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WE must all of us congratulate the Grand Lodge of Scotland on its achievements of the past ten years. It seems almost incredible that so much should have been accomplished within the compass of so short a time. Our readers must remember that in the days anterior to 1877, though there was plenty of enthusiasm for Masonry in the country north of the Tweed, and though on the occasion of any great Masonic ceremony—as, for instance, when the Prince of WALES laid the foundation-stone of the new Post Office at Glasgow—the muster of lodges and brethren was always considerable, the affairs of Grand Lodge itself were ill-managed, and, as a consequence, in a very precarious position. Since then, however, all has been changed. The business of Grand Lodge is admirably carried on. The Craft has increased and multiplied both at home and abroad, and, what is still more important, the feelings of doubt and disgust which prevailed formerly have now been replaced by one of absolute confidence in the wisdom and ability of the Executive Grand Officers. This much has been known in general terms for some time past, but it is probable that until the speech delivered by Past Grand Master Bro. Sir M. SHAW-STEWART, on last St. Andrew's Day, appeared in print, few among us were in a position to judge how great and how substantial was the progress which had been made since 1877, when Bro. D. MURRAY LYON was elected G. Secretary of Scotland, and it was determined once and for ever to close the era of mismanagement. In the first place, during those ten years, Grand Lodge has freed itself from a vast liability, amounting with the money paid in interest to upwards of £22,000. Then the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence has a capital of £6500, and it has disbursed in relief during this period some £5000. Lastly as many as 153 new lodges have been warranted, and the number of intrants or initiates is 47,000, the number recorded in the books of Grand Lodge for the last 12 months being 4442. It is no wonder that, under these circumstances, the Craft should have confidence in its G. Officers, that the lodges should now send in their returns punctually, and the torpor of the past should have been succeeded by a rare activity in all sections and subdivisions of the Craft, whether in the capital city of Edinburgh under the immediate eye of Grand Lodge itself, in the provinces, or in the Colonies. And Past G. Master Sir M. SHAW-STEWART explains that this great change has come about mainly through the instrumentality of that able and indefatigable Bro. MURRAY LYON, who is as much at home in conducting the affairs of the G. Secretariat as he is in delineating the fortunes of Scottish Freemasonry, and who has never allowed himself a respite from the cares of office while there was anything left him to regulate and amend in the conduct of Grand Lodge business. He has been loyally supported by the Grand Cashier, Bro. D. KINNEAR, by the Finance and General Committees, and, above all, by the distinguished brethren who have successively presided over the Grand Lodge of Scotland as Grand Masters. In fact, all, from highest to lowest, who have had any part in the government of the Craft in Scotland, have made it their duty to labour zealously together in order to free it from the discredit of past years, and revive the old feeling of confidence in its rulers. We can well imagine the pleasure it must have given Bro. Sir M. SHAW-STEWART, who himself has rendered valuable assistance in this good work, to recount these things, and we trust that each succeeding year will witness the same, or even a greater measure of prosperity.

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A FORTNIGHT since we published reports of the meetings of two Provincial Grand Lodges in the North of England, and it is evident that in both cases the position of the Craft is in all respects satisfactory. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, which met at Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 23rd ult., under the presidency of Bro. Sir M. WHITE RIDLEY, Bart., M.P., was more largely attended than usual, while the several reports on Finance and from the different lodges

were of a most satisfactory nature. Indeed, there was only one drawback from the pleasure experienced by all present, and that was caused by the loss sustained since the last annual meeting through the death of Bro. E. D. DAVIS, G. Std. Br. of England, who for a long succession of years had been one of the most active and respected brethren in the contiguous Provinces of Northumberland and Durham. To the memory of this able brother the PROV. GRAND MASTER paid a well-merited tribute of respect; but, with the exception of this one reference, there was nothing either in Bro. Sir M. RIDLEY's address or in the business transacted which was not listened to and regarded with satisfaction. The half-yearly meeting at Manchester, on the same day, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, like the yearly meeting of Northumberland, had its solitary drawback from the general pleasure which the brethren experienced in transacting the business appointed to be done. There was a large attendance, and the reports of every description, but especially that relating to the affairs of the Provincial Charitable Association, gave the utmost satisfaction. But Bro. J. L. HINE, who till quite recently and for so many years had presided over the Charitable Organisation of the Province with such signal ability, drew attention to what must strike every one as a proposed irregularity in connection with the filling up of the Boys' School Perpetual Presentation presented to the Province by the late Bro. STEPHEN BLAIR, P.G.M. It seems that at one time it was in contemplation by the Charity Committee to present a West Yorkshire Boy under the "Blair" nomination, but the proposal fell through, and ultimately the son of an East Lancashire Mason was presented. Of course, any such departure from the limitations prescribed by the late Bro. BLAIR would have been irregular, though we are glad to see, from the letter we published last week of Bro. JAMES A. BIRCH, the present Chairman of the Charity Committee, that the irregularity would have effected the letter rather than the spirit of Bro. BLAIR's presentation, and that in the end it would have amounted to nothing more than an exchange of nomination or election with West Yorkshire. Still, Bro. HINE was justified in drawing attention to the circumstance if he imagined, as we suppose he must have done, that East Lancashire's right of presentation had been momentarily in danger of being applied otherwise than as the founder of the right had proposed. However, it is sufficient to know that no harm has resulted; and, while we all appreciate the sleepless vigilance with which Bro. HINE looks after the welfare of East Lancashire, we think he need not have the slightest fear that any harm will befall it, under the firm and able rule of Bro. Col. STARKIE, the present ruler of the Province. With this exception, nothing occurred at Manchester to mar the even tenour of the proceedings, and the brethren separated as they had assembled in perfect harmony.

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It is to be hoped that the news from San Remo as to his Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of GERMANY having had a serious relapse will not, in the long run, be confirmed, and that Bro. Sir MORELL MACKENZIE's journey to visit his illustrious patient was undertaken in the ordinary course of things, and not from any fresh or additional danger which may be threatening his Imperial Highness. When a life on which so much depends is even remotely affected, people's alarms are apt to get the better of their self possession, and what is only an ordinary symptom is afterwards exaggerated into something of a most terrible character. We trust this will turn out to be the case in this instance, and that the hopeful statement reported to have been made by his Imperial Highness himself as to the condition of his health, which every one read with such satisfaction a few days since has more of truth in it than the alarmist rumours which have been current more recently.

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WE purpose issuing, as usual, a Christmas Number of the *Freemason*. It will be published early next week, and will contain tales from the pens of the well known writers of fiction—Messrs. R. E. FRANCILLON, G. MANVILLE FENN, and JOHN PENDLETON, together with Masonic articles by Bros. R. F. GOULD, P.G.D., W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D., and G. B. ABBOTT, the contribution of the first-named brother on the subject of "Signs" being likely to prove most interesting, while Bro. HUGHAN discusses learnedly, as is his wont, the Colne M.S., and Bro. ABBOTT treats of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1. Bro. WALLIS MCKAY will furnish a page of sketches in which the Adventures of a Masonic Apron, are described very humorously, while the principal illustration is most appropriate, giving, as it does, an ideal sketch of a Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—which will celebrate its Centenary in the course of next year. This illustration is from a rare print by Bro. BARTOLOZZI, who was a contemporary of the Chevalier RUSPINI, and was a member of the Lodge The Nine Muses, now No. 235, which the latter had the chief hand in founding. We trust the number will prove as acceptable to our readers as its predecessors.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the auspices of the St. Wilfrid's Lodge, No. 209, in the Masonic Hall, Alford, on the 5th inst. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, J.P., presided, and the following brethren were also present: The V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Anderson Bates, Bros. H. E. Cousans, P.P.G.W. (Sheriff of Lincoln); J. Williamson, P.S.G.W.; Hasten Clark, P.J.G.W.; Mark Smith, P.J.G.O.; J. B. Morton, Prov. G. Chap.; Charles Scorer, P.G. Treas.; Alfred Wykes, P.G. Reg.; W. R. F. Morton, P.G. Sec.; W. H. Roberts, P.G.D.C.; J. M. Read, P.P.G.M.O.; J. A. Robinson, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Staniforth, P.G.I. of W.; and a large gathering of Past Officers and brethren.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the roll of lodges and of Provincial Grand Officers was called and letters of apology were read from a number of brethren. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Lincoln in November, 1886, were then read and confirmed.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER next presented his report, which showed a balance in hand of £81 17s. 9d.

The Prov. G. Registrar's report stated that the total number of members of the five lodges in the province was 171, being the same as last year.

Bro. H. E. COUSANS proposed, and Bro. JAS. WILLIAMSON seconded the re-election of Bro. Chas. Scorer as P.G. Treas., which was carried unanimously. The Grand Tyler, Bro. M. Lancaster, was also unanimously re-elected. The two acting Wardens, Bros. J. M. Read and Geo. Green, with Bro. H. E. Cousans, J. A. Robinson, and W. W. Smith were appointed Auditors and Committee for the ensuing year.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested by the Master as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Anderson Bates	...	...	...	Dep. P.G.M.
" J. M. Read	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. Green	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Jas. Duke	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Thos. Staniforth	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. Davis	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" R. J. Tonge	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. Scorer	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Wykes	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. R. F. Morton	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. F. Curtis	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. N. Mason	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. H. Roberts	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Scorer	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" N. R. Taylor	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. Le Tall	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" C. Woolnough	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. C. Dickinson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. N. Brunyee	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. Hurst	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Mortimer	...	...	...	
" John Mawer	...	...	...	
" Hy. Christian	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" M. Lancaster	...	...	...	

In accordance with notice given at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. JAS. WILLIAMSON, P.P.S.G.W., proposed, and Bro. ANDERSON BATES, D.P.G.M., seconded, that the sum of 60 guineas be voted from the lodge towards the Sutcliffe Memorial Fund for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

The motion was carried by acclamation, and Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. The banquet was afterwards held at the White Horse Hotel, a large number of brethren sitting down to the elegant and sumptuous repast provided by Bro. B. Hibbitt. The usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were drunk, and a very pleasant afternoon passed by all present.

## THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND INDIAN FREEMASONS.

Never before, perhaps, has the universality of Freemasonry been so thoroughly demonstrated as recently, when a great gathering of Freemasons of all creeds and conditions assembled to assist at the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as District Grand Master for Bombay. Hardly a lodge that works under the English Constitution of Freemasonry in Bombay was unrepresented on the occasion, and all, Parsees, Hindoos, Mahomedans, and Europeans met with but one idea, the furtherance of the great tenets and principles of the Mystic Brotherhood. H.E. the Governor of Bombay certainly conferred a favour on the whole body of Freemasons when he kindly placed Government House, Parel, at their disposal for the ceremony, for no other building could have been so convenient for the reception and accommodation of the brethren, who came from far and wide to do honour to the occasion. It was a matter of some regret that the retiring District Grand Master, Right Wor. Bro. Tyrrell Leith, was not present, but in his absence the ceremony of installation was carried through by his deputy, Wor. Bro. Harold King, in a most dignified and impressive manner, and great credit is due to him for the way in which he organised and arranged the details, though is saying so we must not omit to mention the help that was given him by the District Grand Secretary, Bro. W. H. Hussey, and by Bro. J. W. Smith, who acted as Grand Marshall. All went well, and the success that attended the evening was only one more evidence of the feeling that

animates true Freemasons—who, sinking all party differences and forgetting all social distinctions, meet solely with the aim of making each other happy, and, in the act, being happy themselves. This is the keynote of Freemasonry, and it is this feeling that has kept the Craft so long together and enabled it to weather many a storm that has shaken monarchies and devastated countries.

In India Freemasonry has, perhaps, a more important mission than in any other part of the world. It is only in lodge, and in the banquet afterwards, that the distinctions of race, creed, and caste are forgotten. Among the 300 Masons who took part in the installation of His Royal Highness there were men of almost every race in India, representing some 15 lodges in Bombay, lodges in Sind, the Central Provinces, Baroda, Rajpootana, the Grand Lodge in the Punjab, and the Grand Lodge in Bengal. "Brethren," said the Duke of Connaught, "there is a no more unique district anywhere than the district of Bombay. In this district there are Masons of all nationalities and of all creeds, but imbued with the same spirit of devotion to the Craft and loyalty to their Sovereign." In another speech his Royal Highness said "I feel the honour the more deeply, both from its coming from his Royal Highness the Grand Master of England, and from the brother at whose wish it has been conferred." In India, far more than is possible or necessary in England, Freemasonry is a potent instrument for the preservation and propagation of loyalty to the Throne. We saw this on the occasion of the Jubilee, when, as W. Bro. King said, "from far and wide Masons gathered together to present an address to her Majesty the Queen-Empress, the daughter of a Freemason, and the mother of a Most Worshipful Grand Master." Nearly all the speakers touched on this subject, which, indeed, it was impossible to avoid. But of equal, if not greater, importance are the services that Freemasonry is likely to render here in social reform, and in breaking the barriers of caste. Men who meet without restraint and in perfect equality in lodge will soon come to meet in the same way outside. To Masons themselves the change is already visible. In India, where the population is so large, the movement is still a small one, but on this side of India, at all events, it has the hearty support of the leading men in the different communities. When his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales became Grand Master of England, Freemasonry was at a low ebb. But his appointment gave it an immense impetus at home; and it is for the native gentlemen themselves to see that the same impetus should distinguish the rule of his brother in Western India. Brotherly goodwill is the real mystery in Freemasonry all the world over, and nowhere is it more needed than in India, where the objection to social intercourse comes far more from the natives with their traditional prejudices and their cast-iron rules than from the Europeans. Freemasonry is a useful tie also between Europeans, whether they rich or poor, whether foreigners or British, and whether they belong to the English or Scotch Constitutions. "It has," said Sir Henry Morland, "been our happiness, brethren, for some years to meet under the same roof. We have had the same hall, and the President of the Masonic Hall Committee is a Past Deputy District Grand Master under England, while the Secretary is a Substitute Grand Master under Scotland." After W. Bro. Harold King, amidst a fanfare of trumpets, had installed his Royal Highness in the chair of District Grand Master of Bombay, there was another interesting feature that must not go unrecorded—the investiture of H.R.H. the District Grand Master by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of all Scotland Freemasonry in India of the insignia of an Honorary Past Grand Master of that Order, an honour which shows the harmonious feeling which prevails between the two Constitutions which are working in Bombay, while the presence of Sir Henry Morland, the Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry, with his officers, added an additional éclat to a scene the like of which will probably never again be witnessed here.

The ceremony itself had, perhaps, only a personal interest for the brethren of the Mystic Order; but we think that there are other considerations which must not be lost sight of, and among the more important of these is the evidence that such proceedings afford of the progressive interest which is taken in the concerns of Freemasonry by the general public, its greater popularity with the world at large, as well as the steady and determined consolidation of its strength within its own borders. And we do not think we are wrong in saying that these excellent results are due to the fact that English Freemasonry is presided over by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and that even her Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress is known to regard Freemasonry with a kindly favour. Only a few years ago the influence of the Craft was but lightly felt in the outer world, and now the evidence of an everyday life attests the enormous power that lies in Freemasonry. Peace, good-will, Charity, and brotherly love, such are doctrines preached and practised by many within the Craft, and with such a gospel it is small wonder that all creeds and all degrees of men flock to its standard. The heathen may rage and the socialistic people imagine a vain thing, but beneath the calm shade of universal Brotherhood Freemasons may rest secure, and, while looking back on the fall of principalities and change of social demarcations through which Freemasonry has struggled with unshaken strength, may look forward with confidence to a glorious future for their doctrine of peace and brotherly love. Such are the general lessons to be learned from the recent ceremony. And with his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to preside we think there is a great future for English Freemasonry in India. He is an enthusiastic Mason, and, besides, knows well the art of gaining the hearts of all men. Easy, then, will it be for him to rule over those whose first principles are obedience to the Craft and loyalty to the throne, and under his rule an additional lustre will be thrown upon the body of Freemasons to which everyone—be he prince or peasant—may belong, and whose highest ambition is to win the sympathy of the world by its benevolence and good works—*Times of India*.

## MASONIC CALENDARS FOR 1888.

The Calendars for 1888, viz., that of the Grand Lodge and the "Cosmo," enable one to judge most accurately of the continued prosperity of the Grand Lodge of England, and of the various Degrees of the Arch, Mark, Templar, Ancient and Accepted Rite, &c., which are worked by members of that Body.

The latest number recorded in the excellent Calendar published by the Grand Lodge is 2234, which gives a grand total of 2044 lodges on the roll, after deducting 161 erasures and adding that of the "Grand Stewards," which bears no number. The "Cosmo" gives down to No. 2235, but as the examination of last year was based on the former publication, we do the same now. Since the issue for 1887, there have been five lodges erased, viz., 1038, *New South Wales*, 1215, and 1961, *Punjab*, 1640, *Cape of Good Hope*, and 1742, *Dominica*. There were seven erasures during the previous year, at the end of which the gross total stood at 2182, whereas now, it is 2234, being an increase of 52, or allowing for removals 47 net.

When the present numeration began in 1863 there were exactly 975 active lodges, so that in rather less than 25 years the remarkable number of 1260 warrants have been granted by the Grand Lodge of England, and the nett total of lodges has increased from 975 to 2044 lodges.

This large constituency is thus distributed: In the Metropolitan district there are some 351 lodges, and in the Provinces and Channel Islands 1116 more. Some of the Provincial Grand Lodges are exceedingly large. *East Lancashire*, presided over by the R.W. Bro. Col. Starkie, numbers 97 lodges, *West Lancashire* follows closely with a total of 89, ruled over by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the third of this large trio, under the Provincial Grand Mastership of the R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, has 69 on its roll. Each of these provinces are larger than many Grand Lodges, and are so ably managed as to leave nothing to be desired. Of the provinces numbering 30 or more lodges, the names of which are familiar to all who study the pages of the *Freemason* and the lists of the Charity Festivals, are noted as follows, according to their size: *Kent*, the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M., 58; *Devon*, the Viscount Ebrington, Prov. G.M., 51; *Hants and Isle of Wight*, R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M., 47; *Cheshire*, the Lord Egerton, Prov. G.M., 40; *Middlesex* (one of the youngest, yet one of the largest provinces), Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M., 39; *Surrey*, General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M., 33; *Durham*, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Prov. G.M., 32; *Warwick*, the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M., 31; and *Cornwall*, Right Hon. Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M., 30.

There are eleven Provinces numbering 21 or more lodges, N. and E. Yorkshire and Stafford having each 29, the remaining twenty one Provinces ranging from 4, (*Hereford*), to 18, (*North Wales*). The youngest Province is the Isle of Man, founded in 1886, which numbers 7 lodges.

In Districts there are distributed no less than 572 lodges, situated in the Colonies and abroad, some of which are very large. The District of *Victoria* having for its Ruler, Sir William J. Clark, Bart., as Dist. G.M., has now 97 active lodges, and *New South Wales*, for which the R.W. Bro. John Williams is Dist. G.M., rejoices in 79 lodges on its Roll, notwithstanding that a rival Grand Lodge has been formed by a small minority of Craftsmen, and has received the moral support of some Grand Lodges that should have known better. Gibraltar, Malta, Turkey, Egypt, China, Japan, and Africa, remain stationery, as do also some other Districts, but a slight increase is exhibited by New Zealand, the total in that country now amounting to 82 lodges, as compared with 80 in the last year. *Burma* has now eight lodges, one at Mandalay having lately been warranted, but the total of 106 in the East Indies remains the same, there being two less in the Punjab, and one more in Madras.

The military warrants remain as usual, viz., six, one each in the 1st, 6th, 12th, 14th, 31st, and 89th Regiments. Time was when our military brethren were very numerous, and held lodges abroad, wherever they sojourned, but now there is neither the necessity nor the opportunity for so doing, as lodges are chartered in most large towns where the English language is spoken, or the British Empire extends, and our "noble defenders" are absorbed in local lodges, just as they are at home; but we should always remember with gratitude their services in the past.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was never so large and prosperous a body as now, there being over 700 chapters on the roll, and the interest taken in the Degree is greater than ever before. *West Lancashire* and *West Yorkshire* are the largest two Provincial Grand Chapters, having 38 chapters each, the next in size being *East Lancashire*, with 37. The fourth in extent is *Devon*, with 28; followed by *Hants and Isle of Wight*, with 21; and *Cheshire*, with 20. In the Metropolitan district there are 137 chapters; the provinces amount to 439; the military to 3; and the Colonies, &c., muster 130 chapters; so that there is no lack of opportunity for Craftsmen generally to become "exalted." The "minimum fee" also being reduced to two guineas, will tend, if we mistake not, to popularise the ceremony, so that there should be an increasing membership now from year to year.

## DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT MIRFIELD.

ADDRESS BY R.W. BRO. T. W. TEW, J.P., P.G.D. ENGLAND, PROV. G.M. WEST YORKSHIRE.

Officers and Brethren of the Mirfield Lodge,—It is a time-honoured custom for the Presiding Officer at a ceremonial of this nature—being the dedication of a new Temple to be exclusively set apart for the practice and purposes of Freemasonry—to make some observations "on the nature and principles of the Institution," and of the ancient Order to which it is our privilege to belong. It is a progressive work, the erection of this Temple, the completion of which we are assembled to certify this afternoon, and typical of the progress of Masonry during the past 50 years in this district of West Yorkshire. This noble work is typically progressive in an Operative sense, and it is progressive in a Speculative sense. In its Operative aspect it marks an advance in art over many similar buildings in the skill of the constructors of the edifice. It is in its various arrangements admirably adapted for the purposes of Freemasonry. It is fitly framed together, like the Temple of old, for the rites and ceremonies of our "Order," and it is a work of such excellent constructive art as to be worthy of its designers, and of its

builders and promoters. In its Speculative aspect it is an amazing step from the habitation where the Mirfield Lodge has been held for so many years to a hall symbolically designed for the mysteries of Freemasonry in its various degrees and branches; our Temple for Freemasonry, "veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," is representative and typical of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness and of the Temple of the Jews; our mysteries, as expounded in the ritual of the Three Degrees, by sign, tokens, and words, also with symbols and things above human intelligence, which Revelation will render awfully clear to us only after passing through the shadow of death and entering the Grand Lodge above. Signs are the symbols of tokens given without words, as the ratification of deeds by hands and seals. Tokens are marks of remembrance of trust and reliance and the assurance of a firm belief in the integrity, stability, and veracity of a brother's friendship. Tokens are the symbols of confidence as—"Jehovah shall be thy confidence"—Proverbs III. Words are affirmations by which the volume of the Sacred Law and Revelation are made known to us in prophecy and speech. "It is by signs, tokens, and words, Freemasons all over the globe are known to each other by day as well as by night." Thus, in the first degree, the principles of knowledge are imprinted on the memory by lively and suitable images well calculated to influence our conduct in the proper discharge of the duties of social and Masonic life. The Second Degree is of "a Divine and moral nature," and "enriches the mind with most useful knowledge," by contemplation and by a study of the wonderful works of the Almighty Creator. We are in this Degree to encourage industry, reward merit, and to supply the wants and relieve the necessities of our brethren and fellows in need, and to view their interests as inseparable from our own. "It reveals to us the symbols of the G.A.O.T.U., to whom we must all submit and ought humbly to adore. The Third Degree that "mysterious veil which the eureka of human reason cannot penetrate unless assisted by that light which is from above"—is partly drawn aside. We are symbolically conducted through the intricate windings of this mortal life, and by contemplation figuratively instructed how to die. By the unshaken fidelity and noble death of H. A. B., what in like circumstances should be the magnanimity of every Mason whose mind is well constituted, who has squared his life upon the principles of moral truth and justice; who, by improving his faculties for the glory of God and the good of mankind, has answered the great end of his creation, and has learned to contemplate death as the end of afflictions and the entrance to a better life in the Grand Lodge above. Such, my brethren, briefly are the nature and the principles of Freemasonry, and here in this Temple, appropriated to acts of Charity, morality, symbolism, and religious principles, has Freemasonry in 1887, this Jubilee year, found a resting place more fitting for its purposes, in a progressive place like Mirfield, than in its former cramped location. Here I hope the brethren by their lives will show their love to Jehovah by their beneficence to man, and here I trust they will revere the memory of Solomon, comprehend his wisdom, and imitate his lofty virtues. The history of Mirfield as an independent parish must be briefly told. It is a curious history of romantic charity, benevolence, and progress. It illustrates the principles of Freemasonry in a high degree. I think it worth repeating. Up to the year 1261 Mirfield formed part of the Saxon parish of Dewsbury. It is mentioned in Domesday Book. The cause of its separation and independence is a singular story. It is quaintly told by the Rev. Joseph Ismony, in Hopkinson's collection of documents, an old Latin MS., well-known in the district. The Baroness of Mirfield was going to mass before dawn on Christmas-day, at Dewsbury, when she was waylaid and robbed and her principal attendant murdered. Afterwards, but the same day, while she was at dinner, two mendicant ecclesiastics came to crave her charity and benevolence, telling her they were going on a pilgrimage to Rome, where her husband, Sir John Heton, was then residing. After listening to their story the Baroness wrote a letter to her husband acquainting him of the dreadful deed and how she had been maltreated, and begging him to make interest with Pope Alexander IV. to alter the chapel of Mirfield into a parochial church that the people might no longer be exposed to the dangers she had encountered on her way to her parish church. These priests, true to their faith and obligations of their order and promises to the Baroness for the charity shown them, delivered her letter in due time to the Knight at Rome, whose suit with the Holy Father was so successful that the Pope elevated Mirfield into a rectory, and bestowed the patronage of the church upon her husband, Sir John Heton, and his heirs for ever. Since this incident benevolent people have done much for Mirfield between 1667 and 1887. Richard Thorpe, Joseph Legard, Thomas Holdsworth, Richard Beaumont, Joseph Lee, and many others, have bequeathed lands, houses, and money, for endowing your Charities and educating your children, and for the ministrations of spiritual services—splendid examples of love and sympathy towards their fellow creatures and well worthy of the imitation of Freemasons of the nineteenth century. Surrounded as it were by the record of their generous gifts stands as a monument of time the ancient Church of St. Mary. Is there anything more legendary or pretty than the monkish story of the Virgin in Mirfield—or of how the Operative Masons of 1261 converted the virgin chapel into a church, and its consecration as a church for the newly created district parish of St. Mary at Mirfield? I think not. What says the Monk Adam of St. Victor?

"This bright day, so celebrated,  
Is the fame perpetuated  
Of the Mother of our God:  
Of the ever Virgin Mary,  
Praise, laudation, let us carry  
In our song this day abroad."

This medieval church has given place to a nobler and a newer church, likewise dedicated to St. Mary, built by modern Masons, and worthy of the spirit of our times and of the constructive genius of Scott, its architect, who assimilated in his mind the beauty of the poetry of gothic architecture. In 1866 you established a Church Institute, with reading-room and class rooms, and a library replete with recourses for the benefit of your labouring community. With the increase of populations, for in 1821 Mirfield had only 5041, whereas in 1887 it has near 15,000 people—comes as a consequence with the increase of inhabitants and civilisation. In 1886 the establishment of a Masons' lodge by the brethren who had formed for Mirfield its industries of cloths, cottons, carpets, blankets, matings, and boat buildings of various shapes, in the river, and I know not what besides, making it one of the most important, enterprising, and prosperous towns of the British Empire, and in every industrial pursuit and good and charitable work a model town for other similar sized towns to imitate and follow in England. This lodge was warranted by the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master in 1866, and therefore, in March of this year completed its 21st year of its existence. It was consecrated by my reverend friend, Bro. Bentley Shaw, Deputy of this province, 1st June, 1866. The lodge was formed of offshoots from "Three Grand Principles," Dewsbury, and "Amphibious," Heckmondwike, and established by all the brethren residing in Mirfield in 1866. Bro. Joe Ibberson was the third W. Master, and his brother the Registrar of West Yorkshire, W.M. in 1876. We congratulate this lodge on its majority, and that it has chosen for its majority Master, Bro. Walter Bailey, a Mason of six years' standing, and one highly respected in the lodge. In the work of Charity it has followed the example of the founders of its virgin church. Its donations to the annuitants—males, £83 10s.; to the widows, £62; and to the Boys' School, £136 10s.; and to the Girls' School, £105. It subscribed £21 to the Earl de Grey; £11 11s. to the Bentley Shaw; £12 11s. 6d. to the Sir Henry Edwards Presentation Funds;



and it has also given £10 10s. to the Queen Victoria Presentation Fund; making a total of £442 12s. 6d. to our Royal Masonic Institutions in London. The scheme to transfer the lodge from the Assembly Rooms, near the Black Bull Hotel, to these new premises, which are about to be dedicated to Freemasonry, was brought to a head during the second Mastership of Bro. J. B. Fairclough last year. A company was formed of Freemasons only, under the Companies' Act, the three trustees being Bros. Fairclough, Bailey, and John H. Simpson, the five largest subscribers being Bros. J. Ibberson, John Walmsley, John Crowther, James Barker, and Matthew Thackrah. The cost of this Masonic Hall with the site is close upon £2000. The members of the lodge eventually become the owners of their own Masonic Hall. From accumulated lodge funds, £230; from share subscriptions, £700; and £800 borrowed on mortgage, the work has been proceeded with, whilst the unprovided balance of £300, the brethren do not consider a source of future uneasiness. With the prospect of an augmentation of members, this amount at no distant time will be wiped out from the building indebtedness of the Hall. The architects of this new Hall are Bros. John Barker and A. A. Stott. The masons and bricklayers are Messrs. W. and J. Milner, of Mirfield, who also were the contractors for the second virgin church of the parish. Mr. Joshua Milner has now joined this lodge. These operative Masonic constructors are heartily to be congratulated on the skill and excellence of their workmanship. Such then is the record of benevolent, industrial, charitable, and Masonic progress in this town of the Virgin Mary of Mirfield, in the Jubilee year of Queen Victoria A.L. 5887. It is therefore fitting we should rejoice to-day, as Adam of St. Victor did of old in his song of praise of the Holy Virgin on the consecration of the original church, over this new Masonic Hall until in time a third church and a third hall be required larger and perhaps grander than these present edifices, necessitated by the requirements of unborn time and of unborn generations of inhabitants. I ask you then, to-day, like the two ecclesiastics of 1261, to be faithful to your obligations and to be ready to pour out the oil and wine of Freemasonry into the ever open wounds of suffering humanity; to promote the peaceful and elevating work of religion, in all that seeks to bring mankind nearer to the great Jehovah and his brother man; in all that would lead up to a spread of culture, education, civilization, and goodwill amongst members of the lodges of the world, whilst for the children of the dust Freemasonry always mourns and weeps and is ready to avow its concern for them and to express its fraternal sympathies and its ready interest in surviving relatives and friends. Surely, Freemasonry is never more attractive than when it takes part in charitable efforts and benevolent labours, such as is proposed by Grand Lodge to vote £500 towards the relief of the present distress amongst the deserving poor of the Metropolis, and in extending the influence of religion and morality amongst all classes of society, and to try to link in cohesive bonds of amity and goodwill the now surging waves of human life; to pave the way for a reign of kindly feelings and brotherly love amidst the often jarring discordances of the times, and to repeat once again the soothing strains of the sublimest hymn of all at Christmas time.

"Glory to God on High and on Earth, peace,  
Goodwill towards men."

Brethren, such is your mission. I ask you to accomplish it, and may the G.A.O.T.U. guide, direct, and prosper you in all your doings until time in the lodge on earth shall be lost in the eternity of the Grand Lodge above. Waiting, which, in the poetic strain of the hymnologist of the Abbey of St. Victor, may we ever be ready to sing to God on High—

"Hail! the firmament's bright glory!  
On our dark minds, we implore Thee,  
From above Thy rays pour down;  
Calm the sea, Thou Star of Ocean;  
Lest amidst the storm's commotion,  
And wild adverse winds, we drown.  
Amen—say ye, every one."

"So mote it be."

### "MASONIC FACTS AND FICTIONS."

The advent of a new volume on the History of Freemasonry in general, or relative to any particular department thereof, is sure to be heartily welcomed by the ever increasing band of Masonic students, whether at home or abroad. When to this fact must be added another, viz., that the latest book is by Bro. Henry Sadler, the Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England, and moreover contains a Preface by the esteemed President of the Board of General Purposes, it will not be a matter of surprise that "Masonic Facts and Fictions" is already a deservedly popular book, and has obtained the largest number of subscribers in the shortest space of time of any purely Masonic treatise that has ever been published in this country.

The chief purpose that the author has in view is to dispose of what he considers to be the "greatest fiction in the history of English Masonry," and certainly, if all competent critics share the opinion of Bro. Thomas Fenn, to whom "this Work is respectfully and fraternally Dedicated," they will agree with the declaration of the "Introduction"—that Bro. Sadler "has proved his case." Be that as it may, all who know how to appreciate and value honest and independent research, united with indomitable perseverance and never failing discrimination, cannot but endorse the well-earned estimate of his labours formed by one of the most competent Craftsmen in England—that Bro. Sadler's "Book is cleverly written, his style amusing, and his arguments are well maintained to the end." The exceptional facilities enjoyed by the author have been most industriously utilised, and, what is more, I can unhesitatingly declare that such special opportunities have never been treated as a monopoly by our respected Sub-Librarian. So far as circumstances and pressing duties permitted, all of us who have sought his aid from time to time have invariably been assisted, to the utmost of his power, with valuable facts, cautious advice, and constant courtesy.

The author's friends are legion, who rejoice in his success, and congratulate him most warmly accordingly.

Bro. Sadler's "Masonic Facts and Fictions" will be well studied, for many reasons, and the more careful the scrutiny, the stronger will the belief become that the numerous extracts from the veritable Records of the Grand Lodge of England, which are to be found in the work, is a special and important feature, and one that cannot be too highly commended. Quite apart from the debated point as to whether the "Ancients" were "Seceders" or otherwise, there are not a few decisions arrived at in the volume, in which I take a most lively interest.

The Grand Lodge of England, established in 1717, was the first of its kind, and in all probability was started by more than the "four old Lodges;" and neither is it feasible that those who joined the new Body down to 1723, or later, were all "entirely new Lodges, doubtless some were, but in my opinion many of them were in existence prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge." This is a view I have long held, and indeed, so announced in my Introduction to Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717—1886." It is

refreshing, to me at all events, to find that Bro. Sadler so frequently is found "pegging away" to prove this point, for the argument applies to numerous lodges that joined the Grand Lodge many years after the second decade of the last century. Neither in my opinion need the statement be limited to Great Britain and Ireland, for the student of Gould's colossal History will discover intimations of a similar state of things existing in America. The sharp difference invariably drawn between *old* and "regular" lodges is indicative of something in common, only that the former lacked the authority or countenance of the Grand Lodge. This was always easily rectified during the period noted, by brethren petitioning for "Constitution," and obtaining warrants accordingly. To suppose that the petitioners then had all been "made" in lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, as they generally are now, would in my opinion be wholly opposed to the evidence. This being admitted, Bro. Sadler acts wisely in alluding to the requirement in 1727—8 of the Grand Lodge of England, of the dates when the lodges were *Constituted*. Not, be it noted, when they originated or first began to "work," as that in many instances undoubtedly would have been long before they were authorised to meet as lodges by the premier Grand Lodge; but, simply and only, the dates of *Constitution* of such subordinate Bodies.

The copy of "Deputation for constituting a lodge in Gibraltar," dated March 9th, 1728-9, cited by Bro. Sadler, offers an excellent illustration of this point. This document, issued by the Duke of Richmond's command as Grand Master, was addressed to the W.M. and Warden's, as well as other brethren of "a Lodge of St. John's," held as aforesaid, and was, therefore, a recognition of its existing Masonic status, as well as an instrument of regularity and Constitution. An extract from the Grand Lodge minutes of January 29th, 1731, reads "Dr. Douglas observed that several brethren that are not of any regular lodge, and yet are good and faithful brethren, can have no notice [of the Grand Festival] without public advertisement." This again corroborates what Bro. Sadler has done well to make so prominent; that the distinction drawn between such brethren and the *regular* members, is evidently to prove that *they knew all that was needful*, but had not been duly constituted; and what is more, it is clear from the context that it was left to the "Direction of the Stewards," as to the advertisement supposed to meet the eye of such Craftsmen.

The caution added by the author is worthy of being noted, "We must not, however, judge the Masonry of this early period by our present standard of almost perfect discipline and organisation."

I cannot quite accept Bro. Sadler's view as "to the social difference between the old and new Order of Masons." We have no references to the membership of any old lodges in England, prior to the eventful "1717," save such as those at Warrington, York, Alnwick, &c., which testify to the distinguished class who "patronized our mysteries" in the "olden tyme," and a walk "across the border" will flourish abundant testimony in the same direction.

One must perforce refrain from entering on several deeply interesting topics treated by Bro. Sadler relative to Masonic life early last century, and especially in regard to the Cosmopolitan sympathies and tendencies of the Craft. On this and other important matters, the chapter devoted to "The written records of the first Grand Lodge," is particularly valuable, and will, I feel persuaded, be the means of enlightening those who hitherto have been but casual readers of Masonic works.

I am not able to accept Bro. Sadler's dictum "that those who have applied the term 'Seceders' to this section [i.e. the 'Ancients'] of our Order, have done so under a wrong impression," or in other words, that to term the "Ancients" of 1751-1813, *Seceders* "is the greatest fiction in the history of English Masonry." The evidence submitted to justify this declaration is certainly neither emphatic nor conclusive in my opinion, and though ably presented does not satisfy me as it evidently does some brethren. The fact of the matter, however, must not be lost sight of. There is no register of the "Moderns" that we can examine, so as to find out the Masonic biographies of the original founders of the rival organization. If we could compare the noted "Morgan's Register" with one of the regular Grand Lodge of England of a trifling earlier period, we might soon settle the controversy, but this is impossible. Meanwhile I have no objection to a general verdict of "not proven," and will vote for a friendly injunction in the meanwhile to restrain us from using the term "Seceders;" those of "Ancients," *Rivals*, or "Schismatics" being substituted. I hope to say a few words as to Bro. Sadler's theory respecting the "Ancients" ere long, but just now prefer to wait while brethren peruse the work for themselves, and to delay any extended expression of opinion until the edition is exhausted, which will be soon, though it consists of 1000 copies. I shall also take the opportunity then of referring to the excellent illustrations and other features which adorn the volume.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### BRO. JUDGE DONALDSON.

Bro. Judge Donaldson, whose death was reported in the *Keystone* a few weeks since, is described by our contemporary as having been made a Mason just after attaining the age of twenty-one years, on April 30th, 1820, in Columbia Lodge, No. 159, of Danville, Pa. His Masonic advancement was immediate and rapid. He was elected S.W. of No. 159, in 1821, Secretary in 1822, and W.M. in 1823, and again in 1827 and 1828. In 1823 and 1826 he was elected Treasurer of the lodge, so that he served in all its elective stations. Columbia Lodge, No. 159, felt the full force of the great anti-Masonic tornado of 1826-37. In February, 1839, the lodge room was broken into by anti-Masonic thieves, who robbed it of its Holy Bible, lodge warrant, lodge jewels, clothing and minute books—in fact of everything except the Ashlar at the Master's station, which is still preserved as a valued Masonic relic of the past. Shortly before that, by authority of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Bro. Donaldson, W.M., of lodge No. 159, by invitation of the duly constituted authorities, laid the corner-stone of Christ (Protestant Episcopal) Church, Danville, on October 23rd, 1828. Over fifty years after, on June 24th, 1881, Bro. Donaldson was present at the same site, when the corner-stone of the new Christ Episcopal Church was laid with Masonic ceremonies by G.M. Bro. the Hon. Samuel B. Dick, on which occasion we also had the honour to be present. Columbia Lodge, No. 159, of Danville, was next revived, but in 1847 a warrant was granted for a new lodge at Danville, by the name of Mahoning Lodge, No. 224, and Bro. Judge Donaldson was named therein as the first W.M. In 1848 the name of this lodge was changed to Danville Lodge, No. 224, which has had a continuously prosperous career, and Bro. Donaldson was its Representative in Grand Lodge from 1880 up to the time of his death. He was also a member of the present Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge, as he had been for a number of years past.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JAMES HILL  
SILLITOE, OF MANCHESTER.

On Monday last, a deputation of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire met, by appointment, at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, for the purpose of presenting Comp. Sillitoe with a suit of Grand Chapter clothing, comprising apron, sash, collar, and an 18-carat gold Past D.G.D.C.'s jewel. The whole, in a solid leather case, was presented by Comp. Abraham Clegg, P.G.J., on behalf of the subscribers. The other members of the deputation consisted of Comps. Henry Thomas, P.P.G.P.S.; Wm. Bagnall, P.P.G.P.S.; and N. Nicholson, P.P.G.S.B.

Comp. CLEGG, in making the presentation, dwelt at some length on the many services Comp. Sillitoe had rendered to the province, more especially in the Royal Arch Degree, and hoped he might be long spared to give advice and assistance when required.

Comp. BAGNALL supported the presentation, and in eulogistic terms supplemented the remarks that had been made by Comp. Clegg.

Comp. SILLITOE warmly thanked the companions for their very handsome present, and assured them that whatever he had been able to do for the interests of Royal Arch Masonry, and Freemasonry generally, had been a source of great pleasure to him; at the same time, he felt bound to admit that in so doing he had simply followed the example of their esteemed Grand Superintendent, Col. Starkie, who had all along given him (Comp. Sillitoe) every encouragement, and that fact had inspired within him more zeal than he would otherwise have shown. The very kind expressions that had fallen from Comps. Clegg and Bagnall concerning him, added to the substantial mark of the various subscribing companions' esteem and goodwill, were highly gratifying, and convinced him that the object he had all along in view had in some measure been achieved, viz., to cultivate a good Masonic feeling amongst the companions with whom he was so closely associated in the Province of East Lancashire, and he sincerely hoped he might long deserve the same proportion of brotherly kindness and good feeling that had been shown him that day, and that he might always hold the same place in the hearts and affection of his brother officers, which had prompted their generous recognition of the small share of the work he had done in the province. In conclusion, he heartily thanked the deputation for the trouble they had taken in coming there that day, and begged them to convey to the subscribers his sincere and heartfelt thanks.

Bro. Sillitoe was also presented some six weeks since with a full set of Grand Officer's (Craft) clothing, the cost of which was defrayed half by members of his own lodge (the Humphrey Chetham) and the other half by members of the Masonic Club, Cooper-street. Bro. W. Jaffrey, P.P.G.D., very kindly undertook to collect the various amounts, and Bro. Carl Götz, P.P.J.G.W., made the presentation.

The clothing and jewel were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

MASONIC PRESENTATION TO BRO.  
J. PAGE, TREASURER 177 (S.C.)

The brethren of the mystic tie in Coatbridge, near Glasgow, have been adding considerably to their numbers of late, owing no doubt to the likelihood of being called upon at an early date to lay the foundation-stone of the new Municipal buildings that we hear so much about, and also to the fact of having such an enthusiastic and persevering R.W. Master to lead them on in the person of Bro. Councillor John Lindsay. On Tuesday, 6th inst., being the regular monthly meeting of Lodge St. James, Old Monkland, No. 177, after the ordinary work of the lodge was past, Bro. LINDSAY, R.W.M., asked the Junior Warden to call the lodge from labour to refreshment, which having been done in due form, and glasses all filled,

Bro. LINDSAY proposed "The Queen and Craft," which was drunk with all the honours.

"The Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family," was proposed by the R.W.M. and acknowledged.

Bro. JOHN SMITH, S.W., proposed the "Army, Navy, and Volunteers," which was replied to by Bro. T. L. ELLIS.

Bro. A. NAISMITH next proposed "The Three Grand Lodges," which was replied to by Bro. M'MURDO.

Bro. LINDSAY, R.W.M., then rose, and said that he had now a very pleasant duty to perform, and the rest of the brethren would know by this time what that meant. Bro. James Page, who had been Treasurer for the last five years, being about to enter the hymenal bonds, endeavoured to do so as quietly as possible; but the brethren having got to know of the fact, no time was lost in their endeavour to show their appreciation of his services to the lodge; and the outcome was that he had to ask Bro. Page, in name of the lodge, to accept this beautiful marble time-piece, and as the hands pointed to the time, his knowledge of Masonry would guide him to remember the three divisions thereof, and also the shortness thereof. Bro. Lindsay also asked him to accept a gold Master's jewel, as well as a gold brooch and ear-rings, set with diamonds and pearls, for the "Mrs. Page that is to be," hoping that, having "turned over a new leaf, he would add many pages thereto."

Bro. PAGE, in reply, said that he accepted the beautiful presents the brethren had given to himself with thanks. He was not in the most fit frame of mind to say much, but he asked the brethren to accept the will for the deed, and to believe him when he said he would prize the gifts very highly, and that they would always remind him of the kindly feeling the brethren had for him, and any little services he had rendered to the lodge, he had done it cheerfully, and would always strive to do all he could for the benefit of the Craft. He had also to thank them in the name of his intended good lady for the very handsome brooch and ear-rings presented to her, but he could hardly express himself in the way that he would like to do, and hoped the brethren would excuse him, and accept his most grateful thanks for these very handsome gifts.

Bro. HUNTER, J.W., then proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire," which was replied to by Bro. MASON, P.M.

Bro. SYMINGTON proposed "The Lodge St. James, Old Monkland, No. 177," which was replied to by Bro. LINDSAY, R.W.M.

Bro. ARNOTT, S.D., proposed "The Brothers from

Sister Lodges," which which was replied to by Bro. MURRAY, from 471.

Bro. JOHN H. ELLIS, in proposing the toast of "The Committee" which had been deputed to raise subscriptions and secure suitable gifts to their worthy Treasurer, Bro. Page, and his intended better-half, spoke in eulogistic terms of the indefatigable pains and care they had taken in order to carry out the wishes of the brethren of Lodge No. 177 in this matter, and as a proof of this a glance at such handsome presents as were now before them would convince them also the Committee deserved praise in their selection. I have now, brethren, very great pleasure in asking you to be up-standing and award to the Presentation Committee a hearty vote of thanks, coupled with the name of Bro. Jno. Chrichton, P.M.

Bro. MASON proposed "The Last Link of the Chain," which was replied to by Bro. Dr. STORER, E.A.

The evening's proceedings were greatly enlivened by songs from Bros. Gibson, Barnes, P.M., Hunter, Burnet, Wallace, Hill, Millar, Matheson, Smith, and Rankin. At the hour of high twelve the lodge was called from refreshment to labour, and closed.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JESSE  
COLLINGS, P.M. 1585.

On Friday, the 9th inst., 32 of the brethren and friends of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction met at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, to celebrate their anniversary dinner, and this opportunity was taken to present Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M. 1585, Preceptor 834 and 1891, &c., with a testimonial on his retirement from the Preceptorship of this lodge in recognition of his valuable services. After ample justice had been done to the viands, which were served in Bro. Coplestone's usual admirable manner, the customary loyal and patriotic toasts were given by the Chairman, Bro. J. SIMS, P.M. 834, and enthusiastically received by the company.

"Success to the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction" was given by the VICE-CHAIRMAN, and responded to by Bro. G. READ, P.M. 511, &c., and for many years Preceptor of this lodge.

The CHAIRMAN, on rising to propose the next toast, said: Brethren, I have now a proposition to make, which I am sure will be heartily responded to by all present. It is "Health and Long Life to our respected Bro. Jesse Collings." You all know how indefatigable he has been in attending this lodge of instruction during the many years he has been our Preceptor, and the untiring zeal he has displayed in imparting his great knowledge of the ritual of Freemasonry to all who sought his assistance. I cannot adequately express my feelings of regret at the resolution he has taken to withdraw his services from this lodge of instruction; but as it is (after much persuasion) unalterable, I will, in the name of the lodge, beg his acceptance of this testimonial as a token of the respect and esteem felt towards him by every member thereof.

The following is a copy of the testimonial:—

"Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834.

"At a meeting held November 11th, 1887, it was unanimously resolved that a special vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to our much esteemed Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M. 1585, expressing our deep regret at the loss of his valuable services as Preceptor, and our gratitude to him for the kind, zealous, and able manner he has displayed for so many years in imparting his knowledge of the ritual of Freemasonry to the brethren of this lodge, sincerely hoping that the G.A.O.T.U. may bless him with health and happiness, and that his future career may, if possible, be brighter than the past.

"This resolution to be engrossed on vellum, framed, and presented to Bro. Jesse Collings, in testimony of the friendship and esteem of every member of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, which he has so well earned and deservedly merited.

"Bro. A. C. ALAIS, P.M. 834.

"W. J. COPELSTONE, J.W. 834.

"F. CRAGGS, J.D. 834.

"W. G. COAT, W.S. 1275.

"C. HOPKINS, M.M. 2012.

"D. S. LONG, S.D. 1275.

"W. MITCHELL, M.M. 1275.

"J. SIMS, P.M. 834.

"D. STROUD, W.M. 2045.

"A. WILLIAMS, S.D. 2090.

"R. H. WILLIAMS, P.P.G.D. Middx., W.M. 1767.

"W. C. WILLIAMS, W.M. 865."

Bro. COLLINGS, on rising to respond, said: Mr. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Brethren—Allow me to thank you most sincerely for this handsome testimonial and for the hearty manner in which you have received the toast of my health, and for the feeling and kind remarks that you, Mr. Chairman, were pleased to make in putting it before the brethren. If I have been the means of imparting knowledge, it has been a great pleasure to me to have had the opportunity and ability of doing so, and of following out the lessons we are taught in Freemasonry of rendering assistance to the brethren in the inferior Degrees. Many years ago I had the pleasure of receiving my instruction from our late Bro. Andrews, and from one whom we have still amongst us, Bro. George Read, and I have conscientiously endeavoured to follow out their teaching by strictly adhering to the ancient landmarks of our Order; and it is my earnest hope that, now I have felt called upon to give up this work, you will shortly find some brother able and willing to undertake the management, and one who will be able to impart the necessary instruction. I shall always look upon this as one of my brightest moments in Freemasonry, and feel that my labours have not been in vain. Any time that you may require assistance in the lodge I shall be pleased to come and do what I can. Brethren, allow me once more to thank you sincerely for this mark of your esteem.

"The Health of the Chairman," "The Vice-Chairman," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Committee," and "The Host and Hostess," were given and received in the usual hearty manner.

The following brethren contributed considerably to the harmony of the evening: Bros. G. Read (Fireman's Wedding), A. Williams, F. Craggs, Andrew, and Bird.

After the presentation, the handsome testimonial (which was engrossed and framed by Bro. George Kenning, 16a, Great Queen-street) was passed around the room, and much admired as a work of art by the whole of the brethren.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE CLAPTON  
LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1365.

This annual supper of the above lodge took place at Bro. Bagen's Restaurant, Wool Exchange, Colman-street, on Friday evening, the 9th inst., Bro. Bennett, W.M. of the mother lodge, in the chair, and Bro. Finch, Treas., in the vice-chair. Bro. Cusworth, Preceptor, who was expected to occupy that position, was absent through indisposition, much to the regret of the brethren.

After the cloth was cleared, the usual loyal and other toasts were given and responded to, songs and recitations being interspersed, and were well rendered by many of the brethren.

Bro. CHURCH, Hon. Sec., responded to the toast of "The Clapton Lodge of Instruction," and informed those present that the lodge was in a very strong and flourishing position.

Bro. FINCH, in responding to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," called attention to the Fourth Clapton Benevolent Association, which is now in progress, and said that this last Association would complete the sum of about £1200, which had been subscribed by the members; he also called attention to the large amount of work this entailed upon the Secretary, Bro. Diamond, and he was of opinion that the services of such brethren, who were acting in that capacity, were not recognised as they ought to be by the three Charities, seeing that it was by the aid of such so much money was sent up. He threw out as a suggestion (which he thought would give an increased impetus to such Associations) that the Charities should make such brethren Life Subscribers or Life Governors, as a reward for their labour of love. It was a well known fact that these lodges not only gave instruction but also worked in a very large way to the advancement of the Charities, which, if not for them, would come off very differently to what they did. For example, when a W.M. or other went up as Steward and sent his list round for subscriptions, brethren in these hard times could not afford to put down £10 10s. at once; but these Associations, by an easy mode of payment, enabled them to subscribe that amount, and thus benefit the Charities to the large amount he had mentioned. These remarks were received with approbation by the brethren present.

After a very enjoyable evening the brethren separated. Among those present were Bros. Salmon, P.G.R. Essex; Blackburn, P.G.S.B. Middlesex; Margetts, H. Steel, Redding, C. Stanger, S. Stanger, Sawyer, Tucker, Tobin, B. T. Iobur, Fairclough, Bennett, Banker, Brookman, Conbro, Caton, Cubbon, Campbell, Cordell, Foity, Haden, Lutwyche, Holloway, Kettle, Woodrow, Bokenham, Boot, W. Finch, Treasurer; W. D. Church, Hon. Sec.; and others.

## THE OLD MASONIANS.

The above Association held a most enjoyable social evening on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the head-quarters—Anderson's Hotel. Mr. C. Douglas Barrett, who took the chair, had provided a capital programme. There were present nearly 40 members of the Association and a fair sprinkling of visitors. Mr. W. H. Kirkham opened the proceedings with an overture on the pianoforte, and accompanied the songs throughout the evening in a highly efficient manner. Mr. F. Gore sang with great expression "When all was young" and "Sally in our alley," as did Mr. A. S. Stevenson, "Trusty as steel." Mr. C. Howard Uwins received a well-merited encore for his rendering of "The diver," and later in the evening sang "Will o' the wisp." The elocutionary part of the programme was well sustained by Mr. Harold Williams, who gave with great expression "Mark Antony's oration;" Mr. T. L. Scurr, who gave an amusing account of the "Adventures of Turpin;" and Mr. Clark, who showed great ability in his rendering of the "Quack doctor." Mr. J. W. Hutton received an encore for his banjo solo, "Home, sweet home." The comic element was well represented by Mr. Elgar, who was very funny in his songs, "Later on" and "Oh!" Mr. A. B. Whiteley sang "Just in time," and Mr. W. Lyle Smith received well-merited applause for his Irish song, "Old Ireland so green."

After the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman, the singing of the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE IN  
VICTORIA.

A meeting of representatives of preceptories was held at the Salisbury-buildings, Melbourne, on the 19th October, in answer to advertisement and notification by circular issued by a Committee appointed by the Metropolitan Preceptory, No. 28, under the Great Priory of Canada. Three preceptories responded to the invitation by appointing delegates to represent them. After a considerable amount of discussion it was unanimously resolved to institute a Sovereign Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta for Victoria. It was resolved, further, that Eminent Bro. D. Munro should be the first Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master. A Committee, consisting of Bros. Bramwell, Drew, Musgrove, Meadowcroft, Davidson, Longmuir, and Harrison, was then appointed to take steps to give effect to the above resolutions, and the meeting adjourned to the 22nd of November.

To the foregoing may be added the fact, that the founders of the Melbourne Preceptory mentioned are members of the so-called Grand Lodge of Victoria. In the first instance a charter was applied for and refused by the Great Priory of England and Wales. The applicants then sought for and obtained a warrant from the Great Priory of Canada, which body thereby committed an act of invasion, seeing that for many years past there has been a Provincial Priory of Australia, with headquarters at Melbourne, under the Great Priory of England and Wales. Some time back these same members of the so-called Grand Lodge of Victoria, applied for and obtained a warrant from the Grand Imperial Council of the Order of Rome and Constantine, and obtained such warrant without any questions being asked. The supreme authorities of the Temple Order, however, it will be observed, acted more prudently and firmly in such a serious matter.

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
With reference to Bro. Henry Lashmore's enquiry in the *Freemason* dated 29th October, permit me to say that at the Special Communication of this District Grand Lodge, held on the 12th ult. for the purpose of installing H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as D.G.M. for Bombay, I, having anticipated the difficulty he (Bro. Lashmore) mentions, had four attendance rolls, so that four brothers could sign their names at one and the same time. Each roll was made up of five sheets fastened at the corner only, each sheet contained lines for 20 signatures, so that each scroll recorded 100 names. I found this to answer very nicely.—Yours fraternally,  
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To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
In reply to the letter of Bro. J. A. Birch, under the head of "The Charity Committee of East Lancashire," in your issue of the 10th inst.,  
I beg to say that your report of the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, held at Manchester on the 23rd ult., contains a statement made by me with respect to the "Blair Nomination," the publication of which appears to have roused the ire of my friend and brother Birch.  
The facts are as follows: The minutes of the Charity Committee above alluded to, together with the minutes of the meeting of a former Provincial Grand Lodge, being

proposed to be, and having been, *taken as read*, it occurred to me that a considerable number of the brethren present would remain in ignorance of the fact that a nomination had been made or attempted to be made at all, and I, therefore, considered it my duty to make the remarks I did, with a view of their being entered on the minutes of the proceedings of that meeting, for the guidance of future *Charity Committees*, and also to record the fact that although the power of nomination was vested in the Charity Committee, it could only be exercised in accordance with the intention of the donor, and amounted to a *trust*, and, therefore, could not be *bartered* in any way.

Bro. Birch was present in his corporeal capacity, and ample opportunity was afforded him to reply; had he done so he would then have been addressing those brethren who were immediately concerned. Instead of doing so, he rushes into print for the information of those who have no interest therein.

To the first paragraph of Bro. Birch's letter I simply state on good authority (not being present) that one of the two barristers present (alluded to in his letter) did challenge their power to make such a nomination, and that the *division on the question* was a *very long way off being unanimous*; and further, that when I spoke ("although I knew what had been done") my remarks were not supererogatory, and that I was *not* really finding fault with what had not been done, but endeavouring to prevent any *future attempt* to do that which was not done.

To the second paragraph of Bro. Birch's letter I have simply to say that his remarks are wrong both in substance and in fact.

The third paragraph is gratuitous, unnecessary, and uncalled for.—I am, faithfully yours,  
J. L. HINE.

December 12th.

#### GOOD-FELLOWSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
The lecture to which you are kind enough to again allude in your leaderette of to-day was made as complete in itself as possible; but it is merely introductory to a series I intend giving on modern Freemasonry, briefly described as follows, viz.:—

2. Its ceremonies as they affect lodge officers, lodge working, and lodge prosperity.
  3. Its social aspect compared with early Freemasonry.
  4. Lodge duties as they affect the W.M. and Past Masters.
  5. As a moral and social reformer; and of what it is capable as such.
- In No. 3 will possibly be included all you would wish me to say on good-fellowship.  
I have not hitherto been in the habit of printing my *Masonic* lectures. I could not, however, refuse permission for my lodge to print the lecture to which you refer. Since then I felt bound to reprint it for distribution in lodges, and copies may be had for that purpose on application to me at 2s. 6d. per dozen, post free.—Yours truly and fraternally,  
J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

Bradford, December 10th.  
Those lectures marked \* will not be printed; of No. 5 I am not yet quite certain.—J.R.R.

#### RECENT MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
In reading the report of last Grand Lodge it might appear that I had moved my motion in opposition to the Earl of Lathom. Such, however, is not the case. It happened I had sent my resolution in the beginning of November, and I had no idea that the Earl of Lathom would move on the same subject, otherwise I would have refrained from placing my motion on the agenda. I even went to Grand Lodge to withdraw my motion when I was made aware that the Earl of Lathom had proposed a similar one, when I was informed that it was too late, as the agenda was in print. I, therefore, had no other way open than in open lodge to support the motion of the Earl of Lathom, and, with permission, withdraw mine.  
I am glad to see that the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons has adopted my motion as given in Grand Lodge.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
MAURICE SPIEGEL, P.M. 188.



SEPHER YETZIRAH. The Book of Formation, and the Thirty-Two paths of Wisdom. Translated from the Ancient Hebrew by Dr. W. WYNN WESTCOTT, M.B. Published by R. Fryar, Bath.

This very ancient Rabbinical treatise is a very curious and instructive remnant of the learning of the pre-Christian era. It is an allegorical parallel between numbers and the several parts of the created universe; it is not a paraphrased Genesis, but a scheme showing the co-relation of the celestial bodies, the terrestrial states, and the human organs. The letters of the Hebrew alphabet form the basis of computation, being divided into three Mothers, A, M, S; seven double letters, and twelve single; these are compared with the powers of the Triad, the Heptad, and the Dodecad. The 32 paths are the 22 letters with the 10 numerals, each associated with a dogmatic definition of a peculiarly abstract and abstruse character. The work is supplemented by Notes and Comments by Dr. Wynn Westcott; these cast considerable light on the subject, which seems to be a deep Kabbalistic puzzle. Our author traces in connection between this book, the "Isiac Tablet" and the Tarot scheme of Eliphaz Levi, believing that these form the foundation of the secrets of Freemasonry. The volume is well printed, and the Hebrew letters are very clear and distinct.

On Saturday evening, Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, President of the Royal Academy, presided at the distribution of prizes won by the Students of the Royal Academy Schools.



### Craft Masonry.

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th, inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present, Bros. J. T. Ford, W.M.; W. Wingham, S.W.; G. Deaton, J.W.; G. F. Smith, Org.; J. Linder, P.M. Treas.; J. Dyte, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Wall, S.D.; T. J. Robins, P.M., D.C.; M. D. Loenstark, P.M., Stew.; Walkley, Tyler; E. Robinson, P.M.; G. J. Moorcroft, P.M.; J. W. Harvey, P.M.; Thomas Hawkins, I.P.M.; F. Briggs, W. Dunn, F. G. Baker, H. Maynard, F. Deaton, B. E. Barnes, and R. S. Horne. Visitors: Bros. Coleman, 511; Birch, 1305; Prendergast, 1901; Walker, 2016.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Bro. Wingham, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Linder, Treasurer; and Bro. Walkley, Tyler. Bro. Barnes was impressively raised to the sublime degree of M.M.; and Mr. R. S. Horne ably initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

After labour the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and enjoyed a *recherché* banquet, served in the best style by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. During the banquet, the W.M. elect, announced in a well-delivered speech, that at the next festive gathering a *scotch* concert would be arranged, entitled, "A night with Burns," and desired all brethren who intended to invite others to acquaint him with the number, and he would present them with appropriate cards of invitation.

**BEDFORD LODGE (No. 157).**—An ordinary meeting of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 9th instant, when there were present Bros. T. Cubitt, P.M. and W.M.; and other members.

The W.M. having presented a handsome banner bearing the arms of the lodge, name and date of the donor, also a beautiful Bible to commemorate the jubilee year of her Majesty's reign. Resolved—That a hearty vote of thanks be, and are, hereby given to Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.M. and W.M. (for the second time during a period of 30 years' connection with the lodge), for the great urbanity and kindness in presiding over the Bedford Lodge, 157, during this jubilee year of her Majesty's reign, and for presenting the lodge with a magnificent banner bearing the arms of the lodge, also a beautiful Bible in commemoration of same, resolved—That the feelings of the lodge, in accordance with the before-mentioned resolution, be engrossed upon vellum, suitably framed, and presented to Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.M. and W.M., at the next lodge meeting. Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation at next meeting. One is son of Bro. L. J. Drew, P.M., which, if all is in order, will make the third generation of this family in this lodge. £10 10s. was placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward for the Benevolent Institution. One guinea as usual was given to the Christmas treat of the Old Folks at Croydon.

**LODGE OF UNION (No. 166).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Criterion, when there were present Bros. Thomas Layton, W.M.; W. J. Roedel, S.W.; R. Phillips, J.W.; A. T. Day, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Brewster, S.D.; H. P. Barraud, J.D.; H. A. Rawlins, I.G.; S. T. Day, P.M., and A. W. Mills, Stewards; H. E. Reade, Org.; M. Conrath, F. Perks, O. Gossett, and W. St. J. Fox. The visitors were Bros. F. G. A. Cavell, Sherington, P.M. 33; Currie, Gribbon, W.M. 34; and Major C. A. Cooper, I.P.M. 2008.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes of preceding meeting were read, and the Auditors' report received and adopted, when the election of W.M. for the coming year was proceeded with, the cordial and unanimous vote of the lodge being for Bro. W. J. Roedel, S.W. A ballot was taken for the following candidates for initiation: Messrs. Joseph Stagg, Arthur C. Biddle, and P. G. C. Shaw, who were admitted, and, being in attendance, were duly initiated by the W.M., whose performance of the protracted ceremony was eminently satisfactory. A presentation to Bro. F. W. Smith, P.M., late Treasurer, as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by his brethren, was warmly agreed to.

The lodge was then closed, and the members, with their guests, sat down to an admirable banquet, while good fellowship reigned supreme. After the customary toasts,

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. A. T. Day, P.M., Sec., who bore witness of the excellence of the W.M.'s work during his year of office, he having done his utmost for the credit of the lodge and of himself.

In reply, the Worshipful Master said he felt specially honoured by being so spoken of by Bro. Day, P.M., his sponsor in Freemasonry, and always his kind and willing friend, and would never forget the cordial support he had received from his officers and the other members of the lodge. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M. Elect."

Bro. J. W. Roedel, S.W., in reply, said that as in the coming year he would have so much to say, he would not trespass further on their time than to express his thanks for having done him so much honour.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was replied to by Bro. Sydney Day.

The three newly-made brethren—Bros. Stagg, Biddle, and Shaw—replied to the toast of "The Initiates."

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed and received in the fraternal manner characteristic of the Lodge of Union, and was replied to by the brethren who had the good fortune to be so welcomed.

Bro. Reade contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening by his sympathetic rendering of "In happy moments," "My lady's garden," "Bridge of love," and "When other lips." Bro. Conrath gave "The three beggars" with excellent effect.

The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant evening.

**MORNINGTON LODGE (No. 1672).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, on Thursday, the 1st inst., Bro. F. Le Rosignol in the chair. In addition to the officers of the lodge the following members and visitors were present: Bros. J. W. Cook, P.M.; J. E. Cockett, P.M.; C. Palmer, P.M.; P. E. Newsom, M. B. Seagrave, W. J. J. Giller, J. Philcox, W. B. Gregar, and C. Temple. Visitors: Bros. P. L. Simmonds, P.M. 1159; W. H. Simons, Org. 1986; J. A. Gardner, P.M. 1328; Howard H. Room, P.M. 2090; A. Prevost, 1421; and Seymour Smith, Org. 742.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, and the usual business transacted, the W.M. proceeded to install Bro. W. A. Anderson in the chair of King Solomon, after which ceremony the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. F. Le Rosignol, I.P.M., D.C.; W. A. M. Donnell, S.W. (not present); H. G. Pearce, J.W.; G. G. Redfearne, P.M., Treas.; J. Perkins, P.M., Sec.; G. P. Minett, S.D.; Mark Gentry, J.D.; E. T. Wood, I.G.; C. J. Miller, Stwd.; and Robert W. Goddard, P.M. 65, Tyler.

**ST. LEONARD'S LODGE (No. 1766).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, the former including Bros. R. Drysdale, W.M.; Frank Matthews, S.W.; J. Cox, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Barham, P.M., Sec.; Hy. J. Thrower, S.D.; J. A. Harrison, J.D.; J. W. Griffiths, D.C.; W. Beasley, I.G.; H. Clement, P.M.; L. Stean, P.M.; G. T. Barr, P.M.; Chas. Benjamin, P.M.; J. Funston, P.M.; J. A. Jones, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. S. Jacobs, P.M. 1327; J. A. Robson, P.M. 1445; Thos. Clark, P.M. 1170; W. H. Pennington, 78; W. Knight, 860; F. A. Horner, P.M. 31; L. B. Todd, S.W. 27; M. Trennery, 1728; F. Richardson, 860; J. Smith, P.M. 193; Chas. G. Oding, 1329; F. R. Bowen, 65; J. Davis, 185; F. M. W. aborn, 813; J. T. Akerman, 65; J. Franklin, 10; R. W. Percy, P.M. 1693; S. Smither, J.W. 193; S. Willams, 1218; F. Caperoe, 1524; J. H. Ellis, 1524; Chas. Ellidge, 1524; W. Jeffery, 1622; F. J. Laughlin, Org. 1368; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Frank Matthews (P.M. 1950), S.W., was then presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair by Bro. L. S. Sean, P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. Cox, S.W.; H. J. Thrower, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Barham, P.M., Sec.; L. A. Harrison, S.D.; W. Beasley, J.D.; J. W. Griffiths, I.G.; H. J. Scott, D.C.; G. Levy, Org.; S. Batchelor and W. Shurmur, Stwds.; and Very, Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. L. Stean, P.M. Ballot having been successfully taken for Mr. S. C. Kaulman as a candidate for initiation, he was regularly initiated into Freemasonry, after which Bro. Julius Ungar was raised to the Degree of Master Mason by Bro. Stean, P.M. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Drysdale, I.P.M., for his efficient services in the chair during the past year. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and there being no further business for transaction, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren having partaken of an excellent banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in a hearty and enthusiastic manner.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Drysdale, I.P.M., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to introduce the toast to the notice of the brethren. They were all present in the lodge room and heard the manner in which Bro. Frank Matthews performed the duties of W.M., and would therefore agree with him that the present occupant of the chair was one who would prove himself a good W.M. He (the I.P.M.) listened with delight to that working, although during the past year he was not able to undertake the duties Bro. Matthews, W.M., had undertaken on the present occasion. If their W.M. continued in the same path in which he had started, there was no doubt the lodge would have a successful year of office under his guidance. He was convinced that the W.M. would, as far as lay in his power, curtail the expenses of the lodge, which was a great matter for the consideration of all brethren installed into the chair. With these few remarks, he asked the brethren to drink with heartiness and sincerity to the health of Bro. Frank Matthews, W.M.

Bro. Frank Matthews, W.M., said he felt somewhat diffident in responding to this toast, after the very kind remarks of the I.P.M. He wished to reiterate the few words he used in the lodge room, and assure the brethren that it was through no fault of Bro. Drysdale's that he had not undertaken all the duties of W.M. during the past year. He thanked the brethren very heartily for the kind expressions he had heard around him, and which had gone deep into his heart. It would be his endeavour to save the lodge from needless expense, and this was a point to which he should pay special attention. For the kind words of the I.P.M., and the heartiness with which the toast had been received, he returned sincere thanks.

The W.M. then gave "The Installing Master," and said the toast deserved more lustre than he could give it. On the present occasion they had had an exemplification of the extent to which the lodge was indebted to the P.M.'s. Bro. Walker, P.M., who was to have performed the installation ceremony was taken suddenly ill, and was obliged to return home, and the P.M. who intended acting as D.C. was also indisposed, and was not able to render great assistance to the Installing Master. The members were indebted to the P.M.'s for a good deal of work, and he hoped they would continue to render such efficient services. Bro. L. Stean, P.M., the Installing Master, was the oldest member, and father of the lodge, and initiated him (the W.M.) into Freemasonry. Bro. Stean had rendered valuable service by kindly undertaking the installation ceremony, and the brethren present would receive the toast of his health with enthusiasm.

Bro. L. Stean, P.M., sincerely thanked the W.M. and brethren for the manner in which the toast had been given and received. He assured them that about an hour before he entered the lodge he was not aware that Bro. Walker, P.M., was unfortunately ill, and, being out of practice for some short time, he felt somewhat diffident in undertaking the installation ceremony. However, knowing the lodge looked up to him in difficulties and dangers, he came down and had done the best he could. As he was in his 80th year, he could not do as he would have done some 30 or 40 years

ago. It always afforded him pleasure not only in this, but also in other lodges, to render any assistance in his power. He had devoted 56 years of his life to Masonry, having regarded it as his religion. There was not more in any religious code than there was in true Masonic duty—duty to God and man, combined with the principles of Charity. Seeing those great and good principles combined, he thought he could not do better than give up everything else, and he was proud at having done so. Their Masonic Institutions were a credit to one and all, and the recipients were as happy as it was possible to make them on this side of the grave. He did not know if he should be with them for many years, but while he could render any service, they would never find him wanting. This lodge was one of his last children, for he was one of the founders and was thankful to see it prosper as it had done. Small as the lodge was, and short as the time had been since its formation, the money it had subscribed to the Charities would stand comparison with very many lodges. He hoped it would continue to prosper for many years, and when he was gone, he had no doubt a brother would be found to take his place, and evince the same interest in the welfare of their lodge.

Bro. Barr, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters," and said every member of that body was anxious to do his duty to the best of his ability. The members were agreed that they had displayed some ability in the working of the lodge. With the exception of Bro. Walker, who was unfortunately ill, all the P.M.'s were present. As far as the position of Masonry was concerned, that had been given a good account of by Bro. Stean, P.M. He was quite prepared to admit that Masonry was a religion in itself, for there was no dictate like it. Masonry was not too exacting, for it only asked a brother to do that which was possible, and if everyone acted as a true Mason then the world would rise to the happy millennium. On his own behalf, and on the part of the other P.M.'s, he trusted Bro. Stean would be spared for many years to render valuable assistance. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the reception given the toast.

"The Initiate" having been given, and suitably responded to by Bro. Kaufman, the W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities," and referring to the fact that he intended serving as Steward for the Girls' School, appealed to the members to support him, and make his list worthy of their lodge.

Bro. Thos. Clark, P.M., on behalf of "The Visitors," thanked the W.M. for the kind terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the members for the hearty receipt on accorded it. He also desired to thank them for the noble entertainment provided for the visiting brethren, both in the lodge room and at the banquet table. He was pleased to see the W.M. surrounded by a number of Past Masters who had distinguished themselves in the past, and, personally, he felt pleased to be in the company of such brethren. The fact that Bro. Stean, P.M., had been 56 years in the Order should be an incentive to those who were younger to follow in his footsteps, so that at a similar age they might be as much respected and esteemed. He was delighted to have had the opportunity of visiting them and of witnessing the good work that was being done. The members were to be congratulated on the choice they had made in electing Bro. Frank Matthews to the chair, for under his rule a happy and successful year was ensured. On behalf of the visitors he again thanked them for their hospitality and kindness, which had enabled them to spend a pleasant and profitable evening.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given, and appropriately replied to by Bros. W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas., and C. F. Barham, P.M., Sec.

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

During the evening several brethren rendered some excellent songs and recitations, including Bro. Pennington, who, by special request, gave "The Charge of the Light Brigade" in his well known inimitable manner. The humorous element was well supported by Mr. Gold.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—The installation meeting of this lodge, founded by, or through the instrumentality of our illustrious Prelate the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.M. and P.G.C., was held on St. Ambrose Day, Wednesday, the 7th inst., being a moveable Feast Day, at the Barons Court Hotel, West Kensington, when a goodly assemblage of the brethren and visitors were present. And we may say without fear of contradiction, heard the rendering by Bro. Dr. F. E. Pocock, P.M., of some portion of the ritual of Freemasonry, including the installation ceremony, worked with a correctness which delighted the ear of the listener, as well as striking the attentive student in Freemasonry with awe and reverence to think that such a beautiful ceremony could emanate from the lips of one man, the impression left on the mind that there is in Freemasonry much more than a mere name. Thus our worthy Bro. Jno. W. Morley, W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. Dr. F. E. Pocock, with the usual charges, exhortations, and salutes. The newly-installed Master proceeded to invest his officers in the following order, giving each in their respective positions a word of admonition, supplemented by an additional exhortation from the Installing Master. The customary P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Ludwig Lichtvitz, I.P.M., with a few well chosen words by the W.M., who also invested Bros. P. Skar, S.W.; P. P. Perry, J.W.; W. H. Smith, Treas.; Thos. Holland, Sec.; F. W. Buxton, S.D.; W. E. Smith, jun., J.D.; J. C. Conway, I.G.; W. Windsor, Org.; C. J. Foakes, P.M., D.C.; J. F. H. Taylor, Asst. D.C.; H. J. Rose and R. Gibbs, Stwds.; and R. Potter, Tyler. The addresses to the three chairs were given, followed by a few communications and propositions of new members. After the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then retired to the banqueting hall, where they sat down to a banquet served up with true Masonic promptness, and with all sumptuous attributes perfectly harmonising with the refined taste of the worthy host, Bro. W. H. Harris and his Maître d'Hotel, together with the good selection of his working staff. But the wines were simply delicious and of the choicest brands characterised by rich, excellent flavour and good condition, all of which were duly appreciated and extolled by the brethren and visitors, foremost of whom were Bros. Walter, P.M. 1767, and P. P. J. G. D. Midddx.; W. H. Toten, P.M. 742; Lerner, P.M. 858; W. C. Williams, W.M. 865; F. Arnold, Stwd. 1624; Hutchinson, J.D. 1234



Camvrobby, S.W. 34; B. White, 34; Hunt, 172; Egan, P.M. 858; Seamans, Stevens, Rubenstein, Mackway, A. Baker, J. Baker, Gundry, Baldwin, Dickens, Miller, Barnikel, Hasluck, Bates, T. W. Heath, Camden, and others.

The usual Masonic toasts followed. The W.M. was unfortunately unable to stay throughout the whole evening owing to indisposition. P.M.'s Bros. Lichtvitz and Dr. Pocock kindly officiating for him. Songs were rendered by Bros. Mackway, Rubenstein, Windsor, and others, and a cornet solo by Bro. I. W. Heath, a very pleasant evening being spent, all terminating in the most perfect harmony and good-fellowship.

**GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).**—The installation meeting of this lodge on Saturday, the 10th inst., at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, was held under melancholy circumstances, owing to the lamentable death of Bro. Goldsmith, the outgoing W.M., a few days after the lodge elected his successor in November last. A second cause of grief was the sudden death of Bro. Fredk. Saunders, an initiate of the lodge, on the very day of the funeral of Bro. Goldsmith. The lodge was draped in deep mourning and the installation banquet was dispensed with. The chair was taken by Bro. Chas. Pardon, the late W.M.'s I.P.M., and there were present Bros. J. C. Duckworth, S.W., W.M. elect; Dr. Griffiths, J.W.; H. Massey, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Albery, Sec.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M.; Thos. Minstrell, P.M.; Herbert Wright, S.D.; W. T. Perkins, J.D.; Robert Hancock, I.G.; J. H. Thomas, P.M., D. of C.; Basil Cooke, Asst. D.C.; F. H. Gale, Org.; E. E. Peacock, Stwd.; Jas. Macintyre, W. Potts, W. Macdonald, John Bune, George Welsh, C. Greenwood, Jas. Adair, J. W. R. Brown, C. K. Moor, Peter Bruce, F. W. Pattison, J. C. Manning, John Allan, W. J. Innes, Chas. Lock, Geo. F. Babington, H. J. Sanderson, S. James, and Masson. Visitors: Bros. E. L. Horne, P.M., Sec. 227; H. M. Read, P.M. 720; L. F. Gowing, 428 (S.C.); W. E. M. Hancock, 1588; and J. Laidlaw Cross, P.M. 90.

The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. L. F. Gowing, of 428 (S.C.), was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Albery, the Secretary, reported that by the direction of the W.M. elect and the Permanent Committee, memorial wreaths had been placed on the coffins of Bros. Goldsmith and Saunders on behalf of the lodge. A large number of brethren had attended the funeral of their late W.M. at Brockley, and the lodge was properly represented at Bro. Saunders' funeral at Woking Cemetery. It had also been determined to raise a subscription for the widow and four young children left by Bro. Saunders. The Permanent Committee had started the list with a donation of 20 guineas from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge. Bro. Pardon said it was seldom that a lodge met under such depressing circumstances, but the W.M. elect and the officers had done wisely in dispensing with the usual banquet, which could not be enjoyed without conviviality. Some amount of sympathy, however, was due to the incoming W. Master who naturally had looked forward to his installation as a joyous festival, when, surrounded by his friends and a brilliant circle of visitors, he had hoped to inaugurate his year of office in a pleasant and genial manner. With reference to the five guineas voted for a P.M.'s jewel for Bro. Goldsmith, but now, alas! not required, he would suggest that the sum be made up to 10 guineas, and a perpetual "Goldsmith" vote be purchased in one of the Masonic Charities. That would be a real and permanent memorial to the worth and esteem in which the lodge held their late W.M. With regard to Bro. Saunders, he was glad to find so good a subscription list had already been achieved, and he had no doubt but that all the brethren would subscribe. That fund would be a real benefit and help to Mrs. Saunders (whom he understood was in delicate health) and her children. They would also at a later period do their best to get one or two of those children into the Masonic Schools. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed that the lodge was financially in a prosperous condition, was received and adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. C. Duckworth, was afterwards installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. H. Massey, the first W.M. of the lodge and Treasurer. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. Dr. Griffiths, S.W.; Herbert Wright, J.W.; W. T. Perkins, S.D.; Robert Hancock, J.D.; R. J. Albery, Sec.; Basil Cooke, I.G.; J. H. Thomas, P.M., D.C.; E. E. Peacock, Asst. D.C.; F. Gale, C. Greenwood, C. K. Moore, and F. W. Pattison, Stewards.

Bros. H. Massey, P.M., was re-invested as Treasurer and H. Very as Tyler. The Worshipful Master moved that a vote of condolence be sent to the widow of Bro. Goldsmith, by whose death the lodge had lost a valuable and much esteemed member, and the Craft a most accomplished worker. In him they personally lost a colleague, genial and upright, and respected by all. Bro. Griffiths, the S.W., seconded the vote, which was agreed to. A similar vote of condolence to the widow of Bro. Saunders was also agreed to. The resignation of Bro. W. J. Fisher was accepted. Bro. Minstrell, P.M., moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Griffiths and Mrs. Griffiths for their kind hospitality in placing their house at Brockley at the service of the brethren on the occasion of the funeral of their late W.M. Bro. Peacock seconded the motion, which was carried "nem. con.," and briefly acknowledged by Bro. Griffiths, S.W.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

**HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., at the Castle Hotel. Present: Bros. T. W. Markwick, W.M.; W. M. Glenister, P.M., acting S.W.; Capt. Hannah, P.M., acting J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.M., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; F. Plowman, P.M., acting S.D.; W. S. Allen, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D.C.; D. C.; F. C. Edwards, I.G.; W. Leslie, Tyler; Russell, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; T. J. Rubie, P.M.; P. Robinson, P.M.; T. H. Cole, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. H. Hallett, P.M., P.G.O.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; C. R. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; L. O. Glenister, E. Lancaster, R. Walmsley, R. J. Wilson, G. Randall, J. Bullman, W. A. Beek, G. H. Gaye, A. Bray, J. I. Edmed, G. W. Veness, C. J. Ticehurst, R. Dengate, G. F. Wood, C. H. Geer, G. Gaye, and R. J. Reed. Bro. H. Farrow, 272, was a visitor.

The S.W. having retired, the W.M. was re-elected. Bro. W. M. Glenister and other members spoke in high terms of praise of the excellent manner in which the duties

had been fulfilled, and on the proposition of Bro. C. W. Duke, P.P.G.W., a P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. Bro. F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., was re-elected Treasurer. On the proposition of the W.M. it was decided to resuscitate the lodge of instruction. Four propositions were made for ballot and initiation. Bro. Russell announced that a Masonic ball, the funds of which will be applied to Masonic Charities, will take place on the 18th of January. The installation meeting of the above lodge will be held on the 9th January.

**WHITBY.—Lion Lodge (No. 312).**—A lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, on Thursday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. Thomas Tate, W.M.; John T. Stewart, as S.W.; William H. Attlay, J.W.; John N. Lawson, P.M., Treas.; B. Newbald, as Sec.; John Brand, S.D.; Thomas Atkinson, J.D.; T. W. Clarkson, as I.G.; John Stevenson, P.M.; J. S. Moss, P.M.; William H. Falkingbridge, P.M.; William G. Lockey, P.M.; John Brooks, P.M.; William Edwards, Stwd.; Isaac Bolton, H. Long, Henry Wald, George Elliott, Joseph W. Collier, Thomas W. Rennison, George Wright, William H. Tate, and Fox, of 940.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. John Stevenson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., who initiated Mr. Lewis Henry Watson into the mysteries of the Craft. The chair was again assumed by the W.M., who initiated Mr. Henry Robson, upon the completion of which the chair was occupied by Bro. John Brooks, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., who admitted Mr. John Ball into the secrets of the First Degree. The charge to all the three candidates was afterwards given by Bro. John Stevenson in his usual impressive style.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the banquet room of the lodge, and spent the remainder of the evening in a social manner. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).**—The meeting of the brethren of this lodge, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., was one of the most interesting and important, perhaps, ever held in its history. The meeting was held in the Town Hall, and the lodge was opened by Bro. Layland Eccles, W.M., the following brethren being present, viz.: Bros. G. Fortell, S.W.; J. Lawrence, P.P.G. Std. Br. West Lancashire, acting J.W.; C. A. Richmond and J. Willis, Deacons; J. Monks, Sec.; T. Sharples, P.M., Treas.; S. Widdows, Org.; J. Eatock, I.G.; J. B. Withnell, P.M., Tyler; P. Yates; J. Hopkinson, P.M. and W.M. 1032; H. Catterall, 986, P.A.G.P.; J. Corbitt, P.M. 1032; W. Blackledge, P.M. 286; J. Bradshaw, I.P.M.; T. Forrester, P.M. 730, P.P.J.G.D. West Lancashire, and P.P.G. Std. Br. England; J. Heald, P.M. 730 and 1032; A. G. Bird, P.M. 1032; Holland, Smith, J. Sharples, G. Yates, E. C. Thwaites, B. P. France, F. Jolly, G. Shaw, J. Edge, J. Iddur, 986; and W. Bretherton, 986.

The minutes of previous meeting and of a meeting of emergency were confirmed, and the correspondence was read and laid on the Secretary's table, after which the ballot was taken and declared unanimous in favour of the Rev. W. S. Pratt and Mr. R. G. Anderson. The chair was then assumed by Bro. P. Yates, P.M., and the two candidates were initiated with great solemnity and in a manner most impressive. The service was musical throughout. Bro. S. Widdows ably presided at the organ, and was assisted by Bro. J. B. Withnell, P.M. and Tyler, whose vocal and musical powers are still excellent and vigorous. The lodge then proceeded to discuss the "Charities" question and the lodge finances question, and decided to form a separate fund for the "Charities." It was afterwards agreed to hold a ball in aid of the "Masonic Charities."

The Worshipful Master then called upon Bro. T. Forrester, P.M., &c., to receive at his hands an illuminated testimonial or address, together with a presentation of Grand Lodge clothing, with jewel of office; clothing for the Royal Arch Chapter; and a Jubilee jewel. Bro. J. Monks, Sec., read the address as follows: "Jubilee year, 1887. To Bro. F. Forrester, P.M. 730, Z. and P.Z. Earl of Lathom Chapter, 730, P.P.J.G.D. W.L., Past Grand Sid. Bearer Eng. Worshipful Sir,—In the jubilee year of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria (the Patroness of English Freemasonry), it has pleased Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, to bestow upon you the high rank of P.G. Std. Bearer in the Grand Lodge of England, as a reward for many years of Masonic labour, zeal, and assiduity. The brethren of Ellesmere Lodge, 730, congratulate you upon your elevation, and recognise that as a result honour is conferred upon the whole lodge."

"The brethren of Lownley Parker Lodge, No. 1032, join in these congratulations, and with the members of Ellesmere Lodge, No. 730, desire your acceptance of this Testimonial, together with the accompanying Grand Lodge Regalia, with jewel of office; Regalia of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter; and Jubilee Jewel; with 'Hearty good wishes' that T.G.A.O.T.U. may grant you many years to continue your Masonic labours, and to wear the regalia with pleasure to yourself, honour to your lodge, and usefulness to the Craft.—We are, Worshipful Sir, yours faithfully and fraternally—L. Eccles, W.M.; G. Tortell, S.W.; S. Farmer, J.W.; T. Sharples, P.M., Treas.; and Jno. Monks, Sec."

The presentation was briefly made, and Bro. T. Forrester expressed his thanks in felicitous terms.

The lodge was duly closed, and the brethren retired to the Imperial Hotel, where Hostess Mrs. Stansfield had prepared a suitable dinner. A happy evening was spent afterwards.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. An especial toast was interpolated and vociferously honoured in favour of Bro. J. M. Kerr, P.M. 730, &c. (now absent in India), but whose presence amongst them that evening was manifested by the beautiful flowers forming the centre-piece on the table. At 11 p.m. the brethren separated, having spent one of the pleasantest meetings on record.

The jewels and regalia were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

**MANCHESTER.—St. Thomas Lodge (No. 992).**—The installation of Bro. A. Grice took place and the St. John's Festival celebrated on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton. Present: Bros. J. J. Meakin, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., W.M.; Alfred Grice,

S.W.; P. B. Welch, J.W.; J. Johnson, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Lamb, Sec.; J. W. Millward, J.D.; P. Ohlmiss, I.G.; Edwin Hilton, P.M.; J. Hancock, P.M., D.C.; Henry Fisher, P.M.; John Hall, P.M.; T. Southern, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; H. Y. Rutter, P.M.; Wm. Ollier, P.M.; W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; J. W. Hampson, Org.; Wm. Boswell, C. Garbutt, P. Taylor, and J. Southern. Visitors: Bros. F. H. Leresche, P.P.G.R.; R. Williamson, P.M. 1055, P.P.G.P.; H. H. Warburton, P.M. 163, P.P.S.G.D.; R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Stwd.; A. Morrison, P.M. 1055; J. Holroyd, P.M. 1134; Chas. Turner, P.M. 1011; W. O. Pettitt, W.M. 1055; Wm. Dumville, P.M. 1011; A. Lewtas, W.M. 1588; Wm. Kellan, 322; J. B. Jenkinson, 325; C. T. Walk, P.M. 1011; Francis Robinson, 1534; J. Ramsbottom, 325; J. Williams, J.D. 1011; J. Waring, W.M. 1134; and Wm. Craig Royle, 1175.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Grice, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. H. Fisher, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. J. J. Meakin, and forthwith inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremonial. Bro. Grice was subsequently proclaimed W.M. to the brethren on their re-admission to the lodge, and duly saluted by all present. The following brethren were then invested officers for the ensuing year, and addressed by Bro. J. Hancock, P.M.: Bros. P. B. Welch, S.W.; T. M. Johnson, J.W.; J. Johnson, P.M., Treas.; Jas. H. Lamb, Sec.; J. W. Millward, S.D.; P. D. Ohlmiss, J.D.; J. Hancock, P.M., D.C.; C. E. J. F. Garbutt, I.G.; J. W. Hampson, Org.; John H. Johnson, Arthur Collins, Jacob Taylor, and Wm. Hawkins, Stewards; and Wm. Riddell, P.M., Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were impressively given by Bro. E. Hilton, P.M., as was that to the brethren by Bro. J. J. Meakin, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.

The installation ceremony being finished, and there being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors and the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John. A very excellent banquet was served by the host, Bro. William Ollier, P.M., and assistants.

When the banquet was over, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured.

Bro. J. J. Meakin, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in glowing terms.

Bro. Grice's health was drunk with great heartiness by all, after which Bro. Wm. Dumville sang "Here's to his health in a song," and Bro. Grice replied in appropriate language.

The toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. J. J. Meakin," was most wisely entrusted to Bro. F. H. Leresche, J.P., P.P.G. Reg., who did full justice to it. He spoke of the double pleasure it gave him to propose the toast from the fact that he was not a member of the lodge, and from his long and pleasurable acquaintance with Bro. Meakin. Bro. Leresche referred to the great interest Bro. Meakin had taken in the St. Thomas Lodge since his connection with it, and how he had performed his various duties creditably to himself and satisfactorily to the members. If any proof was wanted of this he (Bro. Leresche) need only refer to the double honour conferred upon the I.P.M. by the brethren electing him their W.M. a second time, and to his appointment by the R.W.P.G.M. as P.S.G.D. three years ago. Whether as a neighbour, in business, in Provincial or Craft lodges, it was a pleasure to meet and converse with him, for a better fellow never lived. Bro. Leresche concluded by remarking that to further prove their appreciation of Bro. Meakin's services the brethren had resolved to present him with a portrait, and Bro. John Hall, P.M., would on their behalf make the presentation.

Bro. John Hall thereupon rose, and in a few well-chosen sentences presented Bro. Meakin with a large size coloured photograph of himself in full dress (Prov. Grand Deacon's costume.) The photograph is a faithful likeness of Bro. Meakin, and is well executed. Bro. Hall's concluding remarks were received with rapturous applause, and the I.P.M.'s health was heartily drunk.

Bro. Meakin acknowledged the gift, and Bros. Leresche and Hall's kind remarks, in grateful terms.

Other toasts, including "The Visiting Brethren," "The Officers," "Masonic Charities," and "The P.M.'s," were proposed and responded to, the interval between each being enlivened with some excellent solos and glees by those well known executants Bros. Chas. Turner, Wm. Dumville, and Alfred Lewtas; Bro. W. O. Pettitt, as usual, rendering valuable aid at the piano.

**TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. T. Prust, W.M.; T. H. Morgan, P.M., S.W.; McKellar, S.D.; Crossman, J.D.; P. Waite, I.G.; F. S. Hex, I.P.M., Sec.; Wills, D. of C.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; A. T. Blamey, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; John Lane, P.G. Stwd. Eng.; T. Brooks, Org.; John Taylor, W. H. Snell, Hersey, Scott, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Hughan, P.G.D. Eng.; B. Knight, P.M.; and Wills, J.W. Bro. Scott was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being ably worked by Bro. Lane in his usual efficient manner. Bros. W. Winget, G. West, and James D. Beer were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. A ballot was taken for Mr. Thos. Johnson, and being present he was initiated, the two Degrees being most efficiently worked by the W.M. Letters of condolence were directed to be sent to Bros. Brown and Carlyon on account of domestic bereavement. Sundry business being disposed of, the lodge was closed in due form.

**WOOLSTON.—Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).**—The festival of St. John in connection with this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., Bro. E. T. Wise, the retiring S.W., being installed into the chair, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. W. Bowyer, Secretary of the lodge. The installed Masters present comprised Bros. R. W. Lees, W.M. 130; E. Brown, W.M. 359; G. Gould, I.P.M., and J. C. Burbage, P.M. 351; J. Patstone, P.M. 359; H. Lashmore, P.M. 394; M. F. Curtis, P.M. 1461; J. Methven, W. Bowyer, W. H. Chapman, R. Bell, Brown, and D. O. Hobbs. The visitors also included Bros. J. F. Osborne, S.W. 130, and A. J. Clackman, J.W. 359.

The installation, it may be mentioned, as marking the progress being made by the Clausentum Lodge, was pre-

ceded by three passings and two initiations. The following officers were afterwards appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. M. F. Curtis, I.P.M.; W. J. Miller, S.W.; W. H. Mitchell, J.W.; the Rev. G. Hughes, Chap.; J. Methven, Treas.; W. Bowyer, Sec.; H. C. Sims, S.D.; E. A. Edwards, J.D.; W. H. Chapman, D.C.; W. Fowler, Org.; J. Martin, I.G.; T. O. Spencer and R. H. Weekes, Stwds.; and Henley, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the retiring Master, with congratulations on the success which had attended his year of office, and a similar compliment was awarded to the Installing Master. A vote of sympathy was passed with Bro. H. C. Sims (who sent an apology for non-attendance) in his recent severe affliction. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors towards the newly-installed W.M., under whose presidency about forty brethren afterwards sat down to banquet.

The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Burrage-road. Bro. Robert Gooding, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers, brethren, and visitors: Bros. Capt. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G. Sd. Br. Kent; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Sd. Br. Kent; G. Kennedy, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Kent; W. Maule, P.M.; T. Ovenden, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); A. Murdock, J.W.; A. Ware, Sec.; W. Seager, S.D.; T. Cowper, J.D.; Col. Vansittart; A. Heath, acting S.W.; R. Port, G. Hayward, W. Murphy, T. Allen, A. Clark, A. Harrison, J. H. Gee, G. Ingle, E. Hathaway, I. Mills, T. Spackman, G. Osborne, and J. Scott, all of the lodge; J. Horne, 13; H. Smith, 700; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Sergeant Jos. Potter, and, being successful, he was initiated. Bro. Morrison was then passed, and Bro. Ingle raised—a good night's work, and admirably done by the W.M. and his officers.

A handsome little supper having been thoroughly enjoyed, Bro. Maule, I.P.M., presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

In responding for "The Provincial Grand Officers of the Province of Kent," Bro. Kennedy referred with pride to the honour conferred upon Bro. Weston by the Prov. G. Master, Earl Amherst, he being one of the brethren selected for Jubilee honours, that of S.G.D. being the honour about to be conferred on him. It was an honour not only to Bro. Weston, but to the lodge; for himself, he was only a Steward, but trusted next year to receive something more substantial. He paid a high tribute of praise to Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., who, he said, had the cause of Masonry at heart, and wished him and the rest of the Grand Officers many years of health and happiness.

Bro. Maule then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master" in eulogistic terms, speaking of him as not only a good Mason, but a genial friend, and in every way worthy of their respect.

In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Maule spoke of the lodge as one of the first, if not the first, in the Province of Kent. The high compliment paid to their oldest Past Master, Bro. Captain Weston, showed unmistakably the good feeling that the Prov. G.M., Earl Amherst, had towards it, and not only to Bro. Weston, but to the large majority of their Past Masters. They were blessed with good Past Masters; Bro. Weston constantly attended, and often at great inconvenience to himself; no matter what he had to do, if within the length of his cable tow, he always came and lent them his valuable advice and assistance. Bro. Capt. Spinks was also always with them, and so was Bros. Kennedy and Moulds. He asked them to drink the toast with bumpers.

Bro. Weston, in responding, said he should not say much that night about the honour about to be conferred upon him, preferring to wait until he had received it, which would be shortly. However, it was an honour to the lodge, and showed, as Bro. Maule had just said, what Earl Amherst thought of it, for considering the number of their Past Masters, they had more Provincial honours than any lodge in the district, and he felt sure that in conferring those honours his lordship desired to express his approbation not so much to the recipients as to the lodge itself.

Bros. Spinks, Kennedy, Maule, Ovenden, and Jolly having responded, "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some excellent singing and reciting.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst. at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, the W.M., Bro. W. B. Dyson, presiding, supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; the Wardens, officers, and many brethren.

There being no work in hand, Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave an address on Freemasonry, in which he endeavoured to indicate a course of reading and study for the adoption of those who desired to enlist themselves among the number of brethren who found in Masonry a source of intellectual pleasure. He urged that those who declared Freemasonry to be merely a Charitable Society, not only degraded it to the level of Odd Fellowship or Forestry, but thereby laid its members open to the charge of being guilty of the greatest extravagance and folly. On the other hand, those who regarded the Brotherhood as an agreeable excuse for indulging in periodical festivities reduced Freemasonry to the status of a very fourth rate kind of club. In either view he saw nothing to recommend Freemasonry to a man of culture. If it was desired to secure the approval and support of brethren of mental attainments and social culture, it was necessary to prove that there was something more in it than the maintenance of Charitable Institutions, the perpetual repetition of ritual, the principles of which were taught in every church and school in the civilised world, and the pleasantries connected with the Fourth Degree. Freemasonry had a literature, and possessed intellectual enjoyments for those who cared to avail themselves of them. The Eboracum Lodge had the nucleus of a very good Masonic library, and he wished to see the members taking advantage of their opportunities in this respect. By doing so they would not only elevate the status of the lodge, but would find in Freemasonry itself a pleasure and a permanent delight, to which hitherto the great bulk of the

Order were unfortunately total strangers. Bro. Whytehead then presented some volumes of Masonic works to the lodge collection, and the W.M., on behalf of Bro. H. Scott, presented half-a-dozen cut glass water bottles.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards supped together in the banqueting room.

## INSTRUCTION.

**JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Prior, W.M.; Leng, S.W.; Dandridge, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Penrose, S.D.; Jenkins, J.D.; H. Miller, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; J. J. Pitt, P.M.; W. E. Dille, Wright, Hick, and Vatsky.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wright personating the candidate. The lodge was then called off, and, on resuming, the chair was vacated by Bro. Prior and taken by Bro. W. E. Dille, W.M. of the mother lodge. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the usual questions having been duly answered by Bro. Hick, lodge was advanced to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and, all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Balham Hotel, Balham, Bro. Albert Leonard, W.M. of the mother lodge, in the chair. A very handsome testimonial, consisting of a full set of fruit knives, was presented by the brethren to Bro. W. S. Dunkley, P.G.P. Midx., P.M. 1777, in recognition of his services as Hon. Sec. during a period of nearly five years. The W.M., in making the presentation, accompanied it with some very kind remarks, which were fully echoed by the brethren. Bro. Dunkley, in returning thanks, expressed the great pleasure he had experienced for so many years since he had been a member of this lodge of instruction, both before and since he had been their Secretary, and trusted that he might have the honour, which to him was a pleasure, of retaining the office for many years to come.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. C. Coleman, W.M.; J. Round, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; S. J. Humfress, W.M. 733, S.D.; R. T. Redfern, J.D.; H. Moss (visitor), I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; and C. J. Biorn.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Baker, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baker candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Biorn, having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Biorn candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Moss was elected a joining member. Bro. Round was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. A. Hardy, W.M. 201, W.M.; J. Potter, S.W.; C. S. Mote, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511 and 1767, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. R. Allman, S.D. 1425, S.D.; W. J. Mason, J.D.; D. Moss, I.G.; W. Death, Stwd.; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; Dr. Ingleby Mackenzie, P.M. 372, 30° (S.C.), P.P.G. Treas. Devon; C. T. Thomson, W.M. 1697; O. L. Patrielle, P.M. 1260; S. Smout, P.M. 1642; J. Smith, and A. H. Huntley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Death being candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and the 3rd Section of the Second Lecture was worked. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Potter was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. A communication was read from Bro. H. C. Borrodale, Sec. 1343. A vote of congratulation, to be entered on the minutes, was unanimously passed by the brethren to Bro. Smith and his wife on the occasion of the birth of a daughter. The brethren expressed the pleasure it gave them to hear that Bro. Asher Barfield (who was one of the first members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction) had been proposed for the distinguished office of Grand Treasurer of England, and said they would do all they could to ensure his election. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. Napper, W.M.; Kilsby, S.W.; Loomes, J.W.; Petch, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; Clarke, S.D.; Harding, J.D.; Cobb, I.G.; and Duncan.

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. Duncan candidate. Bro. Duncan answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Clarke. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Duncan candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Kilsby was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Napper for his working of the First Degree for the first time. The lodge was then 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 8th inst., when there were present Bros. V. Proudfoot, W.M.; E. Nice, S.W.; W. Hancock, J.W.; A. Clark, S.D.; H. G. Marsden, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Carlisle, E. C. Mulvey, James Hemming, F. W. Kerswell, James Martin, T. A. Dickson, Carlo Grassi, G. H. Reynolds, R. Kirk, W. Brindley, W. Culverhouse, Thomas C. Seary, and Vernon Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Carlisle answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. Bro. E. C. Mulvey having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. James Hemming worked the 5th Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. E. Nice be W.M. on the 22nd inst. (the Fifteen Sections being worked on the 15th, when Bro. W. Brindley will take the chair, and appoint his officers)—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. Proudfoot for the excellent and clear manner in which he had rendered the ceremony of initiation for the first time, and also for the very creditable manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair. Bro. W. Brindley, in seconding the proposition, said great credit was due to Bro. W. Proudfoot, especially taking into consideration that he was a young Mason. Carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Second Charitable Association was then held, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas A. Dickson, W.M. 1614,

when there were present Bros. G. Reynolds, Treas.; F. M. Noakes, Sec.; and others. The draft of the by-laws was read and discussed. With few alterations, they were adopted, and Bro. F. M. Noakes, Sec., promised to have the books, and be ready for receiving subscriptions, on the first Thursday evening in January next, viz., the 6th.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. H. Neville, W.M.; Keene, S.W.; Hubbard, J.W.; Swan, S.D.; Winton, J.D.; Wildes, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Cochrane, R. H. Williams, W. B. Neville, Woods, Doggett, and P. J. Davies.

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. Doggett being candidate. Bro. Woods having answered the questions, was entrusted. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Keene, the ceremony of investing the officers was rehearsed, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Doggett, 879, was elected a joining member. Bro. Keene was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. M. Speigel, P.M., W.M.; A. Hardy, S.W.; Gilbert, J.W.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Child, P.M., S.D.; Alais, P.M., J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; J. Davies, Preceptor; Josey, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Hagan, D. Stroud, and Stonnill. Visitors: Bros. G. Augspurg, J. Arnott, and H. J. Martineau.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Josey, P.M., candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sections were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Martineau, Arnott, and Augspurg were elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Hardy was elected W.M. for next meeting, the W.M. rose for the third and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed on the 4th Thursday in January next.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 12th inst. Present: Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; Conway, S.W.; Perry, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; H. Harris, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); J. Davies, S.D.; J. Sims, P.M., J.D.; Oliver, I.G.; A. Miller, and other brethren.

The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees, and Bro. Oliver being a candidate for raising, the usual questions were put, which he answered in a proper manner, and was therefore entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, inclusive of the traditional history, Bro. Oliver being candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked, and the lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. P. P. Perry was elected a joining member, and Bro. Conway was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. J. Brown, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; R. H. Wimpey, J.W.; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; J. H. Wood, S.D.; C. Hopkins, J.D.; J. Davies, I.G.; M. Speigel, P.M. 158; J. Sims, P.M. 834; and D. Stroud.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Sims offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony, Bro. Sims being candidate. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. A. Williams offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. A. Williams being candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and, on the second rising, Bro. D. S. Long was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in this lodge on the 7th January next by Bro. Ayling, Preceptor, assisted by the officers of the mother lodge.

**ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).**—A meeting was held on Friday, 9th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Mann, W.M.; Blaues, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Coleman, S.D.; Glover, J.D.; Morgan, I.G.; Green, jun., P.M.; Hambling, Roberts, and F. Purnell.

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. Hambling being the candidate. Bro. Roberts, 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. Roberts being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down. Bro. Morgan, 2030, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. Blaues was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was also unanimously voted, to be recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time; this compliment was well earned, the ceremonies of initiation and passing being rendered in capital style. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**DARTFORD.**—Emulation Lodge (No. 299).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. P. Jones, P.M. 1837, W.M.; F. Snowden, S.W.; E. T. Lancaster, J.W.; W. J. Light, P.M. 299, Preceptor; Charles Hine, Sec. and S.D.; J. Rickett, J.D.; W. Greig, W.M. 299, P.P.G.P. I.G.; Carter, Tyler; Thomas Wills, P.M. 299, P.P.G.S. Wks.; H. H. McNaul, P.M. 299; and F. Barton.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing being about to be rehearsed, Bro. Light acted as candidate; the questions were put and answered, and the candidate was entrusted and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, when the ceremony of passing was gone through. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when Bro. Light, P.M. 299, Preceptor, proposed, and Bro. W. Greig seconded, that this lodge of instruction close down until the second Tuesday in January—carried. It was also proposed that the S.W. occupy the chair at that meeting—carried. Bro. Snowden returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after wishing the brethren "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," the lodge was closed.

**TORQUAY.**—JORDAN LODGE (No. 1402).—A meeting was held on the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. T. Prust, W.M.; Wils, S.W.; McKellar, J.W.; Hecsey, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; J. Dodge, Preceptor; Waite, Bubb, Hex, and others.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The opening up and closing in the Three Degrees were worked by the officers; after which Bro. Taylor took the chair as W.M.—Bros. Bubb, S.W.; and Waite, J.W.—and repeated the opening and closing, explanation on various points being given by Bro. J. Dodge.

Our worthy neighbour, Mr. E. Surrey, has issued his usual pocket calendar and price list for 1888. The former will be found extremely useful, while the cigars, tobaccos, and other commodities mentioned in the list will be found of excellent quality.



## Royal Arch.

**FITZROY CHAPTER (No. 569).**—On Friday, the 9th inst., a convocation of this chapter, which is exclusively composed of members of the Honourable Artillery Company, was held at the Armoury House, Finsbury, the head-quarters of the regiment, under the genial presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. Capt. Woolmer Williams. Several members of the chapter and visitors were present.

After the transaction of the business of the chapter, the companions dined together, and under such pleasant and agreeable auspices an exceptionally happy evening was spent.

**HIGHBRIDGE.**—Vale of Jehosaphat Chapter (No. 291).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 25th ult., the ceremony of installation of principals being performed by Comp. R. C. Else, P.Z. 291, P.G.H. Somerset, P.G. Std. Br. England. The following officers were appointed: Comps. Rice, Z.; E. F. Wade, H.; A. Duckett, J.; J. Burnett, P.Z., Treas.; T. F. Norris, S.E.; B. C. Board, S.N.; Thomas, P.S.; Peskett, 1st Asst. S.; Railton, 2nd Asst. S.; and Woodward, Janitor.

**WIGTON.**—St. John's Chapter (No. 327).—A convocation of this old chapter was held at the Lion and Lamb Hotel, on Thursday, the 8th inst. There were present Comps. W. H. Hoodless, M.E.Z.; J. Harris, H.; John Gate, P.Z., as J.; H. Bewes, P.Z., as Prin. Soj.; F. Richardson, S.E.; J. Nicholson, P.Z., P.P.G.J., as S.N.; J. N. Kirkland, 1st A.S.; J. Lazomby, P.Z., 2nd A.S.; and others.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. William Smith Ponton, 327, was ably exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A.M. by Comps. Walters, P.Z.; Banks, P.Z., and Gardiner, P.Z. 371. Comp. Bewes, P.Z., in proposing a vote of thanks to these companions, said he was glad to say that they were always pleased to welcome companions from other chapters, and they were fortunate that night both in quantity and quality. He was pleased to see them, and he hoped they would come again, for it was by such visits that brotherly love was maintained. After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

**DOUGLAS (Isle of Man).**—Athole Chapter (No. 1004).—The annual installation meeting in connection with this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 1st inst. There was a good muster of the members of the chapter, and the meeting was throughout one of the most enjoyable and successful that has been held for several years. The post of the Installing Master was undertaken by Comp. J. A. Brown, P.Z., Prov. S.G.W. Isle of Man, who, although he has on many previous occasions shown his skill and ability in Masonic working, appeared to excel himself on this occasion, and elicited warm approbation. Comps. G. C. Heron, P.Z., D. Prov. Grand Master Isle of Man, and P.G.S.B. England; H. Brearley, P.Z., Prov. S.G.D. Isle of Man; W. L. Wild, P.Z., Prov. G.S. of W. Isle of Man; and S. Webb, P.Z., assisted at the ceremony, at the conclusion of which the officers for the year were invested.

The annual statement of the Treasurer showed that the chapter was in a most gratifying financial position, and cordial votes of thanks were recorded to Comps. J. E. Hunt, the retiring Scribe E., and P. M. Kermode, his predecessor, for their exertions in securing such a gratifying result. At the conclusion of the business it was unanimously resolved that a Past Principal's jewel should be presented the retiring First Principal, Comp. H. Brearley, and to Comp. Wild, P.Z., for the services they had rendered to the chapter.

The members subsequently dined together at the Granville Hotel, where a most recherché repast had been prepared. After dinner the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant and enjoyable evening concluded the interesting gathering.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when Comp. T. B. Whytehead, P.Z., presided, in the absence of the M.E.Z. (Comp. M. Millington), through illness. There were also present Comps. J. Blenkins, H.; W. Brown, J.; W. Sharp, as S.E.; W. Storry, as S.N.; G. Chapman, P.S.; R. Ware, P. Pearson, and several others.

Bros. Halliwell, Spetch, and Jas. Smith were exalted by the acting M.E.Z., who gave the mystical lecture, the historical lecture being delivered by the J. The election of officers took place as follows: Comps. J. Blenkins, Z.; W. Brown, H.; Sir F. Milner, Bart., J.; Jas. Kay, S.E.; W. B. Dyson, S.N.; Geo. Chapman, P.S.; S. J. Dalton and Wm. Lackenby, Asst. Sojs.; and C. G. Padel, P.Z., Treasurer.

After the close of the chapter the companions assembled in the supper-room and spent a pleasant evening.

**NORTH-WEST LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE.**—Extract from *Kentish Town Magazine*, for A 11, 1886.—"The above-named Institute, under the special patronage of the Clergy, Medical Men, Gentlemen and Ladies of the N. and N.W. districts, affords in its daily and extensive practice, wondrous exemplification of the great progress that has been made in the science of dentistry during quite modern days, and also proves indisputably the great boon which the above-named Institute confers daily upon numerous sufferers. Defective teeth and gums are well known to be the foundation of the most painful complaints that afflict mankind, and that the several ailments of the mouth need the skilled attention of eminent scientists, if they are to be cured, or even alleviated, and in order that such skilled attention might be within the reach of all grades, the NORTH-WEST LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE was established. Situated at 80, Fortress-road, Junction-road, Kentish Town, under the superintendence of Mr. A. W. FURBER, L.D.S., Royal College of Surgeons of England, assisted by a staff of skilled and qualified gentlemen, this Institute supplies artificial teeth; latest scientific improvements; extracts teeth, and performs all other necessary operations painlessly, and bestows benefits that cannot be over-estimated upon this portion of our largely-populated suburbs that would not seek the aid of Hospitals and Charities in the Metropolis. We may add that Mr. A. W. FURBER, L.D.S., R.C.S.E., has had 20 years' experience in hospitals and private practice, is of a very kindly disposition, and eminently fitted for the position that he holds, where he has earned the golden opinions of all who have consulted him. Mr. FURBER is also a well-known benefactor, having devoted ten years of his early practice to serve the poor, during which period his well-tutored and able hand relieved [free of cost] no less a number than 20,000 suffering patients."—Fees at this Institute are moderate, and free to "the Unemployed."

## Mark Masonry.

**GRAND STEWARDS' LODGE.**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Monday, the 5th inst., the lodge being opened by Bro. Dr. W. E. Stewart, W.M., in the presence of Bros. G. Powell, S.W.; W. March, S.O.; F. W. Driver, J.O.; J. Tomkins, R. of M.; C. F. Hogard, G. Std. Br., Sec.; D. P. Cama, S.D.; H. Stone, J.D.; C. E. Soppet, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, J. Ramsey, J. Boulton, and F. Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec. Visitors: Bros. Hodgkinson, 224, and Biggs, 349.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted, the following brethren—Grand Stewards—were unanimously elected, and took their seats accordingly, viz.: Bros. John Dexter Birkin, H. Von Joel, and John Cates Collin. The dispensation allowing Bro. G. Powell to be installed, he being at the same time W.M. of the St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, having been read, Bro. F. Binckes then took the chair, and in his usually most efficient manner installed Bro. G. Powell as W.M., who then appointed and invested the officers as follows, viz.: Bros. J. Eustace Anderson, S.W.; W. March, J.W.; F. W. Driver, M.O.; J. Tomkins, J.O.; D. P. Cama, R. of M.; W. C. Gilles, Treas.; C. F. Hogard, Sec.; W. B. Williamson, S.D.; W. E. Williams, J.D.; H. Stone, D.C.; H. E. Burt, I.G.; J. Ramsey and B. T. Fountaine, Stewards; and E. Mills, Tyler. The W.M. then presented Bro. Dr. W. E. Stewart with the P.M.'s jewel of the lodge (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) in recognition of his great services both as a founder and W.M. during the past year and Bro. Stewart returned thanks for the gift. It was unanimously resolved in accordance with notice of motion, that the future meetings of the lodge be held on the Monday before the first Wednesday in July and December. The resignation of Bro. T. W. Murley was received with much regret. Bro. W. Lake, G. Steward, having been nominated as a joining member, and numerous apologies read for unavoidable absence, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Holbourn Restaurant and partook of a most recherché banquet. In the course of the evening Bro. Binckes said that he should not be guilty of any breach of confidence in announcing that the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to appoint several members of the Grand Stewards' Lodge to Past rank, in celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee, viz.:—Bros. W. E. Stewart, as P.S.G.O.; C. E. Soppet, P.J.G.O.; D. P. Cama, P.S.G.D.; H. Stone, P.G.S.B.; and J. Boulton, P.G.S.B.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of this Institution held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., Treasurer and Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were present C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; John Bulmer, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Julius Quitmann, H. Maudslay, Geo. Mickle, M.A., M.B.; E. West, J. Newton, W. T. Daniell, C. H. Webb, S. Brooks, Chas. Daniel, John Roberts, R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D. of C.; W. H. Murlis, J. A. Farnfield, A. H. Tattershall, J. J. Berry, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Alex. Forsyth, M.D.; G. P. Festa, C. J. Perceval, Chas. Lacey, C. H. Driver, A. Durrant, T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; W. Hilton, Hugh Cotter, W. H. Perryman, G.P.; W. Belchamber, R. Berridge, P.G. Std. Br.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of one male and one female annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month was read.

The Committee then took into their consideration 19 petitions from 12 male and 7 widow candidates, with the result that the names of all the brethren and widows were ordered to be placed on the lists for the election in May, 1888, thus raising the total number of candidates, so far, to 110.

The Committee adjourned after a vote of thanks to the Chairman had been passed for his services in presiding.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS.

*Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode*, of Great New-street, E.C., have well sustained their reputation in the matter of Christmas Cards for the present season. They—that is to say, the cards, not the firm—are of all kinds and sizes, but the same standard of excellence is maintained throughout, and it is almost needless to say that the same taste in design and the same perfection of finish in execution are as noticeable as in past years. Certain landscapes, representing quiet country scenery, and described as specimens of the "Gem" series, are among the most notable. Sundry sets of humorous illustrations, entitled "Cause and Effect," "Inquisitive Pigs," and "Christmas Hatchings," are capital, and will no doubt find the favour they so richly merit. Among ordinary Christmas Cards are many good figure and landscape subjects, with seasonable good wishes in all cases, some being quaintly shaped in imitation of shells, others as crosses, but in the majority of cases the designs are floral. In addition are certain Calendars, for use as well as for purposes of decoration; but the gem of the series is a New Year's Card, in white velvet, edged with pale blue silk fringe, than which it is difficult to imagine anything more elegant for presentation to a lady. *Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode* are to be congratulated on the success with which they have upheld their reputation this season in the matter of Christmas Cards.

Mr. Harding, of 42, Piccadilly, has been equally successful, as in past seasons, with his Christmas and New Year's Presentation Cards and Art Souvenirs. These have a two-fold attraction, as being, in the first place, specially designed by a staff of well-known artists, and in the next, because, with but few exceptions, they represent incidents in those Sports and Pastimes in which all classes of Englishmen, and for the matter of that, Englishwomen likewise, take infinite delight. Of the 19 sets which have been specially designed for the current season, the first four are by Mr. Alfred Roberson, whose reputation as a delineator of hunting, shooting, coaching, and like incident is well and widely known. This year he has given us two sets of Fox Hunting scenes—one comic,

one of Fox Hounds, and one of Shooting, and in all are noticeable the usual characteristics of this artist, namely, his readiness of design and his perfect knowledge of the various animals he introduces, be they horses, dogs, or men. Mr. Leslie Radclyffe's set of "Humorous Sporting" are to be commended, and so are Mr. R. H. Moore's sets of "Prize Cats," "Kennels and Foxhounds" and "Cautious Puppies;" Joachim Susini's Yachting Scenes, and Trout, Salmon, and other studies in chalk; Mr. Harry Bright's "English Birds;" Mr. James Temple's Fishing Scenes, and the Flower sets by Miss Florence Hewitt, with Ernest Grisett's Shooting, Horse Racing, Sportive, and Fishing conceits, which are very quaint, complete the series, and in each case the artist has shown himself as deft as ever with his pencil or crayon. In fact, Mr. Harding, who confines his attention almost wholly to the production of Christmas and New Year Cards of one class—namely, those which appeal to our love of sport and pastime—has gathered about him a band of artists, who, in their several spheres, are perfect masters of the art they follow; while in the matter of reproduction there is nothing to be desired. We have much pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to these cards.

## Obituary.

### BRO. S. P. BIDDER.

We feel extremely sorry to announce the sudden death of this well-known and popular brother, which occurred on Monday evening, the 5th inst., at his residence, Elizabeth-street, Cheetham, and was interred at St. Luke's Church, Cheetham, on Friday, the 9th inst. Bro. Bidder was born at Moretonhampstead, Devonshire, June 6th, 1829, and was the son of the Rev. William Bidder. Mr. George Parker Bidder, the famous calculating boy, who in after years became president of the Institute of Civil Engineers of Great Britain, was his uncle. Bro. Bidder was for some time a member of the Chorlton Board of Guardians, and in 1867 he contested Ardwick Ward as a candidate for the City Council, unsuccessfully. He was a Conservative, and one of the first members of the Constitutional Association formed in Manchester 21 years ago. From that time up to his death he was prominently connected with the Conservative party in the Ardwick and Cheetham Wards. The funeral ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Chippendall, of St. Luke's, Cheetham. Alderman Hugo Shaw attended on behalf of the Manchester Corporation; Councillor Johnson and Mr. John Graves (Town Clerk) representing the Salford Corporation. Bro. Bidder was one of the founders of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 993, Levenshulme, and first I.P.M.; also founder of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161, and first W.M.; P.M. of the Caledonian, No. 204, Manchester; and St. John's, No. 104, Stockport. The following representatives from the various lodges to which our deceased brother belonged were present: De Grey and Ripon, No. 1161—Bros. Julius Arensburg, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. M. Moss, W.M.; Buckley Carr, S.W.; Eehlinger, J.W.; C. Gleave, S.D.; J. S. Lewis, J.D.; J. R. Ashworth, Sec.; J. Burgess, P.M.; A. H. Jefferes, P.M., P.A.G.D. of C.; and others. Alexandra Lodge, No. 993—Bros. John Stovold, W.M.; Geo. Bowes, J.W.; John Hind, P.M.; G. A. Yates, P.M.; Richard Timperley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Wright, P.M.; T. P. Nelson, P.M.; R. Goddard, Treas.; and others. There were also present Bros. J. Line, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Frank R. Hollins, J. Johnson, P.M. 992; George Board, P.M. 1798; S. Titmas, P.M. 317; Geo. Jackson, P.M. 1077; Elias Nathan, P.M. 1798; Thomas Iyers, 581; J. Faulkner, P.M. 992; W. Nichol, P.M. 317, P.G. Treas.; and a large number of other brethren. Deputations from the Conservative Club, Mount Murray Hotel Company, Life Association of Scotland, and other Insurance Companies, as well as a number of ladies, were present. A number of carriages followed the cortège. In all some 150 people were at the grave side.

**THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK.**—(London: Geo. Kenning.)—If there exist any Freemasons who are unacquainted with the compact and neat little pocket-book which Bro. Kenning compiles for the benefit of the Craft every year, we are rendering them a service in directing their attention to it. It is a perfect "Inquire Within" upon everything connected with Freemasonry in all its departments and in all parts of the world. It comprises a diary of all Masonic meetings in the metropolitan district throughout the year 1888. Following this is a list of the members of the United Grand Lodge and of all the supreme authorities meeting in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin; the names of the principal Provincial and District Officers, and a complete list of all Masonic bodies, their places and times of meeting throughout the United Kingdom, so that in whatever town a Mason may be he can readily discover whatever is going on. In addition, it gives full particulars regarding every Grand Masonic body throughout the world, those of English speaking countries, of France, and of Germany being treated in greater detail than the rest. Besides its usefulness, it thus becomes also a remarkable evidence of the universality and widespread influence of the Order. From this point of view it may be mentioned that the number of lodges owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England alone is 2235, while another striking fact is that there are 67,432 Knights Templar in the United States. In conclusion, we may say we have tested the "Cosmopolitan" in a number of places, and found its accuracy each time to be unfailing.—*Bristol Mercury*.

**PLUM PUDDING.**—Ingredients: One and a half pounds of chopped beef suet, half a pound of freshly-made white bread crumbs, three-quarters of a pound of dried cherries, six ounces of fine flour, one pound of stoned raisins chopped, one pound of picked sultanas, one pound of currants washed and dried, half a pound of Valencia almonds chopped, one pound of moist sugar, one pound of mixed peel chopped, one and a-half pounds of chopped apples, quarter of a pound of corn flour, ten eggs, the juice and chopped peel of four lemons, one grated nutmeg, two ounces of baking powder, one wine-glass of brandy, wine-glass of "Liquid Sunshine Rum," quarter of a pint of milk, saltspoonful of salt.—(Copyright.)

The Queen has very kindly sent a cheque for £10 to William Griffith, a poor miner, who was severely injured by the explosion of a cannon during the Jubilee celebrations at Tremadoc, the gift being accompanied by her Majesty's kind wishes for the poor fellow's restoration to health.





A new Mark lodge is shortly to be consecrated at Henfield, Sussex. It is to be named the Adur Lodge, No. 386, and Bro. Eberall will be the first Master.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., and Lady Borthwick, have taken the villa Edelweiss, at Cannes, the property of the late Mr. Augustus Savile, and will reside there till the meeting of Parliament.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were present at the Haymarket Theatre on Saturday evening last, and witnessed the performance of "The Red Lamp" and "The Ballad Monger."

Bro. Lord Wolseley presided at the opening, on Monday evening, of the new gymnasium hall and social rooms of the Finsbury Polytechnic, and delivered a highly interesting address on the subject of physical training.

Bro. the Hon. Sir E. Monson, now her Majesty's Minister at Copenhagen, will shortly succeed Sir Horace Rumbold as Minister at Athens, Sir Horace being about to succeed Bro. the Hon. Sir W. Stuart, who is retiring, as Minister to the King of the Netherlands.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales, S.G.W., will to-day (Friday) become the guest of Mr. G. Lane-Fox at Brainham, when a ball will be given in honour of his Royal Highness, while to-morrow there will be a special meet of the hounds.

The December Sessions of the Central Criminal Court were opened at the Old Bailey on Monday, in the presence of Bro. Lord Mayor DeKeyser, Bro. Sheriff Davis, Bro. Sheriff Higgs, and Bros. Under-Sheriffs Rose-Innes, and T. Beard, and others.

Bros. the Earl of Haddington, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Elcho, M.P., and Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., were among the principal guests at the dinner given by the Haddington New Club, on the 8th instant, to the Right Hon. the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., presided at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, at the Hotel Métropole, on Tuesday evening, when Mr. Walter Hazell read a paper on "Practical Means of Extending Emigration."

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., entertained at dinner at his residence in Grosvenor-place, on Saturday evening last, Bro. the Earl of Onslow, several members of the Diplomatic Corps, and the delegates assembled in London to arrange the Sugar Bounties question.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser presided in the Guildhall on Saturday evening last, at the distribution of prizes by the Lady Mayoress to the members of the 3rd City of London Rifles. The same evening there was a reception at the Dutch Club, Regent-street, in honour of Bro. the Lord Mayor of London, the Belgian Minister, and the leading members of the Belgian Colony in London.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by the ladies and gentlemen of their household, received first the Maharance and the his Highness the Gaekwar of Baroda, at Marlborough House on Monday. Subsequently the Prince returned the latter's visit, and in the evening visited the Royalty Theatre, while the Princess of Wales went on a visit to the Queen at Windsor.

The Jubilee Memorial Tablet, erected by the Chine Lodge, No. 1884, Shanklin, and placed in its Hall to commemorate both the Queen's Jubilee and the generosity of those brethren and others who succeeded in reducing the indebtedness on the Building Fund of the lodge to the extent of £200, will be unveiled at a regular meeting, which will be held on Thursday, the 29th instant. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. Dr. G. H. R. Dabbs, who was the first W. Master of the lodge, and the usual banquet will follow the lodge meeting.

A Smoking Concert was given by the Excelsior City Musical Society, of which our talented Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, Past G. Mark Organist, is the musical director, was given at Winchester House (Messrs. Spiers and Pond), Old Broad-street, on Friday, the 9th instant. Bro. T. L. Bristowe, M.P., presided, and expressed himself as delighted with the quality of the entertainment, while the numerous audience present on the occasion gave evidence of their appreciation of the programme by their frequent and hearty applause and the numerous instances in which an encore was demanded. Among the principal contributors to the evening's enjoyment were Bro. F. H. Cozens who opened Part I with a Tarantella by Agate, for piano-forte, which he played admirably; Bro. A. Hubbard's songs "For Love and Spain," and "The King and the Company"; "The Mountebank's Song," and "The Quaker," by Mr. James Bubb, which were both encored; "Come Live with me," by Bro. R. W. Heney, who was also encored; and an exceedingly funny sketch entitled "Mrs. B.'s Alarm," which was recited by the Rev. H. C. Shuttleworth in such a manner as to provoke roars of laughter. We may add that the entertainments given by the City Excelsior are always first-class in character, and on that account are always numerously attended, and that among the numerous array of Patrons are Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., T. Lynn Bristowe, M.P., R. G. Webster, M.P.; Alderman J. C. Saunders, P.G.D.; A. Allworth, M.D.; G. Bamber, J. Bamber, J. C. Bell, G. H. Edmonds, Augustus Harris, N. B. Headon, C. S. Jekyll, Jas. Perkins, J. Proctor, R. Senecal, J. E. Walford, James Willing, jun., A. Cotton, Hon. Treas.; and R. W. Heney, Hon. Secretary.

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 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 ("Sportsman'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.

Mrs. De Keyser, the Lady Mayoress, will give a juvenile fancy dress ball at the Mansion House on the 17th January next.

Mr. H. Watkin is the new manager of the Avenue Theatre. We are glad to hear that Bro. D'Albertson is to be retained in his old position of acting manager.

It was arranged that Bro. R. M. Moore, M.W. Grand Master of New Jersey, accompanied by his Grand Officers, should visit Trimble Lodge, No. 117, Camden, N.J., on the 9th inst, and instal the officers for the ensuing year.

Bro. Clinton Filch, aged 96 years, was present at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and was invited by vote of G. Lodge to occupy a seat in the east. The aged brother was kindly addressed by the G. Master, and in reply offered a words of thanks to him and to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Oliver Papworth, S.W., P.P.G.D.C., Hon. Secretary of the Cambridge Masonic Charity Association, has been elected W.M. of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, Cambridge, and will be installed on the second Monday in January.

We would remind members of the Craft that Bro. Isaac Berrow, P.M. Oak Lodge, No. 190, is the sole agent for the well-known pianos of Messrs. Pleyel, Wolff, and Co., of Paris, and that he supplies instruments (and engages artistes if required) for Masonic meetings, ceremonies, and banquets.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., has started a movement which will cost some thousands of pounds to remove a tremendous hill on the highway near Ramsbury, Wilts. in order to provide work for unemployed agricultural labourers in that county, in which he hopes to be assisted by others.

CARLTON COLLEGE, TUFNELL PARK, N.—The Rev. Marmaduke Washington, M.A., will distribute the prizes obtained by the pupils of the above college, on Monday next, the 19th inst. We heartily congratulate Mrs. William Harris Saunders on the large increase in the number of pupils since her removal to the above commodious and healthy premises.

On Friday evening, the 9th inst., the first meeting after the recess took place of the John Carpenter Lodge, No. 1997, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Frank Taylor, C.C., W.M., presided. During the business of the lodge, the W.M. announced that it was his intention to represent the latter as a Steward at the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. At the banquet which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In response to that for his health, the W.M. remarked that he trusted during his term of office to have the pleasure of initiating some old boys of the City of London School, the lodge being entirely composed of such.

The Lord Mayor, Bro. Polydore de Keyser, was initiated into Masonry in the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, on 9th May, 1862, and though his occupations prevented his regular attendance or taking office, he has remained a member of the lodge ever since. On one occasion he presented to the lodge a very handsome set of silver working tools (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning). His Masonic zeal induced him to become one of the founders of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, in which he served for two years as Warden. He has also joined the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, and is a Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Schools; as already announced he will serve the Stewardship at the approaching Centenary of the latter Institution.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS.—The well-known meat, poultry, fish, and wine departments of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, close to Ludgate-hill Station, present a very festive appearance at this time of year, with their magnificent display of all the good things of the season. At this Christmas the enterprising firm has extended its operations. Between the meat shop and the fish and poultry shop there are now grocery and provision stores, where, without paying for tickets, the public can shop on better terms than at the co-operative societies, with free delivery of goods, and the convenience, if they choose, of opening deposit accounts. It is obvious that a firm with upwards of three hundred establishments, can buy in the cheapest and best markets, and thus offer exceptional advantages to those who deal with them.

Forty of the Christ's Hospital boys on the Royal foundation of King Charles II. attended at Windsor Castle on Saturday last, for the purpose of exhibiting their charts and drawings to the Queen, and her Majesty was attended by the Dowager Lady Churchill (Lady-in-Waiting), Bro. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), Bro. Lord Henniker (Lord-in-Waiting), and other members of the household, while the boys were accompanied and introduced by Bro. J. Derby Allcott, Treasurer of the school, and sundry of the Masters and Governors. Her Majesty was pleased to express her approbation of the work done by the boys, and selected certain of the drawings, after which luncheon was served to the party in the drawing room.

On Saturday last the Prince of Wales visited the People's Palace at Mile End for the purpose of opening the Apprentices' Exhibition, and delivered an address on the advantages of technical education. A guard of honour of the 24th Middlesex (Post Office) Volunteers received his Royal Highness, and Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs Higgs and Davis were among the distinguished personages present. The Prince was able to announce that the Drapers' Company had offered a gift of £40,000 from their corporate funds, in addition to £20,000 for building the Technical Schools, towards promoting this necessary branch of education, and that the Ironmongers' Company had expressed their willingness to co-operate in the good work by founding an institute of the same character in some other part of London. These announcements were greeted with applause, and a vote of thanks having been passed by acclamation, his Royal Highness quitted the building, and left for Marlborough House amid the heartiest demonstrations of loyalty.

SUFFERERS FROM INDIGESTION should never be without DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS. Take one after dinner and you never need fear an attack—they are a marvellous remedy, and act like a charm. They instantly relieve and rapidly cure Asthma, Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Gout, Rheumatism, and all Nervous Complaints. They taste pleasantly. Sold by all druggists at 1s. 1½d., and 2s. 6d. per box.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, jun., has graduated as Bachelor of Arts, at Trinity College, Dublin.

Bro. James Stevens will give his lecture on the "Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolical Degrees in Freemasonry" for the fiftieth time, in the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585, at the Railway Hotel, Putney, on Monday next, at 8 p.m.

The Casket in which the loyal address of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons to her Majesty the Queen was enclosed, of which her Majesty was graciously pleased to express her approval, was manufactured by the old established firm of Messrs. Gillow, and Co., 406, Oxford-street, W.

Bro. George Kenning was unanimously elected a member of the Masonic Veteran Association of Pennsylvania at the last meeting, on the proposition of Bro. Charles E. Meyer.

Among those present at an influential meeting held at Karachi, on the 3rd November last, for the purpose of considering the reply of the Indian Government to a proposal to open a line of railway communicating with Hyderabad, and so increasing the importance of Karachi, as the port of Upper India and developing it into one of the first magnitude, was Bro. Jehangir H. Kothari, who spoke earnestly and to the point, when seconding one of the resolutions which were submitted with a view to re-opening the proposal, and pointing out how desirable it must be to have such a line of railway, in order to still further develop the trade of Sind.

Bro. Earl Granville was the chief guest at the dinner given by the Eighty Club at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Tuesday evening.

At a meeting of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar, held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Tuesday, Frater W. H. Cowper, E.P., presiding, Frater Wm. Brown was elected to the chair for the ensuing year, and Frater I. B. Whytehead was re-elected Treasurer.

Bro. Dr. W. B. Richardson says he has had a large experience among young clergymen who have broken down under total abstinence. Their friends have urged them to take wine to recruit their strength and they have come to him for advice. "I have had no difficulty in dealing with them," he says, "I ask them to do their work in a common sense way; to do less, to take more sleep, take meals regularly, and obey the laws that lead to strength and vigour of body without stimulation."

Major Smith, who commands the City Specials, is to be congratulated upon having availed himself, to the fullest extent, of the able services of many military and volunteer officers who have enrolled themselves. We noticed among those who have charge of companies Bro. Sir John Monckton, Bro. Capt. Woolmer-Williams and Bro. Col. Sewell. In the Post Office appointments the same discrimination has not been shown.

Bro. Capt. Woolmer-Williams is engaged upon a work which is likely to be of immense interest to all members of the Honourable Artillery Company. He is writing "Incidents in the History" of the ancient regiment for the year 1537 to 1887, and as, during the past 20 years, our respected brother has been an honoured member of the Company, a publication of exceptional importance may safely be anticipated.

We desire to call the attention of our musical brethren to an anthem—"Behold, how good and joyful"—composed by Bro. C. E. Juleff, P.P.G.O. Cornwall. It was first performed, we believe, at the service in Bodmin parish church on the occasion of the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall in September last, and is dedicated to the Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, Lord Mount Edgcumbe. The anthem is already on several Cathedral lists, and competent critics have pronounced it to be a composition of unusual excellence. We congratulate Bro. Juleff, whose reputation as organist and composer will now be greatly enhanced by this production.

Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M., W.M. of the Chine lodge, No. 1884, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, on the nomination of Bro. W. F. Newman, J.P., P.M. and Treas. 75, P. Prov. S.G.W., seconded by Bro. R. Carter, P.M., 75, P. Prov. J.G.W. (ex-Mayor of Falmouth), was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Love and Honour Lodge, No. 75, Falmouth, at a regular meeting held on Monday last in the new Freemasons' Hall. The special compliment thus paid by the mother lodge of the county, was in appreciation of Bro. Greenham's efforts as the originator and manager of the largest Masonic Exhibition ever held in this country.

Sir Knight the Rev. Thomas W. Lemon, M.A., Plymouth, of Loyal Brunswick Encampment, Stonehouse, attended at the City Terminus Hotel, London, on the 9th inst., in his character of Provincial Prior of Devonshire Knight Templars, to do homage to the National Great Priory on his recent appointment. The Rev. Sir Knight, it will be remembered, was installed in his high office on August 4th last at a Provincial Priory holden at East Stonehouse by Colonel Adair, and as the National Great Priory had not since met homage had not heretofore been paid. The meeting was numerously attended, and the Great Priory presented a very animated appearance. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sub-Prior, presided, and was supported by some of the most influential Freemasons of the High Degrees. The new Provincial Prior having been announced as waiting outside the priory to do his homage, he was admitted, accompanied by Sir Knights Keats, his Swd. Br.; Coffin, Banner Br.; W. G. Lemon, Grand Aide-de-camp; and others. He was most cordially welcomed, and received a hearty salute by the members of the Great Priory. Homage was duly rendered. The remaining business was merely formal.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

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