked to be allowed to give a performance of a minuet and trio, the composition of Bro. Hoyte. This was played by the full band in a way which did full justice to the composer's ideas, and the applause was so great at its close that a second piece, for strings only, was given in addition. Bro. Saunders was invited to take a seat by the W.M., who then expressed the gratification it had given him when the request was made. He complimented the band on the perfect rendering of his music, and called on the brethren to join in a bumper to the Health of the Conductor and every member of the Holborn Restaurant Band. The installation of Bro. Hoyte will long be remembered by everyone present, and this sketch may fitly close with the lines which Bro. Hodges had printed on his music programme:—

"An Orpheus! an Orpheus! yes, Faith may grow bold,
And take to herself all the wonders of old;—
Near the stately Pantheon you'll meet with the same
In the street that from Oxford has borrowed its name.
His station is there; and he works on the crowd,
He sways them with harmony merry and loud.

ST. MARK'S COLLEGE LODGE (No. 2157).—Installation meeting. The above meeting was held on the 28th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant. There were present Bros. Rev. J. Henry Smith, B.A., P.M., P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland, W.M.; Jas. Easterbrook, M.A., S.W.; John O'Connell, J.W.; Thomas Cross, P.M., Sec., and W.M. elect; W. R. Carter, B.A., S.D.; J. Tidmarsh, J.W.; W. Goulden, I.G.; A. P. Lye, and J. R. Phillips, Stewds.; J. Stanton, J. L. Johnson, A. Streeter, H. J. Whitehouse, W. T. Thompson, B.A.; R. J. Hennings, T. Cattell, B.A.; J. Bell, D. J. Rowland, G. W. Stevens, W.M. 1851; and G. H. Heathcote. The visitors were Bros. King, P.M., Sec. 172; Slade, and Williams.

The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditor's report was presented and adopted. The W.M. then proceeded with the ceremony of the evening, the installation of Bro. Thomas Cross, P.M., W.M. elect, which was performed in a most perfect and impressive manner by the retiring W.M. After being installed the W.M. invested his officers, giving each the usual address. Bros. J. Easterbrook, M.A., S.W.; John O'Connell, J.W.; Rev. W. Benham, B.D., Chap.; Rev. J. Henry Smith, I.P.M., Treas.; A. P. Lye, Sec.; W. R. Carter, B.A., S.D.; J. Tidmarsh, J.D.; W. Goulden, I.G., and Org.; G. W. Stevens, W.M. 1851, D.C.; J. R. Phillips, and R. H. Catling, Stwds. The I.P.M. then gave the addresses in a highly impressive manner. One candidate was proposed for initiation. After "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M., and for the prosperity of the lodge, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast provided at the Holborn Restaurant.

At the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were given and received with great heartiness. The college grace "Non Nobis" was sung by the brethren with very fine effect.

In proposing the toast of the "Queen and Craft," the W.M. said Masons were loyal subjects, and their regard for her Majesty as the Sovereign of this country was further augmented, as far as the Craft were concerned, by the fact that her eldest son H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is the M.W.G.M., another is P.G.M. of Sussex, and a third the lamented Duke of Albany, was P.G.M. of Oxfordshire. Besides, she is Patroness of the Masonic Institutions, which alone would entitle her to their esteem.

After the toast had been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. O'Connell sang "God save the Queen."

The toast of "The M.W.G.M." was received with great applause. The W.M. said H.R.H. the G.M., always took great interest in things Masonic, and used his great and powerful influence in its behalf.

"God bless the Prince of Wales," was sung by Bro. R. J. Hennings.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was given and heartily received.

The toast of "The W.M." was received with great favour.

The I.P.M., Bro. Rev. J. Henry Smith, said in proposing this toast that the lodge had much to thank the W.M. for, inasmuch as it was through his energy and perseverance that it owed its existence.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he felt the great honour done him by electing him to the highest office in the lodge. He also felt it was a great responsibility, and although he had to follow so excellent a Master as Bro. Smith, P.M., he would endeavour to carry out his duties satisfactorily to the lodge. He reminded the brethren that, although much had been done in the past year, much remained to be done to set the lodge on a sure foundation of prosperity; but he hoped with their assistance to continue in the safe path laid down by the first Master, Bro. Smith, P.M.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The I.P.M.," and said the lodge had been very fortunate in securing so excellent a brother and so able a financier as their I.P.M. He had not only done his work admirably, but had brought the lodge to the end of the first year of its existence with a small balance in hand. That was an achievement rarely accomplished. In appreciation of his services the lodge had voted him a P.M.'s jewel, and he had great pleasure in now presenting it to him; indeed, it was to him a peculiar pleasure, inasmuch as they had worked together in bringing about the formation of the lodge. He wished him long life and happiness, and hoped he might be many years amongst them, and wear the beautiful jewel in that lodge and other Masonic assemblies.

The toast was received in such a thoroughly hearty and vociferous manner that must have been very pleasing to the I.P.M.

The Immediate Past Master thanked them all for their kindness, and said he should treasure that handsome jewel as long as he lived. He trusted also that after it had pleased the G.A.O.F.U. to remove him from this sublunary sphere, and he had gone over to the "great majority," it would be treasured by his son, who he hoped would in due time become a member of the lodge.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master said that, although they had not many visitors, those then present were brethren of rank and position in their respective lodges. Bro. King was a P.M. and Sec. of 172; Bro. Slade was W.M. of 1347; and Bro. Williams was S.W. of his mother lodge. They were always pleased to see visitors, and trusted they had enjoyed themselves, and would come again.

These brethren expressed themselves extremely pleased with their visit on the auspicious occasion, and wished prosperity to the lodge and a successful year of office to the W.M.

In proposing "The Officers" the Worshipful Master praised them for their zeal and efficiency in the past year, trusting they would assist him as satisfactorily as they had the first Master.

The Senior Warden responded, and said they were pleased at their re-election, and they would do their work in the coming year as carefully and efficiently as they had in the past.

After the Tyler's toast a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by songs by Bros. Rev. J. H. Smith, G. H. Heathcote, J. R. Hennings, J. R. Phillips, G. W. Stevens, and J. O'Connell. Several glees were sung, this lodge being specially favoured with trained musical brethren.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE (No. 2191).—

The last regular meeting of this lodge for the present year was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Tuesday, the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. G. Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., who occupied the W.M.'s chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Bro. J. B. Grieve, acting as I.P.M.; Bros. Adolphus Clark, S.W.; F. Kedge, J.W.; J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., Chaplain; G. Reynolds, Secretary; J. J. Woolley, acting as S.D.; Walter Hancock, acting as J.D.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; John Skinner and James Woodward, Stewards; Wilkie Jones, D.C.; R. Potter, Tyler; J. W. Parmenter, James Rowe, B. J. Somers, A. Mellor, F. W. Frigout, F. Jackson, G. P. Bertini, A. Harris, Theodore H. Tilton, P.G.M. New York City; C. A. Itter, T. W. Donald, Dr. R. Cross, J. Williams, E. Mills, J. Allen, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. B. Creveny, P.M. 454, P.Z. 112 (I.C.); Alfred C. Wilkes, 1064; D. W. Tough, 905; Frank Herald, P.M. 1056; E. Callender, 809; A. Madell, 1201; J. C. Quennell, I.P.M. 214; Henry Venn, P.M. 23; Stephen A. Cooper, P.M. 1057, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middx.; F. L. Clark, 1635; C. Lambert, S.D. 198; L. Tolfree, 749; G. Davis, 205; S. Renaut, S.D. 1623; Robert Richardson, 645; F. W. Clark, 1563; and F. M. Noakes, 2148. The absence of some of the brethren was owing to the Lord Mayor's Masonic banquet at the Mansion House.

The lodge was opened in due form. Letters of regret were read from Bros. Brackstone Baker and C. Corby, the latter being unable to attend owing to a severe domestic affliction. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. B. J. Somers was raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bro. John Allen passed to the Second Degree. On the motion of Bro. G. Lambert, acting W.M., seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., Bros. T. J. Shryock, M.W.G. Master Maryland, U.S.A., and C. E. Meyer, P.M. 295, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., were unanimously elected honorary members, and the Secretary was instructed to communicate this resolution to them, accompanied with a jewel of the lodge. Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, in a few well-chosen words, returned thanks on behalf of Bros. Shryock and Meyer. A vote of condolence was also passed to Bro. C. Corby in his bereavement in the loss of his wife. The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge: Bros. Major J. Woodall Woodall, P.G. Treas.; I. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; C. F. Beatty, 2, New York City, U.S.A.; and George Kenning, 249, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.G.D. Middx., Proprietor *Freemason*. All Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

An excellent banquet was served in the Princes Room, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini, and ample justice was done to the good things placed before them. Bro. G. Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., presided at the banquet table in the absence of the W.M., and gave the toasts in a most cheery way.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were first given, and received by the brethren with enthusiasm.

Bro. G. Lambert next gave "The Grand Officers," who he said were men who had done good work in Masonry, and who should be looked upon as the guardians of the landmarks of their Order, they were proud to have one as their Chaplain.

Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., with whose name this toast was coupled, in his usual humorous manner thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which the toast had been given and received, and trusted the Grand Officers would always merit their approbation.

In rising to propose "The Health of their W.M.," Bro. G. Lambert said he was unable to be present with them that evening as he was at a Masonic dinner at the Mansion House, where he was quite sure things did not go so easy as with them. If their Masonic father had been at the table he would have responded to the toast of the actual Master, who was the English representative of 19 Grand Lodges in America, and the only person in England who represented so many. The founders were perfectly right in placing that brother in the chair as first W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge, as no one he knew was more fitted than him for that position, they also knew him well in connection with the Charities, and as one who supported them liberally.

Bro. T. H. Tilton, in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," said they were always glad to see him present as he was a host in himself. At the last meeting he had the honour of entertaining the G.M. of Maryland, Bro. Shryock, and Bro. Meyer, of Philadelphia, who had expressed themselves highly gratified with what they had seen and heard; they had found in this lodge a Masonic home for brethren from the other side of the Atlantic who previously had not known what to do in this village of ours. They expressed their intention of coming over again, when their worthy I.P.M. would introduce them to some of our civic banquets. He was the connecting link between this and the other side of the water, and he considered it an honour to have so eminent a Mason as their I.P.M. He asked them to drink his health.

Bro. G. Lambert, in replying, said: He was proud of the

honour of having introduced Bros. J. Shryock and Meyer to the Anglo-American Lodge. They were most anxious to come and see what they were like, and went away pleased with their reception. They had found a Masonic home on this side of the Atlantic, which they would not fail to communicate to the brethren on the other side. Four weeks ago they entertained 50 brethren from America, amongst whom were the two brethren just named, the first of whom was the youngest Grand Master in the States, and the other one of the shining lights in the sister country, both of whom he was pleased to say they had elected honorary members. The lodge was inaugurated to supply a want, and he could safely say no lodge had made such rapid progress in so short a space of time. Their officers were representative men; one represented Texas, which has more acres than the whole of Great Britain, and has at the present time 18 lodges; another was an American born, but an English Mason, and so he might go on. Altogether they had brought together a number of brethren who well represented both countries. He considered it an honour to be one of the founders of such a lodge, and thanked them for the hearty way in which they had drunk his health.

The acting Master next gave the toast of "The Visitors," whom, he said, they were always pleased to see, for whether they lived on this side or the other side, or the far East, they bid them a hearty welcome. From amongst those present he would call upon Bros. Cressy and Dr. Quennell to respond.

Bro. Cressy, in reply, thanked the brethren for the cordial welcome extended to the visitors, and assured them that in Ceylon they took a lively interest in the doings of their brethren in England. They were well posted in the best working that could be seen in London, and when opportunity offered they were always pleased to accept the hospitality extended to them.

Bro. Dr. Quennell said that, so far as replying as a visitor from distant parts, he had never been out of the home counties, although he was exceedingly cosmopolitan in his nature. They had extended a hearty welcome to guests, and hearty welcome the guests should receive. He thanked them, and assured them that both had been accomplished.

In proposing the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. G. Lambert said to Bro. Cummings they owed a debt of gratitude for taking care of their cash. He was a most important officer, and filled the office with credit to himself and benefit to the lodge. With regard to the Secretary, he knew of no officer so important. The W.M. was elected every year; but the Secretary went on from year to year. He had to do all the work of the lodge, and occasionally assist in the ceremonies; in fact, there was no officer in the lodge whose duties were so onerous as those of the Secretary, which office was most ably filled by Bro. G. Reynolds, whose heart and soul was in his work. He went away to the South of England for rest and recreation; but still he was at work, attending to his duties in the Anglo-American Lodge, and never seemed more pleased than when doing something to forward the interests of that lodge, of which it must justly be said was his special creation.

Bro. G. Reynolds, in reply, said he was almost overpowered by the kind expressions he had just heard. He could assure them, on the part of their Treasurer, Bro. Cummings, that their balance at the bank stood well. He regretted he was not there to answer for himself, but trusted he was enjoying himself in the States. He thanked them for the kind words they had spoken of him. When down at Exeter the work he had done in connection with the lodge was his amusement of an evening, and if they were satisfied, it only added to his pleasure in doing what was necessary for the well-being of the lodge. When he called on Bro. G. Lambert with regard to the formation of the lodge, he promised to do all in his power to assist him, and he had kept his word. He called on their W.M., and he opened his door and said "come in." Their consultation ended in his consenting to become their first Master, with what result they were all well aware. He was sure, from what he had seen that night, that his child was progressing, and would grow up to manhood and attain a ripe old age. According to what he had heard from America, they should have a good time next year. Bro. Shryock had promised to mention them to his Grand Lodge in Maryland, and from all the American brethren who had visited them he had received messages of congratulation and expressions of hope for their future. He trusted they would meet next spring in good health and strength to carry on the work of the lodge.

Bro. G. Lambert, in proposing the toast of "The Officers," said it was perfectly impossible to carry on the work of the lodge without the support of the working officers, all of whom he was proud to say were good men, and well acquainted with their work. He trusted that they would always have as good an array of officers as they had at present.

The toast was responded to by the various officers, who thanked the brethren for their mark of appreciation with what they had done, and expressed their intention of doing all in their power to assist in continuing the success which the lodge had already attained.

Bro. T. H. Tilton regretted the joining members were not present to respond to the toast. Bro. Beatty was a P.M. of a lodge that was 140 years old, and might be considered the American counterpart of the Anglo-American Lodge. Bro. Dr. Zacharie was a founder of a lodge held on the top of the Rocky Mountains, so that their joining members were good representative men.

The Tyler's toast brought the last meeting of the season of this highly prosperous lodge to a successful termination.

Some good singing by Bros. Ralph, Bertini, and others enlivened the proceedings.

WAREHAM.—Unity Lodge (No. 386).—On Tuesday, the 25th ult., Bro. E. Tinsley was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. A considerable number of members and visiting brethren attended. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Tribbett, I.P.M.; Rev. W. C. Browne, S.W.; G. Hobbs, J.W.; G. C. Filliter, S.D.; J. Lawrence, J.D.; Rev. H. P. Stokes, Chap.; Yearsley, Treas.; Best, Sec.; J. Beer, jun., D.C.; G. E. Paul, Org.; W. Daniel, I.G.; Reeve and Page, Stwds.; Vye, Tyler.

The banquet was held at the Red Lion Hotel, and provided by Bro. Yearsley in his well known style.

The usual toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent by the brethren.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., W.M.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P. A.G.P., S.W.; G. R. Dawson, I.P.M., Prov. S.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G.C., Chap.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B., S.D.; W. E. Bridgeland, P.M. 933, J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; Dr. R. G. Dempster, I.G.; B. Thomas, Steward; A. W. Martin, Tyler; G. Berry, P.M.; J. Swift, L. Warren, jun., W. H. Peacey, E. J. Bowmaker, H. Cogill, W. Tyler, N. de Sylla Zucco, J. R. Brightwell, H. Brown, G. Brown, and J. Pritchard. Visitor: Bro. F. Partridge, 160.

The minutes were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. D. Rampton, and, having proved unanimous, he was afterwards initiated. Bros. H. Brown and G. Brown were unanimously elected as joining members. Bro. Jas. Pritchard was raised to the Third Degree, and a joining member having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

BARNET.—Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—This lodge held its monthly meeting at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday, the 28th ult. Bro. D. Schmidt, W.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. Lewis, S.W.; Martin, J.W.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., Sec.; Gray, P.M., D.C.; F. Brittain, P.M.; Gotto, J.D.; Tryon, as I.G.; Goddard, Tyler; Wenzlein, G. B. Abbott, Thompson, Baxter, and others.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the September meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Thompson was passed to the Second Degree. The recommendations of the Committee for revising the bye-laws were then submitted, and Bro. Gray having fully explained the several alterations in, and additions to, them which the Committee proposed, the new rules were submitted seriatim, and unanimously adopted.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined together, a very enjoyable evening, interspersed with the usual toasts and a few songs, being spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Emulation (No. 1505).—The annual installation in connection with this lodge took place on the afternoon of the 27th ult., in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street. The above lodge has been a useful portion of the Province of West Lancashire for a large number of years, and, having acted well up to its name since its formation, now finds itself one of the best known lodges in Liverpool. When the lodge was opened in due form by the retiring W.M., Bro. Walter Burnet, he was supported by the following officers: Bros. W. Foulkes, I.P.M.; H. H. Smith, P.M.; P. Thomas, P.M.; A. H. Hallwood, S.W.; W. Sweetman, J.W.; J. G. Hallwood, Sec.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; J. Worthy, S.D.; W. M'Gauley, J.D.; J. Jolly and T. Hoskins, Stewards; J. T. Callow, D.C.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the large number of visitors were Bros. E. Pierpoint, P.P.J. G.W.; J. Bustard, S.S. 241; E. Roberts, I.G. 2132; W. R. Roberts, W.M. 594; J. Lees, P.M. 667; Charles Cockbain, W.M. 673; W. T. Oversby, W.M. 1393; L. Phillips, J.W. 1356; R. Stirzaker, W.M. 1620; Wm. Platt, P.M. 1313; J. Queen, W.M. 2042; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; T. Lowton, J.D. 2042; P. Blackburn, W.M. 1380; F. J. Bailey, P.P.S.G.D., P.M. 786; A. Bucknall, P.M. 667; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Martin, P.P.G. Treas.; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.D.; W. J. Fleetwood, P.M. 1713; O. J. Rowlands, Sec. 1675; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. A. H. Hallwood, was presented for installation by Bros. Callow, P.P.G.T., and the Rev. H. C. Vernon, P.P.G.C., the ceremony being efficiently performed by Bro. W. Foulkes, P.M. Subsequently Bro. Hallwood invested his officers for the ensuing year as under: Bros. W. Burnet, I.P.M.; W. B. Sweetman, S.W.; J. G. Hallwood, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, M.A., P.G.C., Chap.; R. Foote, P.P.G.T., Treas.; J. Worthy, Sec.; W. M'Gauley, S.D.; J. Jolly, J.D.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., Treas.; W. Burnet, Org.; T. Hoskins, I.G.; J. Greenlees, Eli Brooks, and W. Griffin, Stewards; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

Upon the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. In the course of the evening Bro. Hallwood, W.M., presented Bro. W. Burnet, I.P.M., with a splendid gold P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool) on behalf of the lodge, the recipient making an appropriate response.

The after dinner proceedings were enlivened by the vocalism of Bros. J. T. Jones, O. J. Rowlands, D. J. Davies, Eaton Batty, and others.

SHANKLIN.—Chine Lodge (No. 1884).—After three months' vacation a meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. Alfred Greenham, P.M., W.M.; F. Rayner, S.W.; J. H. McQueen, P.M., J.W.; F. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; L. Colenutt, Sec.; A. F. Swayne, S.D.; H. A. Matthews, J.D.; W. Deeks, D.C.; G. H. Matthews, as I.G.; R. Young, Stwd.; W. J. Mew, Tyler; J. Bailey, P.M., P.P. A.G.D.C.; M. Lindfield, P.M.; J. Middleton, W. D. Woodward, R. Kearns, and J. W. Cantelow. Visitors: Bros. John Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D. Devon; F. Fischer, 1869; J. Langdon, and M. Willis, 175.

The minutes of the June meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. D. Woodward, was introduced and initiated into Masonry by the W.M. according to ancient form. The charge was then delivered by Bro. M. Lindfield, P.M. After an unusual amount of correspondence had been read and referred to, the W.M. said it gave him pleasure to announce that he had raised under the Jubilee Fund and dramatic performances £185, which, with Bro. McQueen's kind donation of £20, would reduce the lodge debt this year £200, and moved resolutions to pay off the mortgage and voluntary loans (bearing no interest). The amount of money had been obtained by much hard work, and he thanked the brethren for the assistance given him, and said the result more than compensated for the labour. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M.—proposed by Bro. A. F. Swayne, S.D., and supported by Bro. F. Rayner, S.W. Bro. R. Young also spoke of the great exertions this year the W.M. had made, and the energy and determination he had shown to reduce the debt. Last year he had worked over the Exhibition well known to all, and probably this year had given up as much of his time,

but the success that attended his efforts had surprised them all. Bro. Greenham, P.M., W.M., then rose and said he desired to make a personal present, and yet to identify it with the lodge by giving it from the chair. They were all aware how generous and kind Bro. McQueen, P.M., J.W., had been to him during his two years of office—first endowing the chair with £10 10s. for the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, supporting the lodge by voluntary loans, and then by a very handsome donation to the building debt. Subsequently he honoured the lodge by being J. Warden, and now he was about to take over the mortgage at a reduced rate of interest, which would confer an immense benefit on the Chine Lodge. All that had been done during his (the W.M.'s) two years of office, and he felt as if his appreciation must be shown, even if in some humble manner. He therefore asked Bro. McQueen to accept an Exhibition Medal with a buckle-bar attached, and on it engraved—"Presented to Bro. J. H. McQueen, P.M., J.W., by Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M., W.M., for services rendered to Chine Lodge, No. 1884, in 1886-7." The medal was struck and engraved by Bro. George Kenning. Representing as it does the largest Exhibition yet held, and appreciated in all parts of the world, we trust, Bro. McQueen, you will feel a pride and pleasure in wearing it in this lodge. Bro. McQueen then advanced to the W.M., who said he was proud to pin it on his breast, and hoped he would live long to wear it. Bro. McQueen thanked the Worshipful Master for his gift, and said whatever he had done for the Worshipful Master or the lodge had given him pleasure, and he should wear the medal and feel proud of it. The W.M. then rose and said it was with much pleasure he had the privilege of proposing as a joining member Bro. John Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D. Devonshire. They were pleased to see him so unexpectedly visit the lodge that evening. He had known Bro. Chapman through correspondence over the Exhibition, was subsequently introduced by letter to him from his old friend Bro. Hughan, and they all knew of his generous contribution to the Jubilee Fund at his installation banquet, and how readily he consented to give his lecture on the Great Pyramid, which proved so remunerative. He felt it an honour to the lodge, and one which all would appreciate. Bro. E. Cooper, P.M., P.P. G.S., seconded.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room to the ordinary dinner. After the usual loyal toasts had been given,

Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M., W.M., gave the toast of "The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., P.G.D. Eng.; and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past." He said it required little from him in introducing the toast. They all knew the P.G.M.'s deep interest in Masonry and the province, and Chine Lodge had been thrice visited by him—at its constitution, dedication, and again to open the Exhibition—each time being accompanied by the Deputy, who worked hard in every way to benefit the Craft and its Institutions. Having a Provincial Grand Officer of Devon present, he coupled his name with the toast, and also Bro. John Bailey, I.P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.

Bro. John Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D. Devon, said he responded to the toast with pleasure, and had recently attended the Provincial Grand Lodge at Southampton, over which the P.G.M. presided. He had heard from all the high esteem in which he was held, and he availed himself of the opportunity to attend Provincial Grand Lodge. In looking round upon the Prov. Grand Officers, probably there was no one there who had done more for Masonry in its universal sense, or more for their own lodges during the time they were Masters, than their W.M., Bro. Greenham. His name and the name of the lodge had been, and was, going now through the Spanish Masonic press. It had been referred to in America, and in many other parts of the world, where the account of the Exhibition and its catalogue were much valued. It may possibly be not appreciated in that island, or in the province, but he could assure them it was valued by all Masonic students, and the Masonic press of America paid a high tribute of praise for its value, and as time went on it would be more valued. He had accomplished a great work, which would ever keep the name of the lodge and his name green in the memory of Masons when many of them were forgotten.

Bro. Chapman subsequently rose and proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Greenham." He said he knew it would be well received. In asking to join Chine Lodge he considered he was joining the first lodge in the province, and it was to show his appreciation of the W. Master's work. Whatever he had done to help him had been a pleasure, and he hoped at the next meeting to be more closely allied to Chine Lodge by being a member.

Bro. Alfred Greenham, W.M., thanked Bro. Chapman for his kind and eloquent remarks. It was a pleasure to him to find the Exhibition so well spoken of, and for the encouragement given them by his joining them. They were now reaping the fruits of the Exhibition. He was constantly having letters and presents of books from America, for Bro. Hughan he knew sent many catalogues there, and they appeared to be valued. He thanked them for the cordial reception given to the toast.

After the toast of "The Visitors" was given and responded to, the meeting closed with the Tyler's toast.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Williams, W.M.; Prior, S.W.; Morgan, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Turpin, S.D.; Leng, J.D.; Penrose, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Vatsky, Priest, H. Miller, Emblin, and Mansfield.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Vatsky personating the candidate. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, was opened in the Second Degree. The usual questions leading to the Third Degree having been duly answered by Bro. Priest, the lodge was opened in that Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and it was resolved that the annual banquet be held on Thursday, the 1st December. The following brethren were appointed as Stewards: Bros. Prior, Leng, E. Emblin, J. H. Morgan, Vatsky, and H. Miller. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 31st ult., when there were present Bros. Casley, W.M.; Boyden, S.W.; Jordan, J.W.; Hazel, S.D.; Hall, J.D.; H. Bangs, I.G.; Mulvey, Preceptor; Recknell, P.M., Treas.; Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; Dr.

Powdrell, H. Palmer, Halliday, J. P. Harding, P.M. 169 and 2168, Passingham, Hill, A. Giddings, and E. R. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 4th Section of the First Lecture was then worked. Bro. E. R. Smith offering himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Hill, being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that Bro. J. P. Harding, P.M. 169, become a joining member of this lodge of instruction. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week; the officers were appointed in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 28th ult. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. R. H. Williams, P.M.; W. G. Coat, S.W.; W. C. Williams, J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec.; E. Lucas, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; D. Stroud, I.G.; J. Collings, P.M.; Preceptor; W. W. Williams, F. Craggs, and Coplestone.

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. Stroud being the candidate. Bro. Long offering himself as a candidate for passing, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st and 2nd Sections of this Lecture were worked by Bro. W. C. Williams and the brethren respectively, under the direction of the Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 7th Section of the First Lecture was to be worked on Friday, the 4th instant. The W.M. having risen, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. O. W. Battley, W.M.; J. R. Allan, S.W.; W. Chapple, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; E. F. Ferris, W.M. 1543, S.D.; C. Coleman, J.D.; A. W. Thompson, I.G.; W. Death, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1074, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; H. Middleweek, H. Windeatt, J. Potter, M. Rosenberg, H. P. Fowler, and J. Smith. Bro. Thomas Middleweek, 1793, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Potter being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and called off and on. Bro. Potter, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. H. Middleweek being candidate. Bro. T. Middleweek was elected a member. A brother, in distressed circumstances, was relieved with a good round sum. After "Hearty good wishes," 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 27th ult., when there were present Bros. J. D. Graham, W.M.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.W.; C. Lambert, J.W.; P. J. George, S.D.; E. Chamberlain, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Angelico Cogliati, Vernon Smith, W. Richards, W. Culverhouse, W. Brindley, J. Gibson, Walter Hancock, J. Grey, A. J. Ray, J. S. Henry, T. A. Dickson, T. W. Larkin, W. Simpson, R. J. Harnell, and T. C. Seary.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. J. Harnell worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. Simpson having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 4th and 5th Sections of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction:—Bro. C. Seary, 1987, proposed by Bro. E. J. D. Bromley, seconded by Bro. Vernon Smith; Bro. James Gibson, P.M. 1604, proposed by Bro. W. Brindley, seconded by Bro. W. Hancock; Bro. John Grey, J.D. 833, proposed by Bro. R. J. Harnell, seconded by Bro. W. Brindley; and Bro. W. Simpson, 1544, proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, seconded by Bro. W. Brindley. 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. elected 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 1st inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Sims, W.M.; C. Woods, S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; Swann, S.D.; Dresden, J.D.; Heath, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M., acting Preceptor; Cochrane, Wood, Wildes, Craggs, W. C. Williams, and Fayers.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degree, and resumed to the First. Bro. Cochrane having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted, and the lodge having been resumed to the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The W.M. having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wood, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed. Bro. C. Woods was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. J. Davies, Preceptor, W.M.; G. Read, P.M., S.W.; S. Cochrane, J.W.; E. Austin, Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; J. Sims, P.M., S.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; A. Cavers, Stwd.; Speigel, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; P.P.J.G.D. Middlesex; F. Chandler, P.M.; J. J. Cantle, P.M.; Dehane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Essex; Child, P.M.; Reynolds, P.M.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; A. Hardy, W.M. 201; Coombs, W.M. 780; Briehart, W.M. 1828; Stroud, W.M. 2045; Wood, W.M. 1642; Jennings, Higginson, L. Cox, Woodard, Ridgely, Cockrill, Whittell, Wiles, Underwood, Johnston, Mander, Cross, Cotton, Sansom, Walker, Nash, Stonnill, Marsh, Colwill, Dresden, Manns, Wiggins, Klein, Head, E. Cox, and Larter.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren. Bros. Underwood, Wiggins, Nash, Chandler, and Dehane were elected joining members. Cordial votes of thanks were accorded to the W.M. and the officers, also to the brethren who assisted in working the Sections. A testimonial, consisting of a splendid tea and coffee service, was presented to Bro. Chalfont, P.M., for services rendered to the lodge as Secretary, and the best wishes and congratulations were given to him by all the brethren present. The lodge closed with "Hearty good wishes."

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 31st ult. Present: Bros. J. W. Morley, W.M.; W. C. Williams, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; J. Collings, Preceptor; J. Harris, Treas.; F. Craggs, acting Sec.; Keen, S.D.; Swann, J.D.; Fayers, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary gave the result of the audit, showing a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £3 12s. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, opened and closed in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Craggs being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was resolved that Bro. W. C. Williams be W.M. on Monday, the 14th instant. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes" were given and received, the lodge was closed.

ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, 28th ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Gibson, Treas., W.M.; Arnold, jun., S.W.; Evans, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Duttrell, S.D.; Richards, J.D.; Piper, I.G.; Mason, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; Saunders, Coleman, F. Purnell, Brandon, Hambling, Chilcott, Blades, Arnold, sen., Christian, Mole, and Edwards.

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. Mole being the candidate. Bro. Blades, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Blades being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and closed down. Nothing further offering, 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 31st ult. Present: Bros. Price, W.M.; J. Wright, S.W.; Beavan, J.W.; Lissimore, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; Gibbs, I.G.; W. W. Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Partridge, Walker, Perkins, Coe, Steele, Folkard, Esling, Green, Stedley, Pugh, Hill, Gatliff, and Keene.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Folkard being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Price, with Bro. Folkard as candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Section of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Walker and Andrews respectively, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time. Bro. Stedley, 1631, was elected a joining member, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Westley asked the permission of the lodge for Bro. H. Price, I.P.M. 177, to work the ceremony of installation on the fourth Monday in November; permission was unanimously accorded. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

WESTON - SUPER - MARE.—Inkerman Chapter (No. 1222).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 24th ult., when the ceremony of the installation of the three Principals was most ably and impressively performed by M.E. Comp. Col. A. W. Adair, Grand Superintendent of the Province of Somerset, Comp. E. E. Baker, being installed as Z.; Comp. G. Glossop, as H.; and Comp. W. H. Wooler, as J. The following companions were afterwards invested with their collars of office: Comps. H. B. Farrington, S.E.; J. Tytherleigh, S.N.; W. M. Forty, Treas.; F. W. S. Wickstead, D.C.; G. H. Perrett, P.S.; G. E. Alford, 1st A.S.; S. Sellick, 2nd A.S.; and T. Cogle, Steward.

CHORLTON - CUM - HARDY.—Chorlton Chapter (No. 1387).—The installation meeting took place on Wednesday, the 26th ult., in the Masonic Hall, when there were present Comps. T. Mottershead, Z.; C. Heywood, H.; J. Crompton, J.; J. Chadfield, Treas.; Dr. A. E. Pownall, S.E.; W. Hall, S.N.; S. Locke, P.S.; J. Thistlethwaite, 1st A.S.; Robt. Davies, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; J. J. Lambert, P.Z.; H. Marshall, P.Z.; J. G. Batty, P.Z.; A. Lewtas, T. Wilson, T. M. Ferneley, J. M. Simpson, W. Fairhurst, F. S. Bedford, J. Kennerley, and J. Chessyre, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. W. Goodacre, Past G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Scribe E.; J. G. Bromley, P.Z. 1375, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; J. E. Lees, P.Z. 645, P.P.G.S.E. East Lancashire; B. Betley, 178; J. Wood, M.E.Z. 1375; J. W. Blair, 815; E. T. Forrest, 1375; W. H. Wakefield, 1730; E. Hampson, H. 152; H. Crosby, 1730, and R. R. Lisenden, late 317.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The balance sheet was reported on by the Auditors, and presented a very satisfactory appearance. The three Principals elect, were presented to the Installing Master, Comp. Goodacre, who subsequently installed them into their respective chairs, viz.: Comps. Charles Heywood, Z.; J. Crompton, H.; and Wm. Hall, J. They were afterwards proclaimed and saluted. The remaining officers were invested by Comp. C. Heywood, as follows: Dr. Pownall, S.E.; J. Thistlethwaite, S.N.; S. Locke, P.S.; F. S. Bedford, 1st A.S.; J. Kennerley, 2nd A.S.; J. Chadfield, Treas.; T. M. Ferneley, Org.; R. Davies, P.Z., P.P.S.G.D. of C.; T. Wilson and A. H. Pownall, Stwds.; and W. Chessyre, Janitor. Prior to the closing of the chapter, a P.Z.'s gold jewel was presented to the retiring Z., Comp. T. Mottershead, in recognition of his services. Comp. Mottershead returned thanks for the jewel at a later period of the evening. There being no further business, the chapter was closed.

At the social board the usual preliminary toasts were honoured. "The Health of the Installing Master, Comp. W. Goodacre," was proposed by Comp. J. J. Lambert, who eulogised the artistic manner in which he had performed the ceremony that evening, and expressed the pleasure they all felt whenever he came amongst them. Comp. Goodacre, in reply, returned thanks for the kind expression that had fallen from Comp. Lambert, and expressed his pleasure in visiting such an excellently worked chapter as the Chorlton and installing such a worthy companion as Comp. Heywood, 1st Principal. Comp. Goodacre went on to say that he felt no doubt about the prosperity and good working of the chapter, while Comp. Heywood named, at its head, and quite believed what had been stated, that in future his (Comp. Goodacre's) services would not be required, inasmuch as Comp. Heywood's abilities would be sufficiently adequate to perform any ceremony in Royal Arch or Craft Masonry. Comp. Goodacre, continuing, said it was a double pleasure to him to visit a chapter where such a goodly number of companions attended, particularly when it was borne in mind that in West Lancashire there were more chapters than in any other province—more, he believed, than in the sister Province of East Lancashire. He felt very pleased also to find that the Chorlton Chapter had not forgotten the Masonic Charities, and this fact was at all times pleasing to the esteemed nobleman who presided over the province when brought before his notice. His lordship had been pleased to confer provincial rank upon one of their members, viz., Comp. Marshall, who had not only done his utmost to induce the chapter to subscribe to the Charities, but had himself largely contributed to them. In conclusion, Comp. Goodacre said he felt quite sure the Chorlton Chapter would highly esteem the honour which the R.W.P.G.M.

had conferred upon one of its members, and that Comp. Marshall would occupy the position with credit to himself and honour to the chapter.

Comp. T. Mottershead proposed "The Health of the Newly-Installed Principals," who severally replied.

Comp. Charles Heywood proposed "The Health of the remainder of the Officers," and Comp. S. Lock, P.S., replied on their behalf.

Comp. James Batty, P.Z., proposed "The Visitors," and Comp. J. E. Lees, P.Z. 645, P.P.G.S.E. East Lanc., responded.

Other toasts were proposed and responded to, the intervals between each being interspersed with songs and recitations from Comps. Lewtas, Thistlethwaite, Bentley, Lees, and Lisenden. Comp. T. M. Ferneley rendered valuable aid at the piano.

MANSFIELD.—Forest Chapter (No. 1852).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, 26th ult., at the Town Hall, Comp. Thomas Fisher, M.E.Z., presiding. There were present amongst the visitors Comps. A. J. L. Dobbin, 402; W. Hickling, 411; G. Chapman, 47; J. T. Spalding, 1909; W. Clarke, 47; H. Vickers, 47; A. J. Butler, 1435; W. Sibley, 47; and F. Benham, 857.

After the minutes of the chapter had been confirmed, Bro. Thos. Sheldermine was exalted by Comp. T. Fisher, M.E.Z., Comp. J. Sansom, J., giving the lecture. The M.E.Z. delivered the symbolical and mystical lectures in a manner to command the pride of the companions of the chapter and the congratulations of the visiting companions. The companions then retired, and a convocation of installed principals was opened. Comp. T. Fisher installed Comp. John Angrave Howitt to the chair of Z.; Comp. Howitt installed Comp. John Sansom to the chair of H.; and Comp. Rev. A. J. L. Dibbin installed Comp. John Harrop White to the chair of J. After the companions had been re-admitted the M.E.Z. invested the officers, viz. Comps. W. T. Sanders, S.E.; J. Fisher, S.N.; G. G. Bonser, P.S.; A. H. Bonser, 1st A.S.; J. Linney, 2nd A.S.; R. F. Vallance, Treas.; H. J. Hobson, D. of C.; J. Wearing, Org.; S. Scott and J. Greenwood, Stwds.; J. Watkin, Janitor. It was proposed by Comp. G. H. Hibbert, seconded by Comp. Sansom, H., and unanimously carried, that a jewel be presented to Comp. Thos. Fisher, I.P.Z. After the chapter had been closed the Comps. adjourned to the Swan Hotel where an excellent banquet had been prepared. The usual toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening, in which song, sentiment, and speech together conspired to make the entertainment pleasant and varied.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. E. Child, P.Z. 538, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, H.; M. Speigel, 834, J.; H. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z. 890, S.N.; J. Davies, 733, P.S.; J. Smith, 890, 1st A.S.; J. Sims, S.N. 834; G. March, 733; and G. N. Watts, S.E. 1196.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Sims being candidate. Sympathy was expressed with Comp. E. J. Davies in his domestic affliction, and the companions hoped he would soon be amongst them again. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A preliminary meeting of the Festival Board of Stewards for the Centenary Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last. The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, was elected President of the Board of Stewards. The other appointments were as follows:—Acting Presidents, Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, Rev. C. J. Martyn, T. Fenn, H. Smith, F. West, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke; Hon. Treasurer, Bro. Lord Leigh; acting Treasurer, Bro. H. B. Marshall; Chairman of Ladies' Stewards, Bro. Lord Mayor Hanson; and Hon. Secretary, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges.

Bro. FENN proposed that an Executive Committee be formed, and this was carried; and nearly 100 brethren gave in their names to act, Bro. R. Grey being elected Chairman. The Stewards' fee was fixed at £2 2s.; foreign Stewards, £1 1s. The dining fee for ladies was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

PEARL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

It is manifest from the annual report and statement of accounts which were presented at the 23rd annual general meeting of the Pearl Life Insurance Company, at the end of September last, that the past year has been one of very considerable progress, and that the fortunes of this Company are more promising than ever. No less than 371,945 policies were issued during the 12 months covered by the report, the annual premium resulting therefrom being £142,808 17s. 6d. The income exceeded that of the previous year by £18,862 17s. 7½d., its amount being £218,848 3s., while the premium income on policies in force at the close of June amounted to £243,776 19s. 9d.; and there is every reason to believe that this will be well sustained during the year now current. Claims to the number of 13,306, and amounting to £82,056 12s. 9d., became due and were ratified, while the assurance fund, with capital paid up, amounts to £152,470 3s. 3d., no less than £28,241 12s. 9d., or nearly double the amount of the previous year, having been added to it during the last 12 months. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that the directors have been able to recommend a dividend of 10 per cent. to be paid, one half during the past month of October, and the second half on the 30th March next. Indeed, while the management of the Pearl Life Office is conducted on the lines which have hitherto characterised the proceedings of its directors, there is good reason to hope that it will slowly, but surely, develop into one of our largest and safest businesses of this class.

Bro. Alderman Whitehead, on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Tavern, entertained the Corporators and prominent inhabitants of the ward of Cheap at a banquet in honour of their colleague and representative, Bro. Major and Sheriff Davies.



At the last regular meeting of La France Lodge, No. 2060, Bro. E. St. Clair was duly elected W.M. in succession to Bro. H. Bué, P.G. Std. Br. The installation ceremony, which takes place on the 21st inst., will be worked entirely in French by Bro. T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., left Devonshire House for Truro on Saturday evening last.

The Prince of Wales returned to town from Newmarket on Saturday evening last, and left for Cornwall on Tuesday, to be present at the consecration of Truro Cathedral.

The Cinderella dances at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, will re-commence on Thursday, the 24th inst., the proceeds, as usual, being handed over to the Chelsea Hospital for Women, Fulham-road.

The Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, who has been on a visit to Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe and family, at Mount Edgumbe, for a fortnight, left for Bath towards the close of last week to visit the Countess of Winterton.

The Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, and the Duke of Teck, after spending a week with Bro. Lord and Lady Egerton of Tatton, at Tatton, arrived at Weston House, Shifnal, last week, on a visit to Bro. the Earl and Countess of Bradford.

The Lord Chancellor, Bro. Lord Halsbury, has accepted the invitation of the Corporation of London to lay the foundation-stone of the new City of London Court at Guildhall in the course of the present month.

Mrs. Garfield, widow of Bro. General Garfield, late President of the United States, has arrived at Bournemouth, accompanied by her son, her daughter, Miss Mary Garfield, Dr. and Mrs. Boynton, and Mrs. and the Misses Mason.

H.M.'s Ironclad Dreadnought, with Prince George of Wales on board, arrived at the Piræus on Friday, the 28th ult. His Royal Highness at once landed and proceeded by railway to Athens, where he was met by the King of the Hellenes and the British Minister.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., addressed political meetings at Truro, on Monday, and at Plymouth, the following day, Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., and many others of great local influence being present on both occasions.

The Lord Mayor's Mansion House Fund for the Imperial Institute and City Commercial Museum has reached £27,500, of which £22,000 will go to the Institute and £5000 to the Museum.

Bro. Sleeper, G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, U.S.A., presided at the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new building at Portland, recently presented to the Maine Historical Society and Public Library, on Tuesday, the 22nd September last, the concourse of brethren on the occasion being very numerous.

Bro. Henry Irving, Miss Ellen Terry, and the other Members of the Lyceum Company arrived in New York on Friday, the 28th ult., and received a cordial greeting on landing. The sale of seats for the first two weeks is said to exceed 25,000 dollars, and there is every likelihood for a most successful tour.

The Prince of Wales will take the chair of the complimentary banquet which will be given at the Hotel Métropole, to-day (Friday), by the members of the United Service Club to the Duke of Cambridge, Field-Marshal Commander-in-Chief, in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of his joining the army. The Duke will also be presented with a gold cigar-case subscribed for by the members of the club as a memento of the event.

The M.E. the Grand Superintendent of Gloucestershire, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., has intimated his intention of holding a convocation of the Royal Arch Masons of his province during the present month, at Gloucester. The announcement that Sir Michael is again able to resume active Masonic work in his province has, it need hardly be said, given great satisfaction to the brethren.

Bro. Lord Mayor Hanson presided at the general meeting, held at the Mansion House on Saturday last, of the London Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Society, Bro. Alderman Whitehead being among those who supported his lordship. A very satisfactory report was read and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. About £250 was collected during the meeting, and Bro. the Lord Mayor promised to give an annual subscription of five guineas.

The late Bro. James Hutchinson, who died at his daughter's residence in Rhode Island, on the 8th September last, was born in Scotland, on the 23rd March, 1799, and migrated early to the United States. He was initiated into Masonry in the Union Lodge, at Pawtucket, in January, 1821, and at the time of his death was the Senior Past G. Commander of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The deceased had served as G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island from 1842 to 1853, as D.G. Master in 1855, and as G. Master, 1857-8. He was also Grand H. Priest of the Grand R.A. Chapter of Rhode Island, 1852-3, and G. Commander of Knights Templar in Massachusetts and Rhode Island in 1851-3.

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, Maidstone, and 46, Gresham-street, E.C. Makers of the delicious Morella Marmalade. Sold by Grocers.

Bro. A. T. Layton, as Mayor of Croydon, gave an at-home dance at the Public Hall, on Wednesday evening last to about 600 guests.

Mr. H. A. Windybank will continue the practice of his father, the late Bro. H. Windybank, C.C., at the same address, viz., 46, Finsbury-circus.

Bro. Sir George O. Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., addressed the first annual meeting of the North Wales Liberal Federation, held at Carnarvon on Saturday last.

Bro. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, Prov. Grand Master of Aberdeenshire West, will preside at the 223rd Anniversary Festival of the Scottish Corporation, which will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 30th inst., St. Andrews' Day.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir R. Hanson, Bart., presided in the Egyptian Hall, Mansion House, on Friday, the 28th ult., at the distribution of prizes given by the Turners' Company for turning in wood, stone, and precious stones, Bro. R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C., Master of the Company taking a principal part in the proceedings.

Bros. Sir George Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., Sir John E. Gorst, M.P., and Baron H. de Worms, M.P., are among those who have addressed public meetings at different places during the current week.

The St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1891, which is held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, met for the first time (after the recess) on Monday, the 31st ult., and will continue its meetings every Monday evening at 7.45, on and after the 14th inst. Brethren are earnestly invited to attend.

Bro. Sir John Gorst, M.P., Under-Secretary of State for India, the state of whose health compelled him to leave England for a time, has returned to town from Switzerland, the gout having altogether disappeared. On Friday, the 28th ult., Bro. Sir John resumed his duties at the India Office.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Bart. (Lord Mayor of London), was entertained at a grand banquet given in his honour in the Town Hall, Manchester, on Monday, by the mayors of some 30 towns in Lancashire in recognition of his lordship's hospitality to the provincial mayors during his mayoralty. The chair was occupied by the Mayor of Manchester.

The Marquis of Salisbury and nearly all the other members of the Government have accepted the invitation of Bro. Alderman De Keyser to be present at the banquet in Guildhall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., in honour of his installation in office as Lord Mayor of London for the ensuing year.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Burt, P.A.G.D.C. England, as Master of the Shipwrights' Company, gave a banquet at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, to about 250 guests, representing the Corporation of London, the Livery Companies, and other public bodies. Among those present were Bros. the Lord Mayor, Sir R. Hanson, Bart., T. Sutherland, M.P., Sir E. Clarke, M.P., her Majesty's Solicitor General, Sheriff Higgs, Sir Fred. Abel, Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, and Capt. Sir G. Nares, R.N.

On Saturday last, Bro. Lord Mayor Hanson gave £21 to the Visiting Metropolitan Relief Association, £21 to the Committee for the Relief of the Distress, £21 to the Destitute Children's Dinner Society, £21 to the Marylebone Committee of the Charity Organisation Association for relief purposes, and £21 to be equally divided between the Mansion House and Guildhall poor boxes. His lordship, who has dispensed over £2000 in Charity during his Mayoralty, on retiring from office will leave behind him a fine record for kindness and generosity to the poor.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Bro. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., and Colonel Clarke, left Marlborough House, on a visit to Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall, at Mount Edgumbe, on Monday. Shortly after his arrival at Plymouth, his Royal Highness proceeded to the Town Hall, and there presented the prizes to the successful members of the volunteer corps of which Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe is colonel. On Tuesday, so far as the weather would permit, the Prince enjoyed some shooting in the coverts of his noble host, and the day following he left for Falmouth and Truro.

At a meeting of the Court of the Glovers' Company, on Wednesday, Bro. H. Homewood Crawford (City Solicitor) was, on the motion of the rector warden, Bro. C. J. Shoppee, unanimously re-elected Master. Bro. C. J. Shoppee, Mr. C. G. Hale, Bro. A. J. Altman, and Mr. J. C. Bell were also re-elected to their respective offices of wardens. Mr. A. W. Burn was re-elected clerk. It was announced that Bro. Sheriff Higgs and the Master (Bro. Crawford) had presented banners of their arms to the Company. It was also decided to attend Bro. Sheriff Higgs in the procession on Lord Mayor's Day.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Falmouth from Plymouth on Wednesday, among the officials and others connected with the county and borough who were present to receive his Royal Highness being the High Sheriff of Cornwall; Bro. Richard Carter, P. Prov. S.G.W. Cornwall, Mayor of Falmouth; Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, Bro. the Rev. B. Christophersen, and others. The Prince having been presented with an exquisite "button-hole" by Miss Carter, daughter of the Mayor, received and acknowledged an address presented by the High Sheriff, afterwards drove to the Falmouth Hotel, where lunch was served. Subsequently a procession was formed, and his Royal Highness was conveyed in a carriage to the site of the proposed new church, the foundation-stone of which was laid by him in true Masonic fashion, and the proceedings terminated. The Prince continued his journey to Truro on Thursday morning, and was present at the consecration of the Cathedral. A report of the ceremony will be published in our next week's issue.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Diseases of Women.—Medical science in all ages has been directed to alleviate the many maladies incident to females, but Professor Holloway, by diligent study and attentive observation, was induced to believe that nature had provided a remedy for those special diseases. He has, after vast research, succeeded in compounding his celebrated Pills and Ointment, which embody the principle naturally designed for the relief and cure of disorders peculiar to women of all ages and constitutions, whether residing in warm or cold climates. They have repeatedly corrected disordered functions which have defied the usual drugs prescribed for such cases, and still more satisfactory is it that the malady is relieved completely and permanently.

Bro. T. Loveridge, C.C., has forwarded a donation to the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage.

The Prince of Wales has consented to visit the show of the Royal Agricultural Society to be held at Nottingham next year. His Royal Highness will be the guest of the Duke of St. Albans at Bestwood.

Bro. Kingsworth Reeve, I.P.M. 341, and Prov. G. Supt. of Wks. Sussex, has been selected for election on the 9th inst. as Mayor for the ensuing year of the Borough of Rye, of which he is a magistrate and a councillor.

Bro. Wellsman, P.M. 1509, churchwarden of Christ Church, Brondesbury, was admitted a lay reader by the Bishop of London on Saturday last. Bro. Wellsman is the well-known Editor of *The Newspaper Press Directory*.

Bro. J. Knapton Abel has presented to the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company a banner, with his arms richly emblazoned on dark blue silk, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain.

NEEDLEMAKERS.—Bro. Robert Grey has been re-elected Master for the ensuing year; Mr. J. H. Paul and Bro. Sir Francis Burdett have been re-elected Wardens.

Bro. Col. Sir A. Kirby, J.P., has consented to preside on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the annual dinner of the Blackheath division of the Licensed Victuallers and Beersellers' Protection Society, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel.

Bro. Chas. W. Duke, P.M. 40 and 1184, P.P. S.G.W., P.P.J.G.D. Sussex, P.Z. 40, and P.P.G. Std. Br. Sussex, was selected for election on the 9th inst. as Mayor of Hastings for the ensuing year, but has felt compelled to decline the honour.

The name of Bro. Minstrell, of the Middle Temple, Past Master of the Gallery Lodge, and the present Z. of the Gallery Chapter, appeared in the Times of Wednesday as having passed the Lincoln's Inn Examination instituted by the Council of Education, preparatory to calls to the bar.

Bro. J. M. Klenck presided, on Wednesday, at a public meeting summoned by the Institute of Auctioneers and Surveyors of the United Kingdom, 50, Moorgate-street, to announce the progress of the society since its inauguration twelve months ago. In the evening the council of the institute dined together at the Holborn Restaurant, Bro. Klenck occupying the chair.

Bro. Charles Du Val has returned to town, having completed a professional tour of Ireland. His appearances in Dublin, Belfast, and Cork, have been completely successful, and during his provincial tour he has visited almost every part of the country. He contemplates a tour of the East, to include China and Japan, and will probably return by the new Canadian Pacific route, from the latter country. Bro. Du Val intends to reproduce in book form his impressions of the places he will visit en route.

The managers and heads of Waterlow Bros. and Layton, Limited, have presented Bro. A. T. Layton with a full-length portrait of himself in his scarlet robe and chain of office as Mayor of Croydon, as a mark of their appreciation of the honour achieved by him in attaining that dignity, and of the esteem in which he is held by them. Mr. Tillman, of Birch-lane, on behalf of the deputation, made the presentation. Bro. Layton, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the great pleasure he felt in receiving so handsome a testimonial from those with whom he had worked so many years.

We would draw the attention of our readers to a very useful tabular statement, which has been compiled and published by Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Girls' School, and in which are set forth the special advantages in the matter of votes offered to brethren who intend acting as Stewards for the centenary festival next year, as compared with those offered to Festival Stewards in ordinary years. This table shows at a glance what these advantages are, and we recommend our readers to obtain a copy from the offices of the Institution, as we believe it will have the effect of stimulating many brethren to undertake the duties of Stewards for the approaching festival.

A new lodge which will bear the style and title of the Fairfield Lodge, No. 2224, Long Eaton, Derbyshire, will be consecrated in the Pavilion, Long Eaton, on Thursday next, the 10th inst. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.J.G.W. England, D.P.G.M. Derbyshire, assisted by the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and at its close the installation of the W.M. will be carried out by Bro. T. Cox, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W., and Prov. G. Treas, the proceedings concluding with a banquet, under the presidency of the newly installed Master. The principal officers designate are Bros. W. Silver Hall, P.M. 432, 253, Prov. Asst. G. Sec., W.M.; J. P. Fairfield, 92, S.W.; and W. H. Farmer, P.M. 1434, J.W. We wish the lodge, when constituted, a long career of prosperity.

A ROYAL GIFT.—The following very gratifying note has been received by Bro. Emra Holmes, from Count De Bombelles:—"Dear Sir,—I am ordered by H.I.H. Crown Princess Stephanie to send you this *souvenir* in acknowledgment of the kind pains you took to make her visit to Guernsey as agreeable as possible. Her Imperial Highness equally thanks you for the books you kindly sent her.—Believe me, Sir, Yours very truly, P. De Bombelles." Accompanying the above is a magnificent diamond ring, with the initial "S," worked in lustrous stones, and surmounted by the Imperial Crown. We heartily congratulate Bro. Holmes on so valuable a token of the appreciation which her Imperial Highness retains of his service; an appreciation all the more gratifying inasmuch as the services rendered by Bro. Holmes were only those which form part of his duty, it being expected of every Officer of Customs to show all attention to Royal personages, ambassadors, or any other distinguished persons.

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 Rooms, Little Britain and Aldersgate-street, London.