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Grand Lodge and the London Poor. THE £500 voted by Grand Lodge in December last towards the relief of the London Poor has been distributed by the GRAND SECRETARY, in accordance with the directions of H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, M.W.G.M. A cheque for £100 has been forwarded to the Mansion House Fund for providing Pleasure Gardens for the Poor in crowded localities; a second £100 has been equally apportioned between the Poor Boxes at the Mansion House and Guildhall Police Courts; and the remaining £300 has been distributed in sums of £25 each among the Poor Boxes at the 12 Metropolitan Police Courts. It is difficult to suggest any mode of appropriation to which fewer exceptions can be taken. The contribution to the Mansion House Fund for providing Pleasure Gardens will assist in promoting what will prove permanently beneficial to the poor, while we may be certain, as regards the remaining portion of the grant, that the kindly and experienced Magistrates who preside at our City and Metropolitan Police Courts will administer it carefully, so that only those who are really deserving objects of Charity will have a share in its appropriation.

Now that the regular meeting for the current month of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has been held, we know the number of candidates whose claims to be admitted to the benefits of this Charity have been recognised and whose names, therefore, will appear in the lists for the annual election in May next as well as the number of vacancies which are so far available for competition amongst them. The outlook as regards the candidates is the reverse of encouraging, there being 67 for the Male Fund and 64 for the Widows' Fund, while, as regards the vacancies, there will be, including in both cases the three deferred annuitants, 11 on the Male Fund and 4 on the Widows' Fund to be filled. Of course between now and the third Friday in May, there is the probability that these latter figures will be increased, but even if the average rate of mortality amongst old people should be exceeded, it is clear that, as has been the case for many successive years, the disproportion between the number of candidates for election and the number to be elected will be exceptionally great. There are now 131 candidates, of whom 15 (including the deferred annuitants) will be elected in May; in other words, there are 8½ applicants for every vacancy which will be then available; and even if the number of vacancies should be doubled between now and the day of election, there will still be 130 applicants for 30 vacancies, or 4½ of the former for every one of the latter. Our only consolation in these circumstances is that the position of affairs is somewhat less alarming than it was at the corresponding period of 1887, when, with as nearly as possible the same number of applicants—though differently distributed as regards the two funds—there were only nine vacancies, including the three deferred, on the Male Fund, and not a single immediate vacancy, but only the three deferred, on the Widows' Fund. This, however, is but a poor consolation, or, we should say, rather, it is no consolation at all. In January, 1887 we were looking forward to the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, and had every confidence—a confidence which we rejoice to say was amply realised—that so auspicious an event would be the means of bringing extra grist to the mill in the case of each of our Charities. In January, 1888, there is no such agreeable prospect to look forward to, while, as regards the Benevolent Institution, it labours under the two-fold disadvantage of having, in the first place, a largely increased amount to provide for the year's annuities—£14,384, exclusive of the half annuities which are constantly varying in number, as against £13,384: and in the second place, in its appeals to the brethren for support, it will experience a more than ordinarily formidable rivalry from the Girls' School, which this year celebrates the centenary of its institution, and is very properly putting forth unusual efforts to do honour to so rare and so momentous an event. But Bro. TERRY is about the last man in the world to be deterred by any difficulties, no matter how serious they may be, from fulfilling the duties and responsibilities which annually devolve upon him. This year his task is to see that the aforementioned £14,384 to be distributed amongst the 178 male and 227 widow annuitants is forthcoming, together with some £300 for half annuities, the permanent income being about sufficient to defray

the expenses of management and leave a tolerable margin for unforeseen contingencies. The source to which he must look for the bulk of this £14,700 for Annuities is the Anniversary Festival, which will take place on Wednesday, the 29th February, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, and the question we have to ask ourselves is—What likelihood is there of his succeeding? Is there a reasonable prospect that he will be able to announce on the eventful evening the subscription of the requisite amount? In attempting an answer to these questions, our only criterion to go by is the array of Stewards whose services he has enlisted, and we regret to say that at this present moment, with an interval of but little more than five weeks between now and the day appointed, the Board of Stewards is only 216 strong, whereas, at about the same date in 1887, it mustered quite 290 or even more. We bear in mind that it is not always the strongest Board—numerically speaking—which does its appointed work the most effectively, yet the difference between 216 and 290 is one that demands our serious attention, and we trust the well-known eloquence of Bro. TERRY will have the desired effect, and secure for him, between now and the 29th prox., a Board of at least average strength, even if it should not happen to be as numerous as in 1887. In that case, perhaps, we may look to see the requisite total forthcoming, but, otherwise, we fear the prospect—just at the present moment—is somewhat gloomy.

EVERY now and then we hear of inquiries being made about the plan which the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School have arranged with a view to inducing brethren to undertake the duties of Steward at the approaching Centenary Festival, the manner in which it will work, and the extent of the privileges it will secure to them. A carefully-compiled table has been issued in order to set at rest any points of doubt and difficulty which may arise; and we advise brethren, who are ignorant of the nature and extent of these privileges, to apply for copies at the offices of the Institution. However, to save trouble, and as the plan was confirmed at the Quarterly Court on Saturday last, we purpose offering a few explanations in order to make it clear to whom it may concern what special attractions in the shape of "premium votes" are offered to those who intend giving their services as Stewards at this particular Anniversary. It may be as well to state first of all that the plan, as arranged, involves no very conspicuous departure from the rules already in force, but is rather an extension of them, in order to compensate, as adequately as possible, brethren who accept the responsibilities of the Stewardship for the greater difficulties which it is certain they will have to encounter in their canvass for contributions, and the greater exertions which such difficulties will entail. At an ordinary Masonic Festival the Board of Stewards musters some 300 brethren—more or fewer—of whom probably about 30 represent only themselves, and the remaining 270, lodges or chapters, and in some cases whole provinces. Thus, while a conscientious Steward finds the task of raising subscriptions invariably hard and sometimes unpleasant, he nevertheless has a fair field to work over, and if his exertions are tolerably successful, he may hope to make a very respectable appearance in the general List of Returns. But for the Girls' Centenary, the Board of Stewards will be on a far larger scale. It numbers already some 650 brethren, and, if the cost of the Centenary Scheme is to be provided for as well as the ordinary working expenses, it should reach ultimately, if it does not exceed, a thousand. Necessarily, a fair proportion of these will be unattached, but every one must see that, with such an array of canvassers in the field, the difficulty of compiling a good list will be enormous. Under these circumstances, the Committee have wisely determined upon extending the principles already in force of rewarding brethren for their services as Stewards with a certain number of votes, which at this, as at all other Festivals, will be graduated according to the total amounts they are severally successful in raising. Only in this instance the premium votes will be allowed on a more generous scale than usual. Thus, in the case of a brother who acts as a Steward unattached, and gives a donation of 10 guineas, at an ordinary Festival he receives two votes at all elections for life in acknowledgment of his contribution, and an extra vote for his service as Steward, making in all three votes. But as Steward at the Centenary Festival he will have assigned to him five votes, which will be thus made up:—Firstly, two votes, being the number ordinarily allowed to a brother who contributes the minimum sum carrying with it qualification as a Life Governor, that is to say, 10 guineas; one premium vote for acting as Steward, and two additional premium votes, being one for each complete sum of five guineas. Should he contribute a sum of 25 guineas, he will receive, instead of the six votes ordinarily allotted to a brother making such a donation, 13 votes, thus made up; namely: five votes for his money payment, one vote for his Stewardship, together with five premium votes, being one for each completed five guineas, and two "list" premium votes for the one completed sum of 20 guineas, which

his list contains. In the event of his giving 40 guineas, then in addition to the nine votes ordinarily allotted to him, he will receive 12 premium votes, namely, eight votes, being one for each of the eight completed sums of five guineas, and four "list" votes, being two for each of the two completed sums of 20 guineas, thereby contained in his list, the total number of votes to be allowed in this case being 21, made up of nine ordinary, and 12 premium votes, as already shown. But if we suppose that our brother Steward represents a lodge or chapter, or a province of lodges or chapters, and that in addition to his own personal donation (say) of 20 guineas, he is successful in raising from his fellow members a sum of (say) 50 guineas, making the total of his list 70 guineas (£73 10s.). At an ordinary Festival such a Steward would be allowed four votes for his personal donation, one vote for his Stewardship, and two votes, being one for each completed sum of 25 guineas *in excess of* his personal donation, making in all 7 votes. A Centenary Steward, however, will receive, first of all, four votes for his personal donation, one vote for his Stewardship, and in addition the following premium votes, namely: four votes, being one vote for each of the four completed sums of five guineas contained in his personal donation, and six votes, being two votes for each of the three completed sums of 20 guineas contained in his *gross* list of 70 guineas; making in all 15 votes. Should the brother, in this or in any of the other cases we have imagined, have served already as a Steward, he will be allowed one more additional vote in accordance with the prescriptions of Law 24, Clause 1. In any circumstances, it will be clear to our readers that the services of the Centenary Festival Stewards will be generously recognised, yet not in such a manner as to give cause for offence to brethren who have acted, or may in future act, as Stewards at ordinary Anniversaries.

The Late Bro. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G. OUR readers will be as much surprised as grieved at the announcement we make elsewhere of the unexpected death of Bro. Alderman Sir JOHN STAPLES, K.C.M.G., ex-Lord Mayor of London, and P.G.D. of England. In the early part of last week our respected brother was well and active as usual in the discharge of his multifarious duties. Towards the close it became known that he had been taken somewhat seriously ill, and then, almost before his friends had had time to realise that he was in any danger, came the sad intelligence of his death, which took place at his residence, Regent's Park, early on Monday morning, in the 73rd year of his age. As a citizen of London the late Alderman had been before the public for many years, had filled many high offices, including those of Sheriff of London and Middlesex in 1877 and Lord Mayor of London in 1885-6, with signal credit, and enjoyed the respect and esteem, not only of his own immediate circle of friends, but likewise of all with whom he had had business or official relations. During his year of office as Lord Mayor, the hospitalities of the Mansion House were dispensed with an ever generous hand, while in the discharge of his various duties, and especially in his earnest efforts for the relief of the unemployed London poor, he showed himself in every way the equal of the best and noblest among his predecessors. As a Mason, Sir JOHN STAPLES had had only a brief experience, his connection with our Society dating back only as recently as the year 1881. But in the comparatively brief interval that has since elapsed, he had worthily occupied the chair of St. Botolph's Lodge, of which he was founder and first W.M., for two years, had served as Z. of Aldersgate Chapter, and was a Life Governor and past Festival Steward of all the Masonic Charities. As a mark of his appreciation of these services, the Prince of WALES, as G.M., was pleased to include our late brother among those on whom Masonic Jubilee honours were conferred, and there is no doubt that, had Sir JOHN'S life been further prolonged, he would have secured an even larger share than he already enjoyed of the esteem and respect of his brethren in Masonry. However, he has gone from our midst, at a ripe age and well laden with honours, and though his place will know him no more, the memory of his many virtues and the services he rendered both as a citizen and as a Mason will abide among us for yet many a day. We have lost a good man, but the good that he achieved will remain as a testimony to his worth and as an incentive to others to follow in his footsteps.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Quarterly General Court of the above Institution was held on Saturday, the 14th inst. Present: Bro. H. B. Marshall, J.P., Past Grand Treasurer, Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair; Bros. William Roebuck, J. H. Matthews, Edgar Bowyer, Ralph Clutton, Frederick Binckes, J. S. Cumberland, H. A. Hunt, J. Terry, Thomas Massa, C. H. Webb, Peter de Lande Long, William Masters, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

The minutes of the last Quarterly General Court were read and confirmed, which included the resolutions relating to the special advantage to Stewards for the coming Centenary Festival of the Institution.

The following resolution, which stood in the name of Bro. J. L. Mather, was, in that brother's absence, proposed by Bro. Matthews, and carried.

"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 words 'Courts,' in second line, to add 'on the Saturday following the last Friday.'"

The object being to bring the Laws of this Institution into conformity with the Report of a joint Committee of the three Institutions, which was approved by the Court at the October meeting, and which recommended that the Quarterly General Courts of the Boys' School should be held on the third Friday in January, April, July, and October; that those of the Girls' be held on the Saturdays following; and that the Annual General

Meeting and Election of the Benevolent be held on the Monday following the last Friday in April.

The above resolution does not of course come into force unless confirmed at a subsequent Court, and it will be seen that in order to achieve the objects of the Joint Courts, it is dependent on the action of the other two Institutions.

Forty-two (42) candidates were placed upon the list for the April Election, and 11 vacancies were declared.

A resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., was also passed.

The proceedings were closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE JUBILEE FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL, 1838.

At the present time, when every Freemason is directing his attention to the approaching Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, when the General Committee is busy organising its plans for the reconstruction and extension of the premises, when the Board of Stewards is mustering in its strength, and the members are preparing to canvass their friends, and, above all, when everyone is hoping that the modest proceeds of the Celebration, estimated variously at between £30,000 and £40,000, will be realised, it will not be out of place if we lay before our readers a brief account of the Jubilee Festival of the same Institution. That auspicious event was celebrated on the 16th May, 1838, but though the School was as deservedly popular then as it is now, though the appeals of the Stewards were as generously answered, and though the scene was as brilliant and successful as the most enthusiastic well-wishers of the Charity could have desired, the reader must not run away with the idea that the Jubilee, except in those particulars and as regards the benevolent purpose for which it was held, bore any resemblance to what, from a long series of astounding successes, we are accustomed to associate with the Anniversary Festivals of our different Institutions. In 1838, the Girls' School, then situated in St. George's Fields, was on a very modest scale. Its income and expenditure, for ordinary purposes, amounted to about £2000, and the number of children it accommodated was under 70. The education was of a very elementary character, and the girls, on leaving, were in the majority of cases apprenticed to small trades or domestic service. Far be it from us to suggest that its affairs were less ably administered, that the objects of its solicitude were less tenderly cared for, that its requirements were less readily met, or that, as an Institution, it was a less noble testimony to the benevolent instincts of our Fraternity than the greater, more costly, and more ambitious Institution of to-day. Our Society, as compared with what it was in the year of the Queen's Coronation, has grown almost out of all knowledge, so that living Masons who were members of our lodges at that epoch must have some difficulty in recognising it as the same body. As a consequence, our two Schools have been altered and adapted to the ever-increasing requirements of later generations of brethren. Their growing expenditure has been annually met by larger contributions; their inmates have been augmented in number, and for the plain English education of by-gone days has been substituted a sound middle-class training which enables those who undergo it to aspire to something higher than domestic service. But, after all, these are changes which everyone must have foreseen were inevitable, and we refer to them chiefly because, whatever else may be said in praise or dispraise of English Masons as a body, there is no doubt they have been actuated by the purest benevolence in the conduct of their Institutions.

All this, however, has little or nothing to do with the Jubilee, which, as we have said already, was celebrated on the 16th May, 1838. It had been expected that the Duke of Sussex, G. Master and President of the Institution, would occupy the chair, but circumstances unfortunately prevented this, and the place of his Royal Highness was taken by Bro. Lord Worsley, M.P.—afterwards Earl of Yarborough—the S.G. Warden of the year, than whom it would have been difficult to find an abler or a worthier President among the brethren of that day. According to the account in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, his lordship was supported by his father, Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, P.G.M. Isle of Wight; "a large assembly of Grand Officers; and other brethren, amounting to nearly three hundred." After the usual loyal and other toasts had been honoured, there followed the interesting episode which then constituted the most attractive part of the proceedings, but has since been omitted in deference to the altered tastes of the day—we allude to the procession of the children, which as the *Review* tells us, "was headed by the Board of Stewards; then followed the Treasurer leading in two of the youngest children, afterwards the General School, and lastly, their Guardians, the House Committee." Then "after parading round the hall, the children were marshalled upon the platform, so as to give the company an opportunity of observing their neat and even elegant appearance." A hymn followed, composed for the occasion by Bro. Sir G. Smart, G. Organist, and sung by the children, and then the Chairman gave the toast of the evening, laying stress in the course of his speech on the benefits conferred by the Institution, and pointing out, among other things, that during the 50 years of its existence, it had "clothed, supported, and educated" some "five hundred poor and orphan children of worthy and respected Brother Masons," who, "with scarcely a partial exception" had "become useful and respected members of Society." The toast was acknowledged by Bro. B. B. Cabbell, P.G.W., President of the Board of Stewards, and other toasts having been given and responded to, a list of donations and subscriptions "amounting to nearly £1000" was read out "amidst much confusion," and the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

It should be added that the Board of Stewards consisted of 57 brethren, of whom all but two were members of London Lodges. Bro. Cabbell was its President, and among the Vice-Presidents were Bros. the Rev. John Vane, G. Chap.; W. C. Clarkson, the last G. Treasurer of the "Ancient" G. Lodge; and H. J. Prescott, the J.G. Warden of the year; the Treasurer being Bro. W. H. Smith, of the Lodge of Antiquity; and the Hon. Secretary, Bro. D. Callington, the W.M. of the Burlington Lodge. It will also, no doubt, interest our readers to know that the Dowager Queen Adelaide was the Patroness of the Institution, that a medal to commemorate the occasion was struck, and that a day was set apart later on for the children to celebrate the event, the Patronesses and Governors being present and helping the children to enjoy themselves to their hearts' content, several of the children whose time had expired having been specially permitted by the House Committee to remain and participate in the rejoicings.

As regards the more important celebration to which we are looking forward, we trust the anticipations of success will be realised, and that at least as many brethren will give their services as Stewards for the Centenary in 1888 as there were pounds subscribed for the Jubilee in 1838.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly General Court of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 16th inst. Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., presided, and there were present Bros. W. Pannell, W. Whittley, John L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B.; H. Venn, T. Hastings Miller, F. Adlard, and F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., Sec.

The minutes of the October Quarterly General Court having been read and confirmed, and those of the General Committee read for information, the following motion, of which notice had been given, was, on the motion of Bro. J. L. MATHER, seconded by Bro. T. HASTINGS MILLER, unanimously agreed to, namely:—

“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.”

On the motion of Bro. J. L. Mather, seconded by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, it was resolved—“That at the Quarterly General Court on the 16th April next, 15 boys shall be elected from an approved list of 65 candidates.”

A vote of thanks to the chairman having been passed, the Court adjourned.

DEATH OF BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JOHN STAPLES, K.C.M.G.

Bro. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., P.G.D. England, whose death occurred at his residence, Avenue-road, St. John's Wood, on Monday morning, after only a few days' illness, was initiated into Masonry in Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, in the year 1881. In 1883 he took part in founding the St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020, and was installed its first W.M. early in January of the following year. At the close of his term of office he was unanimously re-elected. In November, 1885, he was installed in office as Lord Mayor, and, following the example of preceding Lord Mayors, who were also Freemasons, gave a grand banquet at the Mansion House a short time previous to his vacating office to the Grand Officers, both Present and Past, of United Grand Lodge, and to the lodges and chapter of which he was a member, namely, Grand Master's, No. 1, St. Botolph's, No. 2020, and the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657. At the Masonic celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, Bro. Staples, who in the meantime had had conferred upon him by her Majesty the distinction of a Knight Commandership of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, for his civic services, was among the distinguished members of the fraternity on whom the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., was graciously pleased to confer the rank and privileges of a Past Grand Officer of United Grand Lodge, and was made a Past Grand Deacon, a corresponding honour in the Royal Arch Degree being conferred upon him at the Quarterly Convocation in August, when he was appointed a Past Grand Principal Sojourner of Supreme Grand Chapter. The deceased had also rendered efficient services to our Charitable



Institutions, having constituted himself a Life Governor of all three, and having served four Festival Stewardships, namely, one for the Girls' School, one for the Benevolent Institution, and two for the Boys' School. In his civic capacity the late Alderman was much esteemed and respected. After serving for many years as a member of the Court of Common Council, he was, on the death of Alderman Besley in 1877, unanimously elected his successor as Alderman for the Ward of Aldersgate, and the same year served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex in conjunction with our late Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage. In November, 1885, he was chosen Lord Mayor of London, and in recognition of his services in that capacity the Queen was pleased to create him a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George, this particular distinction having been no doubt chosen for the generous hospitality shown by our late brother to the representatives of our Colonies and India who visited the old country in such considerable numbers during the time the Colonial and Indian Exhibition was open. He also was the means of raising a large sum—between £80,000 and £90,000—for the relief of the unemployed in London, and was a member of the Court of Lieutenancy for London, a Governor of the several Royal Hospitals, and a member of the Metropolitan Board of Works. The late Alderman and ex-Lord Mayor was in the 73rd year of his age, but till within a few days of his death had taken an active part in his duties.

The portrait given above appeared in Wednesday's *City Press*, and has been kindly lent by the proprietors of that journal.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

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

(Continued from page 15).

In March, 1820, a Special House Committee was called for the purpose of considering a proposal to enlarge the premises, and on this recommendation it was resolved to build two additional rooms at a cost not exceeding £150. The plans were submitted to the Duke of Sussex and approved, and thereupon the necessary steps were taken to carry them into execution. A separate fund was established, and a circular to the lodges inviting subscriptions was issued. But sundry delays occurred, due in the first instance to a desire that the Annual Festival might be held before operations were commenced, and then to the resignation of Secretary Hucklebridge, and the circumstances necessitating it. It was not, therefore, till the following year that tenders for the work were invited, and one of these, involving an outlay of £119, having been accepted, the additional rooms were rapidly built and made ready for occupation. In the meantime, however, the Committee had been seriously harassed in their duties. In October, 1820, Secretary Hucklebridge tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and he was requested to continue in his office till Christmas. The following month it transpired that Hucklebridge had been embezzling the moneys of the Institution; a particularly flagrant instance being his non-payment of the annual premium for fire insurance, amounting to £9 5s. This sum he promptly made good, but his other defalcations were such that, at a Special Court on the 30th November, a vote of thanks, which had been awarded him in 1816, but never formally presented, was burnt in open Court, and it was ordered that he should be reported to Grand Lodge, and in the event of his not making good the amount he had appropriated, that he should be prosecuted. About the same time Bro. Parker resigned the office of Collector, though in his case there were no unpleasant circumstances attending his retirement, and in April, 1821, the General Committee voted him his accustomed year's gratuity of £5 5s. The new officers were Bro. John Hair, who succeeded Hucklebridge, and Bro. James Osborne, who was appointed Collector in succession to Bro. Parker.

On 28th June, 1821, on the motion of Captain Deans, it was resolved that in future only one day should be set apart for the Annual Festival, and that the selection of such day should be left to the Duke of Sussex as President. At the same meeting the Matron reported that two of the children, who had been attacked with scarlet fever, had been removed to the Fever Hospital in Gray's-Inn-road, and five days later it was reported on the same authority that nine more children had been attacked and removed to the same hospital, and it was ordered that other girls reported as indisposed should be removed to lodgings. Fortunately, owing to the prompt measures taken by the Matron and the skill and unremitting attention of the medical officers, the outbreak soon ran its course, and without fatal consequences to any of the children, and at the Quarterly Court in the October following, a resolution of thanks was unanimously passed to the physicians and surgeons of the Institution for their services during the continuance of the outbreak.

With the above exceptions, the Minutes during this period contain but little to interest us. At the same Court in October, 1821, it was resolved “That, in future, candidates may be elected into the School to fill up any vacancy that shall occur on or before the first regular day on which the House Committee meets subsequent to the General Court at which such election may take place.” In March of the following year the General Committee determined that the names of children whom they considered specially worthy of support should be posted in the Committee and School Rooms on the day of the election. In April, on the motion of Bro. the Rev. S. S. Coleman, it was agreed “That the Certificate of Parochial Settlement shall be filled up and signed by the Minister and Churchwardens or Overseers of the Parish to which the Child belongs,” it being subsequently provided that in the event of the settlement certificate not being obtainable, the signatures of two responsible persons should be deemed sufficient. In June of the same year a candidate was rejected under unusual circumstances, the child's father who tendered the petition being a bricklayer's labourer. On inquiry it was found that the man occupied the same position when he was initiated into Masonry, and thereupon the General Committee, on the motion of Bro. James Deans, jun., voted that the petition was inadmissible on the reasonable ground “that the Charity was not intended for Persons under the circumstance of the Petitioner, but rather for such as may have been reduced in their situation in life.” Other resolutions affecting the candidature of children included one passed in September, 1822, requiring that a child's certificate of health should be signed by one of the medical officers of the Institution in the event of her being in London, or, if living in the country, by the surgeon in her neighbourhood. At the Quarterly Court on 9th January, 1823, a candidate's name was removed from the list in accordance with the rule requiring that no child should be received into the Institution from a Poor House, and it was at the same time resolved that, after the month of April following, the minimum age for admission should be eight years.

(To be continued.)

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To Correspondents.

OFFICER OF P.G.L.—We do not think it advisable to insert your communication. Would it not be better to submit your views to the brethren at the next quarterly communication of Grand Lodge, when a discussion will probably arise on the vote.

Will any brother who has any books upon Freemasonry to dispose of, kindly communicate name and price to "Collector," care of the Editor.

The following communications with others unavoidably stand over:—

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1888.

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.]

MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have noticed the correspondence in the *Freemason* advising recognition of the work done by Charitable Association officers.

In the course of the year I shall be a Life-Governor of two of the Masonic Charities, and later on I hope to include the third. This has been attained by me through Charitable Associations. If I could only have acquired the same by payment of the sums down, my means would not have admitted of it. How many others are in a similar position? There has been no cost to the Charities and no trouble to their officials. The officers of the Associations have done the work, and received "a vote of thanks"—in one case which came under my notice—of some half dozen members present. I feel personally grateful to the brethren who have so kindly undertaken the work of the Associations of which I am, and have been a member, and I heartily agree with your correspondents that they should receive some fitting recognition of their arduous labours, whether it should take the form of a special jewel or Honorary Subscriptions or Governorships, or both, I will not venture an opinion, but I consider that something should be done, and that all brethren who interest themselves in the Charities, should give this matter their support, so that well directed services, ungrudgingly rendered, shall no longer be allowed to pass unrecognised.—Yours fraternally,
 LIFE-GOVERNOR.

January 18th.

MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was surprised at the appearance, in your issue of last week, of a further letter from "Zetetes," on this subject. I was under the impression that this discussion came to its natural end early in December last, when the Prov. Grand Secretary of Lincolnshire, who bore the chief part in it, said he had no need to prolong it further. No one seems to have thought it worth while to write more, nor should I have written to you again if "Zetetes" had set the example of doing what he so generously advises "St. Augustine" to do in the future, that is, "to read letters with great care before he turns critic." I am aware that, as a rule, a "tu quoque" is but a feeble rejoinder, but had "Zetetes" read my first letter before criticising it, he would have learned that I never suggested the province I was referring to "got votes without payment," but that though it had received many benefits from our Institutions during the last four years, it had been only very feebly represented at the Festivals held during that period. I have already refused to give the name of the province I had in my mind, but I may state that the facts remain as I described them, the criticisms passed upon my letters not having affected these in the slightest degree. Could I have foreseen that some of your correspondents proposed applying my comments to matters outside the original scope of the discussion, that is, "J. 174" table, I might have expressed myself somewhat differently so as to guard against any misconceptions on their part of my intention. But my description, so far as it went, would have held good in that case, as it holds good now. However, if "Zetetes" prefers his version of my statement to mine, he is welcome. I have said all in the way of defence I have to say, and there, as far as I am concerned, the matter must rest.—Fraternally yours,
 ZETA.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President; James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective positions. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee, attended from Grand Secretary's Department; and a large number of brethren were also present.

There were 38 cases on the new list, which were taken after recommendations from the December meeting, to the amount of £310, had been confirmed.

The new cases were from lodges in London, Peshawur, Newchurch, Battle, Bristol, Frome, Ilford, Kidsgrove, Oakham, Cheltenham, Putney, Jersey, Sydney, Ramsgate

Milford Haven, Swindon, Ramsey (Isle of Man), Salford, Tunbridge Wells, Wellington (New Zealand), Manchester, Grand Orient of Egypt, and Boston.

One petitioner had died since presentation of petition, nine petitions were deferred, being incomplete, and one petition was dismissed. The remaining cases were relieved as follows: There was one recommendation to Grand Lodge for £100, and four recommendations for £50 each; five to the Grand Master for £40 each, and four for £30 each; five grants of £20 each were made, one of £15, five of £10 each, one of £5, and one of £2.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of this Institution held their first regular meeting for the current year on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., presided, and there were present Bros. J. Newton, Charles Belton, W. J. Murlis, C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of Wks., Samuel Brooks, Alex. Forsyth, M.D., Louis Stean, A. H. Tattershall, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., Hugh Cotter, W. Belchamber, John E. Dawson, P.G.S.B., W. H. Perryman, G.P., and James Terry (Secretary), P.G.S.B.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of five annuitants (two males and three widows).

The Warden's report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The application of a widow for the half of her late husband's annuity having been granted, the Committee proceeded to take into consideration the petitions (21 in number—11 male and 10 widows) which had been sent in, with the result that all of them were accepted but two (one male and one widow), which were deferred for further information. Instructions having been given that the names should be entered on the list of candidates for the election in May next, a vote of thanks to the chairman was passed and the Committee adjourned.



MASONIC CALENDAR OF LODGES, COUNCILS, &c., MEETING AT 8A, RED LION-SQUARE, IN AND NEAR LONDON, 1888.

This Calendar is a veritable *multum in parvo*, and though only in its third year of issue, has "flown with a bound" to the front rank of English Masonic Directories. This year there are some 30 pages or more additional to the publication of the 2nd issue of 1887; and in consequence the interest and value have immensely increased accordingly. The extra space has been devoted to the "Succession of Grand Masters, Acting, or Pro Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Provincial Grand Masters, and other Grand Officers since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in June, 1856." How far this long description will enlighten our readers we cannot say, but perhaps, if we state that it means an exact list of over 600 names of Grand Officers from the year 1856 to 1887, with their titles and dates of appointment, arranged in chronological order, and when needful, giving the "date of death," the extent of the labour of the editor will be all the better appreciated. No name occurs on the title-page, but we presume the hard-working editor is the R.W. Bro. C. F. Mather, P.G.W., Asst. G. Sec., the publication being by "authority of the General Board," at least we may be assured that he has been the "working bee" in the preparation of these numerous and invaluable details. From its pages we glean that Lord Leigh was the first G.M., there having been ten elected since; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being the present occupant of the throne. It is remarkable to note that there has not been a break in the roll of Grand Masters as yet, but in the Hon. "Past G.M.'s" as we know, the lamented Duke of Albany, K.G., died in 1884. Out of 15 D.G.M.'s only one has died, viz., R.W. Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P. (in 1876). The first province that was formed was that of Berks and Hants in 1857, R. W. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., being Prov. G.M., the 2nd being for Devon in the same year, Leicester following as a good third in 1858, with the veteran ruler, R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, Prov. G.M. Brethren may assist the editor in forwarding to him the years of death of several he has been unable to verify, so as to complete the information as far as possible. We intend to consult the pages of the *Freemason* from 1869 to now, so as to do our part, for we feel persuaded that it will be time well occupied, accuracy being the great desideratum in all such matters. Grand Overseers were first appointed in 1860. Of Grand Secretaries, the first was Captain Collins, in 1856, who was succeeded by the R.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, in 1861, to whom Mark Masonry is so much indebted, especially during the period when it was the fashion to look down upon all additional Degrees. Grand Standard Bearers are noted first in 1864, Assistant Grand Secretaries in 1860, and Assistant Inner Guards in 1886. This issue is also especially remarkable for the number of additions to the roll of Grand Officers, in consequence of the "Jubilee honours," amounting to a total of 38; but those for the Colonies, &c., have still to be announced. So far, they have been distributed as follows: Grand Master Overseers, 4; Senior Grand Overseers, 6; Junior Grand Overseers, 6; Grand Chaplains, 2; Grand Registrar, 1; Senior Grand Deacons, 8; Junior Grand Deacons, 3; Grand Sword Bearers, 6; and Grand Standard Bearers, 2. Of lodges, &c., held in the Masonic Hall there are Nos. 1910 and 2029 (Craft), No. 2021 (Royal Arch), and Grand Master's, Grand Stewards', Bon Accord, St. Mark's, Prince of Wales's, Mallet and Chisel, Macdonald, Panmure, Era, Studholme, West Smithfield, Royal Naval, Henniker, Davison, Onslow, Ruspini, and King Solomon's (Mark lodges); also councils, conclaves, Rose Croix chapters, &c., the names of the chief officers, dates of warrants, roll of P.M.'s, times of meetings, &c., being all duly detailed, much to the advantage of the many concerned. We have left to the last our notice of the financial and numerical tables, which, to us, at all events, and, if we mistake not, to most Mark Masters, will prove most welcome information. In

1857 there were 211 certificates issued, with consequently that number of members on the roll, the total financial receipts being £64 10s. In 1887 there were 1136 certificates (the largest number was in the previous year, viz., 1461), the total number issued from the year of origin being 22,793. The receipts for the General and Benevolent Funds amounting to £3637 18s. 5d., the largest yet received in any single year. From 1863 to 1887 sums of money, amounting in all to £527 10s., have been donated to the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls', Boys', and Aged Freemasons and Widows, but only £50 to the Mark Benevolent Funds, so that the Grand Lodge cannot be accused of using their balances from time to time for the purposes of Mark Masonry only. Since 1869 nearly £2000 have been distributed through the medium of the Mark Benevolent Funds, but nearly all that large sum has been raised through the voluntary contributions of the brethren. In concluding our remarks, we must not forget to notice the calendar of meetings for 1888, which, while it must have added much to the labours of compilation, will prove very handy to the members of lodges, &c., assembling at 8A, Red Lion-square. We heartily congratulate the General Board and all concerned in the preparation of this most excellent Masonic Calendar, which has been printed at the *Freemason Works*.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HERTFORDSHIRE, 1888.

This exceedingly neat and most useful publication is edited by Bro. G. E. Lake, Prov. G. Sec., which fact, in part, doubtless accounts for the numerous interesting details to be found inside its charming blue cover. The 16 lodges, comprising the province, are under the general rule of R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., the Prov. G.M., and muster 530 members, according to the last returns, being an increase of 35, as compared with the previous tables; No. 2218, Rickmansworth, being on roll for the first time. The six Lodges of Instruction are duly enumerated, with the names of the "Instructors," and other officers, amongst whom we note Bros. Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler (for Watford), and J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C. (for Hatfield). The four Royal Arch Chapters return 76 members, the same number of Mark Lodges have a total of 62, and the K. T. Preceptory reckons 27 Knights. How it is that Royal Arch Masonry makes such a poor figure seems difficult to understand, with all the facilities at the disposal of the Craft in the province. The Prov. G. M. is the Grand Superintendent; the D. Prov. G. M. is the Prov. Grand H.; and zealous and distinguished companions like F. Summer Knyvett, G. Swd. Br.; James Terry, P.G. Std. Br.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; and others are enrolled as members of chapters in Herts. As respects the Charities, the result of an examination of the tables forming the appendix is most cheering. So many are the votes that we almost judge it to be the first in England in support of "the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's Heart," but we have not the time to run up the totals. Another time we hope this will be done for us. If all provinces were equally generous, the Secretaries of our Institutions would indeed rejoice. Again we say, "well done little Herts."

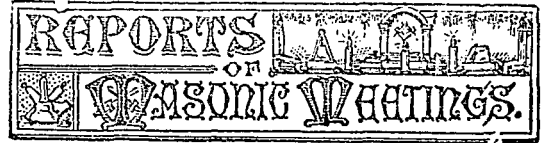
MASONIC GUIDE FOR THE COUNTY OF YORKSHIRE, AND EBORACUM MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1888.

The editor, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, ought surely to be "at home" at this kind of work, having now acted in that capacity for 12 years, and so he is. He is the host in reality, as well as the president of the feast, for, from the first he has provided the most wholesome fare at his own expense, in which respect the little brochure is issued on a different footing to any others. In N. and E. Yorkshire there are 29 lodges and 1975 members, 15 Royal Arch Chapters and 587 members, 10 Mark Lodges, and 3 Knights Templar Preceptories. In West Yorkshire there are 69 lodges and 3290 members, 38 Royal Arch Chapters and 1173 members, 10 Mark Lodges, and 8 Knights Templar Preceptories. An extraordinary amount of information is afforded with respect to all these numerous bodies, besides other additional Degrees, such as the Rose Croix, Royal Order, &c.; places of meetings, chief officers, and other particulars, and a useful Masonic Calendar adds much to the value of the compilation, as it includes the meetings of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, &c., as well as of local organizations.

THROUGH CENTRAL ASIA. By Hy. LANSDSELL, D.D. Sampson Low and Co.

Many readers will remember Dr. Henry Lansdell as the author of "Through Siberia," and "Russian Central Asia," these volumes having formed valuable additions to our knowledge of the geography, economy, and administration of the Russian territories in Asia. The present work is, as the author remarks, chiefly a personal narrative, many whole chapters, and most of the notes of the large edition being omitted. Dr. Lansdell had the good fortune to obtain what would-be travellers in Central Asia have hungered for in vain, namely, a pass granted by the Russian Government enabling him to travel almost unquestioned through the greater portion of Turkestan and Bokhara. There is no doubt that the author would have found this an absolute impossibility, despite the fact of his being a clergyman, had it not been for the semi-religious object of his journey, but going as he did under the auspices of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and being somewhat known in Russian official circles as the author of "Through Siberia," and also as a former distributor of religious publications in that country, he obtained the requisite official documents with comparative ease. But it is only fair to add that Dr. Lansdell succeeded in this respect where many other men would have failed, as there is no doubt that energy, tact, and a judicious use of opportunities had a great share in the ease and speed with which the apparently insurmountable obstacle of an "official pass" was overcome. Starting from London on June 26th, 1882, the author travelled to St. Petersburg, thence by rail to Nijni Novgorod, by steamer to Permcey, rail and post to Tuirmen, by steamer to Semipolahensk, and thence onwards by posting, through the real part of the journey, passing Tolmak, Kokan, Bokhara, and Khiva (rendered familiar by the late Colonel Burnaby's famous ride), thence on to the shores of the Caspian Sea, and finally, by steamer and rail, back to London, arriving on December 21st in the same year, the total distance travelled being 12,145 miles, including 2933 on wheels,

and 771 on horse or camel. Space will not permit our entering into any of the details of the journey, but the whole narrative is told in a most unassuming manner, yet with sufficient verve to make it exceedingly interesting to the most capricious general reader, as well as instructive to those desirous of improving their knowledge of a subject on which very little has been written, or, in fact, is known in this country. By the aid of an excellent map the reader can follow Dr. Lansdell along the whole route across Central Asia. The volume concludes with an important appendix on "The diplomacy and delimitation of the Russo-Afghan Frontier," compiled chiefly from the many Blue Books issued on the subject, and from letters from officers on the Commission which appeared in the *Times* and other papers. The author enters into a short discussion on this much vexed subject, in which he argues that Russia has gained little by the annexation of Merv in comparison with the expenditure thereby entailed, and that England ought to be thankful that she has been delivered from a position wherein it is just possible that she might have been compared to a dog in the manger that would bring no good to the Turkoman himself, nor permit others to do so.



Craft Masonry.

EMULATION LODGE (No. 21).—On Monday evening the Lord Mayor was installed Worshipful Master of the Emulation Lodge, which is one of the oldest lodges of Freemasons on the Grand Lodge of England, being No. 21 in the books of Grand Lodge. The lodge, which, in addition to its antiquity, is notorious for its admirable working of the ceremonies of the Order, meets at the Albion, where so many distinguished lodges of the Order assemble. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Arthur Hills. A large and distinguished number of brethren, especially members of the Grand Lodge, were present to do honour to his Lordship, the invited guests including the following:—Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Alderman Sir R. Hanson, P.G.W.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. (Grand Registrar); R. Grey, P.G.D. (President Board Benevolence); F. Richardson, P.G.D.; R. T. Piggot, P.G.D.; G. Burt, P.A.G.D.C.; W. M. Bywater, G.S.B.; Major G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; R. Berridge, P.M.; Alderman Savory, Major H. D. Davies (Sheriff of London and Middlesex), W. A. Higgs, (Sheriff of London and Middlesex), E. T. Zoete, F. M. Smith, F. Collier, W. Sutton, A. Day, C. Beckford, T. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Trimmer, P.M.; D. Clark, P.M.; B. Baker, P.M., P.G.D.; S. P. Norris, P.M.; E. W. Rubbeck, P.P.S.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; G. J. Eady, S.W.; R. L. S. Badham, S. Willis, K. P. Spice, P.M.; C. Mansfield, P.M.; W. Grellier, S.D.; R. St. A. Roumieu, P.M.; H. M. Grellier, J. W. Zambra, Buller, B. Bridgwater, H. L. Truman, Collins, P.M.; W. Coates, F. Clive, W. T. Evans, W. Osmond, P.M.; H. B. Marshall, P.M., Past Grand Treas.; A. Harris, W.M. 2127; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; C. D. Miller, P.M.; G. Devey, H. Samuel, A. Samuel, E. Samuel, S. Cutler, G. B. Church, J. Church, J. Levanter, J. R. Pearson, H. W. Mason, Benningfield, Menstrell, P.M.; S. Hill, P.M., Secretary; Colonel Harding, H. Baker, P.M.; E. Bristowe, P.M.; W. Towne, P.M.; A. Anderson, I. Quihampton, Geo. Kenning, P.G.D. Middx.; G. Reynolds, S.W. 1614, Sec. Anglo-American Lodge; Rev. J. H. Smith, G. Manners, C.C.; E. Taylor, A. Brookman, P.M. 1657; A. G. Browning, J. Robbins, J. T. Weldon, W. I. Raymond, P.M.; Lieut-Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M.; C. Douglas Singer, T. F. Peacock, P.M.; J. Voce Moore, C.C.; H. C. Barker, W. H. Baker, L. A. Harrison, R. C. Grant, P.M.; C. W. Sawbridge, Louis Hirsch, R. S. Charles, P. H. Waterlow, P.M.; C. H. Waterlow, G. Hakewill, P.M.; G. Singer, P.M.; W. J. Vian, P.M.; J. Wallace, Griffiths Smith, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Taylor, T. Wilson, P.M.; G. Watson, P.M.; W. Monckton, P.S. G.W. Kent; M. R. Sewill, P.M.; H. J. Reynolds, P.M.; J. C. Strong, P.M.; W. Parker, F. Mansfield, E. Gamman, C. Monckton, P.M.; H. C. Brunning, P.M., J.W.; and R. Hovenden, I.G.

After the proceedings in lodge, Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bros. the Sheriffs, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, and many other prominent members of the Corporation left (greatly to the regret of the lodge) in consequence of the death of Bro. Alderman Sir J. Staples, and out of respect to his memory. This fact was several times alluded to in the course of the evening by the I.P.M., Bro. A. Hills, who, at the request of his lordship, presided at the banquet; and others. The banquet, as usual at the Albion, was most admirably served under the direction of Bro. Swayne, the popular manager.

Bro. Arthur Hills gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, and Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., replying, said that under the roof in which they were he felt that much speaking under the circumstances in which they were met would be out of place. He congratulated the Emulation Lodge upon the marked success which had attended their present proceedings, and upon having elected so distinguished a brother as their Lord Mayor to be their Master. He especially referred to the exceedingly valuable lodge of instruction which was held under the auspices of the Emulation Lodge, which he observed had done so much to preserve the wonderful traditions of the Craft.

In proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master the Lord Mayor," Bro. Arthur Hill said they all most deeply regretted the unfortunate circumstances which had prevented their newly-installed Worshipful Master from being present. But for this he felt that they should have had one of the most enjoyable and pleasant evenings which they had hitherto recorded in the Emulation Lodge. They all knew the reason which had prevented his remaining with them, but they all knew the great sense of honour and great feeling of brotherly love which existed between the aldermen of the City. All very much regretted to hear of the death of an alderman who was very well known within those walls, and especially within the ward in which they were assembled. As to the Lord Mayor, they all felt that he had done the lodge a great

honour in accepting the office of Master of the Emulation Lodge. That was the highest honour which the Craft could confer upon him, and it was especially valuable because the lodge had gone out of the ordinary run of selecting the Senior Warden in electing the Lord Mayor to the chair. The Lord Mayor in lodge had told them of the manner in which he regarded that kindness of the lodge, but he had desired him to again thank the officers for allowing him to fill the office to which they had elected him. The Lord Mayor hoped that during his year of office he might be with them often, and he had half promised to be present at their next meeting, but they all knew the many calls there were upon the Lord Mayor's time, and he was quite sure also that they were all prepared to excuse his attendance. They all wished his lordship health and happiness during his year of office. He thought that it was great credit to the lodge that, although their Lord Mayor was not born within the sound of Bow bells, but far—very far—beyond, they had elected him to the Chief Magistracy. They could not have better qualifications for a Lord Mayor than in the words of their own ritual—"One whose hand was extended by justice, and whose heart was expanded by benevolence." That it might be faithfully said of the present Lord Mayor.

Bro. I. Taylor, P.M., gave in eulogistic terms "The Health of the I.P.M.," who had so kindly taken the chair on behalf of the Lord Mayor. They were all exceedingly well pleased with the admirable manner in which Bro. Arthur Hills had fulfilled the duties of his office during the year, and they all had seen the very excellent way in which he had installed the Lord Mayor that evening. No doubt during the year they should have the pleasure of seeing their good friend again in the chair, and they should still be able to appreciate his working.

Bro. Arthur Hills, replying, again expressed regret for the absence of the Lord Mayor, and thanked the gathering for the kind manner in which they had received him. He proposed "The Health of the Visitors," stating that owing to the death of Alderman Sir John Staples, many of those who would have been present hardly considered it respectful to his memory that they should remain. That was especially so in the case of the Grand Officers. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Augustus Harris and A. M. Broadley, both of whom replied.

"The Health of the Initiates" was then given, and drunk with cheers, and Bro. R. L. S. Badham and Sydney Willis responded.

In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," Bro. Arthur Hills eulogised their services to the lodge, stating with pleasure that they were fortunate in being particularly strong in their Past Masters.

Bro. George Singer replied.

"The Health of the Treasurer," which was next given most cordially, was replied to by Bro. Thomas Taylor, who was very warmly received.

Bro. Arthur Hills then proposed "The Health of the Officers," whose services he particularly eulogised.

Bro. G. J. Eady, S.W., responded, stating the great pleasure it gave him and the other officers to stand on one side to allow the first citizen in the world to take the chair. It was not given to every lodge to have as one of its officers the Lord Mayor, and this he and the other officers of the lodge would greatly prize and highly value.

"The Health of the Secretary, Bro. S. Hill," was given, and that brother, who is most popular in the lodge, suitably replied, stating the great interest which he always took in the proceedings of the lodge.

An admirable selection of music was performed under the direction of Bro. Truman, assisted by Bros. Coates, F. Clive, and Schartau, and the duties of Toastmaster were well performed by Bro. Cooper.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday the 13th inst., when there was a large attendance, over 100 brethren being present. The members included Bros. Abel Simner, W.M.; H. J. Chapman, S.W.; Richard Harvey, J.W.; T. Morris, Sec.; N. Salmon, S.D.; J. E. Spurrell, J.D.; R. Hewetson, Stwd.; E. Riechelmann, Org.; Harry N. Price, I.P.M.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; H. Bowman Spinks, P.M.; R. Pierrepont, P.M.; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M.; J. McLean, P.M.; J. Buscall, P.M.; W. Herbage, P.M.; J. E. Walford, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; G. Gardner, P.M.; J. Barnett, jun.; D. Plenderleith, and many others. Visitors: Bros. W. Jones Lane, P.M. 127; S. J. Bull, 1564; W. W. Westley, S.W. 186; H. Gardner, 1604; W. W. Thorn, 1261; T. Bird, 1963; D. Rose, P.M. 73; H. Smith, S.D. 1348; T. Salmon, I.P.M. 917; J. H. Chapman, W.M. 1556; T. Oldis, P.M. 1288; B. Brett, 1791; G. S. Bigley, P.M., Sec. 1198; D. Green, J.W. 738; J. H. Lane, I.P.M. 1269; E. Cliff, 55; H. Magee, 174; E. Ayres, P.M. 742; F. J. Deaton, 25; A. Haysman, S.D. 2001; R. S. Mendy, St. Leonard's; G. F. Thornes, P.M. 1223; E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Gordon, I.G. 1924; G. Reynolds, S.W. 1614, Sec. 2191; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M. B.I.; R. H. Goffin, P.M. 1572; J. Isaacson, P.M. 502; John L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; D. Harris, 1681; A. Madell, 1201; H. Dickey, W.M. 1744; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. B.; R. P. Atkin, P.P.G. Keg. Kent; C. Belton, Vice-President Board of General Purposes, W.M. 2228; Richard Eve, G. Treas.; R. Baker, 2192; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' Report, showing a substantial balance, was received and adopted. Bro. J. M. Polman Mooy was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., after which Bro. Ferguson, P.M., raised Bros. J. H. Stalman, and A. H. M. Michel to the degree of Master Mason. Bro. Henry J. Chapman, S.W., was presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. H. N. Price, P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Richard Harvey, S.W.; Nathan Salmon, J.W.; Thomas Morris, Sec.; J. E. Spurrell, S.D.; T. B. Goodfellow, J.D.; R. Hewetson, I.G.; Ernest A. Smith, D.C.; A. Piper, Stwd.; A. Warkley, Tyler. The W.M. expressed his deep regret, which was shared by all present, that Bro. George Everett, P.M., who had been re-elected Treasurer, was unable, through illness, to be present and to be invested. The addresses were effectively rendered by the Installed Master, Bro. Harry N. Price, P.M. Mr. David

Charteris was then regularly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M.

Bro. Chapman, W.M., said that one of his first duties as the occupant of the chair was to present Bro. Simner, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), which had been unanimously voted to him in recognition of the able manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year. It afforded him considerable pleasure to make the presentation, for Bro. Simner had well earned the appreciation of the members.

Bro. Simner, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. and brethren very sincerely for this mark of their esteem and respect. Whatever he had done in the past year had been performed with a good intention, and if he had not done as much as they had expected, it was through circumstances over which he had no control. He should always regard the jewel as a bond of union, binding him more closely to the lodge.

In order to accentuate the fact that Bro. Simner was W.M. during the Jubilee year of Her Majesty, the jewel presented to him was of the recognised Jubilee pattern, with the addition of a square as pendant, on which was the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Abel Simner, I.P.M., by the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, as a mark of respect, and in recognition of the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during the Jubilee year of the reign of Her Majesty, 1887."

On the motion of Bro. Walford, P.M., seconded by Bro. Ferguson, P.M., a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. H. N. Price, P.M., for his kindness in performing the installing ceremony, and to mark the appreciation of the brethren at the able manner in which he performed the duty.

Bro. Price, P.M., briefly returned thanks, and expressed his willingness to serve the lodge whenever an opportunity offered.

Bro. Ferguson, P.M., said a very pleasant task had fallen to his lot. The officers, who had been working for some years with the I.P.M., expressed a wish to mark the kind feelings of respect and esteem they felt towards him by making him a presentation, which had taken the form of a portrait. The likeness to Bro. Simner, I.P.M., was as satisfactory as his relations and friends could desire, and would serve to mark the amiable manner in which he had worked for the brethren. He hoped it would be an example that would be followed in all future ages, and that the same anxiety to assist each other, and the same harmonious feeling, which had characterised Bro. Simner's year of office, would be prevalent for many years to come. He had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Simner, I.P.M., with the portrait, trusting it would remind him of the time during which he occupied the chair, and worked so agreeably with the officers.

Bro. A. Simner, I.P.M., in reply, said: I have to thank you most sincerely, Bro. Ferguson, for the highly eulogistic language and the flattering remarks with which you have presented me with this token of esteem and respect from my brother officers. I trust it does not require any assurance on my part to convince you of my utter inability to express my gratitude in a manner worthy of the occasion. I would, however, affirm, without fear of contradiction, that the successful conclusion of my year of office is due mainly to the hearty support and active sympathy so gladly and cheerfully afforded by my brother officers, and to the generous tolerance of my many shortcomings by the brethren and of the lodge. You are fully aware how proudly one does his duty to gain the esteem and thanks of his fellow workers, but who can fathom the feelings when one is deemed worthy to receive such an outward and visible sign of appreciation as that with which you have just presented to me. I yield to no man in saying that my earnest aspirations, and indeed I have found my greatest satisfaction and noblest ambition in seeking to call forth a love of Masonry in its truest and best ideal. This beautiful portrait will ever serve to bring me into closer ties with its members, and cause my heart to burn with a brighter radiance for the precepts of Masonry. I may add that it will be hailed by the members of my family as an acquisition of intrinsic value and treasured with the utmost care. You may be sure, brother officers, that their earnest prayers will not only be for the supreme happiness of the donors here below, but also that hereafter they may become the all radiant inhabitants of the eternal glories of those mansions whence all goodness emanates. Having already received the splendid P.M.'s jewel for this Jubilee year from the lodge by their unanimous vote, I could almost say in the words of Shakespeare "I feel within me a place above all earthly dignities." In apologising for this very feeble expression of gratitude for your great and unexpected kindness, believe me, my heart is too full to give utterance to its thrilling feelings. I would, however, say in conclusion, that I sincerely trust to be spared long to enjoy the confidence and respect of every member of this grand old Domatic Lodge, No. 177. Brethren, I can only again thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The presentation consisted of a large and beautifully executed crayon portrait of the I.P.M., in a handsome massive frame, on which was inscribed: "Presented by the officers of the Domatic lodge, No. 177, to brother Abel Simner, W.M., as a mark of their respect and esteem for his invariable courtesy, and in appreciation of the manner in which he has maintained the prestige and best interests of the lodge as its 101st Master during the eventful year of her Majesty's Jubilee, 1887-88."

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* repast. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured, "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.K.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." being received with the customary heartiness.

"The Grand Officers" was next given by the W.M., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see such a number of distinguished Grand Officers present, and coupled with it the name of Bro. Eve, G. Treas.

Bro. R. Eve, G. Treas., said he felt it a distinguished honour to be called upon to respond on behalf of the Grand Officers. He also felt he could scarcely discharge that duty with reference to the brethren on his right, and would therefore speak on behalf of the officers of Grand Lodge who were absent. It was not the first time he had had the gratification of being present at this large, useful and genial lodge, and he was glad to visit it again and meet the members on their installation night. It might be of some interest to them to know that he had, in his capacity of Grand Treasurer, recently signed a number of cheques distributing £500 voted by Grand Lodge a few weeks ago. £100 had been sent to the Lord Mayor for his

especial disposal among the poor, £50 to each of the two magisterial officers at the Mansion House and Guildhall, and 12 cheques to the various presiding magistrates at the 12 police courts. He was sure that the M.W. Grand Master had exercised a wise discretion in the distribution of the money. It afforded him peculiar pleasure to be with them on the present occasion, and to thank them for their kind assistance during the past year. He was an elective officer, and the brethren on his right were appointed by the M.W.G.M. to mark his appreciation of their services in the past. He felt he should be congratulating too much if he replied for them, and he should therefore, on behalf of the absent Grand Officers, thank the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received.

Bro. J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C., also replied, and on behalf of the Grand Officers tendered hearty thanks for their reception.

Bro. A. Simner, I.P.M., then said that once more it was his privilege to address them, and he had to propose a toast that would be received with acclamation. It was "The Health of the W.M." who had that evening been installed into the chair in succession to himself. However unworthy he had been, they now possessed a W.M. in Bro. Chapman who would give satisfaction not only to the members, but to the critical body of Past Masters. The brethren who had seen the W.M. perform the initiation ceremony that night would be convinced that they had an occupant of the chair who knew the ritual, and could render it in an effective manner. The Domatic Lodge would lose none of its lustre by the members entrusting its guidance to Bro. Chapman, but it would add to its renown by having such a W.M. He asked the brethren to drink the toast with all the heartiness and enthusiasm of which they were capable, wishing their Worshipful Master a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. H. J. Chapman, W.M., returned sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the I.P.M. had proposed, and the brethren had received, the toast of his health. It was a customary thing for the lodge to receive the toast in that manner, and he was pleased the members were satisfied with the small amount of work they had seen him perform. He hoped their appreciation would increase, for he would do all in his power to maintain that feeling of satisfaction. "The Initiate" was the next toast given, and was suitably responded to by Bro. D. Charteris.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Visitors," observing that their lodge seldom met without visitors, whom the members were always pleased to welcome. Visiting was a pleasant and useful task, for it was always possible to gather a few hints which would be beneficial in their own lodge. Amongst the visitors to whom he should look for reply, and who were also occupants of the chairs of their respective lodges, were Bros. C. Belton, Vice-President Board of General Purposes, W.M. 2228; G. H. Chapman, W.M. 556; H. Dickey, W.M. 1744; D. Green, J.W. 738, Natal; and E. Ayres, P.M. 742.

Bro. C. Belton, Vice-President Board of General Purposes, in reply, said he was sensible of the honour conferred upon him by the W.M. in coupling his name with the toast. He felt the greatest pride in being W.M. of the Dene Lodge, No. 2228, possibly because it was a child of his old age. He thanked the W.M. and brethren sincerely for the great honour paid him, and for which he was deeply grateful. He was also indebted to Bro. Barnett for allowing him to spend an evening in such genial company.

Bros. Chapman, W.M. 1556, and Dickey, W.M. 1744, having responded,

Bro. D. Green, J.W. 738, Natal, replied, and said he had only been in this country a few months and had attended a few Masonic gatherings. Masonry was very strong in South Africa, where the brethren were at all times willing to extend the right hand of friendship to visitors. The working he had seen that evening was splendid, although different to that which he was accustomed to. The hints they received from other lodges enabled them to improve their own lodge. If a man was a good and true brother, it did not matter in what part of the colonies, he was never regarded as a stranger. As soon as a brother arrived at the colonies, after a little enquiry, he found there were lodges meeting monthly throughout the year, where members greeted him heartily. In traveling in some parts, where money would not buy comforts, anything was not too good for a brother in want, and this was where the charm of Masonry and brotherly love was experienced. The present occasion was the greatest Masonic meeting he had ever attended, and on his return to South Africa he would report to his own lodge the kind welcome he had received.

Other brethren having also responded,

The W. Master gave "The Masonic Charities," and expressed his pleasure at seeing two such able representatives present as Bros. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, and Terry, Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution.

Bro. F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, said he sympathised with the remarks of the W.M. respecting the dwindling of the numbers present, for he was himself dwindling in power and ability. He felt a great amount of pride and gratification in being enabled to be present at their magnificent gathering, and to partake of their genial hospitality, and to return sincere thanks to the W. Master, who had been installed that evening, for having consented to represent the Domatic Lodge as Steward for the Boys' School in June next. He said this with more sincerity than he had ever before experienced, on account of the very difficult and crucial position in which he felt they were placed in consequence, and that great event, the Girls' School Centenary, which was justly occupying the attention of the Craft. God forbid that any word should fall from his lips to detract from the success which he hoped would attend that celebration, but when he knew that over 600 Stewards had given their services already, a number probably to be largely increased, he could say that the Executives of the other Institutions were not without anxiety. He did not think the Benevolent Institution would be a large sufferer, because the Festival would take place next month, and would no doubt receive a large amount of support. He was not aware of the date of the Girls' School Centenary, which would probably be held in May, but it would doubtless take place closely before that of the Boys' School on the 27th June. He need hardly assure them that he laboured under the largest amount of apprehension that the Institution which he represented would suffer. He was, therefore, deeply grateful to the W.M. for undertaking the arduous duty of Steward on

behalf of the Boys' School under those circumstances. The I.P.M., Bro. Simner, who represented the Girls' Institution last year, was, he thought, the most successful Steward sent up. It showed what the Domestic Lodge could do when the sympathies of the members were appealed to by a brother who had the key to the hearts of the brethren. He hoped a similar result would follow the efforts of the brother they had placed in the chair, who would appeal to them on behalf of the Boys. He would not weary them with statistics and comparisons of the Charities, but they must allow him to place before them one fact which was that while the funded property of the other two Institutions was £50,000 or £60,000, the Boys' School had only £17,000. The number of boys had increased from 70 in 1861 to 258. The list closed on Saturday last, when they found they had 65 candidates, and could only find vacancies for 15. There was room for more, but they dare not take the responsibility of admitting a larger number. If they could but realise an amount sufficient to provide for their necessary wants, he should consider they were exceedingly fortunate. He need hardly say that under those circumstances, he had felt it his duty to make peregrinations wherever he could be allowed to urge his voice, and he had not altogether been unsuccessful. For the past three or four years he had attended their installation meeting, and had always enjoyed himself, mainly because he had received at their hands a hearty welcome. He hoped to be with them as long as he was spared in health and strength, and to appeal to them on behalf of that cause which he knew to be dear to the hearts of every member of the lodge. He did not like to take a pessimist view of things, he was rather an optimist, but he trusted the brethren would do all they could to relieve him from his difficult position. On behalf of all the Institutions, and especially on behalf of the Boys' School, he thanked them most sincerely, and he should look forward for the opportunity, if permitted, of being present at their next anniversary, and of having to return heartfelt thanks for the largest amount of contributions ever sent up by a Steward for any lodge, and that amount collected by Bro. Chapman, their esteemed W.M.

Bro. Simner, I.P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and said that as a new duty had devolved upon him to reply for that toast, the brethren would excuse him from making any lengthy remarks. During his year of office he had received every kindness and every sympathy from the Past Masters that one brother could possibly receive from another. On his own behalf and on the part of the other Past Masters, he returned sincere thanks for the reception accorded the toast.

In proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W. Master observed that the brethren all shared the regret he felt at the absence, through ill-health, of their esteemed Treasurer, Bro. George Everett, P.M. He also eulogised the manner in which the secretarial duties were performed by Bro. Morris, Sec.

Bro. Ferguson, P.M., responded on behalf of Bro. Everett, P.M., Treas., after which Bro. Morris, Sec., also replied.

"The Officers" having been given and duly replied to, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

A capital selection of music was carried out under the direction of Bro. Riechelmann, Org., assisted by Madame Riechelmann and Mr. Musgrove Tufnail.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday, the 16th inst. The large number of brethren present included the following members: Bros. D. Hughes, W.M.; H. Harbord, I.P.M.; R. Pittam Stevens, S.W.; J. P. Hoddinott, J.W.; Jno. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; Charles Beaumont, P.M., P.P.G.D. Essex, Sec.; W. R. Haylock, S.D.; Alfred Prince, J.D.; G. Rubardt, I.G.; J. E. Finister, Org.; E. Venner, R. Gillard, and Geo. M. Gross, Stwds.; D. Hughes, P.M.; H. McClelland, P.M.; A. Ginger, P.M.; W. Dance, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. R. T. Elsam, P.M. 201, W.M. 2222, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; J. F. Gooch, 177; B. Kenyon, 2012; J. Wiggins, J.D. 1767; W. J. Foot, 3; R. A. Kirkaldy, P.M. 1321; R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; J. Porter, W.M. 1178; W. Simmonds, P.M., Sec. 516; G. Thurlow, I.P.M. 516; G. R. Grape, S.W. 315; G. J. Barnett, A.D.C. 1929; J. Magrath, P.M. 1306; T. Coulthard, P.M. 1624; A. H. Hickman, P.M. 228; D. Van Praag, 292; Wm. Sam, P.M. 1638, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; A. Mackey, P.M. 2054; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168; R. Kerr, 697; A. Laurence, P.M. 1138, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; Jas. Cooper, P.M., Sec. 1769; F. H. Williams, 72; H. Conolly, W.M. 1713; W. G. Payer, P.M. 1475; T. Jeffries, 1744; W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; Wm. Thomson, S.W. 2045; B. A. Mostyn, 2045; Geo. Basset, W.M. 969; E. J. Jeff, P.M. 435; Jesse Brown, P.M. 435; F. Hurdle, 548; G. W. Parkhurst, 1076; C. J. Smith, Stwd. 1623; J. Hyman, 1853; W. J. Foster, P.M. 19; R. F. Cummings, P.M. 2168; J. C. Lawrence, 1356; H. Holmes, 1642; J. Morrell, 193; T. C. Thomas, 1853; W. Milbourne, 2030; S. J. Dowling, 167; J. W. Jones, P.M. 538; G. H. Williams, 1658; W. Gilling, 733; W. M. Clear, 538; T. Freeman, 16; J. Wakeham, 1267; E. Dalzell, P.M. 1549; F. Bevan, 1706; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

Lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the auditors' report was received and adopted. Bro. Thompson was then raised, in a most impressive manner, by the W.M. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. R. Pittam Stevens having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair according to ancient custom. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. P. Hoddinott, S.W.; Haylock, J.W.; John Hughes, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Beaumont, P.M., P.P.G.D. Essex, Sec.; A. Prince, S.D.; G. Rubardt, J.D.; J. E. Finister, Org.; E. Venner, I.G.; G. M. Gross, D.C.; A. Ginger, P.M., Gillard, Eade, and Newman, Stwds. The customary addresses were delivered in an effective manner by the Installing Master, Bro. Daniel Hughes, I.P.M. Ballot having been successfully taken in favour of Messrs. W. G. Toll and R. F. Lines, as candidates for initiation, they were impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the newly-installed W.M. Propositions were received, and a letter read from Bro. Bona, who was recently initiated in the lodge, sending fraternal greetings from America to the W.M. and brethren. The lodge was then formally closed and an adjournment made to the banquet room, where a substantial repast was served.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the W. Master" was proposed by Bro. Daniel Hughes, I.P.M., who said that the brethren would excuse him from making any lengthy remarks, as his voice had failed after the arduous duties in the lodge room. He had left a bed of illness, against the doctor's orders, to be present at their meeting and discharge his duty. It afforded him much pleasure to propose the health of the W.M., as Bro. Pittam Stevens was a man with whom he had been associated ever since he joined the lodge. During the years their present W.M. had held various minor offices he had performed the respective duties in a most creditable manner, and had conducted the summer banquets and balls to the satisfaction and delight of all. He had, moreover, endeared himself to every member, and had deservedly attained the summit of his ambition by being installed as W. Master.

Bro. R. Pittam Stevens, W.M., in reply, said that the I.P.M. had correctly observed that he had arrived at the summit of his ambition by being installed into the chair of the lodge. Ever since he was initiated he had had ambition enough to desire to be W. Master. It was about seven or eight years ago that he was initiated by their esteemed friend Bro. Ginger, P.M., and when he looked down the long list of members on that occasion, he could not help thinking how many years it would be before he reached the chair. However, he was now their W.M., and was proud to rule over such a body of men, and over such a distinguished lodge. There were few lodges that equalled it, and the fraternal spirit that existed between its members was one of its chief characteristics. He again thanked them for the honour conferred upon him, and for the hearty reception accorded the toast.

The W. Master then said the toast he was about to propose was one which he wished was in abler hands. It was that of "The Installing Master, Bro. Daniel Hughes, I.P.M.," and he should like to say all that that brother deserved said about him. The manner in which their I.P.M. had carried out his duties had not been surpassed by any member. They had had excellent W. Masters in their lodge, and there were few lodges which could say that each Master had installed his successor. On the present occasion they had not been singular in that respect, and he thought the brethren must have been gratified in the manner in which he had been installed. He was much impressed by the working, especially at the Board of Installed Masters, which he had not previously seen, and he was convinced that the rendering of the addresses had afforded pleasure to all present. They had expected great things from Bro. Daniel Hughes, I.P.M., and had not been disappointed, for he came of a good stock, being the last of three brothers who had joined the ranks of the Past Masters and become an ornament to the lodge. Their Installing Master had not been found wanting, for those three brothers worked together and studied Freemasonry, and that was the reason the ceremonies had been so well carried out. It was with considerable pleasure that he pinned on Bro. Hughes' breast the P.M.'s jewel voted by the lodge as a small recognition from the brethren for his kindness to them during the past year. He trusted the I.P.M. would be spared for many years to wear it in their lodge, and sincerely congratulated him on receiving the jewel he had so deservedly earned.

Bro. Daniel Hughes, I.P.M., said for the manner in which the toast of his health had been presented to their notice, and for the manner in which it was received by the brethren, he could only express his great thanks. He had endeavoured to do his duty in the past as their W.M., and had tried to carry out his work to the satisfaction of the lodge. He had now taken a step to the left, not, however, without a certain amount of regret. The duties of a W. Master were of a responsible nature, for it was necessary to see that the work was properly carried out, and that each performed the task allotted to him. It was also necessary, when lodge duties were over, to see that the duties of the banquet table were well carried out. He had endeavoured to the best of his ability to carry out these various duties in their entirety. He had been forbidden by his doctor to be present that evening, but his love for the lodge was so strong, that he could not absent himself on such an important occasion. He begged to again return sincere thanks for the position he occupied, and for the honourable token of recognition the W.M. had placed on his breast.

The Worshipful Master then announced his intention of representing the lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and appealed to the members to enable him to take up an amount worthy of them.

"The Initiates" was next given, and having been duly replied to by Bros. Toll and Lines,

The Worshipful Master gave "The Visitors," to whom he tendered a hearty and fraternal welcome, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Elsam, W.M. 2222; Foster, P.M. 19, as representing the Corporation of London; Conolly, 173; Porter, W.M. 1178; and Thomas, S.W. 2045.

Bro. R. T. Elsam, W.M. 2222, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, responded, and on behalf of the visiting brethren, expressed sincere thanks for the cordiality of their reception. They had been delighted with the work, for the excellent manner in which the I.P.M. performed the beautiful Third Degree and the installation ceremonies, and the working of the W.M. in the initiations, had pleased and gratified them all. They had had an unusual treat to see such a large amount of work. With respect to the hospitality, the visitors could not possibly have desired anything more than they had received. He congratulated the lodge on its array of excellent Past Masters, and also congratulated himself on having the three brothers Hughes as officers in his own lodge—No. 2222.

Bro. Foster, P.M. 19, after returning thanks for the reception accorded the visitors, congratulated the members on the efficient state of their lodge, which he regarded as the representative lodge of the City of London.

Other brethren having responded, "The Past Masters" was given, and duly replied to by Bros. Daniel Hughes, I.P.M.; John Hughes, P.M., Treas.; and C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.

"The Officers" was duly honoured, after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Finister, Org., afforded considerable enjoyment to all present. He was ably assisted by Bros. E. Dalzell, F. Bevan, A. South, and G. Bassett.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. H. Thompson, W.M.; T. Hunt, S.W.; J. Petch, J.W.; E. Bowyer, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; E. Blenkhorn, P.M., Sec.; H. Hunt, S.D.; S. Napper, J.D.; H. B. Harding, D.C.; J. M. Scarlett, I.G.; Tyrrell, Stwd.; Couchman, Tyler; Shurmur, I.P.M.; J. L. Mather, P.M., P.G.D.C.; H. Cox, P.M.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; D. P. Holness, P.M.; C. M. Coxon, J. G. Cobb, A. Combes, J. A. Blount, A. Cox, F. Simmonds, R. Loomes, F. Awdas, J. H. Shelldrake, D. O. Ritchie, W. Jarvis, A. J. Fearnhead, T. W. Smith, and J. S. Smith. Visitors: J. Bayne, 1897; J. Shipley, P.M. 30; H. Rawes, 1353; G. Harlow, P.M. 1613; T. Scoresby Jackson, 1087; and W. H. Messer, 25.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the meeting held in November last were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Henry Stevenson and Mr. Phillip Faber, which having proved unanimous in both cases, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. performing the ceremony in an admirable manner. The lodge then proceeded to elect a W.M. To the regret of the brethren Bro. T. Hunt, S.W., declined to offer himself on account of ill-health. Bro. J. Petch, J.W., was therefore unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.M., P.G.S.B., was elected Treasurer; and Bro. Couchman, Tyler. An Audit Committee (Bros. Shelldrake, J. G. Cobb, and C. M. Coxon) was then appointed. The Secretary brought forward his motion with reference to the lodge subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and proposed that in future all contributions be arranged so as to secure votes in perpetuity. This was agreed to unanimously. Other matters with reference to the Charities were discussed, and a P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. A petition from the widow of a deceased brother was presented to the lodge for assistance in securing the admission of a boy to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a sum of money was voted from the funds to secure additional votes for that purpose. After the W.M. had received "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to do justice to the excellent dinner which Bro. Baker had provided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured with the customary heartiness. Bro. Shurmur said that for the last time he rose as I.P.M. to propose "The Health of the W.M." "Good wine needed no bush," so without comment he gave the toast which he felt certain would commend itself to every brother present. The toast was received most cordially.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he should look back upon his year of office with satisfaction, and he hoped the lodge would so regard it. He trusted he should leave the chair with the good will and good opinion of every member of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "The Initiates," which was cordially received, and duly responded to by Bros. Stevenson and Faber.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," which was cordially received and responded to.

"The Past Masters" was next given and heartily received, this being always a popular toast in the lodge. Bro. Bowyer responded.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was given and replied to by Bro. E. Blenkhorn, P.M., Sec.

The Worshipful Master said the good wine was sometimes kept till the last, he now proposed "The W.M. elect and the Officers of the Lodge." He trusted his successor, Bro. Petch, would meet with the same efficient support from his officers as he (the W.M.) had received during his year of office. The W.M. elect would have a large amount of patronage to bestow, and he felt confident that it would be used to the benefit of the lodge. He thanked the officers for the assistance he had received from them during the past year.

Bro. Petch, W.M. elect, responded, and said it was one of the proudest moments of his life to be unanimously chosen by the brethren as W.M. He thanked them for the honour they had done him, and promised that nothing should be lacking on his part to fulfil the duties of the office to their satisfaction. He had a difficult task before him, his predecessor had been, in his position—unique—his special gifts as a W.M. were not to be attained by every man. As to the officers, it was essential that the W.M. should be supported efficiently by them, as the ruling and working of the lodge with success was dependent to a great extent on their co-operation.

Bro. H. Hunt, S.D., said that he had done all in his power to forward Freemasonry in the past, and in the future he would do the best to carry out any duties he might be called upon to perform.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of the evening to a close. Bro. J. Bayne, Org., and Bro. A. Combes did much to promote the harmony of the evening, their songs being excellently rendered and well received.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, at Anderson's Hotel, when the W.M., Bro. Arthur Roger Carter, presided. He was supported by Bros. Adamson, P.M.; G. S. Recknell, P.M. Sec.; Butcher, P.M., the officers of the lodge, several lay members, and a large number of visitors, amongst whom were the following: Bros. George Turner, J.D. 376; James F. Roberts, P.M. 529, P.P.G.D. Worcester; Charles Thomson, 1297; John P. Sadler, I.P.M. 1670; H. Carman, I.P.M. 548; Chas. H. Driver, 905, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Alfred A. Milward, 2168; F. R. W. Hedges, P.M. 1900, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. S. Campbell, 1901; H. Medigle, 1320; John Kimpton, 1601; Dr. Richardson, 227; Geo. Sampson; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928.

After the lodge had been opened, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Rolls, J.W., it was resolved that the sum of 20 guineas be taken from the Benevolent Fund and placed on the list of Bro. Rexworthy, W.M. elect, who is acting as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Auditors' report was read, received, and passed; after which Bro. Carter, W.M., installed in splendid style Bro. John Rexworthy, S.W., as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing, and was invested by the W.M. as his I.P.M. The following is the list of officers for the year: Bro. H. J. Rolls, S.W.; G. J. Garland, J.W.; R. Kimpton, P.M., Treas.; G. S. Recknell, P.M., Sec.; F. Cleak, S.D.; J. J. Stedman, J.D.; B. J.

Kimpton, I.G.; D. E. Leman, D.C.; W. H. Graham and W. Kinsley, Stwds.; R. J. Pitt, Org.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the new W.M. presented Bro. Carter with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in acknowledgment of the services he had rendered to the lodge. In reply to the remarks of the W.M., Bro. Carter said his heart almost failed him when trying to express his gratitude to the brethren for the notice they had taken of what he had endeavoured to do for the lodge; but he could assure the brethren that what he had done in the past he should endeavour to repeat in the future. A vote of condolence with Bro. Kimpton, P.M., Treas., in his illness was afterwards passed, on the motion of the I.P.M., seconded by the J.W.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet, which was admirably served, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts.

In proposing "The Queen and Craft," the W.M. said that when the history of the present century came to be written it would be a wonder to the students of that history when they contrasted the character of Queen Victoria as a Queen, a monarch, and a mother, with those who had preceded her on the throne.

In giving "The M.W.G.M.," the W.M. observed that those who were present at the Albert Hall on the 13th June must have been struck with the great respect with which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was received.

Bro. Driver responded to the toast of "The Pro G.M., Dep. Pro. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said the Grand Officers were always happy to do anything they could to promote the good of Freemasonry. All the brethren were happy to do this whether they were Grand Officers or not.

Bro. Carter, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and in doing so remarked that he had to congratulate the brethren on having such a W.M. in the chair, who was such a good Mason, and thoroughly straightforward and honest man—a Master who had worked his way up from the lowest position in the lodge till he had come to occupy the highest, which all the brethren of the lodge hoped to attain to at some future period, for if it was not, it ought to be the wish of every Mason the moment he was initiated to preside over the lodge in which he was initiated. It had been the ambition and was the privilege of Bro. Rexworthy to arrive at that position, and in congratulating the brethren he congratulated him, for Bro. Rexworthy would be an honour to the lodge, and the lodge, he doubted not, would be an honour to him.

The W.M., in reply, said the interests of the Temple Bar Lodge in his hands in the present year, as in the past, would certainly claim his very great and serious attention, and he sincerely hoped that when he left the chair the brethren of the lodge would say he had well consulted its honour and used his best efforts on behalf of its interests.

The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M." Speaking to members of the lodge, he was speaking to those who knew how thoroughly Bro. Carter was fitted for any office he might undertake, and how well during the last year he had filled the Master's chair. From the very earliest office Bro. Carter held in the lodge he had regularly attended every one of its meetings, and speaking of his performance of duties he might say that Bro. Carter was simply perfect in all the ceremonies. He had had a fair amount of work in the different Degrees during his year, and, without casting any slight on officers who preceded him, no officer did the work of the Craft more creditably. Of his private qualities it was unnecessary to speak, but knowing his upright, honourable character, his clear intellect, his kind intentions to everybody, no matter who or what they were, how earnest he was in all works of Charity, and his great desire for the future good-working of the Craft, he had great pleasure in proposing his health. He hoped every succeeding Master would give the same attention to his duties.

Bro. Carter, in reply, said that a short time ago he had the honour of thanking the brethren for the P.M.'s jewel they presented to him. In replying now to the toast of his health, he thanked them for the hearty manner in which they had drunk it. He would pass over the kind remarks personal to himself which the W.M. had made, as the W. Master was perhaps inclined to regard him in a more favourable light than he deserved. But he could not allow the toast to pass without presenting to the brethren his most sincere thanks for the splendid support they had given him during his year of office. It would ever be marked with a red ink cross in his life's calendar. He should always look back upon it with gratitude to those numerous friends he had made, and he hoped those who had supported him would continue to look upon him not as the I.P.M. of the Temple Bar Lodge, not as a Master and a member, but as a personal friend of them all.

Bro. Driver and other brethren responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

To the toast of "The Charities," Bro. Hedges responded. That was the third time during the last 12 months he had had the honour of being present at that lodge. On behalf of the Masonic Charities he deemed it a great privilege to have that opportunity of thanking the brethren for what they had done. The Charities in the past year had received no less a sum than £61,000. That spoke volumes for Freemasonry, and it would go a long way in the public mind to justify the existence of the Craft of which they were so proud. He congratulated the W.M. on becoming Steward for the Girls, and taking a step to get over the difficulty he had mentioned of not being well acquainted with the girls. It was to be hoped he would take up a good list from the lodge.

Bro. Adamson, replying to the toast of "The P.M.'s," said his experience of Freemasonry extended over 30 years, 25 of which he had been in collar, and never out. When came to London after 30 years of the Province of Kent, he hoped to rest on his laurels, but he was asked to become associated with the founders of the Temple Bar Lodge, and very happy he was to do so. He took the office of Treasurer. When he left that office there was a goodly balance both in the General Fund and in the Fund of Benevolence, but, living some little way out of London, it was rather awkward to return home late, and, therefore, he gave up the Treasurership. The lodge had not lost a feather by the step he took. While the lodge had such a W.M. as the able Bro. Rexworthy, such a Treasurer, and such a Secretary, he knew the funds would be preserved, and the lodge continue to assist the Institutions.

Bro. Butcher, P.M., also responded, observing that he was sure that every brother who came forward for the Master's

chair would do the best he could for the lodge, for the Charities, and for Freemasonry. The Benevolent Fund of the lodge had increased year by year until, exclusive of what it had given to the Charities, it amounted to £128. There was also a balance in the General Fund of over £26. Although he had been a member of the lodge 9 years, he did not think he had been absent except on two or three occasions.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary," responded to by Bro. Recknell, and "The Officers," followed, and these having been responded to, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated after spending a delightful evening.

The beautiful selection of music was given during the evening by Madame Worrell, Miss Meredyth Elliott, Mr. Frank Montague, Bro. R. De Lacy, and Mr. Walter Blount, with Bro. R. J. Pitt at the pianoforte. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. R. J. Pitt.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1805).—This lodge held its ninth installation meeting on Tuesday the 10th instant, at the Bromley Vestry Hall, E., and despite the very dense fog which attached itself so closely on that and the previous day to the Metropolis, the attendance of members and visitors was large. Bro. H. B. Forbes, W.M., assisted by Bros. W. J. Rawley, Sec., as S.W.; J. Bailey, J.W., W.M. elect; J. Collier, Treas.; H. Johnson, S.D.; R. Toole, J.D.; B. Johnson, I.G.; T. Green, D.C.; P. Jackson, Org.; G. E. Warn and C. Lewsey, Stwds.

The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The balance sheet and Auditors' report were read and adopted. The resignation of the S.W. was accepted with very great regret, and some town members placed upon the country list at their own desire. The W.M. appointed Bros. A. Souch, W.M. 1804, as S.W.; C. A. Walter, P.M. 865, 1767, P.P.G.D. Middx., as J. W.; W. C. Wigley, I.P.M. 1348, as D. of C.; C. J. R. Tjhou, P.M. 1804, I.G., proceeded to instal his successor, who, after the ancient charges had been read and assented to, was obligated in the duties and government of the lodge. A Board of Installed Masters formed, and he was placed in the chair of K.S. Having been saluted, he invested Bro. H. B. Forbes, I.P.M., and the Board was closed. The M.M.'s having been re-admitted and saluted, the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. Johnson, S.W.; R. Toole, J.W.; J. Collier, Treas.; W. J. Rawley, Sec.; B. Johnson, S.D.; T. Green, J.D.; G. E. Warn, I.G.; P. Jackson, Org.; C. Lewsey, D.C.; W. Barnes and W. J. Roberts, Stwds. Bro. Forbes having delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, was presented by the W.M. with the P.M.'s jewel voted by the lodge, for which he returned thanks. It was then agreed by acclamation to record a vote of thanks on the minutes to him for his services as W.M., and the efficient manner in which he had installed his successor. Letters and telegrams of regret were read.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren having adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, sat down to an excellent banquet, at which the usual toasts were given and drunk.

Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P. England, responding for "The Grand Officers," advising the brethren entitled to attend Grand Lodge to do so, as he saw no reason why they should not have the honours as well as other lodges.

"The Health of the W.M." having been drunk, he responded, trusting the lodge would continue to prosper, and that harmony would prevail during his year of office, and that when he should hand over the gavel he should be able to hand over a larger roll of members than he received.

"The Charities" having been drunk, was responded to on their behalf by Bro. William Clarke, P.G.P. England, and W.M. 114, urging them not to forget that there were three Institutions to support, all of which needed urgent and useful aid, and that any of them would only be too pleased to greet any brother as Steward.

"The Installing Master and I.P.M." was then drunk, who responded in a few well-chosen words.

"The Visitors" toast stood next, to which several replied; one saying the W.M. took to the chair like a fish to the water; another thanked him for the four best impressions he had received whilst a member of the Craft, viz., the way he had been treated, the mode in which the lodge work was done—a pattern to any lodge—the fog as the thickest he had experienced, and the best banquet he had ever sat down to; another for the quickness with which the W.M. had reached the top of the ladder, not having been initiated five years; and another did not know when he sat at the table whether he was at home (in his own lodge) or not.

"The P.M.'s" was next proposed, and responded to by Bros. McLaren and Knight.

"The Officers" followed, responded to on their behalf by the S.W.

The Tyler's toast brought one of the most successful meetings to a happy termination.

The musical arrangements were left with Bro. Professor Percy Jackman, Organist to the lodge, who was ably supported by a most accomplished lady vocalist, Miss Rigge.

Amongst the members present were Bros. C. H. Fynn, E. A. A. Hambridge, W. T. Potts, W. Horne, L. Donaghy, E. R. Speirs, C. Selby, W. M. Mead, J. Bussey, H. W. Oates, G. E. Paul, J. Chinery, N. Howard, J. Wingfield, W. Barnes, H. Skinner, W. Clarke, P.G.P. England, and W.M. 114; and others. Visitors: Bros. A. Souch, W.M.; C. J. R. Tjhou, I.P.M.; J. W. Gibbs, Org.; and E. A. Gibbs, of 1804; J. Fyfe, 84; C. A. Walter, P.M. 865 and 1767, P.P.G.D. Middx.; C. J. Foakes, P.M. 1891; E. G. Easton, 733; W. Lee, 1693; W. J. Mason, 2150; R. F. Bourn, 65; F. A. Russell, 1996; H. Ildreen, 1575; W. C. Wigley, I.P.M. 1348; J. H. Pearson, P.M. 1567; F. G. Page, 1475; T. R. Kent, 1244; S. E. Green, 901; W. A. Hitchener, 543; and others.

WEST COWES.—Medina Lodge (No. 35).—There was a large attendance of members and visitors at the meeting of this old lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 12th inst., when the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Rutland, was most impressively installed in the chair for the ensuing year by Bro. T. W. Faulkner, P.P.G.W. A number of letters and telegrams were read from brethren regretting inability to attend, in most cases on account of

the absence of means of reaching the Island during the prevailing fog. Among those present were Bros. H. C. Damant, W.M.; J. C. Ains, I.P.M.; T. W. Faulkner, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Treas.; F. Rutland, S.W., W.M. elect; G. A. Mursell, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; J. Leftwich, J.W.; Albert E. Lee, S.D.; R. Cullingford, J.D.; T. M. Taylor, I.G.; W. Snellgrove, Org.; T. Young, Tyler; G. Werry, O. Haxthausen, P.M.; H. Wheeler, P.M.; R. L. Robertson, P.M.; G. T. Bartlett, W. Bartlett, H. W. Stallard, C. Long, O. H. Caws, H. I. Deacon, F. Osborne, Simpson Benzie, H. Bailow, C. Stack, A. Perry, 2169; T. H. Whitticom, G. Day, R. Sullivan, Jas. Halliday, W.M. 2169; W. S. Bainbridge, P.M. 1533, P.P.G.O. Wilts; A. Scott, P.M. 551, P.P.G.D.; T. Attwood, 76; W. J. J. Spry, P.P.S.G.D. Devon; Josh Chinchin, L. T. Wilkins, 1780, S.W. 2169; J. H. Wavell, W.M.; J. G. Garnham, P.M.; A. Millidge, S.W.; G. A. Brannon, J.W.; A. Hyams, H. Blackwell, 151; Charles Carter, W.M.; G. Pack, P.P.G.D.; H. Durrant, I.P.M.; O. B. Gabell, W.M. elect 175; G. Brown, 328 and 2169; J. Stafford Bush, 1037; Jas. W. Evens, 103, P.P.G.K. Somerset; J. Walker, P.M. 349; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; A. Sumner, 205; and Scadding, 151.

The newly installed W.M. at once proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, addressing a few words of congratulation to each. The following is the complete list of the officers of the lodge for 1888: Bros. F. Rutland, P.G.O., W.M.; H. C. Damant, I.P.M.; J. Leftwich, S.W.; A. E. Lee, J.W.; Rev. P. G. Pickering, P.P.G.C., Chap.; Faulkner, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; G. A. Mursell, P.M. P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; H. H. Wheeler, P.M., Charity Stwd.; Cullingford, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; S. W. K. Russell, I.G.; Mark Smith, Org.; Ains, D.C.; Werry, A.D.C.; Snellgrove and G. Day, Stwds.; and Young, Tyler. The Secretary, Bro. G. A. Mursell, reported that Bro. Golden, of Newport, had presented to the lodge a valuable copy of the Constitutions which he had discovered, and which had formerly been the property of the lodge, having been presented by a brother in the year 1794, as shown by an interesting dedicatory inscription on the fly leaf. The thanks of the lodge were unanimously accorded to Bro. Golden for his considerate gift. On the motion of the W.M., an entry was ordered to be made in the minutes of the high estimation in which the brethren held the labours of Bros. Mursell and H. H. Wheeler in the cause of the Charities, they having succeeded in remitting no less than £110 during the past year to the various Masonic Charitable Institutions. It was further resolved to present Bro. Mursell with a Charity jewel, as a slight token of their appreciation of his long continued efforts on behalf of the same cause.

A banquet afterwards took place at the Gloster Hotel, provided by Bro. Mursell, the excellence of which went far to indicate a speedy realisation of the numerous hearty wishes that he received for his prosperity and success in his new undertaking as proprietor of that old established house. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and duly honoured,

The Worshipful Master rose and said he had a most pleasant duty to perform in handing to the I.P.M., Bro. Damant, a P.M.'s jewel, which the lodge wished to present in appreciation of his able conduct in the chair during the past year. The speaker paid a high tribute to the marked ability and courtesy Bro. Damant had displayed, and pinned the jewel on his breast amid a volume of applause which fully endorsed his words.

Bro. H. C. Damant warmly acknowledged his pleasure at the presentation, but feared he had not deserved all the kind things Bro. Rutland had said of him. He had been admirably supported by officers and Past Masters, and could confidently affirm that they had all worked together to the best of their ability for the good of Masonry. Their admirable Secretary had, as usual, taken the greatest share of the work on his shoulders, and his advice and assistance had been invaluable to him. He felt confident he was leaving the management in good hands, and that the interests of Masonry and their dear old lodge—the oldest in the province—would gain new lustre under Bro. Rutland, whose health he very cordially proposed.

The W.M., in response, said he could have felt more worthy of the kind way in which the toast had been submitted and received if they had had his conduct as W.M. a little longer under view. The praise they had given him and the appreciation they had expressed were very gratifying to him, however, and would be a stimulus to renewed exertions. They might rely that he would do his level best for the Medina Lodge. Before resuming his seat, the W.M. submitted the toast of "The I.P.M. and the Installing Master," highly eulogising their services and ability.

The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Damant and Bro. Faulkner. In the course of his reply the latter gave an interesting account of the working in the Medina Lodge, which was that revised by Bro. Dunkerley, in 1786, by command of Grand Lodge.

Other toasts followed, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening an affecting recitation was admirably delivered by Bro. Morgan, and excellent songs were contributed by Bros. Bush, Wilkins, Werry, Wheeler, Snellgrove, Rutland, Cullingford, and others; Bro. Scadding presiding at the piano with his well-known ability.

PLYMOUTH.—Fortitude Lodge (No. 105).—The annual meeting was held on the 9th inst., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, to install Bro. J. W. Parson as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bros. J. G. Horswill, P.M.; M. Emdon, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. Gifford, P.M.; S. Jew, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; H. J. Kitt, P.M.; E. Pillar, P.M.; and C. Cooper, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. W. Hearder, P.M.; T. Gray, I.P.M.; F. Hooper, P.M. 121 and 282, P.P.G.D.C.; W. I. Hocking, W.M. 70; W. Trevena, P.M. 1255, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Meadley, W.M. 230; A. E. Lean, P.M. 70; W. F. Westcott, P.M. 70; T. Goodall, P.M. 1550, P.P.G.O.; W. L. Lavers, P.M. 1255; J. W. Cornish, P.M. 223, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Parkhouse, I.P.M. 156; G. Roseveare, P.M. 970 and 1255, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Browning, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C.; P. H. Bridgman, W.M. 223; J. Wallis, I.P.M. 1255; W. H. W. Williams, W.M. 1047; P. B. Clemens, P.M. 126, P.P.G.O.; and N. Radmore, P.M. 159.

The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing: Bros. T. Gray, I.P.M.; A. W. Spinney, S.W.;

J. Ray Plimsaul, J.W.; S. Jew, P.M., P.P.G.T., Chap.; J. T. Browning, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; C. Cooper, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; S. Edgcombe, S.D.; W. J. Sweet, J.D.; H. A. McBryde, I.G.; T. W. Soper, D.C.; R. Robinson Rodd, jun., A.D.C.; F. R. H. Ivey, Org.; C. Luke and S. H. R. Gibbins, Stewards; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler. Bro. Emdon was chosen as the representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Gifford, Charity Steward.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—The brethren of the above lodge held their annual gathering on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, for the installation of the W.M. and the investment of officers, &c. The Gloucester Lodge, as well as the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, and the Twelve Brothers Lodge, No. 785, has been thrown into mourning by the death of Bro. G. Dunlop, who was a P.M. of both lodges, and the large portrait of the deceased, in Masonic regalia, hanging in the lodge room, presented by Bro. Dunlop to the Gloucester Lodge about three years ago, was draped in black crape. The W.M. elect was Bro. R. F. Osborn, and the Installing Board was composed of the following, in addition to Bro. Lees, the retiring W.M.; Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; J. R. Weston, P.P.G. Reg.; T. P. Payne, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Cole, P.P.G. Reg.; J. B. Thomas, P.P.S.G.D.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.P.J.G.D.; M. Miles, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Robertson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. A. Dyer, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Clarke, P.P.G.S.; and G. Davies, of 130; E. Brown, W.M.; T. Lashmore, P.P.G.D.C.; and G. Cross, P.P.G. Std. Br., of 359; G. Tilling, W.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; and Henry Lashmore, P.P.S.G.D., of 394; G. Greenslade, W.M.; and Edginton, of 1112; and E. T. Wise, W.M.; and J. Methven, of 1461. The installation of the W.M. was efficiently conducted by Bro. Lees, to whom the thanks of the brethren for his services in this respect were accorded, and the new W.M. distributed the collars as follows: Bros. R. W. Lees, I.P.M.; J. Fewings, S.W.; H. D. M. Page, J.W.; J. B. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; J. Cole, P.M., Sec.; Rev. C. E. Coghlan, Chap.; D. W. B. Taylor, S.D.; C. T. Penny, J.D.; C. A. Dyer, P.M., D.C.; J. Ridgway, Org.; H. Abraham, I.G.; Langman and H. Elliott, Stwds.; and Vare and Biggs, Tylers. After the ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks for his services during the past year was accorded to the retiring W.M., Bro. Lees, on the proposition of the D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Miles, reference being made by the latter to the Jubilee party held last April on the invitation of the W.M. and Mrs. Lees, and to the visit of the Prov. Grand Master and his officers to the Gloucester Lodge during the past year. The vote of thanks was coupled with a decision to present Bro. Lees with a Past Master's jewel; and it was further resolved to vote five guineas from the lodge funds to the Southampton Masonic Benevolent Institution, in the name of Bro. Lees. After the transaction of the ordinary business,

Bro. T. P. Payne said he had been requested to undertake the melancholy duty of proposing a vote of condolence and sympathy with the widow, son, and members of the family of the late respected Bro. Dunlop, a P.M. of the lodge. He was sure they all felt as he did—that not only had the Freemasons of Southampton lost a worthy and esteemed brother, but that the town itself had lost a citizen who, during his many years' residence there, had been of great service to the community as a commercial man. He did not know whether the Masons, as a body, would attend the funeral on the following day, but probably that matter would be left to the individual action of the brethren.

The D.P.G.M., in seconding the motion, thought it was not desirable to add much to what had already been said by Bro. Payne. Masonry in Southampton would for a long time miss the genial face of their deceased Bro. Dunlop, who frequently attended the Gloucester Lodge in recent years, and was always particularly happy on installation days. Bro. Dunlop, last year, as Senior Grand Warden, occupied almost the highest position in the province which it was possible to attain. He (the D.P.G.M.) and one or two others had been spoken to on the subject of the funeral, and although it was thought that attendance should be left to individuals, yet desiring that some tribute from the brethren generally should be paid to the memory of the deceased, they had directed that a wreath, bearing a card "From the Freemasons of Southampton," should be forwarded. The motion was carried in silence, and the lodge very appropriately followed up the vote of sympathy by voting £5 to the widow of a late brother of the lodge, who it was stated was in indigent circumstances in London.

The usual installation banquet, owing to Bro. Dunlop's death, was not held.

NEWPORT.—Albany Lodge (No. 151).—The annual installation of the officers of this lodge took place on Monday, the 9th inst., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. G. R. King, I.P.M. The officers for the year are Bros. J. H. Wavell, W.M.; G. R. King, I.P.M.; A. Millidge, S.W.; G. A. Brannon, J.W.; Rev. E. W. Watts, Chap.; D. S. Pring, Treas.; G. Wyatt, Reg.; N. Armstrong, Sec.; R. B. Cheverton, D.C.; M. L. B. Coombs, S.D.; H. Groves, J.D.; S. E. R. Nicols, Org.; W. F. Beach, I.G.; R. R. Pittis and I. J. Hyams, Stewards; and C. Knell, Tyler.

The customary banquet was held in the evening at the Bugle Hotel, the catering of Mr. Conquest being of first-rate order. The W.M. presided, the S.W. being in the vice-chair, and between 40 and 50 guests were present.

The loyal toasts—including that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M. of England"—were given from the chair, and enthusiastically received.

"The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," were proposed by Bro. J. G. Garnham, and responded to by Bro. I. Golden. "The W.M., Bro. J. H. Wavell," was submitted by the I.P.M., Bro. King, in a speech expressive of the extreme satisfaction felt by the lodge at the promotion of Bro. Wavell to the chair.

The Worshipful Master having replied, proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," speaking of the able manner in which the duties of W.M. had been discharged by Bro. King during the past year.

Bro. King made an appropriate response, and the re-

maining toasts were "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. R. B. Cheverton, and responded to by Bro. G. Wyatt; "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. S. Wheeler; "The Past Masters," proposed by Bro. A. Millidge, S.W.; "The Treasurer and the Secretary," proposed by Bro. G. A. Brannon, J.W., and responded to by Bro. N. Armstrong; "The Officers of the Lodge," replied to by Bros. R. Roach Pittis and I. J. Hyams; and the Tyler's toast, Bro. C. Knell replying.

There were present visitors from West Cowes, East Cowes, Ventnor, Ryde, Bristol, and Southampton, including Bros. G. Mursell, P.M. Medina Lodge, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Rutland, S.W., W.M. elect Medina Lodge, P.G.O.; Cullingford, Halliday, W.M. Osborne Lodge; Wilkins, Major Monckton, and Walker.

STONEHOUSE.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 189).—At a meeting, held at St. George's Hall, Bro. John Ward, W.M., in the chair, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.M. and Chap., P.P.G. Chap., presented to the lodge two handsome pictures of the reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in Grand Lodge as Past Grand Master on December 1st, 1869, and of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as P.G.M. of Sussex, under the dome of the Pavilion, Brighton, on June 22nd, 1886, by his brother, the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. The panels of the pictures bear the following inscription: "Presented to Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, by W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain 189 (70, 1205, and 2025), P.P.G.C. of Devon, on January 9th, 1888." The picture of the reception in Grand Lodge is a companion picture of that of his Royal Highness's reception as Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master by the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar presented to Sincerity Lodge some short time since by Bro. W. Lemon. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. W. Lemon.

LIVERPOOL.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 216).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, the gathering being generally voted one of the most successful which has ever been held. Bro. J. W. Hawkins, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by a good complement of officers and brethren, and the following visitors: Bros. Beesley, P.P.G.D.; Pentin, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; Hazlehurst, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Howard (Mayor of Bootle); H. P. Cleaver, T. M'Cracken, Dr. Dunbar, Makin, Davis, P.M.; Overbeck, P.M.; Fargher, David Williams, Greenlees, Parry, P.M.; and W. Swift.

Bro. C. H. Lancaster, the new W.M., was presented by Bro. Hawkins, and was duly installed in a most effectual manner. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. Hawkins, I.P.M.; John Bark, S.W.; D. D. Costine, P.P.G.R., J.W.; W. T. Brunt, Sec.; B. M. Bannatyne, S.D.; James M'R. Blair, J.D.; W. J. Camidge, I.G.; G. A. Lawton and O. F. Westrup, Stwds.; M. Derryhouse, P.M., D.C.; and A. B. Ewart, Org. The musical programme was furnished by Bros. David Williams, T. Fargher, W. Hogarth, W. E. Williams, J. Greenlees, and A. B. Ewart, Org. Bro. Hogarth's cornet solo, "The Lost Chord," was very loudly applauded.

PLYMOUTH.—Charity Lodge (No. 223).—This lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on Monday evening, the 16th inst., at Matthews's Restaurant, where an elegant banquet was served to a company numbering upwards of 80. Bro. P. H. Bridgman, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. Browning, P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G. Treas.; T. C. Lewarn, Prov. G. Steward; F. R. Goodyear, Treas.; J. P. Phillips, P.P.G.D.C.; Smith, S. R. Anniss, H. S. Hill, R. Blight, J. Lavers, and J. Hoyten, P.M.'s of the lodge; and the following officers: Bros. W. Stenlake, S.W.; J. A. Lavers, J.W.; H. Earl, S.D.; G. Payne, J.D.; H. Rogers, I.G.; W. Hutchings, D.C.; I. A. Court, A.D.C.; C. B. Gale, Org.; C. H. Soper, Musical Director; P. Hannaford, T. Yeomans, S. W. Sanders, and W. Biscoombe, Stewards; and T. Mair, Tyler. There was a large number of visiting brethren present, including Bros. Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.G. Chap.; F. Browning, P.P.G.T.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; T. Goodall, P.P.G.O.; J. R. Pengelly, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. A. Davies, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Cooper, Sec. 105, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Lavers, P.M. 1255; R. Selmon, W.M. 159; G. Cassell, P.M. 1136, P.G. Sec. Cornwall; Pike, P.P.G.O.; and P. M. Johns, 159.

During the banquet a string band, under the direction of Bro. Soper, played an admirable selection.

After "The Queen and the Craft" had been duly honoured, the Worshipful Master gave "The Grand Master of England," remarking that, as a tenant of the Prince of Wales, he could speak of his Royal Highness as a liberal landlord, and could bear testimony to the cordial relations between the occupiers and owner of the Duchy of Cornwall.

Bro. Cornish submitted "The Pro Grand Master;" Bro. Phillips, "Lord Ebrington, Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon;" and Bro. Goodyear, "The D.P.G.M. of Devon."

For the Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. Lemon responded. Bro. H. S. Hill gave "The Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall," the names of Bros. Cassell, Williams, and Morgan being associated with it.

Bro. Cassell spoke of the great and thoroughly sound progress Masonry had made in Cornwall since the present Prov. Grand Master had held sway, and of the cordial manner in which the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall worked together.

In eulogistic terms Bro. Stenlake proposed "The W.M. of the Lodge."

Bro. Bridgman, in responding, remarked that, although Freemasonry had its black sheep, who now and then brought discredit upon it, the Order was sound to the core, and doing a grand work in enabling men to meet avoiding religious bitterness and political animosity—a haven of rest in the world of turmoil.

"The I.P.M." was heartily toasted at the bidding of the Worshipful Master, who referred to the excellence and prosperity of Bro. Hannaford's rule during the past year, and greatly regretted his unavoidable absence.

Bro. Moysey, P.M., responded for Bro. W. J. C. Hannaford.

"The Treasurer and the Secretary" was given by Bro. Hifley, P.M.

Bro. Goodyear, P.M., responding, spoke of the excellent financial condition of the lodge. The year began with a balance of £32, and after upwards of £12 had been voted to various Charities, and £50 deposited in the bank there was a balance in hand of £20. There had been 14 initiations during the year.

Bro. Browning, P.M., mentioned that this was the 20th year of his Secretaryship.

Bros. Phillips, P.M., and Blight, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. Payne.

Bro. Hoyten, P.M., gave "The Wardens," both responding.

Bro. Lavers, in the course of his reply, mentioned that during the eight years he had been a member of the lodge he had only missed one meeting.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Assistant Officers," and Bro. Earl made a neat response.

Bro. Moysey, P.M., genially submitted "Our Sister Lodges," and Bro. Cowley responded.

The remaining toasts were "The Masonic Charities," "Masons' Wives and Sweethearts," and the Tyler's toasts.

Bros. W. Lavers and Body gave capital recitations, Bro. Soper organette solos, and Bros. Goodyear, Payne, and others, songs.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Sincerity (No. 292).—This lodge is one of the oldest in the Province of West Lancashire, and held its installation meeting on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, which was one of the most successful that have been held for some time past. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, and the homeliness and comfort of the room in which they assembled was pleasant to behold. The lodge was convened for an early hour in the afternoon to enable Bro. J. W. Page, W.M., to give the First Degree, which he did in a most effective manner, and in the performance of which he was ably supported by the following officers: Bros. F. T. Foulkes, I.P.M.; Reginald Young, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. of West Lancashire; W. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; W. Constable, P.M.; D. C. C. Wadsworth, P.M.; C. S. R. Crockett, P.M.; J. R. Evans, S.W.; J. W. Wensley, J.W.; W. C. Briggs, Sec.; H. D. Foulkes, S.D.; G. A. Heuser, J.D.; T. Carter, Org.; T. Vernon, I.G.; and Cobb, Stwd.

Previous to the commencement of the installation ceremony, Bro. C. Wadsworth obtained permission from the W.M. to address a few words to the brethren, in which he thanked them for their kind support, given to him in matters affecting the interests of the lodge, and for having appointed him to the honourable positions of Steward to the Alps Benevolent Institution at its foundation, and Steward to the local Masonic Charities. Anxious to show his appreciation of the confidence placed in him, he desired to present a banner, which he asked the W.M. to accept on behalf of the lodge, expressing a hope that it would hang over the chair, filled by worthy men as Masters, for many years to come, and would be a rallying point for the brethren in support of a worthy Master. The W.M., in accepting it, thanked Bro. Wadsworth for the handsome banner presented, and complimented him for the unique mode he had adopted in showing his goodwill and kindly feelings towards the brethren of his lodge. Bro. F. T. Foulkes, I.P.M., then occupied the chair as Installing Master, when Bro. J. R. Evans, S.W., was presented for installation by Bro. Reginald Young, P.M., P. Prov. Senior Grand Deacon; and Bro. C. Wadsworth, P.M. The ceremony of installation was performed in a most perfect and impressive manner, and was highly appreciated by those who had the privilege of witnessing it, and the manner in which the whole ceremony was gone through elicited the most hearty commendations of all present, and gave proof that Bro. Foulkes had applied himself assiduously to the mastering of the many details of this imposing ceremony. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. W. Page, I.P.M.; J. W. Wensley, S.W.; W. C. Briggs, J.W.; W. Hughes, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); H. D. Foulkes, Sec.; G. A. Heuser, S.D.; T. Vernon, J.D.; T. Carter, Org.; R. Cobb, I.G.; H. Spalding and J. Dear, Stwds.; F. T. Foulkes, P.M., D.C.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler (re-elected). Bro. C. Wadsworth, P.M., was unanimously re-elected representative of the lodge on the Charity Committee of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, and Steward to the Local Charities.

The business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the ball-room of the hotel, where a superbly appointed banquet was served by Bro. Ludlow, the indefatigable manager, after which the usual toasts were given by the W.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Immediate Past Master," spoke of the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties whilst in the chair, and in doing so presented him with a Past Master's jewel and a massive gold Albert chain.

The remainder of the evening was enlivened by the musical efforts of Bros. Vears, Org. 1289; Savage, P.M., Batty, and Edwards, of 1609, and was of a most harmonious character, thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren, who expressed themselves highly delighted with the harmony and good feeling which had characterised the whole proceedings.

Amongst those present, but whose names have not been mentioned, were Bros. J. W. McTear, P.M. 86 and 1384; J. Hawkins, P.M. 216; A. Mc L. Fabert, P.M., Treas. 216; C. H. Lancaster, S.W., W.M. elect 216; Dr. W. Garton, W.M. 897; D. McFarlane, Sec. 1356; T. M. Stephenson, 1547; R. Armitage, P.M. 1620; T. H. W. Walker, P.M. 1675; W. J. Coxon, P.M. 1675; and G. A. Harradon, I.P.M. 1713.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The installation of Bro. W. B. Akerman took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated, on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when there were present Bros. John Garside, W.M.; R. R. Lusenden, I.P.M., P.G. Stwd.; W. B. Akerman, S.W.; J. Robinson, J.W.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., Treas.; P.P.S.G.D.; J. Wilson, P.M., acting Sec.; C. G. Chesworth, S.D.; V. M. Vutchuff, J.D.; John Bladon, P.M., D.C., P.P.G.D.C.; C. E. Daber, I.G.; R. Spencer, J. McLeod, John Read, and Septimus Staton, stwds.; J. Sly, Tyler; J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Wm. Nicholl, P.M., P.G.

Treas.; J. Dawson, P.M.; J. R. Lever, P.M.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; J. W. Edwards, P.M.; J. Smethurst, P.M.; G. C. Swindells, Lawrence Hall, W. Gar-ide, E. B. Wihl, E. Smith, G. Jackson, H. Rottmayer, J. G. Burd, and F. J. Voolscroft. Visitors: Bros. F. Binckes, P.G. Swd. Br., Sec. R.M.I. Boys; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Goodacre, P.G. Swd. Br., Prov. G. Sec. West Lanc.; A. H. Jefferis, P.M. 1161, P.A.G.D.C.; E. W. Irving, W.M. 1170, P.G. Stwd.; J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C. West Lanc.; W. Bee, P.M. 1459, P.G. Stwd.; J. W. Hothersall, J.W. 1161; J. L. Lewis, J.D. 1161; Martin Thomas, W.M. 204; Arthur Middleton, P.M. 645; John Stovold, I.P.M. 993; A. B. Outram, P.M., Treas. 1052; Stephen Jupp, S.W. 1140; Charles Swinn, S.D. 1633, 2144; John Church, Past S.W. 317, 48, and 160 (S.C.); D. Donbavand, P.M. 317; Seymour Jackson, 1140; Charles Heywood, P.M. 1387; Abraham Wild, late 317; J. Rathbone, W.M. 581; J. Rattray, S.W. 1993; Jas. Fitton, W.M. 268; J. Woodward, 1325; A. B. Buttrick, 1171 and 1313; and G. H. Scott, 654.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. William Baker Akerman, was presented by Bro. R. R. Lisenden, I.P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. John Garside, and after the usual preliminaries, and with all due rite and ceremony, formally inducted into the chair of K.S. Upon the re-admission of all M.M.'s, the newly installed W.M. was proclaimed to and saluted by them in the customary manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers, and they were invested and addressed by Bro. Wm. Nicholl, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., as follows: Bros. J. Robinson, S.W.; E. G. Chesworth, J.W.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Septimus Staton, Sec.; Vasil Marco Vultchoff, S.D.; C. E. Daber, J.D.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G. D.C.; John R. Lever, P.M., Org.; J. Read, I.G.; Fredk. Spencer, J. McLead, and W. Garside, Stwds.; and Jas. Sly, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. R. R. Lisenden, P.M., P.G. Stwd., and to the brethren by Bro. James Dawson, P.M. Previous to the lodge closing, a P.M.'s 18 carat gold jewel was presented to Bro. John Garside by the W.M., in the name of the lodge, for his services during the past eventful year. Bro. Garside returned thanks for the jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester) in appropriate terms, and, there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

The Festival of St. John was subsequently celebrated with a banquet, to which over 60 brethren sat down. The W.M. was supported on the right by Bros. F. Binckes and Wm. Goodacre, and on his left by the I.P.M., Bro. Garside; the D.C., Bro. John Bladon; and others. After the banquet, the W.M. proposed the preliminary loyal and Masonic toasts.

In response to the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Wm. Goodacre, P.G. Swd. Br., in thanking the brethren for the cordial reception they had given the toast, congratulated the lodge upon the satisfactory balance-sheet that had been produced, and said there could be no doubt about the members having the interests of Freemasonry and the Charities at heart, when such a handsome sum as 160 guineas could be raised and presented to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution during the past year. It was highly creditable to the lodge to raise such a sum as that, and he trusted and believed that the claims of the Girls' School would not be lost sight of by the Affability Lodge during the present year, and felt sure the Province of East Lancashire would do its utmost for that deserving Institution. There were a large number of persons receiving support from the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, and it behoved members of the Craft, both young and old, to do their best to maintain them.

Bro. Frederick Binckes also briefly replied to the toast; but expressed his intention of saying more at a later period of the evening.

In response to the toast of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Geo. Mellor, and the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers," Bro. Wm. Nicholl, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., and Bro. A. H. Jefferis, Prov. A.G.D.C., replied.

In proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M., P.G. Treas., referred to the time when he had the privilege of initiating him into Freemasonry, and how he had taken a good straight look at him to see if he was made of the right stuff for a W.M. His inspection was satisfactory, as time proved, for having filled nearly all the minor offices in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, he was now in the proud position of W.M. He felt certain the lodge would lose none of its prestige under Bro. Akerman's government, but that he would prove to the brethren who had so unanimously elected him his thorough fitness for the position. In conclusion, Bro. Nicholl asked the brethren to stand to their glasses and heartily drink the health of their new W.M., wishing him a prosperous year of office, and many happy returns of that day, which was the 12th anniversary of his wedding.

It is scarcely necessary to say the invitation was promptly and cordially responded to, after which Bro. Stephen Jupp sang "Here's to his health in a song," in grand style.

The W.M., after thanking Bro. Nicholl for his kind remarks, and the brethren for so heartily responding to the toast, said it was a great pleasure to him to feel he had a great many friends both in and out of the lodge, who sincerely wished him success in his new and honourable position. From the time of his initiation he had felt an ambition to become W.M. of his lodge, and now that the brethren had elevated him to that position, he assured them he would endeavour to do all in his power to uphold the dignity and integrity of the grand old Affability Lodge. The present was to him, undoubtedly, the proudest moment of his life, and with the words of that beautiful song which had just been so ably rendered by Bro. Jupp, he trusted he might have health and strength to perform his duties, and that he might have plenty of opportunities of proving his zeal for and interest in the lodge. With his own efforts, and the assistance of his officers and P.M.'s, he felt no doubts about enjoying a pleasant and successful year of office.

Bro. James Dawson, P.M., in felicitous terms, proposed "The Visitors," which was well received and drunk with enthusiasm, and then Bro. Seymour Jackson, late of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, sang "The Message," in a highly finished manner.

Bro. Arthur Middleton, P.M. 645, in an admirable

speech responded, as did also Bro. John Stovold, I.P.M. 993.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. John Garside, referred to the privilege he had enjoyed of presiding over the lodge during the jubilee year, which had given a larger sum to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution than any other in the province, viz., 160 guineas. It was certainly something to be proud of, but, apart from this gratifying fact, Bro. Garside had laboured untiringly during his year of office to further the interests of his lodge, and had shown himself capable of performing any ceremony that was worked in the Craft. As Installing Master that day he had greatly enhanced his reputation as a worker of the ritual, and he (Bro. Akerman) trusted he would continue to do in the future what he had so ably done in the past.

Bro. Stephen Jupp here sang "Come into the garden, Maud."

The I.P.M., after expressing his pleasure at the manner in which the toast of the I.P.M. and Installing Master had been proposed and received, said he had tried to do his duty as W.M., and was glad to find his efforts had been appreciated by the brethren. He felt proud of presiding over a lodge that had subscribed such a sum last year to the R.M.B. Institution, and which possessed over 500 votes in the three Institutions. In conclusion, Bro. Garside expressed his intention of doing his utmost to promote the prosperity of his lodge in the future.

After the toast of "The P.M.'s" of the lodge had been proposed and responded to,

"The Masonic Charities" was given, and in response thereto Bro. Frederick Binckes made a most interesting and masterly speech, in the course of which he referred to the highly appreciated efforts made by the brethren of the Affability Lodge during the past year in contributing such an amount as they had done to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Binckes advocated the claims of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and pointed out to the brethren the necessity for doing all in their power to support that Institution in view of the proposed increased advantages to be added to it, and likewise in honour of its centenary. Respecting the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to which he had the honour of being Secretary, Bro. Binckes did not consider it advisable to press the claims of that Institution too strongly upon the brethren at the present moment, bearing in mind the noble and generous response the Craft generally had made on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution so recently; at the same time, any donations the brethren felt they could spare towards the Boys' School would be thankfully received and faithfully applied. In conclusion, Bro. Binckes expressed his thanks and satisfaction with the cordial reception extended him. Bro. Binckes' speech was listened to with rapt attention, and was greatly applauded.

A P.M. of the lodge, at this point, informed the worthy Secretary to the Boys' School that himself and a few other members of the lodge had decided to give 40 guineas (jointly) towards the Institution. This announcement was received with applause.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given, and a long remembered enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

The thanks of all present are due to Bros. Seymour Jackson, and S. Jupp for their kindness in being present and entertaining the company with their delightful singing. The same reward applies to Bro. C. E. Daber, who accompanied the singers most artistically, and performed some choice morceaux on the piano.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 353).—The seventieth anniversary of this lodge—being the second in age and one of the most important lodges in the Province of Derbyshire—was celebrated on Monday, the 9th inst., when Bro. C. F. Chamberlin was duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient rite as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. R. B. Barratt, the retiring W.M. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers, viz.: Bros. R. B. Barratt, I.P.M.; E. H. Clarke, S.W.; J. Fisher, J.W.; W. J. Dreyry, P.M., Treas.; T. Taverner, Sec.; W. J. Gothard, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C. and Almoner; E. Stockton, S.D.; A. Fox, J.D.; F. K. Gabbutt, Org.; S. T. Beck, I.G.; G. Tarver and W. Salter, Stewards; and J. Johnson, Tyler. The W.M., in presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Barratt, 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. Barratt had carried out the duties of the chair during the past year, and Bro. Barratt, in suitable terms, thanked the W.M. and brethren for that token of their appreciation. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, R.W.P. G.M. Derbyshire; Naylor, P.G. Sec.; Lieut.-Col. Bindley, P.P.S.G.W. Staffordshire; and many other brethren.

The ceremonial concluded, and the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Carter, who fully maintained his high reputation as a caterer. The wines were of excellent quality, and the desert was much appreciated by the brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening was one of most pleasurable enjoyment; indeed, it was generally admitted that Bro. Chamberlin's year of office had begun with exceptionally bright prospects, and he was heartily congratulated on his appointment to the high office of Master of his lodge.

(In addition to the members of the lodge who were present (including Bros. W. J. Gothard, P.M., P.P.G.P. Derbyshire, P.M. 624, P.P.S.G.W. Staffordshire; W. Walters, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, P.M. 253 and 624; J. R. Cain, P.M., P.G.S. of W. Derbyshire; W. I. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.R. Derbyshire; and J. C. Webb, P.M.), there were also present the following visiting brethren: Bros. W. H. Marsden, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; J. Bland, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Derbyshire; E. Horne, P.M. 731, P.G. Reg. Derbyshire; C. Graham, P.M. 624, P.P.S.G.W. Staffordshire; J. H. Marshall, P.M. 1007, P.A.G.D.C. Leicester and Rutland; J. Harrison, P.M. 1391, P.P.G. S.B. Leicester and Rutland; A. Chamberlin, P.M. 1391, P.P.G.O. Leicester and Rutland; L. P. Chamberlain, P.M. 1265; the Rev. W. F. Drury, 624, P.P.G.C. Staffordshire; R. W. Evans, I.P.M. 1336, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Woodiwiss, W.M. 731; W. Carvell, W.M. 1688; J. H. Richardson, W.M. 1085; R. Slater, W.M. 802; F. G. Boden, W.M. 779; J. Wood, W.M. 624; A. Risden, P.M. 1533; J. D. Wragg, W.M. 1739; J. T. Roseblade,

624, P.M. 607; G. Watson, 624, P.M. 979; C. Collings, P.M. 303; J. B. Waring, Sec. 2081, J.W. 523; W. H. Chamberlin, 524; H. Eagle, 623; A. Reeve, S.W. and W.M. elect 624; A. Coxon, 624; H. Rugg, 624; E. Hodson, 624; T. Hobday, 624; R. R. Bellamy, 779; E. H. Butler, 1391; H. Horne, 731; W. J. Anson, 1265; and F. A. Marshall, 731.

PETERBOROUGH.—St. Peter's Lodge (No. 442).—The installation meeting and annual festival was held on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. Lord Euston, W.M.; Smith, S.W.; Payling, J.W.; Caster, Treas.; Dixey, P.M., Sec.; A. M. Pentney, S.D.; J. B. Vergette, D.C.; Knighton, I.G.; Bamber, Steward; Cook, Tyler; Harrison, I.P.M.; Kirby, P.M.; Wheeler, P.M.; Pank, P.M.; Buckle, P.M., Prov. Grand Sec.; Wheat, P.M. 996; W. H. Pentney, Custance, Foote, Whitseed, Prov. G. Steward; H. C. Clarabut, T. H. Griffin, Bamber, Platt, Stewart, Hardy, J. G. Barford, Crisp, and Howell. The visitors were Bros. F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Hart and Pinney, of 466; Cox, P.M. 985; Cote, W.M.; Wood Ingram, P.M., &c.; and Conney, of 373; C. Smith, 1426; Bird, 607; and Glenn.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting and of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. Smith, S.W., was presented by Bro. Harrison, I.P.M., and was duly installed by the W.M. into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Lord Euston, I.P.M.; J. B. Vergette, S.W.; Caster, J.W.; Kirby, P.M., Treas.; Dixey, P.M., Sec.; A. M. Pentney, S.D.; Knighton, J.D.; Payling, D.C.; Custance, I.G.; H. C. Clarabut, Org.; Foote and Bamber, Stewards; and Cook, Tyler. The charges to the Wardens and brethren were delivered by Bro. Harrison, P.M. Bro. Buckle, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., on behalf of the lodge presented the retiring Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which was much admired for its beauty and excellent workmanship. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet at the Angel Hotel, which was provided by Bro. Clifton in his well-known liberal and satisfactory style.

Bro. Binckes pleaded in his usual forcible manner for the Institution which he represents, and his remarks resulted in a promise to make up a sum of 100 guineas, as a Jubilee gift from the members of the lodge. Bro. B. J. Vergette, who had undertaken to act as "Jubilee Steward," stated that, with sums received and promised, he had no doubt about being able to make up the amount desired.

The jewel referred to was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, who was much complimented for having produced such a splendid work of art.

NEWBURY.—Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope (No. 574).—Bro. W. G. Mount, M.P. for the Newbury division of Berks; Bro. C. T. Murdoch, M.P. for Reading; Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons; Bro. R. Bradley, Past Grand Sword Bearer, and Provincial Grand Secretary for Berks and Bucks; with a considerable number of local brethren, were present, on the 6th inst., at the installation of the Rev. Richard Williams, as W.M. of the above lodge. From time to time clergymen of the Church of England have been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry within the walls of the Lodge of Hope, and several have attained the rank of Prov. G. Chaplain, but we believe that this is the first occasion on which a cleric has been elected to preside over the affairs of the lodge, and installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony took place at the Temperance Hall, and was performed in a most impressive and efficient manner by Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M., who was much complimented by the Grand Lodge Officers, and others present. One of the first duties of the newly installed W.M. was a very pleasing one, namely, to present to the I.P.M., Bro. Hanington, a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, of beautiful design, and engraved with the following inscription: "Presented to Brother H. S. Hanington, P.M., by the Lodge of Hope, No. 574, in recognition of services rendered during his year of office, 1887." The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. H. S. Hanington, I.P.M.; T. Hawkins, S.W.; J. Newbery, J.W.; Rev. J. Atkins, Chap.; W. H. Belcher, P.M., Treas.; S. Knight, P.M., Sec., and Almoner; R. Maples, S.D.; F. J. Harrold, J.D.; W. Knight, D.C.; R. Canning, I.G.; A. W. Neate and Hill, Stwds.; and J. Legg, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the Council Chamber, which Mr. S. Knight, jun., had decorated in a most appropriate and effective manner. The catering of Bro. Hamlen was highly satisfactory. The W.M. presided, and among those present, in addition to the brethren named above were Bros. Capt. Ricardo, C. S. Slocock, B. Pinniger, G. M. Knight, M. H. C. Palmer, G. Boyer, G. J. Cosburn, Ravencroft, Hopwood, Cozens, Dampier-Child, Belcher, H. Jackson, A. Stradling, Astley, Judd, Graham, Head, Ingram, A. T. Kersley, Gilkes, Hunt, Fidler, and others.

Crace was said by Canon Portal, and dessert having been introduced, the toast list was gone through.

The W.M. spoke of the loyalty which distinguished Freemasons, and proposed the first toast, that of "The Queen and the Craft."

The W.M. next gave "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. the Grand Master; the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, Present and Past." The W.M. referred to the universality of Masonry, lodges existing in all parts of the world, and showed the manner in which a great number of the lodges, widely scattered as they were, were yet united in the Grand Lodge, which he felt pleased to say was represented on this occasion by two distinguished Masons. The brethren of the Lodge of Hope regarded it as a high honour to be favoured with the presence of Bro. Canon Portal one of the Past Grand Chaplains of England, and Bro. Robert Bradley, Past Grand Swd. Br., upon whom Grand Lodge conferred honour at the great jubilee gathering held last year in the Albert Hall, in recognition of his long and valuable services to the Order. He had great

pleasure in associating the names of those two brethren with the toast.

Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, in reply, said he esteemed it a very high honour to be called upon to return thanks for his Royal Highness the Grand Master, and the rest of the distinguished Officers of the Grand Lodge. The Prince of Wales was undoubtedly deserving of all the honour which they as Masons could give him, as his Royal Highness came forward at a critical juncture in the history of the Grand Lodge to fill the Masonic throne when it became vacant by the sudden and unexpected resignation of Lord Ripon. The Prince had unquestionably done all that could reasonably be expected of him from that time to the present in maintaining the dignity of Freemasonry, and doing his utmost to promote the welfare of his fellow subjects in every possible way that was within his power. He felt that in Newbury he need say little or nothing in reference to their High Steward, Lord Carnarvon, who filled the high and responsible position of Pro Grand Master. The noble Earl was on a visit to the Australian Colonies, and carried with him to the Antipodes their best wishes. He felt sure their Australian brethren would be very pleased to listen to the eloquent and impressive sentences he would doubtless address to them, and such as so often delighted his brethren at home. He was certain, also, they would join him in expressing the wish that the ties which bound Greater Britain to this country might be strengthened by the visit of Lord Carnarvon to the Australian Colonies. Bro. Portal went on to remark that he had never witnessed the installation ceremony better performed than it had been by Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M., that afternoon, and he felt that no London Lodge could surpass the Lodge of Hope in that matter. People might say what they liked to the contrary, but there could be no doubt that there were vast numbers who were fond of ritual and ceremonial. In their Masonic lodges they carried out an interesting, intellectual, and archaeological ceremonial in perfection. The Masonic ritual was very typical and very instructive, and no one who attended it and studied it properly could fail to learn from it a very great deal that was good. Their ritual was founded on the highest principles of moral law, and it enabled them to carry out the great teaching of Masonry—Charity—as could be seen in those magnificent Institutions connected with the Craft. He need only remind them of the Royal Masonic Schools, where no less than 459 children were being educated, or to the Benevolent Institution which proved a boon to some 418 Aged Freemasons or Widows of Freemasons, a total of 877 persons maintained by the Craft at an annual cost of £43,490. There were valid reasons why every good citizen should desire to be admitted into that Order, and he believed that as long as the principles which governed it remain what they were, and they practised them as they were practised in that and other lodges, Masonry would never lack recruits, or an earnest body of devoted members.

Bro. Bradley, P.G.S.B. Eng., also appropriately returned thanks.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., the V.W. the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., and the Grand Officers of the province, Present and Past," and expressed his regret that the P.G.M. and Dep. P.G.M. were unable to honour them with their company.

The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Bradley, P.G. Sec., who gave a satisfactory account of the progress and position of Masonry in the province, and the good work it did in support of the great Charitable Institutions of the Order. He heartily wished the newly-installed W.M. a successful year of office, and the lodge continued prosperity.

The I.P.M., in complimentary terms, gave "The Health of the W.M.," who suitably responded; after which the loving cup was passed round, and Bro. Cozens played "Auld Lang Syne" on the pianoforte.

Bro. Murdoch, M.P., proposed in eloquent language the toast of "The Masonic Charities." The hon. member for Reading observed that those Charities were to a certain extent the outward and visible signs of what they as Masons did within the walls of this and other lodges. The public knew comparatively little about what had been alluded to so charmingly by Bro. Canon Portal, namely, the beautiful ritual and ceremonial belonging to their Order. Masonry was sometimes put in a false light as regarded hospitality, but they could point to their noble Charities as showing what Masons had done in the past, and what they still desired to do. He held it to be most important that those Charities should always grow and flourish, and never be allowed to languish, and that they should never fail to convince the outer world that amidst all their pleasures and festivities they never forget their poorer or less fortunate brethren. He felt that the Charitable Institutions connected with Freemasonry were deserving of all the support that could be given to them.

The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Maples and Kersley, who severally pleaded in behalf of the Institutions for which they have consented to act as Stewards at the forthcoming Festivals.

Bro. W. Knight gave "The Health of the Visitors," associating with it the names of Bro. Mount, M.P., and Ravenscroft, P.M.

Bro. Mount, M.P., in responding, said that although his name had been connected with the last toast, he could not realise that he was a visitor in that room, surrounded as he was by so many old and kind friends. However, he readily obeyed the command of the W.M., because it gave him the opportunity of expressing the thanks of all the visitors for the great hospitality which had been shown to them on this occasion. So far as concerned himself he desired to express the great gratification he felt in being present at a gathering where such harmony and good feeling prevailed, contrasting strongly as it did with the meetings where it was his lot usually to be present. He earnestly hoped that the Worshipful Master's year of office, which had been so auspiciously commenced that day, might be successfully carried out to the end.

Bro. Ravenscroft P.M., also returned thanks.

Bro. Belcher, P.M., in eulogistic terms gave "The Health of Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M., the Installing Master," who had rendered such signal services to the lodge.

Bro. S. Knight, P.M., in reply, expressed the great pleasure it had given him to perform the installation ceremony, and particularly as it was his privilege to initiate Bro. Williams, also to pass and raise him. He regarded the installation ceremony as one of the grandest that could

possibly be performed, and as teaching beautiful and impressive lessons, which, if acted upon, could not fail to make them all better men.

Bro. Stradling proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master and the other Past Masters of the Lodge."

Bro. Hanington, the I.P.M., in reply, said he looked back upon his year of office with great pleasure, and he heartily thanked the officers and brethren for the kind and ready manner in which they had supported him in carrying out the duties of the chair. He also desired to express his gratitude for the handsome Past Master's jewel with which they had that day presented him.

Bro. Palmer, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Belcher, P.M. and S. Knight, P.M.," who severally returned thanks.

The toast of "The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. G. M. Knight, P.M., was responded to by Bros. Hawkins, Newbery, Neate, Hill, and W. Knight.

Bro. S. Knight, P.M., gave the toast of "The Press," responded to by Bro. Cosburn.

Bro. Legg gave "The Tyler's Toast," which closed the list.

The W.M. tendered the thanks of the lodge to Mr. Stephen Knight, jun., for the artistic manner in which he had so kindly decorated the Council Chamber, after which the National Anthem was sung and the company separated. Bro. Fred Cozens, of London, and several members of the lodge sang a number of capital songs in the course of the evening.

SHAW (Near Oldham).—Albert Lodge (No. 854).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., at the Duke of York Inn, when Bro. Isaiah Duncroft Bamford, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. T. Holt, P.M. The following brethren were invested as the W.M.'s officers: Bros. G. Chadderton, I.P.M.; J. W. Mellor, S.W.; J. Wardle, J.W.; R. Whitworth, Treas.; A. B. Ogden, Sec.; F. Kirkby, S.D.; J. Ormrod, J.D.; F. Kelly, I.G.; J. H. Mills, D.C.; G. H. Fox, Org.; T. Dyson, F. T. Shields, and J. G. Thompson, Stwds.; and W. Hartley, Tyler. The customary banquet followed.

SALFORD.—Zetland Lodge (No. 852).—The installation meeting took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Peel Crescent. There were present Bros. J. Lee, W.M.; Thos. Pike, S.W.; Jas. Beardmore, Sec.; John Robinson, Chap.; Uriah Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Jas. Corney, P.M.; Joseph Young, P.M.; C. W. Wheeler, P.M., W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; John Willis, A. W. Sidebottom, John Abbott, A. E. Collins, John Lord, W. Jones, W. Ison, R. B. Robinson, George Sidebottom, T. Williams, N. Hook, W. H. Wood, W. Robinson, W. Sherlock, T. Walley, W. Egan, J. Hamer, J. Illingworth, Mark Baxter, Jas. Boyden, and J. Smith. Visitors: W. Nicholl, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Treas.; J. L. Hine, P.M. 317, P.P.J.G.W.; Dr. Peter Royle, P.M. 44, 64, and 1357, P.P.G.D.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas.; J. H. P. Leresche, P.M. 64, P.P.G. Reg.; R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Stwd.; A. Grice, W.M. 992; Jno. Waring, W.M. 1134; Joseph R. Sever, 244; and F. Tomlinson, P.M. 325.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken separately for Messrs. Edward Burgess, James Patrick, and William Martin, and was announced favourable in each instance. The W.M. initiated Mr. Burgess, and Bro. Wheeler, P.M., Messrs. Patrick and Martin. Bro. Uriah Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G.P., who had undertaken the duties of Installing Master, occupied the chair of K.S. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Pike, was presented to the Installing Master by the W.M., and after the usual preliminaries, installed Worshipful Master of the lodge, with due rite and ceremony. On the re-admission of all M.M.'s, F.C.'s, and E.A.'s, the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed to, and saluted by them in the customary manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers, and they were addressed and invested by Bro. Uriah Nicholls, as follows: Bros. Fulford, S.W.; Woolley, J.W.; Robinson, Sec.; Booth, S.D.; Blackwell, J.D.; Uriah Nicholls, P.M., D. of C.; Beardmore, I.G.; Porter, Chap.; Willis, Org.; Geo. Sidebottom, Wood, Illingworth, Hamer, R. B. Robinson, and A. W. Sidebottom, Stwds.; and Riddell, Tyler. Bro. Edge was appointed Treas., but not being present was invested by proxy. Bro. Nicholls addressed the W.M. and brethren, and Bro. Wheeler, P.M., the Wardens.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently dined together, and after dinner the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and preliminary Masonic toasts.

Bro. J. W. P. Leresche, P.P.G.R., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and expressed his pleasure at being honoured with the privilege. He himself had the honour of being W.M. of that lodge 25 years ago, which he maintained was the first lodge in the municipal borough of Salford. He premised that the W.M. would be a good man and true, and that he would do all in his power to keep up the prestige of the Zetland Lodge. Bro. Leresche concluded by asking the brethren to rise and drink heartily to the health of the W.M., and also that of the lady whom he was very shortly to make his wife.

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, which, having subsided, the W.M., Bro. Pike, replied in appropriate language.

Bro. Wheeler, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Initiates," which was drunk and duly responded to.

Bro. Pike, W.M., proposed in glowing terms "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Lee," who, he said, had most admirably and zealously performed the various duties allotted to him during the past year. It had proved a very successful year, and a much larger number of subscriptions received than had been the case for some years past. The hearty thanks of every brother in the lodge were due to Bro. Lee for the manner in which he had conducted the lodge.

The toast was well received, Bro. Lee being very popular with all the members.

The I.P.M., in reply, said it was a great pleasure to him to learn that his efforts had given satisfaction to the brethren. He had been ably supported by his officers, and the P.M.'s, but he felt specially grateful to his Secretary, Bro. Beardmore, who had worked most diligently to assist him in his arduous duties. No one but himself could know

how earnestly Bro. Beardmore executed every task that was set him, and how satisfactorily he acquitted it. As a slight acknowledgment for such valuable services, he felt the greatest imaginable pleasure in presenting Bro. Beardmore with a Jubilee jewel, which had been subscribed for by himself and a few others, and trusted he might be long spared to wear it amongst them, and to become W.M. of the lodge, a position he would, when the time came, worthily occupy. In conclusion, Bro. Lee said he would ask the lodge to accept his portrait, which he had had specially taken and framed, trusting they would hang it on one of the walls of the lodge, and that it would be joined by other portraits of P.M.'s of the Zetland Lodge.

Other toasts were proposed, including "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers," &c., and a pleasant evening was spent.

JERSEY.—Royal Alfred Lodge (No. 877).—At the monthly meeting of the above lodge, which was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Temple, St. Heliers, the following were present: Bros. E. A. Briggs, W.M.; P. G. Hamilton, I.P.M. 1003, acting S.W.; J. C. Raven, J.W.; P. Sohler, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Du Jardin, P.M. 244, acting S.D.; F. J. Godfray, S.W. 1003, acting J.D.; T. Leat, P.M. 245, acting I.G.; Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M.; Dr. Le Cronier, P.M., D.P.G.M.; Lynn, F. G. Howe, and Maxwell Le Cronier. Visitors: Bros. C. Naylor, W.M. 244; T. Stone, W.M. 245; H. Elliott, W.M. 1003; P. Bois, P.M. and Sec. 1003; E. Sielley, 1003; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491; F. Hatton, P.M. 491; T. Baudains, P.M. 958; P. Blampted, P.M. 245; G. Long, S.W. and W.M. elect, 245; E. O'dridge, J.W. 1003; G. Coutanche, J.D. 1003; E. Brasford, 1003; and many others.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Le Cronier, then occupied the chair, and raised his son, Bro. Maxwell Le Cronier, to the Sublime Degree. The Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. E. C. M. De Carteret, then proposed his son, Mr. C. S. M. De Carteret, for initiation. This young gentleman not being of age, a dispensation was granted by the P.G.M. for his initiation. The ballot having proved unanimous, the Prov. G.M. then occupied the chair, and initiated his son into Freemasonry. It is needless to say that both the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. in performing the work of initiation and raising did it in that faultless style for which they are renowned in the province. The W.M. having resumed the chair, the D.P.G.M. proposed that the sum of 10 guineas be voted by the lodge towards the P.G.M.'s Stewardship to the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School. The vote was carried unanimously. The W.M. having thanked the various officers for their assistance, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, the Tyler's toast bringing the proceedings to a close.

SHIRLEY.—Shirley Lodge (No. 1112).—The Festival of St. John was celebrated by the members of this lodge on Monday evening, the 9th inst., when Bro. Geo. Greenslade, the retiring S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. G. F. W. Mortimer, the Prov. J.G.W., who is a Past Master of the lodge. The Board of Installed Masters was composed, in addition to the Installing Master himself, of Bros. R. W. Lees, W.M. 130; G. J. Tilling, W.M. 394, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; E. T. Wise, W.M. 1451; Hy. Lashmore, P.M. 394, P.P.S.G.D.; J. D. Barford, P.M. 394, P.P.G.D.C.; Dr. Beaumont, W.M.; C. Crew, P.M.; W. F. Mayoss, P.M.; J. R. P. Sharp, P.M.; and A. Edington, P.M. 757. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. G. Beaumont, I.P.M.; Dr. E. T. Chamberlain, S.W.; W. Pearce, J.W.; Rev. J. G. Norton, Chap.; J. R. P. Sharp, Treas.; A. Edington, Sec.; J. W. Mainer, S.D.; Bernard Harfield, J.D.; Stride, Org.; W. F. Mayoss, D.C.; Dr. Robertson, I.G.; R. C. W. Dixon and J. B. Day, Stwds.; and Vare and Godden, Tylers.

After the installation, the W.M. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Mortimer for the efficiency with which he had conducted the ceremonies, and this was seconded by Bro. C. Crew, who congratulated Bro. Mortimer on the high honour done to himself and to the lodge by his appointment by the Prov. Grand Master to the important office of Prov. J.G.W. for the year. Bro. Mortimer duly acknowledged the kind congratulations of the brethren, and the W.M. then presented to Dr. Beaumont a gold Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the brethren in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during the past year, coupled with a vote of thanks to him for his services. This compliment was duly acknowledged, and the lodge was shortly afterwards closed. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The brethren afterwards partook of the customary banquet, the W.M. presiding. The toast of "The Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was acknowledged by Bros. Mortimer, H. Lashmore, and J. D. Barford; and that of "The Visitors" by Bro. Lees, some of the other visiting brethren having previously left.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, King-street. Present: Bros. R. B. Seddon, W.M.; J. Browne, S.W.; H. Bouchier, J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; H. Riddlesworth, Sec.; W. Rigby, S.D.; W. Holt, J.D.; G. L. Campbell, P.P.G.O., D.C.; R. P. White, I.G.; Thos. Knowles, Stwd.; A. Swallow, Tyler; P.M.'s Lieut. Col. R. A. Farrington, P.J.G.W.; W. Johnson, C. Beazer, R. Betley, H. T. Byrom, and S. A. Oliver; H. Ackerley, C. Cockson, A. Craston, C. A. Cronshaw, R. Layland, E. H. Manks, and W. Simpson. Visitors: Bros. D. M. Gaskin, 97, P.G. Treas.; T. Millington, 178, P.P.J.G.D.; W. R. Rathwell, 42; J. Brindle, W.M. 178; E. Seddon, 178; T. Vernon, 292; W. Chalk, 1335; W. Gray, P.M. 999; T. A. Ryder, P.M. 1380; G. L. Combs, 1403; J. R. Tomlinson, J.W. 1908; and H. Stones, W.M. 2155.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. and his officers, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. L. Campbell then took the chair, when Bro. Oliver, P.M., presented Bro. J. Browne, the S.W. and W.M. elect, and he was duly installed as W.M. for the

ensuing year. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Bouchier, S.W.; W. Riddlesworth, J.W.; W. Rigby, Sec.; J. D. Murray, Treas. (re-elected); W. Holt, S.D.; R. P. White, J.D.; T. Knowles, I.G.; W. Simpson and H. Ackerley, Stewards; and A. Swallow, Tyler. The Installing Master was assisted by Bros. Beazer, Johnson, and Murray, who invested the officers, delivered the addresses, and explained the working tools. Afterwards the Treasurer presented his balance-sheet, which showed a large expenditure during the past year, yet still leaving a small balance in hand. As Charity Representative, Bro. Murray thanked the brethren for their kind support during the past year, enabling him to return a sum of £106 1s. to the various Masonic Charities as the Jubilee gift of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren with their visitors adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where, thanks to the excellent catering of Miss Evelyn Jerrens, a most recherché repast was admirably served, and ample justice was done to it. The toasts—loyal and Masonic—were given by the W.M., and heartily responded to. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by songs from several of the members and visitors.

NORTHALLERTON.—Anchor Lodge (No. 1337).— Handsome Presentation. — On Tuesday afternoon, the 10th instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, the annual festival in connection with the above lodge was held, when Bro. John S. Winn was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a capital muster at the installation, the visitors present being: Bros. A. C. Knowles Hunton, 940; E. L. Marrett, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Northumberland; F. Smith, P.M. 837, P.G.S. West Riding of Yorkshire; S. Jacob, W.M. 837; W. B. Smith, Sec. 837; A. Tupman, I.P.M. 837; Z. Wright, P.M. 1416; W. Hall, J.D. 1416; J. S. Farmery, 1416; G. W. Pattison, 602; J. T. Hansell, S.W. 1416; Pook, 1611. The members present were Bros. H. Warrior, W.M.; C. Palliser, P.M.; J. S. Winn, S.W.; T. Russell, J.W.; C. Waistell, P.M., P.G.R., Treas.; W. Bell, S.D.; A. H. Syree, J.D.; J. Ward, I.G.; N. Russell, jun., and Alexander, Stwds; G. J. Robinon, D. of C.; R. H. Sootheran, P.M.; R. S. Palliser, P.M., P.G.P.; and E. Wilkinson, Tyler.

The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. A. C. Knowles, P.P.G.D. Durham, after which the newly-elected W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Warrior, I.P.M.; T. Russell, S.W.; W. Bell, J. W.; C. Waistell, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Robinson, Sec.; A. H. Syree, S.D.; J. Ward, J.D.; G. J. Robinson, P.M., D. of C.; T. Boddy, Org.; C. Tweedy, I.G.; N. Russell; and C. Alexander, Stwds.; and E. Wilkinson, Tyler.

Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the assembly room of the Golden Lion Hotel, where the annual banquet was held, the newly-installed W.M. presiding, while Bro. Thos. Russell, S.W., was Vice-Chairman. Several Masonic toasts were drunk, the Chairman proposing "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured. He then submitted "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, and other members of the Royal Family," which was drunk in true Masonic style.

On the proposition of P.M. Waistell, "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon and the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom" was duly honoured, after which, on the motion of Bro. R. Sootheran, P.M., the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire," was drunk in a bumper.

Bro. Warrior, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of North and East Riding," to which Bro. J. Fairburn responded in an able speech.

The Installing Master then submitted "The W.M. of the Anchor Lodge, and Prosperity to the Lodge," to which Bro. Winn replied, and said he thanked them for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast. It would be his endeavour to conduct the business of the Anchor Lodge in the best possible manner. He knew that he had a herculean task set before him, considering the many able Past Masters who had succeeded him, but he could honestly tell them that no one should equal him in his zeal to carry on the lodge to the best of his ability, and to do the work of the lodge as it ought to be done. He hoped they would all have a prosperous and happy new year. He had been particularly pleased with the unanimous way in which his officers had accepted office when he selected them, for he had not had a single refusal. He had now to submit to them a most important toast, which was "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. A. C. Knowles, P.P.D.G.C." They were very much indebted to Bro. Knowles for his kindness in coming there that day, seeing that he had been ill for a considerable time, but Bro. Knowles had evidently resolved that nothing should stop him from doing his duty, for ever since the foundation of the Anchor Lodge Bro. Knowles had installed all their Worshipful Masters.

The toast having been drunk in a bumper, Bro. Knowles said he sincerely thanked them for their kind feelings, and the complimentary way in which Bro. Winn has spoken of his services to the Anchor Lodge. It had been a great pleasure to him during the past years to come and do his duty to them. He had no pretensions to high class Masonry, for in these modern days of School Boards, and of lectures and philosophies, new exponents of Masonry had arisen, but he was an old Conservative and stuck to the old landmarks and customs. It had been his privilege to reside in Northallerton for 17 years, and he was very thankful indeed that the Great Architect of the Universe had spared him so long to take such an important part in the working of their lodge. Great changes had taken place in families and in communities, but there was one thing which had never changed, and that was their friendship towards him. He hoped that the might be spared to come again, for he enjoyed the kindly and friendly spirit which they displayed towards him, which was borne of Freemasonry. He had often found that the most genuine friendship was to be found amongst what he might call the lower strata of society, for he had seen instances of kindness and generosity, and genuine brotherly love amongst people whom they would never have thought of if it had not been seen. In conclusion, he said that he had never installed a more worthy brother as W.M. of the Anchor Lodge than Bro. Winn.

Bro. S. Jacob, W.M. of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge,

then submitted "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Warrior." In an interesting and eloquent speech he pointed out the duty of an Immediate Past Master, and said that he hoped there were none in the Anchor Lodge who desired to get to the degree of I.P.M., or to wear the purple, and then retire. He wished not to be disrespectful to Bro. Warrior, whose name he had to couple with the toast of the I.P.M., as he only wished to point out that the office of Immediate Past Master was one of the greatest honours any lodge could bestow on a member.

Bro. Warrior, I.P.M., replied, and said that the W.M. of the Anchor Lodge and the year terminated together, but he hoped it would not be long before he was resurrected. He trusted the new year would be a happy and a prosperous one for Bro. Winn and every member of the lodge.

Bro. R. H. Sootheran, P.M., said he had intended being present at the installation that afternoon, but business had detained him. He had, however, to ask Bro. Winn to accept, on behalf of the lodge, an old oak chair, which was lent by him when the last Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Northallerton, and in which their R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland sat. The chair bore the date 1637 carved on it.

The Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Sootheran for his handsome gift, which he had great pleasure in accepting as a Master's chair, on behalf of the officers and members of the Anchor Lodge. It afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to ask them to give to Bro. Sootheran their most hearty thanks for his magnificent present.

The vote was carried in a true Masonic manner.

Bro. R. S. Palliser submitted "The Visiting Brethren." The brethren of the Anchor Lodge were very grateful to the large number of visitors who had been present at their installation banquet that day, while they were always glad on their lodge nights to be favoured with a visit from the brethren of the lodges round about. He was sorry to miss the kindly face of Bro. Wilkinson, of Thirsk, while Bro. Hunton had gone to his long home.

The toast was drunk with much heartiness.

Bro. the Rev. E. L. Marrett, P.P.G.C., responded, and thanked them for the kind reception they had given him at Northallerton on his first appearance amongst them. He knew of no society which extended so freely the hand of fellowship to strangers as Freemasons, while there was more brotherly love and concord amongst Masonic lodges than they would find amongst any other society in the world.

Bro. Tupman, I.P.M. 837, also replied, and thanked the W.M. and the other officers of the Anchor Lodge for the hearty way in which they had honoured the toast.

Bro. Z. Wright, P.M. 1416, said, although he was last, and because he was the least of the visitors who were responding, yet he wished to say that he was not the least in importance. He well remembered the last occasion he paid a visit to the Northallerton Lodge, for by chance the whole of the Falcon members got to York instead of to Thirsk. It was always a pleasure to the brethren of the Falcon Lodge to return the neighbourly and friendly visits made by the officers and members of the Anchor Lodge.

Bro. G. Ayre then proposed "The Officers of the Anchor Lodge." He said he had known their present W.M. ever since Freemasonry had been introduced into Thirsk, and their brethren at Northallerton had ever been ready to lend them any assistance they required.

Bro. T. Russell, S.W., responded, and said that every officer in the lodge had determined to do the best he could to support their newly-installed W.M., so as to ensure them having a happy and prosperous year.

Bro. W. Bell, J.W., also replied, and said that all the officers of the lodge would be punctual in their attendance. Bro. W. Bell then submitted "The Ladies" in an amusing speech.

Bro. Russell, S.W., responded, and said, although he was not as yet honoured with a commission in the petticoat regiment, yet he hoped soon to be able to copy the example of two members of the Anchor Lodge who had recently married.

The Tyler's toast terminated the toast list.

The harmony of the evening was capitally maintained by several brethren present. Bro. G. J. Robinson made a first-class Director of Ceremonies.

BEAMINSTER.—Beaminstor Manor Lodge (No. 1367).—On Tuesday, the 10th inst., Bro. R. Toleman, S.W., was duly installed as W.M. of the above lodge, and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. G. Purkis, I.P.M.; C. Toleman, S.W.; H. Maunder, J.W.; the Rev. E. G. Austen, Chap.; J. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; R. R. Sampson, Sec.; A. Hann, S.D.; O. M. Beament, J.D.; C. Hann, P.M., D.C.; I. Cox, Org.; R. England, I.G.; S. Cox, P.M., and A. Butler, P.M., Stwds.; and J. Keech, Tyler.

The lodge was largely attended, and the visitors included Bros. W. E. Brymer, D.P.G.M. Dorset; R. Tucker, jun., W.M. 707; W. Tucker, P.M. 707, P.P.G. Reg. Dorset; T. Giles, P.M. 35 and 707, P.P.G.S. of W. Dorset; W. Frost, 707; J. Wheately, P.M. 814, P.P.G.S.B. Somerset; Geo. Kugg, P.M. 814, P.P.G.D.C. Somerset; F. J. Stringfellow, P.M. 814, P.P.G.S.B. Somerset; E. W. Coombs, P.M. 814, P.P.G. Purst. Somerset; T. F. Bartlett, J.W. 814; G. James, P.M. 1197, P.P.G.D.C. Somerset; and B. King, 1168.

The ceremony of installation was most ably and impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Charles G. Purkis, P.M., P.P.G. Purst. Dorset, who was so efficiently assisted by his officers as to call forth a very high tribute of praise from the D.P.G.M., Bro. Brymer, who considered that the work of the lodge on that occasion was rarely equalled, and certainly never excelled, by any other lodge in the provinces. The first duty of the newly-installed W.M. was a very graceful one, viz., to present Bro. Purkis, in the name of the lodge, with a miniature P.M.'s jewel in gold, as a small token of recognition of the services rendered by him to the Craft in general, and the Beaminstor Manor Lodge in particular, not only during the past year, but also during a previous term of office. The W.M. also proffered a hearty welcome to the D.P.G.M., on his first visit to No. 1367, to which Bro. Brymer replied in suitable terms. On the proposition of Bro. S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Dorset, it was unanimously resolved that the lodge apply to be admitted as a member of the correspondence circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial banquet, prepared at the White Hart Hotel by Bro. G. Squire, and, under the genial presidency of the W.M., a pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

PLYMOUTH.—Ebrington Lodge (No. 1847).

—The annual banquet of the above lodge was held on the 10th instant, at Bro. Routly's Farley Hotel. Nearly eighty members of the lodge and visiting brethren were present. The W.M. Bro. W. H. Williams, presided, supported by Bros. J. Griffin, S.W.; and J. J. Masters, J.W., in the Vice-Chairs, and the following officers of the lodge Bros. T. Geach, I.P.M.; C. A. Nicholson, Treas.; J. Lose, Sec.; S. Jew, Chap.; H. G. Harding, S.D.; J. T. Rook, J.D.; G. W. Street, I.G.; J. Harvey, D.C.; G. W. Firkins, A.D.C.; H. Roberts and E. Daw, Stwds.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.S. of W., Representative at the Committee of Petitions; R. Lose, jun., P.M.; and W. H. W. Macey, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Derry, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.P.G. Chap.; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of W.; S. Willoughby, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Goodall, P.P.G.O.; H. J. Trethewey, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; H. Mortimore, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. G. Pyke, P.P.G.O. Cornwall; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.S.B.; P. Pike, P.P.G.O.; T. C. Lewarn, P.G.S.; J. W. Parsons, W.M.; T. Gray, I.P.M. 105; J. H. Blackell, P.M. 1099; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; P. G. L. Pearce, P.M. 1247; W. H. Hunt, P.M. 1205; B. Elliott, P.M. 1247; W. T. Hocking, W.M. 70; P. H. Bridgman, W.M. 223; J. J. Meadley, W.M. 230; W. L. Lavers, P.M. 1255; R. Selmon, W.M.; W. D. Thomas, P.M.; B. S. Johns, P.M.; N. Radmore, P.M. 159; and J. Little, W.M. 156.

The banquet proved in every way a complete success, the catering supporting the high character maintained by the hotel. The usual toasts were given.

Bro. Derry, in replying to "The Prov. G.M. and the Prov. G. Officers," said Bro. Viscount Ebrington had displayed great interest in the Order and was a zealous officer.

During the evening a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., with the inscription: "Presented by the brethren of Lodge Ebrington, No. 1847, to Bro. Thomas Geach, P.M., in appreciation of his Masonic zeal, 1887." Bro. A. R. Lethbridge made the presentation.

The W.M. also announced that there was another presentation to make, one not exactly officially connected with the lodge, but a brother who was very popular among them. Bro. C. P. Sutton, of the Imperial Hotel, was about to leave the neighbourhood, and the brethren had desired to present him with a mark of their esteem.

Bro. S. Jew, Treasurer of the fund, then made the presentation of a handsome marble mantel timepiece, with the inscription: "Presented to Bro. C. P. Sutton by the brethren of Lodge Ebrington, 1847, as a mark of their esteem, on his leaving the neighbourhood."

The musical entertainment which followed the banquet was more than usually attractive. Capital solos were given on the pianoforte, violin, cornet, and banjo, and there was a long list of choice melodies and recitations. Among the performers were Bros. J. Lose, E. G. Dyke, W. L. Lavers, J. Harvey, S. H. Gibbens, C. H. Cowling, B.A., 606; C. P. Sutton, A. W. Spinney, Master W. Hinchcliffe, Master A. Johns, Mr. W. Johns, and others.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The

regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. W. B. Dyson, W.M.; W. Brown, I.P.M.; S. J. Dalton, S.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; G. Lamb, S.D.; W. Storey, J.D.; W. Child, Org.; J. H. Shonksmith, I.G.; J. I. Selzer, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; and others. Apologies for absence were read from the J.W. and Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M. Mr. S. Tindall was initiated by the W.M. Bro. Pearson presented the lodge calendar for the year, to be sold for the benefit of the lodge funds. Bro. Halliwell presented a new ballot box of mahogany. Bro. G. Chapman presented a set of ash trays, and Bro. Shonksmith presented an engraving of the interior of the state room in the George Hotel, Coney-street, where the Apollo Lodge formerly met.

After the close of the lodge the brethren met at supper, and passed a very pleasant evening.

EAST MOLESEY.—Arnold Lodge (No. 1981).

—The installation meeting of this lodge on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., was more than of usual interest, on account of the removal of the lodge from the Bell to the Castle Hotel, a far more commodious hostelry. As was to be expected, the new home was well filled with brethren of the lodge and visitors, to give the J.W. and W.M. elect a good reception. Bro. Croaker is already a P.M. of Tranquillity Lodge, and is most popular among the members of the Arnold Lodge. The following members were present: Bros. J. Youldon, P.A.G.D.C., W.M.; S. P. Catterson, P.P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; George Moorman, W.M. 1638, S.W.; F. Croaker, J.W. and W.M. elect; W. Youldon, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. W. Moorman, P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; H. J. Shelley, S.D.; F. W. Hullett, J.D.; G. A. Ball, I.G.; J. J. Wright, Steward; W. Lane, Tyler; R. E. Catterson, R. Britten, W. H. Holliday, G. Leaver, W. Youldon, jun., E. Taylor, W. Taylor, H. W. Knight, W. T. Abnett, A. Millen, C. F. Davis, J. Chapman, J. Heath, F. Neale, and S. Ellis. Visitors: Bros. H. E. Frances, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey; R. S. Elsam, P.M. 201 and 889, and W.M. 2222, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; H. W. Humphreys, 1638; W. Sparrowhawk, S.W. 1223; E. Compton, 1512; J. Scott, 1512; J. Hattersley, 1607; L. Dunham, 1607; G. Bolton, jun., 1155; H. C. Stevens, 1155; W. Chapman, W.M. 889; E. Carpenter, 109; W. Wingham, W.M. 25; A. E. Baldwin, P.M. 1632 and 1949, P.P.G. S.B. Middx.; and J. Mayo, 1614 and 2222.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the regular, emergency, and special meetings were read and confirmed. The amended by-laws were read and adopted. Bro. F. Croaker, P.M., was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Past Masters having been formed, he was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Youldon. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the following officers, which he did with singular care and precision: Bros. G. Moorman, S.W. (who is the W.M. of the Brownrigg Lodge, or he would have been elected before the W.M. elect; but being barred by the Constitutions, the present W.M. was unanimously returned); H. J. Shelley, J.W.; F. W. Hullett, S.D.; G. A. Ball, J.D.; J. J. Wright, I.G.; G. Leaver, D.C.; and J. Chapman and S. Ellis, Stewards.

Bro. W. Youldon, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. W. Moorman, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., appointed for the sixth time Secretary. When the W.M. had been proclaimed, the usual addresses were effectively rendered by the Installing Master. The W.M. then presented to the I.P.M., Bro. J. Youldon, a P.M.'s jewel for his efficient services during the past year.

"Hearty good wishes" to the W.M., and the closing of the lodge enabled the officers, members, and visitors to test the capabilities of their host, Bro. Mayo. The menu contained all that could be desired, and the brethren were warm in their praises of the excellent accommodation that had been made for their comfort in their new home.

The customary loyal and other toasts were briefly given by the W.M., and met with cordial acceptance, the visiting brethren being loud in their praises of the warm reception they had received.

The proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast. We have omitted to mention that two propositions were made in open lodge for initiation, one being the W.M.'s eldest son.

MANCHESTER.—Ardwick Lodge (No. 2185).—This lodge held its ordinary meeting on Monday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. J. T. Richardson, P.S.G.D. East Lancashire, W.M.; Hoyland, P.M., S.W.; S. Chesters Thompson, J.W.; Wilkinson, Treas.; Andrew, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Wand, S.D.; Tatton, I.G.; Booth, Stwd.; John Hayes, P.M.; Goss, Ellis, J. Wand, R. W. Atkinson, Dean, Taylor, Lowe, Brown, Cairns, Williams, Rose, Hilditch, Buckley, and J. Hayes; and W. Corbett, P.M. 249, visitor.

Bro. T. Hilditch was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. S. Andrew, P.M., raised Bro. Rose to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in a most impressive manner, which will not soon fade from the memory. There are many W.M.'s who would do well to take a lesson from Bro. Andrew, whose earnest manner, clear voice, and distinct pronunciation are worthy of imitation. A word of praise is also due to Bro. G. E. Wand, S.D., who did his work most admirably; and also to the other officers, who, without exception, did their duties well. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren then sat down to supper, and after the cloth was removed, the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were given, and the remainder of a most enjoyable evening passed all too quickly, enlivened as it was by songs and recitations given in a creditable manner.

This lodge is comparatively young, having been consecrated in March last, but it already gives promise of a vigorous and useful future. It is in a flourishing condition, has 32 members on its roll, and has paid off the cost of its formation—over £200. The jewels and furniture are exceptionally good—superior to what we see in most lodges. Let us hope that the lodge may in its age "fulfil the promise of its spring."

The members have decided to hold a ball on Thursday, February 16th next, in the Public Hall, Ardwick, to which non-Masons will be admitted on being introduced by a brother.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, when Bro. Messer presided, and was supported by a number of other brethren.

Lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Ferguson, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture, after which the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Silvester acting as candidate. That was succeeded by the lodge being opened in the Third Degree, and closed down. Bro. W. G. Thompson, 1445, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. Boyden W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

On Wednesday, the 1st prox., at 7.30 p.m., Bro. Block, W.M. of the parent lodge, will rehearse the ceremony of installing his successor, and it is hoped that as many brethren as possible, both of the parent and instruction lodges, will make an effort to be present.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. J. Round, W.M.; A. G. Boswell, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. Chapple, S.D.; T. W. Manktelow, J.D.; W. J. Mason, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; N. Turner, P.M. 72; J. W. Belsham, H. W. Eastwood, C. J. Biorn, and J. W. Curtis.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Belsham candidate. Bro. Turner 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. Turner candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down. Bro. Boswell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The meeting held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., was attended by the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. Robert Greening, who presided as W.M. There were also present Bros. D. Hills, S.W.; F. W. Potter, P.M., J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; W. Paddle, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Ball, Secretary; J. L. Barrett, S.D.; J. K. Pitt, J.D.; T. Owens, I.G.; Saul, P.M.; Berry, P.M.; Munday, P.M.; Amsden, P.M.; Rush, P.M.; Surridge, P.M.; Jolliffe, Tuck, Bromhead, James, and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Bro. Greening very perfectly rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Bromhead acting as candidate, and subsequently answering the questions in proof of proficiency. Lodge was then called off for a few minutes, and when resumed was passed and raised in due form for the purposes of rehearsal of the installation ceremony and the formation of a Board of Installed Masters with ancient ritual. That portion of the evening's work was ably conducted by Bros. Munday, as Installing Master; Saul, as S.W.; Potter, as J.W.; and James Stevens, as D.C. After lodge had been resumed to the First Degree, Bros. Bromhead and Owens were elected members, and Bro. Saul was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Munday for his able working during the evening, which that worthy brother acknowledged, thanking the lodge in his turn for the opportunity afforded him for practice. Reference having been made to the progress of the Benevolent Association connected with this lodge of instruction, it received additional support from joining members. The lodge was then closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. H. Hunt, W.M.; G. Reynolds, S.W.; Clarke, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; Loomes, S.D.; Harding, J.D.; A. Cox, I.G.; Shurmer, Marks, Boyden, and F. M. Noakes.

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. Petch candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Petch, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Boyden 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 was rehearsed, Bro. Boyden candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. A. M. Marks and A. Cox were unanimously elected joining members, being proposed by Bro. Hancock, and seconded by Bro. Reynolds. Bro. Clarke was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hunt for his services in the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Reynolds, W.M.; G. J. Wynn, S.W.; H. G. Marsden, J.W.; F. M. Noakes, S.D.; J. Rowe, J.D.; A. Proudfoot, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; S. Nathan, W. Brindley, G. Grooves, R. J. Harnell, L. Gunzel, R. E. Cursons, W. P. B. Browne, W. Hancock, A. Clark, J. Woodward, and W. Gibson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. Gibson having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bro. Samuel Nathan, 201, proposed by Bro. G. J. Wynn, seconded by Bro. A. Proudfoot; Bro. W. P. Barton Browne, 1321, proposed by Bro. W. Brindley, seconded by Bro. W. Hancock; and Bro. George Grooves, proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. G. J. Wynn be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elected appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. G. P. Bertini, manager of the Criterion, Piccadilly, for the kindness and attention shown to the brethren of this lodge of instruction during the past year, and that the same be entered on the minutes, and that the Secretary write to him to that effect; seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds, and carried unanimously. The following brethren were unanimously elected Auditors to audit the accounts for the year 1887:—Bros. R. J. Harnell, W. Hancock, and H. G. Marsden, being proposed by Bro. W. Brindley, and seconded by Bro. G. J. Wynn. Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., read the following letter from the M.W. Grand Master of Maryland, Bro. Thomas J. Shryock:—"Office, Masonic Temple, Thos. J. Shryock, Grand Master of Masons of Maryland, Baltimore, U.S.A., Dec. 27th, 1887. George Reynolds, Sec. Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, 1614, London, England. My dear Sir and Brother,—I have yours under cover of the 25th of Nov., accompanied by an honorary membership certificate of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, for which please accept my thanks. Please express to the brethren my great gratification at the honour they have conferred upon me, and assure them that my visit to their lodge was as much a pleasure to me as to them. If I contributed anything towards the welfare of the lodge, I shall feel amply repaid.—Yours truly and fraternally, Thos. J. Shryock." Bro. G. Reynolds proposed that the letter, which was a great compliment to the lodge of instruction, be entered on the minutes—seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. C. Hagan, W.M.; G. Higginson, S.W.; Moss, J.W.; E. Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Jennings, S.D.; Johnston, J.D.; Woodard, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; John Davies, Preceptor; Child, P.M.; Alais, P.M.; Speigel, P.M.; Joscy, P.M.; Head, Craggs, Stanley, Whittell, Arnott, Martineau, Sanson, and Cotton. Bro. W. Lord, 1326, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Child candidate. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren. The 4th Section was also worked. Bro. Higginson was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Hagan for his able working of the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. G. Gardner, P.M. 2012, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; E. Aslete, Org.; A. Williams, Sec.; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; F. Waldon, J.D.; C. F. Hughes, I.G.; M. Speigel, P.M. 153; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; J. Sims, P.M. 834; D. Stroud, F. Craggs, C. Hopkins, A. H. Moore, Clarke, J. Davies, and J. Worth.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Hopkins offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Clarke answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. Bro. D. S. Long, S.W., then worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, with the assistance of the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the Second Degree. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by Bro. J. Davies and the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and on the second rising, Bro. D. S. Long was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Roberts, W.M.; Holland, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., S.D., Treas.; Conaghan, P.M., Sec.; Blades, J.D.; Mann, I.G.; Coleman, Stenson, Edwards, and Furnell.

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. Stenson being the candidate. Bro. Coleman, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Coleman being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down. Bro. Holland was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

Bro. Coleman, W.M. of the Wanderers Lodge, will work the ceremony of installation to-day (Friday).

DARTFORD.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 299).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. E. S. Lancaster, W.M.; Chas. Hind, S.W.; C. Powling, J.W.; W. J. Light, P.M., Preceptor; C. Hind, Sec.; A. Bovey, S.D.; T. Jenkins, J.D.; C. D. Mears, I.G.; Carter, Tyler; and W. Greig, P.M., P.G.P.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising being about to be rehearsed, Bro. Lancaster vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Greig, and then acted as candidate; the questions were put and answered, and he was entrusted and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, when the ceremony of raising was completed. Lodge resumed to the Second, and then the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when the Preceptor proposed, and the S.D. seconded, that the S.W. occupy the chair at the next meeting—carried. Bro. Powling returned thanks, and promised to work the First Degree. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

GALLERY CHAPTER (No. 1928).—The regular January convocation of this chapter was held last Saturday, at Brixton Hall. The three Principals—Comps. Thomas Minstrell, Z., W. M. Duckworth, H., and H. Massey, P.Z., J.—and J. H. Thomas, P.Z., S.F., John C. Duckworth, S.N., Robert J. Albery, Treasurer, Herbert Wright, P.S., W. T. Perkins, 1st A.S., Greenwood, McIntyre, C. K. Moore, John Moore, Manning, and J. Very, Janitor, were in their places. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the elections were taken, with the following result: Comps. W. M. Duckworth, as Z.; H. Massey, H.; J. C. Duckworth, J.; R. J. Albery, Treasurer; J. H. Thomas, P.Z., S.E.; Herbert Wright, S.N.; W. T. Perkins, P.S.; R. A. Hancock, 1st A.S.; E. E. Peacock, 2nd A.S.; John Read, Organist; and J. Very, Janitor. Moved by Comp. Albery, and seconded by Comp. W. M. Duckworth, the following resolution was carried: "That the best thanks of the chapter are due and are hereby accorded to the undermentioned for their contributions towards the furnishing of the chapter, viz., Comp. Massey, P.Z. (and Mrs. Massey), The Sacred Law, also robes for the two Scribes and three Sojourners; Comp. Thomas, P.Z., robe and sceptre of First Principal; Comp. Greenwood, two small banners; Hon. Comp. Drysdale, P.Z., floor-cloth; Comp. J. Henniker Heaton, three large candlesticks." On the motion of Comp. Albery, seconded by Comp. J. C. Duckworth, the Companions resolved "that a Committee be appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts up to and including 31st March next, and to report to the chapter at the April meeting." Comps. Thomas, Greenwood, Manning, and John Moore were elected on this Committee, in addition to the ex-officio members, and the chapter was then closed.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).—A most important gathering of advanced Royal Arch Masons took place on Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Cannon-street, the occasion being one of special interest, on account of the announcement that Comp. F. Brown, P.Z., the talented Preceptor of the chapter (whose services have now extended over several years), would give in the form of a Lecture an original explanation of the Royal Arch jewel, in the place of a rehearsal of the ceremony of exaltation. The following companions were present: Comps. J. S. Fraser, J. Roberts, W. C. Claridge, W. F. Smart, G. Powell, G. Gilard, J. Funstan, R. Harper, J. L. Payne, B. Haynes, A. M'Dowell, C. H. Webb, H. Thompson, T. C. Edwards, J. Newton, G. Allen, and others. The chapter room was elaborately furnished with diagrams, models of geometrical figures, &c., prepared for the purpose of illustration and explanation of the Lecture, which occupied nearly two hours in the delivery, and throughout was listened to with rapt attention. Comp. Brown, on introducing the subject, made frequent quotations from the Ritual of the Royal Arch Degree, and more particularly those parts of it which refer to the Royal Arch Jewel, pointing out the true principles of geometry, which were embodied in that symbol with reference to the Platonic bodies and the theory of the universe. He also proceeded to show the value between triangles and right angles, upon which the whole system of Royal Arch Masonry was founded, from the time of Pythagoras, and subsequently to that of Euclid, whose elements had never been controverted, and remained the text-book of geometry up to the present time. At the conclusion of the Lecture, Comp. Brown was cordially applauded, and a proposition was made that the best thanks of the chapter should be recorded on the minutes for the very interesting, painstaking, and talented address he had given, hoping that he would continue his researches into the Royal art, and add to the obligations he had already conferred upon them. Several members expressed their gratification they had received in listening to the Lecture, and stated that it would give them a renewed stimulus to investigate for themselves the principles upon which Royal Arch Masonry was founded. The motion was put and carried unanimously, and Comp. Brown said the approbation he had received would be an encouragement to him to pursue his enquiries in the future for the purpose of elucidating some of the beauties of the Supreme Degree. The installation of Principals will be worked on the second Tuesday in each of the months of March, April, and May. The chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adams' Lodge (No. 6).—The annual meeting of this old Mark lodge was held at the Britannia Hotel, Mile Town, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas H. Smith. There were present Bros. A. Spears, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. of Eng.; W. T. Carpenter, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; G. T. Green, P.P.G.O.; J. Tower, P.P.G.O.; C. M. Glayshier, C. Hallet, E. J. Pyke, and W. Mattheson; and Bros. H. Black, P.P.G.A.S., of Lodge 69, and J. Morris, visitors.

In the absence of the W.M., Bro. R. H. Platten, Bro. A. Spears occupied the chair, supported by Bro. W. T. Carpenter, as I.P.M. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. A. Spears called on Bro. W. T. Carpenter to present the W.M. elect, that he might receive the benefit of installation to qualify him for his important office. The preliminary service over, the brethren below the chair were desired to retire, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. T. H. Smith was regularly installed into the chair of A. as Master of this lodge according to ancient custom. The Board of Installed Officers was then closed and the brethren re-admitted. The new W.M., having been proclaimed and saluted, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Tower, S.W.; H. G. Boorman, J.W.; M. Pierson, M.O.; C. M. Glayshier, S.O.; C. Hallet, J.O.; E. J. Pyke, S.D.; W. Mattheson, J.D.; G. T. Green, P.M., D.C.; W. T. Carpenter, P.M., Treas.; A. Spears, P.M., Sec.; J. Phillips, I.G.; and J. Ackhurst, Tyler. The usual charges were then given to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren, by the Installing Master. Two candidates were then proposed for advancement, and a vote of thanks accorded to Bro. A. Spears, Installing Officer, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then assembled to a banquet, which was served in Mrs. Green's usual excellent style. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and the remainder of the evening spent in harmony and good fellowship, and on parting the brethren congratulated themselves on spending such a happy evening together.

COLCHESTER.—Constantine Lodge (No. 145).—At the quarterly meeting, which was held on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., Bro. J. T. Bailey, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. P. Lewin, P.M., P.G.

Steward England, was elected Treasurer; and Bros. Munson and Wright, Tyler. Feeling allusion was made to the recent death of Bro. Arthur John Ward, Steward, and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to his widow.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The quarterly meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 16A, Great Queen-street. The M.C. was duly formed by V.W. Fra. Robert Roy, Master of the Temple. Among those present were the S. Magus, Dr. W. R. Woodman, IX°, and Fras. Ferguson, George Kenning, Wynn Westcott, and Mathers, of the VIII°; also Fras. Walls, Deputy M.T.; Coffin, W. G. Lemon, T. W. Lemon, J. J. Thomas, Frye, Hay, and F. H. Gottlieb.

Bro. G. Gregory, P.M. 1538, was advanced to the grade of Zelator, and elected a member of the college, V.W. Fra. Robert Roy performing the ceremony in a faultless manner, and the S.M. conferred the mysteries. Seven fratres then received the Second Degree, which was conferred in full ceremony by the S.M., with the assistance of the members of the High Council, or VIII°. Fra. Dr. Wynn Westcott, VIII° and Hon. IX°, then read a report (written by request of the college) upon an article entitled "Rosicrucianism; a Trance discourse by J. B. Tetlow," which had appeared in a weekly journal. He pointed out its fallacies and errors, and gave a clear outline of the real tenets of the old Rosicrucians, especially condemning the idea that they had any relation with Phallicism. On the motion of R.W. Fra. Mathers, the annual reports of the college were ordered to be made copyright. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to V.W. Fra. Robert Roy for his able tenure of the chair of the college. Fra. Gottlieb took a farewell of the college, he being about to return to India. The S.M. expressed in very hearty terms the affection felt by the fratres for the good friend they were about to lose. The college was then closed.

ROWING CLUBS LODGE.

We understand that a warrant has been granted for a lodge, to be called The Argonauts, the qualification being membership of some recognised amateur rowing club. The lodge will meet at Cromwell Hall (The Baths), Putney Bridge-road, Putney, S.W., on the second Monday in the months of March, April, May, June, and October, the consecration taking place on the 12th of March next, by V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, assisted by other distinguished Grand Officers. Bro. Menteuuis, P.G.S., P.M. 14 and 2060, is the W. Master designate, with Bro. Radford, as S.W.; and Bro. Savry, as J.W.

We understand that several well-known oarsmen have already sent in their names as joining members, and we anticipate a very good future for the lodge.

FREEMASONRY IN TURKEY.

The meeting of the Oriental Lodge—the mother lodge of Freemasonry in Constantinople—last St. John's night, the 27th December, was indicative of renewed Masonic vigour in the capital of Turkey. In addition to visitors from the sister lodge Bulwer, whose meetings are held in the same Temple, Francis Memorial Building, adjoining the British Consulate, there was a numerous deputation from the Italia Risorta Lodge, which works according to the Scotch ritual, from the chapter of the Italia Risorta, and from the Leinster Lodge, The Albert Edward Lodge of Alexandria, and the Hova Ecclesia Lodge, of Brighton, were also represented.

The Board of Past Masters consisted of Bros. Geraci, W.M. Italia Risorta; G. Guarracino, P.M. Italia Risorta; Furlani, Principal of the chapter of the Italia Risorta; Vinicombe Bey, Atkinson Bey, Blair, and Nissen, of the Oriental; F. Jorgensen and B. H. Hanly, of the Bulwer; C. J. Reppen, Deutsche Bund (extinct); and Wills and Rand, of the Leinster.

Bro. Col. C. G. C. Norton having been duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. U. Streater, and the usual work having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the Hall of the British Institute, underneath the Masonic Temple, where a supper awaited them.

Bro. Col. NORTON, in rising to propose the regular toasts usual on such an occasion, made the following remarks when about to drink to "The Health of H.I. Majesty the Sultan." The remarkable Sovereign who occupies the throne of Turkey at the close of the 19th century, Abdul Hamed Khan, will leave a name to the world that must ever shine with conspicuous radiance in the historical annals of his country. It is owing to his protection that we Masons are enabled to hold our lodge meetings without molestation, for he knows that King Oscar of Sweden and H.R. Highness the Prince of Wales are our brethren, and that Freemasons must necessarily be loyal, true, and honourable men, or they would not be suffered to link themselves by Masonic ties to Royal personages and rulers of nations. The vows I took at my installation to-night necessitate that I behave as a peaceful subject and cheerfully conform to the laws of the country wherein I reside, and patiently to submit myself to the decision of its supreme legislature. In fact, we know that the more Masonic brethren are encouraged by the State, the greater will be the number of law-abiding persons within it. If the world knew what we know and practised, what all good Masons professed to practise, there would be no Eastern Question, no Irish dissention; the nations would be bound together by ties of brotherhood, and that mystic lamp we have carried down to this day through ages of gloom and ignorance would enlighten humanity at large with its celestial radiance, so that love and humanity would take the place of hatred and discord. Let us examine what other claims besides that of being the Sultan of Turkey, Abdul Hamed Khan has to be honoured and toasted by us Masons. He has exhibited two of the prominent qualities that characterise our Order, namely, the virtues of charity and humanity. You cannot take up a local paper without finding every day some public manifestation of the first, and his private methods of granting aid and help to the poor or afflicted are known by many of us as well. (Applause.) As for his

humanity, it is to be observed that never since this Padishah ascended the throne has he signed a sentence of death against one of his subjects. However erring the malefactor, he has been punished by a sentence to take effect in this world, but the life given him by God has been preserved that he may answer at the judgment seat above, when it shall please the Almighty in His own good time to summon him. As a soldier I have served the Sultan, and as a Mason I can drink his health. Let us then accompany the toast of Abdul Hamed Khan, Sultan of Turkey, with the shout of acclamation that his troops throughout his empire give each day when parading at sundown—*Padishahim chok yasha!*—Long live the Padishah. (Cheers and loud applause.)

Bro. PSICHARY, an Ottoman subject, briefly responded in a terse speech in the English language.

The proceedings, which were necessarily prolonged to a late hour owing to the cosmopolitan nature of the gathering, each Orient represented having to be duly honoured, were characterised throughout by that thorough harmony, order, and good fellowship alluded to by the W.M. in his remarks on the Sultan of Turkey.

Bro. Woods Pasha has been re-elected W.M. of the Bulwer Lodge.

ENTERTAINMENT TO THE EAST LANCASHIRE ANNUITANTS.

The annual dinner was given to the Old Folks, on Wednesday, the 11th instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. An invitation was sent to everyone of the annuitants, and 16 availed themselves of it. Railway and cab fares were paid for those who lived at a distance, one old lady coming from Derby. They arrived for the most part between three and five o'clock, and were received by Bros. T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T., and A. H. Jefferis, P. Prov. A.G.D. of C., and at 6 o'clock proceeded to the dining-room, where a capital dinner was placed before them, and which apparently was heartily enjoyed by all. The following brethren and ladies dined with the Old Folks: Bro. W. Jaffrey, P.P.S.G.D., Mrs. Jaffrey, and Miss Clark; Bro. W. Nicholl, P.G. Treas., and Mrs. Nicholl; Bro. and Mrs. Pritchard; Bro. F. H. Davidson, P.M. 633, and Mrs. Davidson; Bro. R. R. Lisenden, P.G. Stwd., Mrs. Lisenden, and Mrs. Edward Smith; Bros. A. H. Jefferis, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; E. W. Irving, P.G. Stwd.; C. D. Cheetham, P.M. 993; J. Stovold, P.M. 993; B. Brierley, Sec. 2156; J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D. of C., and Mrs. Salmon; Bro. R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., D. of C. 204. Bro. W. Bostock, P.M. 1633, P.P.G.P., occupied the position of Chairman, and Bro. T. P. Hooper, P.P.G.T., that of Vice-Chairman.

Bro. P. Lawton, who has for some years past worked very zealously for the success of the entertainment, was unfortunately absent through indisposition. During dinner the usual congratulatory telegram was received and replied to from the Crodon Institution, where a similar entertainment was being given to a large number of aged Freemasons and widows.

When dinner was finished, Mrs. Pritchard and Bro. B. Brierley gave some recitations in the Lancashire dialect, Bro. W. Jaffrey contributed a song, and Bro. Bostock a recitation. Bro. Lisenden gave a performance on the English concertina.

The Old Folks seemed to enjoy the various contributions, and about 8.30 began to disperse. Each old lady on departing was presented with a packet of tea, and the gentlemen with tobacco, and by 9.30 all had left the building.

The thanks of all concerned in the pleasure of the Old Folks are undoubtedly due to Bros. Hooper and Jefferis for their trouble and kindness in collecting subscriptions, and in making the arrangements for the entertainment.

SONNET.

To BRO. HENRY SADLER, P.M., &c., on reading his valuable volume on "Masonic Facts and Fictions," just published.

Souls of the "Ancient Masons," who did keep
The Good old Craft in England far more pure
Than "Moderns" would have made it, I am sure,
E'en now, in bliss, with gratitude must leap
To see a worthy Brother rise to sweep
The cobwebs of delusion from the page,
Where they have hung, dirt-catching, black with age;
For thy researches have been carried deep
Into such records as do now remain.
Thanks, Bro. SADLER, hearty thanks to thee,
For thy wise labours in Freemasonry;
Thou now hast made what erst was dark most plain.
"Masonic Facts and Fictions" well have shown
How seeds which germinated were by "Ancient Masons"
sown.

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL,
Author of "A Hundred Masonic Sonnets," &c., &c.

Rose Cottage,
Stokesley.

The Craft Abroad.

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.

The 78th annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Dayton, on the 25th and 26th October last. Bro. S. Stacker Williams, M.W.G.M., presided, and there were present fully 500 brethren, including Bro. Soule Smith, G.M. Kentucky, and other distinguished visitors. The G. Master's address covered a considerable extent of ground, and only one point appears to call for any remark, to wit, his proposal that a history of Freemasonry in Ohio should be compiled. For his energetic advocacy of this step we take leave to commend Bro. Williams, and we trust his advice will be acted upon. On the second day of the meeting Bro. T.S. Parvin, G. Sec. Iowa, was introduced, and received with the usual honours belonging to his rank. As regards the election, we note that Bro. Williams was re-elected M.W.G.M. for the third year in succession, and we congratulate the Grand Lodge of Ohio on having renewed its choice of so distinguished a brother. The following are the principal G. Officers for the new year, viz.: Bros. Stacker Williams, M.W.G.M.; J. Le H. Long, D.G.M.; L. Burdick, S.G.W.; L. C.

Goodall, J.G.W.; Chas. Brown, G. Treas.; J. D. Caldwell, G. Sec.; Rev. L. Van Cleeve, G. Chap.; Albert Andrews, G. Orator; W. M. Baldwin, S.G.D.; Geo. M. Osborne, J.G.D.; C. S. Ammel, G. Marshal; and Jacob Randall, G. Tyler. It is worthy of remark that Bro. Caldwell has been invested for the 36th time as Grand Secretary, and Bro. Randall for the 24th time as Grand Tyler. We learn from the *Masonic Chronicle*, of Columbus, Ohio, that there is a likelihood that this Grand Lodge will at an early date obtain a permanent head-quarters, and the probability is that, in such case, Columbus will be selected for its establishment.

MASONIC HONOURS.

The *Keystone* (Philadelphia) has the following in reference to the late visit of the American brethren to England—The visit of the American brethren to England during the past summer, coming as it did in the midst of the many demonstrations of the Queen's Jubilee, was highly appreciated by the English Freemasons. Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, at York, elected as honorary members, Bros. Charles W. Packer, Daniel Sutter, John L. Young, Charles Mathews, jun., and several others; and at one of the late meetings of Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, Bro. Charles E. Meyer, and Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master of Maryland, were elected honorary members thereof. Bro. Meyer has just received from the Secretary of the lodge, Bro. Reynolds, the jewel of the Anglo-American Lodge, and from Bro. George Lambert, I.P.M., the Jubilee medal authorised by the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of Masons of England, to be worn by members of English lodges who participated in any of the ceremonies of the Jubilee. The medal of the lodge is of gold, and embraces the coats of arms of England and America, beautifully combined and enamelled in proper colours. The Jubilee medal is also of gold, containing a purple portrait of the Queen on the obverse, and on the reverse the coat of arms of the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The medals are both beautiful and artistic, and will be placed for a short time on exhibition in the Grand Lodge Library.

Obituary.

BRO. COL. DAVID MACLIVER, P.M.

We have heard with sincere regret of the death, at the comparatively early age of 45, of our worthy Bro. MacLiver, whose name figured conspicuously during last summer in connection with the ancient Baldwin Preceptory of Knights Templar, Bristol, and their entertainment at the Holborn Restaurant of the American Templar Pilgrims under Frater Charles E. Meyer, G. Recorder of Pennsylvania, then on a visit to this country. Bro. Col. MacLiver, who was a junior partner in the firm of MacLiver and Son, proprietors of the *Western Daily Press*, was a P.M. of the St. Vincent Lodge, No. 1404, Bristol, a P.P.G.R. of the Mark Province of Bristol, and was on the event of completing his service as E.P. of the Baldwin Preceptory, K.T. He was a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and having experienced the warmest hospitality when he attended the G. Encampment of the United States at its triennial gathering in Philadelphia, he determined on reciprocating the kindness there shown him, and on July last with the members of his preceptory journeyed all the way to London, in order to entertain the party of Pilgrims which came over to England during the time of the American Exhibition in London. He was a J.P. for Bristol, and having served as Captain in the 2nd Somersetshire Militia, became, on retiring from that regiment, firstly Major, and afterwards Colonel Commanding of the 1st Gloucestershire Engineers. At the time of his death he had just been gazetted Honorary Commandant of the latter corps, in succession to the Duke of Beaufort. He died at Cannes, whither he had been ordered by his medical advisers, on Monday, leaving behind him a widow and one son to mourn his loss. To his father, who is still alive, and his family we offer our warm sympathy.

It is announced in official circles that Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., M.P., one of the Lords of the Admiralty, has placed the resignation of his office in Lord Salisbury's hand, the reason assigned being that Lord Charles is unable to agree with the policy of the First Lord (Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P.).

The presiding Magistrates at the several Police Courts at Bow-street, Westminster, Lambeth, Hammer-smith, West Ham, Greenwich, and the other Police Courts, have acknowledged receipt in each case of £25 transmitted in accordance with the directions of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, out of the £500 voted by Grand Lodge for the relief of distress among the London poor.

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



Bro. Sir E. Clarke, O.C., M.P., H.M.'s Solicitor-General, has appointed Mr. B. L. Moseley to be his private secretary.

Bro. Lord Brassey has consented to preside at a meeting to be held in March for the purpose of celebrating the 12th anniversary of the opening of the Bethnal Green Free Library.

Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton, after visiting the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham, returned to the official residence of the First Lord of the Admiralty on Monday.

Bros. Earl Onslow and Baron H. de Worms, M.P., have been visiting Paris in connection with the Sugar Bounties Question, the former having returned on Monday, while the latter prolonged his stay.

The funeral of the late Bro. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., took place at Highgate Cemetery on Thursday, and was numerously attended by the family and friends of our deceased brother.

H.R.H. the Princess Mary Duchess of Teck will present the prizes to the 24th Middlesex (Post Office) Volunteers at the Guildhall on Saturday, the 4th February next, Bro. Lord Mayor de Keyser being in the chair.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., left Charing Cross on Thursday morning, by the 9.40 a.m. Continental express, for Paris, whence he will continue his journey to Italy for a brief rest before the reassembling of Parliament.

The Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman De Keyser, will preside at the annual distribution of prizes to the Students of the City of London College, which will take place on Monday, the 6th February, when the prizes will be given away by Bro. Lord Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor.

At a meeting of the Court of Aldermen, held at the Guildhall on Wednesday, Bro. the Lord Mayor, who presided, referred in feeling terms to the loss the City and the Court had sustained through the death of Bro. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., and on motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved to send a vote of sympathy on the part of the Court with Lady Staples and her family.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales has been visiting at Tranby Croft for the purpose of being present at the Holderness Hunt Ball; and on Wednesday his Royal Highness visited Hull, where he lunched with the Sheriff and sundry distinguished guests, subsequently attending a meeting at the Artillery Barracks in connection with the local branch of the Discharged Soldiers' Aid Society.

Bro. J. B. Cumming, the Treasurer of the Anglo-American Lodge at London, has lately been on a visit to his birthplace, Philadelphia. All the courtesies possible were shown him during his flying visit; a special invitation having been extended by Bro. Godfrey Keebler to participate in the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Goethe monument in Fairmount Park.—*Philadelphia Keystone*.

The Field Battery of the Honourable Artillery Company will give a Smoking Concert at their headquarters, Finsbury-square, E.C., on Thursday, the 16th February next, under the patronage of the Prince of Wales, who is Colonel and Captain-General of the Regiment. Bros. Meybrick and Lionel Brough are among those who have promised to give their services on the occasion. Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Duke of Portland will preside on the occasion.

The Executive Committee of the Relief Fund for the sufferers by the fire at the Grand Theatre, Islington, met, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough, on Friday, the 13th instant, when it was resolved that all artists at the recent theatre who were receiving over £3 per week should be paid half salaries the day following, and that all under £3 should receive full pay. It was also resolved to appropriate £150 to purchase new instruments for the orchestra, to re-place those which had been destroyed by fire. Bros. Edward Terry, E. Ledger, Lionel Brough, and Under-Sheriff Thos. Beard were among the members present.

GRAND LODGE OF ALL SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.—The Annual Communication of this G. Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Bombay, on Wednesday, the 30th November last, the chair being occupied by Bro. Sir Henry Morland, G.M., who was supported by Bro. J. Y. Lang, Depute G.M., and most of his Grand and Past Grand Officers, there being also a number of visitors present. The business was limited to the installation and investiture of the following as Grand Officers for the year 1887-8, namely: Bros. J. Y. Lang, Depute G.M.; D. R. Chichgur, Sub. G.M.; N. J. Guzder, S.G.W.; J. E. Davour, Hon. S.G.W.; J. W. Seager, J.G.W.; J. Young, G. Sec.; P. N. Wadia, G. Treas.; R. Richardson, G. Chap.; A. C. Clark and B. V. Kisliker, S.G. Deacons; J. Molodina, G. Architect; F. N. Davur, A.G. Sec.; A. F. Solen, G. Zent-Averta Br.; G. H. Yaccoobhoy, G. Koran Br.; J. W. Hepworth, Chief G.D. of C.; M. Babannye, G. Gita Br.; F. W. Hodges, G. Swd. Br.; A. Leslie, G. Dir. of Music; K. R. Kirtiker, Chief G. Std. Br.; A. W. Seabrook, Prov. G. Std.; N. J. Khambatta, Chief G. Marshal; G. G. Tejpal, Second Marshal; M. G. Pasta and J. N. Dubash, G. Stwds.; and J. D. Mody, G. Purst. The G. Master having explained the grounds for omitting the customary banquet, and having announced that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Dist. G.M. Bombay, had promised to visit their G. Lodge in February, and having further thanked the retiring Grand Officers for the valuable assistance he had received from them during their year of office, G. Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

SUFFERERS FROM INDIGESTION should never be without DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS. Take one after dinner and you never need fear an attack—they are a marvellous remedy, and act like a charm. They instantly relieve and rapidly cure Asthma, Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Gout, Rheumatism, and all Nervous Complaints. They taste pleasantly. Sold by all druggists at 1s, 1½d, and 2s, 9d, per box.—ADVT.

Mr. David Christie Murray is reported to be preparing a monograph of the late Bro. Archibald McNeill for one of the magazines. Mr. Murray and Bro. McNeill were colleagues in Birmingham 15 years ago, and remained always in the closest friendship.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., has been elected President of the Middlesex County Football Association.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser has invited the members of the Savage Club to dine with him at the Mansion House on Saturday, the 17th March next.

Bros. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., and W. H. Long, M.P., addressed a political meeting held on Wednesday evening, the former one at the Public Hall, Harrow, and the latter one at the Conservative Working Men's Club at Croydon.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Bro. H. Drummond Wolff, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., to be her Majesty's Minister to the Court of Persia and Consul-General at Teheran.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales, S.G.W., concluded the visit he has been paying the Earl and Countess Brownlow at Belton House since Thursday of last week, on Tuesday.

The Prince of Wales and suite visited Madame Tussaud's Exhibition on the 13th inst., and in the evening His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, was at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper, who will not return to England so early as they originally intended, have left Florence, where they have been making a stay, for Alexandria and the East.

The Lord Chancellor, Bro. Lord Halsbury; Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P.; Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston; and the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, Bro. Lord Ashbourne, attended the Cabinet Council which was held at the Foreign Office on Tuesday.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., had an interview with the First Lord of the Treasury, in Downing-street, on Tuesday, the two being subsequently joined by Bro. Akers-Douglas, M.P., the principal Government Whip.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., has appointed Wednesday, the 22nd February for the annual Court of Governors of the Seamen's Hospital Society. The meeting will be held at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Metropole.

The Army and Navy Club, which was started at the beginning of 1838, celebrated its Jubilee on Tuesday by a banquet, at which covers were laid for some 125 guests. H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-chief, was in the chair, and was supported on his right by the Prince of Wales.

Bro. H. Rymill, of the Royal Repository, Barbican, has made his customary annual grants of coal tickets among the large number of poor in the district, the tickets being entrusted for distribution to those who are in a position to know who are and who are not worthy of receiving relief.

On Monday evening a dinner was given at the British Embassy in St. Petersburg to Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., and Lady Randolph Churchill. On Thursday evening a grand soirée was to take place, to which over 600 invitations had been issued; and, tomorrow (Saturday), Bro. Lord and Lady R. Churchill are expected to leave for England, travelling via Berlin, where they intend spending some days.

Bro. Samuel Pope, O.C., P.G.D., Recorder of Bolton, who was appointed Umpire by the Board of Conciliation in the matter of the recent strike in the iron trade in the borough, has delivered his award, which is to the effect that the condition of trade at the time of the strike, as compared with what it was when a reduction of wages was accepted by the men, did not warrant any advance.

"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1888." This title explains the character of this book. It is a most comprehensive Masonic book of reference. It gives the names of all the lodges in the world, with days of meeting, the Chapters, Preceptorates, Conclaves, Colleges, and Grand Councils, together with full particulars of every Grand Masonic Body throughout the world. London: George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C. Price 2s.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

A special court of the governors of the Orphan Working School will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 25th inst., to receive the report, to pass a vote of condolence with the family of the late Alderman Sir W. McArthur, K.C.M.G. (late Treasurer of the Institution), and to appoint a Treasurer in his place; also to elect 40 children to the benefits of the Charity—namely, 13 girls and 27 boys from a list of 177 candidates.

Mr. R. May, of the Great Arthur-street Mission, Golden-lane, writes to his friends: "Hitherto this winter we have been giving 2500 to 3000 meals a day to the hungry, homeless poor, as well as to the resident poor, making over 200,000 this season. We now must stop these meals to homeless and general unemployed immediately, unless friends help right away. The average cost of meals has been 2d. each, but by keeping to the porridge meals we can satisfy the most hungry man for 1d., thus £5 will feed 1200, £1 over 200. From 1200 to 1500 have the free breakfast every Sunday. With all our experience we cannot conceive a greater calamity to many thousands of poor just at this time. We willingly give every bit of strength and time with which God blesses us, but regret that four of our family are on the sick list through overwork, hope being just reported of one in a dangerous state for a fortnight."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Invalids distracted by indigestion and discouraged in their search for its remedy should make trial of this never failing medicine. A lady, long a martyr to dyspeptic tortures, writes that Holloway's Pills made her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her spirits, formerly low, have greatly improved; her capricious appetite has given place to a healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed, and gradually so marvellous a change has been effected, that she is altogether a new creature, and again fit for her duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged, and contro excessive, action.—ADVT.

A new chapter attached to the Concord Lodge, No. 632, is to be consecrated by the Grand Superintendent, at the Masonic Hall, Towbridge, Wilts, on the 7th February.

Lord Erskine, eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, has been gazetted to a second lieutenancy in the Scots Guards.

Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston returned to his residence in Portland Place on Monday evening, Lady Stanley, however, remaining in the country for the present.

Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., addressed a very large political meeting which was held in the Victoria Hall, Clifton, on Tuesday evening.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Egmont left England last week for several weeks' cruise in the Mediterranean, in the course of which they purpose visiting Alexandria.

A tea meeting, at which Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., presided, was held at the Chelsea Town Hall, on Monday evening, the poverty of London being the subject of discussion.

Her Majesty has kindly become Patron of an evening concert which will be given by the string band of the 2nd Life Guards at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, on Monday, the 30th instant, in aid of the funds of the Soldiers' Daughters' Home.

It is expected that the Prince and Princess of Wales and other guests at Sandringham will attend the meet of the West Norfolk Hunt at Conghern Hall, tomorrow (Saturday).

The banquets which Bro. the Lord Mayor had intended to give at the Mansion House to the members of the Court of Aldermen and Court of Common Council, have been postponed in consequence of the death of Bro. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G.

Among the numerous wreaths placed upon the coffin of the late Bro. Sir John Staples was one sent by the Master and members of the St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020, of which the deceased was a founder, and W.M. during the first two years of its career.

The members of the Congress of French Masters were received at the Mansion House on Saturday afternoon by Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Sheriff and Mrs. Davis, and Bro. Sheriff and Mrs. Higgs, being present to support his lordship.

Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough will preside at a Smoking Concert which will be held this (Friday) evening at Freemasons' Tavern in aid of the sufferers by the destruction of the Grand Theatre, Islington, and Bro. J. L. Toole and others have kindly volunteered to give their services on the occasion.

In our notice last week of the laying of the foundation-stone of Temple Bar by Lady Meux we omitted to state that Bro. C. E. Ponting, of Lockeridge, near Marlborough, Wilts, is the architect appointed to superintend the re-erection. Bro. Ponting is also the architect employed in the restoration of the celebrated Waltham Cross.

Before Easter there will be three courses of Cantor lectures at the Society of Arts, by Mr. A. G. Salmon, Mr. J. Mayall, jun., and Professor C. Roberts-Austen. The course of two lectures to be delivered as a memorial of the late Dr. Mann will be given by Professor O. J. Lodge, F.R.S., the subject being the "Protection of Buildings from Lightning." There will also be a course of three lectures on "Etching and Mezz-tint Engraving," by Professor Hubert Herkomer.

Mr. J. H. Lloyd, who is on the point of publishing a history of Highgate, proves that the district was originally a Norman settlement, as the various names in its vicinity suggested. At a public meeting, recently, the author gave some curious contents of some Court rolls of the years 1284, 1375, and 1460, which he had obtained from the library of St. Paul's Cathedral, with the able assistance of Mr. Jeayes of the British Museum.

Bro. John Barnett, jun. (Perinet et Fils), entertained, at the recent banquet of the Domatic Lodge at Anderton's Hotel, a number of Present and Past Grand Officers of the Order, with other Masonic friends. His guests included Bro. J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; Charles Belton, P.P.G.W. Surrey; R. P. Atkins, P.P.G.D. Kent; T. Hastings Miller, C.C., P.P.G.O. Middx.; H. Dickey, W.M. 1744; J. H. Lane, I.P.M. 1269; K. Baker, P.M. 1608; J. Buxton, 1318; A. Madell, 1201; and others.

The annual meeting of the Hauley Lodge, No. 797, was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at Dartmouth, when Bro. J. J. Tolman was installed Worshipful Master. His predecessor was Bro. F. A. Dawson. The ceremony of installation was gone through with precision and ability by Bro. W. H. Goodridge, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., assisted by Bro. Constable, P.M., P.P.G. Org., and supported by a large number of Past Masters. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. A. Dawson, I.P.M.; R. Benson, S.W.; R. Westlake, I.W.; J. H. Hurrell, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Goodridge, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Medway, S.D.; J. Widdicombe, J.D.; W. H. Pack, I.G.; Edward Chapple, P.M.; J. Bovey, P.M.D.C.; J. Constable, P.M., Chaplain; William Putt, Tyler; J. H. Hurrell, P.M., Representative Committee of Petitions. After the ceremony the brethren retired to Bro. Whittle's Commercial Hotel for the annual banquet, when the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, after which the evening was spent in harmony, some capital songs being given by Bros. Young, Bovey, and others. The catering by Bro. Whittle gave general satisfaction.

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 univalued 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.