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As this will be our last appearance before Christmas, we take the opportunity of wishing our friends and supporters the usual compliments of this festive season. Not all people exhibit the same reverence as the Christian for this particular festival, but men of all creeds appear to have settled among themselves that the season of the year, if not the day itself, is one which may properly be devoted to the observance of those kindly offices of Charity and goodwill which it is the especial object of all systems of morality and religion equally to inculcate. The Parsee, the Mahomedan, the Hebrew, the Christian, are alike interested in upholding these observances, and though each may adopt a different mode of celebration, and may even select a different day or period, all are actuated by a desire to strengthen and promote Charity and goodwill among men. Thus "the Compliments of the Season" include almost every form of good wish which it is possible to express, and may be tendered with equal propriety to people of every variety of religious faith. And just now, unfortunately, there happens to be a greater need than ever for the fulfilment of all kindly duties. The political outlook on the Continent of Europe is the very reverse of encouraging, while at home there appears to be even more than the usual amount of suffering and distress to cope with. As regards the former, we must content ourselves with hoping that peaceful counsels may in the end prevail; as regards the latter, not a day passes, we are happy to say, without some scheme being devised which will bring food and warmth and work to the poor who need it so grievously. This is as it should be; and the toast will be drunk more genially, and "Hearty good wishes" be uttered more cheerily, when it is seen that our poor and distressed neighbours are admitted to a share in those "Compliments of the Season" which take the form of generous Christmas beef and pudding.

WE are near enough to the opening of the New Year to justify our taking stock of its prospects as regards the Festivals of our several Charitable Institutions; and as that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be celebrated first in the order of time, it is our duty to place before our readers such information as it is in our power, so that they may be able to judge for themselves whether, having regard to the special circumstances of the year we are about entering upon, there is any reasonable likelihood of the Anniversary proving as successful as the heavy pressure upon the resources of the Institution would seem to demand. It is natural that people should hesitate about repeating the same story year after year, yet what can they do if the repetition is unavoidable? This year, for instance, the number of annuitants on both Funds of this Charity is greater than ever it has been before, nor should we be justified in withholding this announcement from our readers, merely on the ground that it has been our duty to make precisely the same statement annually for a long time past. Whenever it has seemed necessary and, at the same time, practicable to increase the number of annuitants, the Committee of Management, with the approval of the general body of Governors and Subscribers, have taken on additional old brethren and widows, and as these increases have been of almost annual occurrence for quite a dozen years, our reiterated statements as to the number being greater than ever have been not a mere figure of speech, but absolutely true. These increases in number have, of course, entailed corresponding increase of expenditure, and where only about £6800 or £7000 was required for the payment of annuities, the figure has been slowly but surely enlarged, till at length it stands at the enormous figure of £15,000, to say nothing of the further sum of about £3000, which is required annually for the expenses of management, maintenance of building, and so forth. But what makes the matter worse still is that, though there are now some 400, or rather more than 400, annuitants, taking the two Funds together, now as against some 200 or more about 12 or 14 years since, and although this head of expenditure has increased, as we have said, from about £7000 to £15,000, there has been an almost, if not quite a, corresponding increase in the number of applicants for admission into the Institution. There is yet one more meeting to be held before the roll of candidates for the election in May, 1888, will be completed, but with the number remaining over from the last election, and the

brethren and widows whose petitions have been accepted thus far, there is already a list of about 110 candidates, which, when the January Committee has been held, we may expect will be enlarged to from 125 to 130. In short, there is every reason to believe that, in spite of the augmentation of numbers agreed to at the annual meeting in May last, there will be quite as many candidates for election in the coming as in the current year. But, it will be asked—How stand the vacancies? and people will argue—not without reason we admit—that with a larger number of annuitants there should be a larger number of deaths, and that consequently the number of annuities to be filled up must be greater. This would be found true enough, no doubt, if the average death rate were taken for a series of years. But, as a matter of fact, the vacancies, we rejoice to say, have been singularly few, the result being that the applicants, notwithstanding the frequent creation of fresh annuities, have not been appreciably reduced. This year the vacancies on the two Funds together do not exceed 10 at present, and therefore in May next we may anticipate there will be almost as marked a disproportion in respect of number between the vacancies to be filled and the applicants to fill them, as there was in May of the present year, or in May 1886. This then is the position of the Benevolent Institution: the annual expenditure is about £18,000, of which £15,000 is devoted to annuities, and the permanent annual income is £3600. There are now some 110 candidates and about 10 vacancies, and after next Committee meeting there will be, in all probability, close on 130 of the former. Thus, in order to maintain an equipoise between income and expenditure, the proceeds of the Festival which will be held on the 29th February should be, in round figures, sufficient to provide the £15,000 for annuities. If this sum is exceeded, so much the better for the Institution and its ability to meet the heavy demands on its resources, but with the centenary of the Girls' School, and the urgent needs of the Boys' School in order to meet its necessities, we dare not compromise ourselves by being over sanguine. However, there is this consolation, that Bro. TERRY was fortunate enough to secure, at an early date, the services of an influential Chairman in the person of R.W. Bro. Sir GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P., whose Province of South Wales, Eastern Division, is sufficiently strong to enable it to render him substantial support, and which is certain to put forth its strength in order to ensure the greatest possible success for a Festival in which their respected chief will fill so important a part. The other Provinces too, as well as the lodges in London, will no doubt be as active and as generous as they have been in past years, but the services of more brethren as Stewards are urgently needed, the Board numbering at the present date only some 180, or considerably less than last year's Board, at the corresponding period in 1886; and we earnestly press upon our readers, or those of them whose engagements will permit of it, the importance of lending a helping hand to Bro. TERRY in his present arduous campaign. There are two clear months still remaining before the Festival will take place, and there is time therefore for a brother who puts his shoulder to the wheel to compile a very serviceable list of contributions. Need we repeat, what we have said on so many previous occasions, that it is most important there should be a strong body of Stewards, if only that the duty of providing the necessary funds for the year's requirements may be fully and faithfully discharged. There is urgent need for further help, and we believe that when the extent of the urgency is known, the help will be readily forthcoming.

The Masonic
Asylum,
New York.

It is more than probable that ere these remarks meet the eye of our worthy friends and brethren in New York, the splendid efforts which have been made during the past two years by their M.W. Grand Master, Bro. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, to free the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund of New York from its heavy load of debt, will have proved successful, and that their Charitable Asylum for destitute Masons and the widows and orphans of Masons will at length find itself in a position to confer those benefits for which the Fund was originated nearly 50 years ago, but which, owing to the absorption of its means in defraying interest charges and reducing its liabilities, it has hitherto been prevented conferring. Two years ago, when Bro. LAWRENCE was for the first time installed Grand Master, the debt amounted to 500,000 dollars; a little while ago it had been reduced to 160,000 dollars, and now, if the Masonic Fair recently held in New York and opened by the GRAND MASTER on the 27th ult., has realised the just expectations formed of its success, the debt must be *nil* or not far removed from it. This almost unprecedented success is due to the efforts of Bro. LAWRENCE and the generous support he has received from the brethren and their friends, and we take an early opportunity of warmly congratulating our distinguished brother and the lodges and members in his jurisdiction on the gratifying result of their joint labours.

THE "COSMO" FOR 1888.

Not only does the "Cosmo" provide for the wants of the Craft, represented by the universal "Three Degrees, including the Royal Arch," but the additional or "Higher Degrees" are also duly cared for, and indeed no other publication contains the mass of valuable information to be found in its pages respecting all the Masonic Organizations, which are, so to speak, raised on the enduring foundation of the Craft.

Besides which, other Grand Lodges are fairly described, to some especially, much space being given, such as those of Scotland, Ireland, and the various Colonial Grand Lodges; whilst to all known and regular Grand Bodies, some details, at least, are afforded, so far as space and circumstances permit and its hundreds of closely printed pages will allow.

In Scotland, the "Patron" is our Royal Grand Master, the Grand Master being Col. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., M.P.; the Earl of Kintore being the "Substitute Grand Master," who is well known to English Mark Masters as their late Grand Master. Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell is also Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter and one of the Supreme Council 33°.

The Duke of Abercorn, presides as Grand Master of Ireland, who as the Marquis of Hamilton, was S.G.W. of England in 1875. The Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., is still the first Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter, and the honoured Chief of the Supreme Council 33° for that Country.

Of Colonial and Foreign Grand Lodges may be enumerated, Canada, (Ontario), Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, South Australia; France, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, the Netherlands, the German Grand Lodges, and others, together with the numerous Grand Lodges in the United States, and others of lesser magnitude and importance.

Relative to the Degrees worked in England additional to those recognised officially by the Grand Lodge, the Mark Grand Lodge, being by far the largest body, falls first to be considered.

Its influence and vitality appear to be ever on the increase, and its popularity still continues unabated. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is the Grand Master now, just as in the Craft, so there is now a Pro Grand Master appointed, the present occupant of that distinguished position being the Right Hon. Lord Egerton. The roll of Past Grand Masters includes ten brethren who are noted for their zeal and high rank in the Craft; the Deputy Grand Master being the Marquess of Hertford, and the S.G.W., H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor.

There are 46 Provincial Grand Lodges formed at home and abroad, the senior now being that of *Devon*, formed on 11th December, 1857, when the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., was the first Provincial Grand Master. The first Provincial Grand Lodge, however, that was constituted appears to have been that of *Berks and Hants*, with the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master. The second now in point in seniority is Leicestershire, which, strange to say, has the same Provincial Grand Master now as it had in 1858, and has so continued from that year to the present time—well nigh 30 years!—we refer to the esteemed R.W. Bro. William Kelly, F.R.H.S., &c.

There are 387 active Mark lodges, being a net increase of seven, as compared with the last "Cosmo."

Of the Degrees incorporated with the Mark Grand Lodge, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is Grand Master of the "Royal Ark Mariners," and M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., is M.P. Grand Master of the "Royal and Select Masters." There are 80 Ark Mariners' lodges, and nine "Councils" of the Royal and Select Masters. Of the "Allied Degrees," of which M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Portal is also Grand Master, there are 25 Councils held in this country and abroad.

The head quarters of all these bodies are at 8A, Red Lion-square, where any information needed may be obtained.

Of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, there are really two controlling Bodies virtually, of whom the "Convent General," under H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, governs, in a sense England and Ireland; Canada having withdrawn from the arrangement, and Scotland never seeing fit to join.

The eminent "Great Prior" of England is the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, having our respected Grand Secretary as "Great Sub-Prior." There are 28 Provincial Priorities, and over 100 Preceptories. Of the latter there are some 27 "Suspended," thus raising the gross total to 135.

Some eight pages of the "Cosmo" are devoted to the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," which continues to be much favoured by brethren of exalted rank in the Craft. The Grand Patron is H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Commander is the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, who has for his Lieut. Grand Commander, Captain N. G. Philips, and in the Supreme Council are seven other brethren whose names are as "Household words" so far as the Craft is concerned.

There are several pages required for the names of members of the Degrees from the 33° down to the 30°, followed with a list of the chapters numbering 96 in all, or an increase of five since the publication of the "Cosmo" for 1887.

The "Royal Order of Scotland" is also noted, and finally the "Red Cross of Rome and Constantine" concludes the part for England. Of this Organization Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., is the M.P.G.S., and he has the honour to preside over 80 and more Conclaves. Renewed interest has been taken in this Degree of late years, and the vigorous management at head-quarters may yet restore it to its former position.

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ARCHITECTURE.—The art of building, or the science which teaches the method of constructing any edifice for use or ornament, for peace or war, for religion or for man. It is one of the most ancient, and necessarily the most useful and the most important of arts; and has been held in high esteem amongst all nations, and in all ages of the world. There are five orders of architecture so called—the Doric, the Ionic, the Corinthian, the Tuscan or Etruscan, the Composite or Roman. In Christian architecture, various styles have been made use of at different periods—the Byzantine or Lombardic, the Anglo-Saxon, the Norman, the Gothic, the early English, the Decorated, the Tudor, which names we merely give for convenience, and as best known. We are not writing a scientific account of architecture. As Mackey truly observes, "As geometry is the science on which Masonry is founded, architecture is the art" from which Freemasonry has borrowed the "language of its symbolic instruction."—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

"MASONIC FACTS AND FICTIONS."

The very complimentary article in last week's *Freemason* from the pen of the indefatigable Masonic historian, W. J. Hughan, cannot be otherwise than highly gratifying to the author of the above named work, who, while regretting his inability to at once convert that distinguished brother to his new theory of the origin of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, will endeavour to seek consolation in the knowledge that he never for a single moment anticipated so wonderful a result. Indeed he could as readily imagine one of our stately old East Indiamen, filled to the hatches with a valuable cargo, lowering her flag at the bidding of a saucy little Privateer, as that all our historians, after lumbering comfortably along, year after year under the old familiar flag of *Secession*, should haul down their colours without firing a shot in self-defence. Fortunately the success of the book is not entirely dependent on the approval of our recognised writers. Had that been the case something considerably less than sixteen pages would have doubtless sufficed for the names of the subscribers.

It may possibly interest these worthy brethren to know that Bro. Fenn is by no means singular in his belief that the author "has proved his case;" many other brethren, some of whom are not only eminent in Masonry, but in the legal profession also, having expressed the same opinion, and who, with the facilities now offered for studying the history of our Order, are quite as capable of arriving at a just and unbiassed conclusion on the subject as those who come under the category of Masonic authors. However, I presume, an *unanimous verdict* is not absolutely essential in this instance, and, for my own part, I shall be quite content with (say) a *two thirds majority*. Bro. Hughan's letter is of too important a character for me to be able to deal with in its entirety—at one sitting, I must, therefore, content myself for the present with a few observations on the portion wherein he takes exception to my view of the social difference between what I have designated "the old and the new Order of Masons" in London in the early days of the Grand Lodge, and, in support of his own views, he refers to Masonry in Warrington and several other towns, all of them at a considerable distance from the Metropolis. I was certainly under the impression that I had been sufficiently explicit on this point, although I do not attach such importance to it as Bro. Hughan appears to do. All I desired to convey was that the Grand Lodge of 1717 and that of 1753 were formed by Masons whose social status was of a similar character, namely, the trading and artisan class, and that shortly after the first named body was established, the Craft was patronised by the nobility and gentry in a much larger degree than had hitherto been the case, and that the infusion of this new element probably led to so many alterations in the usages, and departures from old customs, as to fully justify the application of the epithet "Modern" to this branch of the Order. I cannot at present see that Masonry in Scotland, Warrington, &c., in the seventeenth century has the smallest bearing on this subject. If, however, Bro. Hughan is of a different opinion, and will print his evidence, I am quite sure it will meet with due consideration; but I am inclined to think that the readers of "Masonic Facts and Fictions" will require something more definite than "I cannot quite accept" to influence their verdict.

I show from the records that many of the Masons of the old school, including the first Grand Master and several former Grand Wardens were amongst the first to be relieved from the Charity Fund, evincing pretty clearly that however estimable they may have been, their social position is not likely to have been of a very high order. What then, could have been the calibre of the rank and file, their constituents?

Repeating this kind of evidence bears so strong a resemblance to "flogging a dead horse" that I am reluctant to pursue it further, I may, however, remark that I do not depend entirely upon these isolated cases for evidence as to the social position of our old brethren, my view being amply justified by the early register of Grand Lodge, which, although it does not mention the trades or professions of the members of the old lodges, indicates clearly enough that they were not of the aristocratic class, except in one instance, that of the present No. 4. Members were first registered in 1723, and it is highly probable that this lodge had altered its character entirely during the preceding six years. We have no really definite information as to the status of the members of the "Modern" lodges prior to 1768 when registration became compulsory, and even at that period the Lodge of Antiquity (one of the lodges that joined in forming the Grand Lodge in 1717), was composed chiefly of tradesmen, as was also original No. 3 another of these old lodges; indeed, the same remarks will apply generally to the lodges that were in existence before 1723.

I shall embrace the first opportunity for dealing more at length with the latter position of Bro. Hughan's letter, although fully sensible of the difficulty of the task before me; nevertheless, I shall not despair, for if I remember rightly, those small vessels before referred to were generally well manned, and occasionally carried metal heavy enough to *persuade* the big ships to surrender, however contrary to their original determination.

If in the face of the evidence I have been able to put before them, Bro. Hughan and his colleagues still choose to remain under the old flag of *Secession*, of course I cannot prevent them; for my own part I have left it for good and all, the one I now sail under bears the motto *Truth and Justice*, it is nailed to the mast, and something more solid than blank cartridges will be required to bring it down.

One of the many beautiful lessons which Masonry inculcates is "the uncertainty of all things here on earth," and that the path of this life is beset with dangers and difficulties.

Should I ever have the misfortune to labour under the stigma of murder, treason, bigamy, arson, or any other of the numerous weaknesses "that flesh is heir to," my most fervent hope would be that I might be tried by a jury of Masonic Historians, for, unless witnesses could be got to solemnly swear that they actually saw me commit the crime; if the evidence were merely circumstantial—no matter how clear and conclusive it might appear to ordinary minds, nor how strong the chain—I feel sure, if Bro. Hughan were foreman, that I should "leave the court without a stain upon my character."

HENRY SADLER.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President, took the President's Chair. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupying their respective chairs. There were also present, Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, Assistant G. Secretary; W. H. Lee, W. Dodd, F. R. Spaul, Charles Dairy, David D. Mercer, G. P. Britten, Henry Garrod, William P. Brown, W. R. Woodman, M.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, W. H. Perryman, R. J. Taylor, A. C. Woodward, Thomas Mead, Walter Hopkink, J. A. Farnfield, Thomas Cull, Richard Croydon, John Oliver, Charles M. Free, John V. Surtees, F. Silvester, J. G. W. Guyer, John Paul, J. T. Rowe, Edward White, George R. Langley, H. Massey, Windsor Berry, Arthur E. Gladwell, J. B. Grieve, J. H. Wood, B. Kauffmann, E. J. Rawle, R. W. Roberts, J. Corbett, Thomas M. Deane, German Fehrenbach, W. H. Wingfield, T. Adams, J. Bird, Thomas Alcock, C. W. Frommholz, Edward W. Braine, R. La Feuillade, R. C. Leveridge, H. Bertram, W. J. Forscutt, Thomas Stopher, William Procli, Charles Castell, Charles P. Bellerby, G. Coop, Alfred Sweed, Charles Kempton, and H. Sadler, G. T.

The Board first confirmed recommendations to the amount of £305, made at the last meeting in November. There were 56 new cases on the list coming from brethren belonging to lodges at London, South Shields, Gibraltar, Peshawur, Newchurch, Liverpool, Birkenhead, Guernsey, Goole, Wakefield, Spilsby, Coventry, Wincanton, Manchester, Uxbridge, Meerut, Melbourne, Winchester, Lostwithiel, Tredegar, Halstead, Northwich, Bocking, Lowestoft, Newport (Mon), Salford, Oxford, Stoke-on-Trent, Feltham, Chester, Keighley, Exmouth, Battle, Exeter, Birmingham, and New York.

Four of the cases were deferred, being incompetent, and two were dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1172. There were two recommendations to Grand Lodge for £100 each, and four for £50 each; four recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and five for £30 each; and thirteen grants of £20 each; three of £15 each; thirteen of £10 each; five of £5 each; and one grant of £2. The Board sat for over four hours.

CONSECRATION OF THE TALBOT LODGE, No. 2231.

On Saturday an addition was made to the roll of Masonic lodges under the English Constitution, when the Talbot Lodge, No. 2231, was consecrated at Talbot House School, Talbot-road, Old Trafford. The ceremony was performed, in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, the Earl of Lathom, by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, and P.G. Secretary of West Lancashire, assisted by Bros. T. Forrester, P.G. Std. Br. of England; Marshall, P.P.G.D.; J. J. Lambert, P.G. Registrar; J. D. Murray, P.G.D.C.; E. L. Littler, P.G. Pursuivant, and others, there being about sixty brethren present, amongst whom were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. Swd. Br., Prov. G. Sec.; T. Forrester, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Marshall, P.M. 1387, P.P.J.G.D.; J. J. Lambert, P.M. 1387, P.G. Reg.; W. H. Wakefield, P.M. 1588, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C.; E. L. Littler, P.M. 1730, Prov. G. Purst.; R. Davies, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Walker, P.M. 37, P.P.J.G.W. East Lancashire; W. Dawson, P.M. 1219, P.P.A.G.D.C. East Lancashire; J. Bladon, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; N. Dumville, P.M. 2156, Prov. G. Stwd. East Lancashire; R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Stwd. East Lancashire; H. Miller, P.M. 1357, P.P.G. Org. Cheshire; A. Griffith, P.M. 1357, P.P.G. Org. Cheshire; Chas. Cooper, P.M. 1588; J. Wood, P.M. 1140; C. Heywood, P.M., D.C. 1387; F. S. Bedford, 1387; E. Ehlinger, J.W. 1161; R. G. Walker, P.M. 1126; J. E. Boden, P.M. 1588; G. Enticknap, I.P.M. 1009; C. W. Davies, 1588; R. S. Turton, 1588; J. Slyman, W.M. 1730; M. Preston, 2109; Martin Thomas, W.M. 204, P.M. 350; Jas. Blair, W.M. 1387; Ralph Betty, P.M. 1335; John H. Marsh, 1730; G. A. Myers, S.D. 1730; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011, and 2156; Alfred Lewtas, W.M. 1588; Richard Ackley, 2144; Israel Binns, 815 and 1588; J. W. Rattray, S.W. 1993; R. W. Baker, W.M. 1126; J. Baker, P.M. 163; W. Evans, J.D. 1009; Walter Beggs, W.M. 1496; R. Swindells, 1730; John Evans, 1888; Charles Martyn, 1387; Geo. Barber, P.M. 1588 and 1730; W. F. Brownrigg, S.W. 1126; J. Wilson, 1387; J. Bowers, I.G. 1730; George R. Lloyd, Sec. 1730; C. S. Allott, Sec. 1009; John Coxon, 152; Fred Batty, A. Shirley, J. W. Leathley, Rev. W. Milner, M.A., Fredk. G. Goodacre, and Rev. H. Leathley.

A lodge was formed in the schoolroom—the future meeting place of the new lodge—shortly after two o'clock, and the elaborate ceremony of consecration was proceeded with.

An oration on the principles of Freemasonry was delivered by Bro. the Rev. H. MILNER, and an anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," was sung by Bros. W. Dumville, N. Dumville, and A. Lewtas, Bro. H. C. Miller, P.P.G. Org. Cheshire, presiding at the harmonium.

The consecration being concluded, Bro. Goodacre installed Bro. J. E. Boden, P.M., as the first Master of the lodge. Bro. Boden invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. S. Allott, P.M. 1009, I.P.M.; Rev. H. Leathley, S.W.; F. G. Goodacre, J.W.; Rev. H. Milner, Chap.; J. W. Leathley, Treas.; A. Shirley, Sec.; C. Martyn, S.D.; F. Batty, J.D.; J. Coxon, I.G.; and W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler.

Hearty vote of thanks were passed to Bro. Goodacre and the brethren who had assisted him in the consecration ceremony. Prior to the lodge closing the names of six candidates were handed to the Secretary for initiation. On the motion of the W.M., Bro. John E. Boden, the Provincial Officers who had taken part in the ceremony were elected honorary members.

The lodge was then closed, and subsequently refreshments were served at the Dog and Partridge Hotel, the newly-installed Master presiding.

The jewels, collars, working tools, &c., were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

LIVERPOOL.—Rose Croix Chapter (No. 19).—This chapter was held on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street. In consequence of the absence of the M.W.S., Bro. Patrick Murray Hunter, the chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. W. Tyrer, 30°, P.M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. T. C. Thorburn, 30°, P.M.W.S., as Prelate; E. and P. Bros. R. W. Bourne, 1st General; and Thompson, 2nd General; Ill. Bro. B. W. Rowson, 30°, P.M.W.S., as G.M. and Raphael; E. and P. Bro. S. Jude, Captain of Guard; Ill. Bro. Edward Pierpoint, 32°, P.M.W.S., Treas. and Recorder. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, 33°, P.M.W.S., S.G.I.G. North Eastern District, was received under an arch of steel and saluted.

The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. Bro. Hinton Spalding, of Lodge No. 292, being a candidate, was perfected by the acting M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and duly proclaimed. E. and P. Bro. R. W. Bourne, 1st General, was unanimously elected M.W.S. Ill. Bro. Edward Pierpoint, 32°, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Several letters of apology were received from brethren who could not attend. The annual report from the Supreme Council was read, also the alms collected; and the business of the chapter concluded, it was closed.

The brethren left for the Adelphi Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them. The chair was taken by the acting M.W.S., Ill. Bro. W. Tyrer, 30°, P.M.W.S., and the vice-chair by E. and P. Bro. R. W. Bourne, 1st General. The Chairman had upon his right Ill. Bros. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°; Edward Pierpoint, 32°; T. C. Thorburn, 30°; and others; and on his left Ill. Bro. B. W. Rowson, 30°, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. Spalding, S. Jude, Robt. Pruddah, Thompson, and others.

The Chairman, in suitable terms, proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which were received right loyally.

"The Supreme Council" was also duly proposed, and with that toast the Chairman proposed "The Health of their old and valued Friend and dear Bro. Banister," hoping that now he had come to reside again in the district they should always have the pleasure of seeing him amongst them.

Ill. Bro. T. C. Thorburn also supported the acting M.W.S., paying a very high compliment to their old friend, and he was pleased, and he was quite sure that all shared that pleasure with him, in seeing Bro. Banister in much better health and amongst them again.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Banister, on rising to respond, was received by long and hearty cheers. He thanked them most cordially for the toast of the Supreme Council, each member of the same being most favourably disposed to the Liverpool Chapter and for its success. With regard to himself, he thanked them for their great kindness to him at all times, and being the first M.W.S. of the chapter, he was most desirous that it should prosper. He did hope that he might be spared to come amongst them a few years longer; but when he told them that it was 30 years (within a few months) since he had the 30° conferred upon him, they would be assured that he could not expect many more years of active service in his labour of love in that beautiful Christian Degree. He welcomed Bro. Spalding amongst them, and hoped when in London he would call at head-quarters, where he would meet one or two of the illustrious brethren of the Supreme Council, who would gladly show him the rare and valuable Masonic relics in the museum and library. In conclusion, Bro. Banister proposed "The Health of the Acting M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Tyrer, 30°," who, at such short notice, took the responsible office, and conducted the ceremony to the satisfaction of all present.

The toast was received and responded to in truly Lancashire fashion.

The acting M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the Candidate," who responded in very suitable terms.

Ill. Bro. Rowson, 30°, proposed, in a truly Masonic speech, "The Health of the M.W.S. Elect, Bro. R. W. Bourne, 1st General," feeling quite sure that the chapter would be well supported, and the ceremonies impressively given by him when he was installed into that high office.

The toast was responded to by Bro. Bourne most feelingly, and elicited a hearty reception from the brethren.

Ill. Bro. T. C. Thorburn, 30°, P.M.W.S., proposed "The Health of their very old friend and Ill. Bro. E. Pierpoint, 32°," who had so kindly taken the office of Treasurer and Recorder ever since the death of their revered and lamented Bro. H. S. Alpass, and he hoped that they might long have his valuable assistance in the chapter.

The toast was drunk with all honours.

On Ill. Bro. Pierpoint rising to respond, he was received with great cheers. After thanking the brethren most heartily, he spoke in most kind and feeling terms of his old and valued friend, Bro. Banister, who had initiated him into Freemasonry, and perfected him into that beautiful Degree. He also gave the brethren most excellent advice, and this being his mother chapter, he did hope that it would go on increasing; but it was not numbers that they wanted, but the right calibre of Masons, such as they had heretofore received into that Degree, which they all knew from the fine ritual and exalted ceremonies it bore should be highly prized and looked forward to for acceptance by all their friends. Again thanking them all most sincerely for their kindness, he resumed his seat.

Other toasts were proposed and responded to, and one of the happiest evenings was spent in perfect harmony; in fact, these meetings are looked forward to with great pleasure by all the members.

We are glad to hear since Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie has seen the Imperial Crown Prince of Germany at San Remo, that the reports of the illustrious patient's condition are somewhat re-assuring, and that the alarmist rumours of last week were greatly exaggerated.

A marriage has been arranged between Mr. Alison, eldest son of Lieut-General Sir. A. Alison, Bart., G.C.B., in command at Aldershot, and Georgine, the youngest daughter of Bro. J. Bond-Cabbell, and consequently grand-daughter of the late Bro. Bond-Cabbell, a P.J.G. Warden of England, and for many years Prov.G. Master of Norfolk.

Gibraltar.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

ROYAL EUROPA CHAPTER (No. 14).—This distinguished and popular chapter held its regular convocation on Saturday, 3rd instant. The chapter was opened, the following officers being present: Ill. Bro. Sir Henry Burford-Hancock, 31°, M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. Bryant, Prelate; Col. Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., 1st General; Major O'Malley, 2nd General; Major Cottrell, P.M.W.S., Recorder and Treasurer; Roberts, P.M.W.S., acting Grand Marshal; Glassford, P.M.W.S., acting Raphael; Cresswell D. of C.; Jerome, Captain of Guard; Col. Morgan Crofton, Major Owen, Capt. Davenport, and Capt. Frank Hughes.

The ballot was then taken for E. and P. Bro. Surgeon-Major Thomsett, M.S., as a joining member, which proved unanimous. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Rev. Statham, Captains Broadwood and Rowe, Lieut. Lowe, and W. H. Cottrell, jun., which also proved unanimous. The candidates being present, were duly presented, and advanced to the 18° in a most impressive manner by the M.W.S., while the music of this beautiful ceremony was done full justice by E. and P. Bro. Thomsett, who presided at the new organ which has recently been added to the Masonic Temple. The M.W.S. read a communication from Sir Francis Knollys, K.C.M.G., announcing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's permission to add the word "Royal" to the title of the chapter in honour of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., and H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, having been perfected therein. A letter was also read from the Supreme Grand Council authorising the chapter being styled the "Royal Europa," and granting permission for all members to assume a special approved badge in commemoration. The M.W.S. remarked that this had been an exceptionally good year of office—no less than 12 candidates having been perfected in that period, including H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales. The completeness of all the details in the ceremony which added so much to the excellent working of the chapter was entirely due to P.M.W.S. Bro. Major Cottrell, who had worked so assiduously in the interests of the chapter during the past ten years, and he hoped it would long continue to enjoy the benefit of his well-known Masonic experience and useful co-operation. It gave him very great pleasure to present Bro. Cottrell with a P.M.W.S. jewel, which bore the following inscription: "To the Ex. and Perfect Bro. W. Foulkes Cottrell, 18°, P.M.W.S., Recorder and Treas. of the Royal Europa Chapter Rose Croix, in testimony of sincere regard and grateful recognition of his zealous services to the chapter. From Ill. Bro. Sir Henry Burford-Hancock, 31°, M.W.S. Nov., 1887." Communications from the Supreme Grand Council having been read, the ceremony of advancement was completed, and the chapter closed.

The Craft Abroad.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY.

The following is a list of the Grand Officers of this Grand Commandery for the year now current, viz.: Sir Knights Henry G. Sandifer, G. Commander; Horace January, D.G.C.; John G. Montgomery, G. Gen.; W. H. Meffert, G. Capt. Gen.; John W. Pruett, G. Prelate; C. H. Fisk, S.G.W.; T. J. Flourney, J.G.W.; David P. Robb, G. Treas.; Lorenzo D. Croninger, G. Recorder; James D. Lewis, C. Std. Br.; Samuel H. Stone, G. Swd. Br.; C. F. Hill, G. Warder; and Eugene A. Robinson, G. Capt. of Guards.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF IOWA.

The 24th annual conclave was held at Uscalooza on the 6th October last, when the following were elected G. Officers for the year, namely: Sir Knights Clark Varnum, G. Commander; A. L. Beardslee, D.G.C.; A. T. Drinkle, G. Gen.; C. H. Lull, G. Capt. Gen.; J. C. W. Cox, G. Prelate; A. B. Cox, S.G.W.; O. P. Worsley, S.G.W.; R. P. Smith, G. Treas.; J. C. Parish, Emeritus G. Rec.; A. Wingate, G. Rec.; S. C. Osborn, G. Std. Br.; F. B. Gore, G. Swd. Br.; J. B. Eyerley, G. Warder; and T. Schreiner, G. Capt. of Guards. The next annual conclave will be held at Cedar Rapids on the 18th October, 1888.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF OHIO.

The 45th annual conclave was held in Columbia, on the 11th October last, under the presidency of Sir Knight Lafayette Little, there being a strong muster of Grand Officers and representatives of Subordinate Commanderies. The address of the Grand Commander was of great length and dealt principally with matters of local interest. The following are the principal Grand Officers for the new year, viz.: Sir Knights Frederick H. Rehwinkel, G. Commander; Will T. Walker, Deputy G.C.; O. A. B. Senter, G. Gen.; H. Perkins, G.C.G.; L. Van Clein, G. Prelate; C. Halladay, S.G.W.; Huntington Brown, J.G.W.; J. B. Parsons, G. Treasurer; John W. Bell, G. Recorder; W. B. Melish, G. Std. Br.; W. M. Meek, G. Swd. Br.; E. M. Clover, G. Warder; Jacob Randall, G.C. of G. The next annual conclave was arranged to be held at Clevedon, on the 28th of August.

GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY.

The annual communication was held in the Masonic Hall, Louisville, under the presidency of the M.W.G.M., on the 18th October last and two following days, the number present being very considerable. The attraction of the meeting was the Grand Master's address, while the various reports presented were of a very favourable character. Bro. Bassett declined to re-occupy the post of Grand Secretary on account of his advanced age, but an able substitute was found in the person of Bro. Henry B. Grant. The following is a list of the Grand Officers for the year, viz.: Bros. J. S. Smith, M.W.G.M.; Jas. Dixon Black, Deputy G.M.; W. W. Clarke, S.G.W.; Chas. H. Fisk, J.G.W.; John H. Leathers, G. Treas.; H. B. Grant, G. Sec.; Rev. W. R. Coleman, G. Chap.; John McDyer, S.G.D.; M. C. Petes, J.G.D.; D. B. Faulkner, G. Marshal; R. S. Friend, G. Swd. Br.; W. S. Howe, G. Purst.; and Joseph T. Davidson, G. Tyler. Bro. S. S. Williams, G.M. Ohio, was a visitor, and was received with the customary honours.

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Go Correspondents.

BRO. SPIEGEL'S MOTION.—We have received further letters on this subject; but as the demands on our space are unusually heavy, and as it is everywhere recognised throughout the Craft that Bro. M. Spiegel, P.M. 188, did a graceful act most gracefully when he withdrew his motion with reference to the approaching Silver Wedding day of the Prince and Princess of Wales in favour of that proposed by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., we trust our correspondents will understand why it is we have found ourselves compelled to omit them.

Among contributions held over owing to press of matter are: "THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS FROM ITS ORIGIN 1788 TO ITS CENTENARY 1888."

CRAFT LODGES—York, No. 236; Bute, No. 960; New Cross, No. 1559; Covent Garden, No. 1614; Beaumont, No. 2035.

CORRESPONDENCE—"H. D. A."

Consecration of the Frederick West Lodge, No. 2222. Laying Foundation Stone of New Grammar School, Cheltenham.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1887.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I am desirous of correcting an impression which prevails amongst some brethren, that Bro. A. Barfield, whom I had the honour to nominate for the office of Grand Treasurer, is a provincial man. This is a misconception. The brethren who requested me to nominate him are all members of London lodges, and it is from their long acquaintance with Bro. Barfield as a London brother, and

their knowledge, that nearly, if not all the services he has rendered to the Masonic Charities, have been in connection with the London lodges only, that they have put him forward for the office of Grand Treasurer. It is true Bro. Barfield was initiated in the Medina Lodge, West Cowes, but he was only for a very short time a subscribing member, until within the last seven years he resumed his connection with that lodge, having then taken a residence in the neighbourhood of Fareham. In the Province of Hampshire Bro. Barfield has worked with the same energy as in London, and his services have been recognised by having Provincial Grand honours conferred on him. Doubtless, he will receive much support from the province, but we trust, as a London brother, to secure for him success at the forthcoming election.—I am yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEORGE READ, P.M. 511, 1767, &c.

CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I read with interest your report of the annual supper of the Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365, in last week's issue, and with the remarks made by Bro. Finch I entirely agree. He alluded to the great assistance which the three Charities receive from Benevolent Associations, and suggested that the Secretaries of these Associations (who are often the founders, and certainly those on whom a very large amount of work falls) should receive some recognition of their services. I notice that he suggests that they should be made Life-Subscribers or Life-Governors. I would add another suggestion, that permission be granted them to wear a special Charity Jewel as an outward and visible recognition of services rendered for the good of Freemasonry.

As this matter has been opened in your columns I have taken the opportunity of writing you, hoping this may come under the notice of some able and influential brother who will interest himself in it.—Yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF A BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

December 19th.



757] BRO. SADLER'S WORK.

In Bro. Sadler's "Masonic Facts and Fictions," there are very many interesting references to the "Ancients," extracts from their Records, &c., one being relative to the Petition of that Body to Lord George Sackville "to accept the Chair." The reply was to this effect, that "He was engaged to attend his father, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and was inform'd that the Grand Lodge of Ireland has lately chosen him Grand Master; and that upon his return to England he would accept the Chair, or recommend them to another nobleman." This was on April 1st, 1752, and Bro. Sadler remarks thereon, "The Sackville incident reads very much like truth, but as I cannot find his lordship's name on any list of Grand Masters of Ireland, I presume he was misinformed on that point. . . . Lord George's father was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland at the time mentioned." I am inclined myself to believe that Lord Sackville was Grand Master of Ireland, though it is quite correct, as Bro. Sadler states, his lordship's name is not in any list of Grand Masters for that country. As a matter of fact, no list is fully reliable, for the Records are not preserved for the period in question, so it is quite possible his name was not thereon when the roll of Grand Masters was compiled. At all events, I find there was a work printed in 1751, entitled "Answer to the Pope's Bull," Dublin, which was "Dedicated to Lord Sackville, G.M.," by Bernard and Clarke, the Dedication being dated September 19th. This looks as if his lordship had really been elected, as his letter declares, and leads me to believe that he was G.M. of Ireland.

W. J. HUGHAN.

AN INDESCRIBABLE TOMB.—Mumtáz-i-Mahal, or exalted of the Palace, was playing at cards one day with her husband, the Emperor Shah Jehan, when she asked him what he would do if he survived her. The Emperor fondly promised to build her a tomb that should hand down her name through all the ages, and be the admiration of the world. The Empress died two hours after giving birth to a daughter, on July 18th, 1631. Whilst dying, she reminded the Emperor of the promised tomb. According to Tavernier, 20,000 workmen laboured for 22 years on the edifice. It consists of a central mausoleum, whose octagonal basis is 186 feet in diameter, surmounted by a great dome and pointed spire, crowned by a crescent. Of the two wings, one is a splendid mosque, the other an imitation mosque, to preserve the harmony of the edifice. But no mere description can give an idea of the complexity and intricacy with which the whole design is worked out. The interior is a marvel of decorative workmanship; the pure white marble walls are relieved with coloured marble wreaths and scrolls, and there is a lavish display of richly-fretted stone-work, and rare inlaid work of agate and jasper and other precious stones, flooded with the soft light that mellow through a double screen of pierced marble. Beneath the dome are the tombs of the Emperor and his wife, enclosed in a marble trellis-work. Shah Jehan intended to have built a second Taj on the other side of the Jumna, and to have united the two with a bridge of fairy-like beauty; but his schemes were cut short by his dethronement by his son Aurungzebe, and his subsequent imprisonment in the palace at Agra. Dr. Russell records how a lady said of the Taj, "I cannot criticise, but I can tell you what I feel. I would die to-morrow to have such a tomb." And he adds, "Holy and profane men, prosers, and practical people, all write of the Taj in the same strain. You can no more describe it, however, than you can describe Constantinople. Here are some of the utterances of those who have seen it: "Too pure, too holy to be the work of human hands;" "A poem in marble;" "The sigh of a broken heart;" "Poetic marble arrayed in eternal glory;" "The inspiration is from heaven, the execution worthy of it;" "The marble 'Queen of Sorrow,' which has power to dim every eye."—From Cities of the World for December.



Craft Masonry.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when there were present, Bros. W. Blake, W.M.; J. G. Doncaster, S.W.; W. J. Coplestone, J.W.; C. Dopson, I.P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; F. Craggs, acting Sec.; E. Lucas, S.D.; A. Williams, acting J.D.; H. F. Williams, I.G.; E. Newland, Stwd.; E. Mallett, Tyler; H. Shaw, P.M.; James Slack, P.M.; W. Fisher, P.M.; James Sims, P.M.; Pinn, Hardwick, Rice, Gerbert, Spencer, Curtis, Scharin, Iredale, Worth, Cartwright, Hewett, Icton, R. Shaw, Lucas, May, Spooner, W. E. Purdue, Cliburn, Tuck, and Segar. Visitors: Bros. H. Davies, P.M. 865; W. G. Coat, 1275; William Jones, 511; Wills, 1257; R. Wright, 1305.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. M. Segar and resulted in his favour. Bros. Spencer and Gerbert were duly passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. Shaw, P.M. The ceremony of initiating Mr. Segar was then performed by Bro. Shaw, P.M. The W.M. resumed the chair and proposed that a vote of condolence be given to Bro. H. Purdue, P.M. and Sec., on account of the decease of his wife, of which the lodge had heard with much regret. This was seconded by Bro. Slack, P.M., and carried unanimously. Communications from the Secretaries of the three Masonic Institutions were brought before the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to supper in the Victoria Saloon, when after a very enjoyable repast, presided over by the W.M., the usual loyal toasts were proposed and responded to in a hearty manner by all present. The W.M. proposed "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," remarking that the way in which the duties of the Grand Officers were always performed was an example which should be followed by every member of the Craft.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Initiate," which was received with full Masonic honours, and duly replied to by Bro. Segar, who said he felt flattered by the kindly manner in which he had been received in the lodge and that he hoped to become a good and true Mason as so many had been before him.

"The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by Bro. Shaw, P.M., expressing his sorrow that the continued ill health of the W.M. prevented him from performing his duties in the lodge in the manner which he was quite sure the W.M. desired, and trusting the G.A.O.T.U. would be pleased to restore him to that condition he so devoutly wished, to which the W.M. replied, thanking the brethren for their forbearance under the very trying circumstances in which he was placed.

"The Past Masters" was given by the W.M., and received with acclamation, to which Bro. Slack, P.M., the father of the lodge, replied in a genial manner, hoping that all the members might in due time arrive at the distinguished position he held.

Replies from Bros. P.M.'s Shaw, Oliver, Sims, and Dopson followed.

"The Visitors" toast was proposed by the W.M., stating that the Ranelagh Lodge always welcomed them to their meetings as it was by the interchange of such courtesy that Masonic knowledge was gained and good feeling promulgated; to which Bro. Davies, 1305, took the opportunity of replying first, giving as his reason for so doing that he was thereby prevented from endorsing what others had stated in their replies, thanking the brethren for their hospitality and trusting he might at some future time be again favoured, as he thought it was a great sign of the unity which always exists amongst Freemasons.

Bros. Jones, Wills, Coat, and Wright, also replied, wishing prosperity and peace to the lodge, and better health to the W.M.

"The Officers of the lodge" was given, and replied to by all in succession.

The pleasantness of the evening was much enhanced by some excellent singing by Bros. May, Curtis, A. Williams, Hardwick, Cliburn, Icton, and Spooner, assisted by the talented Organist of the lodge, Bro. Oliver, P.M.

The proceedings were brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

CRICHTON LODGE (No. 1641).—The installation of Bro. W. H. Baker as Master of this lodge—the lodge of his initiation—took place on Saturday evening last, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, in the presence of a very large number of brethren, both members and visitors, the latter including Bros. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; La Feuillade, W.M. 1381; Von Bibra, W.M. 1446; Kay, P.M. 742; Bramley, P.M. 957; Griffiths, P.M. 1446; Perry, J.W. 1446; Voisey, P.M. 1392; Shand, P.M. City of Westminster Lodge, and Secretary of the Abbey Lodge; Gibson, P.M. 1604, and J.W. of the Abbey Lodge; H. Jones, P.M.; Smith, P.M. 1744; G. Saunders, J.W. 1257; Spencer, J.D. 1922; Warner, 1031; Martin, J.D. 1622; Mills, 548; C. D. Day, 733; Sexton, 1321; Prodsham, 1540; Foyer, 1624; H. Hambling, C. C. Piper, 2030; and Cross, 2098.

The retiring Master of the lodge, Bro. H. A. Stunt, having initiated Messrs. Organ and C. P. Hodgson into Freemasonry, very impressively performed the ceremony of installing his successor, Bro. Baker, who appointed as his principal officers Bros. Robert Stokoe, S.W.; Hamilton, J.W.; George Collins, S.D.; and Thos. Roe, J.D. Bros. Janau, Nairne, Vincent, King, and Maidment were appointed to the minor offices. Bros. Goldschmidt, P.M., and V. T. Marche, P.M., were respectively invested as Treasurer and Secretary.

The lay members of the lodge present included Bros. Richardson, Stone, Compton, Cooper, Nichol, Allen, Watson, Byard, Finch, Ballatine, Sykes, Nettleship, Evans, Kettlewhite, Briant, Champruss, Elliott, Jones, Byworth, Dallison, Kirby, and Girling.

After the lodge business the brethren dined together.

At the conclusion of the banquet the toast of "The Queen and the Rulers of the Craft" was drunk with the customary enthusiasm.

Bro. Simpson, the Past Grand Chaplain, who was called upon to respond on behalf of the Grand Officers, expressed the pleasure he had experienced in having been present that evening, and to witness the progress the lodge had made. He was in one sense associated with its earliest career, for he was present at its birth, and now he was glad to find that the youthful Hercules was worthy of the name. He before all rejoiced to find that the lodge was remarkable for the harmony and good feeling which prevailed. But he ventured to say even in the presence of the newly initiated brothers that while the principles of Freemasonry were noble and grand, and there was nothing but what was good to be understood by a free and accepted Mason, yet in this sublunary abode no one must expect perfection—they must not seek to find infallibility. It was a happy thing that this lodge was able to say that goodwill and concord remained supreme among its members. Long might this continue, for peace and goodwill should ever characterise true Freemasonry. He was sure that every brother had rejoiced that night to see the working of the lodge by Bro. Stunt. It was working of which any lodge might be proud. In the Worshipful Master (Bro. Baker) occupying the chair, they had, too, a good representation of that noble King Solomon, who said, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." It was not merely in the ritual and the ordering of the lodge that a Master carried out the great bequests of Freemasonry. Charity was the very essence of their Order, and, therefore, Masonry did not dribble away its life like water through the sand. The three Charities of Freemasonry headed the total of all the Charities of England. He was sure that their initiates that evening would take no bad measure of their Order from what they had heard and seen. He hoped that they would bear in mind three things—first, that the foundation of their Order was the volume of the Sacred Law—which, however men may come or men may go thank God, went on for ever, and would remain the moral guide of the universe till this imperfect system should have passed away. Secondly, that they should not only worship God, but help their fellow men, and, thirdly, that another object of this life was to communicate innocent happiness to others with the moderation and temperance which became all men.

Bro. Stunt, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. W. H. Baker, the W.M." In Bro. Baker they had a Master whose good qualities, whose zeal in the furtherance of useful public works, and whose kindness of disposition were known to every member, not only of this lodge, but to many far and near. Their W.M. had proved his capability in other lodges, particularly in the Abbey, of which he was a P.M. and the Treasurer. They were proud to recollect that this (the Crichton) was his mother lodge, and he (the speaker) was sure that no one in it was more liked or respected.

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, was greeted with renewed cheers. He said that he had looked forward to the honour that night conferred on him—an honour which circumstances, over which he had no control, had prevented his accepting before. The warmth of his reception reminded him that he had now come back to the bosom of his family. Although he was one of the babies of the lodge, he trusted that, having been well nurtured, he should do his duty with credit and satisfaction. He hardly felt it necessary to say that evening how much he loved the Crichton Lodge; but, in the words of a song with which their Bro. Cross had favoured them, "He was a roamer." Although the exigencies of circumstances had called him away, no lodge could be dearer to him than his mother lodge, and no effort should be spared on his part to make his year of office a successful one. He could only hope that when he left the chair the lodge would occupy the high position it did at that moment.

A number of other toasts followed, including "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Stunt," "The Initiates," "The Visitors," on whose behalf Bros. La Feuillade, Von Bibra, Bramley, Griffiths, and Voisey replied; "The Past Masters," associated with the names of Bros. Hamilton, Vincent, Goldschmidt, Marché, and others; and "The Officers," including "The Treasurer and Secretary."

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the selections of vocal music, under the able direction of Bro. Ernest John Day, assisted by artistes of such well-renowned reputations as Bros. Lawrence Fryer, Thomas, Nettleship, Sexton, and Henry Cross. The I.P.M., Bro. Stunt, also favoured the company to a humorous song. Bro. E. J. Day most efficiently presided at the pianoforte.

WALDECK LODGE (No. 1969).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. E. Hollandt was installed as W.M. by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke (an honorary member of the lodge), who performed the ceremony in his usual masterly and unsurpassed manner. The well deserved reputation for big hearted hospitality enjoyed by the Waldeck Lodge was fully maintained on this occasion, there being a large attendance of visiting brethren, and a substantial number of distinguished Grand Officers, amongst the latter were Bro. C. Egan, D.G.M. S. Africa; E. Bowyer, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. Wendt, G.S.G.C.; E. Y. Jolliffe, Prov. S.G.W. Middx.; and E. Cooper, J.G.W. Middx. The following officers were appointed and invested, the charges and addresses being delivered in an impressive manner by the W.M. Bros. Carl Quitmann, I.P.M.; E. Quitmann, S.W.; O. Quitmann, J.W.; S. Quitmann, P.M., Treas.; M. Gindlar, Sec.; E. Voss, S.D.; J. Schüller, J.D.; J. B. Holland, I.G.; C. D. Seifert, D. of C.; and G. Hopley, Stwd. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, Bro. C. Quitmann. The W.M., in a speech full of genuine and affectionate feeling, referring to the substantial services he had rendered to the lodge. Bro. C. Quitmann replied in an equally affectionate speech. A vote of thanks to the Installing Master, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, was proposed by the W.M., and carried with acclamation.

At the banquet which followed, the labours of the evening, the W.M. proposed in well chosen words, the toasts, the intervals being enlivened with a much enjoyable selection of songs and music arranged by Bro. Bach, pianist to the Prussian Court. The visiting brethren must have carried home very pleasant recollections of the evening passed at the Waldeck Lodge, where enjoyment, harmony, and fraternal goodwill reigned supreme.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 2021).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and many brethren having responded to the invitation to appear in mess uniform, the lodge room presented an animated scene. There were present Bros. H. C. Lambert, W.M.; R. Payne, I.P.M.; C. P. Bellerby, S.W.; A. Jones, J.W.; Major G. Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., Treas.; G. Coop, P.M., Sec.; P. G. Canning, J.D.; F. W. Kingdon, D.C.; W. R. Hunt, I.G.; F. Delevanti, P.M., Org.; Chas. Godfrey, Stwd.; Clifford, Probyn, P.M.; Dr. R. Cross, P.M.; and many other members. Visitors: Bros. R. Cursons, I.G. 1681; H. W. Roach, S.D. 55; G. Gardner, I.P.M. 2012; T. Hawkins, P.M. 25; T. C. Artaud, I.G. 1305; R. Rowbotham, 1640; A. W. Cornish, 1319; W. H. Reardon, 171; H. Gross, S.W. 1314; W. Hamlyn, P.M. 1622; G. Groves, 55; Chas. Lambert, S.D. 198; S. Rhodes, J.D. 190; F. Dusterwald, 1586; G. Prendergast, 1901; A. Pearce, P.M. 1572; A. W. Fromholz, P.M. 141; F. Smith, W.M. 1305; F. Trott, 141; G. Milton, 141; C. Hilliard, 902; E. B. Cox, W.M. 1563; R. Dennis, 1563; H. Beach, 1563; Francis Newman, P.M. 175, P.P.G.W. Hants; A. C. Wilks, 1964; G. F. Edwards, S.W. 766; T. H. Staton, P.M. 1287; W. Mc Naught, S.W. 1298; H. Von Joel, P.M. 957; A. F. Porter, P.M. 1901; A. Oliver, 1987; F. G. Hambleton, 1319; H. Ashwell, P.M. 1305; J. Greenway, 1610; F. Trotman, 1305; J. C. Hambleton, 1319; Col. E. T. Rodney Wilde, 1718; A. C. Dashwood, I.P.M. 698; G. Drysdale, W.M. 789; A. G. Pritchard, Org. 9; H. Densham, J.D. 955; J. R. Harnell, I.G. 511; A. Weston, S.W. 1278; B. Roberts, 503; H. Prenton, 1319; W. T. Woodruff, P.M. 957; and W. W. Lec, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee, showing a substantial balance to the credit of the lodge fund, was received and adopted. Ballot was successfully taken in favour of Mr. E. P. Delevanti, as a candidate for initiation, and the W.M. having vacated the chair, he was initiated into Freemasonry by his father, Bro. Delevanti, P.M., Org., in a very impressive manner. The W.M. then re-assumed the chair, and Bro. C. P. Bellerby, S.W., having been presented as W.M. elect, he was regularly installed into the chair according to ancient custom. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Jones, S.W.; Canning, J.W.; Major George Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., Treas.; G. Coop, P.M., Sec.; Hunt, S.D.; Kingdon, J.D.; Payne, I.G.; Delevanti, P.M., Org.; Godfrey, D.C.; Currie, A.D.C.; Rowe and Harnell, Stwds.; and Bradley, Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered by Bro. H. C. Lambert, I.P.M., Installing Master, assisted by Bro. Payne, P.M. A Steward was appointed to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly and enthusiastically honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master said they were honoured with the presence of a Grand Officer whom they all esteemed and loved. The brethren would know he referred to Bro. Major G. Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., the founder and first W.M. of their lodge. The Grand Officers took a great interest in the welfare of the Craft, and in all Masonic affairs, and any brother visiting Grand Lodge for the first time could not fail to be amazed at the amount of work that was carried out in a magnificent manner. He asked all present to do justice to the toast, with which he coupled the name of Bro. George Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br.

Bro. Major Geo. Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., in reply, said that on behalf of the august noblemen whose names had been mentioned, he begged to return sincere thanks. He knew of no better Pro G.M. than Lord Carnarvon, for the interest he took in Freemasonry had been shown for many years. He believed their Pro G.M. was at the Antipodes, where he had gone for the benefit of his health, and in order to make himself well acquainted with Colonial wants. Lord Lathom, their Deputy G.M., was one of those brethren, who, while he discharged the great offices of State as Lord Chamberlain, felt it no trouble to visit London from distant places in order to be present at their Grand Lodge meetings. The Craft bore him great respect, for when he laid down the law, the brethren knew him to be right. The Present and Past Grand Officers had been selected most carefully by those in authority on account of the great zeal they had exhibited in Freemasonry. In a great Society like theirs, where every brother considered some members of his own lodge to be worthy of promotion, the task of selection was not an easy one, but the great desire was to give all honour and credit to those who had worked well and worthily. For himself, if he did not immediately thank them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, he believed the walls would cry out his ingratitude. He thanked them sincerely and should not fail to acquaint the Grand Secretary of the fact that the toast was received with acclamation, and with that kindness which he trusted would always be shown to members of Grand Lodge. He wished them all the compliments of the season and that their lodge would work well was the sincere wish of its first W.M.

Bro. H. C. Lambert, I.P.M., said that when he presented himself before the brethren they would know it was for the purpose of asking them to drink to "The Health of Bro. C. P. Bellerby," whom they had had the honour of installing W.M. He felt that it needed few words from him to introduce the name of Bro. Bellerby, for he was well known in the regiment in which they served, and also amongst the members of the Craft. Their W.M. was also known for the prominent post he has filled in connection with the Queen's Westminster Lodge of Instruction, and as honorary Secretary of their Charity Association. He was assured he should only be echoing the feelings of the brethren, when he wished their W.M. a prosperous and happy year of office, and it was their unanimous hope that he might long be spared to be with them in their lodge.

Bro. C. P. Bellerby, W.M., returned sincere thanks for the kind manner in which his name had been received, and assured them that the present occasion would always be remembered by him. In thanking the I.P.M., for his kind words, he could only say that what he had done in the past he should be pleased to double in the future. Nothing should be wanting on his part to enhance the success of

their lodge. The I.P.M. had reverted to the lodge of instruction, and he could tell them that in two years they had passed 190 brethren through their books. As a young lodge they had also done a great deal to further the Queen's Westminster Charity Fund, which in two years had paid about 110 guineas to the Charities. In conclusion he a gain thanked them for the kind reception accorded his name.

"The Initiate" having been given, and responded to in suitable terms by Bro. Delevanti,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," observing that he wished the toast had fallen to better hands, for he felt he could not do justice to it.

Before, however, he asked them to drink to Bro. H. C. Lambert's health, he would ask that brother to accept from him, on behalf of the lodge, a P.M.'s jewel as a small token of the appreciation of the members of his valuable services during the past year. The I.P.M. had so ably performed his duties in the chair that the jewel was but his due. If he (the W.M.) could only perform the duties of W.M. half as well he should be well satisfied.

Bro. H. C. Lambert, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very kind manner in which his name had been introduced and received, and also for the cordial manner in which he had been supported during his year of office. If he had carried out his duties to their satisfaction, he was more than satisfied. He should also heartily thank Bro. Payne, P.M., for the manner in which he had come forward to assist him. He accepted the jewel from the members as a Masonic gift, for it would remind him of those friends, with whom he had been connected for many years. He hoped his year had been a prosperous one for the lodge and a happy one for its members. He would mention one fact, and that was that the lodge had contributed 25 guineas to the Head-quarter's Fund, thus showing they were connected with, and had an interest in, their regiment. He again thanked them, and as long as he wore the jewel, he hoped he should be connected with their regiment and their lodge.

Bro. Newman, P.P.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, in responding for "The Visitors," which was proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M., thanked the members very sincerely for the hospitality shown the visiting brethren. When he heard that this lodge was to be started he thought it was a good thing and a wise idea. He could remember an uncle of his own who was an old Mason, who said he always liked to see volunteers in office in a lodge, for the ceremonies in that case were admirably conducted, as the officers were accustomed to move promptly at the word of command. It was the first time he had visited a Volunteer lodge, but his expectations have been fully realised. He thanked them most heartily for the hospitality extended to him, and he hoped to have the pleasure at different times to see them in his own province, and more especially in the small island with which he was connected.

Bro. Col. R. Wilde and Drysdale also replied. "The Past Masters" was next given, and responded to by Bro. Probyn, P.M.

Bro. Major G. Lambert, P.M., Treas., and G. Coop, P.M., Sec., replied for the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," after which the Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

During the evening an excellent selection of music was given, under the direction of Bro. Delevanti, P.M., Org., assisted by Miss Camilla Page, and Bros. Weston, Pritchard, Prenton, Hambleton, E. Delevanti, Cornish, and F. Delevanti.

THE ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—The brethren of this lodge assembled on the 12th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. William Sugg, P.P.G.D. of Wks. Surrey, and Bros. H. R. Baker and James Gibson, P.M. 1604, respectively occupied the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs; and the other officers present included Bros. W. H. Baker, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; Goffin, P.M., S.D.; H. M. Dunstan, J.D.; C. C. Piper, I.G.; G. R. Welby Wheeler, Francis J. Smith, and H. Hambling, Stwds.; and W. Walkley, Tyler. The lay members present included Bros. J. E. Smith, J. E. Salway, F. Barker, C. Sweeting, T. Mussell, F. Charles, Cecil Morgan, Frank Morgan, Hayler, John Kent, Humphreys, R. Wake, Rintoul, T. Cocks, Holder, Bartlett, and others. Bros. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., P.M., the first Master, S.G.D. Eng.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; with John Sampson Pearse, represented Grand Lodge, and a numerous list of visitors—always a feature of the Abbey meetings—included Bros. the Rev. F. J. Foakes-Jackson, P.G.C., and S.W. 859; the Rev. John H. Rose; Cattle, P.M.; E. J. D. Bromley, G. E. Saunders, J.W. 1257; Charles W. Hastings, Power, W. T. Potts, G. Livingstone, M. Bristow, J. Watkins, W. L. Seaman, W. Jones, R. Parkes, T. H. Hobbs, B. Brett, and E. St. Clair, the accomplished Master of the La France Lodge.

The motion to confer on Bro. Spink, P.M. 177, honorary membership was lost on the ballot.

After the lodge business, which included the initiation of Messrs. F. W. Smith and William Yapp, the brethren dined together, the W.M. being supported by Bros. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., and Seager Hunt, M.P., and the distinguished visitors from Grand Lodge. The toasts of "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G. Master, and the other Rulers of the Craft," were received with the customary enthusiasm.

On behalf of "The Grand Officers, Past and Present," Bro. John Sampson Pearse, P.G.D., P.M. of the Britannia Lodge, responded. In the course of his reply, Bro. Pearse said that it was now about a quarter of a century ago since he had the pleasure of initiating the present distinguished W.M. of the Abbey Lodge, Bro. Sugg, into Freemasonry.

Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., who also responded, said he with pleasure availed himself of the opportunities to meet the brethren of the Abbey Lodge, whom he trusted would be drawn closer and closer in the bonds of affection and confraternity. He wished all present a most happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

In response to loud calls, Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chap., also responded.

The Immediate Past Master, Bro. F. Seager Hunt, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," referring to his distinguished career in Masonry, and to the excellence of his work in the lodge. He was sure that the work could not be better performed by any Master. One more conversant with the ritual of Freemasonry than Bro. Sugg would be difficult to find, and it was certain that during his year of office The Abbey Lodge would gain additional lustre.

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm.

Bro. Sugg, in reply, said that it did not often fall to the lot of a Worshipful Master to hear himself spoken of in such flattering terms. He did not think he deserved all the encomiums which had been passed, but he was sure that the brethren would believe him when he said that everything he did was done for the benefit of the lodge. Though to some, perhaps, he might appear a little arbitrary in the discharge of his duties, he worked with an honest purpose, and he asked them to receive his advice and direction with that conviction. At the last meeting of the lodge their Immediate Past Master, through a family bereavement, was not present with them. Now Bro. Hunt was with them again it afforded him much pleasure to pin on his breast the Past Master's jewel of The Abbey Lodge.

Bro. Seager Hunt, P.M. (who was greeted with great applause), said he knew very well that his achievements in the lodge would not have gained for him the proud distinction that night conferred. Circumstances, which he need not then enter into, were against him during his year of office. But the very fact that he was unable to give that attention to the duties of the chair which he ought to have done, enhanced the value of the gift which he had received at the hands of their Master. It would always be regarded by him as an evidence of the great affection and kindly disposition of the brethren of The Abbey Lodge.

The Initiates, Bros. Frederick William Smith and Wm. Yapp responded in felicitous terms to the toast of their health, and the Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. St. Clair, W.M. 2060; the Revs. F. Foakes Jackson and John H. Rose, who severally returned thanks.

The W.M. said he was quite sure that very few words were necessary to recommend the toast of "The Past Masters of The Abbey Lodge," and he should couple with it the names of Bros. Burdett-Coutts and W. H. Baker.

Bro. Burdett-Coutts, who was loudly cheered, said the principle "whatever was worth doing was worth doing well," applied especially in Freemasonry, for the work was inspiring and beautiful. The great success of The Abbey Lodge was due in no small degree to their perfect working, and it seemed the object of each succeeding Master to emulate the work of his predecessor.

Bro. W. H. Baker, P.M., said, as their Treasurer he took the opportunity of saying that the lodge was financially in a sound condition. They had money in hand to meet nearly all their liabilities and outstanding assets, which would leave them with a good balance. Every lodge had to pass through some vicissitudes, but he hoped the day was far distant when anything would occur to mar the prosperity of The Abbey Lodge of Westminster.

Bro. Shand, P.M., who, as Secretary, responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he considered that he ought to be "au fait" with his duties, as being Secretary of another lodge—the City of Westminster—each of which met four times a year, he had the duties repeated eight times annually, and the work of such a large lodge as The Abbey was no light task. His business, like the Treasurer's, was to a great extent a matter of figures, and he was happy that night to corroborate Bro. Baker's announcement of the soundness of their financial position. So long as the brethren appreciated his services, so long he would give them with all his heart, but if they thought they could do better, he was ready to accept their command to "right about turn."

The toast of "The Officers" was briefly responded to by the Wardens, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs given by Bros. Cattle, Newton, and Bartlett, the last-mentioned also very ably presiding at the pianoforte.

The dinner was served by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and the champagne was G. H. Mumms'.

HARLESDEN LODGE (No. 2098).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the National Schools, Harlesden, on Monday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. Arthur Ball, W.M.; Goldney-Cary, S.W.; Long, J.W.; H. T. Reed, P.M., Treas.; W. O. Lyon, P.M., Sec.; F. Levick, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Major C. A. Cooper, I.P.M.; Rev. H. Courtney Atwood, S.D.; O. C. Robson, J.D.; Haggeldine, I.G.; Wedlake, Bell, Cross, Hughes, Staples, Kemp, and others. Visitors: Bros. Adlard, P.D. D.G.M. Punjab, and Bernard, P.M. 620 (I.C.)

The ordinary routine business being concluded, Bro. Thomas Layton, W.M. 166, was proposed and elected as a joining member, and was then introduced to the lodge, receiving a cordial greeting. Three gentlemen were balloted for as candidates for initiation, and unanimously admitted. Mr. Done, being in attendance, was introduced, and received the benefit of initiation at the hands of the W.M., whose working deserved all praise. An enjoyable evening, lightened by song and recitation, was then spent.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE (No. 2128).—A regular meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held at 8a, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on Thursday, the 8th instant, when there were present Bros. W. F. Smithson, W.M.; J. S. Cumberland, I.P.M.; Masters, S.W.; W. J. Giller, P.M., as J.W.; Bullock, Sec.; T. Carr, J.D.; Bolas, I.G.; T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorks; Carr, P.M.; Ratcliffe, P.M.; Wright, Lee, Keates, Brunt, Lock, and Mills, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. Smith, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorks; John Barker, P.P.G.S. of W. West Yorks; T. Winn, P.P. G.S. of W. West Yorks; W. Harrop, P.P.G.D. West Yorks; J. W. Fourness, P.G. Treas. West Yorks; Francis, P.G. Stwd; Heagarty, J.D. 907; Walshaw, P.P.G.D. of C. N. and E. Yorks; Stott, Org. 667; and Harris, 889.

The lodge was opened, when the minutes of the last regular lodge and of a subsequent emergency lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Cumberland, P.M., then proposed as an honorary member of the lodge, Bro. the Rev. T. Cartwright Smyth, D.D., P.D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago, G. Chap., for the distinguished services the Rev. Doctor has rendered to Freemasonry in various parts of the world. This was seconded in very eloquent terms by Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorks, and carried with acclamation. Bros. Keates and Brunt were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., assisted by the I.P.M., who gave the tracing board. A scroll was then taken for the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. Masters, S.W., was elected to the former, and Bro. Carr, P.M., to the latter office by the unanimous vote of the brethren. Auditors were appointed. A sum of money

was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to provide a P.M.'s jewel to be presented to Bro. Smithson, W.M., for his valuable services during the past year. The election of Tyler was postponed. Bro. Cumberland reported that, in obedience to the wishes of the brethren at the last lodge, he had bought at Bro. George Keating's a M.M. apron and morocco leather case, inscribed—"Presented to Bro. William Henry Bullock, jun., by the members of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, as a mark of their esteem." This had been handed to Bro. W. H. Bullock, jun., the first initiate, who expressed his thanks for the gift, and who was leaving England on a long voyage. The brethren expressed their satisfaction with what had been done.

"Hearty good wishes" were given by the visitors present, and all business being ended the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren met at the Inns of Court Hotel, where Bro. Gosden had provided a most excellent supper, which was very well served.

The W.M. proposed the toasts of "The Queen" and "The M.W. the Grand Master, Pro and D.G.M., and other Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The latter toast was responded to by Bro. Francis, P.G. Stwd.

Bro. Tew proposed "The Visitors" in very happy terms, offering them a most fraternal welcome to Lodge 2128.

The D.P.G. Master of West Yorks and other brethren responded.

Bro. Smithson, W.M., then proposed "The Health of Bro. Masters, W.M. elect," and thanked him and the other officers of the lodge for the ready and valuable assistance he had received from them during his year of office, and expressed his satisfaction that the brethren had elected so worthy a brother to fill the chair during the ensuing year.

The Worshipful Master elect responded in most feeling terms, and thanked the W.M. for his kind and encouraging remarks, and the brethren for their warm reception of them. He said they might rely upon him to do his best—if blessed with health—during the coming 12 months, and to maintain the good name the lodge had already gained. He was glad to know that there were in the lodge so many good men and true, and he impressed upon the brethren to be equally careful in the future in proposing gentlemen for initiation, as the strength of the lodge did not consist on its numbers but on the high character of those admitted.

Bro. Cumberland, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Smithson," who, he said, was held in such high esteem by them all.

Bro. Smithson thanked the brethren for the kind reception he at all times received from them, and said how happy his year of office had been to him.

Other toasts followed. Bro. Stott (a visitor) kindly presided at the piano, and also sang two songs, much to the delight of the company.

Several other brethren contributed very much to the pleasure of the evening by songs, &c., after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated, after spending, both in the lodge and afterwards, a most instructive and enjoyable evening.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of the above veteran lodge took place on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street. Bro. John G. Milbourne, W.M., presided, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. A. Cleal, I.P.M.; G. Davies, P.M.; H. Syer, P.M.; R. Smith, P.M.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); W. Tailby, S.W.; H. Grice, J.W.; J. Bell, S.D.; L. Chasteaneuf, J.D.; J. Matthey, I.G.; W. G. Abbey, 5; J. Sanderson, P.M. 700; C. J. Carter, 1472; and some 40 brethren of the lodge.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. James O. Welch, and, proving unanimous, he was initiated into Masonry in good style by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments, and, on re-assembling round the social board, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were loyally responded to by the brethren. The usual loyal toasts followed, the clear, incisive eloquence of the W.M. being heard to perfection in giving them, while the responses generally were well to the point. The songs and reciting that helped to pass the pleasant hours was most enjoyable, and the W.M. and brethren parted with hearty expressions of goodwill for "A Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year."

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, on Tuesday afternoon, the 13th inst. The W.M., Bro. T. Atkinson, presided, and among those present were Bros. C. M. Wake, W.M. 97; R. Singleton, I.P.M. 97; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; H. H. Pinkney, W.M. 1389; Rev. J. J. Brown, W.M. 2039; T. Henderson, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Sharp, P.M. 94; T. Mitchinson, P.P.D.D. of C.; T. Elwen, P.P.G.D.; D. P. Huntley, P.M. 80; T. E. Nelson, P.P.G.P.; J. J. Wilson, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. A. Ross, W.M. 481; Jas. Dobson, P.M. 80; J. D. Todd, P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D. of C.; R. W. Halfnight, P.P.G.D.; Geo. Lord, P.P.G.D.; G. W. Bain, S.W. 949; A. Peters, S.W. 1389; E. Turnbull, 481; F. Pearson, and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. John Nicholson, S.W., was presented for installation by Bro. M. Douglas, P.M. 80, P.P.G.D. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. H. J. Turnbull, P.M., P.J.G.W. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested the following officers—Bros. T. Atkinson, I.P.M.; James Hudson, S.W.; Richd. Todd, J.W.; T. Elven, P.P.G.D.; W. Hawdon, P.M. (absent), Sec.; P. W. A. Percy, S.D.; J. Freyde, J.D.; H. J. Turnbull, P.J.G.W., D. of C.; G. Bigelon, I.G.; J. W. Brown, Tyler; S. Rackley, T. Burlington, T. Gibbons, and J. M. Chatt, Stwds. In the absence of Bro. Hawdon, Bro. J. Mitchinson, P.M., officiated as Secretary.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—The annual session of the above lodge for the installation of W.M. and the investiture of officers was held on the 7th inst., in the lodge room, Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street. A large number of members were present from several parts of the Province of Durham, and from each of the

local lodges, including Bros. Robt. Hudson, P.G. Sec., P.G. S.B. Eng.; M. Douglass, P.M. 80, P.P.J.G.D.; Jas. Dobson, P.M. 80; Jas. Hudson, J.W. 80; R. Singleton, W.M. 97; C. M. Wake, S.W. 97; J. J. Clay, 97, P.G. D.C.; G. W. Bain, S.W. 949; B. Swain, P.S.W. 949; A. Peters, S.W. 1389; H. H. Pinkney, W.M. 1389; and R. A. Brown, J.W. 2039.

The W.M. elect, Bro. John Scarborough, who had been elected to that office, was introduced by Bro. G. Wanless, P.M., D.C., to the Installing Master, Bro. J. D. Todd, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., for installation into office. The ceremony of installation was performed in a painstaking manner, and elicited the commendation of the members. The newly-installed W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. W. Dawson, I.P.M.; J. W. H. Swan, S.W.; Mark Cohen, J.W.; R. Punshon, Treas.; J. D. Todd, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., Sec.; G. Craven, S.D.; Wm. Mason, J.D.; G. Wanless, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Vincent, Org.; A. G. Hoey, I.G.; and J. W. Brown, P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Palatine Hotel for the annual festival. About 60 sat down to the dinner, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The installation meeting of this lodge, one of the oldest in the Province of Durham, established over 130 years ago, took place at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, on the 8th inst. The W.M., Bro. Robert Singleton, presided, and was supported by Bros. Robert Hudson, P.M., P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec.; T. M. Watson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; T. Sharp, P.M.; Geo. Carr Watson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. R. Pattison, P.M., P.A.G. Sec.; W. Liddell, P.M. 949, P.P.S.G.D.; M. Douglas, P.M. 80, P.P.J.G.D.; C. D. Hill Drury, P.M., P.P.G.R. Norfolk; Rev. Reg. Heart Yeld, P.M. 1389, P.P.G.C.; H. H. Pinkney, W.M. 1389; A. T. Munro, P.M. 949, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Scarborough, W.M. 94; J. A. Rainbow, P.M. 94, P.P.G. Stwd.; G. Wanless, P.M. 94; J. J. Wilson, P.M. 80, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. D. Todd, P.M. 94, P.P.G.S.B.; W. A. Priestly, S.W.; R. A. Brown, J.W. 2039; G. W. Bain, S.W. 949; James Hudson, J.W. 80; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. C. M. Wake, S.W., was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. J. J. Clay, P.G.D. of C. In a Board of Installed Masters, Bro. C. M. Wake was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. Singleton, the Installing Master, by whom the ceremony was very ably performed. The W.M. invested Bro. Singleton as I.P.M. The newly-installed W.M. was then proclaimed and saluted according to the ancient custom, and the following brethren were then appointed and invested as officers by the W.M.—Bros. J. G. Marshall, S.W.; J. Storey, J.W.; T. M. Watson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; Edward Guy Watson, Sec.; J. R. Cutter, S.D.; William Birch, J.D.; J. J. Clay, P.M., P.G.D. of C., D.C.; Wm. Watts Moses, Org.; A. Grundy, I.G.; J. Nicholls, W. C. Redhead, William Renter, R. Lee, J. F. Napier, and J. W. Hopper, Stwds.; and J. W. Brown, Tyler. Bro. R. Singleton gave notice of motion to move at the next meeting that the sum of 20 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The usual donations to the local charities were duly passed, and the lodge was afterwards closed.

The annual festival was held in the banqueting room, Bro. C. M. Wake, W.M., presiding. There were also present most of the above-named brethren, and Bros. W. Beattie, P.M., P.G. Treas.; F. Maddison, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Atkinson, W.M. 80; R. W. Halfnight, P.P.G.D.; and others.

STONEHOUSE.—Brunswick Lodge (No. 159).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when Bro. R. Selmon, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was ably performed by Bros. N. Radmore, the retiring W.M.; B. Johns, P.M.; H. Trethewey, P.M.; and H. Mortimore, P.M., P.G.S.B. The Board of Installed Masters was as follows: Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31°, P.M. and Chap. 189, P.P.G. Chap.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.M. 189, P.P.G.S., W.M.; S. Jew, P.M. 105 and 1847, P.P.G.T.; R. Pike, P.M. 230, P.G.O.; H. J. Trethewey, P.M. 159; J. C. Stephens, P.M. 159; J. Gifford, P.M. 105; J. Whitford, P.M. 230; H. J. Barter, P.M. 1247; S. J. Hearle, P.M. 1253; J. Maton, P.M. 1550; H. Best, P.M. 954; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; T. R. E. Oliver, P.M. 1247; G. Lee, W.M. 1255; W. H. Macey, P.M. 1847; J. Bray, P.M. 1212; J. Viggers, P.M. 202; W. Rattenbury, W.M. 230; and W. H. Williams, W.M. 1847. At the close of the Board of Installed Masters the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. N. Radmore, I.P.M.; C. Marshall, S.W.; F. J. Price, J.W.; H. Mortimer, P.M., Treas.; H. Trethewey, P.M., Sec.; T. Stoner, S.D.; J. E. Davis, J.D.; S. Jew, P.M., Chaplain; H. Roberts, I.G.; F. Webber, D. of C.; W. S. Luscombe, A.D. of C.; C. Wingate, Org.; W. Smith, A. W. Merrifield, R. Eden, and J. Endicott, Stewards; and J. Bulteel, P.M., Tyler. It was unanimously resolved to make a presentation to the retiring W.M., Bro. N. Radmore, as a token of his Masonic zeal and ability.

The brethren adjourned to the refectory, and a pleasant evening was spent, Bros. H. J. Barter, P.M., and Herbert singing capital songs.

DEVONPORT.—Fidelity Lodge (No. 230).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-street, on the 15th inst., to install Bro. J. J. Meadley, S.W., as W. Master for the year ensuing. The ceremony was ably performed by Bros. R. Cawsey, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Pike, P.M., P.G. Org.; J. T. Border, P.M.; R. Pitcher, P.M.; and E. H. Littleton, P.M.; assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. 189, P.P.G.C.; S. Jew, P.M. 105, P.P.G.T.; D. Cross, P.M. 1205, P.P.G.T.; J. Burns, P.M. 202, P.P.G.S. Wks.; E. J. Knight, P.M. 202, P.P.G.P.; R. Pengelly, P.M. 70, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S. Wks.; Thos. Heath, P.M. 1136, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; J. Whitford, P.M. 230; R. W. Burt, P.M. 230; W. S. Rattenbury, P.M. 230; W. Allford, P.M. 202; H. Blackhall, P.M. 1099; J. Osborne, P.M. 954; J. Viggers, P.M. 202; N. Radmore, P.M. 159; John Bray, P.M. 1212; W. H. Williams, W.M. 1847; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025; J. D. Bessey, P.M. 893; J. D. Pearn, P.M. 893; G. Trethewey, P.M. 1136; and J. C. Elliot, P.M. 1212.

The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. S. Rattenbury, I.P.M.; F. Orchard, S.W.; A. Maddock, J.W.; John Lynn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; R. Cawsey, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; C. H. Dyer, Chap.; W. H. Burt, S.D.; R. Lamb, J.D.; W. V. Harris, I.G.; R. H. Penberthy, D.C.; W. Bosworthick, R. R. Pike, P.M., Org.; W. Potter, S. M. Lewis, G. F. Bromley, and M. Durbin, Stwds.; and Samuel Harvey, Tyler. Bro. R. Cawsey, P.M., was chosen as the representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. E. H. Littleton, P.M., as Charity Steward.

WHITBY.—Lion Lodge (No. 312).—A regular lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, on Monday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. Thomas Tate, W.M.; Robert W. White, S.W.; Wm. H. Atlay, J.W.; John Brand, S.D.; Thomas Atkinson, J.D.; Francis Adamson, I.G.; Joseph Oliver, D.C.; W. Edwards and Edward Smithson, Stewards; Robt. Gray, Sec.; John N. Lawson, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Trueman, Tyler; John Stevenson, P.M.; W. H. Marwood, P.M.; T. N. Marwood, P.M.; Francis Thornton, P.M.; M. Smith, P.M.; William H. Falkingbridge, P.M.; John E. Ryder, P.M.; John Brooks, P.M.; George Elliott, John T. Stewart, Joseph W. Collier, Thomas Clarkson, B. Newbald, Thomas Smailes, Henry Wald, Thomas W. Rensson, and James E. Davies.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. James E. Davies was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. This being the night for the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year the voting papers were distributed to the brethren, and upon their collection the W.M. declared Bro. John T. Stewart, Past S.W., unanimously elected. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards met in the banquet room and spent a pleasant hour together, the usual Masonic and loyal toasts being given and heartily responded to.

BATH.—Lodge of Honor (No. 379).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 12th inst., when Bro. the Rev. John A. Lloyd, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. G. Phillips, acting S.W., and Theobald Ringer, J.W.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, a vote of thanks was passed to Capt. Simpson for a present of three guineas to the Charity Fund of the lodge. The Treasurer's accounts were then passed, and the Rev. the Hon. Sidney Meade was elected a joining member, after which Mr. R. W. Edgecumbe was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. Phillips giving the address. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Surgeon-General T. Ringer, P.M. 1308, P.P.J.G.W. of Wilts, was then proceeded with, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Else, D.P.G.M., in his usual able manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the year as follows: Bros. Rev. F. W. Macdonald, S.W.; Rev. C. J. McConnell, J.W.; Rev. Hon. Sidney Meade, Chap.; H. Culliford Hopkins, Treas.; B. H. Lane, Sec.; G. H. Bernard, S.D.; Rev. R. White, J.D.; Rev. S. J. G. Fraser, D.C.; Arthur Edwards, I.G.; and S. Bigwood, Tyler. Votes of thanks were passed to the Dep. P.G.M. for performing the ceremony of installation, to the visitors present for their attendance, and to Bro. H. C. Hopkins, P.M., for his conduct as Secretary. Bro. Else then presented the new by-laws to the lodge, and announced that the P.G.M., Lord Carnarvon, had appointed Bro. Hopkins, P.P.S.G.W., as one of the four brethren of the province receiving Jubilee honours, an announcement which was received with applause.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet at the Castle Hotel, where everything was done in Bro. Rubie's accustomed excellent manner.

BIRMINGHAM.—Howe Lodge (No. 587).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, on Monday, the 12th inst., the brethren appearing in mourning as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Bro. Col. John Machen, D.P.G.M. After the lodge was opened, and the minutes were read, the newly-appointed Deputy P.G.M., Bro. J. T. Collins, paid his first official visit to the lodge and was received with proper honours according to ancient custom; he requested the W.M. to continue his work, which was at once resumed. A candidate for initiation, Mr. Whitworth Wallis, being balloted for and approved, was introduced and most impressively initiated. Bro. E. Boyce Podmore, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Doctor H. Denne, P.M., P.P.G.W., was re-elected to the office of Treasurer for 13th time. A sum of £5 5s. was voted from the lodge funds to provide a P.M.'s jewel for Bro. S. Walliker, W.M. The Audit Committee was appointed, and the lodge was closed.

The officers, members, and visitors present were Bros. S. Walliker, W.M.; J. W. Martin, P.S.G.D., I.P.M.; E. Boyce Podmore, S.W.; A. W. Young, J.W.; H. Denne, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; Montgomery Hooper, P.M., P.M. 1584, Sec.; E. F. Thorby, S.D.; H. Marshall, J.D.; E. Wren, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D. of C.; L. Grizzell, I.G.; W. Evans, Stwd.; Naden, P.M., P.P.G.W.; and R. L. James. Bro. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.W., performed the duties of the Tyler, who was absent on account of illness. Visitors: Bros. J. T. Collins, Deputy P.G.M.; and Major Abercrombie Cooper, I.P.M. 2098.

The brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, the catering for which deserved the highest praise. After the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of the Newly-appointed D.P.G.M., Bro. Collins," was cordially received.

"The Memory of the deeply-lamented late D.P.G.M., Bro. Colonel Machen," was drunk in solemn silence.

"The W.M.'s Health" was proposed by Bro. Collins, and in Bro. Walliker's reply, as indeed in all his speeches, he most happily combined eloquence and geniality, wisdom, and wit.

"The Initiate," "The Visitors," "The I.P.M.," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers of the Lodge" (with a special one for the acting Tyler), and the Tyler's toast completed the list for the evening, which was in every way one of much enjoyment.

Songs were given by Bros. Denne, Naden, and Podmore. Bro. Cooper gave a humorous recitation, and, in replying

for "The Visitors," said he could never forget the warm-heartedness of his reception at that, his first visit to a Birmingham lodge, where truly the right hand of fellowship had been held out to him.

LEVENSHULME.—Alexandra Lodge (No. 993).—The installation of Bro. W. T. Allitt took place at the St. John's Festival celebrated on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Midway Hotel. There were present: Bros. John Stovold, W.M.; W. T. Allitt, S.W.; G. T. Bowles, J.W.; R. Goddard, Treas.; J. Fletcher, Sec.; J. Falls, S.D.; C. Lee, J.D.; G. R. Armstrong, I.G.; W. H. Bibby, jun., G. Ferguson, R. Walker, and F. Searle, Stwds.; C. U. Cheetham, jun., I.P.M.; Joseph Allison, P.M.; G. Howe, P.M.; R. Dottie, P.M.; W. H. Bibby, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Dr. Sturm, P.M.; T. P. Nelson, R. P. Timperley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. Chulon, S. Lord, F. Williams, J. H. Bowden, F. W. Edwards, A. Leeson, J. Kennedy, C. F. Green, W. Ashworth, E. Ashworth, J. C. Rhodes, J. Plumptre, J. R. Pickup, J. Looker, J. Howe, W. Packman, and J. Pocklington, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. Craven, I.P.M. 1033; W. H. Maxfield, S.W. 1957; J. Wrigley, P.M. 210; R. E. Coates, W.M. 210; W. Livesey, W.M. 163; W. Hoyland, P.M. 1083 and 2185; W. Webster, W.M. 2109; W. Bostock, P.M. 1633, P.P.G. Purst.; G. F. East, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.; W. Pearson, 163; J. M. Moss, W.M. 1161; J. Wright, P.M. 210 and 1459; J. Garside, W.M. 317; A. H. Jefferis, P.M. 1161, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Packman, W.M. 191; T. Uttley, S.W. 307; J. Lord, 298; J. Marsden, 654; W. Lyon, W.M. 1633; E. G. Simpson, W.M. De Tatton, P.J.G.D. Cheshire; J. L. Hine, P.P.J.G.W.; and J. Dewhurst.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. In the second Degree Bro. W. Bostock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., occupied the chair of K.S. for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Allitt. Bro. Allitt was thereupon presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Stovold, W.M., and after the customary formula, he was inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Allitt was proclaimed to, and saluted by them. Bro. Robert Dottie, P.M., invested the officers for the year as follows: Bros. G. T. Bowles, S.W.; R. Goddard, J.W.; J. Fletcher, Treas.; Charles Lee, Sec.; G. R. Armstrong, S.D.; R. E. Walker, J.D.; W. H. Bibby, jun., I.G.; J. W. Allison, P.M., D.C.; Fred Williams, S.S.; G. Ferguson, A. F. Searle, J. C. Rhodes, S. Lord, J. E. Looker, and F. W. Edwards, Stwds. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. W. Sturm, P.M.; to the Wardens by Bro. G. F. East, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C.; and to the brethren by W. Bostock, P.M. 163, P.P.G.S.B. The installation ceremony being completed and there being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet, which gave entire satisfaction.

After the banquet the W.M. proposed the preliminary toasts, which were received and drunk with Masonic enthusiasm.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M." Bro. John Stovold, I.P.M., spoke in high terms of the manner in which he had performed the various duties allotted to him since his connection with the lodge, of his regular attendance at the ordinary and instruction meetings, and his uniform kindness and affability.

The toast was heartily drunk, and after Bro. Walker had sang "Here's to his Health."

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that far more had been said by Bro. Stovold concerning himself than was warrantable or deserved, at the same time he should try and justify the statements by striving to do his utmost to fulfil the duties annexed to his appointment and merit the approbation of his brethren. The kind remarks concerning him that had fallen from their I.P.M. had almost caused him to forget what he had intended to say, but he could, however, assure them all that he had striven to perform every office to which he had been appointed, from 5th Steward to S.W., creditably to himself and satisfactorily to the lodge, and with one exception had attended every meeting of the lodge since he was initiated. He assured them he felt very proud of his present position, and felt sure he should not only have the assistance of his Officers and P.M.'s, but that every member of the Alexandra Lodge would earnestly support him, and such being the case, with the assistance of G.A.O.T.U., he did not think his brethren would have cause to regret having placed him in his honourable and responsible position. In conclusion Bro. Allitt thanked Bro. Stovold most cordially for his kind remarks, and the brethren for so heartily drinking his health. Before resuming his seat the W.M. said he felt exceeding pleasure in proposing "The Health of Bro. John Stovold, I.P.M.," who had performed his duties as W.M. in a highly creditable manner and to the entire satisfaction of the members. No brother could have taken a keener interest in his lodge or have been more zealous towards its interests than Bro. Stovold had done, and he (Bro. Allitt) felt great pleasure in presenting him, on behalf of the members, with a P.M.'s 18 carat gold jewel to mark the esteem and respect in which he was held, and for the efficient manner in which he had performed his duties.

The jewel was passed round for the inspection of the brethren, and was much admired, being a handsomely engraved square and problem with three bars of frosted gold relieved with burnished edges and letters, and manufactured by George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

Bro. John Stovold, in returning thanks for this mark of the brethren's esteem, said he should prize it above all the jewels he possessed, and although he had been praised for doing his work well, still, he felt he had not done half as much as he should have liked.

Bro. J. W. Allison, P.M., D.C., proposed "The Visitors" in eulogistic terms, and Bros. E. G. Simpson, P.J.G.D. Cheshire; Arthur H. Jefferis, P.M. 1161, P.A.G.D.C.; and Wm. Webster, W.M. 2109; replied.

Bro. J. W. Allison, P.M., D.D., in calling upon Bro. C. D. Cheetham, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," said he would remind the brethren that the toast could not have been placed in better hands, because Bro. Cheetham had taken intense interest in the Masonic Charities, and was not only the Charity representative of the lodge, but a member of the Relief Board, and also one of the five Almoners appointed by the Charity Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational Institution.

Bro. Cheetham, in reply, thanked Bro. Allison for his

flattering remarks, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He felt highly honoured in being appointed their representative, year after year, and he would refer to a very gratifying fact, viz., that the Alexandra Lodge had subscribed during this jubilee year the following sums to the Charities, R.M.I. Boys' 30 guineas, R.M.I. Girls' 50 guineas, R.M.B.I. 40 guineas, and to the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Institution £20. Bro. Cheetham continuing, said the lodge stood second to none in the province for its charitable contributions. He impressed upon the brethren the necessity for more of their members qualifying themselves as Governors of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational Benevolent Institution, there being at present only two, viz., Bro. R. Timperley, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., and another.

Other toasts were proposed, including "The Officers," "The Installing Master," and others, and were duly responded to.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, and Bros. Marfield, Dottie, Dewurst, Goddard, Edwards, Walker, and Lee contributed songs and readings, to the delight of all present.

LEEDS.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 1042).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, in the presence of a good muster of brethren. Bro. W. J. Flockton, W.M., was supported by his officers, and amongst others present were Bros. Hy. Smith, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M.; C. L. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; R. Craig, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Tyers, P.P.G.S.B.; Freeman, P.P.G.D.; T. Trevor, W.M. 2069; Harris, P.M.; Youngs, P.M.; and Jaques, P.M. All the Leeds lodges were represented, and the muster was both large and representative. The W.D.P.G.M. having been accorded the salutation due to his exalted rank, addressed the brethren as follows: I desire to acknowledge the salutation accorded to me this evening. It has afforded me much pleasure to accept the invitation of your W.M. to be here on this most interesting occasion. I trust that the prosperity which has characterised your proceedings during the past year may be continued in the future, and that by the judicious selection of candidates you may still further increase the excellent position you have obtained in the province. You have used very great discretion hitherto, and I trust that brotherly love, relief, and truth may long be the motto happily fulfilled in your lodge. I have reason to believe that your prosperity is insured, a fact which is due to the admirable selection of W.M.'s who have occupied the chair of K.S. It is very gratifying to the P.G.M. (Bro. Tew) and myself to witness the cordiality and good feeling which exist amongst the lodges in Leeds. This is the sort of feeling which, I am happy to say, prevails, not only in this province but throughout England. I feel sure that I shall have the opportunity of seeing the beautiful ceremony admirably performed. The W.M., assisted by Bro. Thompson, P.M., then installed Bro. W. T. Carter in a thoroughly impressive manner. Bro. Carter then distributed the collars as follows: Bros. W. J. Flockton, I.P.M.; H. Cowbrough, sen., S.W.; T. Meyer, J.W.; G. Tyers, Sec.; H. Cowbrough, jun., Treas.; T. Thorp, S.D.; D. Sutton, J.D.; J. Blackburn, I.G.; Thompson, P.M., D.C.; Mays and R. J. Smith, Stwds.; and Barraud, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the lodge business the Festival of St. John was celebrated with great éclat, and one of the most successful gatherings in the annals of the lodge was brought to a conclusion amid every feeling of brotherly love and Masonic sentiment.

OSWESTRY.—Lodge St. Oswald (No. 1124).—This lodge held their installation festival on Monday evening, the 5th inst., when Sir Watkins Williams Wynn was installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. An occasion so interesting to the brethren could not fail to cause a large number, on the invitation of the brethren of the lodge, to assemble. Those present were Bros. Henry Morris, W.M.; L. A. Manning, I.P.M.; J. Peplow Cartwright, J.W.; W. F. Rogers, Treas.; J. B. Joyce, J.D.; A. R. Lowery, I.G.; George Owen, P. Prov. G.W.; Edward Smith, P. Prov. G.W. North Wales; J. F. Edisbury, P. Prov. G.W. North Wales; Col. Huddleston, P. Prov. G.W. North Wales; Rev. Kemble Southwell, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; Rev. J. B. Meredith, P. Prov. G. Chap; Rev. Watkin H. Williams, P. Prov. G. Chaplain North Wales; J. Salmon, P. Prov. G. Treas. North Wales; J. H. Cooksey, P. Prov. G. Reg.; F. R. Spaul, P. Prov. G. Reg.; W. H. Spaul, P. Prov. G. Sec.; Chas. Drew, P. Prov. G.D.; John Maclardy, P. Prov. G.D.; J. J. Morgan, P.P.G.D.; Capt. W. M. Lightfoot, P. Prov. G.D. Cheshire; C. K. Benson, P. Prov. G.D. North Wales; T. Whitefoot, jun., P. Prov. G. D. of C.; T. Akeroyd, P. Prov. G. Org.; J. H. Parsons, Assistant P.G. Sec.; J. A. Harris, P. Prov. G.S. of W. North Wales; Rev. P. W. Sparling, J.W. 839; Rev. Thomas Hughes, W.M. 998; J. D. Andrew, 336; A. Lowcock, P. Prov. G. Purst.; John Avery, S.W. 262; A. V. Townsend, P. Prov. G. Stwd.; J. H. Tomb, Sec. 1432; W. J. Ogg, Sec. 2131; Ashton Bradley, 1336; Rev. Trevor Owen, 1143; John Evans, I.G. 1432; and the following brethren of the lodge: Bros. Major J. M. Maltby, W. F. Fearn, W. H. Bott, Rev. H. Dunkin, P. O. Gill, J. W. Edwards, W. B. Oswell, W. H. G. Weaver, and H. C. Corfield, P.M.

After Sir Watkin had been duly installed and placed in the chair of the lodge, he invested his officers as follows: Bros. Henry Morris, I.P.M.; J. Peplow Cartwright, S.W.; the Rev. J. B. Meredith, J.W.; W. F. Rogers, Treas.; W. H. Spaul, Sec.; J. B. Joyce, S.D.; A. R. Lowery, J.D.; G. Owen, D.C.; the Rev. H. Dunkin, I.G.; and W. H. Bott, Steward. After the investing of the officers, the Secretary, Bro. W. H. Spaul, referred to an interesting episode with reference to the chair which Bro. Sir Watkin occupied. When the St. Oswald Lodge was founded in 1866, the late Sir Watkin made a present to the lodge of some antique chairs and other furniture that formerly were used in a lodge holden at Wynnstay, and the present baronet has now been installed in the chair that his great grandfather had formerly occupied when he presided over that lodge at Wynnstay.

The Secretary then read a number of letters from the following brethren, expressing regret at their inability to be present: Bros. Sir Offley Wakeman, P. Prov. G.M.; Lord Ebrington, P. Prov. G.M. Devon; Lord Harlech, P. Prov. G.M. North Wales; R. G. Venables, D.P.G.M.; the Rev. A.

L. Taylor, P.P.G.C.; A. Gordon Warren, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Stanley Leighton, P.P.G.W.; John Bodenham, P.P.G.W.; T. Collins, P.P.G.W.; A. C. Spaul, P.P.G. Reg.; R. A. Craig, P.P.G. Reg.; V. C. L. Crump, P.P.G. Reg.; R. J. Sisson, P.P.G. Reg. North Wales; J. P. White, P. Prov. G. Treas.; E. C. Peel, P.P.G.D.; John Thomas, P.P.G.D.; A. Walker, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Vine, P.P. A.G. Sec.; Sir W. G. Williams, S.W. 1143; Dr. Lewis, S.W. 1432; Kyffin Salter, J.W. 2131; Hon. G. Kenyon, 1336; T. Hickman, 262; G. Campbell, and E. Gouldbourn, W.M. 1575.

A handsome P.M.'s jewel was then presented to the I.P.M. by Sir Watkin, on behalf of the members of the lodge, to commemorate his year of office, which had just expired, and was acknowledged by Bro. Morris in suitable terms. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the usual superior style for which Bro. Drew is noted. After the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts the brethren separated at an early hour.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—A meeting of the above Lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. R. Hughes, W.M.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M., as S.W.; W. T. Jordan, J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., as I.P.M.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; C. W. Duke, P.P.S.G.W., P.M., as Sec.; R. T. Davison, M.D., S.D.; J. B. Foster, J.D.; D. White, I.G.; C. Leary, Tyler; W. C. Hill, W. E. Skinner, W. Pepper, T. W. Avis, F. G. Ticehurst, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. G. Ticehurst was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Jordan, J.W., very ably delivered the charge, the rest of the ceremony, including the explanation of the tracing board, having been performed by the W.M. After the transaction of some lodge business the lodge was closed.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Rose and Crown Hotel, on the 12th inst. Among those present were Bros. T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middlesex, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.W.; Drummond, acting J.W.; Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Treas.; W. T. Peat, Sec.; E. Dare, J.D.; H. Sapsworth, I.G.; Grant, D.C.; Bond, Steward; Chandler, I.P.M.; Gaunt, R. Masters, J. J. Smith, Hunt, Rice, Plamböck, Simpson, Spooner, Hunt, Gilbert (Tyler), and others. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Baker, Rutland Lodge, was a visitor, and he kindly and efficiently acted as Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. G. S. Suggett, and it being unanimous, he was most ably inducted into Craft mysteries by the W.M., who supplemented his excellent working by delivering the ancient charge to the initiate. It was proposed by Bro. T. C. Walls, seconded by Bro. Chandler, and carried unanimously, that the sum of five guineas be placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward to the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, under the able catering of Bro. Plamböck. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts received full justice.

Bro. Featherstone responded on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was briefly, but heartily, given by the I.P.M.

The Worshipful Master having replied, gave "The Initiate."

Bro. Suggett having modestly acknowledged the compliment, "The Health of the Visitor" was given.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Baker made a fluent and exhaustive reply. In the course of his speech he congratulated the lodge upon having so excellent a man and Mason at its head as Bro. Ockenden. He, the speaker, had found the W.M. exceedingly useful, kind, and energetic in his parish of Clapham, and he wished that there were more like him. Having spoken some kind words to the initiate and made a few observations upon the great acts of Charity performed by English Freemasons, notably the recent gift of £500 to the poor of London, the reverend brother resumed his seat amid great applause.

Bro. Chandler acknowledged the toast of "The Past Masters," and Bros. Featherstone and Walls replied for "The Officers."

Bros. Chandler, Grant, Suggett, and others, contributed to the evening's harmony. The proceedings then terminated.

STONEHOUSE.—Ebrington Lodge (No. 1847).

—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Hobart-street, on the 13th inst., to install Bro. W. H. Williams, S.W., as W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was performed by Bros. Thomas Geach, retiring W.M.; S. Jew, P.M. 105 and 1847, P.P.G.T.; and C. Nicholson, P.M. Among the Board of Installed Masters were Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. 189, P.P.G.C.; A. Lethbridge, P.M. 159 and 1847, P.P.G.S. of Works; E. Aitken-Davies, P.M. 1099 and 2025, P.P. S.G.W.; H. Mortimore, P.M. 159, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Cawsey, P.M. 230, P.P.G.D.; R. Pike, P.M. 230, P.G. Org.; T. Lewarn, P.M. 222, P.G. Stwd.; J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hifley, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Browne, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Lose, P.M. 1847; S. H. Hearle, P.M. 1255; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025; B. Johns, P.M. 159; J. T. H. Harris, P.M. 230; B. Elliott, P.M. 1247; T. H. Blackall, P.M. 1099; F. Goodyear, P.M. 223; N. Radmore, W.M. 159; W. Kennedy, W.M. 1205; T. R. E. Oliver, W.M. 1247; and J. Bray, P.M. 230. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the officers were invested as follows: Bros. T. Geach, I.P.M.; J. Griffin, S.W.; J. T. Masters, J.W.; S. Jew, P.M., P.P.G.T., Chap.; C. Nicholson, P.M., Treas.; James Lose, P.M., Sec.; H. D. Harding, S.D.; J. T. Rooke, J.D.; G. W. Street, I.G.; J. Merrifield, Org.; J. Harvey, D.C.; G. W. Firkins, Asst. D.C.; H. Roberts and E. Dawe, Stwds.; and J. Bartlett, P.M., Tyler. It was unanimously resolved to present Bro. T. Geach, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, value £5 5s., in testimony of his Masonic zeal and ability.

At the close of the lodge the brethren sat down to the social gathering, when there were present, in addition to

the brethren mentioned, Bros. Frank R. Thomas, S.W. 189; A. W. Spinney, J.W. 105; C. Marshall, J.W. 159; A. C. Titherley, J.D. 1550; C. F. Mattheson, D. of C. 2025; W. E. Chapell, I.G. 156; Staff-Sergeants G. W. Giles, A. G. Birch, and F. Holmes, all of 1205; Sergeant T. L. Folley, 1847; J. Hodge, H. B. McMillan, C. P. Sutton, 1847; M. Body, 223; W. S. Warren, 1255; R. Brickwood, J.S. 2025; C. L. Blight, 1205; S. K. Bishop, 1099; C. E. Wingate, J.S. 1099; W. L. Rowe, 589; J. Ridler, 230; H. James, 1212; W. Sweet, I.G. 1212; W. Biscoombe, 223; and S. H. Gibbens, 105. A most pleasant evening was spent. A small string band, under Bros. Elford and Miller, played some good music, and Bro. Elford gave two cornet solos with his usual ability.

ALTON.—Shalden Lodge (No. 2016).—The installation of Bro. G. H. Swansborough, S.W., as W.M., took place at the Assembly Rooms on Thursday evening, the 15th inst., amongst those present were Bros. C. T. Timbrell, W.M.; R. Eve, P.P.S.G.W., G. Treasurer; J. E. Le Feuvre, J.G.D., D.P.G.M.; G. Goble, P.G. Swd. Br.; E. C. Hervey, P.J.G.C.; H. Harbour, I.P.M.; and others.

The brethren attended in mourning for the loss of Bro. J. B. Blake. The W.M., Bro. G. T. Timbrell, installed his successor in a very able manner, and was presented with a P.M.'s jewel and collar for past services.

After the installation the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Swan Hotel, provided by Bro. T. Vallett, the Treasurer of the lodge. The list of toasts were, "The Queen;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.;" "The M.W. Pro Grand Master and Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with Bro. R. Eve, G. Treas.

Bro. R. Eve, who was greeted with applause, referred to the very able officers selected by the M.W.G. Master. He (Bro. Eve) happened to belong to a different category; he took his honour from the Craft; he felt there was no greater honour than being elected by the Craft. He dwelt at some length, in a very interesting speech, upon the work of the Craft, and his remarks were enthusiastically appreciated.

Bros. Le Feuvre and Goble also followed in their usual well-known style, and were also well received.

HAMPTON COURT.—Cama Lodge (No. 2105).

—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel on Saturday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. W. R. Palmer, W.M.; John Read, P.P.G. Org. Middx., S.W.; T. Poore, P.M. 720, Sec.; Dharwar, S.D.; Hague, M.D., J.D.; Granville, D.C.; J. K. Cama, Org.; Caron, W.S.; Rev. Saunders, P.P.G. Chap., Middx.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B., Middx.; Major Geary, R.A.; Saunders, and De Lacy. Visitors: Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx.; Powell, P.P.G.S. of W., Moumouth; Shirley, Cooper, W.M. elect of the Cecil Lodge; Stevens, Horrocks, and W. Stewart.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and confirmed, after which the W.M. well and ably initiated Messrs. H. A. Stuart, L. H. Gilham, and J. A. Postans into the order. This being the installation meeting, Bro. John Read, P.M. 720, and P.P.G. Org. Middx., S.W., was presented by Bro. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., to the W.M. for installation into the chair of K.S., and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the ceremony was well and ably carried out by Bro. W. R. Palmer, I.P.M. Bro. Read having placed the collar of I.P.M. on Bro. Palmer, and having received the salutations of the brethren, under the able conduct of Bro. Walls, (who acted as an efficient D.C.), appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. N. D. Francis, S.W.; Dharwar, J.W.; Palmer, I.P.M., Treas.; T. Poore, P.M. 720, Sec.; S. Hague, M.D., S.D.; A. Quicke, B.A., J.D.; Granville, I.G.; J. K. Cama, D.C.; Caron, W.S. The usual addresses were effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. W. R. Palmer, I.P.M. A sum of five guineas from the Charity Fund was unanimously voted towards the Testimonial Fund now being raised in honour of Bro. T. Poore, P.M. 720, and Sec. 2105. The W.M. then presented Bro. Palmer, the I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren at the previous lodge meeting, and whilst congratulating Bro. Palmer on his successful year of office, added what great pleasure it afforded him personally in placing the jewel on his breast, it having been so well and ably earned, and trusted he might long live to wear it, and be amongst the brethren of Lodge No. 2105. The I.P.M., Bro. Palmer, thanked the brethren very warmly for the handsome present, which he would ever be proud to wear as it would ever remind him of a pleasant year of office, and pleasant associations.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet served in Bro. Sadler's best style.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, received, and duly responded to.

The proceedings were very much enlivened with some first class music, under the direction of Bro. R. De Lacy, of St. Paul's Cathedral, assisted by Mdlle. Colnaghi and Mrs. Read. Mrs. Read proved, as usual, an able and accomplished accompanist. A vote of thanks was most unanimously given to the artistes for the musical treat they had afforded.

The brethren then separated, expressing great satisfaction at the pleasant evening they had spent.

HAMPTON COURT.—Royal Hampton Court Lodge (No. 2138).—We recorded in our number of the 12th February last the consecration of this lodge. Its first year's labours were brought to a conclusion in a peculiarly interesting manner, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., in a very full lodge, there being a large array of visitors.

The peculiarity consisted in a bold and successful divergence from the beaten track of ceremonial Masonry, and the filling up of a spare evening by the reading and discussion of a lecture on that sacred edifice, the building and construction of which have given to us the legends of Craft Masonry.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., the Rev. W. F. Reynolds, P.P.G.C. Middx., assisted by his able officers. After confirmation of minutes, letters regretting unavoidable absence were read from the Prov. G.M., the D.P.G.M., the Prov. G. Sec., and other brethren. Bro. Dr. H. W.

Seager was then elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. A. Keeling was re-elected Treasurer. After election of Auditors and a Tyler, the W.M. called on Bro. J. F. Creswick, P.M., Sec., to deliver the lecture he had prepared during the summer recess, on "The House which King Solomon built for the Lord." The Lecture, which lasted nearly an hour, was listened to throughout with earnest attention and keen appreciation. Bro. F. Creswick had prepared about a dozen large plans and diagrams, and further, illustration was afforded by many sketches, drawings, and photographs. Without these it would be hardly possible to follow the lecture in detail, but an epitome may be given of the various points touched; and we may yet hope to see the lecture with its illustrations published, as it cannot fail to prove most interesting and instructive to the majority of Masons, whether considered from a biblical, an archaeological, or a Masonic point of view. Our brother, having alluded to the tracing board of the Second Degree, and to the interest all Freemasons must naturally feel in the Temple of Solomon, at once referred to the well-known authorities on the Temples of Jerusalem, and on the history and topography of the Holy City itself; paying a high tribute to those whose labours were carried out under the auspices of the Palestine Exploration Committee. He then pointed out that the Tabernacle of Moses was the prototype of the Temple of Solomon; and traced the unit of measurement, the great cubit, from the cubit of Memphis which was about twenty-one English inches in length. The actual plan and section of "the House" with its porch and side chambers or galleries, were next discussed, and particular notice was taken of the two great bronze pillars, their actual relative position being proved to be the reverse of that generally received by Freemasons. The materials used in construction were next described, and some idea was given of the decoration and embellishment of the internal parts. With regard to the external appearance Bro. Frost Creswick pointed out that until we know the actual style in which the Phœnician artist of 1000 B.C. designed his buildings and elaborated his details we must remain in ignorance as far as regards the elevations of Solomon's Temple. The various so-called "restorations" by Wilkins, Canina, and Robins, were then alluded to, and the probabilities of each discussed. Two plans were exhibited which very clearly showed the rival sites, that is to say the site propounded by the late Dr. Ferguson, and the traditional site which places the altar where the Dome of the Rock now stands. Another large plan gave an excellent idea of the House with its surrounding courts, entrances, colonnades, chambers, and walls. The actual meaning of the words "entrance of the Temple" in the Third Degree, compared with the same words in the First and Second Degrees, was made very apparent. A graphic description of Mount Moriah was given, and the cyclopean masonry of the great retaining walls was mentioned, particular attention being directed to the "wailing place" of the Jews, and to the stones at the south angle of the east wall, photos of which were exhibited. A large drawing showed the Masons' marks on the foundation course unearthed in 1868, at a depth of 75 feet below the present surface, by Bro. Sir Charles Warren. It was pointed out how these marks had been preserved through not less than three thousand years, and the vast accumulation of debris was accounted for. A rapid sketch of the labour levy and the Phœnician help was then given. The time occupied in building the sacred works was next noticed, and a short allusion to the consecration and dedication of "The House which King Solomon built for the Lord" brought the lecture to a close. The W.M. and some of the brethren made a few remarks asking various questions, and after a hearty vote of thanks had been passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes, Bro. Frost Creswick replied, and by aid of the plans and photos still further elucidated the deeply interesting subject under discussion.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren enjoyed the good things for which the Mitre is so justly noted, and harmony, with some excellent speeches from the visitors, brought an instructive evening to a pleasant termination.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. J. G. Thomas, W.M.; Dandridge, S.W.; Penrose, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Faulkner, S.D.; Leng, J.D.; Jenkins, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Stringer, P.M.; Williams, Turpin, Borrett, Coultrey, and Emblin. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the minutes had been read, was advanced to the Second Degree, when the usual questions leading to the Third Degree were ably answered by Bro. Turpin. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, after which the ceremony of installation was rendered in a very efficient manner by the W.M.. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Dandridge, S.W., was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in the ensuing month. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 19th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. C. A. Itter, W.M.; Casely, S.W.; Passingham, J.V.; E. Clare, S.D.; Bartlett, J.D.; Hall, I.G.; Mulvey, Preceptor; Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; Recknell, P.M., Treas.; H. Bangs, Boyden, J. W. Lawrence, J. Powdrell, Enderline, Giddings, and D. Harper. 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. Lawrence candidate. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lawrence candidate. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that Bros. Clare and Harper become joining members. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. at the next meeting, the 2nd prox., and the lodge was closed. A meeting of the Masonic Charitable Association was held for the purpose of balloting for two Life Subscriptions, both resulting in favour of Bro. H. Slyman.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. J. Round, W.M.; S. J. Humfress, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. Chapple, S.D.; H. Moss, J.D.; T. W. Manktelow, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; D. Stroud, W.M. 2045; R. Dillon, W.M. 1507; C. A. Bond, H. Ward, H. Wells, G. Weston, C. J. Biorn, and H. W. Eastwood. Visitors: Bros. H. Alexander, J. Wilkes, and J. Smith Kivert. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, Bro. Baker, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weston candidate. The lodge was called off and on, Bro. Wells, having answered

the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Wells candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bros. Alexander, Wilkes, and Smith Kivert were elected joining members. Bro. S. J. Humfress 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.

On Tuesday, the 27th inst., the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed.

EXCELSIOR LODGE (No. 1155).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at this lodge on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, S.E., when there were present Bros. Millbourn, W.M. 13, Preceptor and W.M.; Martin, P.M. 870, S.W.; Talbot, 65, J.W.; Faulkner, S.D.; Walters, J.D. 1320, J.D.; Lazarus, J.D. 879, I.G.; R. Borrett, 1359, Hon. Sec.; and a numerous assemblage of brethren.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the Sections were worked by Bros. Borrett, Freyer, Wells, Duffield, Talbot, and Appleby (2). The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the Sections were worked by Bros. Wilkinson, Appleby, Martin, Millbourn, and Akers. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and the Sections were worked by Bros. Walters, Lazarus, and Talbot. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and, on the third rising, hearty votes of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, were given to the W.M. for so ably presiding and to the working brethren for their efficiency. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. Potter, W.M.; C. S. Mote, S.W.; J. R. Allman, S.W. 1425, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, 1767, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; W. J. Mason, S.D.; D. Moss, J.D.; W. Death, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; C. T. Thomson, W.M. 1697; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; and A. Cornwall.

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. Cornwall being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Thomson being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Mote was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. A communication was read from Bro. Smith thanking the brethren for their vote of congratulation. Bro. Battley received the hearty congratulations of all present on the birth of a Lewis, and acknowledged the compliment on behalf of his wife and himself in suitable terms. A vote of condolence with Bro. Purdue, P.M. 834, was passed on the loss he had just sustained by the death of his wife. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. Kilsby, W.M.; Cobb, S.W.; Napper, J.W.; J. Petch, C. M. Coxon, Sec.; Brookman, S.D.; and Duncan, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. 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 ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Duncan candidate. Bro. Duncan answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Duncan candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Cobb was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. elect appointed the officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had worked the ceremonies for the first time in this lodge of instruction. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and adjourned until Jan. 3rd, when a meeting of the Second Islington Masonic Charities Association will also be held.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Blake, W.M.; Gaskell, S.W.; Carey, J.W.; Cork, S.D.; Johns, I.G.; Driffield, P.M., Preceptor; Lewis, P.M., Treas.; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Youngman, P.M.; and Loftus.

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 resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Loftus candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Blake having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Youngman, P.M., the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Carey, W.M. elect 1571, being duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the officers were invested, after which Bro. Youngman delivered the addresses in an impressive manner. Bro. Blake resumed the chair, and rose for the first time, Bros. Cork and Johns were elected joining members, and returned thanks to the brethren. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Gaskell, P.M., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Gaskell returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and votes of thanks were unanimously passed and entered on the minutes to Bro. Youngman for the able and impressive manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation, and to Bro. Carey for the able manner in which he had invested the officers. Bros. Youngman and Carey returned thanks. No further Masonic business offering, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Brindley, P.M. 1604 (Section Master); W. Richards, I.P.M. 1853, acting as I.P.M.; W. C. Smith, I.P.M. 1563 (Preceptor), S.W.; T. A. Dickson, W.M. 1614, J.W.; A. Bullen, 1614, S.D.; W. Mann, 144, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, 2148, I.G.; G. Reynolds, J.W. 1614, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; C. Hammond, 141; D. Green, J.W. 728, Port Natal; C. Heil, 1604; R. J. Harnell, 2021; T. C. Seary, 1987; F. C. Foot, 25; J. Wynn, S.W. 201; A. Clark, S.W. 2191; W. J. Forscutt, W.M. 144; W. Carlisle, 1614; G. Cumberpatch, 2191; F. Kedje, 740, 2191; C. Barter, 1623; J. Martin, 201; G. Stacey, P.M. 209; A. H. Aitken, 8 (S.C.); T. Thornton, 2090; E. Nice, 1624; J. H. Watts, 63, P.M. 1201; W. Warwick, P.M. 59; H. J. Pellatt, 1194; B. Solomon, S.W. 1614; J. H. Harper, P.M. 7; J. Rowe, 2191; A. A. Drew, P.M. 890; J. West, P.M. 890; H. G. Marsden, 73, 2202; L. B. Sery, 2020; H. G. Cubitt, 2020; H. J. Weise, 1446; H. C. Ball, P.M. 144; G. Foan, 1614; W. Culverhouse, 87; G. Hauke, P.M. 1071; J. D. Graham, 1559; W. Baker, 1744; R. W. South, 704; W. Hancock, 1056, 2191; V. Smith, 1897; J. Woodward, 1014, 2191; C. Corby, P.M. 957; G. H. Reynolds, 1614, 2191; R. E. Curson, 1681; G. F. Swan, P.M. 1321; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, when the Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. G. Reynolds, R. J. Harnell (2), F. Kedje, J. Watts, A. Bullen, and W. C. Smith. Lodge called off and on. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree, and the Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Bro. H. G. Marsden, W. Hancock, W. Brindley, C. Corby, and W. C. Smith. Lodge resumed to the Third Degree, and the Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by Bros. R. E. Curson, A. Clark, and G. F. Swan. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members:—Bro. T. S. Thornton, 2090, proposed by Bro. B. Solomon, seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith; and Bro. H. C. Chevalier, 141, proposed by Bro. T. C. Seary, seconded by Bro. V. Smith. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. Brindley for the highly efficient manner in which he had acted

as Section Master for the first time in this lodge of instruction—seconded by Bro. W. Richards, and carried unanimously. Bro. W. Brindley, in a suitable reply, thanked the brethren for the vote of thanks, and in doing so said he hoped he should not be out of place in asking the brethren to record a vote of thanks, also to be recorded on the minutes, for the very able manner in which he had been assisted by those brethren and officers who had helped to work the Sections; at the same time he begged to thank all brethren present for the kind attention they had paid him during the recital of the Sections. Seconded by Bro. J. Rowe, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

The brethren on parting, some of whom had come a long distance, expressed themselves as having spent a very enjoyable and instructive evening.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Keene, W.M.; Hubbard, S.W.; Swan, J.W.; Cochrane, P.M., Preceptor (pro tem.); Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); Wilton, S.D.; Wood, J.D.; Cotton, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; W. C. Williams, R. H. Williams, and Bradley (visitor).

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Bradley being the candidate in the First, and Bro. R. H. Williams the candidate in the Third Degree. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. A. Hardy, W.M.; E. Austin, S.W.; Jennings, J.W.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Allman, S.D.; C. R. Cross, J.D.; Moss, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; Spiegel, P.M.; Burton, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; T. H. Wood, P.M.; Nash, Johnston, Walker, Woodard, Gilbert, Arnott, Martineau, Hagan, Whittell, Craggs, Stroud, Higginson, L. Cox, Hardinge, Cotton, and Sansom. Visitors: Bros. Mote and Moss.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Burton, P.M., candidate. The 4th, 1st, and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Spiegel, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bros. Mote and Moss were elected joining members. Bro. Austin was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 19th inst. Present: Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; Craggs, S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; J. Collings, Preceptor; J. W. Morley, Sec.; Oliver, S.D.; Barnikel, J.D.; W. C. Williams, I.G.; and Sims, P.M.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. W. C. Williams being the candidate, the W.M. giving the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was rehearsed by the brethren, the questions being put by the Preceptor. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was rehearsed in a beautiful and impressive manner by the Preceptor. Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; R. H. Wimpey, S.W.; J. Davies, J.W.; E. Aying, Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; Lingley, S.D.; W. G. Cuat, J.D.; M. Spiegel, P.M. 158; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; H. Tipper, P.M. 2090; E. C. Mulvey, S.W. 2202; F. Craggs, D. Aslett, A. J. Mann, D. Stroud, J. Worth, and C. Hopkins. Bro. Lundy, 1381, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Spiegel offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony, Bro. Spiegel candidate. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Mulvey 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. Mulvey being candidate. The W.M. rendered the traditional history. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Lundy was elected a member. Bro. R. H. Wimpey was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 16th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Blades, W.M.; Coleman, S.W.; Glover, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Morgan, S.D.; Evans, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Dottrell; Hume, Mann, Clarkson, Edwards, and Brandon.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Mann. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dottrell being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Hume, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hume being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Mann vacated the chair, which was re-occupied by the W.M. Bro. Stimson was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. Coleman was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 19th inst. Present: Bros. Gibbs, W.M.; Esling, S.W.; Perkins, J.W.; Steele, S.D.; Wright, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; W. W. Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Partridge, Hampton, Walker, Green, Folkard, and C. Woods.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Walker, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gibbs vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Westley, who resumed the lodge to the Second Degree. Bro. Hampton being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by Bro. Westley in his usual correct and impressive manner. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Gibbs took his place as W.M., and rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bro. Westley proposed, Bro. Esling seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that a ballot should take place on the first Monday in February for £5 ss. to one of the Masonic Charities. The usual Christmas-box of £1 is, was voted to the Tyler. A Committee was appointed to arrange for the annual supper. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M., Bro. Gibbs, for his efficient work in the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. Esling, S.W., was elected W.M. for the first Monday in January. Bro. Esling returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed till Monday, the 2nd prox., at 7.30 p.m.

Scientific News for general readers has hitherto been published monthly, but owing to its increasing popularity, it will be published weekly from the first week in January next. At the same time several novel features will be introduced. Experience has shown that a large number of persons have a decided taste for a little acquaintance with science, but have not sufficient technical knowledge to enable them to follow what is written for experts in technical journals. *Scientific News* seeks to explain in untechnical language useful and interesting applications of science, and to make its readers acquainted with the scientific events and discoveries of the day. The publishing offices will in future be at 138, Fleet-street, E.C.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This chapter met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 13th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. W. Cleghorn, M.E.Z.; A. E. Staley, H.; Rest, J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; E. Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Kimpton, P.S.; T. Davis, I.P.Z.; and T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx. Comp. Webb, 72, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. C. Mussared, of Lodge 1869, and it proving to be unanimous, he was most impressively exalted as a Royal Arch Mason. The M.E.Z., in particular, is to be congratulated upon the able manner in which he performed the ceremony, it being his debut.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. In proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," the I.P.Z. spoke in flattering terms of the working of Comp. Cleghorn, which he said was beyond all praise. He felt confident that the exalte must have been highly impressed and gratified with the whole proceedings.

The M.E.Z. having replied, then gave "The Second and Third Principals."

Comps. Staley and Rest, having briefly replied, the toast of "The Exalte" followed.

Comp. Mussared having made a neat speech, "The Health of the Visitor," gave Comp. Webb an opportunity of making a few kind and flattering observations upon the working and hospitality of the chapter.

Comp. T. Davis having replied for "The Past Principals," Comps. G. Davis and Harfeld for "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and Comp. Kimpton for "The Officers," the proceedings terminated.

ALDERSGATE CHAPTER (No. 1657).—The December meeting of the above chapter was held on Monday last at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There were present Comps. Frederick Crookford, M.E.Z.; E. Y. Jolliffe, H.; George Kenning, Treas., acting J.; John Larkin, P.S.; Arthur B. Hudson, 1st Asst. Soj.; G. Rawlinson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Edward W. Stillwell, Edward Anderton, and James Shotter. Visitor: Comp. Lee.

The minutes of the convocation held on July 18th were read and confirmed. The companions then adjourned to dinner.

CAMBRIDGE.—Pythagoras Chapter (No. 88). A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., the three principals present were Comps. B. Chenwell, Z.; E. Hills, H.; and J. R. Ling, J.; whilst the work of the principal sojourner was taken by Comp. W. I. Pashler, who subsequently succeeded to the Third Principal's chair of J. The proceedings were attended by the Grand Superintendent of the province, Comp. Col. R. T. Caldwell. The chapter unanimously elected Comp. Frank Piggott, as Principal Sojourner. His assistants are Comps. C. F. Charlton and W. P. Spalding. There were three candidates for exaltation.

BATH.—Tynte Chapter (No. 379).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., Comps. Rev. J. A. Lloyd, J. Rubie, and B. H. Watts occupying the Principals' chairs, Comps. Macdonald, Gardiner, and Hopkins acting as Principal and Assistant Sojourners.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the officers for the ensuing year were elected. There being no other business the chapter was closed.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, P.S., 975, M.E.Z.; E. Child, P.Z., 538, H.; M. Speigel, 834, J.; H. Dehane, H., 890, 1st A.S., 862, S.E.; G. N. Watts, P.Z., S.E., 1190, S.N.; J. Davies, 733, P.S.; J. Sims, J., 834, 1st A.S.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., 890; W. H. Dean, P.Z., 77, 417, P.P.G.R., Dorset; S. Cochrane, 3; W. W. Williams, 834; and J. Smith, 890.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cochrane being candidate. Comp. J. Davies was elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing two meetings. A vote of condolence with Comp. H. Purdue on the loss of his wife was passed; and a letter from Comp. Smith was read, thanking the companions, on behalf of his wife and himself, for their vote of congratulation. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (T.I.)—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. E. G. Harwood, Prov. G. Reg., W.M.; John Partington, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Wadson, W.M. elect; Nathl. Nicholson, J.W.; W. Court, M.O.; Robt. Phillips, Conductor; Thomas Naylor, Reg.; William Cooper, P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; Robert Jones, J.D.; Thos. Nightingale, I.G.; W. H. Brown, Stwd.; Thos. Higson, Thos. Murphy, Hy. Critchley, John Kenyon, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Murray, J.D.; John Hardcastle, John F. Skelton, William Greenwood, F. W. Brockbank, Charlee Holgate, John Harwood, P.P.S.G.D.; G. E. Greenhalgh, T. H. Heyes, J. Hibbert, F. M. Millner, Geo. Stirling, J. Whitaker, J. Horrocks, P.P.G.S.B., and John Booth.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for seven brethren, which proving unanimous and all being present, were advanced to the Degree of Mark Mason by Bro. John Partington, P.P.S.G.D., who also delivered the traditional lecture. The Treasurer's accounts were produced, and on report of the Auditors, received and adopted. Bro. Wm. Wadson, who was elected W.M. at the last regular meeting, was duly installed into office by Bro. J. D. Murray, and proceeded to appoint the following officers who were suitably addressed by Bro. J. Kenyon, P.P.G.D.: Bros. E. G. Harwood, P.G.R., I.P.M.; N. Nicholson, S.W.; W. Court, J.W.; John Barrett, M.O.; T. Forrester, S.O.; R. H. Phillips, J.O.; T. Naylor, Reg.; G. P. Brockbank,

Treas.; W. Cooper, Sec.; James Eckersley, Conductor; Robert Jones, S.D.; Thomas Nightingale, J.D.; John Alcock, D.C.; J. Harwood, A.D.C.; Robt. Johnson, Org.; J. W. Hawksworth, I.G.; W. H. Brown and J. Booth, Steward; and Thomas Higson, Tyler. Bro. E. G. Harwood, I.P.M., having been appointed to the office of Prov. Grand Registrar at the last Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, was congratulated by the brethren, and the fact of his promotion was entered upon the minutes of the proceedings. Bro. Brockbank, Treasurer (who was absent from illness), reported, by letter, to the brethren that as to his action, along with the Master, Wardens, and others in obtaining a grant from the Mark Benevolent Fund for Bro. Joseph Valey, now resident in London, who 20 years ago was a member of that lodge, the brethren were much gratified at the liberal spirit evinced by the Board, and Bros. Harwood and Kenyon announced that they would serve as Stewards at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. The lodge was then closed.

DEVIZES.—Wiltshire Keystone Lodge (No. 178).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 30th ult. The W.M., Bro. F. S. Hancock, being unable, through illness, to be present, his place was taken by Bro. Wm. Nott, P.M., who, after advancing a candidate—Bro. W. J. Mann, to the Degree, duly installed Bro. Thomas E. Hopkins as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. subsequently appointed and invested the officers for the year as follows: Bros. W. H. Bush, S.W.; H. J. Johnson, J.W.; A. J. Beaver, M.O.; A. F. Brereton, S.O.; J. A. Randall, P.M., J.O.; Rev. W. Humphrys, Chap.; W. Nott, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Baldwin, Reg.; H. I. Ward, P.M., Sec.; J. Pocock, S.D.; W. S. Bambridge, J.D.; H. Howse, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Foley, I.G.; F. Sloper and E. J. Biggs, Stwds.; and C. R. Barnes, Tyler.

An announcement that his Royal Highness the Grand M.M. had included Bro. W. Nott, P.M. of this lodge in the list of Jubilee honours, and conferred upon him the rank of P.J.G.D., was received with applause.

Knights Templar.

ST. GEORGE'S PRECEPTORY (No. 6).—This old preceptory held its meeting at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 16th inst., when there were present Sir Knights P. H. Waterlow, E.C.; G. S. Waterlow, Constable; W. G. Devey, Marshal; H. J. Sparks, P.G. Marshal; G. Cooper, P.G.S.B.; W. E. Stewart, P.G. Chamberlain; James Blyth, P.C.; J. Lea Smith, P.C.; C. F. Matier, K.C.T.; F. T. Bennett, and Dr. Orwin. Visitors: Sir Knights R. Berridge, G. Std. Br. (V.B.), and W. Ganz, G.O.

The preceptory having been duly opened, the election for E. Commander and Treasurer for the ensuing year was proceeded with. The result was that Sir Knights G. S. Waterlow and G. Cooper were respectively elected to fill those offices. The Registrar announced that during the past year there were several matters of interest connected with members of the preceptory. Sir Knight Surgeon-Major H. McKinnon was the first officer who obtained the distinguished order for meritorious conduct at Burmah. In the Craft Sir Knight G. Cooper had been appointed Senior Grand Deacon, and at the Albert Hall Sir Knight W. E. Stewart was appointed P.A.G.D.C., and C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. B., and in the Straits Settlements Sir Knight Joaquim was appointed Dep. Dist. Grand Master during the year. Three knights had joined the muster roll, and no less than eight of the members were Stewards for the next Festival of the Girls' School. These facts were ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

All business being ended, the knights adjourned to an excellent banquet, served under the personal supervision of Mr. J. P. Swayne.

STONEHOUSE.—Loyal Brunswick Encampment (No. 24).—At a meeting of this encampment, held at St. George's Hall, on the 15th inst., Emt. Sir Knight J. H. Keats, P.E.C., was re-elected as E. Preceptor for the year ensuing, and Emt. Sir Knight Thomas S. Bayly, P.E.C., as Treasurer. Four candidates were proposed for inception in this encampment at the next convocation.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser presided at the distribution of prizes to the 2nd London Rifles in the Guildhall, on Saturday evening last, the prizes being given away by the Lady Mayoress. In the course of the proceedings it was announced amid loud cheers that Bro. General Sir Frederick Roberts, Bart., G.C.B., had honoured the corps by accepting the honorary colonelcy. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Lady Mayoress for presenting the prizes, and was acknowledged on her behalf by Bro. the Lord Mayor.

NORTH-WEST LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE.—Extract from *Kentish Town Magazine*, for April, 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 month 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, Fortess-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 supplied 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."



A second visit to "The Woman Hater" made us laugh more heartily at his woes than even at the first night. The third act is funny in the extreme. For all this we would like to see Bro. Edward Terry in a good old burlesque, in which he was so excellent at the Strand years ago. There is room in London for one theatre of real burlesque—as distinguished from spectacular musical entertainments.

Miss Grace Hawthorne has produced Mr. Bartley Campbell's melodrama, "Siberia," at the Princess's, a piece well-known in America. It deals with Russian political life, and is made somewhat interesting by the situations which abound in it. The dialogue is poor, and of the high falutin style, and we pity Mr. Barnes being thrown away in such a part as Nicholai. The effective leave-takings between man and wife, father and child, and persons betrothed, on being condemned for Nihilism. The horrors of the mines in Siberia, and the tyranny of the Governmental classes upon the serfs are shown in harrowing form, so much so that one hears sobs and the frequent use of the pocket handkerchief throughout the house. It is not Miss Cicely Richards's fault that a piece of comedy splendidly played by her should be so prominent though unnecessary to the plot. During the Christmas holidays an adaptation from "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is to be played at matinees. A very pretty front piece called "Edith's Burglar" is nightly played with "Siberia."

"The Two Roses" at the Criterion, lovely and fresh as they are, ought to retain their full odour and beauty, or dropping metaphor, Mr. Albery's charming little sentimental comedy ought to remain for some time to come at the Criterion, owing to the excellent way in which it is played and the attractive dialogue. It is unfortunate that the author has not been able to follow up his brilliant success of 17 years ago. All his works since his masterpiece have been comparative failures. Mr. W. Farren does not make such an interesting Mr. Digby Grant as did Bro. Irving, but Bro. David James, as "our Mr. Jenkins," is as tunny as ever. Mr. Gidden's acts the part of the blind Caleb with gentleness and satisfaction. He will do well not to gabble long sentences as if he wanted to get them over. But his part is a bit tiresome at times, for young men are not given to preachiness now-a-days, as is Jack Wyatt. Mr. Blakeley, as the solicitor, is of course very grotesque. But it is the two young ladies, Miss Maud Millett and Miss Annie Hughes, who make the comedy such a delight. Not even the originals—Miss Fawcett and Miss Newton, long gone to their rest—played as well as do these young ladies. In their hands the playful scenes and pathos of this English comedy can safely be left. We anticipate—if Mr. Wyndham's arrangements permit of it—a somewhat long run of Mr. Albery's evergreen comedy.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that we joined in the hearty welcome to "Lady Clancarty," now returned to its London home. Those who missed seeing this excellent play of the late Tom Taylor when here before are rather to be congratulated than otherwise. Our reason for saying so is that during the recent tour the two big parts have much improved. Mrs. Kendal, as Lady Clancarty, is now seen at her very best, and it is difficult to say anything more except it be to heap compliments upon her for her pathetic rendering of her part. Lord Clancarty, played by Bro. Kendal, is now made more of an Irishman, our esteemed brother having caught the dialect perfectly since he left town and speaking louder. Mr Mackintosh keeps up the reputation he made in the character of William III., which is one of the best things he has ever done. Mrs. Tree's place has been filled by Miss Blanche Horlock who looks nice, but she must attend to her delivery of words ere she acquir bad habits of speech. This is a play particularly interesting to women, specially married ladies, as it deals with the love of a wife for her husband, and what she will undergo for him. It is a pity that there is not a part for Mr. Hare. This can be the only reason to wish its end near. As the forthcoming season ends the partnership between the lessees, Messrs. Hare and Kendal, they have decided upon giving a repertoire of some of their most successful plays before relinquishing management, likewise of producing one play never before acted.

The Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Halsbury), the Lord Chancellor of Ireland (Bro. Lord Ashbourne), Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., and Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston were present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office, on Saturday afternoon last.

Bro. Lord Herschell, P.G.W., presided at a meeting held on Monday evening in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, on the Condition of the London Poor, when a resolution was passed in favour of State-aided emigration of agricultural labourers to our colonies, and of stopping the immigration of pauper aliens into Great Britain.

Bro. Edward Spooner, P.M. and P.Z., President of the New Wandsworth Philanthropic Society, 76, Haldon-road, Wandsworth, will thankfully receive contributions for the fund for providing 600 poor children with a Christmas dinner, and on the 9th of January next a tea, followed by an entertainment, to 250 aged poor (male and female). This has been an annual feature of the society's work. The report and balance-sheet of this society is of a satisfactory character. No less than 2376 poor families have been relieved with meat, bread, grocery, and coals, and, allowing only five persons to each family, the number thus aided has been 11,880. The society was formed in 1868, one of its principal founders being Bro. Spooner. The balance-sheet shows an expenditure of £102 6s. 10d. only, and there is no item for labour or salary, everything being done by a committee of willing philanthropists. We sincerely trust the appeal of our worthy brother will prove successful, and that the poor children and old people of the neighbourhood will have as good an entertainment as they have had in past years.



The new Royal Arch Chapter at Clevedon, named after the popular Grand Superintendent of the Province (Col. Adair), will be consecrated on Friday, January 6th. The three Principals designate are Comps. Colonel Long, T. Barnes, and T. J. Scoones.

It is reported that Bro. Henry Irving's first week in Philadelphia proved remarkably successful, the total receipts exceeding 21,000 dollars.

The Prince of Wales has consented to open the Bath and West of England Cattle Show, at Newport, Monmouthshire, conditionally that he should not attend the banquet, and should leave the day of the opening.

Bro. the Marquis of Carmarthen, M.P., has gone abroad, and will probably not return to England till towards the end of next month, or shortly before the time appointed for the re-assembly of Parliament.

According to telegraphic advices from Beyrout, two cemeteries have been discovered near Sidon, which are supposed to be of very great antiquity—certainly not later than the Phœnician era. It is added that the rock tombs and sarcophagi do not appear to have ever been disturbed.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Annual Convocation of its Grand R.A. Chapter were held at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on the 7th and 8th inst. respectively. At both meetings the annual election of Grand Officers took place.

The consecration and installation ceremony of the Frederick West Lodge, No. 2222, were performed by Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.S.W., Prov. G.M. Surrey, at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, on Tuesday last. A full report will appear in our next issue.

Olympia, the Paris Hippodrome, provides a really magnificent spectacle, and fully deserves all the support given it by the public. One little matter should be altered. A charge of sixpence for a programme is a grievance, consisting as it does almost wholly of advertisements.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., in company with his host, Mr. A. B. Forwood, M.P., visited the Liverpool Town Hall, the Exchange News Rooms, where he made a short speech, and was loudly cheered, and the Liverpool Conservative Club, where he also made a speech, and met with a similarly hearty greeting.

The annual concert by the boys of Christ's Hospital took place in the Great Hall, on the 15th inst., in the presence of a numerous gathering of friends and visitors. Several of the items in the programme were heartily applauded. The boys have since dispersed for the Christmas holidays.

A testimonial consisting of a silver salver, an album, a purse of 100 guineas, and a gold bracelet set with jewels, was presented by the members of the Court of Common Council, on the 15th inst., to Mr. W. J. Soulsby, who has been Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor for the last 13 years. The presentation was made just before the meeting of the Court, and was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Soulsby.

The Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182, has resolved to celebrate the close of its first year of existence by a "Ladies' Night" early in the new year. It is to be an entertainment in good old English style—baron of beef, wassail bowl, boar's head, and such like "unconsidered trifles"; with musical accompaniment, of which Bro. John Hodges will have the management. Quaint old songs and carols will enter largely into the programme, and a "high time" is looked forward to.

The proprietors of *Bow Bells* announce important changes in their old-established periodical. A new series, under the title of *Bow Bells Weekly*, will commence with the opening year. In the first number of the new series, Mr. Willie Collins contributes a tale, entitled, "The first Officer's Confession." The romantic school is represented by "Psyche: a Lakeland Mystery," from the pen of Miss Florence Warden, the authoress of "The House on the Marsh." Society and fashion will be portrayed in its pages, and several interesting new features—Notes and Queries, Graphology, and Household Hints—will be introduced.

The annual distribution of prizes of the 3rd Middlesex Artillery took place at St. James's Hall on Tuesday, Bro. the Earl of Limerick, who is President of the National Artillery Association, occupied the chair, and the Countess of Limerick gave away the prizes. Among the winners was Bombardier Abbott, eldest son of Bro. G. B. Abbott, who took the second carbine prize, the third gun prize, and the second attendance prize of his battery—No. 6. Votes of thanks to her ladyship and to the noble lord were passed by acclamation, and the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

The eighteenth annual issue of the "Masonic Pocket Book" has been published by Mr. George Kenning, of Aldersgate-street. The information it contains is likely to prove of service to all brethren, for in addition to lists of the lodges, councils, &c., tabular statements are set forth which enumerate the officers of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and all other parts of the world. It would be difficult to improve on the arrangement of the work in any way, for everything appears to be so well indexed that no trouble need be experienced in the matter of reference.—*City Press*.

Pertinent questions. What is more comforting in cold and damp weather than "Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy"? What is more beneficial to the weak and aged than this wholesome tonic as recommended by Medical Men? What do Sportsmen and Travellers find more sustaining than a flask of this unrivalled liqueur, and for whom a stronger quality ("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.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will not meet until Tuesday, January 3rd, and on Tuesday the 17th, Comp. Brown will give a lecture or explanation of the R.A. Jewel, on which occasion the chapter will meet at the usual time, and no other work will be done on that evening.

The Goldsmiths' Company have voted a grant of £250 to the London Society for the extension of University teaching.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland entered on its 90th year at its annual convocation in Baltimore on the 8th November last.

Bro. Baron H. De Worms, M.P., and the other British delegates were entertained at dinner at the Marlborough Rooms, Regent-street, on Monday evening by the foreign representatives at the conference on the Sugar Bounties Question.

The directors of the Bank of England have contributed 100 guineas to the Mansion House fund for the Police Convalescent Fund and the Metropolitan and City Police testimonial.

Paragraphs have been going the rounds of the papers about the great auk's egg sold for 160 guineas. We learn that Bro. Leopold Field is the happy purchaser.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, in answer to its recent appeal for funds, has been presented by the Mercers' Company with 100 guineas, and by the Fishmongers' Company with 50 guineas.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser has kindly consented to preside at the 82nd anniversary festival, to be held at the Hotel Métropole on the 24th April next, of the Societies of Friends of Foreigners in Distress.

It is authoritatively announced that Bro. Viscount Kilcoursie, M.P., who, by the recent death of his father, has succeeded to the Irish Earldom of Cavan, will not vacate his seat in the House of Commons.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited the Lyceum Theatre on Monday evening, and witnessed the performance of "A Winter's tale," their Royal Highnesses having returned in the morning to Marlborough House from visiting the Earl and Countess Brownlow, at Ashridge, near Berkhamstead.

A conversation of the Society of Telegraph Engineers and Electricians was held in the rooms of the Institute of Painters in Oil Colours, Piccadilly, on the 16th inst., the company being received by Bro. Sir Charles Bright, the president of the Society, and Lady Bright.

On Friday, the 16th inst., Bro. General Lord Wolseley paid a visit to Liverpool for the purpose of unveiling a statue which has been erected to the memory of the late General Earle who was killed during the Soudan Campaign. His lordship spoke in terms of great respect of his late gallant comrade, and afterwards lunched at the Conservative Club.

At Marlborough House, on Monday, the Prince of Wales was presented with the old colours of the 2nd Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, a guard of honour, consisting of 100 officers and men, being present. His Royal Highness having briefly acknowledged the gift, the proceedings terminated.

A Masonic Charitable Association has just been started in connection with the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, which meets at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Thursday evenings. The payments will commence on the 5th January, 1888. The officers are: Bro. T. A. Dicks, W.M. 1614, President; A. Clark, S.W. 2191, Vice-President; G. Reynolds, J.W. 1614, Treasurer; and F. M. Neakes, 2148, Secretary.

A concert was given in the Public Hall, Harrow, on Wednesday, in aid of the Building Fund of the Harrow Liberal Club. It was extremely well attended, and the Stewards had provided an excellent and well-assorted programme of vocal and instrumental music, with the addition of sundry recitations and a farce entitled "A Dodge for a Dinner," in which the characters were sustained by members of the Harrow Liberal Dramatic Club. Mr. F. Fisher was very successful in his songs "Alone on the raft" and "Nazareth;" and Mrs. Burns played a violin obbligato, "La Serenata," by G. Orraga, with great skill and admirable taste. Miss Roberts, professionally known as Miss Clifton, and the daughter of a deceased member of the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 95, was warmly applauded in both her songs, "Only for you and me" and "Dear one of mine," while the other artistes materially contributed to the evening's entertainment.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1585.—Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., delivered his Masonic lecture on the Symbolical Degrees of Freemasonry, for the fiftieth time, to the members of this lodge of instruction on Monday, the 19th inst., at Bro. Webb's Railway Hotel, Putney. There was a tolerable attendance of members and visitors, and the gathering would doubtless have been much larger but for stress of weather. For two hours Bro. Stevens was listened to with earnest attention, and tokens of approbation were frequent during the delivery of his excellent address, made from commencement to conclusion without reference to notes or aids to memory. At its termination Bro. Stevens received a cordial vote of thanks, and as honorary member of the lodge of instruction, a further invite for a similar lecture at an early date.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at noon on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Royal Hotel, Plymouth, when, after the transaction of the ordinary business, the brethren will march in procession in their Masonic clothing to St. Andrew's Church, where a short special service will be held. As this is the first time that a Masonic procession has taken place in Plymouth since 1874, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales opened the Guildhall, the event will be of an especially interesting character. After Divine service the brethren will march to the new Masonic Club, No. 1, Princess-square, where V.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Prov. G.M., will lay the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall—which will be the finest in the western counties—to be erected at the back of the existing premises, which will be utilized for the purpose of a Masonic Club. As there are seventeen lodges in the Three Towns a very large gathering is anticipated.

The annual New Year's entertainment to the old folks at Croydon will take place at the asylum on Wednesday, the 4th January prox.

Bros. Sheriff Higgs and Alderman Whitehead were among the principal guests at the 42nd anniversary dinner, on the 15th instant, of the Commercial Travellers' Schools at Pinner.

The Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, No. 25, has removed from the Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, to the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian visited the Holloway College, on Friday, the 16th instant, for the purpose of unveiling a statue of the Queen, and was received by Bros. Earl Granville, Sir G. Martin Holloway, and others.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser has kindly consented to preside at the anniversary dinner of the Société Belge de Bienfaisance, which will be held at the Hotel Métropole on the 9th May next.

The sermon preached by the Bishop of Gibraltar at the consecration of the Memorial Church to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, at Cannes, will be published in the January number of "The Quiver."

The first number for the New Year of *Cassell's Saturday Journal* will contain special features of interest, including a complete story by Theo. Gift, illustrated; and the first of a series of humorous full-page illustrations from original drawings by Jas. F. Sullivan.

We are sorry to hear of the somewhat sudden death of Bro. H. J. Amphlett, who was initiated in the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea, many years ago. Bro. Amphlett was an able journalist, and a not infrequent contributor in the past to the columns of the *Freemason*.

The Lord Mayor and the Sheriff of York are both prominent members of the York Lodge, No. 236. The former (Bro. J. Sykes Rymer) is a P.M., and P.P.G. Reg. of the province, and the present 1st Principal of the chapter attached to the lodge; and the latter (Bro. S. Border) is Senior Warden of the lodge.

The Princess of Wales has graciously accepted the present of a red "Claddagh" skirt, made of long napped homespun by the peasant workmen of the Donegal Industrial Fund, in whose work her Royal Highness has on several occasions manifested considerable interest.

Bro. G. Augustus Sala presided at the dinner at the Hummums Hotel, Covent Garden, which took place on the 6th inst., as a kind of inauguration of the new and palatial premises which have been erected on the site of the old Hotel. Among the principal guests were Bros. Sir George Elliot, Bart, M.P., and Augustus Harris.

The first meeting of the seventh annual congress of the Society of French Professors in England will be held in the Lecture Theatre of the Society of Arts, London, and the second on the day following at the Lecture Theatre of the Archaeological Museum, Cambridge. The dinner will take place at King's College, and the conversation at Trinity College, Cambridge.

On Thursday the Empire Palace, Leicester-square, was opened under most distinguished patronage. As a souvenir of the occasion Bro. Beaufort is preparing, under the supervision of Bro. H. J. Hitchins, the manager, a very interesting brochure on the history of the Theatre, Savile and Leicester Houses, Leicester Fields and the neighbourhood.

We tender our hearty congratulations to Bro. T. J. Shryock, M.W.G.M. of Maryland, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Cassie B. Miller. The event took place at Syracuse, New York, on the 3rd inst., and the many warm friends our most genial and respected brother made during his recent visit to England will unite with us in wishing Bro. Shryock and his bride many many years of happiness.

A USEFUL PRESENT.—At the close of the Liverpool Exhibition Messrs Spiers and Pond, the refreshment contractors, presented the crockery, which had been in use during its continuance, to the various hospitals, industrial schools, and charitable institutions in the City and neighbourhood. Upwards of ten thousand pieces of crockery were thus presented, and the Recorder of Liverpool, Mr. Clarke Aspinall, kindly arranged and presided over the distribution.

The will of Bro. Frederick Thomas Isitt, late of Friday-street, and So, Adelaide-road, Haverstock-hill, one of the wardens of the Fruiterers' Company and a lieutenant of the City, who died on the 22nd ult., was proved on the 17th inst. by Mrs. Sarah Isitt, the widow, Mr. Charles William Isitt, the nephew, and Mr. George William Tripp, the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to upwards of £29,000. The testator bequeaths all his household furniture and effects and £500 to his wife, Mrs. Sarah Isitt, and £50 to each executor. The residue of his real and personal estate he leaves upon trust for his wife for life or widowhood, and at her death or re-marriage to his children in equal shares.

Much as one may regret to see such a splendid house as the Empire Theatre, the only one in London at all approaching the Grand Opéra in its comfort and convenience as an evening lounge, devoted to ballet and variety entertainments, instead of to opera-bouffe, we are confident that, under the stage management of Bro. Augustus Harris, the general management of Bro. H. J. Hitchins, associated with the house in its early days, and with Mr. George Edwardes as Managing director, there will be an admirable series of productions. In their hands the opening night—Thursday—was a grand success, which we shall further notice.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—When inclement weather checks to a considerable extent the action of the skin, an alternative is required to compensate the body by means of other channels. Holloway's Pills can be confidently recommended as the easiest, surest, and safest means of attaining this desirable end without weakening the most delicate or incommencing the most feeble. When from frequently recurring chills or the inhalation of impure air the blood becomes foul and the secretions vitiated, these Pills present a ready and efficient means of cleansing the former and correcting the latter. By this salutary proceeding disease is arrested at its outset, its pains and inconvenience averted, and the nervous structures saved from the depressing effects entailed upon them by an illness.—*ADVT.*