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Ars Quatuor Coronatorum. THE proceedings of Lodge Quatuor Coronati at its last meeting will be found recorded in another column; but they possess one feature, upon which, though of a purely personal character, we think a few words may be said. The Herculean labours of the Secretary, Bro. G. W. SPETH, in whose fertile brain originated, we believe, the idea of creating the Outer, or Correspondence, Circle, now numbering some two hundred members, have long been known to his brethren; and on the 6th inst. they met, we rejoice to say, with a recognition at their hands, by which the principle has been affirmed that—the secretarial work having outgrown the limits of honorary performance—the time had arrived when a “compliment,” the first, it is to be hoped, of a long series, ought to be voted to the Secretary. The resolution was submitted by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.; but the Permanent Committee of the lodge wisely took it up, and incorporated it with the other recommendations in their report. The “annual compliment” to the Secretary we heartily trust may, and will, increase “pari passu” with the prosperity of the Inner and Outer Circles of the lodge. Such labours as those which have been voluntarily incurred by Bro. SPETH are not capable of indefinite expansion, and if the information we possess is correct, of which there can be little or no doubt, that the duties of the lodge confine him to his desk for an average period of five hours daily, we apprehend that the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, if its Outer Circle goes on increasing in the same ratio as in the preceding year, will shortly find itself confronted with some administrative difficulties, which will necessitate the employment of an adequately-salaried officer, with a staff of assistants.

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The Great Priorities of Canada and England. IT is to be regretted that Great Priory, at its meeting at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 9th December last, should have found itself under the necessity of passing a resolution of non-intercourse for the future with the Great Priory of Canada; but, as far as our judgment goes, we fail to see that any other course was open to it. It is impossible there could have been a more distinct or deliberate invasion of the sovereign rights and privileges of the Great Priory of England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof than when the Great Priory of Canada issued its warrant for the establishment of a Templar Preceptory in one of our British Colonies, while as regards the reasons alleged by Canada, in defence of its conduct, these are either foundationless or of so flimsy a character, that they will not bear a moment's examination. Even Colonel McLEOD MOORE, Supreme G. Master of Canadian Templars, appears to admit this. Though he mildly describes the course pursued by the Great Priory of Canada in sustaining its warrant as merely “an error in judgment,” it must be evident that he feels acutely the false position in which Canada has placed itself, or he would not have announced his intention of resigning the office of Supreme G. Master, and that he had consented to retain it for the present only at the urgent request of a number of his Templar brethren in the Dominion, in the hope that a way might ultimately be found of settling amicably the present unfortunate difference. Whether this hope is ever likely to be realised it is impossible to forecast; but seeing the Great Priory of Canada has not only not withdrawn the warrant which was the original cause of the dispute, but has even gone so far as to issue two additional warrants, so as to enable the Australian Colonists in Victoria to establish an independent Templar Body of their own, the prospect of an amicable settlement is decidedly not hopeful. It is of course too much to expect that the headstrong advisers whose influence has proved sufficiently powerful to induce the Great Priory of Canada to adopt an aggressive policy towards England will exhibit the slightest respect for the feelings and opinions of the Grand Master to whom they are so deeply indebted, or that they will pay more heed to the counsels of prudence and moderation when they know he only retains his office in order, if possible, to bring about a reconciliation between the two Great Priorities. If we are not greatly mistaken, these advisers include the very men who are chiefly responsible for the hostile action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec towards that of England, and it would be

ridiculous to suggest that such counsellors would assent to any course which was not dictated by themselves. Two quarrels in the brief space of three years about questions of jurisdiction do not promise well for the future friendly relations of the Templar Bodies in the British Empire, nor if independent colonial Grand Bodies intend setting up a claim for concurrent jurisdiction with the Grand Bodies of the Mother Country in other British Colonies, do we see that it will be possible for the several Supreme Authorities to maintain anything like relations of friendship with each other. Even if we leave out of consideration the rights and wrongs of the question in dispute, it is difficult to imagine how it will advantage the Great Priory of Canada to have subordinate Preceptories in a remote Australian Colony, where it is impossible for Canada to have Craft Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters. It is true the Templar system has no part whatever in our Constitutional Masonry, but where there are no Craft Lodges, there can be no Royal Arch Chapters, and where there are no Royal Arch Chapters, there can be no Templar Masons, unless, indeed we can bring ourselves to believe that English, Irish, and Scotch R.A. Masons will so far forget their loyalty to the old Country as to enrol themselves as recruits under the Templar banner of Canada, and thereby make the present state of confusion, arising out of these interminable questions of jurisdiction, still more confounded. We sincerely wish we could see the remotest chance of settling this new difference, and escaping the vexations and annoyances—to say nothing of the probable injury to Templar Masonry in Canada—which are sure to follow, if the two Great Priorities continue for long in their present state of antagonism to each other. But, as we have remarked already, there is but little prospect of any such fortunate contingency, and we suppose we must resign ourselves, with what philosophy we are able to command, to the condition of non-intercourse with Canada which our Great Priory has had no alternative but to declare.

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Freemasonry in India. A FEW weeks since we published an article from the *Times of India*, in which our contemporary was not only good enough to say many kind things about the Freemasons, but at the same time drew attention to the beneficial influence which a body of men so organised was calculated to exert in a country like India, whose social and class distinctions were so tenaciously observed. The circumstance which elicited the article was the installation of the Duke of CONNAUGHT as Dist. G. Master of Bombay, and the key-note became at once apparent when the writer referred so emphatically, even at the outset of his remarks, to an observation made by his Royal Highness, to the effect that “There is a no more unique district anywhere than the district of Bombay. In this district there are Masons of all nationalities and all creeds, but imbued with the same devotion to the Craft and loyalty to their Sovereign.” With this and other similar observations to guide him, the writer proceeded to point out the important services which Masonry was likely to render to India generally in the matter of “social reform and in breaking the barriers of caste.” On noting this for the first time, the reader may perhaps imagine that our contemporary has formulated an erroneous impression of the aims and objects of Freemasonry, which, while it is marvellously active within itself in fulfilling its self-appointed duties, occupies a passive attitude towards the rest of the world. We do not mean by this that its members ignore or neglect their duties towards the community in which they are established, but that they do not, like those of other societies, go about seeking whom they may enlist under its banner. But there is no doubt that the *Times of India* is right, and that once a body of Freemasons has been established in any country long enough for the people to obtain an insight into the principles by which it is actuated, its influence for good must become almost daily more and more perceptible, and in no one thing so much as in the facility with which it puts an end to class and caste distinctions. It is quite true, as our contemporary says, that “men who meet without restraint and in perfect equality in lodge will soon come to meet in the same way outside.” Equally true is it that “brotherly goodwill is the real mystery in Freemasonry all the world over, and nowhere is it more needed than in India, where the objection to social intercourse comes far more from the natives with their traditional prejudices and their cast-iron rules than from the Europeans.” So, too, we think it will be pretty generally conceded, that, as regards “peace, goodwill, Charity, and brotherly love, such are the doctrines preached and practised by many within the Craft; and with such a gospel it is small wonder that all creeds and all degrees of men flock to its standard.” Of course, we Freemasons, who know intimately the purposes of the Craft, have long been aware of these truths, but the outside world either does not know them, or deliberately ignores them; and it is because the *Times of India* has brought them so prominently to the notice of its readers, that we have taken this opportunity of referring to its remarks so pointedly.

The THE mystery of Bro. ARCHIBALD McNEILL's disappearance when on the eve of returning to England from his hurried visit to the neighbourhood of Rouen has at length been solved, and there appears, from the *post mortem* examination of the body, to be no reason to doubt that our unfortunate brother came by his death by foul means. Already a man has been arrested, and identified as having been in his company shortly before his disappearance, and the French police will no doubt pursue their inquiries with the energy and shrewdness which is characteristic of that body. As regards our late brother, though he was comparatively a young man, and had been a member of the Craft for a few years only, his genial qualities had secured him troops of friends and well-wishers, who are now deeply lamenting the premature and violent death of one for whom so bright a career had been anticipated. As a founder and the Secretary of the Savage Club Lodge, Bro. McNEILL had already made his mark amongst us and he would certainly have attained still greater distinction had his life been prolonged. To his family, his numerous friends, Masonic and non-Masonic, and especially to the members of the Gallery Lodge, in which he was initiated, and the Savage Club Lodge, with which he had been so closely associated, we offer this expression of respectful sympathy.

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The Poore OUR readers will have no doubt noticed from our advertisement columns of the last few weeks that an influential Committee has lately been formed for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. THOMAS POORE, P.M., P.Z., who has for some years past been one of our ablest and most successful preceptors in the different branches or systems of Masonry, whether Craft, Arch, Mark, Cryptic, or what not. Bro. POORE, who was initiated in 1868, is in the 73rd year of his age, and, we regret to say, has just experienced some losses which were quite unforeseen, and from which, having regard to his advanced age, it seems difficult, if not impossible, for him to recover. Under these circumstances we do not hesitate to press the subject upon the notice of our readers, many of whom must have benefited by Bro. POORE's instruction, and must also have learned to esteem and respect him as a kindly and genial brother Mason, who was always ready to do others a good turn, as well as one of the best and most conscientious exponents of our various rituals and ceremonies. Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS is Chairman, Bro. D. P. CAMA, P.G. Treas. Vice-Chairman, and Bro. T. C. WALLS, Hon. Secretary of the Committee, and we trust that their efforts and those of the brethren associated with them will be successful in securing to Bro. POORE a substantial recognition of his services.

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La Chaine WE congratulate our worthy Bro. HUBERT, the responsible editor of *La Chaine d'Union*, on the success which has attended his labours. His estimable journal was established in London in 1864 and was removed to Paris in 1869. It has thus had an existence of 24 years, during the whole of which period its direction has been in the hands of Bro. HUBERT, who has known no other object than so to conduct his review as to enable it to contribute most successfully to the interests of Freemasonry; and it is in the same spirit of devotion that he has entered on his task for the year 1888. We wish Bro. HUBERT all the good fortune which he himself can desire, and that he may be spared still many years to conduct his journal with the same ability as in the past.

CONSECRATION OF THE ADAIR CHAPTER, No. 1750, AT CLEVEDON.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset was held at the Public Hall, Clevedon, on Friday, the 6th inst., for the purpose of consecrating the above chapter. The chairs of the Principals were filled as under: Comps. A. W. Adair, G. Supt., as Z; R. C. Else, P.G. Std. Br., as H.; and T. B. Moutrie, as J.; and by those officers the ceremony of consecration was conducted. Subsequently the following were installed as the three Principals: Comps. W. Long, T. L. Barnes, and T. J. Scoones; the other officers being Comps. Rev. Vaughan, Prin. Soj.; M. H. Clark, Asst. Soj.; W. Reece, S.E.; Langworthy, S.N.; A. F. Rose, D.C.; and Thatcher, Org.

An oration, explanatory of the Degree, was given by Comp. ELSE, after which several names were submitted for exaltation.

On the Provincial Grand Chapter resuming, the sum of 30 guineas was voted to the Girls' School.

CONSECRATION OF ST. GEORGE'S MARK LODGE, No. 383.

The new lodge of St. George of Mark Master Masons, No. 383, was consecrated on Friday, the 6th inst., in Sincerity Lodge room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. The handsome lodge room presented an attractive appearance. It is four years since St. George's Craft Lodge was founded on temperance principles, and it has been remarkably successful; and a Royal Arch Chapter was opened two years ago in connection with the same lodge.

Bro. H. STOCKER, 18°, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Sec., who travelled a considerable distance to be present, congratulated the brethren of the new lodge on having such a large and influential number.

The ceremony of consecration was ably performed, and the proceedings passed off most successfully. The brethren of St. George's Lodge are to be heartily congratulated on the excellent arrangements made under the direction of Bro. F. Crouch, P.G.D. England, whose Masonic zeal and

ability are well known. Bro. J. H. Carty, who presided at the organ, also deserves a word of praise for his work.

The lodge was opened when there were present—

Bros. J. Gidley, P.M. 169, P.G. Tyler, acting as W.M.; J. Gifford, P.M. 66, P.P.G. Reg., S.W. designate, as S.W.; S. Jew, P.M. 50, 66, P.P.G.M.O., as J.W.; R. Dickson, P.M. 169, P.P.G.P., as M.O.; R. Brickwood, 16, as S.O.; A. Trout, P.M. 76, P.P.G.D.C., as J.O.; H. Langmead, P.M. 16, P.P.G.P., as S.D.; J. J. Facey, J.W. 169, as J.D.; G. Gurney, I.G. 169, as I.G.; J. H. Carty, A.D. of C. 16, as Org.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31°, P.G. Chap. Eng., as Chap.; and Bro. J. Hiley, P.M. 76, P.P.S.G.W., as I.P.M.

Six brethren having been advanced to the Degree, Bros. C. S. Bate, F.R.S., D.P.G.M.; V. Bird, 30°, P.G.M.O. Eng.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31°, P.G. Chap. Eng.; J. Austin, 18°, P.G.D. Eng.; F. Crouch, P.G.D. Eng.; D. Cross, 18°, G. Stwd. Eng.; and H. Stocker, 18°, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Sec., formed a procession to the lodge room, and were received with grand honours by the brethren, among whom were—

Bros. F. B. Westlake, 30°, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 50, 66, P.P.G. M.O.; Samuel Panter, P.M. and Sec. 96, P.P.G.A.D.C.; George R. Barrett, P.M. 35, P.P.G.T., W.M. designate; E. Aitken-Davies, P.M. 96, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Griffin, 18°, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; William Coath, P.M. 91, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Bray, P.M. 16 and 295; Charles Marshall, W.M. 48; I. Dupre, P.P.G.S.B.; H. S. Best, S.W. 64; H. Holman, S.W. 16; Frank R. Thomas, J.W. 35; E. Venning, 379, S.W. designate; S. Trehan, 379, J.W. designate; Charles F. Dunsterville, 253, Port Elizabeth, Spes Bona; George Dunsterville, 253, Port Elizabeth, Spes Bona; J. J. Beer, S.O. 16; J. T. Bond, S.O. 16; John Sullivan, late of 16; S. Yeomans, D.C. 76; A. E. Maddock, A.D.C. 109; J. Venning, 351; W. A. Staton, J.W. 96; W. H. W. Williams, S.D. 48; W. H. Stanton, 351; George Perkins, 169; H. James, 16; J. W. Crocker, S.D. 16; William Mussell, 383; W. J. Pengelly, 16; J. H. Carty, 16; J. E. Weale, 16; Henry Reynolds, 50; and W. Corner, 64.

The first part of the anthem having been sung, the founders of the lodge were arranged in order, viz., Bros. George R. Barrett, P.M. 35, P.P.G.T., W.M. designate; James Gifford, P.M. 66, P.P.G.R., S.W. designate; John T. Bond, S.O. 35, J.W. designate; R. Brickwood, 16, Chap.; J. H. Carty, 16, A.D.C.; F. Crouch, P.M. 16, 351, P.G.D. England, P.A.G.S., P.P.J.G.O. Cornwall; E. Aitken-Davies, P.M. 96, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Gidley, P.M. 169, P.G. Tyler; J. Griffin, 18°, P.M. 50, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Pengelly, 16; H. Reynolds, 50, D.C.; and J. E. Weale, 16.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the founders on the nature of the meeting, pledging them to obey the laws and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and delivering a short address on their duties to Masonry generally and themselves in particular.

The P.G. SECRETARY then read the petition of the brethren, saying that, although there was a Mark Lodge in connection with Lodge Sincerity, the brethren wished to have a Mark Lodge of their own, conducted entirely on temperance principles—that had been their guiding aim in connection with St. George's Craft Lodge and Arch Chapter. The warrant having been read, the brethren signified their approval of the officers named in the petition and warrant, and the ceremony of consecration was carried out very impressively.

Bro. G. R. Barrett, P.M. 35, P.P.G.T., was then installed in the chair of A, and the Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the W.M. invested his officers for the year ensuing as follows: Bros. F. Crouch, P.M., P.G.D., I.P.M.; J. Gifford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., S.W.; J. T. Bond, 18°, J.W.; R. Brickwood, M.O.; W. J. Pengelly, S.O.; J. H. Carty, J.O.; E. A. Davies, 18°, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; H. Reynolds, Reg.; J. Griffin, 18°, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; J. E. Weale, S.D.; C. G. Withell, J.D.; F. Townsend, D.C.; L. Wells, I.G.; T. G. Taylor, L. Peake, and W. H. Mussell, Stwds.; and J. Gidley, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving the collars to his principal officers, acknowledged with thankfulness the great kindness and help he had received at their hands, especially from Bros. Crouch, Brickwood, and Pengelly.

Bro. Stocker having to leave to catch his train,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER thanked him on behalf of the brethren for his attendance and assistance.

Bro. STOCKER acknowledged the compliment, and congratulated the lodge on starting under such auspicious circumstances.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then addressed the brethren, remarking how successful St. George's Craft Lodge and Chapter had been. He was thankful to the brethren for electing him unanimously as Worshipful Master, and was exceedingly proud of his position. He moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers and others who assisted that day.

Bro. GIFFORD seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. C. S. BATE, in returning thanks, said the brethren had taken a particular line to work their lodge, and had been rewarded with success. He heartily wished them success in their latest venture, and in commemoration of that day would appoint Bro. G. R. Barrett as P.S.G.O.

The Worshipful Master and brethren of the new lodge having received the congratulations of the brethren, the lodge was closed.

In the evening the brethren dined together at Bro. H. Matthews's restaurant in Bedford-street.

OLD WARRANTS.—VI.

By Bro. W. J. HUGHAN.

The Lodge of "Fortitude," No. 64, Manchester, is now working by virtue of a Warrant of Confirmation, bearing date May 1st, 1772, but it was originally constituted on January 9th, 1739, by the R.W. Bro. Edward Entwistle, Prov. G.M. of Lancashire, who was appointed the first Chief of that province in 1734. The particulars of the Constitution, however, do not appear to have been forwarded to head-quarters in due course, the lodge for a few years working without being acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England. In 1744, however, it was placed on the Engraved List as No. 165, which position had been vacated by the lodge held at the Flowerpot, Bishopsgate-street, London, which was erased on April 9th, 1743. Strange to say, this London lodge originally took the position vacated by a

lodge, constituted in 1738, meeting at "Cameron's Coffee House, Bury-street," which lapsed during that same year. I was not aware of this fact until consulting Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records 1717-1886," for another purpose, and came across that entry.

The present warrant, or at least the transcript thereof in my possession, states that the number of the lodge in 1772 was 63. This is an error, and should be No. 83.

The several places of Meeting can be found in the noble volume aforesaid, as also all its numbers from 1744 to 1863.

COPY OF WARRANT OF LODGE OF FORTITUDE, No. 64.

TO ALL & every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren. I, John Allen of Clements Inn in the County of Middlesex, Gentleman, Provincial Grand Master of the Most Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in and for the County Palatine of Lancaster by virtue of and under the Patent of His Grace the Most Noble Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort Grand Master of the said Order, &c., &c., SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS Edward Entwistle, Gentleman deceased, formerly Provincial Grand Master of the said County of Lancaster, did on the 9th day of January 1739 duly constitute a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Golden Lion in Salford in the said County to be held on the First Monday in every month & thereby appointed our late Brethren, Richard Goodwin, Master, Edward Mullineux Senior Warden & John Magill, Junior Warden. As it appears by the Register of the said County Palatine. And Whereas the Members of the said Lodge have ever since its Constitution regularly assembled & conformed to the Laws of Masonry and the same hath been duly removed to, & several years held at the Fox near St. Anne's Square in the town of Manchester in the said County on the First and Third Mondays in every month.

AND WHEREAS the WARRANT or CERTIFICATE of Constitution of the said Lodge hath been lost or mislaid. WHEREFORE our Right Trusty and WELL-BELOVED BRETHREN, Joseph Smith the present Master and the rest of the Members of the said Lodge have besought me to grant to them my Certificate of Constitution, which I have readily agreed to do. NOW KNOW YE that I the said John Allen, Provincial Grand Master, do Certify that the said Lodge formerly held at the Golden Lion in Salford & now at the Fox in Manchester in the said County is legally constituted. And I do allow or ratify and confirm the same to be a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons by the name of the Lodge of Fortitude being number No. 63 [? 83] in the List of Lodges, to be continued & held at the Fox aforesaid and Third Mondays in every month, until the place or time of Meeting shall with the concurrence of me or my successors be altered, our said Brother Joseph Smith being the present Master, our Brother Benjamin Wild Smith Senior Warden & our Brother John Upton, Junior Warden, thereof. With such powers, privileges and advantages of Right belonging to regularly established Lodges, thereby warning & requiring them and their successors to take up and care that they and the rest of the Members of the said Lodge do at all times observe perform & keep all and every the Rules, Orders and Regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions except such as have or shall hereafter be repealed at any Quarterly or General Communication together with such other Rules Orders, Regulations and Instructions, as shall from time to time be, by me or my Deputy or by my successors, Provincial Grand Masters for the time being transmitted to them or their successors. AND that they & their successors omit not once in every year to send to me or my Deputy or my successors Copy of all such Rules, Orders & Regulations as shall be made for the good government of the said Lodge (the same not being repugnant to the General Laws & Constitutions of the said Society) together with a List of the Members of the Lodge, And such sum or sums of money as they may think proper and consistent with the circumstances of their said Lodge towards appointing the Fund of Charity and the Grand Fund. Recommending to them the cultivation of the Royal Craft and their keeping in view the three Grand Principles, Brotherly Love, Relief, & Truth.

Given at London under my hand & Seal this First Day of May A.D. 1772 A.L. 5772.
(Signed) JOHN ALLEN.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

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

(Continued from page 654, vol. xx).

But pending the arrangements found necessary on the Union of the two Societies of English Freemasons, and when once these had been completed, the proceedings of the Courts and Committees were for the most part of an ordinary character. A motion by the Rev. L. Coghlan, D.D., G. Chap., relating to proxies, to the effect "That every such proxy shall be dated, written, and given specifically for every Election or Meeting, and shall not be used for any other purpose, or on any other occasion than the one for which it shall be expressed to be originally given; it being the intention of the Governors not to permit any person to retain in his possession or make use of any General Proxies whatever." when it came on for hearing at the Quarterly Court on the 14th July, 1814, was negatived without a ballot. In January, 1815, the Treasurer announced the receipt of a cheque for £105 from the Moira Lodge of Freedom and Fidelity, Calcutta, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Lodge, and also to Major Forssteen, A.D.C. to the Governor-General of India, through whose instrumentality the donation had been remitted. At a Special General Committee on the 27th July following, at which H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, G.M., presided, a series of important additions to and alterations in the rules was adopted, the following being the new Regulations agreed to, namely:—

1.—That this Institution shall consist of a Patron and Vice-Patrons; a Patroness and a Vice-Patroness; a President and Vice-Presidents; Four Trustees a Treasurer, a General Court, a General Committee, a House Committee, an Audit Committee, and a Secretary, together with Physicians, Surgeons, and other Medical Gentlemen, a Collector, a Writing Master, one or more Matrons, and such other officers and servants as may be necessary for conducting the business of the charity.

2.—That the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons of England, for the time being, shall always be the President, and the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, for the time being, shall be the first Vice-President.

3.—That all the Noblemen who have been benefactors to this Charity, and are now living, shall be Vice-Presidents.

4.—That from and after the 10th August, 1815, every Benefactor of Fifty Guineas shall be thereby constituted a Vice-President.

It was also agreed at the Special General Court on the 10th August, when the above were confirmed, that "all new Subscribers

shall be entitled to vote immediately on payment of their Subscriptions," and a committee, consisting of Bros. W. Williams, Pix, and Hucklebridge was appointed for the purpose of revising and correcting the Laws and having them printed forthwith.

On the 24th August the House Committee passed a resolution "That to prevent the too frequent visits of the Parents and Friends of the Children in the School the Law for their Admission by Order of the House Committee only shall be strictly enforced and that in future every Order for that purpose shall be filled up entirely in the handwriting of the Gentleman who gives it."

In August, 1816, on the recommendation of the House Committee, it was resolved to increase the number of girls in the Institution from 62, as arranged in 1808, to 65, and a resolution of Grand Lodge having been brought before a Special Court in September respecting to the votes to be allotted to the Grand Master in consideration of the money annually contributed by Grand Lodge, the question was referred to a Special Committee, and at their instance the number of votes to be assigned to the Grand Master was fixed at 20.

In 1817 the Writing Master was dismissed from his post for having sent his son to act as his substitute, it being fully recognised, however, that the conduct of the latter had been most proper, and that the children had made progress under his tuition; and Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke (née Jack), formerly Assistant Matron, was appointed to the vacancy. In December, the General Committee recommended that a day should be set apart for the public examination of the children, and at the following Quarterly Court in January, 1818, it was arranged that the examination should be held, as proposed, a week before the annual Festival. The greater prominence thus to be given to the girls' education had the further beneficial effect of inducing the House Committee to suggest that silver medals should be awarded to the children who were placed first and second in each of the four branches in which they were examined, and that a silver medal should also be awarded to the child whose conduct had been the most satisfactory. These arrangements having been adopted, the first public examination was held on the 30th March, 1818, before a special General Committee, and the several prizes were awarded. At the Quarterly Court immediately following, certain resolutions for the better conduct of the business were agreed to, the principal being that the Secretary should act in accordance with the orders of the chair and not on his own responsibility, and that every notice of motion should be handed to the chair in writing and copied verbatim into the minute book, the Secretary himself being the author of the latter proposal. Other changes were made about the same time relating to the candidature of children; and due notice having been given, it was resolved at the July Court, (1) on the motion of Bro. Williams, that the limits of age for candidates should be six years and nine years respectively, no child, however, to be admitted into the School under the age; (2) on Bro. Dean's motion, "That the children before election should be carefully examined as to the condition of their health by the Matron and Medical Officer;" and (3) on the motion of Bro. White "That candidates who would become superannuated—that is, ineligible in the future in the event of their not being successful at a particular election—should have their names entered on the list at the top, in order of priority as regards the acceptance of their petitions, and that the rest of the candidates' names should follow in the same order.

In April of the same year a Special House Committee was held for the purpose of directing that the children should "attend the funeral of the late Wm. Preston, Esq., as a mark of respect for his memory, and of gratitude for his kind and liberal remembrance of this Institution in his will." Bro. Preston, the author of "Illustrations of Freemasonry," had, as we have pointed out already, taken a great interest in the School; he had served upon its Committees in the earlier days of its existence, and by his will he bequeathed the sum of £500 towards its support. Only a few months later Bro. Forssteen, who had also been an earnest friend of the Charity, and its Treasurer for many years, tendered his resignation of the latter office and his Trusteeship. The resignation was accepted with regret so far as the office of Treasurer was concerned, and Bro. W. Williams, M.P., Prov. G.M. Dorsetshire, was appointed his successor; but Bro. Forssteen was requested to retain the Trusteeship, a handsome vote of thanks was passed to him for his invaluable services, and ordered to be engrossed on vellum and formally presented to him, and he was made a perpetual member of all the Committees of the Institution. Such recognition must have been very gratifying to Bro. Forssteen, and there can be no doubt that under his auspices the School had prospered, both as a Scholastic Institution and financially. Three months later another benefactor, though in this case the word is used in quite a different sense, appears on the scene for the first time, the person being none other than the Miss Jarwood who presided as Matron for so many years over the School, and whose death occurred as recently as 1886. In the minutes of the General Committee of December, 1818, we read that a petition on behalf of Eliza Waterman Jarwood, from her mother was accepted, there being, however, some difficulty in accepting it in the first instance in consequence of the non-production of the marriage certificate, Mrs. Jarwood having been married in America, and it was ordered that the said certificate should be produced prior to her being elected. We presume this difficulty must have been surmounted, as the name of E. W. Jarwood occurs as one of the five children who were elected into the Institution in October, 1819.

(To be continued.)

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NOTICE OF MOTION—

By Bro. J. L. MATHER, Asst. G.D. of Cers.—

That Laws 6, 29, 35, and 60 be amended as follows, viz.—

"Law 6. To add after the word 'meeting,' in the second line, the words 'on the Saturday following the last Friday.'"

"Law 29. To omit the word 'second,' in the third line, and after word 'Saturday' in third line, to add 'following the last Friday.'"

"Law 35. After word 'Court' in fifth line, to add 'on the Saturday following the last Friday.'"

"Law 60. After word 'Courts' in second line, to add 'on the Saturday following the last Friday.'"

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To consider the following

NOTICE OF MOTION—

By Bro. JOHN L. MATHER, V.-Patron, Chairman of the Joint Committee on alteration of Dates of Elections:—"To alter Law 29 by substituting the words 'last Friday' for the words 'Monday immediately following the second Saturday,' in accordance with the recommendation in the Report of such Committee adopted by the Quarterly Court in October, 1887."

To consider, and, if approved, to adopt a Recommendation from the General Committee—"That Fifteen Boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, 16th April, 1888, from an approved List of Sixty-five Candidates."

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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.]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1888.

MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother, I am not aware if the question raised by some recent correspondents of yours as to the propriety of recognising the services rendered to our Institutions by the officers of Masonic Charitable Associations has ever before been publicly discussed in your columns, but it seems to me the question admits of no doubt whatever, and that if a way could be found of rewarding these officers for their very arduous labours without trenching on the rights and privileges of the Subscribers and Stewards to our Charities, the Craft generally would be gratified by its adoption. Even the smallest of these Associations is a means by which a considerable sum is raised towards the support of our Institutions, while in the case of the larger organisations, contributions amounting to many hundreds of pounds are the result. Only the most trifling expense for postages and printing is incurred, and the Treasurer and Secretary—but especially the latter—who do most of the work, are quite content and quite ready to undertake the same labours and responsibilities a second and a third time, when the usual compliment of a vote of thanks has been

paid them by the Association. But it is not because these officers are thus easily satisfied that the amount of good they do should always be treated so cavalierly. It is no joke to collect five or ten guineas each from 80 or 100 members in weekly subscriptions of a shilling per member extending over two or four years, especially as the members are rarely confined to one locality, but are scattered about in all directions; and only those who have undergone the trouble know what it involves. But the question is—How can we reward them for their services? Bro. Finch, in his speech the other day at the annual supper of the Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365, suggested they should be made Life Governors or Life Subscribers of our Charities; while "A Member of a Benevolent Association" has proposed that permission should be accorded them to wear "a special Charity jewel as an outward and visible recognition of services rendered for the good of Freemasonry." But one of our Institutions—the Boys' School—has a rule which might easily be adopted by the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, and made specially applicable to the officers of these Masonic Charitable Associations. Law 20 of the Boys' School provides that "Any brother not serving the office of Steward, who may collect for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the sum of 25 guineas, shall, when that sum is completed, be made a Life Subscriber, and have one vote for life, and should he collect a further sum of 25 guineas, shall, on the completion thereof, receive an additional vote, and so on for every 25 guineas he may collect." Let some such rule as this be adopted by all three Institutions, and specifically applied to the Secretaries, and possibly also the Treasurers, of our Masonic Charitable Associations, and the thing is done, without trenching upon any one else's privileges, or even the trouble of framing an absolutely new law.—Fraternally yours,

YET ANOTHER MEMBER OF A M.C. ASSOCIATION.

London, January 9th.

MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to the recent correspondence, I have waited to see whether any other letters would appear that I might be further informed upon the points raised by "Zeta" before again addressing you. Nothing being forthcoming, I presume all has been said. My conclusions are that "Zeta," before he again attempts to condemn provinces for neglecting the interests of the Charities should satisfy himself that such is the case. As to "St. Augustine," he should read letters with great care before he turns critic. In his letter of November 19th he says, referring to Bro. Vickers' letter—"Granting that he has sent £42 during the last four years, or an average of £10 10s. per year." I believe Bro. Vickers said he had sent £42 since last November—that is, in one year; so that "St. Augustine" is off the track altogether.

I have not learned what I wished—that is, how to get votes without payment, as was suggested by "Zeta," but I have learned, that if a province gets its candidates elected it has votes at its command, which votes represent money paid, and such provinces should not be held up to criticism as though they had stolen the votes.—Yours fraternally,

ZETETES.

"MASONIC BAZAARS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly say, for the benefit of the Craft generally, if bazaars are allowed in connection with lodges for the purpose of raising money; also if raffling at Masonic bazaars is permitted?

I am not by any means fastidious; but I asked this information from an official of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and am not satisfied with the reply.

The Constitutions of Grand Lodge of Scotland, By-law No. 200, strictly forbids both—so far as I am able to interpret—but perhaps you, or some of the brethren, will enlighten me,—Yours fraternally,

JOHN WEBB.

January 5th.



MASONIC ALMANAC, PROVINCE OF SUSSEX, 1888. (Farncombe and Co., Lewes).

This is the first of the kind for the year, and, though termed an "Almanac" only, it forms an excellent Masonic directory generally for the province. The name of the editor is not given, but we are not likely to be far wrong in ascribing the compilation mainly to Bro. V. P. Freeman, J.G.D., the Prov. Grand Secretary. It is a great improvement on its predecessors, and the additional information will prove most useful to the many concerned. There are 27 lodges in Sussex, with over 1100 subscribing members, the senior being No. 38, Chichester, and the junior, No. 2201, at Brighton. The Prov. G.M. is H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.S.G.W. of England, who, in 1886, succeeded the late R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart. The names of all the Prov. Grand Officers from 1854 are given, as also those of all the Masters of lodges from the same year, when the province was resuscitated. An interesting table is likewise inserted of statistics relating to the lodges for the past year, in which financial and other matters are ably arranged and chronicled. The Prov. Grand Chapter was revived in 1881, and similar items are arranged under the various headings relating to that Degree, as also in relation to Mark Masonry. There are nine Royal Arch chapters, with 260 members, and four Mark lodges. There are also two each of Knights Templars' preceptories and Rose Croix chapters. Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., the D.P. G.M., presides as the Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch; Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., is the Prov. Grand Master for the Mark Degree; and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke is the Provincial Prior for Knight Templary. The calendar of the meetings for 1888 appears to be well and carefully compiled, and we feel assured that it will be eagerly sought for by London Masons who enjoy visiting the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF GLOUCESTER, 1887.

This handsomely printed wee book, turned out from the press of Bro. John Bellows, of Gloucester, is rather late in its appearance for 1887, but is none the less welcome, for its editor, Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, always does his work well, and the various tables compiled by him for the publication are always of special interest and value. The present issue is on the same lines as that of 1886, and so our remarks as to the one, may be taken as applying in like manner to the other. Typographically and Masonically, it is difficult to see how any improvement can be made, so that, save and except, the ever varying personnel of the officers, and the statistics of the province, the Directory from year to year looks, to all appearances, the same. The Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.S.G.W., is the Prov. G.M.; the W. Bro. J. Brook-Smith, P.G.D., being the D. Prov. G.M. Bro. Edward Trundle has been the Prov. G. Sec. from 1856, and for several years the editor of the Calendar has acted most energetically as the Prov. Charity Secretary. There are 14 lodges in the province, there having been no additions from 1871, the members running to 575, an average of 41 to each lodge. There are three Royal Arch Chapters in the province, with 169 members, and there are four Mark Lodges. Also one each of the bodies working the Knight Templar and Rose Croix. The information respecting the Charities is most elaborate, the details being instructive and suggestive. Some idea of the efficient manner in which this department is managed may be obtained by noting that there are 3137 votes held by the 14 lodges, and 575 members in the province. We wonder how many provinces can beat this record?

DOD'S PEERAGE, BARONETAGE, AND KNIGHTAGE OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND FOR 1888. Forty-eighth year. London: WHITAKER and Co., 2, White Hart-street, Paternoster-square, E.C.; GEORGE BALL and SONS, York-street, Covent Garden, W.C. 1888.

The distinctive merit claimed for this important year-book is that it includes brief biographical sketches of all titled personages, not only those belonging to the peerage and baronetage, but also Knights, Bishops, Privy Counsellors, Judges, and the Widows of deceased Baronets and Knights. Thus all who have won for themselves titles or inherited them from others—in fact, all who in this one particular have been "born great," have "achieved greatness," or have had "greatness thrust upon them," have places assigned to them in the pages of Dod, and what is recorded of them will be found sufficient, notwithstanding the modest size of the volume, and, above all things, accurate. The contents are well arranged. First comes a series of illustrations of the insignia which distinguish the various titled classes, and the most important orders of knighthood; a table of precedence; and the inferior titles of Peers. Then follow in 10 classes, in the form of a dictionary, short sketches of all titled persons, giving full particulars as to their birth, descent, achievements, &c., &c. These constitute Part I., while Part II. includes several articles, among which should be specified one concerning the sons, daughters, &c., of Peers, bearing courtesy titles; a second as to the mode of "addressing letters;" a third on the "Orders of Knighthood;" and a fourth on "The Privy Council." Thus nothing appears to have been omitted which was likely to enhance the value of the book for purposes of reference. To those who think that completeness and comprehensiveness, as well as accuracy, are not impossible in moderate-sized volumes, we can strongly recommend the new edition of "Dod's Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage."

THE BRITISH ROLL OF HONOUR. By PETER LUND SIMMONS, F.L.S., F.R.C.L., Author of "A Commercial Dictionary of Trade Products," &c., &c. London: DEAN and SON, 160A, Fleet-street, E.C.

This useful work contains, in the first place, descriptive accounts of the several recognised Orders of Chivalry, not only at home but in foreign countries, and of their respective insignia; and in the next, detailed lists of British subjects still living who have been enrolled in these Orders. It has the further advantage of being embellished with numerous coloured and other engravings of the decorations, so that the reader may learn all it is important to know, whether pictorially or historically, about these various Orders, and also the names of those British subjects whom foreign States and Sovereigns have deemed worthy of honour. Mr. Simmons appears to have fulfilled his task satisfactorily. The information he has collected has been carefully arranged, and, so far as our personal researches have gone, he does not seem to have omitted any particulars of importance, or to have been too brief in his description; indeed, as a first issue of so voluminous a work, and one involving such innumerable inquiries and references to other persons, it is remarkable that the author should have succeeded so well, and that his details should apparently be so accurate. We trust the author will receive sufficient encouragement to renew his labours in future years, and that by constant correction and emendation, and by introducing improvements where they seem desirable, Mr. Simmons will succeed in bringing his "British Roll of Honour" to as great a state of completion and accuracy as the well-known "Dobrett's Peerage, Baronetage," &c., issued by the same publishers.

The annual show of the Oxfordshire Agricultural Society, of which Bro. Lord Wantage is President for the year, will be held at Abingdon on the 23rd and 24th May next.

The Committee nominated by her Majesty to consider the best method for appropriating the balance, amounting to about £70,000, of the Women's Jubilee offering to the Queen, to the provision of nurses for the sick poor, recommend the establishment of an institution for training nurses for the purpose, the chief centre being in London, and similar central institutions in Edinburgh and Dublin; that other institutions of a like character should, if they desired, be affiliated; and that, in some way or other, it should be connected with St. Katherine's Hospital, of which, ever since its foundation in 1146, the Queens of England have been patrons.



Craft Masonry.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. J. T. Ford, W.M.; W. Wingham, S.W.; G. Deaton, J.W.; J. Lindner, P.M., Treas.; J. Dyte, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Wall, S.D.; J. L. Elliott, acting J.D.; J. L. Jaquet, I.G.; G. Smith, Chap.; G. F. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.O. Essex, Org.; A. Walkley, Tyler; T. Hawkins, P.M.; J. W. Harvey, P.M.; T. J. Robins, P.M.; J. J. Wilson, P.M.; J. Moorcroft, P.M.; F. G. Baker, P.M.; J. S. Hodson, P.M.; H. R. Maynard, R. S. Horne, P. Boswell, F. J. Deaton, P. E. Barnes, F. N. Farmer, A. Wingham, and S. E. Burton. Visitors: Bros. A. W. Catterson, P.M. 548; H. C. Ball, P.M. 144; B. R. Blatenford, P.M. 1196; S. Wood, P.M. 2004 and 2005; G. Reynolds, J.W. 1614, Sec. 2191; S. Renaud, 1623; W. Hurst; G. Burford, P.M. 445; W. H. Hunt, 2021; H. Privett, 534; H. C. Reeves, P.M. 1381; Wm. Roots, 1273; F. H. Williams, 72; G. W. Kuffee, W.M. elect 1381; C. E. Stott, W.M. 999; R. D. Hilbard, P.M. 172; J. Cox, P.M. 190; M. Conrad, P.M. 813; J. Shipley, P.M. 30; A. E. Austin, W.M. 619; J. Hattersley, 1607; G. T. N. Fannan, 1257; S. Rideal, 1601; C. Graham, 874; F. Croake, P.M. 185; P. Wells, P.M., P.S.G.W. South Australia; H. G. Cannon, 1539; H. J. Smith, 1475; W. Land, P.M. 742; W. Cuck, P.M. 1597; E. Stimson, P.M. 15; C. W. Cole, 65; J. H. Birch, 1305; J. J. Eedle, 1441; Biggs, W.M. elect 25; M. J. Mumford, 1538; F. M. Noakes, 2148; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Horne was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Walter Wingham being introduced by Bro. J. Lindner, P.M., Treas., as the W.M. elect, was duly obligated and installed by Bro. J. T. Ford, W.M., in a very impressive manner. The newly-installed Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. G. Deaton, S.W.; E. J. Wall, J.W.; J. S. Elliott, S.D.; J. L. Jaquet, J.D.; H. R. Maynard, I.G.; T. J. Robins, P.M., D.C.; M. D. Loewenstark, P.M., Stwd.; J. Lindner, P.M., Treas.; J. Dyte, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.O. Essex, Org.; and A. Walkley, Tyler.

Bro. J. T. Ford, I.P.M., then delivered the charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren clearly and forcibly. The Auditor's report was read and received. Messrs. Arthur Wingham and Samuel E. Burton were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren expressed themselves much delighted with the perfect manner in which Bro. J. T. Ford, I.P.M., had performed the ceremony of installation, and Bro. Walter Wingham, W.M., for the impressive way in which he had initiated the two newly-made brethren into the mysteries of the Craft.

The brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, where a banquet of a most recherché kind was served by Bro. Madel, manager of the Freemasons' Tavern, under the personal superintendence of himself and Bro. Berther.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured with the customary heartiness.

In proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said that as good citizens and good Masons they supported one of the best monarchs.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," and in doing so, said it was one that always recommended itself to the brethren, because of the personal interest the Prince of Wales always took in all Masonic matters.

The W.M. gave "The Grand Officers," and said their services on behalf of the Masonic Order were always available, and they never seemed more pleased than when performing the duties incident to their exalted position.

Bro. J. T. Ford, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said it needed a tongue far more eloquent than his to do justice to that toast, as their W.M. was in every respect one of the best Masons in the world; there was not an office in the lodge but what he was absolutely perfect in. From what they knew of him ever since he had been a Master Mason, and from the influence of his father before him, he had no doubt his conduct in the chair would amply justify their most sanguine expectations. He need only add that he had filled every office in the lodge, and trusted he might long be spared to be a credit and ornament to the Robert Burns Lodge.

"By sure ye follow out the plan,
Nae waur than he did. Honest man."

The W.M., in rising to respond, thanked the brethren for the very enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast, and said that he had that night reached the summit of his ambition. He had gone through the various offices, and after seven years they had placed him in the chair which had been occupied in the past by his father. It had struck a heartfelt note, which to him was very solemn, inasmuch as he stood in the shoes of one who not long since was amongst them. He thought there was that in their society to foster such a feeling, and he trusted he should have their affection and sympathy beyond the grave. He trusted that he should, during his year of office, merit the eulogistic terms in which they had spoken of him, as nothing on his part should be wanting to make it a success. He was sure that if his father had been there he would have been as proud as he was of the position in which they had placed him.

Bro. I. J. Robins, P.M., by the request of the W.M., next proposed "The Health of the Initiates," and in doing so, said he had been requested by the W.M. to propose this toast. He was sure they could understand the pleasure it must have been to him to initiate his younger brother, who, having accepted the responsibility, would, he trusted, turn out as good a Mason as his brother in the chair. They were accused of being very fond of the Fourth Degree, and no one was more fond of a good dinner than he was, but he assured them at the same time that they did not neglect the first three. They were very pleased to see two initi-

ates there that evening, and hoped they would have health and strength to carry on the good work they had begun.

Bro. S. E. Burton said that he trusted he should turn out as good a Mason as they wished, and would do all in his power to merit the trust they had reposed in him.

Bro. A. Wingham said it was with very great pleasure he rose to respond to the toast. His father always looked forward to the time when he should initiate him into Freemasonry, and, nothing would have given him greater pleasure than to know that he had become a member of that lodge. Some time since, when in Manchester, some friends of his, knowing that he belonged to a Masonic family, and hearing him express a desire to become a Mason, asked him to join the Robert Burns Lodge there, and, knowing his brother belonged to the Robert Burns Lodge in London, he concluded that all Freemasons' lodges were called Robert Burns. He thanked them for the very cordial manner in which they had received the toast, and trusted that by patience and industry he should in due course arrive at the proud position now occupied by his brother.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said it was one that he could well have wished had been proposed by some more expert brother. Freemasonry was a Society essentially devoted to extending the hand of friendship to one another. That was a duty the Robert Burns Lodge was pleased to have the opportunity of doing. They had 38 visitors there that evening, and he trusted that they had been as pleased at their reception as they were in receiving them. If they all responded to the toast, and he limited them to five minutes each, they would scarcely get home that night; he would, therefore, call upon Bros. P. Wells, P.S.G.W. South Australia; Chas. Stott, W.M. 999; and W. Land, P.M. 742, to respond.

Bro. P. Wells, P.M., P.S.G.W. South Australia, in reply, said that he had hoped that some younger brother would have been deputed to relieve him of the task of replying to the toast, but having been called upon he was bound to express the gratitude he felt at being a guest there that evening. He thanked them for the very hearty welcome he, with the other visitors, had received.

Bro. C. E. Stott, W.M. 999, thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had received him there that evening. He was very pleased to see his friend, Bro. Wingham, initiated, and trusted he would go on and be a credit to his lodge. He congratulated the W.M. on the successful commencement of his year of office. To have two initiations after the installation ceremony was an evidence of the zeal and ability with which he would conduct the affairs of the lodge.

Bro. W. Land tendered his sincere thanks to the brethren for the brilliant reception they had received. From what he knew of the W.M., and from the splendid working he had seen that evening, he felt sure they had a most successful year before them.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," said they were very proud of the excellent Masons they could enumerate on the roll of their P.M.'s. The lodge was one that took so responsible a part in settling the ritual after the union of the two Societies—a distinction they were very proud of—and he trusted they might long merit the prestige they now possessed.

Bro. J. S. Hodson, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which the toast had been received, and the W.M. for the very kind words he had spoken. They were always willing and pleased to do all they could for the best interests of the lodge. He might say he was initiated in that lodge by the father of the brother who now occupied the chair, and they were very pleased to have seen him initiate his younger brother, who he trusted would follow in their footsteps.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The I.P.M.," whose conduct in the chair during the past year fully maintained the reputation of the lodge. The manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony was faultless, as were also the addresses to the officers. He asked them to drink his health in true Robert Burns style.

Bro. Ford, in responding to the toast, said he thanked them most sincerely for the very kind way in which they had received the toast. He was sure that one touch of nature has made them one. He thanked the officers for their kindness and co-operation in making his year of office a success, chief of whom was their W.M. in the chair. They had had one or two ceremonies at each meeting, and altogether he was proud at having been their Master during the Jubilee year.

In proposing the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the Worshipful Master said they were excellent Past Masters of the lodge and pillars of the Masonic Temple. Their esteemed Secretary had been for 40 years a member of the lodge, and he trusted he might long be spared, and be an ornament to the lodge.

Bro. Dyte, Secretary, thanked the brethren for the hearty way they had received the toast. He was pleased to be there that evening, and trusted he might see them that day next year.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Officers," on whose ability and co-operation depended the success of the Master's year of office. He was sure that the officers for the year were imbued with true Masonic spirit, and would fulfil their duties to the best of their ability.

Bro. G. Deaton, S.W., briefly returned thanks, and trusted that when he had the honour of occupying the chair he should fulfil the duties in such a manner as to give satisfaction to them all.

The Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. G. F. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.O. Essex, assisted by Miss Adelina Wilson, Madame Helen Heath, Mr. A. Pinnington, Mr. H. H. Wilson, and Bro. F. W. Farmer, who rendered some old Scotch songs in a manner which elicited frequent bursts of applause, and fully justified the intimation given on the handsome invitation card issued by the W.M. of "A Night with Burns."

PERCY LODGE. (No. 198).—The installation meeting of the above old and distinguished lodge was held on Tuesday last at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Among those present were—Bros. J. T. Rowe, P.M., W.M.; J. Lee, S.W.; George Cooper, S.G.D., P.M.; Major George Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., P.M., and Secretary; Francis Orchard, P.M.; J. J. Caney, P.M. Grand officers: Bros. Bywater, Binckes, Matier, and Cubitt. Members and visitors: Bros. J. Read,

Stanley Smith, W. Sexton, Oram, Clarke, Kedge, Von Joel, E. Storr, Heard, George Kenning, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. T. Rowe installed Bro. J. Lee as W.M. for the ensuing year. A richly-wrought emblazonment on vellum was presented to Bro. Capt. Herbert C. Lambert on his retirement from the office of Treasurer. The usual Lodge jewel was presented to Bro. J. T. Rowe in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge for the past year.

The brethren dined together. A selection of vocal music was rendered under the direction of Bro. John Read, P.M. 720, and W.M. 2105, P.P. Grand Org. Middlesex.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 3rd inst. Among those present were Bros. R. C. F. La Feuillade, W.M.; Lingley, S.W.; Foalé, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Westley, S.D.; Lundie, acting I.G.; Koch, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P. G.S.B. Middx.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Reinardt, Tyler; and others. Among the visitors was Bro. Clare, who officiated most efficiently on the harmonium.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. A. C. Thornley was impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. Bro. Lingley was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. George Everett, re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Reinardt, Tyler. The Committee to audit the accounts having been elected, Bro. Lingley, W.M. elect, was appointed to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School. Upon the motion of Bros. Everett and Walls, the sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to head Bro. Lingley's list. A P.M.'s jewel having been voted to the outgoing Master, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth, a few toasts were given and duly honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Everett congratulated him upon the fairly successful year he had had. He (the W.M.) would retire with the respect of every member in the lodge, leaving as he did a very good balance for the forthcoming W.M. to carry on the sinews of war, and the pleasing recollections of the manner in which the work of the lodge had been carried on.

Bro. La Feuillade having replied, then gave "The Visitors."

The toast having been duly honoured, and acknowledged by Bro. Clare and others, the toast of "The W.M. Elect" followed.

Bro. Lingley, in reply, expressed himself highly gratified at being elected to so high a position. He would do his best to promote the harmony of the lodge, and to enhance its prosperity. In his endeavours he trusted that he should receive every support from the P.M.'s.

Bro. Walls having responded on behalf of "The Past Masters,"

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next. The W.M. congratulated Bro. Everett on his restoration to health, and upon his re-election as Treasurer that night. He also spoke in kind terms of Bro. Stuart, the Secretary.

Bro. Everett, in reply, said that he was very gratified and touched by the kind words that had fallen from the W.M., Bro. Walls, and other speakers during the evening. His health was very precarious, but whilst the brethren appreciated his poor efforts so highly, he felt reluctant to resign the Treasurership. He had striven to keep the lodge solvent without unduly interfering with their creature comforts, and, thanks to the loyal support he had received from all, the balance at his hands at that moment was a good one.

Bro. Stuart having also spoken, Bros. Westley and Lundie responded on behalf of "The Officers," which toast terminated the proceedings.

Bros. Clare, Everett, Stuart, Cockburn, and Lundie vocally entertained the brethren.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Monday, the 9th inst., when the following were present: Bros. W. Greenwood, W.M.; W. Carey, S.W.; W. F. Packer, J.W.; Hy. Bartlett, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Penney, P.M., Sec.; Jno. Blake, S.D.; J. W. Kemble, J.D.; J. T. Donner, I.G.; E. J. Morgan, D.C.; H. Youngman, Org.; H. Colley, Stwd.; J. Young, Tyler; Duffield, P.M.; Davis, P.M.; Youngman, P.M.; Kent, P.M.; Juniper, P.M.; Longdon, Johns, Lagne, Low, Barnes, Fiddes, Hampson, Armfield, Gregory, Rummell, Gee, Stacey, Skinner, Davey, and Weise. The list of visitors—as is usual with this lodge—was a long one, and was as follows:—Bros. Wm. Iron, P.M., P.G.S. of W. Middx.; G. Wallace, P.M. 907; H. Harbord, I.P.M. 901; W. Martin, P.M. 879; Haslip, P.M. 813; W. Beavis, P.M. 879 and 1310; J. Seex, P.M. 1426; H. John, P.M. 741 and 1679; Porter, W.M. 1178; F. Nicholson, W.M. 1604; J. Loftus, S.W. 1306; H. C. Jones, S.W. 2099; J. H. Dew, Org. 1425; J. H. Rich, J.D. 1524; G. H. Bassett, 1579; R. Smith, 871; A. Rideal, 860; G. B. Carlton, 817; Cooper, 1155; G. W. Thompson, 410; F. Rehm, 813; J. Prior, 705; F. Shenton, 749; Harrison, 73; and Stuart Lane, 1014.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Youngman, P.M., who duly installed Bro. Wm. Carey as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in such an impressive manner that there is no doubt it will leave a lasting impression upon the brethren present. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. F. Packer, S.W.; Jno. Blake, J.W.; Hy. Bartlett, Treas.; Jos. Penney, Sec.; J. W. Kemble, S.D.; J. T. Donner, J.D.; E. J. Morgan, I.G.; P. M. Duffield, D.C.; Hy. Colley, A.D.C.; W. T. Johns, Stwd.; and J. Young, Tyler. The manner in which this ceremony was performed promises well for the future working of the newly-installed Master. A vote of thanks to Bro. Youngman, P.M., for the efficient manner in which he had installed the W.M. was, upon the proposition of Bro. Greenwood, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Blake, J.W., carried unanimously, and acknowledged by Bro. Youngman, P.M. No further Masonic business offering, the lodge was closed, and, after the W.M. had received the hearty congratulations of the numerous visiting brethren present,

The brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall of the hotel, where the W.M. proved to the visitors that not only could his lodge afford intellectual entertainment, but also good cheer.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M., who, in proposing that of "The Queen and Craft," referred to the great strides made in Masonry during the present reign owing to the freedom enjoyed by all. As regarded their Grand Master, the Craft need fear no curtailment to any of its privileges, as the bond between the Throne and the Craft was of great strength.

These toasts, together with that of "The Grand Officers," having been duly honoured,

Bro. Greenwood, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and in doing so paid a tribute to the manner in which he had carried out all his duties in every office he had held in the lodge.

In acknowledging the toast, the Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for their kind indulgence to him in the offices he had held, and remarked that the following day would be the seventh anniversary of his initiation in that lodge. He was pleased to see the faces of brethren round him who were then present, and he promised he would in the future endeavour to give that satisfaction which he was told he had given in the past.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, and acknowledged by Bro. Youngman, P.M.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master referred to the number present, and offered a hearty welcome to every visiting brother.

The toast was responded to by Bros. Iron, P.M., P.G.S. of W. Middx.; P.M.'s Porter, Haslip, Harbord, Martin, and Beavis; and Harrison.

The toast of "The P.M.'s" was next proposed by the Worshipful Master, who took that opportunity of presenting Bro. Greenwood, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel on his completing his year of office.

Bro. Greenwood, I.P.M., having acknowledged the same, the other P.M.'s also replied.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Blake, J.W.

During the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. Packer, Morgan, Johns, Rich, Harbord, Colley, and Kemble.

The Tyler's toast brought one of the pleasantest meetings of the Leopold Lodge to a close.

ROTHESAY LODGE (No. 1687).—The January meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at St. James's Hall, Regent-street, W. There were present Bros. W. Mole, W.M.; J. W. Adams, J.W.; J. Butlin, Treas.; E. Valeriani, P.M., Sec.; H. Gros, S.D.; C. Stevenson, J.D.; H. S. Roberts, I.G.; Docker, P.M., Stwd.; F. Green, P.M., D.C.; F. Green, I.P.M.; Bohers, Asst. Stwd.; J. Conning, Asst. D.C.; Tapping, Plumb, Smith, J. W. Roberts, W. Shaw, Barron, J. F. Shiers, Rouchetti, and Cavaliere Tito Odoardo Mattei.

The lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. James Shiers, which proving unanimous in his favour, he and Cavaliere Tito Odoardo Mattei (pianist and composer to the King of Italy) were duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. Thos. Plumb and Frederick Patrick Smith were duly raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. The ceremonies were rendered by Bro. W. Mole, W.M., in a clear and distinct manner, which impressed the candidates and gratified the members. A sum of £5 was voted out of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge to a distressed brother.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial repast served by Bro. Roberts.

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

The W.M. then gave "The Initiates," and said nothing afforded the occupant of the chair more pleasure than initiating good men into Masonry. The two initiates of that evening had been attentive and appreciative candidates, which fact assisted him in working the ceremony materially; in Bro. Tito Odoardo Mattei they had gained a musician of world-wide renown, and as a musician they welcomed him into the lodge with that fraternal affection that always characterised Freemasonry. The other brother, James Shiers, he, the Worshipful Master, had known a number of years, and felt sure that he would become a true and useful brother amongst them.

Bro. Tito Mattei, in reply, said that he could not find words to return his thanks, but with their permission he would play a selection on the pianoforte expressive of his pleasure of having been initiated into Freemasonry. He then gave a very charming selection on the instrument, which gave the members some idea of his exalted talents.

Bro. Shiers said, in reply, that he had long had an inclination to join the noble Order, and he must certainly say that he was astonished beyond all measure of the vastness and comprehension of the fraternal Order of Freemasonry.

"The Visitors" was next given by the Worshipful Master, who welcomed them with a sincere and hearty welcome. They had amongst them that evening the following distinguished visitors:—Bros. Dr. Ramsey, P.M. 259; Coombs, P.M. 12; Rivers, J.D. 1772; Clapp, 15; Rouchetti, 1287; Sargant, 2077; and Hudson, 1 (S.C.).

Bro. Dr. Ramsey replied on behalf of himself and the other visitors, and said that it always gave him sincere pleasure to visit the different lodges and witness the working, and he felt pleased to record his testimony at the very clear manner in which the W.M. gave the charges, and the very earnest manner in which the candidates appreciated the evident care of the W.M. to make himself clear and understood.

Bro. Hudson, 1 (S.C.), also replied, with many praises to the Fraternity, and some good advice to the initiates.

The other visiting members having responded, the Tyler's toast closed an enjoyable evening.

During the evening several songs were given by Bro. S. Sargant in his well-known able manner, assisted by the brilliant pianist, Bro. Tito Mattei.

HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood, on the 11th inst., Bro. Hartley, W.M., occupying the chair. Bro. Baldock was passed to the Degree of a F.C. A friend of the W.M.'s was initiated

into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Hooper, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. W. Hopekirk, A.G.P., was re-elected Treasurer; and a P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing W.M. for the very able way in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. The event attracted a large number of members and visiting brethren, the former including Bros. R. Harvey, W.M.; G. Gardner, I.P.M.; W. A. Dowling, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M.; Treas.; F. Walden, Sec.; J. Brown, S.D.; R. H. Wimpey, J.D.; F. D. Smither, Org.; J. R. Rowling, Stwd.; Lord George Hamilton, T. C. Walls, P.M.; Harry W. Price, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. E. Faux, 77; J. T. S. Hood, P.M. 554; C. J. Hampden, P.P.S.G.W. Hereford; R. Melbourne, 339; A. L. Chapman, J.D. 255; T. Hiscock, 865; A. Harvey Moore, S.W. 255; R. La Feuillade, W.M. 1381; Richard Eve, G. Treas.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; S. Hunt, 1196; W. H. Causton, P.M. 162; E. B. Cox, W.M. 1563; C. P. Bellerby, W.M. 2021; C. J. Digby, P.M. 933, 2032; H. C. Lansdown, 1541; Jno. Ambrose, 2032; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; A. Love, 1791; J. Edwards, P.M. 1662; T. A. Holland, 780; B. E. Blasby, P.M. 781; J. Wiggins, J.D. 1767; P. Monson, S.W. 1642; C. Coomb, W.M. 780; J. Aird, M.P., P.G. Stwd., S.W. 259; G. T. King, 749; A. Pringle, W.M. 92; R. T. Hunt, 186; T. M. Coleman, 192; E. R. Bond, 1767; Andrew Pears, P.M. 209; H. Guy, 933; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from the Grand Secretary; Bro. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; and many others.

Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee, showing a large balance to the credit of the lodge fund, was received and adopted. Bro. Farr was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and Bro. Clark was passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in an admirable manner. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and Bro. F. Lawrance, P.M., presented as W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, numbering 23 W.M.'s and P.M.'s, Bro. Lawrance was duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bro. Lord George Hamilton, S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., Treas.; G. Gardner, P.M., Sec.; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; Waldon, J.D.; Hughes, I.G.; Rowling, D.C.; Hopkins, Stwd.; and Rowe, Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Richard Harvey, I.P.M., who performed the installation ceremony throughout in a clear and impressive manner that delighted all present. The W.M., in presenting Bro. Harvey, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to make the presentation, and referred to the admirable manner in which Bro. Harvey had carried out the duties of the chair during the past year. Bro. Richard Harvey, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. and brethren for this token of their appreciation, and said he should always wear the jewel with kindly feelings of regard for the Chiswick Lodge. The jewel, which is of chaste design, bears an enamelled view of Old Chiswick Church, and on the back of the pendant is the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, to Brother Richard Harvey, as a token of esteem and regard, and in recognition of his kindness, urbanity, and ability, while presiding over the lodge, 1887-8." The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Propositions having been received, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served under the superintendence of Bro. Brill. "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been given from the chair and received by the brethren with the accustomed cordiality, the W.M. proposed "The Grand Officers," and said all present knew how well the members of that body carried out the lengthy business of Grand Lodge. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Eve, G. Treas.

Bro. Richard Eve, G. Treas., in reply, said he felt it was a great honour to be called upon to respond to this toast, for he knew he had a heavy burden upon him to represent the distinguished brethren whose health they had so cordially drunk. He had on his right hand several distinguished Grand Officers, but it was in no disparaging sense that he said they but faintly represented the distinguished brethren who were absent. He referred to brethren of all kinds and of all classes, including men of position in the State and in the administration of the affairs of the country. Brethren who had been selected for distinguished services rendered to the Craft, and brethren who had been promoted to fill office in Grand Lodge on account of the position they held in the world. During the past year there had been a large number of brethren added to the list of Grand Officers, and he felt that the M.W.G.M. had exercised an excellent discretion in the offices he had bestowed on brethren who had rendered good service in various ways. They one and all believed in the Order. It was a great Institution and was capable of even a greater amount of good than it was doing at present. It brought together a large number of men in one common bond, and brought those closer together who would otherwise be estranged. He was glad to find that the Chiswick Lodge, although young, had established itself so firmly and possessed a number of distinguished brethren as members. He was pleased to have had the opportunity of being present and hoped the pleasure would be renewed on a future occasion.

Bro. R. Harvey, I.P.M., then said the brethren would know, when the gavel was entrusted to his care, that it was for the purpose of proposing "The Health of the W.M." It would be unnecessary for him to take up their time by explaining the good qualities of Bro. F. Lawrance, W.M., for they were well known to all present. As their Treasurer since the consecration of the lodge, he had looked after the funds, with the result that their financial affairs were now in a substantial and satisfactory condition, and the members were pleased to see him occupying the chair of W.M. There was no doubt that Bro. Lawrance, W.M., would give as much satisfaction in the future as he had done in past, for they knew him to be a good man in every respect.

The brethren present would therefore cordially drink to the health of their esteemed W.M.

Bro. F. Lawrance, W.M., said it was with considerable pleasure that he rose to return thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. The brethren had shown some enthusiasm in their reception of the toast, and he thought it would be unnecessary for him to assure them, as they had been pleased to elect him as their W.M., that he would do all he could during his year for their comfort and for the good of the lodge. He had occupied the post of Treasurer, and had no intention of entering the lodge as a working member, but as they had been pleased to select him in the place of a brother whose death they all regretted, he had consented to fill the chair. He hoped they would find him as successful as previous Worshipful Masters had been. As a young lodge they had done well and carried out excellent work. He liked work, and hoped he should have plenty, and that it would be done as well as it had been in the past. He again thanked them for their cordial reception.

"The Visitors" was then given by the W. Master, who tendered a hearty welcome to the visiting brethren. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., his father in Masonry, and Bro. Aird, M.P., P.G. Steward.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., said he was pleased that the W.M. had coupled his name with the toast, for Bro. Lawrance, W.M., was one of the oldest and best friends that he or any other man had had in this world. It was therefore a great pleasure to him to see him installed as W.M. of such a good lodge. Many of the brethren present knew that not far off he would be standing as their Deputy Prov. G.M., but unfortunately for them the Chiswick Lodge was not in their province. He knew what a good lodge it was and how many elements of true Masonry existed in it. He congratulated his friend on being installed in the chair of such a lodge, for it seemed to be carrying out the true principles of Masonry. On behalf of the visitors he would say how charmed they were in the lodge with the working of Bro. Harvey, for the rendering of the passing and installation ceremonies was a Masonic treat to them all. He initiated the W.M. into Masonry, but he was one of those brethren who are Masons at heart long before their initiation. Bro. Lawrance, W.M., came to him, and asked to be initiated, and since then he had watched his career with considerable pleasure. There was no better worker in the Craft, and the members of this lodge would regret when the time arrived for Bro. Lawrance to leave the chair. The visiting brethren had all enjoyed the hospitality shown them and had been delighted with the admirable working.

Bro. Aird, M.P., P.G. Stwd., also replied, and cordially echoed all that Bro. Thrupp had said. The working was most instructive to those who had yet much to learn. It was a matter for congratulation that a S.W. had been invested that evening who was so much respected in all spheres of life. He referred to Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., S.W. That distinguished brother did honour to the lodge, and the lodge did honour to him. He congratulated the S.W. that he was following in the steps of those brethren who had been found equal to the occasion, and who had performed their duties in a highly creditable manner. It had been a great pleasure to him to be present, and he sincerely thanked Bro. Defries for his kind invitation.

"The Masonic Charities" was next given by the Worshipful Master. He said that, although theirs was but a young lodge, it was not an uncharitable one, for they had sent up a Steward each year for one of the Institutions. On each of these occasions the lodge had voted 10 guineas, and up to the present time the amount sent was about £550. This year it came to the turn of the Benevolent Institution. Last year he acted as Steward for the Girls' School, and collected £60, while the two years before Bro. Gardner took up £125 and £240 respectively. That was not a bad record for a young lodge, and this year he proposed acting as Steward for the benevolent Institution. He hoped each member would contribute to his list, and that it would be creditable to the lodge. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Terry, whom they knew had worked hard for many years in the cause of Masonic Charity.

Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., thanked the W.M. exceedingly for having proposed the toast earlier in the evening than was usual. With respect to Masonic Charity during the past year, the total subscribed for the Institutions amounted to £61,000. Such a sum had never before been raised, but during the forthcoming year, with the prospect of a large total for the Girls' School, he hoped a still larger amount would be subscribed. The list of the Benevolent Institution was closed, no less than 130 candidates seeking admission for 14 vacancies. He knew that the W. Master was coming forward to represent that lodge on behalf of that Institution. Good work had been done by that lodge in the past, and the W.M. would come forward with greater force and more ability on behalf of the Old People, for no better representative could be chosen to enlist their heartiest support. He wished the W.M. a very prosperous and happy Stewardship, and was certain that the Chiswick Lodge, which had a reputation for charitable work in the past, would send up even a greater sum than it had before. Whatever it had done in the past it would endeavour to surpass in the future.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Installing and I.P. Master," and said few words would be needed from him, as Bro. Harvey was known to them all as being an excellent Mason, and one who had performed the work entrusted to him in an admirable manner. Their I.P.M. lived at a greater distance from the lodge room than many members, and therefore they had not seen so much of him as they had of previous W.M.'s, but he had been regular and punctual in his attendance, and had always done his work well. Bro. Harvey, I.P.M., had invariably been kind and genial with them, and had been an excellent W.W. He therefore asked the brethren to cordially drink the toast.

Bro. Richard Harvey, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received. Whether he deserved all the kind words which had been used respecting him he must leave the brethren to judge. He had endeavoured to do his duty with satisfaction to the brethren, and he hoped with some credit to himself. If his working of the installation ceremony that evening had pleased them he was more than repaid.

"The Health of the Treasurer, Bro. G. Everett, P.M., Founder, and first W.M. of the Lodge, and the Secretary,

Bro. Geo. Gardner, P.M.," was next given, and responded to by the latter.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

The musical programme was effectively carried out by Misses Carlton and Marchant, Bro. Pritchard, and Mr. E. Buels.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE (No. 2076).

—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., W.M.; W. Simpson, S.W.; Major Pratt, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; W. M. Bywater, G. Swd. Br., S.D.; Professor Hayter Lewis, J.D.; Dr. Wynn Westcott, I.G.; W. H. Rylands, G.St.; Rev. W. M. Heath, P.G.C.; John Read, F. A. Powell, D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; C. L. Mason, G. H. Kenning, P. L. Simmonds, C. Kupferschmidt, Rev. A. E. Woodward, and E. J. Castle.

The lodge was draped in mourning. The Worshipful Master delivered the following address in memory of the late Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford:

Brethren.—The first thought that will occur to our minds on assembling here to-day is a sense of the great loss the lodge has sustained in the death of our beloved Bro. Woodford. This, indeed, is a heavy blow to us, though at the same time we shall, one and all, derive a melancholy satisfaction from the reflection that our deceased brother was spared to us until the success of this lodge of Masonic students has been placed beyond the region of controversy or denial. In it he has been a prominent figure, and the sorrow which is felt to-night by those of us who have been regular attendants at our stated meetings, can hardly be expressed in words, and is best indicated by the manner in which the remarks it is my duty to make on the present occasion are listened to by the lodge, viz., in a silence that is far more expressive than actual speech. Our brother was not only the oldest Mason, but also the oldest author in the lodge, and it is as the *doyen* of British Masonic writers, that he has been affectionately regarded by his fellow members of the Quatuor Coronati. Bro. Hughan and myself have been spoken of as forming, in some sort, together with our dear brother whose loss we deplore, a kind of triad, having been fellow labourers in the field of Masonic literature, a little before we were joined by various other brethren in this lodge. Certain it is, however, that when two of us disagreed in Fraternal controversy, both disputants were in the habit of appealing to the remaining brother of the triple tie. The cord which united us has now been snapped by the death of Bro. Woodford, but the two who were left have placed on record, one in the *Freemason*, and the other in the *Freemasons' Chronicle*, the estimation in which they *know* our late brother was regarded in this country, and, as they *believe*, throughout the Masonic world. These obituary notices, having already attained circulation in the Craft, I pass over the leading incidents of our brother's Masonic career, which are there fully set forth, and shall next relate that during the last days he spent on earth, his interest in Masonry, and in this lodge never flagged. The night before his death he read a portion of the second part of our transactions, and thus it may be said, that *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum* was his last reading in life. Of this lodge also, he spoke much during the same night, and expressed to those about him, the great affection he entertained for its members.

How that feeling was reciprocated I shall not put into words, for it will come home to every breast. Just a word in conclusion. Our late brother was one time in the army, and there are several among us who either follow or have followed the same calling. An allusion to military customs, therefore, will not be out of place. It is the habit in warfare, when casualties occur, for the survivors to close up their ranks and press on. We have lost a good man and worthy brother, but the best compliment we can pay to his memory, is to close up our ranks and press on, towards the realisation of those hopes, in which there was no more sanguine believer than the excellent and highly cultured Freemason who was so recently in our midst. Bro. Woodford may be said to have died in harness, and the point is worthy of our attention, as a Masonic generation is a very short one and the instances are few where we find a veteran of 45 years' standing in the Craft, continuing to work with all the vigour and enthusiasm of youth. Brethren, may we all in like manner continue to labour for the same cause until we shall be summoned in turn to the Grand Lodge above; and when our places here know us no more, let us hope that other brethren may be ready, qualified and instructed by our example, to continue the work. So that it may be said—"The workmen die, but the work goes on."

The Wardens who had been absent on the installation night, the one through sickness and the other on military duty, were invested by the W.M. and inducted to their respective chairs. The report of the Library Committee was adopted. The report of the Audit Committee being taken as read, the W.M. said: The report was before them and would be regarded by all as a most gratifying indication of the progress made by the lodge. It would be seen that an addition of £5 to the annual grant of the library was suggested, and there was one further recommendation that, did not so to speak, appear in the programme with respect to which he had a few words to say. The report of the Permanent and Audit Committee had gone out to the members, and among them, of course, to Bro. W. J. Hughan, who had written to him (the W.M.), in consequence, suggesting that the sum of £2 to from each of the two funds—Lodge and Correspondence Circle, respectively—should be voted to the Secretary in consideration of the vast amount of clerical labour which had become incidental to his office. With this idea the W.M. said, he perfectly concurred, and had consulted the other members of the Permanent and Audit Committee who had signed the report of December 21: and the approval of Bro. Hughan's suggestion being unanimous, he should move accordingly, as a further recommendation arising out of the report, that the sum of £10 from each of the two funds be voted as a compliment to the Secretary. In the future he hoped that the compliment might be larger, though of one thing he felt sure, viz., that whatever the amount the Secretary would feel equally grateful to the lodge for their public recognition of his arduous labours. Bro. Gould, W. Master, concluded by remarking that, as with the exception of the S.W. and himself, who were necessarily in the secret, the Secretary had provided a pleasant little surprise for all the members of Outer Circle, in the shape of a St. John's card, so, in return, the Audit Committee hoped that the resolution then brought forward would on its adoption by the

lodge, prove a surprise of a not wholly unpleasant nature to Bro. Speth. The report, as amended, was adopted, and the Secretary thanked the brethren for their kindness, assuring them that, with or without future surprises, his services and best endeavours should never be wanting to the lodge. On a ballot taken, Bro. H. J. Whympere, P.D.D. G.M. Punjab, was admitted to the membership of the lodge. The following 39 candidates were admitted members of the Correspondence Circle:—Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990; Lodge of Hope, No. 2153; Ryde Lodge, No. 698; Audley Lodge, No. 1896; Friendly Lodge, No. 1513; Combermere Lodge, No. 1795; Tyrian Lodge, No. 253; Jordan Lodge, No. 1402; Horsa Lodge, No. 2208; St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622; and Bro. Fred Budden, Prov. G.D.C. Dorset; T. A. H. Hay, Dr. Jos. Mixsell, M. H. Henderson, M.E.G.H.P. of G.C. of Pennsylvania; R. A. Kingsbury, R. J. Hooper-Rastrick, Prov. G. Treas. Hants and Isle of Wight; R. G. King, W. F. Bunting, Past G.M. of New Brunswick; Rev. A. A. Headley, P.P.G.C. and Prov. A.G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight; F. Ives, T. Norfolk, G. F. W. Mortimer, Prov. J.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; Professor P. L. Simmonds, G. Stwd.; George H. Kenning, G. E. Baker, H. A. Steer, Prov. G.D.C. North Wales; W. E. Stewart, P.A. G.D.C.; Dr. C. S. Ward, W. F. Vernon, P.D.P.G.M.; J. W. Trevor Smith, Dr. W. Rosser Harrley, J. W. Starkey, Past D.G. Sec. Malta; J. D. Dewell, E. J. Massie, the Very Rev. Arthur Percival Purey-Cust, Dean of York, P.G. Chap.; S. W. Halliwell, John Taylor, T. Stopher, P.P.S.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; and G. Greiner.

The Secretary announced the following additions to the Lodge Library—by purchase, current numbers of *Freemason and Freemasons' Chronicle*; from the editors, current numbers of *Latonia*, *South African Freemason*, *Freemasons' Repository*, and the *New Zealand Mail*; from Bro. Beck, current numbers of "Dresdener Logenblatt," and "Die Bauhütte;" from the various authors, "Thoughts on the Threshold," by C. W. Duncan; "Reprints from the Schliches Logenblatt," and "Ein Gedenktag aus der Hallischen Logengeschichte," by Bro. Dr. Rud Maennel; "Electricity and Nerve Force," by Bro. Mayner y Ros; "Modern Freemasonry, a Lecture," by Bro. Ramsden Riley; "Les Francsmacons," by Bro. Tempels; "Architecture in the Past," and Buddhist Architecture in the Jellalabad Valley," by Bro. W. Simpson; "A History of Freemasonry in the United States of America," by Bro. Rev. E. M. Myers; and "A History of the Lodge of Economy," by Bro. T. Stopher; from Bro. John Haigh, "By-laws of the first Worshipful Masters' Association in Massachusetts," and Waterman's "History of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston, 1769;" from Bro. T. B. Whythead, "Le Franc Macon tel qu'il doit être;" from Bro. Mortimer, "Dallaway's Discourses upon Architecture;" from Bro. Hughan, Abbe Gyrs' "La Francmaconnerie," Book of Constitutions, 1841, and his photograph for the album;" from Bro. Whympere, "Facsimile of pen and ink sketch, Br. Mus. Add. MSS. 23675 Fo. 2;" from Bro C. E. Meyer, "Eboracum, a song composed by Bro. Pook;" from Bro. Beck, "Ubersicht der Arbeitstage in den Werkstätten des Sächsischen Logenbundes;" from Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama the following translations from the German, viz—Rapp's "Religion and Customs of the Persians, &c.," Kohut's "Jewish Angeology and Demonology;" Spiege's "Avesta and the Genesis;" "The Zoroastrian mode of disposing of the dead;" Rhode's "Comparison of the Laws of Ormuzd with the Laws of Jehovah;" and Alger's "Persian and Jewish Doctrines;" also the following discourses by K. R. Cama, viz—"On Freemasonry among the natives of Bombay;" "On the Mitraic Worship;" and "On Zoroastrians and Freemasonry;" as also Karaka's "History of the Parsis;" and Geiger's "Civilisation of the Eastern Iranians," translated by Sanjana. It was ordered that the thanks of the lodge to the various donors be entered in the minutes, and a special vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Cama for his numerous and valuable donations. Bro. Simpson read a paper "On the threefold Division of Temples." Bro. Simpson is well known as a learned architect, extensive traveller, in all climes, and expert artist. The data adduced were made all the more interesting by the fact of their being almost entirely the results of the lecturer's own observations made on the spot, and the examples quoted ranged literally from "China to Peru." The deductions referring to Symbolism and Freemasonry greatly enhanced the value of the paper, which was illustrated by many sketches and diagrams. Bro. Cama favoured the lodge with some remarks on Parsi Temples, and Bro. Castle called attention to the Mexican Terrace Temples, but in view of the lateness of the hour Bros. Lewis, Wescott, Rylands, and others, consented to forward their share of the discussion to the Secretary in writing, and there can be no doubt that these additions from such capable brethren will greatly add to the enjoyment and instruction of the readers of the lodge transactions.

After a vote of thanks, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

STERNDALÉ BENNETT LODGE (No. 2182).—The first installation meeting of this lodge following upon its consecration and constitution, was held at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 7th inst., under circumstances of peculiar sadness, of which readers of the *Freemason* have been made acquainted. Just two days before the joyous feast of Christmas, many of the brethren stood by the open grave into which was to be lowered the earthly tenement of the soul of a man and a brother who had endeared himself to many in the south of London, and in an especial degree to the members of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge. Of that lodge Bro. George Venables was one of the earliest to take interest in its foundation; in it he filled the office of S.D., and of it he had hoped to have been in a few years the W.M. The G.A.O.T.U. decreed it otherwise, and so on the festival day of the year, so far as the lodge is concerned, the brethren appeared in mourning, and did mourn the loss of a worthy man and Mason.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. H. Walmsley Little, and after the usual business had been transacted, Bro. Henry Yates presented himself as a candidate for the Sublime Degree, and was raised in an impressive manner by the W.M. The several offices in the lodge below the chair were subsequently declared vacant, and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G.S., took the S.W. chair; Bro. Rowland

Plumbe, P.G. Stwd., that of the J.W.; Bro. W. Worrell, P.M., acted as I.G.; and Bro. E. Stimson, P.M., as D.C. Bro. G. F. Smith, jun., P.M., P.P.G.O. Essex, was then presented as the W.M. elect, and Bro. Little installed him in the chair of K.S. with the customary formalities. There was by this time a full lodge, and all watched with deep interest and admired the excellent working displayed. The charges were particularly well given, and elicited warm approval. The second W.M. of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge then invested his officers, viz: Bros. Guy, S.W.; Cambridge, J.W.; W. S. Hoyte, S.D.; J. H. Cureton, J.D.; J. E. Costello, I.G.; G. Skudder, D.C.; H. L. Balfour, Org.; Rev. J. St. Clare Hill, Chap.; R. Clowes, Treas.; Clifford, Sec.; and H. R. Hind and W. H. Harper, Stwds. The audit report showed that the lodge was clear, financially, a result which few lodges have been able to show at the end of the first years of their existence. At this stage of the proceedings there was a slight pause, and silently the singing brethren grouped themselves around the organ, at which Bro. Hoyte was seated for the time, and then, all others standing, was sung with exquisite taste and refinement the music of Sterndale Bennett, set to the words "God is a Spirit," and arranged for male voices by Bro. John Hodges, gentleman of H.M. Chapel Royal, St. James', and of St. Paul's Cathedral.

At its close the brethren resumed their seats, and the silence which followed was broken by the voice of Bro. Clifford, who, with difficulty discharged the painful task of formally communicating the news of the death of Bro. Venables. Having told how he had carried out the directions of the W.M. in obtaining a wreath, he eloquently eulogised the character of the departed, and mentioned how the lodge was represented at the last ceremony. Speaking of that, Bro. Clifford said that as they stood by the open grave at Woking, on a gloomy day, there suddenly came a gleam of light, which seemed to them to say that their departed brother had but come amongst them to cheer and enliven them, and then was taken away. In closing the worthy Secretary called upon the members and the visitors to remember the widow and orphans, and if asked to aid in ways well known, to do so.

Bro. Richardson endorsed what had been said, and on the motion of Bro. Little, seconded by Bro. Hill, it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. G. Venables by the Secretary in the name of the lodge. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with the first jewel voted by the lodge (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), and expressed the pleasure it gave him to have that honour. After the expression of "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, who were in strong force, the lodge was closed.

The next meeting place was in the dining hall, where a recherché banquet was served, and the accompanying wines did infinite credit to the brother, or brothers, responsible for starting the private cellar of the lodge. The usual toasts were given, but oratory was not in it, with the music, although several fluent, but brief, speeches were heard.

The Grand Secretary was very complimentary in his remarks upon the working which he had witnessed, and said that the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, in the consecration of which he took part, had warranted the expectations which had been formed of it.

For "The Visitors" Bro. Wingham, W.M. 25, and Bro. Turner, responded very eloquently. The latter congratulated the lodge on having as its Master a brother who had done excellent work in Essex, where Bro. Smith was held in high esteem, and hoped some day to see some representatives of No. 2182 at Colchester, where, if they could not excel them in hospitality or equal them in music, the heartiest of welcomes would be extended to them.

The musical arrangements of the evening were entrusted to Bro. John Hodges, who had the assistance of such talented vocalists as Bros. Guy, Strong, Sexton, Gilby, Bevan, and Lawler, with many others who rose from their places when called on to take part in some glee, such as "The winds whistle cold" or "King Canute." The part songs were models of perfection, though Bro. Hodges now and then seemed as if he would have liked it better, and special interest was manifested in one by Bro. W. H. Harper, of the London Institute of Music. This was sung for the first time, and is as yet unpublished. Rendered by Bros. Hodges, Guy, Strong, and Bevan, the skill and conception of idea of the composer were displayed to the full, and Bro. Harper was warmly congratulated by his professional brethren. "Go, youth beloved," by Bro. Guy, was another very fine example of a four-part song. This was first heard at the Orpheus Lodge, it is full of merit, and the words (by Mrs. Opie) render it peculiarly suitable for use at Masonic gatherings. There was but one instrumental solo, but such an one! Bro. Hoyte played a "Valse Scherzo" (by Moszkowski), after an apology had been offered by the W.M. for the absence of the grand pianoforte, which ought to have been on the spot. It was a marvellous piece of execution, and the piano was the only sufferer in the room. Thus with charming music and in genial company, the privileged visitors to the Sterndale Bennett Lodge passed a delightful evening, and, Masonry apart, they all fully endorsed the sentiment conveyed in the words of David Garrick, which Bro. Hodges selected to appear on the title page of his "book of words"—

"Hail, Music! sweet enchantment, hail!
Like potent spells thy pow'rs prevail;
On wings of rapture borne away,
All nature owns thy universal sway."

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge (warranted in 1732) was held on Monday, 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Amongst those present were Bros. John Hardcastle, W.M.; W. H. Lomax, S.W.; Jas. Naylor, J.W.; Jas. Newton, Prov. Asst. G. Sec., Treas.; G. P. Brockbank, Past G. Std. Br., Sec.; Robt. Nightingale, S.D.; Wm. Golding, J.D.; Johnson Mills, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; John Booth, P.M., Org.; Wm. Forrest, I.G.; Jas. Walker, P. Prov. J.G.W.; E. G. Harwood, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, P. Prov. G. Chap.; R. Mitchell, P. Prov. G. Swd. Br.; W. H. Horrocks, P.M.; J. W. Poyntz, P.M.; Thos. Murphy, J. W. Thompson, Thos. Barnes, F. W. Brockbank, Jas. Simkin, H. L. Hinnell, George Crowther, F. W. Broadbent, G. E. Greenhalgh, F. W. Isherwood, and Thos. Cooper. Visitors: Bros. J. Rutter, P.M. 221, P. Prov. G.Reg.; Thos. Nightingale, W.M. 145; Jas. Walker, W.M. 221; R. Jones, W.M. 348; Thos. B. Tong, W.M. 1723; G. A. Page, P.M. 430; and R. H. Eccles, 381.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. W. H. Lomax, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Jas. Walker, P. Prov. J.G.W. The Auditors presented their report on the Treasurer's accounts for the past year, which was of a very satisfactory nature. Bro. John Booth, P.M., invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. Jas. Naylor, S.W.; Robert Nightingale, J.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, Chap.; Jas. Newton, Treas.; G. P. Brockbank, Sec.; Wm. Golding, S.D.; Wm. Forrest, J.D.; Johnson Mills, D. of C.; John Booth, Org.; Thos. Murphy, I.G.; John W. Thompson and Thos. Barnes, Stwds.; and Thomas Higson, Tyler. Bro. Johnson Mills, P.M., delivered the customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens and brethren. Bro. John Morris, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks., was unanimously re-elected Charity Representative of the lodge. Reference was made to the approaching Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and four members of the lodge intimated their intention of serving as Stewards on the occasion. A subscription was entered into by the brethren on behalf of the sufferers by the recent fire, whereby the Bolton Theatre Royal was destroyed, and a handsome amount was collected, to be handed over to Bro. J. F. Elliston, the lessee of the theatre, as a token of sympathy from the lodge. The W.M. presented and invested Bro. John Hardcastle, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the lodge in recognition of his valuable services during the past year.

All business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Bro. Jas. Walker. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and an enjoyable evening was spent.

CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Union (No. 38).

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Council Chamber, North-street, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. H. E. Breach, W.M.; J. H. Hawes, S.W.; G. C. Inkpen, J.W.; O. N. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; C. F. Charge, Sec.; W. Doman, S.D.; J. C. Budden, J.D.; A. W. Lambert, P.M., P.P.G.O. Lancashire, Org.; J. Fielden, I.G.; E. F. Gower and H. H. Moore, Stwds.; G. Molesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox, P.M.; Oliver Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; F. W. Gruggen, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; G. Fielder, A. Stanley Moore, J. Green, A. Goodger, and others.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting having been confirmed, and the correspondence disposed of, Bro. Wyatt, P.M. and Treas., presented his statement of accounts, which showed a balance on the right side; and this, together with a report from the General Purposes Committee was received, adopted, and entered on the minutes. It appears that there are now 69 subscribing members on the books of the lodge. The W.M. having announced that the time had arrived for the election of his successor, and thanked his officers and the brethren generally for the support accorded to him in the past year, a ballot was taken, and Bro. John Hopwood Hawes, S.W., was declared unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Hawes suitably returned thanks for the honour. Bro. Wyatt, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Beatson, Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks, together with a P.M.'s gold jewel, was voted to Bro. Breach in recognition of the very efficient manner in which he presided over the lodge during the year. The installation of the W.M. elect will take place on Thursday, February the 2nd.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).

An installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Castle Hotel Assembly Room, when there were present Bros. F. W. Markwick, W.M., Capt. Hennah, P.P.G.D. of C., acting S.W.; F. Duke, J.W.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; F. Plowman, P.M., acting S.D.; W. S. Allen, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.P.G.W., D.C.; F. C. Edwards, I.G.; G. H. Gage, Stwd.; W. Leslie, Tyler; W. Lambon, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. H. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; F. H. Hallett, P.M., P.G.O.; P. Robinson, P.M.; A. Wells, P.M.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; E. C. Lancaster, G. Randell, W. A. Beck, C. H. Geer, L. O. Glenister, R. Walmsley, C. J. Ticehurst, R. Dengate, Capt. Bryant, H. W. Lancaster, F. Johnson, G. W. Veness, R. J. Reed, and Muscat. Visitors: Bros. O. Lemmon, W.M. 341; W.M. Caffyn, W.M. 1110; J. Booty, 1728; W. Robertson, 261; H. L. Hunt, 1884; K. E. Stuckey, W.M. 916; H. Tower, W.M. 1579; F. H. Humphreys, W.M. 1842; F. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' Institution; V. P. Freeman, J.G.D., P.G. Sec.; and G. Ford, D.P.G.M. Bro. Markwick having fulfilled the position of W.M. so satisfactorily, the brethren re-elected him to again fill the chair of K.S., and the W.M. selected and invested Bros. Rev. J. Puttick, S.W.; W. S. Allen, J.W.; F. Rossiter, Treas.; J. Pearce, Sec.; C. W. Duke, D. of C.; Muscat, Org.; F. C. Edwards, S.D.; G. Randell, J.D.; Walmsley, I.G.; and G. H. Gage, Stwd. In recognition of the able manner in which the W.M. had carried out the important duties of the lodge, the brethren, at the last meeting, unanimously voted him a P.M.'s jewel, which was presented by Bro. F. H. Hallett. The W.M. suitably acknowledged the honour. Bro. C. W. Duke was elected to act as P.C. Stwd. Several candidates were proposed, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. G. Ford, D.P.G.M., stated that although the engagements of the P.G.M. called his Royal Highness away to India, he nevertheless, manifested great interest in the welfare of the province. By every mail there came letters from his Royal Highness relative to the business of the Prov. G. Lodge. Bro. Ford concluded by exhorting the brethren to continue zealous and good Freemasons, and thus maintain that respect and honour which had always been shown the Craft.

Bro. Binckes, in responding to "The Charities," made an earnest and eloquent appeal on behalf of the Boys' Institution, and expressed a hope that the brethren in the neighbourhood of Hastings would do their utmost to help Bro. J. Pearce, who had consented to act as Steward at the coming Festival.

The evening's enjoyment was enhanced by some capital singing by the members of the Sunbeam Glee Singers.

CAMBRIDGE.—Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 9th inst., when there was a capital muster of brethren from other lodges in the province to greet the W.M. elect, Bro. Oliver Papworth, P.P.G.D.C., the indefatigable Hon. Sec. of the Cambridge-Masonic Charity Association. The attendance in all numbered about 60. The visiting brethren included Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, P.M. 1900, P.G. Swd. Br. Eng.; Edwd. Armitage, W.M. 859; F. A. Bales, W.M. 376; J. T. Hiscox, P.M. 899; C. A. Vinter, P.M.; E. H. Jennings, P.M.; F. Dewberry, P.M.; John Fuller, W.M.; H. J. Whitehead; Geo. Whitmore, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. F. Miller; J. E. L. Whitehead; James Catling; and G. R. Barnes, all of 441; W. M. Fawcett, W.M., and J. R. Green, 1492; and John Rae, Thos. M. Clark, and G. Simpson, all of 2107. The W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Andrew H. Moyes, P.G. Swd. Br. of Eng., entered the lodge in state; and the ceremony of installing Bro. Papworth was proceeded with, the duties of Installing Master being most ably and impressively performed by Bro. B. Chennell, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., so well known alike in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk for his enthusiastic and efficient support of Masonry. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. I. Pashler, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; J. V. Pryor, P.P.G.D.C., S.W.; W. Purchas, P.G. Org., J.W.; Rev. J. C. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; T. Hunnybun, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; A. E. Chaplin, Sec.; F. Piggott, P.P.G. Swd. Br., S.D.; W. P. Spalding, P.P.G. S. of W., J.D.; E. Hills, P.M., P.J.G.W., D.C.; J. R. Ling, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Org.; W. B. Redfarn, P.G.P., I.G.; B. W. Beales, P.P.G.P., Stwd.; C. F. Charlton, Sid. Br.; and C. H. Ellis, Tyler.

The lodge was afterwards closed. It should be stated that, according to the financial statement presented during the afternoon, the lodge is in a flourishing condition; and the manner in which the work is done is generally allowed to be highly creditable to the old lodge.

At the banquet which followed, the new W.M. presided in a very efficient manner, and the evening was passed in true Masonic harmony; Bro. F. Dewberry, P.M. 441, kindly lending his assistance at the pianoforte.

After the customary toasts, Bro. Chennell was most cordially thanked for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master, and, after responding, gave "The Health of the W.M.," for whom he predicted a successful and satisfactory year of office.

Bro. Oliver Papworth made a suitable response, and subsequently proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which toast was acknowledged by Bros. J. Fuller, E. Armitage, W. M. Fawcett, E. Hills, and F. A. Bales, the W.M.'s of the lodges present.

Bro. J. T. Hiscox gave "The Masonic Charities," which was responded to by Bros. A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M., and F. R. W. Hedges, the latter giving an interesting account of the Girls' Institution and the contemplated enlargement of the building.

Bro. J. V. Pryor, S.W., responded for "The Officers of the Lodge" in a speech which had the true ring about it, and was warmly received; and the proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast.

MARGATE.—Union Lodge (No. 127).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, High-street, on Friday, the 6th inst., when some 60 brethren assembled. The W.M., Bro. W. Jones Lane, presided, supported by Bros. F. Willett, S.W.; E. J. Bellerby, J.W.; A. Wootton, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Henning, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Checkfield, P.M., Org.; J. Healing, S.D.; B. L. Moor, J.D.; F. Stanley, I.G.; and J. Brighurst, Col. H. W. Bamber, W. Bentley, and J. Fagg, Stwds. Visitors: Bros. H. N. Price, I.P.M. 177; Adams, P.M.; Marcolyn, W.M. 1209; Sturgeon, W.M. 429; R. Redman, W.M.; Fenwick, P.M. 429; Morley, P.M. 429; Sutton, P.M.; Jarman, P.M.; Reeve, and Valon, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A motion was made by Bro. A. Wootton, P.M., seconded by Bro. H. Wootton, P.M., to alter by-laws, which was carried. On the proposal of the W.M., seconded by Bro. F. Willett, S.W., Bro. A. Wootton, P.M., was re-elected the Charity representative of the lodge, he having so worthily filled that office for many years. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. Then followed the ceremony of installation, which was performed by the W.M., Bro. W. Jones Lane, in a manner which reflected the highest credit to himself, and was a worthy close to a most brilliant and successful year. His rendering of the ritual also caused great satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. F. Willett, S.W., was presented by Bro. A. Wootton, P.M., D.C., and installed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Healing, S.W.; C. Moor, J.W.; A. Wootton, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Henning, P.M., Sec.; Rev. J. Tayler Jones, Chap.; Geo. H. Checkfield, P.M., Org.; F. Stanley, S.D.; J. Brighurst, J.D.; Col. H. W. Bamber, I.G.; W. Bentley, D.C.; J. Fagg, A.D.C.; and E. Crosier and E. L. Dixon, Stwds. The I.P.M., Bro. W. Jones Lane, read a letter from a worthy and distinguished P.G. Treasurer, and who enclosed a cheque, value £20, to be distributed in coals by the W.M., for the benefit of the poor of Margate in the name of the Union Lodge. The donor was recently elected a honorary member of the lodge. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed for this kind and thoughtful gift. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. W. J. Lane, to mark the sense of the brethren of the very efficient manner he had conducted his duty during the past year.

No further business presenting itself, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Elephant Hotel, where the worthy host, Bro. John Fagg, had prepared a very recherché banquet, which was served in his usual faultless manner, and was enjoyed by 48 members of the lodge.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The toast of "The Grand Officers" was given by the I.P.M., Bro. W. Jones Lane, and was responded to by Bro. Jas. Terry; "The P.G.M." was given by Bro. G. Checkfield, P.M.; "The Deputy P.G.M." by Bro. Morley, P.M. 429, and very ably responded to by Bro. A. Wootton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.

"The Health of the W.M." was given in a very happy manner by the I.P.M., Bro. W. J. Lane, who, after speaking of the very able way in which the W.M. had performed

his duties that night, suggested that if such a result could be obtained in a first attempt it augured well for a most successful year. He also called attention to the time he and the W.M. had been in Masonry, how they had both worked, and risen in rank. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

The W.M., in a very neat speech and with well chosen words, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him, and assured them that nothing should be left undone on his part to maintain the lodge in the happy and harmonious position in which it then stood, and trusted that when the time came for him to retire from the chair, the brethren would be well satisfied that he had done his duty. He also announced that he was going as Steward to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M. He assured them that the Union Lodge was always glad to see visitors, and would always hold out the right hand of fellowship to them.

The toast was most cordially drunk, and was responded to by Bros. Harry N. Price, I.P.M. 177, Reeve, and Valon, 429.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was given by Bro. Alf. Wootton, P.M., and very ably responded to by Bro. Jas. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, who informed Bro. A. Wootton, P.M., that the Committee of the Benevolent Institution, to mark their sense of the great exertions he had used for many years, had bestowed him an honorary Life-Governorship of both Institutions, he now being the second brother enjoying that distinction.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The P.M.'s," which was responded to by Bro. J. G. Henning, who, in a long and exhaustive speech, thanked the W.M. and brethren.

"The Health of the Officers" was proposed by the W.M., and very modestly responded to by Bro. J. Healing, S.W.

Then followed the Tyler's toast, which brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

BRIDGWATER.—Perpetual Friendship Lodge (No. 135).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 2nd inst., at the Royal Clarence Hotel, when Bro. G. B. Laffaw, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being conducted by the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. Eng. The W.M. elect appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Dorrit, I.P.M.; J. M. Davis, S.W.; R. W. Buffett, J.W.; J. B. Loper, P.M., Treas.; Rev. C. G. Anderson, Chap.; C. Symons, P.M., Sec.; D. Burston, S.D.; R. Garton, J.D.; J. C. Hunt, D.C.; W. T. Baker, I.G.; J. A. Basker, Org.; J. Mitchell and G. A. Kreamer, Stewards; and J. McGowan, Tyler. The customary banquet followed.

PLYMOUTH.—Brunswick Lodge (No. 159).—The annual banquet of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., at Bro. Routly's, Farley Hotel. A most sumptuous repast was served up under the direction of Bro. J. E. Westlake. Owing to the absence of the W.M., Bro. G. Selmon, through indisposition, the chair was taken by the I.P.M., Bro. N. Radmore. Seventy-five brethren sat down, among them being Bros. J. C. Stephens, P.M. (over 42 years a member of the lodge); Geo. R. Barrett, P.M. 1255, 2025, 2029, P.P.S.G.D.; H. J. Trethewey, P.M. and Sec., P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Mortimore, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G.S.B.; B. S. Johns, P.M.; S. Willoughby, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S.B.; E. G. Dyke, P.M. 1247, P.P.G. Org. Cornwall; E. Aitken-Davies, P.M. 1099, 2025, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Stephens, P.M. 1136; J. Hoyten, P.M. 223; J. Lavers, P.M. 223; W. H. Williams, W.M. 1847; C. A. Nicholson, P.M. and Treas. 1847; T. Geach, I.P.M. 1847; H. Miller, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. Steniford, P.M.; J. T. Bond, W.M. 2025; E. Roseveare, P.M. 1099; R. Pike, P.M. 230, P.G.O.; H. J. Barter, P.M. 1247; B. S. Bennett, P.M. 557; W. Kennedy, W.M. 205; C. Marshall, S.W.; F. J. Price, J.W.; John Griffin, S.W. 1847; J. J. Masters, J.W. 1847; T. Stoner, S.D.; J. E. Davis, J.D.; T. Shaddock, J.D. 1071; Jas. Higman, T. Lilliecap, 223; W. J. Pengelly, J.D. 2025; A. W. Merryfield, A.S.; W. Westaway, R. Brickwood, J.S. 2025; W. H. James, 1212; W. S. Luscombe, A.D.C.; A. S. Soper, John Wills, 1205; C. Dyer, 496; Samuel Williams, F. Moses, and J. Martin, 1099.

A most pleasant evening was spent. A handsome cathedral-toned clock was presented to the I.P.M., with the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. N. Radmore, I.P.M., by the brethren of Lodge Brunswick, No. 159, in appreciation of his Masonic zeal. December, 1887." A valuable gold pencil case and a suit of Provincial clothing (the latter manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), in accordance with the Provincial rank to which he had been just raised, was also presented to Bro. H. J. Trethewey as an acknowledgment of his services to the lodge and zeal for its interests.

DEVONPORT.—Lodge of Friendship (No. 202).—The annual installation banquet of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the lodge room, Granby-street. Over 100 sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Bosworthick. Bro. J. Leonard, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31^o, P.P.G. Chap., P.M. and Chap.; E. J. Knight, P.M. 202, P.P.G.P.; M. Emdon, P.M. 105, 202, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Murch, P.M. 202, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Murch, P.M. 202, P.P.G.O.; J. F. Burns, P.M. 202, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; H. Welch, P.M. 202, P.P.G.P.; W. Allsford, P.M. 202; J. Viggers, P.M. 202; H. Langmead, P.M. 202; C. H. Price, P.M. 202; W. J. Taylor, P.M. 202; R. Jackman, P.M. 202; S. Jew, P.M. 105, 1847, P.P.G.T.; Richard Lavers, P.M. 1091, P.P.G.P.; Richard Cawsey, P.M. 230, P.P.J.G.D.; A. J. Watts, W.M. 1212; W. T. Hocking, W.M. 70; W. Jenkins, P.M. 1212; J. Bray, P.M. 1212; J. Border, P.M. 230; J. Whitford, P.M. 230; James Gidley, P.M. 2025; W. L. Lavers, P.M. 1255; E. H. Littleton, P.M. 230; J. Black, P.M. 1136; E. T. Cox, W.M. elect 1138; G. Sylvester, 1903, P.P.G.O. Hants; W. Rumble, R.N., P.M. 158; J. Meadley, W.M. 230; R. Carter, S.W. 202; G. Bray, J.W. 202; Frank R. Thomas, S.W. 891; J. D. Sawdy, Sec.; J. Oldfield, S.D.; H. Holman, S.D.; G. Crocker, I.G.; G. W. Hancock, D.C.; W. G. Coombes, A.D.C.; J. Verdi, Org.; R. Maunder,

Martin Axworthy, J. Hendy, and W. Dunsford, Stwds.; T. Shears, Tyler; James Taylor, 1205; W. H. Cawse, E. Williams, R. Kimber, R. P. Grady, S. Dyer, W. G. C. Butcher, R. W. Dodridge, H. A. Glanville, J. E. Stidwell, J. Steed, Thomas Thomas, J. A. S. Honey, W. J. Giddes, W. Mogg, G. Cheshire, J. B. Penrose, A. Hickman, J. Porter, W. Hopper, R. K. Cocking, J. M. Chappell, D. Carwithen, John Lark, Jacob Honeychurch, T. H. Harley, J. Cross, S. Horswill, Samuel Allen, A. Eades, I. Angear, W. Gray, H. F. Read, C. Taylor, A. J. Tilley, and William Olden, all of 202; D. C. Herbert, 1212; Thos. Taylor, 223; Henry Membrey, 223; R. Routledge, 230; J. J. Allingham, 954, 1967; and S. D. Funnell, 105.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was enthusiastically received, the S.W., in proposing the toast, speaking not only of Bro. Leonard's zeal and ability but his genial and courteous manner to all, which earned for him the respect and confidence of the brethren. Bro. Herbert was in excellent voice, and sang some splendid songs in his usual good style, which were vociferously encored.

Bro. Sylvester, of 1903, in addition to presiding at the piano, delighted the brethren with a rendering of the "Old arm chair." He has a powerful tenor voice, which was heard to great advantage in some good songs.

Bros. Jenkin, Watts, and Cocks gave two trios with capital effect, and Bro. Leonard sang a couple of comic songs, which were much enjoyed.

Bros. T. Taylor, C. Taylor, Avery, Lemon, Lavers, and others contributed to the entertainment, a most enjoyable evening being spent.

CHELMSFORD.—Lodge of Good Fellowship (No. 276).—On Thursday, December 29th, there was an unusually large gathering of brethren of the "mystic tie" at the annual meeting of the above lodge, it having been announced that the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Brooke, had signified his intention to visit the lodge for the purpose of conferring past provincial rank upon certain brethren in honour of her Majesty's Jubilee. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Adolphus G. Maskell, and the following members also signed the attendance book: Bros. Wilson Metcalfe, S.W.; W. Langham, J.W.; F. B. Shepherd, Chap.; F. Whitmore, Treas.; T. R. Jarvis, S.D.; F. P. Sutherland, acting J.D.; J. P. Lewin, Sec.; C. Williams, I.G.; A. Durrant, D.C.; T. S. Sarel, Tyler; E. Shedd, P.M.; A. C. Durrant, I.P.M.; A. C. Veley, P.M.; A. F. Ginn, P.M.; J. S. Brown, P.M.; A. M. Hipkin, S. B. Baker, J. W. Hair, G. W. Pascall, T. W. Smith, F. H. Meggy, E. Durant, P.P.G.S.; T. J. D. Cramphorn, John Taylor, J. C. Hennah, E. W. Holland, Alfred J. Pitts, and E. J. Wick. The visitors included Bros. Lord Brooke, R.W. Prov. Grand Master; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R., D.P.G.M.; George Cooper, J.G.D. Eng., &c.; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec.; W. D. Merritt, P.M. 1000, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Morgan Jones, P.M. 697, P.P.G.C.; Jno. Taylor, jun., P.M. 1817, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Shackelford, 394; H. George, P.M. 1661; P. Preston, S.W. 1062; James A. Reed, P.M. 1228; T. Rix, P.M. and Sec. 697; H. J. Skingley, S.W. 697; A. J. Dixie, W.M. 453; T. Malyn, P.M. and Sec. 1312; G. A. Eustace, P.M. and Sec., P.P. G. Std. Br.; A. Gosling, P.M. and Treas. 697; G. P. Hazell, W.M. 697; E. F. Ferris, W.M. 1543; F. G. Green, P.M. 1024, P.P.S.G.W.; and W. S. Emdon, 1228.

The Prov. Grand Master entered the lodge, and was warmly applauded as he took his seat. Rising almost immediately, his lordship said it was only natural that Provincial Grand Masters should desire to follow the example of their excellent Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, and celebrate her Majesty's Jubilee by conferring past rank upon those brethren who were worthy of it. Of course, amongst so many good and true brethren in the province, it had been very difficult to make a selection, but he thought that the brethren he should presently call before the pedestal would be admitted by all to be thoroughly deserving of the honour for which they had been chosen. In accordance with the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge, they were four in number. He regretted that he had not the power to extend that number; but he trusted that in due time the many worthy brethren who were still without provincial rank would receive recognition of their services. In conclusion, his lordship expressed the pleasure he felt at having the opportunity of once more visiting the Lodge of Good Fellowship, of whose hospitality he had very pleasant recollections. His lordship then proceeded to invest the following brethren, to each of whom he addressed a few congratulatory remarks: Bros. W. D. Merritt, P.M. 1000, P.P.S.G.W.; A. G. Maskell, W.M. 276, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Gosling, P.M. and Treas. 697, P.P.S.G.D.; Thos. Malyn, P.M. and Sec. 1312, P.P.G. Std. Br. The P.G.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Essex, who in a most able and impressive manner proceeded to install Bro. Wilson Metcalfe as W.M. of Lodge 276 for the ensuing year. The officers for the year were subsequently invested as under: Bros. Adolphus G. Maskell, P.P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; W. Langham, S.W.; T. Rymer Jarvis, J.W.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Frank Whitmore, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce Lewin, P.M., P.P. G.S. of W., Sec.; Andrew Durrant, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Treas., D.C.; Frank P. Sutherland, P.M., P.P.G. S.D., Org.; Charles Williams, S.D.; T. Winniatt Smith, R.A.M., P.P.G.O., J.D.; John Taylor, I.G.; and C. Cresswell, F. H. Meggy, and Major Bannister, Stwds. The W.M. having been unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, hearty votes of thanks were passed to the R.W.P.G.M. for selecting the lodge for the disposal of his Jubilee honours, and to the D.P.G.M. for kindly performing the ceremony of installation, and the lodge was closed.

About 50 brethren afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford, both Bro. Lord Brooke and Bro. Philbrick being present.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—The first meeting in the New Year of the above lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, was invested with peculiar significance from the fact that the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Kelly, P.M., P.P.G.M., was again appointed, with the unanimous vote of the brethren to the chair of the lodge on the 50th year of his membership, having been initiated in the year 1838. This circumstance being almost unique in the annals of

Freemasonry, and from the veneration in which Bro. Kelly is held in Masonic circles, a large attendance of the Craft was ensured. After the lodge had been opened, and the usual preliminary business transacted, the D.P.G.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D. of C., took the chair, and Bro. Kelly was presented to him for installation, which ceremony was then most impressively performed by the D.P.G.M., who, on the completion of the ceremony, addressed the newly-elected W.M. in a few well-chosen remarks, saying that while many worthy Masons had occupied the chair of that lodge, there were none more worthy than he whom he had the privilege and pleasure of installing that evening. The remarks of the D.P.G.M. were most heartily approved by the whole of the brethren present.

The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bro. W. M. Williams, S.W.; E. Holmes, J.W.; R. Michie, Treas.; H. Pickering, Sec.; C. Bennion, S.D.; W. D. Grant, J.D.; S. Cleaver, D.C.; C. Lakin, I.G.; W. Noble, Steward; and J. Tanser, Tyler. The usual address to the Wardens was given in a most able manner by the D.P.G.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, to whom a vote of thanks was passed by the lodge. Congratulatory telegrams and communications were received from the Grand Secretary and from lodges in various parts of the country, from the whole of the lodges in the province, most of whom were represented, and from many eminent brethren. Additional interest was lent to the occasion by the fact that the apron with which the W.M. was invested that day was the same with which he was invested as a M.M. *on that day 49 years since*. Deep regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of the I.P.M., Bro. Clement Edwin Stretton, P.P.S.G.W.

At the close of the lodge, Bro. Kelly was entertained at a complimentary banquet in honour of his recent installation, Bro. Clement Stretton, P.M., presiding. He was supported by Bro. W. Kelly, P.M. and W.M., P.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.M. 523, P.A.G.D.C.; G. Toller, P.D. P.G.M.; Rev. Henton Wood, M.A., P.M. 1560, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Freer, P.M. 1560; T. Wright, P.M. 1391, P.P. G. Reg. (Mayor of Leicester); J. Hart (ex-Mayor of Leicester); Miles J. Walker, P.M. 1265, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Thompson, P.M. 1265, P.S.G.D.; J. O. Law, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; C. Gurden, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.C.; S. Cleaver, P.M., D.C., P.P.S. G.D., P.S.G.W.; R. Michie, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; C. F. Wike, P.M., P.J.G.D.; and R. Rowley, P.M., P.P.A.G. D. of C.

BEVERLEY.—Constitutional Lodge (No. 294).—On Thursday evening, the 5th inst., a brilliant assemblage of brethren met at the Masonic Hall, Register-square, for the purpose of witnessing the annual installation of the W.M., the choice of the brethren having fallen upon Bro. Sydney Smith, who was duly installed W.M. by Bro. Tom Turner, J.P., P.M., P.P.G. Reg. The W.M. then appointed his officers, who were presented and duly installed, viz.: Bro. W. D. Blackman, I.P.M.; W. Richardson, S.W.; T. Foley, J.W.; Tom Turner, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; Rev. E. J. Barry, P.G.C., Chap.; J. Edgar, Sec.; G. Shaw, S.D.; E. Lee, J.D.; J. P. Park, M.D., P.M., Orator; J. Kemp, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., P.P.G.S. of Works, Almoner and Charity Representative; C. Goulding, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; J. Cooper, D.C.; T. Wood, I.G.; G. H. Knight, G. Robshaw, F. G. Baxendale, and R. Pape, Stwds.; and Bro. R. Campbell, Tyler. Amongst the other brethren of the lodge present were Bro. M. M. Westerby, P.M.; E. Bryan, P.M.; J. C. Hesilton, P.M.; J. Sugdon, P.M.; D. Morley, H. Williams, H. Wray, W. L. Green, W. Green, J. McLaren, J. Robinson, J. Barnes, F. Hewson, R. Dobson, J. E. Elwell, R. Allan, F. W. Adams, and J. Sutherland. The visiting brethren were Bro. W. Reynolds, Prov. G. Treas. 250; F. Blackburn, W.M. 250; F. W. Wardill, W.M. 734; J. Mackail, W.M. 2134; H. Hollis, S.W. 250; J. W. Burton, J.W. 250; E. Mainprize, S.W. 734; J. Bilson, S.W. 1010; H. Watson, 1040; W. Stratford, J.W. 1605; T. B. Redfean, S.W. 2134; H. Firth, Org. 1010; J. Hind, 57; and W. H. Crago, 967. A sumptuous banquet was afterwards partaken of, and during the evening the usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed and received.

GRANTHAM.—Doric Lodge (No. 362).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 5th inst., in the Private Room, St. Peter's Hill, when there were present Bro. J. C. Basker, W.M.; R. Collingwood, S.W.; G. W. G. Beaumont, J.W.; Rev. C. Elsmere, P.P. G.C., Chap.; E. T. Wiglesworth, Treas.; A. G. Gamble, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; B. Beeson, S.D.; R. Anderson, J.D.; J. Lyne, I.G.; T. Jackson, Tyler; J. Scarborough, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; F. D. Fisher, P.M.; Capt. Russell, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; S. G. Gamble, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; A. Childs, P.M.; G. Smith, W. H. Lincoln, D. Grime, W. S. Wilson, F. Lee, H. H. Garton, J. Harmston, J. Hall, J. H. Bush, W. Padget, W. Fillingham, A. Pick, F. Rollimbury, J. W. Papillon, F. C. Lowther, Dr. Prichard, G. Coultas, and J. P. Coultas. Visitors: Bro. H. W. Hutchinson, 1661; H. J. Daure, 1405; M. Shelbourne, 1661; J. M. McLeod, P.G. Std. Br. Derbyshire; E. Dibbin, 588; W. Dixey, 442; J. Wheeler, 442; J. W. Harrison, P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts; W. M. Pashler, 88; W. N. Treadfold, 246; H. W. Suites, 481; and W. C. Talbot, 1039.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. A. G. Gamble and Capt. Russell.

Banquet at George Hotel; 45 covers.

BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., the following officers being present: Bro. Theobald Ringer, W.M.; Rev. John A. Lloyd, I.P.M.; Rev. F. Macdonald, S.W.; Rev. the Hon. Sydney Meade, Chap., as J.W.; H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M., Treas.; Hugh Lane, Sec.; Rev. F. White, J.D.; and Robert Berndt, acting I.G. The lodge having been opened, Bro. Wiseman Edgcombe was passed to the Degree of F.C., the ceremony being conducted by the I.P.M. There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper at the Castle Hotel.

BOSTON.—Franklin Lodge (No. 838).—The annual installation of the W.M. and officers of this lodge was held in the Masonic Room of the Peacock and Royal Hotel on Friday, the 6th inst. Bro. T. Slatoff officiated as Installing Master, and the following officers were installed:—

Bro. J. H. Bates, W.M.; R. Hayes, I.P.M.; C. Kirby, S.W.; W. H. Stout, J.W.; H. Shepherd, Treas.; J. Fergusson, Sec.; T. Thistlewaite, S.D.; O. Wormal, J.D.; G. Mager, D.C.; W. H. Gane, Org.; H. Gregory, I.G.; J. Lanes and F. Claypole, Stewards; and M. Johnson, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the commercial room of the Peacock and Royal Hotel, where a recherché banquet was provided by Bro. R. H. Clemow, covers being laid for 36. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured under the presidency of the W.M., and a most enjoyable evening was spent, Bros. Gregory, Gane, Kirby, Hayes, and Shepherd contributing by their excellent glees, &c.

LOSTWITHIEL.—Restormel Lodge (No. 856).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Old Duchy Palace, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when Bro. W. R. Toms, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. T. W. Perry, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bro. J. Hugill, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Bassett, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. H. Gibbons, P.P.G. Stwd.; E. Scantlebury, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Geach, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Whetter, J. Doney, P.G.D.D.C.; B. G. Derry, P.S.G.D.; W. H. Studdy, I.P.M. 510; P. B. Henwood, W.M. 510; B. F. Edyvean, I.P.M. 330; R. P. Edyvean, W.M. 330; and T. Hicks, 1529, P.P.J.G.W. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bro. T. W. Perry, I.P.M.; Rev. A. H. Ferris, P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; J. H. Sewart, J.W.; J. Hugill, Treas.; W. W. Beckerleg, Sec.; J. Doney, Chap.; J. A. Collins, S.D.; A. H. Cossentine, J.D.; E. R. Brown, I.G.; W. McLean, D.C.; S. Rundle, Org.; C. Haddy, Stwd.; and C. E. Brown, Tyler.

The brethren subsequently repaired to the Talbot Hotel, where Bro. F. Wheeler catered for them in his usual good style.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of the above powerful lodge was held at the High School for Boys, Brook-hill, on Thursday the 5th inst., and was, without exception, one of the most brilliant of the many brilliant gatherings that have, of late, marked the progress of this exceptionally prosperous lodge. Bro. C. H. Lawson, W.M., presided, assisted by the following Past Masters, officers, and brethren: Bro. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Kent, Treas.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Kent, D.C.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Kent, Sec.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M., Stwd.; H. Mason, P.M.; R. Pidcock, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Sussex; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); W. D. Keeble, J.W.; W. G. Lloyd, S.D.; W. Busbridge, J.D.; W. Sanders, I.G.; W. C. Campbell, Asst. D.C.; D. E. Bryceson, and C. Clapham, Stwds.; G. Selton, W. Lomax, James Griffiths, W. Lock, J. Topp, T. Corder, J. Hooton, D. C. Capon, J. Mitchell, D. Davies, W. Hayward, J. Frankling, W. Harris, H. Winter, H. Towns, W. Rahtz, W. Buckley, F. Estler, C. Hager, A. D. Capon, W. Ledger, D. K. Somers, H. Delatouche, J. Farrier, A. Moore, I. Hambrook, E. Bryceson, A. W. Jackson, G. H. Campbell, C. W. Scantlebury, G. W. Clifton, E. Morris, J. O. Cook, R. Saunders, W. G. Newton, W. H. Pryce, H. Steward, J. Collins, W. E. Hudson, F. Hoar, H. Coombes, J. Murphy, J. Bull, C. Swiss, L. Mills, S. Rabson, H. Fenn, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bro. Col. Vansittart, S.D. 1536; R. J. Naylor, W.M. 700; W. Doddrell, W.M. 615; G. Nichols, W.M. 706; G. Kenneday, P.M. 1536, P.G. Stwd. Kent; E. B. Hobson, P.M. 700; R. Brown, P.M., Sec. 13; Capt. G. H. Graham, P.J.W. 2041; J. Dawson, I.G. 1789; H. Lawson, J.D. 1789; H. A. Pettifer, 100; A. Fenn, 1900; G. Hunter, 26; J. McCollough, J.D. 700; A. Dixon, 13; F. G. Mitchell, 700; H. Cox, 700; and J. Loveridge, 615.

The lodge having been opened and the usual introductory business transacted, the ballot was taken for Bro. W. L. Watson, of No. 1586, and S. Horton, late of No. 1536, and proved unanimous. Mr. B. Hammond, a candidate already approved, being in attendance, was then initiated into Freemasonry, and Bro. J. Stratton was raised; the W.M. giving the charge in the former and the traditional history in the latter most eloquently. The "Pattison Choir," consisting of Bro. Clifton, Davies, Swiss, Bull, Murphy, Mills, Ledger, and Rabson, led by Bro. F. Tyler, Mus. Bac., Org., &c., sang the various chants, anthems, and hymns incidental to the ceremonies in grand style, and we can safely say that in a long experience we have never seen or heard anything so impressive, or so worth seeing and hearing as the work done on the occasion under notice.

The W.M. read a communication from Prov. Grand Lodge with reference to the £1000 proposed to be collected in the province, for the Girls' Festival, by the P.G.M., Earl Amherst, and Bro. Penfold in response said that the lodge and chapter had given fifty guineas, and the subscriptions of the members were still coming in, thanks to Bro. Palmer, P.M., who had the matter in hand. Bro. Mason, who is voted as the best "Masonic beggar"—we mean canvasser for subscriptions for the Charities—in this district, announced his intention of again standing Steward for the Girls' and Old People, and asked the brethren to unbutton their pockets, for he meant to take up lists worthy of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments.

Bro. Coupland, in responding for "The P.M.'s," said he very much feared that the time was fast approaching when he should only be known to them by tradition; still he was proud of being not only a P.M., but their Treasurer, and in some way making himself useful to the brethren and the lodge. At any rate, he was in a position to give the W.M. advice and assistance should he require it; and, although the W.M. did not seem to require either the one or the other at present, yet if ever he should he might depend upon receiving it from the Past Masters in every case.

Bro. Hayes, as an old P.M. of the lodge, could only say that he had never seen the ritual so well worked as he had that evening, although they (the P.M.'s) had all done their work admirably. At any rate, they tried their best to do so, and maintain the high reputation of the Pattison Lodge for good working. He hoped by-and-bye that they would have better accommodation for the performance of the Fourth Degree—a Degree that had its part in Masonic matters as at present constituted, and that being a recognised fact, it was only right that proper accommodation

should be found for it. At present they had no room to entertain their friends and visitors comfortably, or as they should like; but he trusted that would be remedied shortly.

Bro. Butter did not know why the W.M. should couple the toast with only three names and leave the rest out. It was an important toast, because the P.M.'s were really the servants of the lodge—servants because they had been placed in the position they occupied especially to serve. The honour conferred upon them was an honour that entailed service, and, as servants, they were proud of the distinction and were ever ready to do any service for the happiness of the brethren or the prosperity of the lodge. The P.M.'s were also like the modest little violets "born to blush unseen," and as the violets, sheltered and hidden away from the gaze, loaded the air with perfume, so the Past Masters did many a service that never came to the knowledge of the majority of the brethren. It might also be said that they were like china ornaments, more ornamental than useful, yet he could assure them that the services rendered by the Past Masters bore fruit although the blossom might not be seen. He concluded by proposing the toast of "The W.M.," and hoped he might have a triumphant year of office, and that he might end it with the same eclat that had up to the present time attended it.

The W.M. said it had been his wish that the toast of his health should have been omitted that evening, as several of the usual toasts had been. In return for their kindness he assured them that he was deeply conscious of the obligations he was under that the ritual and working should be carried out in accordance with the traditions of the Pattison Lodge. He was most anxious also to do his duty, both in the lodge and in his daily life, in such a manner that not a single fault could be found with him, and if every Mason did that, it would be one of the grandest things in the world. He should discharge his duty to the best of his abilities, and trusted to meet with and merit their assistance and approval.

Several other toasts were honoured, and some splendid singing by Bros. Batchelor, Clifton, Hammond, Lloyd, Hobson, and others added a rare charm to the festive hours.

LOOE.—Lodge St. Anne (No. 970).—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 4th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. Edgcombe, was installed by Bro. Doney, assisted by an unusually large Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bro. S. White, I.P.M.; J. P. Lillecrop, S.W.; T. Johns, J.W.; J. Crossman, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Henwood, P.M., Sec.; W. Walters, S.D.; R. Kelly, J.D.; S. Trehane, I.G.; E. Olver, D. of C.; T. Mitchell and G. Collings, Stwds.; J. Olver, Tyler; and J. G. Henwood, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Steward to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren dined together at the Ship Hotel, the W.M. presiding, and a very pleasant evening was spent, being interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. Henwood, Perry, Jago, and others.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., when Bro. F. A. Cooper, W.M. elect, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and invested the following as his officers, viz.: Bro. J. Fidler, P.G. Steward, I.P.M.; F. Smith, S.W.; T. C. Burn, J.W.; T. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.P. Treas.; R. C. Shawyer, Sec.; T. Atkinson, S.D.; J. Taylor, J.D.; A. Entwistle, I.G.; P. H. Burns and Dr. Forsyth, Stewards; and J. Hewson, P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

The following brethren were also in attendance:—Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. Peacock, P.M., P.P.G. Standard Bearer; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; W. Taylor, P.M.; H. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; A. A. Williams, W. Shilton, P.M., P.P. J.G.D.; Henry Carruthers, P.M.; H. Moncrieff, J. G. Sprott, W. Paisley, Rev. J. Anderson, 119, P.P.G. Chap.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Clarke, P.M. 1267, P.P.J.G.D.; F. Studholme, W.M. 119, P.G.P.; Dr. Braithwaite, P.M. 1267, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Moordaff, J. Moordaff, T. Brakenridge, W.M. 872, P.G. Std. Br.; W. D. P. Field, W.M. elect 872; J. B. Paisley, S. Bettoney, 371; T. Weatherstone, J. Rubery, W.M. 1400; A. W. Turner, G. B. McKay, 902; and others.

With a vote of thanks to Bro. Dalrymple, the Installing Master, and other general business, the lodge was closed, and Bro. Cooper, W.M., invited all present to accompany him to the Globe Hotel, where a capital banquet was served and a long toast list gone through, and a most agreeable evening spent, which Cockermouth is noted for.

JERSEY.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1003).—The installation and 24th anniversary meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Heliers, on Wednesday the 7th December. The lodge having been opened, the summons convening the meeting was read, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, showing a substantial balance in favour of the lodge, and the amount of subscriptions still due by the members, was read and approved. Bro. Henry Elliott, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. J. T. Baal, P.M., to receive the benefit of installation, and obligated as regards the government of the lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, composed of 21 brethren, and Bro. Elliott was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. F. J. Godfray, S.W.; E. Oldridge, J.W.; G. J. Renouf, P.M., Treas.; P. Bois, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Dodman, S.D.; G. Coutanche, J.D.; F. Manger, D.C.; E. Dowden, Org.; G. M. Robertson, I.G.; W. Gosling and W. F. Le Feuvre, Stwds.; G. Rogers, P.M., Tyler.

Among the brethren present at the installation were Bro. J. Le Cronier, P.A.G.D.C. England, D.P.G.M.; E. A. Briggs, P.P.S.G.W.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.P. S.G.W., P.P.G. Sec.; W. H. Chapman, P.S.G.W.; P. Bois, P.J.G.W.; P. E. Sohier, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; G. J. Renouf, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treas.; W. J. Pugsley, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Le Scelleur, P.P.S.G.W.; S. Gilley, P.P.G. Registrar; H. M. Walden, P.P.G. Registrar; J. G. Pallot, P.P.G. Reg.; J. T. Baal, P.P.S.G.W.; F. P. Cabot, P.P.S.G.D.; F. Hutton, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Stone, Prov. J.G.D.; O. Le Gallais, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. H. Goldsmith, P.P.G.D. of C.; F. Vincent, P.P.G.D. of C.; P. Blamfield, P.P.G.D. of C.; H. Elliott, Prov.

S.G.W.; W. Fentum, P.P.G. Org.; E. Dowden, P.P.G. Org.; F. Pearce, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. J. Godfray, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Kelly, P.P.G. Std. Br.; P. G. Hamilton, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and G. Rogers, P.P.G.P. Bro. F. Dowden, the Organist, executed several pieces of music during the ceremony.

The lodge unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. P. G. Hamilton, the I.P.M., for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation, and given the several addresses. Indeed, the admirable manner in which Bro. P. G. Hamilton had discharged his duties as Installing Officer called back to mind his most efficient working in the several Degrees as W.M. during the past year. The lodge further resolved that a Past Master's jewel be presented to that brother in appreciation of the valuable services which he had rendered for several years to the lodge. A presentation, at the choice of the recipient, was also unanimously voted to Bro. P. Bois, P.M., who has been the Secretary of the lodge for many years past. Three candidates were proposed for initiation at the next regular meeting, and after the lodge was duly closed, the brethren made for the banquet room to partake of the annual banquet.

The banquet room had been most chastely decorated with flowers and evergreens by the new Worshipful Master, who is a local florist of note. Several admirable designs decorated the walls, and, together with some one hundred and fifty Chinese lanterns, all lighted, gave the room a fairy-like and pleasant appearance, betokening the happy reception which Bro. H. Elliott desired to give to the extra large concourse of brethren who honoured him with their presence, no less than one hundred and three in number.

The banquet was served by Bro. G. H. Mitchelmore, who did his utmost to give entire satisfaction. The toasts were proposed by the W.M. in a rather pleasant, floral language, and "The Queen and Masoniana," as well as "England's Hope and the Grandifloras," had a most hearty reception, and were followed by the anthems that usually accompany them.

Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., responded to the latter toast in very suitable terms.

After "The Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge," came "The Prince of Wales's Selected," and met with a reception only equalled by the fluent and agreeable manner in which Bro. H. Elliott responded to it.

The toast of "The Three Sisters" was heartily received by the brethren, and ably responded to by Bro. J. C. Le Sueur, who alluded to the forthcoming Stewardship of Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, the D.P.G.M., to the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and urged that the utmost be done in appreciation of the valuable services rendered by those Institutions to that province.

In proposing "The Roses Planted To-day," the W.M. said that he had entire confidence that the staff of officers which he had invested that day would ably second him in carrying out the best interests of the lodge during the ensuing year. He was justified in that confidence from the very efficient way in which several of the officers had worked in the past.

A large number of brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening. The selections on the violin by Bro. A. McKee were well applauded, as was also the able recitation by Bro. Wybert Rousby. The songs by Bros. E. L. Bisson, A. H. Powel, H. Proust, and Newbegin deserve also special mention. Bro. W. Fentinn, P.P.G. Org., accompanied on the piano in an able manner as musical director.

It is worthy of note that, notwithstanding the extra large gathering of brethren in the banqueting room—the largest number it could possibly contain—the temperature was most pleasant throughout the evening, which contributed materially to the happiness of the brethren during this auspicious festival.

MIRFIELD.—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).

The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the new Masonic Hall, King-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Bailey, W.M., in the presence of Bros. F. H. Hare, S.W.; W. Wilson, J.W.; T. Lang, P.M., Treas., as I.P.M.; T. W. Sproule, J.D.; A. A. Stott, P.M., as Sec.; T. B. Fairclough, P.M., as I.G.; W. Booth, Tyler; John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Jas. Barker, P.M.; W. Beaumont and J. Milner, Stwds.; and W. H. Wilkinson.

The minutes of the last lodge having been confirmed, and several routine matters connected with the lodge having been discussed and transacted, there being no other business, the lodge was closed.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—St. Kew Lodge

(No. 1222).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 3rd instant, when there was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer showed that numerically and financially the lodge was in a highly satisfactory condition, and the same having been adopted, feeling allusion was made to the recent sudden death of the esteemed Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. R. Duckworth, and a vote of condolence with the family in their sudden bereavement was passed. Then followed the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year, to which office Bro. G. H. Perrett, S.W., had previously been unanimously elected. The ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M. of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else, the Board of Installing Masters consisting of 21 P.M.'s of this and other lodges in the province. Subsequently the W.M. elect conferred collars of office on the following for the ensuing year: Bros. G. E. Alford, I.P.M.; Farrington, S.W.; Dr. Nunn, J.W.; S. Lewis, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Perrett, P.M., Sec.; F. W. S. Wicksteed, P.M., Chap.; E. W. Perrett, sen., S.D.; S. Selick, J.D.; Glass, P.M., D. of C.; J. P. Board, I.G.; J. J. Lovell, Org.; B. Cox, P.M., Almoner; and A. W. S. Cross and H. Butt, Stwds.

At the conclusion of the labours of the lodge the brethren adjourned for refreshment to St. George's Hall, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared by Mr. F. D. George, the owner of the premises. The apartment was elegantly decorated, and the brethren dining in their regalia materially added to the effect. The W.M. presided, supported by a goodly sprinkling of "purple," and at the conclusion of the repast submitted the usual toasts, all of which were cordially received.

The D.P.G.M., in responding to "The Officers of the Province," said, in commemoration of her Majesty's

Jubilee, the Grand Lodge had sanctioned that provinces should confer collars on those who had distinguished themselves by their work in the interest of the Craft. Somerset was allotted four collars, and he was pleased to say that one of these had been bestowed on Bro. S. Lewis, of St. Kew Lodge.

In responding for "The Visitors," Bro. Bailey, P.M., alluded to the striking fact, unknown before in his Masonic experience, of three members of one family (father and two sons) holding offices at one time in the same lodge, and the junior member of the three is the W.M. for the year of St. Kew.

The proceedings were pleasingly diversified with songs and recitations.

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th instant, there being present amongst others Bros. T. Prust, W.M.; T. W. Morgan, P.M., S.W.; Wills, J.W.; McKellar, S.D.; T. Crossman, J.D.; P. Waite, I.G.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Treasurer; F. Hex, I.P.M., Sec.; T. Brooks, Org.; Wills, D. of C.; J. Taylor and W. Hersey, Stwds.; J. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. T. Blamey, P.G. Stwd.; and G. J. Pepprell, P.M.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bros. W. Winget, G. West, and J. Beer, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Lane, in an exceptionally able manner. Bro. A. T. Blamey explained the working tools. The W.M. then took the chair, when Bro. T. Johnson was passed to the Degree of F.C., in a highly satisfactory manner. This being Bro. Lane's first appearance in the lodge since receiving one of the Jubilee honours in the province as P.P.G. Reg., a unanimous vote of congratulation was given him, the brethren saluting in due form, to which Bro. Lane feelingly replied. The attention of the lodge was drawn by Bros. Lane and Taylor to the advantages offered to Masonic students and to lodges in their corporate capacity by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, the members resolving that the Jordan Lodge should join the Correspondence Circle. Several questions of lodge interest were brought forward, and, after an animated discussion, in which the younger members came well to the front, the lodge was closed.

TUEBROOK.—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1620).

The annual investiture of officers in connection with the above-named lodge was held on the 4th inst., at Derby Hall, in the presence of between 70 and 80 brethren. The Marlborough, which is one of the comparatively few lodges that meet elsewhere than in the Hope-street Temple, has long had the reputation of being a thriving branch of the Craft, and its roll contains the names of many gentlemen well known in mercantile pursuits and in the learned professions. At the opening of the proceedings the retiring W.M., Bro. Richard Stirzaker, was supported by Bros. Dr. Hy. Pitts, I.P.M.; R. Armitage, P.M.; H. Hindle, P.M.; Dr. J. Henderson, P.M.; T. Delamere, P.M.; H. Jones, P.M.; Dr. O. E. B. Limrick, S.W.; W. J. B. Pitts, J.W.; L. Bagnall, Treas.; T. Airey, Sec.; H. Peers, J.D.; John Stubbs, acting I.G.; E. T. Ingham, D.C.; J. Gresham and W. Naylor, Stewards; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O., Org.; and R. Neville, Tyler. The visiting brethren included Bros. H. Archer, P.M. 1502; Jas. White, P.M. 249; D. J. Davies, S.D. 1675; J. Shield, W.M. 1086; J. Worthy, Sec. 1505; F. T. Foulkes, I.P.M. 292; C. Wadsworth, P.M. 292; J. R. Bottomley, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Pendleton, P.M. 241; N. A. Green, P.M. 1547; Thos. C. Fargher, I.G. 2042; W. H. Veevers, P.M. 594; W. Savage, P.M. 1609; C. Pilkington, W.M. 580; and Robt. Foote, P.P. G.T.

After certain general business had been transacted, the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. Limrick, was presented for installation by Bros. Dr. Pitts, I.P.M., and H. Hindle, P.M., and the ceremony was performed in a highly efficient manner by Bro. Stirzaker. Subsequently the W.M. invested the under-mentioned officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Stirzaker, I.P.M.; W. J. B. Pitts, S.W.; Thos. Airey, J.W.; L. Bagnall, Treas. (re-elected); H. Peers, Sec.; J. Stubbs, S.D.; J. Gresham, J.D.; W. Naylor, I.G.; E. T. Ingham, D.C. (re-elected); J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O., Org. (re-elected); J. W. Gilchrist, G. Brebner, J. Tarback, and T. Decherty, Stewards; and R. Neville, Tyler. The Treasurer's report showed the lodge to be in a prosperous condition. At various intervals during the ceremony a beautiful choral programme was rendered by Bros. D. J. Davies, 1756; D. T. Jones, 1756; D. Williams, 2042; O. J. Rowlands, 1756; and T. C. Fargher, 2042.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren dined together on the premises. During the evening a gold Past Master's jewel—manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Liverpool—was presented to Bro. Stirzaker.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Albert Edward Lodge

(No. 1780).—The St. John's day of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, when the W.M. elect, Bro. George Heathcote, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a very large attendance, and the Board of Installed Masters comprised Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; R. W. Lees, W.M. 130; H. Mee, W.M. 319; E. Brown, W.M. 359; G. Tilling, W.M. 394; E. T. Wise, W.M. 1461; H. Coles, P.M. 359 (Mayor of Southampton); T. P. Payne, P.M.; J. Robertson, P.M.; W. Berry, P.M.; J. S. Pearce, P.M.; T. Walton, P.M.; J. R. Weston, P.M.; A. J. Brown, P.M.; W. Grinyer, P.M.; and A. Algar, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; the last named performing the ceremony in a very efficient manner. The W.M. invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. J. Bailey, I.P.M.; W. Foster, S.W.; E. Warren, J.W.; T. Walton, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; W. Berry, P.G.D.D.C., Sec.; H. Hussey, S.D.; H. Collis, J.D.; G. W. Newham, I.G.; B. Tanner, D.C.; H. B. Peck, Org.; H. Herring and W. Beavis, Stwds.; and W. Vare, Tyler. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. A. Algar with a suit of provincial dress clothing (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), in recognition of his services to the lodge and the pleasure felt by the members on his recent appointment by the Provincial Grand Master to Past Provincial Grand rank, at the same time paying him a very high compliment on the able way he had carried out the duties of Installing Master. The W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master; also that the presentation from the brethren should be supplemented

by a jewel from the lodge, which was carried by acclamation. Bro. Algar thanked the brethren for their extreme kindness, and hoped he might be spared many years to assist in the progress of the lodge. Bro. Berry proposed that the sum of 10 guineas be voted to the Masonic Institution for Girls, which was seconded, and carried unanimously. The Treasurer's accounts showed a balance in favour of the lodge of £61 9s. 1d.

The lodge being closed, the brethren, numbering nearly 60, afterwards sat down to a banquet, after which the Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

SANDOWN.—Sandown Lodge (No. 1869).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. Shaw, W.M.; H. M. Barker, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Conner, P.M., J.W.; J. Bunt, jun., P.M., Treas.; A. J. Firth, P.P.G.O. Hants, P.M., J.W.; and J. H. McQueen, P.M., and the officers and brethren of the lodge, besides a goodly company of visitors, including Bros. B. Carter, W.M.; G. Pack, P.J. G.D.; Marvin, P.M.; Lowe, P.J.G.D.; and Ellery, Sec. of the East Medina Lodge.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Shaw, the W.M., impressively installed his successor, Bro. H. M. Barker, M.B., M.R.C.S., &c., into the chair of K.S. The W.M. having been duly installed, appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. A. Shaw, I.P.M.; J. Conner, P.M., P.P.G.S. Lanark, S.W.; H. Pigeon, jun., P.P.G.O. Hants and Isle of Wight, J.W.; J. Bunt, jun., P.M., Treas.; G. W. S. Withers, Sec.; G. T. Cluett, S.D.; W. Cluett, J.D.; R. H. Cole, D.C.; A. J. Firth, P.P.G.O., P.M., Org.; W. B. Martin, I.G.; W. P. Hosken, Stwd.; and A. Callaway, Tyler.

After the business of the lodge had been concluded, the brethren partook of an excellent banquet served by Bro. Simmons, at the Sandown Hotel.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, and the Tyler's toast brought a happy evening to a conclusion.

Harmony prevailed, the following brethren assisting with their voices: Bros. J. H. McQueen, P.M. 11, 1869, 1884, &c.; Shaw, I.P.M.; Conner, P.M., P.P.G.S. Lanark, S.W.; Lowe, P.J.G.D.; Izod, Withers, Sec.; Firth, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; Bunt, P.M., Treas.; Cole, D. of C.; and others.

MALDON.—Blackwater Lodge (No. 1977).

The first monthly meeting in the new year of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., when the occasion was availed of by the members to present to their I.P.M., Bro. S. H. Ellis, P.P.G. Std. Br., a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held, and appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the lodge, especially in occupying the chair for two years in succession. The presentation, which took the form of a P.M.'s jewel, was made by the W.M., Bro. Shawyer, in flattering terms; and Bro. Ellis, in acknowledging it, said he felt the brethren had given him more than he deserved. He could not find words to express how much he appreciated their kind and valuable gift, which would be handed down to his children as a precious heirloom. The jewel, which was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to W. Bro. S. H. Ellis, P.P.G. Std. Br., by the brethren of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, as a token of their recognition of the able manner he discharged the duties of Master for two successive years, January 2nd, 1888."

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. W. E. Dille, W.M.; Faulker, S.W.; Turpin, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Wandridge, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Jenkins, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; G. Bolton, P.M.; C. G. Dille, P.M.; Haire, Sandford, Hick, Vatsky, and Whibley.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the minutes had been read, was advanced to the Second Degree, when the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. W. E. Dille, the W.M., in a very able manner. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sandford personating the candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. W. E. Dille for his impressive rendering of the installation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).

A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642, W.M.; J. Round, S.W.; M. J. Green, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. Chapple, S.D.; T. W. Manktelow, J.D.; J. Thwaites, I.G.; S. J. Humfress, W.M. 733; D. Stroud, W.M. 2045; and C. Coleman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Coleman 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. Coleman candidate. Bro. Humfress having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Humfress candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. A cordial vote of thanks was passed and entered on the minutes to the W.M. for the able and efficient manner in which he presided for the first time in this lodge of instruction. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-terrace, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allman, W.M.; W. Death, S.W.; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, 1767, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; H. Moss, S.D.; C. S. Moss, J.D.; Frank Morrell, I.G.; H. A. Huntley, Stwd.; A. Hardy, W.M. 201; A. Barfield, P.M. 511; and J. Smith. Bro. W. Rivers, 1543, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rivers was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hardy being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Rivers was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Death was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Bro. Barfield expressed his thanks for the kindness evinced to him by the brethren of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction at all times. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. Napper, W.M.; H. Hunt, S.W.; Clarke, J.W.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; Barnes, S.D.; Duncan, J.D.; Loomes, I.G.; Harding, Kilsby, and Scarlett.

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. Harding candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Kilsby. Bro. Harding answered the usual 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 rehearsed, Bro. Harding candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when Bro. Barnes was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. H. Hunt was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, 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 5th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Clark, W.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.; J. G. Wynn, S.D.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.D.; J. Woodward, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; B. Solomon, W. Richards, T. A. Dickson, H. G. Marsden, F. Kedge, W. Wingham, W. Hancock, T. C. Seary, W. Brindley, and C. Corby.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. G. Marsden having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. T. A. Dickson, W.M. of the mother lodge, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, installing Bro. B. Solomon into the chair of K.S., and giving the charges to the Master, officers, and brethren in a very clear manner. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. G. H. Reynolds, J.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that the usual New Year's gift of one guinea be given to Bro. T. E. Weeks, the Tyler; seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. A notice of motion was given by Bro. W. Richards to alter by-law 17. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. C. R. Cross, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; E. C. Hagan, J.W.; E. Austin, Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; H. Moss, S.D.; G. Higginson, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; John Davies, Preceptor; T. H. Wood, P.M.; Purdue, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; Cubitt, P.M.; Alais, P.M.; Cochrane, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Whittell, Arnott, Gilbert, Martineau, Johnston, Stonnill, Dresden, Stroud, Hander, and Sansom.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Martineau candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections were worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Arnott and Martineau answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. Bro. Craggs was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting. After the W.M. had risen the usual times, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. Harvey, W.M.; Dr. Lawrence, S.W.; Dowling, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; J. H. Wood, P.M., S.D.; R. H. Wimpey, J.D.; C. Hopkins, I.G.; Switzer, Org.; D. Stroud, P.M.; D. S. Long, J. Worth, Clarke, Skinner, J. J. Boswell, A. J. Mann, J. Brown, and Rowley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. then installed Bro. Dr. Lawrence into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. Bro. Dr. Lawrence invested his officers, and Bro. Harvey delivered the usual addresses in a very perfect manner. Bro. Clarke answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. Bros. Clarke and Moore were elected members. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Harvey for his perfect working of the ceremony of installation. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Glover, W.M.; Evans, S.W.; Roberts, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Hume, S.D.; Harvey, J.D.; Holland, I.G.; Green, jun., P.M.; Green, sen., P.M.; Mann, Edwards, Wynn, Holmes, Arnold, and Phillip.

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. Wynn being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Phillip, 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. Phillip being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Evans was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

DARTFORD.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 299).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. F. Snowden, W.M.; E. S. Lancaster, S.W.; C. Powling, J.W.; W. J. Light, P.M., 299, Preceptor; C. Hind, Sec. and S.D.; Thos. Wills, P.M., 299, P.P.G.S. of Wks., I.G.; Carter, Tyler; Noah Martin, P.M., 299, P.P.S.G.D.; P. Jones, P.M., 1837; and Arthur Bovey, Bro. T. W. Welch, P.M., 1837, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing being about to be rehearsed, Bro. Bovey offered himself as the candidate, and the questions having been put and answered satisfactorily, he was entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, when the ceremony of passing was gone through. The W.M. gave the Lecture on the second tracing board in a very efficient manner. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and it was proposed by the Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Hind, that the S.W. occupy the chair at the next meeting—carried. Bro. Lancaster returned thanks. Bro. Wills proposed, and Bro. Bovey seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the evening—carried. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

TORQUAY.—JORDAN LODGE (No. 1402).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. Lane, Prust, Blamey, Dodge, Worth, Waite, Wills, Hersey, and others. The opening and closing in the Three Degrees were worked in the most efficient manner, and the various points explained by Bros. Blamey, as W.M.; J. Lane, as S.W.; T. Prust, J.W.; and W. Hersey, I.G. The usual questions were asked, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

FIDELITY CHAPTER (No. 3).—The installation meeting of this ancient chapter—one of the few that possess a centenary warrant—was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The members present included Comps. Rev. James Amos, M.E.Z.; Albert Thos. Pearce, H.; A. W. G. Weeks, Treas.; W. J. Collens, S.E.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.E. Surrey, S.N.; W. E. Williams, P.S.; W. E. Birch, 1st A.S.; W. Radcliffe, 2nd A.S.; C. J. Craig, D.C.; F. McDougall, P.Z.; F. Graves, P.Z.; P. Cochrane, A. H. Larcome, T. C. Walls, P.Z.; J. B. Stevens, and S. Hinckley Kinsey. Visitors: Comps. W. S. Whitaker, P.Z. 1572; J. M. Hodder, P.Z. 1572;

W. H. Kempster, P.Z. 766, 890; G. Harlow, 1572; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The chapter having been formally opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Comps. A. T. Pearce and Chas. Greenwood were inducted into the respective chairs of M.E.Z. and J. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Comp. Hemming, the H. elect, his installation was postponed until the next convocation. The following officers were invested: Comps. W. J. Collens, S.E.; W. E. Williams, S.N.; A. W. G. Weeks, Treas.; W. E. Birch, P.S.; W. Radcliffe, 1st A.S.; C. J. Craig, 2nd A.S.; J. B. Stevens, D.C.; and Goddard, Janitor. Comp. H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 907, P.G.S.B. Surrey, was unanimously elected a joining member, the M.E.Z. expressing his gratification that such an excellent companion had joined their ranks, but regretting his absence. The Scribe E. was instructed to write to Comp. the Rt. Hon. P. De Keyser, Lord Mayor, congratulating him on his accession to office, and inviting him to attend the next meeting of the Fidelity Chapter, in which he was exalted in 1863.

Other business having been transacted, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently duly honoured.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Rev. J. Amos, I.P.Z., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to bring the toast to the notice of the companions. He wished, however, that the companion whom they had installed into the chair of M.E.Z. that evening had had the task to perform, as he would have proposed the toast with suitable and graceful eloquence. Comp. Pearce, their newly installed M.E.Z., was in every way suited to fill the high position to which he had been called. Some brethren and companions were well acquainted with the ritual, but looked severe when presiding at the banquet table. Their M.E.Z., however, united all the good qualities necessary for a successful occupant of the chair, both in the chapter room and at the table afterwards. The companions were happy in their selection of a M.E.Z., for he did not know a companion who knew the ritual more thoroughly than Comp. Pearce. He asked the companions to join him in heartily drinking the health of their M.E.Z.

Comp. A. T. Pearce, M.E.Z., said that in rising to respond to the toast of his health he must confess that he did not feel quite as comfortable as he had in the previous offices, but presumed it to be attributed to the large array of Masons he saw around him. He felt complimented by the remarks of the I.P.Z. in bringing the toast to the notice of the companions. Comp. Amos had referred to him as a good, hard-working Mason, and he hoped he should prove himself to be one. He was exalted in that chapter about 1878, and was then much impressed by the manner in which the ceremony was carried out by one who had now departed this life—Bro. Greenwood. That exaltation ceremony made a deep impression on him, for he thought it was most beautiful, and exceeded in beauty the ritual of Craft Masonry. It was an incentive to him to climb to the chair, and although he was kept from that position for some time, he had had the experience of passing through the various minor offices. He hoped to be able to give them an evidence of his earnest endeavour to sustain the reputation of the Fidelity Chapter, and was sure he would be encouraged and supported by the members. He felt deeply the compliment paid him by the companions, and thanked Comp. Amos in particular for the kind manner in which he proposed the toast. He sincerely wished them one and all a happy and prosperous new year.

The M.E.Z. then said a very pleasing duty devolved upon him to return in some measure the compliment paid him by the I.P.Z., for he had to propose "The Health of Comp. Rev. J. Amos, I.P.Z." They all thanked that companion for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during the past 12 months. He was sure their I.P.Z. had added to the reputation of their chapter by his impressive and admirable working. The amiable character of Comp. Amos was so well known to them that it would be invidious for him to expatiate upon it. He trusted the I.P.Z. would be spared for many years to be with them, and he hoped the example set by Comp. Amos would be beneficial to himself and the other companions. It was now his pleasure to present Comp. Amos with a P.Z.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the members, and which he had fairly earned. It carried with it the good wishes of every companion in the chapter for his good health and prosperity in the future.

Comp. Rev. J. Amos, I.P.Z., thanked the companions for the reception accorded the toast, and also for the jewel, which he hoped to wear for many years with pride and pleasure. The interest and industry evinced by the officers during the past year had assisted in the perfection of the work, and he was indebted to each individual officer for cordial support and co-operation. He again thanked them for the honours bestowed upon him, and for their assistance during his term of office.

"The P.Z.'s" was next given by the M.E.Z. in cordial terms, and appropriately responded to by Comps. Graves, P.Z., and McDougall, P.Z.

In proposing "The H. and J.," the M.E.Z. expressed his regret, which he was convinced, was shared by the companions, that Comp. Hemming was unable to be present to be installed in the chair of H. They were, however, pleased that he had been enabled to join them at the banquet table, and hoped to see him duly installed as H. at the next meeting. They had had evidence of his good work in the past, and would no doubt see him fulfil the duties of the office to which he had been elected in an able manner. The companions had elected a companion as J. who bore the distinguished name of Greenwood. That name had a peculiar charm in their chapter, and he therefore heartily welcomed Comp. Chas. Greenwood in the chair of J. on that occasion. He hoped that companion would be spared to live in the hearts of Masons as long as his distinguished father had done.

Comp. Hemming, H. elect, having returned thanks, Comp. Chas. Greenwood, J., responded, and expressed his obligation to the M.E.Z. for the kind and encouraging words he had used in proposing the toast. It was no small satisfaction to him to find himself in the position occupied by his father 35 years ago, and to find that his memory was still green in the chapter. It had always been his ambition to follow in his father's footsteps, and to endeavour to attain the altitude that he attained. There was no position that would gratify him more than to hold office in their old

chapter, and he cordially thanked the companions for their kindness and forbearance in the past.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Visitors," expressing his pleasure at their presence, and extending to them a cordial welcome on behalf of the members of the chapter.

The visiting companions having replied, "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were given and respectively responded to, after which the Janitor's toast closed a successful and thoroughly enjoyable evening.

During the evening the toasts were interspersed with some excellent music by Bro. Bevan.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).

A convocation was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 5th inst. Present: Comps. J. C. Smith, M.E.Z.; G. W. Knight, H.; H. Dickey, J.; Furgeson, I.P.Z.; Stiles, P.Z., S.E.; Edmonds, S.N.; R. W. Fraser, P.S.; Dimsdale, 1st Asst. Soj.; Little, D.C.; Emblin, Steward; Whiting, Janitor; and a good muster of companions and visitors.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Wm. Newby, 1604, which proving unanimous, he was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in a most admirable manner by the M.E.Z. and his officers, all proving themselves efficient in the working of their several offices.

The chapter was then closed, and the M.E.Z. and companions adjourned to the Pillar Room, and an excellent repast was provided by Bros. Clewom, and a most pleasant and musical evening was spent. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were received by the companions in a truly Masonic spirit. Comp. Day, a visitor, presided at the pianoforte.

BATH.—Tynte Chapter (No. 379).

A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when the principals and officers for the ensuing year were installed and invested as follows: Comps. Rev. John A. Lloyd, M.E.Z. (re-elected); C. M. Penley, H.; Rev. G. E. Gardiner, J.; B. H. Watts, P.Z., Treas.; H. Culliford Hopkins, S.E.; Rev. S. J. G. Fraser, S.N.; Rev. F. W. Macdonald, P. Soj.; Rev. C. J. McConnell, 1st Asst. Soj.; Rev. the Hon. Sidney Meade, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Robert Berndt, Org.; and Bigwood, Janitor (re-elected). The M.E.Z. was placed in the chair to which he was elected by Comp. B. H. Watts, P.Z.; Comp. Penley, being installed in the chair of H. by the M.E.Z.; and Comp. Gardiner in the chair of J. by Comp. Theobald Ringer, P.Z., Prov. G. Reg. The new by-laws of the chapter were afterwards agreed to, on a motion proposed by Comp. B. H. Watts, P.Z., Treas., seconded by the M.E.Z. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. T. B. Moutrie, P.Z. 41, Prov. Grand J., for his attendance, and the chapter being closed, the companions proceeded to supper at the Castle Hotel.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. M. Spiegel, 834, M.E.Z.; J. Sims, J. 834, H.; J. Davies, 733, J.; J. T. Mickelburg, Z. 834, Treas.; H. Denane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; G. March, 733, S.N.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, P.S.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset; T. C. Edmonds, S.N. 1507; J. Smith, 890; and W. E. Jameson, 176.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Edmonds being the candidate. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Spiegel for the able manner in which he had presided as Z. for the first time. A vote of condolence with the family of the late V.E. Comp. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.P.S., was passed, our late companion having been a valued member of the chapter of improvement, and one who took a deep interest in its welfare, and, by his courtesy, kindness, and the instruction he afforded, and attendance on every occasion when requested, had gained the affection and esteem of all the members. It was announced that Comp. A. Sadler, Grand Janitor, Author of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," would attend and give his lecture on the "Banners." Comp. A. Barfield will be present, he having been one of the founders of the chapter of improvement. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Companions desiring to hear Comp. Sadler's lecture are invited to attend the next two convocations, as he, from his numerous engagements, is unable to give a long notice.

Scotland.

COATBRIDGE.—St. James's Lodge (No. 177).

—At the annual meeting for election of office-bearers, the following were duly elected and installed into office by Bro. M. Murdoch, P.M.: Bros. Councillor Lindsay, R.W.M.; J. Smith, S.W.; W. Hunter, J.W.; A. Mason, P.M.; Naismith, D.M.; T. Page, Treas.; J. Scott, Sec.; Rev. P. C. Black, Chap.; Arnott, S.D.; Somerville, J.D.; J. W. Ellis, Dir. of Mus.; J. Wallace, S.S.; J. Thompson, J.S.; J. Reid, S.B.; A. Clark, I.G.; R. M'Leay, Tyler.

Thereafter the brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John, and spent a pleasant and harmonious evening in song, toast, and sentiment until the high hour of 12, when the lodge closed.

KELSO.—Kelso Lodge (No. 58).

—On the occasion of the festival of St. John the Evangelist, the brethren of this ancient lodge held their annual installation, when the newly-elected Master, Bro. the Rev. George Gunn, was duly installed in the chair, Bro. Vernon, P.M., officiating as Installing Master. The other office-bearers were then installed and invested by the new R.W.M. with the usual formalities, as under: Bros. Dr. Alexander Mackenzie, S.W.; Rev. J. G. S. Napier, J.W.; W. G. Knight, S.D.; J. Turnbull, J.D.; Alexander Seath, Sec.; W. F. Vernon, Bard, Treas.; Rev. P. M'Kerron, S.M., Chap.; J. Steel, D.M.; C. Hunt and R. Henderson, Stwds.; G. Crease, I.G.; and Edward Ballantyne, Tyler. Alter the regular business, Bro. Vernon rose, and said a very pleasing duty devolved upon him, and that was in handing over to the R.W.M., in trust for the lodge, a striking portrait of a worthy brother, Bro. J. Steel, P.M., the father of the lodge, who had done more for Masonry than any other man he knew. He regretted his absence that evening, Bro. Steel being very unwell, but he trusted they would soon see him in his accustomed place, but, whether present

or absent, they would always have his genial countenance before them in the portrait which the brethren had voluntarily subscribed for. The R.W.M., in accepting the picture on behalf of the lodge, paid a high tribute to the worth of Bro. Steel.

The portrait in question is an oil painting by Bro. Cormack Brown, from a photograph by the Messrs. Mackintosh, and represents Bro. Steel in full Masonic clothing. The likeness is perfect, and the execution reflects great credit on the artist.

TWELFTH NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The annual entertainment given at the School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in celebration of Twelfth Night took place on Wednesday evening instead of the 6th inst., and was one of the most enjoyable of all those yearly-recurring festivities among the pupils of the Institution, the staff, the House Committee, and subscribers. The party was not large, for there were only 21 of the children left in the School for the Christmas holidays. They were amply taken care of by Miss Buck and two assistants. The visitors were small in number on account, no doubt, of the wretchedly thick and damp fog, and the House Committee knew that in the hands of Bros. Frank Richardson and J. H. Matthews no endeavour would be wanting to make the evening thoroughly successful. Outside the number of inmates of the Institution the following were as nearly as possible the whole of the company: Bro. J. H. Matthews; Bro. Frank Richardson; Mr. H. W. Massey; Mr. John Toone; Mr. W. P. Toone; Mr. C. M. Howell; Mrs. Dicketts and family; Mr. S. F. Dicketts; Bro. H. Massey; Mr. Fredk. Charles Gates; Bro. F. R. W. Hedges; Bro. G. S. Peachey; Mr. Thos. W. P. Martin; Mr. James H. E. Stevenson; Mr. Edward Page; Miss Mackie; Miss Massey; Miss E. Massey; Bro. Thos. Kingston; The Misses Kingston; and Miss Potter.

After tea the amusements provided were ventiloquism, by the celebrated Bro. Lieut. Walter Cole, who, for a solid hour, kept the assembly, which included all the servants of the Institution, in a constant state of merriment and applause with his funny old people; then followed dancing, which visitors, committee, and children felt an intervening hour was scarcely sufficient for, as all entered heart and soul into it, led and energetically kept going by Bros. Richardson and Matthews; and then magic and conjuring by Mr. H. Stodare, who astounded his audience by his dexterous sleight of hand. A splendid selection of Christmas gifts to every child in the building, made an appropriate conclusion to that portion of the evening's amusements. Then came the Twelfth Cake which Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch regularly send. Crackers were in plenty, and the little folks joined with the visitors in obtaining an insight to those attractive little marvels. But grand old snap-dragon was, perhaps, the best of all, and the excitement which in ancient times when this amusement was in vogue, was as fresh with those who had never seen it before, as it used to be when it was never omitted at the annual festive season. More dancing followed; a pretty collation for the more mature of the visitors was then partaken of; still more dancing had the advantage of enlivening the party; and at half-past eleven at night, after many friendly regrets at the necessity there was for parting, the doors of the Institution separated a most happy party composed of a School and visitors.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee and subscribers to this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, Bro. J. L. Mather in the chair. There were also present Bros. Stephen Richardson, T. Hastings Miller, C.C., Alfred Williams, G. Bolton, H. Massey, F. Adlard, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Raynham W. Stewart, Chas. F. Hogard, W. Maple, Charles Belton, W. A. Scurrah, W. Paas, Geo. P. Gillard, Dudley Rolls, James Moon, H. Venn, George Mickley, Richard Eve, Grand Treas., Alfred Bryant, J. G. Dale, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

Fifteen petitions were investigated, and the children placed on the list for the April election, for which there were settled 65 candidates and 15 vacancies.

Notice was given of motions for the next Quarterly Court on the 27th inst., and the Committee then adjourned.

DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

The fifteenth half-yearly meeting of the General Committee of the Dorset Masonic Charity was held at Dorchester, on the 29th December, Bro. H. C. Burt, Chairman, in the chair. Bros. M. J. Guest, P.G.M.; W. E. Brymer, D.P.G.M.; R. Case, Treas., and P.G. Sec.; and a large attendance of brethren being present.

The Hon. Sec., Bro. S. R. Baskett, presented his report, which showed the finances of the Charity were in a satisfactory state, and reported that he had reason to hope the next year would see an increase in the number of annual subscribers. Four petitions for relief were considered, and grants were made of £5 and £15 to two brethren, and £10 and £15 to two widows. The Charity has now an invested capital of £2277, the income from which, with the annual subscriptions, is available for Relief.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE LANGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1673.

The annual festival of the Langton Lodge of Instruction was held on Thursday, the 15th December, at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. Joseph Langton, P.M. and Treasurer of the Langton Lodge, under whose sanction this lodge of instruction works. The following members were present: Bros. G. H. Bishop, J.W. 1965; J. S. Fraser, P.M. 174; F. Knight, 1185; H. M. Hobbs, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey; G. Anderson, P.M. 60, P.G.S.; E. M. Morriss, W.M. 1965; G. F. Marshall, P.M. 69; Gordon Smith, W.M. 2041; R. Clay Sudlow, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; C. W. C. Webb, P.M. 1397;

J. D. Langton, P.M. 1673, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey; Wm. F. Causton, P.M. 1726, I.G. 162; G. Holden, 2096; W. G. Goode, S.D. 2096; W. Mapleton, J.D. 256; B. Gardner, 69; L. Percival, 2096; Maitland H. Dicker, 1470; Geo. C. Dent, 176; G. de H. Vaizey, 176; Graham Buckley, 1415; and T. Burne, I.P.M. 162.

An excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Anderson, through whose kindness the lodge of instruction has met for some years at the above address. After the dinner the Chairman gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

The toast of "The Lodge of Instruction" was responded to by the Preceptors, Bros. HOBBS, MARSHALL, and BURNE.

"The Health of the Chairman" was proposed by Bro. LANGTON, jun., who, in the name of the members of the lodge, thanked him for the services rendered by him as Treasurer of the lodge of instruction, and for his kindness in presiding that evening.

The CHAIRMAN, in responding, expressed his great pleasure at being present, and congratulated the lodge on its success, particularly in the direction of Charity.

The toast of "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement" followed, to which Bro. SUDLOW responded, and, in the course of his remarks, referred to the fact that he was for some years the Preceptor of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, and mentioned how gratified he was to see the lodge flourishing, and offered to give any assistance he could to the Preceptors.

The Secretaries, Bros. BURNE and LANGTON, having responded to their healths, Bro. ANDERSON replied to the toast of "The Honorary Members."

During the evening songs were given by Bros. Sudlow, Dicker, and others.

Before the festival took place a meeting of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association was held, the chair being taken by the President, Bro. Joseph Langton, when four ballots for Life Governorship were drawn. The Association having now completed half its term, the Secretary, Bro. Gordon Smith, read a statement, from which it appeared that the sum of £720 had been collected, and that it was estimated that at its conclusion over £1400 would have been handed over to our three Charities.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE BALL, No. 1744.

The third annual ball of the Royal Savoy Lodge, 1744, took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Wednesday, the 11th inst. The W.M., Bro. H. Dickey, as President of the Ball Committee, was heartily supported by the officers and members of the lodge, including the following brethren who formed the Committee: Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.M., Vice-President; J. Willing, P.M., Treasurer; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. Hendon Lodge, Secretary; W. H. Barling, R. S. Chatty, F. H. Clemow, T. Crane, R. Dipple, H. W. Field, J. Greenfield, P.M.; F. W. Haddan, Org.; J. Hamilton, A. Holt, A.D.C.; C. H. Holland, S.D.; W. Jaques, S.W.; C. J. Knightley, Asst. Sec.; H. Longman, G. Mordey, A.D.C.; E. Perry, I.G.; Dr. J. Powdrell, W.S.; R. Ross, J.D.; O. Ruzicka, W.S.; J. C. Smith, I.P.M.; J. W. Smith, P.M.; and R. T. West.

No effort was spared by the Executive to make the ball equal to its predecessors, and their exertions met with the success they deserved, for, despite the severe inclemency of the weather, there was a good attendance of ladies and brethren. Dancing commenced soon after nine o'clock, and was continued with unflagging zest until shortly after midnight, when an adjournment was made to the supper room.

After an enjoyable meal, the toast of "The Queen" was given with enthusiasm, and was followed by "The President," proposed by Bro. J. C. SMITH, I.P.M., and suitably responded to by Bro. H. DICKEY, W.M.

Bro. W. M. STILES, P.M., in a humorous speech, gave "The Ladies," which was replied to by Bro. W. W. LEE.

The company then returned to the ball room, where dancing was carried on with unabated vigour until a late hour, the enjoyment of all present being marked by several encores.

Bro. J. Arnold and Mr. F. Wyatt rendered good service as M.C.'s, while Bro. J. Symon's band, conducted by himself, played a capital selection of music in a manner that left nothing to be desired.

GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS' COMPANY.

A court of the above company was held on Monday last, at the Clerk's Office, Laurence Pountney Hill. There were present Bros. James Knapton Abel, Master; Horace Frederick Stewart, S.W.; William Hays, J.W.; George Davenport, P.M.; David Henry Jacobs, P.M.; Major Hymen A. Josephs, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; Col. T. Davies Sewell, George Benton, W. H. Rance, James Bishop, E. W. Streeter, Daniel Welby, E. F. B. Fuller, E. E. Ashby, and Capt. E. Fenner.

This being the meeting for the selection of Master and Wardens for the ensuing year, the following brethren were chosen: Bros. Horace F. Stewart, Master; William Hays, S.W.; Alderman Evans, J.W.; Gabriel Lindo, Third Warden; and Sheriff W. A. Higgs, Fourth Warden.

A vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried with acclamation, to Bro. J. Knapton Abel for a banner presented by him to the company. The court afterwards dated together at the Cannon-street Hotel.

EAST LONDON MASONIC CONCERT.

As stated in our columns last week the tickets for the Masonic Concert, on February 7th, were balloted for at the Bow Vestry Hall on Saturday last. About 30 brethren were present, and the whole of the 950 tickets, with the exception of about 80 of each kind, have been allotted. Brethren desiring tickets should communicate with the Hon. Sec., Bro. Alex. Paterson, at the Bow Vestry Hall, Bow-road. Seats will be allotted in order of application until January 20th, after which date they will be available for the general public. Applications should be accompanied by a remittance of 3s. for each reserved seat required, and 2s. for each unreserved seat.

IN MEMORIAM—BRO. McNEILL.

Darkly—we know not how—can but surmise—
The light has faded from those merry eyes,
The hand grown cold that penn'd Wit's subtleties!

The voice that cheered the friends of yesterday
With quip and anecdote of grave and gay
Is sadly still—and sorrowful are they!

"Not a great life?"

Well, to be "great," you know,
Is sometimes to ensure unmeasured woe,
For lesser mortals—whom these influence so.

He simply, like a man, fulfill'd his task,
He knew not casuistry or kindred mask—
And those he helped—had never twice to ask!

Perchance the fret of things, the hurrying feet,
The hard dominion of Life's crowded street,
Enfolding him, as with a winding-sheet,

Clouded the purpose of his wandering brain,
Cancel'd the nerve he never sought in vain,
And left him helpless as a child again;

Helpless to fend the murderer's midnight blow,
And yet the friends, who knew him long ago,
Are sure he died, hard-fighting with his foe.

Richer to-day his consciousness, imbued
With leaven of other knowledge than the crude
Grief—yearning of our mourning Brotherhood.

G. H. R. D.

Chine Lodge, Shanklin, Isle of Wight,
January 10th.

MASONIC LUNCHEON TO THE EARL OF CARNARVON.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

The Freemasons of Victoria under the English Constitution entertained the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master of England, at luncheon, in the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 14th November last. About 150 gentlemen, amongst whom were most of the leading dignitaries of the Order of the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions, were present. Sir W. J. Clarke, M.L.C., R.W. District and Provincial Grand Master of Victoria, under the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions, presided, and had on his right hand the guest, who wore the chain, collar, jewel, and apron of his office. There were also seated to the right of the chairman Bros. George Baker, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Victoria (I.C.); Dr. Willmott, P.G.D. of England; John James, Past Dist. S.G.W. of Victoria (E.C.); and Sir Henry Wrenfordley, St. Peter's Lodge, Peterborough, England. On the left of the chairman were Bros. Dr. H. St. John Clarke, Wor. Dep. Dist. G.M. Victoria, R.W.P.G.W. England; Capt. C. R. Martin, R.W. Dep. G.M. Victoria (S.C.); T. H. Lemprete, Dist. G. Sec. Victoria (E.C.), P.G.D. England; J. E. Dowding, Dist. J.G.W. Victoria (E.C.); and J. A. Cantor, Past Dist. J.G.W. Victoria (E.C.). Bro. W. J. Turner, Dist. G. Org., was present, and officiated at the organ.

After the toasts of "Her Majesty the Queen" and "The Craft,"

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The M.W. Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." He said the Craft had made great progress since the Prince became Grand Master, both in the old country and in Australia. His Royal Highness had, by his action as a member of the Order, broken down any distinction between the aristocracy and the educated middle classes, and had managed to draw all the talents of England into the lodges.

The toast having been drunk with great enthusiasm, and with appropriate musical honours,

The CHAIRMAN submitted the toast of "Our Guest."

It was a great honour to Freemasons to be able to entertain a brother who held a position in the Order next to the Prince of Wales. The Prince had usually endeavoured to have the best man he could place in any position in Masonry that he had to give away. They were all proud and pleased to see amongst them a statesman with a European and also an Australian reputation like that of Lord Carnarvon. Without saying anything against the present Secretary of State for the Colonies, it would be a great pleasure to see Lord Carnarvon again in that position. The Freemasons here had misunderstood the invitation sent out by Lord Carnarvon, suggesting that the lodges here should contribute to the funds for the establishment of the Imperial Institute. They had contributed to the almshouses here, but were also able to carry out the wishes of the Grand Master and assist in the establishment of the Imperial Institute, which would be of more benefit to the colonists than to the English people.

Lord CARNARVON, on rising to respond, was received with loud and prolonged cheers. He said: Right Worshipful Sir and brethren of the English, Scottish, and Irish Constitutions—I should be very barren indeed of feeling if I did not appreciate both the kindly words of the Right Worshipful District Grand Master and the cordial welcome you have personally given to me on this occasion. Words lack me when I attempt to give adequate expression to my feelings. I will only say this, that although I have travelled far and wide, and always met with the kindest and heartiest welcome from my Masonic brethren, nowhere has that welcome been fuller, freer, kinder, and more grateful to myself than on the present occasion. I have, Right Worshipful Sir, before making a few observations in answer to your kind speech, a preliminary duty to discharge. I have to express the great regret of your excellent Governor, Sir Henry Loch, that he is unable to be present here today. He has charged me with his special regrets, and I have already seen enough of the high appreciation of his character entertained in this colony to know that his absence is as much regretted by you as by himself. Travellers' tales are sometimes doubted when the travellers return home. I shall have a wondrous tale to tell to my English brethren of Masonry of the great colony of Victoria. I must express my great admiration of this fine and stately, and at the same time commodious, building in which we are assembled. It was a great pleasure to me to be led through it the other day, and to see how admirable all the arrangements were for the comfort of those who frequent it; and when I look at this great building and this princely town, with its broad

streets, its magnificent buildings, its great institutions, its stately halls, and its pleasant homes—when I see all this, and remember that 50 years ago this was a tangled forest, I cannot, often as the remark must have been repeated, refrain from expressing my wonder. Masonry has kept pace with all the other great institutions of Victoria and Melbourne, and it is a pleasure to me to think that with these other institutions, Masonry also is the seed which has been dropped by the hands of the English sower. May the harvest of the future be even a hundredfold of its great present promise. In 1843, I think the first lodge was founded in Victoria. In 1861, I am told, there were 28 lodges with about 1000 members; and in the present year of grace there are something just short of a hundred—I think—99 lodges, and 6000 members. This great building gives accommodation, I believe, to something like 40 lodges, and could give more, if necessary; while in the colony generally most of the great lodges have their own Masonic halls, and are not dependent on chance hospitality. I think with shame of the niggardliness of our own Parliament and Government of England when I know that here, from public sources, a fine plot of land has been given, which you have devoted to the best and highest objects of Masonry—the solace and comfort of aged and infirm Freemasons and their widows. Institutions like that justify, in the eyes of the world generally, the existence of our great Order, and vindicate it from those aspersions which from time to time are thrown upon it. In many parts of the world Masonry has been associated with ideas of discord, internal faction, and sedition. Our Masonry has known nothing of this. Our record is perfectly clean. We are associated only with ideas of law, of order, of constitutional rule, and of sympathetic Charity. The Queen is the Patron of our Order. The Prince of Wales, to whom you paid a few minutes ago a most just tribute of applause, is our Grand Master. It was but a short time since I numbered up no less than 17 members of the Royal Family of England who, at different times, had either filled the high office of Grand Master or had occupied some other high position of trust in the Craft. It is well from time to time to remind our brethren and those outside our mystic pale of what is our real position in these respects. I am jealous for the honour of the Order when I hear of its being connected with dark and seditious associations, and I desire the whole world to know what the foundation stone is upon which we build, and what the keystone of our arch is. If anything could make this plain perhaps it was the remarkable sight witnessed only a few months ago in the Albert Hall, in London. It was my duty on that occasion, at the command of our illustrious Grand Master, to move a resolution of congratulation to the Queen on the completion of her fiftieth year as Sovereign. It is difficult for me to think that only in the month of June I stood in the Albert Hall moving that resolution, and that now in the beginning of November I stand in the Masonic Hall of the great city of Melbourne. I feel grateful to modern science, which has enabled me to enjoy so great a privilege. It was a very wonderful sight that was witnessed that day in the Albert Hall. That great circular building was packed as close as it could hold of brethren from all parts of the world. India sent her jewelled princes, the colonies sent their loyal adherents, Scotland and Ireland contributed their quota, and from every province in England many Masons went up. It was a most striking sight. Tier above tier they were ranged, and the glories and colours from the different dresses and insignia were only extinguished by the hearty loyalty which broke out. I am bound to say that when the great doors were opened, and the stately procession moved up the big central avenue amidst continuous cheering, and those hearty strains of "God Save the Queen," which, I trust, will last as long as the British Empire, I have rarely heard or seen anything that could match with it. You, Right Worshipful Sir, were pleased just now to speak of the Prince of Wales and the Imperial Institute. I take this opportunity, inasmuch as his Royal Highness was pleased to place me with other gentlemen in a position of confidence and responsibility in regard to the Institute, to say a word upon it. I need not assure you of the wish of his Royal Highness that the Institute shall be a great success. It will be in a central position in England, a continual memorial of a reign unexampled in prosperity and in goodness on the part of the Sovereign. Already, I have over £400,000 collected. More, no doubt, will flow in as time goes on, and the result will be a really fine edifice, worthy of the Empire, and calculated quite as much to further the interests of the colonies as of any section of, or interest in, England itself. Those who, on the day I have alluded to, witnessed in the Albert Hall the grand sight, must have acknowledged there was never a more orderly, law-obeying, and loyal concourse than was then gathered together. That was in England, but there are the same characteristics in England's colonies. The Freemasons are the pillars of law and order. They are one more especial instance of the similarity which prevails between the England of the north and the England of the southern hemisphere. It has been sometimes said that history is not a mere record of battles and sieges and of public events. Acts of Parliament and official documents and public records, very good things in their different ways, do not constitute the whole life of a great nation. There is something much more than this. It is the everyday concern. It is in individual kindness and broad and quasi-public Charities. Great societies like this play a large part in the history and the life of a people. It is here that this great Society to which we are so proud to belong performs its part. In every town, in every village, in every country district in England, there are people who have sons and daughters and dear friends who have crossed the seas, and have cast in their lot in your inheritance here. When I go home to my own village, I have no doubt I shall be questioned as to Thomas, and Eliza, and James; and you may depend upon it that if I am fortunate enough to find any of those lads and lasses whom I remember, and who have grown up with me, and in whom I take the kindest and most affectionate interest, I shall give them as hearty a greeting as possible, both for their own friends and myself. Something more I would say, and it is this. Many years have rolled by since these colonies were founded and began to acquire life and health and the feelings of great countries, but a new generation has also been growing up. No fact has been more apparent to my mind since I have been here than that. Whereas many who were born in England and have come here and carved out their fortunes, retain all their old recollections and sentiments with regard to the old country, a new generation has sprung up in Australia—a generation which knows England only

by books and hearsay, and the recollections of their elders. I would say here, as I would venture to say in almost every Australian town, our earnest desire in England is that the younger generation shall not be allowed to let their hearts grow cold to the old country. Our earnest desire is that they should be taught and learn that, although Australia is their dear birthplace, to which they owe many obligations and duties, there is also a little island in the Northern Sea which claims their affection, and is the home, and, so to say, the seat, of the whole Empire. Let me assure them that, although it would be impossible to say we remember them, they are often spoken of, and often thought of, and are looked upon with pride and satisfaction, looked on as kith and kin, looked on as sons of Old England, as the young swarm of bees that has gone forth from the parent hive; looked upon as the members of a great common family. I have overstayed my time. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the kindly welcome you have given me, and assure you that when I return to England I shall tell my Masonic brethren how well and truly Masonry flourishes in the great colony of Victoria.

After the applause had subsided, Lord CARNARVON proposed "The Health of the Chairman," which was duly honoured and responded to.

The CHAIRMAN then presented to Lord Carnarvon a massive jewel commemorative of his visit, and of the laying of the foundation-stone of the hall. His lordship having acknowledged the gift.

The toast of "Our Visitors" brought the proceedings to an end.



As we anticipated, a large and enthusiastic audience assisted at the re-opening of the Royalty, after the Christmas recess, and the very welcome *rentrée* of Mlle. Mary Albert in her favourite rôle of "La Grande Duchesse," of which she is so refined and charming an exponent. Offenbach's masterpiece was indeed done justice to, and our prima donna, so full of *espèglerie* and bewitching wilfulness, showed what can be done to elevate a part that has sometimes suffered by the touch of a less delicate hand; her "Dites lui" alone is enough to prove her a perfect artist, and good as was her acting—especially in the "leap-frog" quartette—at her Majesty's, in December, 1886, it is even better now. The part of "Fritz" requires a master hand to avoid the Scylla and Charybdis of buffoonery and boorishness—with either or both of which we have occasionally been afflicted—and M. Dekernel demonstrated that he could be stolid without *gaucherie* and amusing without donning the motley. *General Boum* was well represented by M. Curini, though he has not the traditional rotundity of—well, our familiar Commander-in-Chief; and M. Numes played and sang the difficult part of "Prince Paul" most satisfactorily. Band and chorus were alike excellent.

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A really new dramatic criticism has a wonderful charm, especially to one who has rung the changes on every form of praise or tender reproof. Having entrusted our important position to a young lady of very artistic taste, she wrote as follows: "My sister and I were greatly delighted with the performance of 'Lady Clancarty,' and if we did not both cry it was Mrs. Kendal's fault, as she never shed a tear, but cried dry, like a child."

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The annual cutting of the Baddeley cake, which Bro. Augustus Harris has made a great feature of since his becoming the reigning monarch of Drury Lane, took place on Twelfth Night in the presence of a company numbering about a thousand ladies and gentlemen celebrated in the social, literary, political, civic, and dramatic world. The guests were welcomed at midnight, whilst the band of the 2nd Life Guards discoursed sweet music. At about 12.30 the curtain rose and displayed the Baddeley cake, which Bro. Fernandez, master of the fund in the Three per Cents., proceeded to cut, after making an explanatory and interesting speech. The W.M. of Drury Lane Lodge then bid his guests to come on the stage and partake of the cake and a sumptuous supper, which was served on the staircase used in the last grand set scene of the pantomime. Dancing followed until 4 a.m., when the guests departed, thanking Bro. Augustus Harris for the pleasant gathering, and inwardly wishing they may be fortunate enough to get an invitation for next year. Amongst those present we noticed Bro. the Earl of Londesborough, I.P.M. Drury Lane Lodge; Bros. Earl of Onslow, Lord Deerpark, Lord Mandeville, Sir Morell Mackenzie, Lord Alfred Paget, Mr. Edgar Bruce, Bro. Alderman Lieut.-Col. Cowan, Under-Sheriff Beard, Sir John Bennett, Under-Sheriff Rose-Innes, Bro. Barrow Emanuel, P.M. Pattenmakers' Company; F. Binckes, Secretary Boys' School; Mr. Frank Wyatt, Miss Melnotte, Mr. E. Ledger, Miss Clara Jacks, Miss Millward, Miss Nellie Farren; Bros. H. C. Richards, Col. Fletcher, C.C.; Squire Bancroft, J. C. Parkinson, Sydney and Lionel Brough, Messrs. K. Pateman, Blakeley Murphy, Q.C.; Lockwood, Q.C., M.P.; Charles Harris, Antonio Carati, Bros. Frank Richardson, R. Grey, President Board of Benevolence; W. A. Barrett, Haydn Coffin, Miss C. Graham, Deputy Bedford, Misses Mary and Kate Rorke, Mr. T. H. Bolton, Miss Marie Tempest, Miss Neville, Miss Sylvia Grey, Bro. Edward Terry, Mr. Hugh Drummond, Dr. Frost, Mr. C. J. Abud, Bros. Coote, Henry Wright, Walter Everard, W. S. Penley, W. Lestocq, W.M. 1319; Miss Jennie Lee, Miss M. Nultz, Miss Alma Murray, Misses Wadman, Caroline Hill, Gertrude Warden; Bros. Rutland Barrington, Geo. Giddens, T. H. Macklin, C. H. Hawtrey, Beveridge, J. J. Dallas; Miss M. A. Victor, Miss Kat. i Laner; Bros. David James, A. M. Broadley, Farquhar; Messrs. Oscar Wilde, George Edwardes, Misses Letty Lind, Rose Leclercq, Cissy Grahame, Cicely Richards; Bros. Arthur Roberts, Marius, C. Lauri, jun.; Mr. and Miss Emma D'Auban; Bros. Herbert Standing, Fred Leslie; Mr. Sedger, Mr. H. J. Leslie; Bros. W. Ganz, Dr. Hunter, M.P., T. Thorne, Col. Wellesley; Messrs. Davenport, Adams, Arthur a'Becket; Miss Sophia Eyre, Mr. Clement Scott, Sir Coultis Lindsay, Prince Victor Dhuleep

Sing, the Maharajah of Kuch Behar, Mr. Dixon-Hartland, M.P.; Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie, M.P.; Lord Farbat, Lord Wallacourt, Lord Curzon, and several officers of the 2nd Life Guards, Prince Malcolm Khan, Lord Hay, Gen. Milman; Bro. Admiral Sir Edward Ingfield, K.C.B., J.W. Drury Lane Lodge; Bro. H. F. Hanbury Tracy, M.P.; Bro. Sir Alfred Kirby, Messrs. Harry Furniss, Linley, Lambourne, Hamilton Aidé, W. S. Gilbert, Miss Marion Mackenzie, Miss Ffolliot Paget, Miss Eva Sothorn, and Miss Emma Gwynne.

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We are not able to pronounce the favourable verdict on Mr. Robert Buchanan's new play "Partners" which we had much pleasure in doing when Mr. Beerbohm Tree produced Mr. Tristram's "Red Lamp" at the Haymarket in the summer. The run of "Partners" cannot be as lengthy as that of the piece whose place it has taken. "Partners" deals with an old plot, and sadly lacks interest, whilst the comedy element in non-existent. Could these defects be made good we should have another Haymarket success under Mr. Tree's management, for both stage mounting and acting are all that could be desired. We rejoice to hear that since its first night the five acts have been considerably curtailed, and the audience are permitted to depart at a reasonable hour. The author boldly tells us that he has not followed the original French story, and has only founded some of the characters upon that book which is well for English ears. Heinrich Borgfeldt is a man of business, past middle life, and has married a young wife. She has a child, and everything that should make her happy—a loving husband, a good home, wealth, and respect of those around her. This young lady Claire comes under the influence of her husband's partner, Derwentwater, a very handsome man but a consummate cad, for he has a good wife of his own. Claire is weak enough to listen to his addresses, and seems to encourage him, possibly only to flatter her vanity rather than from a vicious motive, or with any intention of dishonouring her husband. In the original novel, we believe, she is made a thoroughly bad woman, but as this would be objected to by English people, the author has made Claire a vacillating, silly, and vain young woman. In one of the scenes with Derwentwater she is awakened to her senses by her little child of five rushing into the room to be kissed ere she can go to sleep. This is one of the few good situations of the piece. Borgfeldt is called away on business, and returns to find the wife, the apple of his eye, in the arms of his partner. It is true she was beseeching her lover to leave her, but the enraged husband will not listen to any explanations, and drives her from his home. Through the extravagance of the junior partner the firm is on the verge of bankruptcy, from which they are saved by Borgfeldt, who is so kind hearted that he will not expose his wife's betrayer lest it bring shame upon the guiltless Mrs. Derwentwater. He reduces himself to the honour of the house to the rank of a clerk, and with his little girl lives now in a cottage. It is Christmas time, and the mother, who has been cared for by a good lady, would fain see her child, and ask her husband's forgiveness, which of course is obtained. But the whole play, in our minds, lacks sympathy. Mr. Tree, as Borgfeldt, of course, acts carefully, and is scrupulous over every detail, but he failed this time to rouse us. We thought if the author intended a moral to his piece, then Mr. Tree teaches once more the folly of old men marrying young wives, and when they have done so not looking well after them. We felt little pity for Borgfeldt in his woes. As for Claire, she is so stupid that she is not deserving of sympathy, for she encourages the young lover, though she may not mean harm. But she is old enough to know that it is dangerous to play with edged tools. Miss Marion Terry is cast for this part, but it does not add to her long list of successful delineations, although it gives her various opportunities of wearing some lovely gowns. Miss Kingston, a new actress to London, plays the character of a designing woman of fashion, who plots the intrigue. This lady will doubtless maintain the position she has already taken here. Miss Janet Achurch is Claire's sister, and acts with much good taste; probably she has given up by now the intonations of her lines—it does not add to her attractions. Mr. Brookfield has a small part—that of an actor unemployed. This we think a libel, and wonder at Mr. Tree allowing such a skit on his own profession. Doubtless half-a-century ago there were many such broken-down gentry to be found, who lived on their wits and hung about taverns, but in these days, when an actor's profession is looked upon as an honourable and high calling, we would like to know where Mr. Buchanan gets Mr. Brookfield's seedy actor from. Mr. Kemble, as a confidential clerk, plays excellently, in a genial, unpretentious style, which elicited warm favour. Miss Minnie Terry, as Gretchen, is one of the most delightful children we have ever seen on the stage. She does not seem to be acting, or to have been coached like a parrot, but plays her little part in a thoroughly natural manner, as if she felt and enjoyed what she is doing. Beginning like this at the age of six, we may almost say Miss Minnie Terry is a born actress. If our readers want to weep they had better go to the Haymarket, for every other person in the audience seems unable to restrain their feelings, and they have scarcely any comedy to relieve them from "those tears."

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Miss Minnie Terry, to whom we have alluded above, is a daughter of Mr. Charles Terry, brother of Miss Ellen Terry and Miss Marion Terry, and also of Misses Kate and Florence Terry, who retired from the stage on their marriage. This pretty child is the fifth generation of Terry's who have been, or are, connected with the stage. This is not her first engagement, for at the age of three she assisted in Miss Fortescue's repertoire at the Standard, Grand, Crystal Palace, and Haymarket theatres. She is one of the few children not made precocious by appearing before the public. The Haymarket audiences are already in love with her. Miss Margaret Terry (Mrs. Charles Terry), her mother, was for some time a member of the Compton Comedy and other companies.

Bro. Lord Magheramorne presided at the first meeting after the Christmas recess of the Metropolitan Board of Works on Friday, the 6th inst., when the subject of the construction of theatres was considered, and it was resolved that the question should be postponed till June, in order that the new Board might have an opportunity of dealing with it.



A Masonic Ball will be given under the auspices of the Scientific Lodge at the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Thursday, the 26th inst.

Bro. Cochran-Patrick took his seat for the first time, and transacted business as Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, on Thursday, the 5th instant.

Bro. C. J. Stuart-Wortley, M.P., Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, addressed a political meeting at Lincoln on Thursday, the 5th instant.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., will preside at a dinner of the Constitutional Union, which will take place in London on Wednesday, the 8th February next.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, arrived at Portsmouth on Saturday morning last, and made an inspection of the dockyard extension works.

The Duchess of Albany, after spending Christmas with the Queen at Osborne, left the Isle of Wight on board the Royal yacht *Alberta* for Portsmouth, and proceeded thence with her children to Frogmore.

The refreshment rooms over the whole system of the London and South-Western Railway Company have passed into the hands of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and henceforth the comforts of travellers by this line and its branches will be well cared for.

The German Emperor has addressed to the Masonic lodge at Rostock, Mecklenburg, a letter of congratulation on the 75th anniversary of its foundation. He says: "Freemasonry constitutes a true element of the religious sentiment, and works for the well-being of humanity."

The first of the benefit performances by the Mohawk Minstrels in aid of the fund for the artists of the late Grand Theatre, Islington, took place at the Royal Agricultural Hall on Friday, the 6th inst. There was a very large audience and a capital programme, the result being a contribution of £75 to the fund.

Bros. the Earl of Londesborough, Sir Morell Mackenzie, Sir John Bennett, Bancroft, Thos. Thorne, L. Rignold, David James, Lionel Brough, W. Rignold, and W. Ganz were among the guests who were present at the Baddeley Cake celebration at Drury Lane Theatre on Friday, the 6th instant.

The next house dinner of the City Carlton Club will take place on Thursday, the 2nd February next, when the chair will be occupied by Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Halsbury) will be the principal guest.

The marriage of Miss Violet Bethell, only daughter of the Hon. Slingsby Bethell, with Mr. Archibald Hicks Beach, eldest son of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, was solemnized at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on Thursday, the 5th inst., in the presence of a numerous and fashionable congregation.

The Emulation Lodge of Improvement will hold its annual festival on Friday, the 24th February, when we have no doubt, as in former years, a large and successful gathering will take place. At the last meeting, Bro. Thos. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. T. Kentish, Secretary. The Committee remain the same, viz., Bros. W. A. Dawson, R. C. Sudlow, and F. R. Spaul.

Bro. the Earl of Londesborough presided at a meeting of the executive Committee of the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the conflagration at the Grand Theatre, held in the rooms of the Actors' Benevolent Fund, Adelphi, on the 6th inst., Bros. J. L. Toole, Wilson Barrett, Edward Terry, and E. Ledger being present. It was stated that about £1200 more will be required in order to meet the more pressing claims on the fund.

At a recent conclave of the Pittsburg Commandery of Knights Templar, No. 1, Pa., all the Past E.C.'s were presented with jewels commemorative of their services while presiding over the commandery, no such recognition having been previously given. The presentation was made by Sir Knight Lee S. Smith, G. Commander of Pennsylvania. This commandery was chartered in September, 1847, and has had 31 E. Commanders, of whom eight are deceased and three have resigned, so that 20 still remain on the roll as subscribing members.

The Earl of Carnarvon, as Pro Grand Master of the English Freemasons, received a Masonic deputation at Government House yesterday morning. Sir William Clarke, as head of the Craft in Victoria, introduced the following members of the deputation to his lordship:—Dr. H. St. John Clarke, Dr. Willmott, Messrs. W. J. Runtig, W. T. C. Kelly, T. H. Lempriere, W. F. Lamony, and J. F. Crane. Lord Carnarvon was formally welcomed to the colony, and accepted an invitation to lunch with the members of the Masonic body on Monday next, the 14th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, at 2 p.m. Tickets for the luncheon may be obtained from the District Grand Secretary, Mr. T. H. Lempriere, and are limited in number. Brethren are to appear in full Masonic Craft clothing and morning dress. Lord Carnarvon has also accepted an invitation to dine with the members of the Masonic Club, on a date to be hereafter appointed.—*Melbourne Argus*, November 8th, 1887.

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.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress gave a children's fancy dress ball at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, which proved a most successful gathering.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, attended a large political meeting at Teddington on Wednesday evening.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Master, and the Countess of Carnarvon have arrived at Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, in the course of their Australian tour.

The Duchess of Albany has consented to act as a patroness of the fancy dress ball, to be held on the 9th February next, in aid of the funds of the North London or University College Hospital.

A society paper states that in the Billingsgate Ward there are four churches, whose incumbents receive upwards of £2000 a year, but whose united congregations amount to 197 persons, 97 of whom are paid officials.

We are glad to note that Richard Frowd Dampier-Child, son of Bro. Dampier-Child, P.M. 1869, P.J.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, &c., has been successful in gaining an entrance exhibition to Bradford College, Berks.

We are sorry to hear of the death of the eldest surviving son of Bro. J. B. Boucher, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey, &c., under very distressing circumstances, in America.

The customary offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh were made on behalf of the Queen in the Chapel Royal, St. James's, on the 6th inst., being the Feast of the Epiphany.

According to a statement in the Philadelphia *Keystone*, the Masonic Fair in New York has resulted in a clear benefit of 70,000 dollars (£14,000) to the Asylum Fund of the Grand Lodge of New York.

H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales completed his 24th year on Sunday last, having been born on the 8th January, 1864. The bells at Windsor pealed out merrily in the morning in honour of the event.

Princess Christian on Thursday gave another dinner to the children of the Windsor poor. Her Royal Highness and the Prince were both present during the dinner. The dinners will be continued every Wednesday and Friday during the winter season.

Bro. Sir Charles W. Dilke, Bart., delivered a long and interesting lecture in the Chelsea Town Hall, on Wednesday evening, the subject being old, or "Historical" Chelsea. There was a large audience, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was voted by acclamation to the lecturer.

The Queen, through Sir S. P. Fane, of the Lord Chamberlain's department, has expressed to the Chief Commissioner of Metropolitan Police her desire to present £100 to be divided among the 42 constables who so carefully guarded her Majesty's Jubilee presents while on exhibition at St. James's Palace.

A grand dinner was given in honour of Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., and Lady Randolph Churchill by Prince Dolgoroukoff, Governor-General of Moscow, on Saturday evening last, the guests present on the occasion including the *élite* of Moscow Society.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince Albert Victor and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, were present at a special meet of the West Norfolk Hunt at Sandringham on Saturday last, the principal guests of their Royal Highnesses also taking part in the sport. Bro. Sir Charles Warren arrived at Sandringham on a visit the same day.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom have been this week receiving a large number of guests at Lathom House, Omskirk, in honour of the visit to Lancashire of the Prime Minister and Marchioness of Salisbury, among the more distinguished visitors being Bro. the Earl and Countess of Crawford, Bro. Lord and Lady Stanley of Preston, Bro. P. Egerton Warburton, and others.

On Saturday afternoon last, after the Court of Aldermen had concluded their business at Guildhall, the members met in one of the Committee rooms, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser, for the purpose of presenting to Mr. W. J. Soulsby, who has been private secretary to successive Lord Mayors during a period of 12 years, a testimonial consisting of a silver tea service, an illuminated address, and a purse of money, in recognition of his faithful and valuable services in that capacity.

The Apprentices' Exhibition at the People's Palace at Mile End, which was opened by the Prince of Wales, on the 10th October last, was closed on Saturday, the 7th inst. Upwards of 83,000 persons visited it, the receipts, consisting of small amounts of 1d. and 2d., amounting to £900, and as the Drapers' Company have promised £100 towards the expenses, the latter, amounting to about £1000, will be met almost entirely.

The foundation stone of Temple Bar was laid by Lady Meux, on Saturday last, in the presence of a large number of visitors—among whom was Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie—and inhabitants of the neighbourhood. The Bar was some time since presented by the Corporation of London to Sir H. B. Meux, Bart., of Theobald's Park, Walham Cross, Herts, on condition that he should have it re-erected at one of the entrances to his park. It was erected on its original site in 1671 to mark the boundary between the Cities of London and Westminster, having been built from designs by Sir Christopher Wren. A few years ago it was taken down in order that the Strand and Fleet-street might be widened, and it is expected that the work of re-construction will be completed in the course of a few months.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Watch the Weather.—This is perhaps the best counsel that could be circulated at this season. Will it follow it? Will everyone change his raiment as the temperature varies? The next best advice is to have in readiness a box of Holloway's Pills, and with them to oppose the first intrusion, or stop the advancing symptoms of disease. No cold, catarrh, or cough should be left to itself; either may lay the foundation to danger if not undermined by suitable means, and none can surpass Holloway's for efficacy. Hayfever, asthma, diarrhoea, and a host of other complaints, waylaying the weak and delicate, when the day is hot with cool mornings and evenings, are cured by Holloway's medicine.—*ADVT.*

Amongst those brethren who followed the remains of our late Bro. McNeill from Charing Cross to Euston Station were Bro. Kay, P.M. 742, and Bro. J. E. Shand, P.M. and Sec. 1563 and 2020, who brought from the members of the Camden Club, of which Bro. McNeill was a member, a very handsome wreath.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser gave the usual Plow Monday banquet to the Officers of the Corporation of London at the Mansion House on Monday evening.

Bro. the Marquis of Carmarthen, M.P., has resigned the office of Assistant Private Secretary (unpaid) to Sir H. Holland, Bart., M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies, and is succeeded by Sir J. S. Maxwell, Bart.

In our last issue we stated that Bro. W. Boyce of the United Mariners Lodge, No. 30, was installed as W.M., we should have said *elected*, and that Bro. J. E. Harling was elected Treasurer.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., having concluded his visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham, returned to town on Monday, and the following day left Devonshire House for Lancashire.

Bro. the Earl of Stair presided at the dinner given to Sir Henry James, M.P., by the West of Scotland Imperial Union Club at St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, on Monday last, Bro. the Earl of Fife being also among the principal guests.

Comp. S. J. Quinn is the present G.H. Priest, and Comp. W. B. Isaacs the Grand Secretary of the Grand R.A. Chapter of Virginia, which has an aggregate membership of 1384 companions.

The 29th Annual Conclave of the G. Commandery of Knights Templar in Wisconsin was held at Milwaukee, on the 11th October, 1887, when Sir Knight N. B. Rundle was elected G. Commander, and Sir Knight John W. Leflin, G. Recorder.

La Chaine d'Union for the current month of January, contains a full account of the installation meeting of our Lodge La France, No. 2060, which was held on the 5th December last, nearly all the principal speeches being reported at length.

The "Freemasons' Diary," published by George Kenning, gives in a concise form a vast amount of information that will be interesting to every member of the Craft. Masons travelling in this country or abroad will find it the handiest possible guide to existing lodges.—*Daily Chronicle*.

In our report of the meeting of the Caledonian Lodge, No. 204, at Manchester, last week we stated that Bro. Martin Thomas was initiated in the Lodge of Charity, No. 350. We are informed that this is incorrect; he was initiated in the Derby Lodge, No. 1055. Bro. Thomas was a joining member of No. 350.

According to *La Chaine d'Union* for the current month the *Bunderblatt*, which is the organ of the G. National Lodge of the Three Globes, at Berlin, had in one of its recent numbers an article, in which it was laid down that in order to be admitted as a member of a Masonic lodge it is necessary to be a good christian.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Yarrowburgh Lodge, 554 (which meets at the Green Dragon, Stepney), Bro. W. Murrin, the I.P.M., most ably installed his successor, Bro. John Lothian Anderson, as W.M. Bro. J. J. Berry was again invested Treasurer, and Bro. G. W. Very, re-appointed Secretary.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to whom the work entitled "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," was dedicated, by permission, has been pleased to accept a copy, presented by the author, Bro. John Lane, P.M. 1402, P. Prov. G. Registrar of Devon, and Bro. Colonel Clerke, Grand Secretary, has expressed the thanks of the M.W. Grand Master for the gift.

In our report last week of the Covent Garden Lodge meeting, Bro. Gottlieb is reported as stating that he had been appointed, by the M.W.G.M., D.G.M. of the Eastern Archipelago, whereas it should have been that he had received the Past Rank of A.G.D.C. in commemoration of the Jubilee year; also we would point out that, instead of the lodge meeting four times a year, it should have been once a month.

Bro. Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., was the recipient, at the meeting of the Mallet and Chisel Mark Lodge on Monday, the 2nd inst., of a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge. It was gratefully acknowledged that its present position was due to the energy and zeal of Bro. Lott, who had in a short time restored it from an almost moribund state to its proper position amongst the Mark lodges of the Metropolis. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

A regular communication of the Dist. G. Lodge of Northern China was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 22nd September last, under the presidency of Bro. J. I. Miller, District G. Master, among the District Grand Officers and other brethren present being Bros. C. H. Dallas, Past District G.M. Japan; T. W. Kingamill, Deputy District G.M.; J. Morris, D.S.G.W.; R. D. Starkey, D.J.G.W.; W. H. Short, D.G. Treas.; A. M. A. Evans, District G. Reg.; J. Findley, Present District Board of General Purposes; G. M. Hart, District Grand Secretary; F. J. Marshall, as D.S.G.D.; A. B. Menzies, as D.J.G.D.; T. F. Hough, D.G.D.C.; G. E. Wickham, as D.G.S.B.; R. W. Astill, G.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Mansfield, D.G. Stwd., as D.G. Org.; F. M. Gratton, D.A.G. Sec.; J. West, D.G.P.; J. Fryer, D.A.G.P.; S. R. Gale, C. W. Ure, and R. E. Toeg, D.G. Stwds.; and C. Merritt, D.G. Tyler; the representatives of sundry lodges, and a number of visitors, among whom were the Worshipful Master and some officers and members of the Ancient Landmark Lodge of the Massachusetts Constitution. District Grand Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous regular and certain special communications read and confirmed, the report of the District Board of Benevolence was adopted. The by-laws having been considered, and adopted as revised, with a few slight alterations, the District Grand Master delivered a brief address, and District Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed with the accustomed formalities.