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The Approach-
ing Festival
of the R.M.B.I.

WE regret exceedingly to find that very little progress has been made in the way of strengthening the Board of Stewards for this year's Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution during the fortnight that has elapsed since we drew attention to the near approach of this important annual celebration. When we wrote last on the subject there were some 216 brethren who had sent in their names to act as Stewards, and if we state that, after allowing for the further withdrawals that have taken place, the Board of Stewards now musters only some 230 members, we shall be slightly beyond instead of within the mark. We know there are unusual difficulties this year, in consequence of its being the Centenary of the Girls' School, in obtaining the services of brethren for the Festivals of this and the Boys' Institution, and we are most anxious that an anniversary which is so worthy of being commemorated on a scale of unusual splendour should prove a grand success. But our zeal in behalf of this particular event must not incline us to forget that the responsibilities which the Craft has so generously undertaken in connection with the Benevolent Institution and Boys' School must be met as usual, and that, Centenary schemes notwithstanding, the 405 Old People on the funds of the one Charity, and the 260 Boys on those of the other Charity, must still be provided, the former with their annuities, and the latter with their maintenance, education, and clothing. To this the Craft stands pledged by its approval of the acts done on its behalf by the Governing powers of the two Institutions. But as regards the Benevolent Institution, which, as its annual Festival will take place on the 29th instant, claims our immediate attention, the prospect, we regret to say, is the reverse of encouraging. Ten or dozen years ago, a Board of 230 Stewards within little more than three weeks of the appointed day would have been the subject of universal rejoicing; but in those days only about one-half of the present number of annuitants—taking the two Funds together—had to be provided for, and we may well be excused, therefore, if, with so small a body of brethren to raise the large sum which is necessary for the year's requirements, we begin to feel somewhat anxious about the result. For how stands the case? The permanent income of the Benevolent Institution, consisting of grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and the dividends on its invested moneys is, in round figures, about £3600, while its expenditure is about £18,000, of which nearly £15,000 is required to provide the annuities of 178 old brethren and 227 widows, and the half annuities of, it may be, a score more widows. Therefore, we shall not be very far out if we suggest that, in order to make both sides of the year's account balance comfortably, the Festival, now close at hand, should produce somewhere about £15,000. Again, as we pointed out a fortnight since, there are 131 approved applicants—men and widows together—for admission to the benefits of the Institution, and the number of annuities which, so far as we know at present, will be available for distribution amongst them is, including the three deferred on each Fund, only 15, viz., 11 male and four widows, while even if, as we then assumed, this number should be doubled between now and election day in May next, there would still be 4½ candidates to every vacancy, and 100 of the poor old applicants would be compelled to wait for at least another twelvemonth for a further chance of being elected. Our readers must be familiar even to weariness with these particulars, and we can assure them the duty of recounting them time after time with each recurring Festival is by no means pleasant. But if the Stewards and the Secretary, and others do not keep pegging away in this fashion, and placing before the Craft both the requirements of the Institution and the heavy demands which are being continually made on its resources, there is reason to fear that the funds will show a serious diminution. The provision of some £15,000 for the Benevolent Institution is a very great task, but the duty of providing it has been undertaken, not hurriedly or in a passing fit of generous enthusiasm, but with the utmost deliberation and a full sense of responsibility, and this duty, severely as it may trench upon the resources of the brethren, is one that cannot be left unfulfilled. We again appeal, therefore, to all lodges, chapters, and all Masonic bodies, which as yet are unrepresented on the Board of Stewards, to encourage or commission one of their number to act on their behalf, so that the funds necessary to defray

the current year's expenses may be forthcoming. We assure them, and individual brethren likewise, that it is no mere figure of speech employed by Bro. TERRY, when he says that "brethren are earnestly invited to accept the office of Steward," and that "donations towards the funds of the Institution" "were never more needed than at the present time." The details we have recited in this and former articles relating to the same subject more than justify the earnestness of his address, and we trust it will be responded to with that generous promptitude which has characterised the Craft in all former emergencies.

The Girls'
School Cente-
nary Premium
Votes.

WE were under the impression that, in our recent article on the "Premium Votes" which the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School have resolved on granting to all brethren who give their services as Stewards at the approaching Centenary Festival of that Institution, we had sufficiently described the plan which had been determined upon, as well as "the manner in which it will work, and the extent of the privileges it will secure" to the said Festival Stewards. It appears, however, from a correspondent's letter which we published last week, that we were somewhat too hasty in adopting this conclusion. According to Bro. C. L. Mason—the correspondent in question—there is one matter which he has "heard warmly discussed, both in London and the Provinces, viz., Are additional votes given to brethren subscribing but not acting as Stewards, or are additional votes given *only* to Stewards?" Bro. Mason explains that he does not think they are intended to be given to contributors who do not act as Stewards, and he is quite right in his surmise, but it seems "many others hold the opposite opinion," though by what process of ratiocination any person can have arrived at such a conclusion it is impossible to say. The resolutions which the Quarterly Court adopted at its meeting last month refer to Stewards only—indeed, as regards the first of them, it is merely an extension, for this particular Festival, of the privileges conferred on Stewards under Clause 1 of Law 24, while as regards the second resolution, it is in substitution, also for this particular Festival, of Clause 3 of the same Law. A reference to the Code of Laws of the Institution will show that this Law 24 with its three Sections or Clauses defines the "Privileges of Stewards," and that whatever may be the effects, as regards the Stewards, of its temporary extension or the temporary substitution for it, or for any one of its Clauses of a new Law, such extension or substitution cannot possibly have anything to do with contributors who do not act as Stewards. In fact, it was because Law 24, the temporary plan just adopted by the Quarterly Court "pro hac vice" in extension of its Clause 1, and in substitution for its Clause 3, and the "carefully compiled table" which served as our guide in the recent article, referred *only* to brethren acting as Stewards, and *not* to any other class of contributors, that we did not consider it worth while mentioning to the latter. However, we must thank Bro. MASON for having brought the matter to our notice, and the more especially, as it enables us to place more clearly and emphatically before our readers the great advantages which intending contributors to the funds of the Girls' School at the coming Centenary Festival will derive if they give likewise their services even as Unattached Stewards. A brother, not acting as Steward, who contributes 10 guineas to the School, receives 2 (life) votes in return; if he gives 50 guineas, he will receive 10 (life) votes; if 100 guineas, 30 (life) votes, and so on. By paying an extra 2 guineas, and so qualifying as Steward, he will secure 5 (life) votes in the case of a 10 guinea donation; 25 (life) votes for one of 50 guineas; 61 (life) votes for one of 100 guineas. Or, to put the cases differently, a donor of 10 guineas, who is not a Steward, receives only 2 votes, but if he qualifies as such by paying 2 guineas, he will receive 5 votes—that is, as many votes as the contributor of 25 guineas who is not a Steward; the donor of 50 guineas, who is not a Steward, will receive 10 (life) votes, but by paying the Steward's fee of two guineas, 25 (life) votes, or as many, plus 1 vote, as the contributor of 85 guineas who is not a Steward; and a donor of 100 guineas, who is not a Steward, receives only 30 votes, but by paying the Steward's fee of 2 guineas he will become entitled to twice that number of (life) votes plus 1 vote. Thus the contributor, who is not a Steward, will receive only the same number of votes in return for his donation as in ordinary years, and no additional privilege unless he becomes an annual subscriber of 1 guinea into one Centenary list and continues one for 6 years, when he will become a Life Subscriber; while by paying the Steward's fee of 2 guineas, in addition to his donation of 10 guineas or upwards, he will become entitled, "for this once only," to more than twice as many (life) votes. We trust this further explanation will be found sufficiently explicit.

Colonel
Clerke's M.S.

It gives us considerable satisfaction in being the chosen medium for the reproduction of another copy of the "Old Charges." We have done our utmost to induce competent brethren to search for such documents, and we do not despair of hearing of more "finds" in this particular and important department of Masonic research.

Bro. HUGHAN has been the means of tracing more of these old MSS. than any other Craftsman, and we are glad therefore that our indefatigable GRAND SECRETARY consented to his transcribing the MS. which he possesses, not only because it is a handsome and valuable roll, but also as it is a well-deserved compliment to the respected transcriber. In our pages, then, will be found a careful copy of a MS. of 1686. We only wish we could have presented at the same time a facsimile of the ornate heading to the roll. This and other needed reproductions, however, will doubtless be attended to in the volume of the "Old Charges of British Freemasons," promised by the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, the success of which is so great as to lead us to anticipate congratulating the members on the advent of such a work some time in 1889.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, in the Temple. Comps. Lt.-Col. R. Townley Caldwell, M.A., G. Supt. Cambridge, as Grand Z.; Thos. Fenn, P. President of Committee of General Purposes, as Grand H.; James Glaisher, as J.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., as Grand S.N.; Major John Sampson Peirce, as P.G. Soj.; Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., 1st Assist. G. Soj.; George Cooper, 2nd Assist. G. Soj.; Chas. A. Murton, P. Assist. G. Soj.; Frank Richardson, G.D. of C., P.A.G. Soj.; Ralph Clutton, P.A.G. Soj.; Felix Sumner Knyvett, G. Swd. Br.; Henry Maudslay, P.G. Swd. Br.; Henry John Philip Dumas, P.G. Swd. Br.; James Lewis Thomas, P.G. Swd. Br.; James Smith Eastes, P.G. Swd. Br.; Charles Henry Driver, P.G. Swd. Br.; Deputy Inspector-General Thomas Purchas, M.D., P.G. Swd. Br.; Edgar Baylis, 2nd G. Std. Br.; John Lawrence Mather, 3rd G. Std. Br.; Witham M. Bywater, 4th G. Std. Br.; Edward J. Barrow, P. G. Std. Br.; Major Arthur Bott Cook, P.G. Std. Br.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Edward Letchworth, P.G. Std. Br.; Colonel C. Harding, P.G. Std. Br.; J. A. Farnfield, P.G. Std. Br.; William Robert Woodman, M.D., P.G.D. of C.; John March Case, P.G.D. of C.; James Henry Matthews, P.G.D. of C.; Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P.D.G.D. of C.; Charles F. Hogard, P.D.G.D. of C.; Edwin Matthew Lott, (Mus. Doc.), P.G.O., as G. Org.; and Alfred Albert Pendlebury, Assist. G. Scribe E. Among the other companions who attended were—

Comps. A. Pearce, Z. 3; J. F. Collins, P.Z. 43; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.Z. 10; E. M. Money, Z. 28; E. Mallett, H. 1623; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928, J. 1928; R. Palmer Thomas, J. 1929; Wm. P. Brown, Z. 1538; W. A. Scurrah, Z. 2048; H. S. Goodall, P.Z. 874, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; Henry Wright, J. 1615; Thos. Clark, J. 1524; J. H. Watts, Z. 63; Bentley Haynes, Z. 65; W. S. Paddle, P.Z. 1201, 1851, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; George Powell, Z. 1185; James Murray, H. 1348; and W. M. Stiles, P.Z. 2048.

After the minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation had been read and confirmed, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, on the motion of Comp. LETCHWORTH, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON:—

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th October, 1887, to the 17th January, 1888, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance Grand Chapter ...	£514 11 10	By Disbursements during the	
„ „ Unappropriated		Quarter ...	£275 19 6
„ „ Account ...	203 10 7	„ Balance ...	608 10 4
„ Subsequent Receipts ...	373 2 6	„ „ Unappropriated	
		Account ...	206 15 1
	£1091 4 11		£1091 4 11

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

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

1st. From Comps. William Henry Tulloh, as Z.; Joseph Monday, as H.; John Thompson, as J.; and nine others, for a chapter to be attached to the St. Leonard Samaritan Lodge, No. 1654, St. Leonard's, North Shore, Sydney, N.S.W., to be called the Samaritan Chapter of St. Leonard's, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, St. Leonard's, near Sydney, New South Wales.

2nd. From Comps. Francis Frederick Giraud, as Z.; John Matthew Goldfinch, as H.; Frederick William Underdown, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Harmony, No. 133, Faversham, to be called the Chapter of Harmony, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Faversham, in the county of Kent.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received a petition from the Greymouth Chapter, No. 1233, Greymouth, Westland, New Zealand, praying for a charter of confirmation, the original having been burnt in the fire which destroyed all the lodge and chapter property.

The Committee recommend that a charter of confirmation be granted for the above chapter, subject to the receipt of the names of the three present Principals for insertion in the charter.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C. President.
18th January, 1888.

The various recommendations contained in the report were then proposed, seconded, and carried.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, S.E., before the chapter was closed, said that with reference to the list of distinguished companions upon whom the M.E. the First Principal had recently conferred past rank, whose names were read out in the minutes of the last convocation, he had to report that the claims of one companion were deferred from that meeting in consequence of some doubts as to his qualification, but the necessary information having been since received, H.R.H. the M.E.Z. had appointed Comp. Harold B. King (P.G.D.), Deputy District Grand Master of Bombay, to the rank of Assistant Grand Sojourner.

Grand Chapter was then closed,

THE CHAIRMAN AT THE APPROACHING R.M.B.I. FESTIVAL AND HIS PROVINCE.

We are not endowed with the gift of prophesy. We take things as they come, and if ever we yield to the habit, which is common with so many people, of attempting to forecast the result of a particular event, we do so deliberately, when there is no chance of our going wrong, and after the manner of those who refer triumphantly to an opinion as evidence of their far-seeing knowledge, though in spoken language, at all events, they never had the courage to express it. But whatever may be the result of the Festival, now so near at hand, of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it is not necessary we should be prophets to be able to predict that Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., the distinguished brother who has undertaken to preside as Chairman, and the lodges and brethren in the Eastern division of South Wales, will severally exert their utmost efforts in order to ensure its success. As regards the former, his antecedents, both Masonic and extra-Masonic, fully justify this anticipation. The very day of his initiation into Freemasonry—the 1st September, 1868—in the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham, he made a donation of £50 towards the new Masonic Hall in that City, and it is in the same spirit of generous kindness which prompted him to this act that he has pursued his course in Masonry ever since. Nor has he confined himself to the pleasure of giving; he has filled the chair of W. Master in more than one lodge, being, notably, a P.M. of the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, meeting at Hampton Court; he is a Royal Arch Mason, and was both a founder and first M.E.Z., in 1873, of the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 778; he is a Past E.P. and Constable of the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple in England and Wales, and a Past Sovereign of the Bard of Avon Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 44, and has taken the 32° in the A. and A. Rite. He is a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School, for which he has served a Stewardship, and a Vice-President of the Boys' School, and on the 29th instant will discharge the duties of Chairman for the Benevolent Institution with the same goodwill and the same eagerness to promote its interests as he has shown for the Schools.

The Province of South Wales, Eastern Division, over which our brother presides as Prov. G. Master, and which, consequently, is more deeply concerned than any other Masonic body in the success of the approaching Festival, shares with its western neighbour the honour of having been constituted as the second Province under the Grand Lodge of England, Bro. Sir E. Mansell, Bart., being deputed by Bro. the Earl of Inchiquin, G. Master, as its first Prov. G.M., Bro. Hugh Warburton having received a deputation from his lordship only a few weeks previously as Prov. G. Master of North Wales. The actual dates assigned by Preston in his "Illustrations of Freemasonry" for these appointments are the 10th May and 20th June, 1727, but in Grand Lodge Calendar the year is given as 1726. Thenceforward there appears to have been, according to the latter authority, a tolerably regular succession of P.G.M.s in the case of South Wales, Bro. D. J. Gwynne being given as P.G.M. in 1754, Bro. Sir H. Mackworth as holding the same office in 1782, Bro. Thos. Wyndham, M.P., in 1790, Bro. Benjamin Hall, M.P., in 1814, Bro. Sir Christopher Cole, K.C.B., in 1817, and Bro. Sir John Josiah Guest, Bart., M.P., in 1836. In 1848 South Wales was divided into two Provinces, Bro. E. J. Hutchins being appointed Prov. G.M. of the Eastern Division, and Bro. Lord Milford, Prov. G.M. of the Western Division. But South Wales does not seem to have been able to boast of any lodges, when Bro. Mansell received his deputation, seeing that according to the first list in the Appendix to Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," the earliest lodge was warranted on the 9th June, 1729, and met at the Nag's Head and Star in Carmarthen. This ranks as No. 34 in the second list—1730-32, and at the same number in the third, for 1736-39, in which it figures among lodges of 1724 Constitution, and is described as meeting at the Bunch of Grapes. By the closing up of lodges in 1740 this became No. 30, and on the 29th November, 1754, it was erased. The next lodges were Nos. 189 and 240, respectively, the former meeting at the Ship and Tower, Haverfordwest, under a warrant bearing date the 24th October, 1753. In 1756 No. 189 became No. 121, and in 1770 it figures as the Tyrian Lodge, meeting at the Three Cranes, but on the 23rd April, 1773, it was erased. No. 240 became No. 167 in 1756, and No. 132 in 1770, being erased on the 5th February, 1777. But these three lodges met in the Western Division of the Province, nor is it till the month of August, 1754, that we meet with a lodge in the Eastern Division—No. 266—meeting at Cardiff, which became No. 188 in 1756, and No. 148 in 1770, a second lodge No. 267 being established at Cowbridge in Sept., 1754, which became No. 189 in 1756 and No. 149 in 1770. Both these were erased on 28th April, 1775. A third lodge—No. 337, at Brecon—figuring among lodges warranted in 1765, had only a very brief existence, being erased in 1769, but greater success attended the efforts of the brethren at Swansea, who, on the 24th April, 1769, obtained a warrant constituting Lodge No. 443 at the Star in that town. In the 1770 list this appears as the Beaufort Lodge, No. 38, and it became successively No. 292 in 1781, and No. 244 in 1792, and so remained till its erasure on 19th February, 1809, after an existence of close on 40 years. On the 20th September, 1777, was warranted the Knoll or Groll Lodge, No. 506, at Neath, which became No. 412 in 1781 and No. 333 in 1792. This lodge was in existence at the Union, and on the re-numbering of lodges which followed the consummation of that event, became No. 427. In 1832 it was moved to No. 288, and in 1863 to the position it still occupies as No. 237. In the course of its career, however, it migrated from Neath to Swansea in 1800, and has ever since been known as the Indefatigable Lodge. According to Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records," it has the Freemasons' Hall Medal and its members are entitled to wear the Centenary Jewel, an honour enjoyed by no other præ-Union Lodge, either "Ancient" or "Modern" in this division of South Wales. The other lodges warranted by the "Modern" or "Regular" G. Lodge were as follow, viz.: The Mackworth Lodge, No. 496, Cowbridge, constituted in 1787 and erased in 1792; the Cambrian Lodge, No. 542, Brecon, constituted in 1789, which became No. 451 in 1792 and No. 510 in 1814, after the Union, but was erased 5th March, 1828; No. 580, at Aberystwith, in the Western Division, which was constituted in 1791, became No. 489 the year following, and was erased on 12th April, 1797.

But the "Regulars" had by no means a monopoly of the lodges in South Wales, their rivals "according to the Old Institutions" being the founders of three lodges, two of which are still borne on the roll of United Grand Lodge. The senior of these, bearing originally the number 33, was constituted in London in 1754, but lapsed the following year. On 13th June, 1765, this warrant was assigned to a lodge of brethren at Bridgend, which in 1808 was transferred to Cardiff, and, having been named the

Glamorgan Lodge in 1811, was successively placed at No. 50 in 1814, No. 43 in 1832, and at No. 36—its present number in 1863. The second "Ancient" Lodge was No. 126, constituted at the Green Dragon, in Newport, Monmouthshire, on 12th June, 1764. This warrant having lapsed soon after, was assigned to the Ancient Britons' Lodge, Caerffily, Glamorganshire, on the 12th December, 1807, and having been re-numbered as No. 150 after the Union, was erased on the 5th March, 1828. The third lodge, No. 144, was originally granted to brethren in London, and cancelled in 1775. On 20th June, 1810, it was assigned to brethren with authority to meet at the Castle, Merthyr Tydvil. After the Union it became No. 175, in 1832, No. 127, and in 1863, No. 110, the name of Loyal Cambrian Lodge being adopted by its members in 1837.

Thus at the Union, South Wales had five lodges on its roll, all being in the Eastern Division of the Province. Now the Province which Bro. Sir George Elliot so ably presides over has 16 lodges, while the Western Division, under Bro. Lord Kensington, has 10 lodges. The following are those not already enumerated in the Eastern Division in their order of seniority according to date of constitution, viz.: The Cambrian, No. 364, Neath, constituted as No. 726 on 31st Jan., 1821, and promoted to No. 472 in 1832, and its present position in 1863; the Brecknock Lodge, No. 651, Brecon, founded as No. 936 on 14th May, 1855; the St. David's Lodge, No. 679, Aberdare, warranted as No. 977 on 16th May, 1856; the Afan Lodge, No. 833, Aberavon, constituted 29th Sept., 1860, as No. 1135; and the Bute Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff, originally No. 1262, warranted 13th April, 1863. On 20th June, 1870, the Talbot Lodge, No. 1323, Swansea, was constituted, and in 1875 the roll was lengthened by the addition of the Caradoc Lodge, No. 1573, Swansea, and the Merlin Lodge, No. 1578, Pontypridd, the warrant of the former bearing date 8th, and that of the latter the 23rd October of that year. All the above lodges were on the roll when Bro. Sir George Elliot was appointed G.M. of the Province in 1876, in succession to the late Bro. T. M. Talbot, and since then five other lodges have been consecrated, viz.: The Ogmore Lodge, No. 1754, Bridgend, and the Windsor, No. 1754, Penarth, in 1878; the Loyal Wye, No. 1807, Builth, and the St. Quintin's Lodge, No. 1822, in 1879; and the Tennant Lodge, No. 1992, Cardiff, in 1883. In 1886 it was revived as a Royal Arch Province with Comp. Marmaduke Tennant, the popular Craft deputy of Sir George, as Grand Superintendent, and it forms part of the Mark Province of South Wales under Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Prov. G. Mark Master.

It is clear from these details that, though the number of lodges is somewhat limited considering the large area of the Province and the number of important and prosperous towns it contains, the zeal and energy of the brethren must be considerable, while a glance at the Festival Returns and the Subscribers' lists, annually published by the several Institutions, will suffice to show that the lodges and brethren are frequent and oftentimes most generous in their contributions. At this particular Festival, therefore, when their respected ruler will preside at the celebration and take the lead in appealing to the Stewards and through them to the brethren generally, for that support which is imperatively necessary and without which indeed our Institutions would be unable to satisfy their obligations, we feel justified in assuming that our friends in the Eastern Division of South Wales will set a brilliant example to their brethren in the Metropolis and the other Provinces, and contribute a total which shall be worthy of the second oldest Province in England.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Grand Chapter of this province was held, by command of the M.E. Grand Superintendent, Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., on Friday afternoon, the 27th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, when there were present—

Comps. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G. Supt.; J. E. Le Feuvre, H.; G. Felton Lancaster, acting J. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. R. Loveland Loveland); E. Goble, 309, P.G.S.E.; R. J. H. Rastrick, 487, P.G. Treas.; G. B. Irons, 903, P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. A. A. Headley, 309, P.A.G.S.E.; J. Exell, 487, P.G. Janitor; J. Marks, J., and J. T. Doswell, S.E., of 76; S. Wheeler, H. 151; A. Scott, Z.; H. H. Wheeler, J.; R. Cullingford, S.N.; and Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.P.G.J., P.Z., of 175; H. J. Atkins, P.Z. 360, P.P.G.S.N. Norths and Hunts, Z., and J. Harvey, J., of 195; J. B. MacKay, 257; G. R. Holbrook, Treas.; J. W. Gieve, S.E.; H. E. Bate, E. Broughall, and H. Cooke, of 309; W. Beutell, S.N. 342; D. O. Hobbs, P.P.G. Std. Br., Z., and W. Berry, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.Z., of 359; J. Robertson, Z. 394; H. P. Holley, Z.; H. E. Loader, H.; J. W. Boughton, S.E.; W. M. Outridge, P.P.G.R., P.Z.; and G. Woodthorpe, of 487; G. Payne, Z. 723; T. D. Askew, Z.; T. Francis, P.P.G.S., and P. H. Emanuel, P.S., of 804; R. W. Mitchell, P.P.G. Swd. Br., P.Z.; F. Powell, P.P.G.S., P.Z.; and J. Butt, of 903; T. H. Gowers, Z. 1331; J. Laverty, Z., and W. Miller, S.E., of 1428; Buckle, S.N. 1776; A. Algar, J. 1780; and J. Burns, 1788.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Winchester, January 31st, 1887, were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's account was received and adopted.

Comp. HOBBS, 394, proposed, and Comp. MARKS, 359, seconded, the re-election of Comp. R. J. Hooper Rastrick as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Comp. W. W. B. BEACH, G. Supt., supported the proposition, and said the province was much indebted to Comp. Hooper Rastrick for the trouble he had taken in the Prov. Grand Chapter.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Comp. HOOVER RASTRICK returned thanks, assuring the companions it would be his earnest endeavours to have a large balance.

Comp. ROBERTSON, 130, proposed that the sum of £10 10s. be voted for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the same be placed on the list of Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre, H., who would represent the province at the Festival.

Comp. BERRY, 1781, seconded, and was supported by Comps. MITCHEL, ATKINSON, and W. W. B. BEACH, G. Supt.

Carried unanimously, and Comp. J. E. LE FEUVRE returned thanks.

The following were then appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre, 394	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" H. T. Atkins, 194	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" E. Goble, 309	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. W. Gieve, jun., 309	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. J. Hooper Rastrick	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" S. Wheeler, 151	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Payne, 723	...	...	Prov. G. Soj.
" J. Laverty, 1428	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" H. E. Loader, 487	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" A. Algar, 1778	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.

Comp. J. H. Gowers, 1331	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. D. Askew, 804	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. T. Doswell, 76	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" H. Pigeon, jun.	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Rev. A. A. Headley, 309	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" J. Exell, 487...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitr.

Comp. W. W. B. BEACH said they had every reason to believe that Royal Arch Masonry was thriving in the province. There were good reports and he hoped that Royal Arch Masonry would be still furthermore encouraged. He considered himself indebted to the Provincial Grand Chapter for their munificent grant last year towards the Institution over which he presided at the annual festival.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed, and the brethren partook of a banquet, well catered by Comp. Bond, of the Red Lion Hotel. Owing to the companions having to catch a certain train the only toasts given were the usual loyal and Masonic, and very briefly.

FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

The publication of the "Calendar and Directory," by the "Sanction of the R.W. the Grand Lodge of Ireland," for the year 1888, enables outsiders to judge of the condition of that Body, about whose progress we hear and know so little. The work is undoubtedly useful, but might easily be made much more so, without entailing much additional labour. Some ninety pages are made to suffice for all the particulars vouchsafed respecting Craft Masonry, as well as the Royal Arch, Knight Templar, and Ancient and Accepted Rite Degrees, for all these are recognised, or, in other words, mutually recognise each other, to the exclusion of all other Degrees whatsoever.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is Patron, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn is Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., is D.G.M., and the other officers continue much "as you were." Eighteen Grand Officers are all that are elected and appointed for Ireland, and twenty-one Past Grand Officers form the total possible attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers, a number so small as to lead us to wonder! These 34 brethren might be outnumbered by its Representatives from other Grand Lodges, for if all were appointed with whom the Grand Lodge "exchanges," the Grand Representatives would exceed forty!

There are apparently 376 lodges on the roll, being slightly less in number than for 1887, and these are distributed as follows: 37 lodges in the Dublin District; 268 in the Provinces (Antrim, 83; Down, 46; Londonderry and Donegal, 26; Armagh, 23; Tyrone and Fermanagh, 20; Munster, 17; Meath, 11; Midland Counties, 11; North Munster, 7; South Eastern, 7; Wicklow and Wexford, 7; North Connaught, 5; and South Connaught, 5); 57 in the Colonies, &c.; and 7 in Military Corps (4th and 5th Dragoons, 12th Royal Lancers, and 20th, 23rd, 26th, and 29th Regiments). In Victoria there are 17 lodges; in New Zealand, 15; in Brisbane, 13; Tasmania, 8; and Ceylon, 4.

Of Royal Arch Chapters there are 147 on the roll, two less than last year, the Grand Officers generally being composed of different brethren to those of the Grand Lodge. The Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., is the "King," which corresponds with our Z. The High Priest is Dr. Griffin, and the "Chief Scribe" is Comp. Welland. The Titles differ in part, from all other Grand Chapters, the 2nd in Ireland being the first in America. In no country, however, and in few so much as in Ireland, is there more attention paid to Instruction by official sanction, both for the "Craft" and "Arch." Of the K.T. Preceptories there are 41, twelve being held in Dublin. H.R.H. Duke of Connaught is the Great Prior. There are 13 Rose Croix Chapters, 7 meeting in Dublin. The names of all the members are given in the Calendar under each Chapter, as also those of the 28th (Knight of the Sun), 30th, 31st 32nd, and 33rd Degrees. The 32nd is limited to 16, the 31st to 15, and the 30th to 30, exclusive, in each case, of those who belong to the Degrees beyond. The "Ancient and Accepted Rite of Freemasonry," as respects Ireland, has some peculiar features about which we may have a few words to say another time. The "Masonic Female Orphan School" was founded in 1798, there being now 72 pupils provided for. The "Boys," started in 1867, has now 45 in the School. The Archbishop of Dublin, Grand Chaplain, is one of the Chaplains for each Institution. The subscriptions are, in part, collected by Honorary "Local Treasurers." An excellent plan, we think.

COLONEL CLERKE'S MS. ("OLD CHARGES.")

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

It affords me great pleasure to introduce to the Craft another complete copy of the "Old Charges," now the property of our esteemed Grand Secretary, hence my selection of the Title. Bro. Colonel Clerke tells me it was found some fourteen years ago in an old chest in a village of South Wales, and was presented to him. Beyond that he knows nothing of its origin, but fraternally sent it to me in 1879, for examination and transcription,* and it is thus through his courtesy and kindness that I am able to present the following copy to Masonic Students through the columns of the *Freemason*.

Colonel Clerke placed it in the valuable Library of the "Supreme Council"—on loan—some years since, where it still remains, and it is only for brethren to make their wishes known, to obtain a sight of that and numerous other treasures, carefully preserved in the Museum of Masonic Antiquities in Golden-square.

The MS. in question, is written on two parchment skins, running together to nearly five feet in length, the width exceeding 13 inches. There is a fine Illumination at the head of the Roll, consisting of the Royal Arms, having in portions on either side the inscription "Jrd R 1686," and below

are the Arms of the City of London, and those of the Masons, within ovals, making together an elegant adornment to the Text proper, besides indicating the probable period of its transcription. The initial letters to the various paragraphs are rubricated (given in *text* in the following reproduction.)

From these particulars it will be at once seen that the Scroll is one of the most beautiful of the many traced of later years.

Singular to state, Colonel Clerke's MS. bears the same date as that of the "Antiquity MS.," given in my "Old Charges of British Freemasons, 1872" (with a fac-simile), which document is adorned with the several coats of arms aforesaid. The latter MS., however, recites an unusual form of opening invocation, contains an extract from the Book of Ecclesiastes peculiar to itself, besides other variations from the ordinary class of versions to which both belong.

The text of the roll is similar to what is known as "Dowland's MS.," published in the "Gentleman's Magazine" for 1815, though I do not think the former is the original of the latter, not simply because of the portions absent from the MS. of 1686, to be found in the other, but it appears to me that the document from which the "Dowland" version was transcribed was of an earlier period. The conclusion to the latter reads—

"Ye shall keepe soe helpe your God,
and your holydome, and by this
booke unto your power, Amen!"

This will be found to contain an additional clause as compared with the MS. of 1686. They preserve, however, substantially the same text. Bro. Gould, in his "History of Freemasonry," vol. 1., numbers these MSS. as 24 and 39 respectively, and places the former in the third division of his most suggestive classification, an arrangement in which I fully concur, as there is no evidence at present beyond the strongest probability that it was used for *Lodge purposes*. As the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, promises us the whole of the known copies of the "Old Charges of British Freemasons," in one noble volume, I shall be glad to communicate with anyone who can in any way assist in such a magnificent enterprise.

COLONEL CLERKE'S MS. (Illuminated).

"Jed R. 1686."

The Might of the Father of Heaven with ye Wisdome of the glorious Sonne through the Grace and ye Goodnesse of ye Holy Ghost that be three persons in one Godhead be with us at our begining and give us Grace So to governe Us here in our life that wee may come to his eternall blisse that never shall have ending. AMEN.

Good Brethren and Fellowes our purpose is to tell you how this worthy Science of Masonrye was begun, and in what manner and afterwards how it was founded by worthy Kings and Princes, and by many other honourable and worshipfull men. And also to those that be here we will declare the charges that belongeth to every true Moson to keep. For in good faith and if you take good heed thereto it is well worthy to be kept for a worthy Craft and curious Science.

For there be Seaven liberrall Sciences of the which Seaven it is one. And the names of the Seven Sciences be these **FIRST** is Grammar and that teacheth a man to speak truly and write truly, **The Second** is Rhetorick and that teacheth a man to speak fair in subtile terms.

The third is Dialectick and that teacheth a man for to discern for know Truth from falshood. **The fourth** is Arithmetick and that teacheth a man for to reckon and count all manner of Numbers.

The fifth is called Geometrie, and that teacheth a man mete and measure and all other things. **The Sixth** is called Musick, and that teacheth a man the perfect Method of Song and voyce of Tongue with Instruments as Organ Harp and Trumpett. **The Seventh** is called Astronomie and that teacheth a man the course of the Son Moone and Starres. These be the Seven Liberrall Sciences the which Science take their foundacon of Geometrie. For Geometrie teacheth a man mete and measure and weight of all manner of Things on Earth. For there is no man that worketh any Science or Craft but he worketh by some Mete some Measure or Weight. And all this is Geometrie, and Merchants and all Craftsmen and all other of the Six Sciences, especially the Ploughman and Tillers of the Earth for all manner of Grain, Seeds, Vines, Plumb trees, or Planters of Fruit. For neither Grammar Arithmetick nor Astronomie nor none of the other Sciences can a man find Mete or Measure in, without Geometrie, Wherefore me thinketh that the Science of Geometrie is most worthy from whom the other proceed.

How that this worthy Science was first begun I shall tell you. Before Noah's Flood there was a man that was called Lamech, it is written in the Bible in the 4th Chap. of Genesis, and this Lamech had two Wives, and the one wife's name was Ada and the other Sella. By the first he had two Sonnes, and the one was called Jaball and the other Juball. And by the other Wife Zilah he gotte and daughter, and these foure Children founded the begining of all the Sciences in the World. And the Elder Son Jaball founded the Science of Geometrie and he departed flocks of Sheep and Land in the Field and first wrought Houses of Stone and Limber as it is noted in the Chapter abovesaid. And his Brother Juball found the Science of Musick, as Song Harp and Organ, and the Third Brother Tubal-Kaine found Smiths Craft of Gold Silver Copper Iron and Steel; and the Daughter found the Craft or Knowledge of weaving. And these Children knew well that God would take Vengeance for sinne either by Fire or Water, wherefore they writ their Sciences that they had found in two Pillars of Stone, they they might be found out after Noah's Flood. And the One Pillar of Stone was of Marble, for that it would not be burnt with fire, and the Stone whereof the other Pillar was made was called Laterns and that would not drowne in any water.

Our intent is to tell you truly how and in what manner these Stones were found that those Sciences were written in The Great Hermes that was the Son of Cub was the Son of Shem who was the Sonne of Noye. The same Hermes was afterwards called Hermes the father of the wise men. He found out the two Pillars of Stone and found the Science written there and he taught it to other men. And at the making of the Tower of Babylon there was Masonrye first made much of. And the King of Babylon who was called Nembroth was a Mason himselfe and loved well the Science as it is said with Master of Stories, and when the City of Ninivee and the other great Cities of the East should be made Nembroth the King of Babylon sent thither 60 Masons at the request of the King of Ninivee his Cosen, and when hee sent them, hee gave them a charge in this manner **That** they should be true each of them to other and that they should live truly together and that they should serve their Lord truly for their pay, so that the Mar. may have Work and all that belong to him, and other more Charges hee gave them **And** this was the first time that ever Mason had any Charge of his Science or Craft. Moreover when Abraham and Sara his wife went into Egypt, and there taught the Seven Sciences unto the Egyptians and he had a worthy Scholler named Ewclid and he learned right well and was a Master of all the 7 Liberrall Sciences and his dayes it befell that the Lords and States of the Realm had so many Sonnes, that they had gotten, some by their Wives and some by other Ladyes of the Realm, for that land is a hott land and plenteous of Generation, and they had not competent maintenance whe:ewith to find their Children: wherefore they had much care. And then the King of the Land made a great Counsell and a Parliament to understand how they might find their children honestly like Gentlemen, and they could find no manner of good way. And they did cry through all the Realm, if there were any man that could informe them, that hee should come to them and hee should be rewarded for his travail, that hee should hold himselfe well pleased. After this cry was made, then came the worthy Clark Ewclid and said to the King and all his great Lords, If yee will take mee for to Governe your children and to teach them one of the Seven Sciences wherewith they may live honestly as Gentlemen should under a Condition that you will grant mee and them a Commission, that I may have power to rule them after the manner that the Science ought to be ruled, in all things belonging thereto which the King and his Counsell presently granted him and sealed him a Commission, And then this worthy Doctor toke to him these Lords Sonnes, and taught them the practice of Geometrie in practice for to worke in stones all manner of worthy worke that belongeth to building of Churches, Temples, Castles, Towers and Mannors, and all other manner of building and hee gave them a charge after this manner.

The First was that they should be true to the King, and the Lord they should serve, and that they should love well together, and be true each one to other, and that they should call each other Fellow or else Brother, and not his Servant nor his Knave or other

fowle name, and that they should truly deserve their pay of the Lord or Mastr. that they Serve, and that they should ordaine the wisest among them to be Master of the worke and neither for love nor great Lineage, neither for riches nor for favor to Sett another that hath little cuning for to bee Mastr. of the Lords work whereby the Lord should be evill served and they ashamed. And also that they shall call the Governor of the worke Master, the time that they worke with him, and other many more charges that were too long to tell. And to all these charges hee made them to Swear a great Oath that men used in that time and Ordained for them reasonably pay that they might live honestly by, And also that they should come and Assemble together every year once, how they might worke best to serve the Lord for his proffitt and to their owne worship and to correct within themselves him that had trespassed against ye Craft, And thus with the Craft grounded there And that worthy Mar. Ewclid gave it by the name of Geometrie, and now is called through all this land Masonrye.

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THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

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

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In 1823, in order to still further ensure the trustworthiness of petitions, an old rule, requiring the recommendation of the candidate by one or more Governors, was revived, and it was determined that henceforth no petition should be received without the recommendation of two Governors. It was also resolved that petitions should not be received in the case of children under seven years, and that when received and approved, the names should not be entered on the list of candidates till three months after acceptance, or till they had attained the age of seven and three-quarter years. In April, 1824, Mrs. Crook, who had held the office of Matron for 17 years, was presented by the House and Audit Committees with a silver tea service in recognition of her valuable services to the Institution. In the August following, a petition, presented on behalf of a child whose father "had never been in a Mason's Lodge, except on the ——" and "had not subscribed to any lodge at all," was rejected, and at the Quarterly Court in October, on the motion of Bro. T. Harper, it was resolved that, except in the case of an orphan, no child should be received as a candidate whose father had not been a subscribing member to some lodge for at least two years.

In January, 1825, the House Committee adopted the unusual practice of accepting the contract of a Bro. Lancefield to supply the School with meat in preference to that of a rival butcher, on the ground that the former was a Freemason, and "might be induced from that circumstance to take a greater interest in the well supplying of the Charity, as well as from his well-known respectability," the new butcher at once paying down his £10 10s. in order to constitute himself a Life Governor. An equally unusual circumstance occurred a few months later, at the General Committee on the 28th April, when "a Petition was presented by Daniel Linch in behalf of his daughter Ann Linch; not having the Certificate of Birth and Baptism in consequence of the Priest of the Roman Catholic Chapel at Deptford where the child was baptized refusing to give it on the ground that the child was about to be brought up in another Religion, the Committee accepted his affidavit of the Child's age in lieu thereof." The month following, on the strong recommendation of the Matron, that "from her Talents and good conduct" she would be "a great acquisition to the School if kept therein as an Assistant," E. W. Jarwood, who would otherwise have left the School, was apprenticed to the Institution.

In 1826 we meet with further cases of children rejected as candidates, because one or other of their parents, or both, were not considered to have any claim upon the Institution. Thus, in February, a child's name was removed from the list because on inquiry, it transpired that her father was and always had been a bricklayer's labourer, while in June two were refused, because in the one case the father was a journeyman and her mother had been in receipt of parochial relief; and in the other, because the father had always been a ticket porter. In March, 1827, also, a petition was rejected, because the child's father was a journeyman stonemason. In August, 1826, the House Committee recommended that the number of girls should be augmented to 70, but the General Committee, after carefully examining the receipts and expenditure for the preceding 10 years, came to the conclusion that the proposal was unwise, while, as regards its inexpediency, there can be no question, seeing that two or three years later on, and for some time subsequently, there were as many vacancies as candidates, and therefore the elections took place without ballot. In December the death of the Marquis of Hastings, Past A.G.M., and one of the Trustees, was reported, and Bro. Lord Dundas, D.G.M. was elected to fill the vacancy; the body of Trustees, as reconstructed, consisting of the Duke of Sussex, G.M., Lord Dundas, D.G.M., and Bros. W. Williams, M.P., L. Hayes Pettit, and W. W. Prescott. In April, 1827, Bro. Williams, to whom a vote of thanks was passed for his services at the Festival for the year, resigned the Treasurership, and was succeeded by Bro. John Ramsbottom, M.P., and at the close of the same year the Secretary, Bro. John Hair, whose repeated absence from his duties had been the subject of comment, tendered his resignation, and on inquiry it turned out that he was a defaulter, and one of his sureties was called upon to make good a moiety of his defalcations. But whether the balance of Hair's deficiency was ever made good or not by him or his other surety does not appear in the Minutes, which tell us nothing further than that Bro. W. Fletcher Hope was elected to the vacant office at the Quarterly Court in January, 1828, and there is no doubt as to the business of the Institution having been ably and honourably conducted during the years of his Secretaryship.

(To be continued.)

"THE OLD MASONIANS" AND THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On Tuesday the 24th ult., the members of the above association travelled down to Croydon and entertained our old brethren at the Benevolent Institution. They had prepared a capital programme, which was most favourably received by those present. Mrs. Watkins, the wife of the energetic Secretary, played the overture and accompanied the songs throughout the evening with great skill. Amongst the items were recitations given by Messrs. Harold Williams and F. L. Scurr, in a highly efficient manner. Mr. Gedde sang "Daddy," and Mr. A. H. Stephenson sang two songs, "I fear no foe," and "The Tempest King," with much spirit. Mr. Barrett sang "True till Death," and Mr. C. H. Uwins was heard to advantage in "In cellar cool," and "Anchored," which he gave as an encore. Mr. Watkins gave a fine rendering of Molloy's song "The Lads in red." The comic element was well represented by Mr. A. B. Whiteley, who sang four songs, and Mr. A. Balcomb, who sang "Killaloo." A notable item in the programme was a negro sketch by Messrs. Uwins, Whiteley, and H. Kippax; the last named gentleman, who has more than once shown himself as a friend of the old Masonians, having taken the place of Mr. W. Garstin, who was unable to be present. Mr. Kippax also sang "Ballyhooley," and "Hen Convention," in very fine style. The National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close. Before our Old Boys left, Bro. Terry, in his usual characteristic and genial manner, proposed a hearty vote of thanks for the entertainment given, and in the course of his remarks wished the "Old Masonians" every success for the new year. We are glad to see our Old Boys do not forget their old friends who have done so much for the Craft, and feel sure that our readers will agree with us, that it is very pleasant to see these young men giving up an evening to go down and amuse the inmates of Bro. Terry's Institute.

THE PRO GRAND MASTER IN VICTORIA.

On Saturday, the 10th of December, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon paid a visit to the lodge of Freemasons named after his lordship, in the Town Hall, Collingwood, one of the Melbourne suburbs. This is the only opportunity on which Lord Carnarvon has been able to meet his Victorian brethren within the portals of a tyled lodge. The members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 2124, consequently appreciated the honour, and a subscription was initiated amongst the brethren in order to render the event worthy of so unusual an occasion. First and foremost, it was decided to present his lordship with some suitable souvenir of his visit, and this took the form of an album, containing photographic views of the city and its environs, and an address, supplemented by the names of the members of the lodge, over 80 in number. The front of the album, in addition to a suitable inscription, bears the arms of the noble earl, on a silver plate. The Committee appointed to carry out the details also decided to have a luncheon, and it may be mentioned that the Mayor of the city (Councillor Henry Walker), although not a member of the Masonic body, generously asked permission to defray half of the expenses.

An emergency meeting was summoned for noon, and shortly after that hour the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. James Page, opened the lodge in the presence of a crowded assemblage of members and visitors from lodges under the three British Constitutions. Bro. Sir William Clarke, the R.W. District and Provincial Grand Master of Victoria, having been called into the country, was unable to be present; but his three Deputies—Bros. H. St. John Clarke, M.D., P.G.W. of England; G. Baker (I.C.), and Captain Martin (S.C.)—attended, together with many other distinguished brethren.

The W.M. deputed the following Past Masters of the lodge to retire, and conduct the M.W. Pro Grand Master of England to the lodge: Bros. C. H. Bayley, J. A. Turnbull, W. F. Lamonty, Dr. Courtenay, and J. I. Saqui. Lord Carnarvon having entered the lodge, took his place on the right of the W.M., and was greeted with the honours appertaining to his lordship's rank in the Order.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, having briefly stated the purpose of the gathering, called upon Bro. Bayley, as the senior P.M., to make the presentation.

Bro. BAYLEY, at some length, detailed the history of the lodge, its progress, and the circumstances which led to the adoption of its name, also quoting the election of Lord Carnarvon as an honorary member, after which he read the address, and formally handed over the album to the noble recipient.

The PRO GRAND MASTER in acknowledging the gift expressed the pleasure which it afforded him, and the honour that had been conferred upon him in designating this the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. He desired, therefore, to be remembered in the hearts and affections of his brethren so long as he should live. It was a great pleasure to think that though 15,000 miles separated them, he should be with his brethren in spirit. He was pleased to gather that the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had been a great success, and his best wish was not only that it should thrive and flourish with all the vigour of youth, but that it should be carried on with the mature wisdom of old age. One word as to the memento which they had been good enough to present to him. The secret had been so well kept that he had no conception of the manner in which the brethren were pleased to testify their appreciation of his visit until that mysterious packet had been opened. He could assure them that he should always value it as a mark of their fraternal esteem.

His lordship then retired from the lodge, which was subsequently closed.

An adjournment was then made to the main hall, where the company, to the number of over 200, sat down to luncheon. The Worshipful Master occupied the chair, and proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. He then gave the toast of "Our Guest, the Earl of Carnarvon," which was received with the greatest enthusiasm. The W.M., in proposing the toast, mentioned that 30 years ago Bro. the Right Hon. H. E. Childers lived in a house immediately behind where the Collingwood Town Hall now stood.

The Earl of CARNARVON, in the course of his reply, said, "Time is fast running to the end of my stay in the great colony of Victoria, and in a very short time I shall be

compelled to leave your most hospitable and kindly limits. I rejoice, therefore, to have an opportunity of expressing my farewell, and to assure not only those here present, but all those to whom my words may go, how deeply I have felt, and how greatly I acknowledge, the kindness and the welcome with which I have been met on every hand. When I return to England it will be my duty and pleasure to say how Masonry has taken root and flourishes in this great colony, and how she not only flourishes, but puts forth her boughs down to the sea, extending a grateful shade to all her members who are in difficulties and distress. The lesson of Masonry is, I believe, a very high and noble one, and I believe it has been correctly read and understood here. It gives great pleasure to me to see with my own eyes the vast start which this colony has made. In the old world things move slowly. Here they move very rapidly, and anyone visiting this colony after being 10 years in England would doubtless see things that he had never dreamt of whilst here before—things absolutely changed. The ideal of the poet says that "fifty years of Europe is better than a cycle of Cathay." I don't quite know what "a cycle of Cathay" is—I expect it is a much longer period—but if 50 years of Europe are in point of development and expansion worth an unlimited era of Cathay, then I say that 10 years in these great colonies in progress matches 50 years of Europe. I notice in the papers this morning that at a banquet given in London a day ago to a very eminent Victorian statesman, great stress was laid upon the mutual benefit to England and Australia of the personal intercourse of their citizens. I heartily endorse that sentiment. There is something in the sight and the hearing which transcends all the instruction either of conversation or of books. No one would be foolish enough to think that in the course of a few weeks or months he could learn intimately the condition of anything in a distant country, but yet if there be ordinary intelligence and ordinary modesty, there is some subtle influence in the moral and social atmosphere of every country which is borne in, so to say, upon the mind of every observer, and sends him away richer and fuller and better in ideas than when he came. I hope in some limited degree that will be my lot. At all events, I can say that I will return to England more than ever deeply interested in the fortunes of these great colonies, and more than ever sensitive of the unfailing and inexhaustible kindness with which I have been received on every side.

Bro. the Rev. W. W. MANTELL, P.D.G. Chaplain, gave the toast of "Sir W. J. Clarke and Our Visitors," which was replied to by Bros. C. R. MARTIN, (S.C.); Dr. ST. JOHN CLARKE, (E.C.); GEORGE BAKER, (I.C.); Sir HENRY WRENFORDSLEY, W. H. ROBERTS, M.L.C.; and W. G. FEILD, M.L.A.

Bro. Sir HENRY WRENFORDSLEY, Q.C., formerly Chief Justice of Western Australia, in his reply to the toast, expressed his pleasure at the hearty hospitality and attention paid to Lord Carnarvon, since his arrival in Victoria, by every section of the community. That was the more pleasing to him (the speaker) from the fact that he had had the honour to serve under his lordship at the Colonial Office.

Some other toasts followed, after which the gathering, which had been most successfully arranged and carried out, broke up.

PRESENTATION TO LORD CARNARVON BY VICTORIAN MARK MASONS.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, P.G.M.M.M., received a deputation from the Combermere Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 336, on the 12th of December, at Government House, Melbourne, the occasion being the presentation of an address. The W.M., Bro. J. I. Saqui, was absent through sudden illness, and the officers composing the deputation were Bros. Dr. Willmott, P.M.; W. F. Lamonty, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland; T. Haydon, S.W.; J. F. Crane, J.W.; Chas. Brown, R.M.; J. Sheehan, Sec.; J. Hickford, S.D.; and S. Hayles, J.D.

Bro. LAMONTY, having introduced the members of the deputation to his lordship, said it would simplify matters—seeing that the time of his lordship was precious, on account of his leaving Melbourne that afternoon—were he to be permitted to read the address, which he did in the following terms:—

To the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Mark Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, &c. We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren of the Combermere Lodge, No. 336, cordially and fraternally welcome your lordship to Victoria. We are fully aware and rejoice that for many years past your lordship has evinced and taken a warm interest in all that appertains to the sublime precepts, usefulness, and well-being of Freemasonry; and it is more especially a pleasing and historical fact that Mark Masonry has made vast strides since the year 1856, when a Grand Lodge was organised, with Lord Leigh, your lordship's immediate predecessor, as the first Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was then started with a nucleus of three lodges, and had made some progress when your lordship assumed the reins of office, in the year 1860. At the present time there are nearly 400 lodges on the roll, thereby showing that the energies and influence brought to bear by the first Grand Masters were founded on a solid and progressive basis. That it may please the Great Overseer of the Universe to grant your lordship health and long life to further the interests and usefulness of our Order is the sincere hope of your lordship's most fraternal and obedient servants.

Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, December, 1887.

Lord CARNARVON, in thanking his Mark brethren for their handsome present, mentioned that he had been overwhelmed with kindness, attentions, and invitations from his brethren of Victoria. He detailed his recollection of the difficulties which faced the founders of the first Grand Lodge of Mark Masters; but the Order steadily progressed, and a strong evidence of its popularity and success was the fact that the Prince of Wales three years ago accepted the honour of Past Grand Master, and was at the present time Grand Master.

The address is in album form, and illuminated, the cover embracing the crimson, blue, and gold of a Grand Officer.

Lord and Lady Carnarvon left Melbourne the same afternoon for Sydney, and they will remain in New South Wales till the beginning of February, when they return to

Melbourne for two or three days prior to the homeward voyage.

During his stay in Melbourne the noble earl made important speeches on Colonial and Imperial matters, namely, at the inaugural dinner of the new Mayor of Melbourne, and at the banquets given in his honour by the President of the Legislative Council, and the members of the two Houses of Parliament. He also received a deputation from the Melbourne Presbyterian Assembly on the subject of the New Hebrides.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE GAVEL CLUB.

The annual dinner of the above club took place on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern. An excellent repast was provided by the manager, Gaveller Madell. Gaveller Hicklin presided, assisted by Gavellers Sudlow and Combes, as Vice-Presidents.

Gaveller PRESIDENT, who stated that speech making was not a forte of the Gavel Club, proposed "The Health of the Visitors," giving them, on behalf of the club, a most hearty welcome, and trusting that they were enjoying themselves as much as the members of the club were enjoying their society. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Charles DuVal, who had on more than one occasion contributed to their enjoyment.

Bro. CHARLES DUVAL responded, thanking the club for the happy evenings he had had the pleasure of spending with them, and said that, with the permission of the Gaveller President, he would ask the visitors to return the compliment by drinking to "The Health, Prosperity, and Longevity of the Members of the Gavel Club," coupling the toast with the name of the honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Gaveller Pritchard. It was his unfortunate and unhappy position to be outside the Gavel Club, and consequently unable to speak from actual knowledge as to the work done by Gaveller Pritchard, but he was satisfied, by the way in which his name had been received, and also from the success of the club, that the onerous duties of the Secretary and Treasurer were carried out with the same amount of zeal and assiduity that distinguished the Gavellers generally in all their undertakings. The club was noted for its unquestionable hospitality, and the good feeling prevailing amongst its members. Evidences of their zeal he had had opportunities of judging, and evidence which showed that, work being done, humour held sway, and the jovial tendencies of the Gavellers broke out in fresh places at each of their re-unions. He remembered spending an essentially musical evening with the Gavellers on one occasion, which was calculated to make Mendelssohn turn in his grave with regret to think that he had lived in vain. At another meeting, as students of Natural History, the Gavellers showed their keen appreciation of animal life. "Men are but boys a little overgrown," and it was well to relax a little sometimes. Bro. DuVal concluded a humorous speech by announcing that he had written, on the back of a menu card, a few impromptu lines, the sentiments of which he felt satisfied would be endorsed by the visitors, whose mouthpiece he was:—

"Good fellowship, reigns and your mirth overflows,
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And though some at your humours may cavil,
Your exactions all help to clothe poverty's back,
For kind Charity taps with your Gavel.
"Your joy and your jests are open and free,
And gaily you flourish the Gavel;
Our hopes are sincere, expressed now through me
For years, e'er Life's thread you unravel.
And when the old Reaper comes round with his glass
To put you all under the gravel,
As he drives in the nails in your breastplate of brass,
May you answer him back with the Gavel."

In reply, Gaveller PRITCHARD said that he felt honoured at having his name coupled with the toast of "The Gavel Club." It was his proud pleasure to act as Secretary and Treasurer, and he should always do as he had done—work for the benefit of the club and happiness of its members. He had much pleasure in stating that the club was in a stronger position than ever from every point of view; and he was particularly pleased that evening to see so many visitors present, and also to hear from Bro. DuVal that they were satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

During the evening the following contributed to the harmony, viz.: Gaveller Kirby, "The young Friar" and "Thy sentinel am I;" Bro. Marsden, "The Quaker" and "In cellar cool;" Bro. Kite, "Speed on my bark" and "Homeward bound;" Gaveller Williams, "The Duke of Seven Dials;" Bro. Captain Williams, "Ballyhooley;" Gaveller Combes, "The dispensing doctor" and "Killaloe;" Bro. DuVal, a humorous Sketch; and Gaveller Sudlow, recitation.

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On FRIDAY EVENING, 24th FEBRUARY, 1888,

ON WHICH OCCASION

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To Correspondents.

The following communications were either received too
late for publication or stand over for want of space:—

CRAFT LODGES—Zetland in the East, No. 508; Lodge
of Concord, No. 632; Harbour of Refuge, No. 764;
Fidelis, No. 1809; Hendon, No. 2206.

ROYAL ARCH—Star Chapter, No. 1275.

CORRESPONDENCE—

"The Girls' School Festival"—J.W.

"A Question of Custom"—PAST MASTER.

Hastings Masonic Ball.
District Grand Lodge of Victoria.
Meeting of the Committee of Petitions for the Province
of Devon.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Keystone," "Masonic Chronicle," "South African Free-
mason," and "Freimaurer-Zeitung."



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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.]

A QUESTION OF CUSTOM.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,
When "Cap" says there is no rule to answer his
question, has he considered the latter part of Art. 141—(I
think it is 141, but have not the Constitutions here)—defin-
ing who shall take the chair in the W.M.'s absence? I
would suggest for his consideration whether that Article
does not define the order in which the duty, or right, of
performing the ceremony devolves.

As to the second part of his question, is it not the most
usual thing, if the outgoing W.M. does not choose to per-
form the ceremony himself, for him, as a matter of courtesy,
to consult with the W.M. elect, and ask if he has any
brother whom he wishes to perform the ceremony?—Yours
fraternally, LEX SCRIPTA.

January 30.

IN AID OF THE MASONIC GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Difficulties often arise at ceremonies of Conse-
cration of Lodges or chapters, through inability to procure
suitable music and words.

As we are about consecrating another new chapter in
this province, it has devolved upon me to arrange for the
services, and Ex. Comp. William S. Bambridge, Mus. Bac.,
Professor of Music at Marlborough College, and Prov. G.
Org. Wilts, has kindly composed new chorales, &c., for
unison singing, with organ or harmonium accompaniment,
for the occasion, together with two new chorales for the
opening and closing services at lodges.

A bright idea has occurred to me that two good things
may be readily accomplished at the same time.

1. To assist my Bro. Prov. G. Secs., and Prov. G.S.E.'s,
and others who have to undertake arrangements for like
ceremonials, by enabling them to obtain a complete set of
easy and charming music and words for such services; and
also lodges to procure suitable chorales for use in opening
and closing their lodges.

2. To benefit the above excellent Institution.
But I wish, in making this scheme public, for it to be
clearly and perfectly understood, that there is no private
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The scheme is simply this:—To offer to any lodge or
chapter 50 lithographed copies of the above music and
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Mann, who is the Steward representing the Province of
Wilts for this Institution.

The applications for copies should be made forthwith,
as it is not intended to keep the matter open over the
coming School Festival, when Comp. Mann's list will be

rendered, and especially as it is not desired to make this a kind of begging appeal.

If by this plan my twofold object is attained, I feel assured all parties will have cause for congratulation; and no one will more rejoice, that such an excellent Institution has been advantaged, than—Yours Fraternally,

HENRY C. TOMBS, P.A.G. Soj., P.G.D.,
P.P.G. Sec., P.G.S.E. Wilts.

January 24th.

P.S. I must not omit to state that on mentioning the matter to Comp. Bambridge he most readily assented to the music being utilized as above as it was to aid our Masonic Charities.

HISTORY OF LODGE INDUSTRY, No. 186.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As I look out with pleasure for any additions to the histories of old lodges, that contained in the *Freemason* of last week, pages 49 and 58, naturally attracted my attention. I was, however, not a little surprised to find that much information taken from my "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," should not only meet with no acknowledgment by the compiler of the history, but that he should apparently go out of his way to state what is not a fact, viz., that the particulars as to the places of meeting of this lodge prior to 1800 were "necessarily obtained from the entries in the Grand Lodge Registers."

Your readers may probably be aware by this time that my researches and investigations of the Grand Lodge Records have not been superficial, and they will believe me when I say that the particulars referred to are neither to be found in the Grand Lodge Registers, nor in any other books or documents in Grand Lodge at the time I compiled my book, and, consequently, I do not hesitate to affirm that the writer of this lodge history compiled no small portion of it from pages 116 and 117 of "Masonic Records."

Whilst I do not for a moment object to this use of my work—and, in fact, I am glad that my labours are found useful—I think in all such cases the true sources of information ought to be recognized.

Possibly this gentle remonstrance may have the effect of obtaining a more honourable course of procedure in the future.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, January 28th.



Craft Masonry.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—The installation meeting of the above old and distinguished lodge (date of constitution 1757) was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City. There were present Bros. Leon V. Walker, W.M.; J. Corbett, I.P.M.; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.W.; W. R. Brooks, J.W.; Henry Povey, P.M., Treas.; T. P. Collings, P.M., Hon. Sec.; H. Savidge, S.D.; W. J. Charles, J.D.; H. Bailey, I.G.; H. H. Knill, Org.; W. Cook, P.M., D.C.; B. Fletcher, H. Goss, J. Vanderwick, R. W. Coulcher, P.M.; T. Whiting, R. Burt White, E. S. Hopper, N. J. Woodcock, H. W. Peek, H. G. Swan, P. Saillard, B. Pearl, J. Waterall, P.M.; A. W. Gregor, and G. M. Vane. Visitors: Bros. John Derby Allcroft, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Edward Anderton, W.M.; Joseph Renals, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M.; Samuel White, P.M.; W. H. Froom, P.M.; John Larkin, George Rawlinson, F. Crockford, and P. Saillard, all of 1657; J. Corbett, J. P. Fitzgerald, A. Smythe, W. J. Charles, and R. D. Cummings, all of 2168; W. F. Flower, 1901; G. E. H. Bannister, 604; E. C. Davis, 23; T. Carroll, 749; N. Goodwin, 1768; J. P. Clayton, 263; F. J. Blake, 410; E. Holland, W.M. 1909; F. Moir, 1238; T. Richards, 813; W. Thomasson, 209; D. Tucker, 209; F. Varley, 1260; E. Dodd, 1223; W. G. Thompson, 1445; P. Phillips, 820; and T. M. Clark, 2182.

The minutes of the last regular lodge meeting, also of emergency meeting held Thursday, the 5th ult., were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Henry Povey, P.M., Treas., installed Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M. 1657, 1460, Treas. 2168, Prov. S.G.W. Middx., as W.M. for the ensuing year in an able manner, assisted by Bro. J. Corbett, P.M., and Bro. W. Cook, P.M., D.C. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. L. V. Walker, I.P.M.; W. R. Brooks, S.W.; H. Savidge, J.W.; H. Povey, P.M., Treas.; T. P. Collings, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Charles, S.D.; H. Bailey, J.D.; J. W. Standerwick, I.G.; J. Corbett, P.M., D.C.; H. H. Knill, Org.; R. W. Coulcher, P.M., and J. W. Lewthwaite, Stewards; and J. Parkinson, Tyler. Bro. Jolliffe, in a pleasant speech, presented the I.P.M. with a valuable jewel, voted by the lodge in recognition of the able manner in which he had presided during the past year.

A full-sized lodge banner, made of rich sky blue corded silk, with the name and number of the lodge, date of constitution, and a representation of Neptune painted, was presented to the lodge by Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe. The brethren were much pleased with the compliment paid them by the value and the thoughtfulness of the gift.

The brethren afterwards dined together. The usual toasts were proposed by the W.M.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., replied for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Leon V. Walker proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a humorous speech.

Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe said the toast he was about to propose, he was pleased to say, was seldom or ever omitted from the W.M.'s list—he alluded to "The Visitors." In his own name and that of the brethren of the lodge, it gave them great pleasure to see the visitors, and he gave them a very hearty welcome, and hoped they had spent a pleasant evening. Time would not permit him to read the names of all the visitors, and that was his excuse to those he did not call upon to respond. Before proposing the toast he must congratulate his friend, Bro. Joseph Renals, who was initiated in the Aldersgate Lodge by Bro. George Kenning, November 8th, 1880, on being unanimously elected that day to the

Aldersgate Ward as Alderman, and trusted he would live long to enjoy the honour. With the toast he coupled the names of Bros. Edward Anderton, W.M. 1657; Joseph Renals, J.W. 1657; G. E. H. Bannister, 604; and E. C. Davis, 23, who responded.

Bro. Waterall responded for "The Past Masters."

Bros. W. R. Brooks, S.W., and J. W. Standerwick, I.G., responded for "The Officers of the Lodge."

Bros. Povey and Collings replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary."

A good programme of vocal and instrumental music was performed under the direction of the Organist, Bro. H. H. Knill, assisted by Mr. F. Rochester, as accompanist, the Misses Carlisle, Mr. B. Wood, Mr. Augustus Pope, and the J.W., Bro. H. Savidge, who contributed a violin solo.

The dinner was admirably served under the personal supervision of Bro. Ritter.

The banner and jewel were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE (No. 60).

—This lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. A. S. Josling, W.M., P.G. Stwd.; Dr. Kempster, P.M., acting S.W.; Rogers, acting J.W.; H. Young, P.G. Stwd., P.M., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec.; A. J. Altman, C.C., S.D.; J. Moon, P.M., J.D.; Kent, P.M., Chancellor, P.M., and Barton, P.M., P.G. Stwds.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey; Debenham, T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Kempster, jun., G. H. Kenning, E. J. Altman, H. Slade, W. Masters, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., and Nelson Prower, M.A.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. O. C. L. W. Polentz, and it being unanimous he was duly and impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Bro. J. P. Cotton was passed and Bro. G. H. Kenning, raised, the latter ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Barton, P.M. Bro. W. A. Higgs, P.M. 901, Sheriff of London and Middlesex, was duly balloted for as a joining member. Bro. A. J. Altman, C.C., S.D., was unanimously elected for recommendation to the M.W. Grand Master, as Grand Steward for the year 1888-9. The sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed. Bro. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs given by Bros. Young, Walls, Kenning, Cotton, and others.

MONTEFIORE LODGE (No. 1017).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when Bro. H. H. Myers was installed in the chair of K.S. Prior to that ceremony, however, the retiring W.M., Bro. John Manger, initiated into Freemasonry Messrs. Isaac Joel and S. T. Joel—two brothers in blood as they now are in the Craft. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. S. T. Abraham—the father of the lodge—whose execution of the work was not only faultless, but most impressive. On the dissolution of the Board of Installed Masters, the brethren were admitted and saluted in the various Degrees. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Manger, I.P.M.; Tom Honey, S.W.; C. Vandyk, J.W.; J. Grunebaum, S.D.; J. Rossdale, J.D.; Salomon, P.M., D.C.; A. H. Taylor, I.G.; D. M. Davis, Org.; J. Straus and F. N. Hardinge, Stewards. Bro. Davis, on behalf of the lodge, invested Bro. Manger with a P.M.'s jewel, saying that it would be a memorial of a pleasant and prosperous year in the lodge's history and a memento of good service done.

A sumptuous banquet was served by the Café Royal, at which, in addition to the members of the lodge, the following brethren were present: Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; S. M. Lazarus, P.P.G.W. Wilts.; John Aird, M.P., P.M. 259, P.G.S.; A. Bauman, H. Tipper, W.M. 185; Lyon, W.M. 188; L. M. Myers, C.C., P.M. 188; J. Williams, P.M. 1791; Baron D. Barnett, P.M. 1668; C. S. Crowder, 1987; R. F. Whur, 1901; W. G. Dickenson, 1608; Under-Sheriff Rose-Innes, 177; L. H. Phillips, C.C., 1670; M. Frank, 188; and E. Samuelson, P.M.

Grace having been said by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Hon. Chaplain to the lodge, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and Craft," which was loyally responded to.

In submitting "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," the W.M. coupled the name of "The Princess of Wales," referring to their Silver Wedding, to be celebrated this year, and to the witching way in which the Princess had won all hearts.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was replied to by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, who congratulated the lodge on the excellence of its working.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, also replied, and pointed out that great as may be the services of the Grand Officers, their whole strength and power was derived from the confidence and support they received from the brethren of the Craft.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. Manger, I.P.M., in appreciative terms, and, in response, the W.M. declared his determination to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors in maintaining the efficiency and prestige of the Montefiore Lodge.

The two Initiates replied to the toast of their health in modest and interesting speeches, leaving the impression that the lodge had made a considerable acquisition in enlisting them as members.

In feeling terms the W.M. gave the toast of "The Installing Master," who, in his reply, exercised his privilege as father of the lodge in giving some excellent Masonic advice.

The toast of "The Visitors" was eloquently given from the chair, and responded to by Bro. J. Aird, M.P., who remarked that if Parliament was only impelled by Masonic principles there would be little difficulty in governing the country.

Bro. Tipper, W.M. 185, expressed the sympathy of the sister lodges. Bros. Lyon, Bauman, Crowder, and Under-Sheriff Rose Innes also replied, the latter brother excusing himself for attending at a time of Civic mourning on account of his personal friendship with the W.M.

"The Past Masters," "The Secretary," "Treasurer," and the "Officers" of the lodge were afterwards recognised, and the proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast.

A distinguishing characteristic of the Montefiore Lodge is the charming concert always provided, and on Wednesday excellent music was discoursed by Miss May Hallam, Miss Hortense Samuelson (medallist R.A.M.), and Mr. H. M. Innam, while Bro. A. G. Pritchard convulsed the company with some humorous sketches of character and song.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).

—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, the former including Bros. R. Polak, W.M.; Geo. Ferrar, S.W., W.M. elect; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, Prov. A.G. Sec. Middx., Sec.; A. R. Olley, J.W.; W. Beasley, S.D.; J. H. Rich, J.D.; W. Simpson, D.C.; E. Frisby, Org.; E. Winch, Stwd.; F. Brasted, P.M.; E. Dignam, P.M.; J. L. Payne, P.M.; A. Ferrar, P.M.; C. Lorkin, P.M.; and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Fred. Walters, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Jno. Rose, 1607; G. W. Larter, I.P.M. 1602; M. Christian, P.M. 860; Thos. Clark, P.M. 1178; D. Belinfante, W.M. 435; A. Cook, I.G. 1366; J. H. Hoit, P.M. 856, P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall; F. Dunstan, 1326; J. R. Morford, 569; T. Augur, P.M. 1766; R. S. Cushing, W.M. 1607; F. Matthews, P.M. 1766; R. Pascoe, 27; W. H. Webb, 1851; J. Doyle, 1926; J. McLaren, P.M. 1805; A. R. Flack, I.G. 1306; and J. R. Hertford, 69.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report, showing a substantial balance to the credit of the lodge and Benevolent Funds, was received and adopted. The W. Master then generously vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Arthur Ferrar, P.M., and the installation ceremony was then proceeded with. Bro. George Ferrar having been presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he had the somewhat unique privilege of being installed into the chair by his brother, the Installing Master. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. A. R. Olley, S.W.; W. Beasley, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Rich, S.D.; W. Simpson, J.D.; John Robinson, I.G.; E. Winch, D.C.; E. Frisby, Org.; A. Langman and Chas. Busbridge, Stwds.; and J. Marsh, Tyler. The usual addresses were rendered in an effective manner by Bro. Arthur Ferrar, P.M. Ballot having been successfully taken in favour of Messrs. W. H. Burr, J. B. Horton, and G. Callow as candidates for initiation, they were impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the newly-installed W. Master. Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec., then reminded the brethren that he intended, in conjunction with Bro. F. Braster, P.M., representing the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He proposed that the sum of ten guineas should be taken from the lodge funds and placed to the credit of the joint-stewardship, and felt convinced that for two reasons the motion would be unanimously carried. In the first place, he found on reference to the accounts that it was about three years since the lodge was represented at a festival of one of the Masonic Institutions, and secondly he considered that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls had a prior claim upon them, inasmuch as a child of a deceased P.M. was now being educated in that school. As the brethren were already aware, strenuous efforts were being made to make the result of the centenary festival of the Girls' School worthy of the occasion, and in order to enable large additions to be made. Under these circumstances, he was sure that the motion he had proposed would be unanimously carried, and that the members of the lodge would considerably enlarge that amount by their individual contributions. Bro. W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas., having seconded the proposition, it was carried unanimously.

All routine business having been transacted, and "Hearty good wishes" having been heartily conveyed to the W.M., the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, where a recherché repast was admirably served. After dessert the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in the customary hearty manner and with commendable brevity.

Bro. George Ferrar, W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, which had been proposed by Bro. Polak, I.P.M., sincerely thanked that brother for the manner in which he had introduced the toast, and also cordially thanked the brethren for the hearty reception accorded it. Ever since his connection with the lodge it had been his ambition to occupy the chair, and he was therefore proud at having been installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year. He should endeavour in the future, as he had in the past, to carry out his duty to the best of his ability, and hoped by a strict performance of the work in the lodge, and by attention to the comfort of the members, to merit their satisfaction and gain their esteem. He again thanked them for their cordial reception of the toast of his health.

"The Initiates" was next given, and appropriately responded to by Bros. Burr, Horton, and Callow.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who appealed to the brethren cordially to support the Stewardship of Bros. Lee, P.M., and Brasted, P.M., on behalf of the Girls' School.

Bro. F. Brasted, P.M., replied, and tendered sincere thanks to the W.M. and brethren for the kindly manner in which they had characterised the proposition and reception of the toast. He regretted that Bro. Lee, P.M., had been obliged to leave, as the duty of responding to the toast would no doubt have been carried out in a more able manner had that brother been present. He hoped the members would support the joint Stewardship of himself and Bro. Lee, P.M., and make the amount collected worthy of their lodge. He need not assure them that he was appealing on behalf of a good cause, and by a substantial response to that appeal the brethren would be carrying out one of the great principles of the Order. They had amongst them that good fellowship which was so characteristic of Masonry, but he hoped they would not forget to carry out the principle of Charity, which was one of the strongest pillars of the Order.

"The Visitors" was then given by the W.M., who tendered a hearty welcome to the visiting brethren.

Bro. Christian, P.M. 860, returned sincere thanks on behalf of the visitors for the kindly reception extended to them, and personally thanked the W.M. for the compliment paid him by coupling his name with the toast. It had been a pleasure to him to receive an invite to their lodge, but the pleasure had been doubly enhanced by the gratification it had afforded him to see the admirable man-

ner in which Bro. Ferrar, P.M., performed the installation ceremony. Visitors always expected to see good working at the Duke of Connaught Lodge, and their expectations that evening had been more than realised. The Worshipful Master having coupled the names of several brethren to respond, he would again thank the members for the fraternal welcome extended to the visiting brethren.

Bro. Cushing, 1607, said it was the first opportunity he had had of returning thanks for the toast at that lodge. As a representative of the Lodge of Loyalty, he thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received him, and assured them that he had thoroughly enjoyed the work in the lodge. He was indebted to a P.M. of the lodge—Bro. Brasted, P.M.—for the knowledge of Masonry he had acquired, and was pleased at the opportunity of cordially thanking that brother for the kindly manner in which he had always received him in his capacity of Preceptor of the lodge of instruction to which they belonged.

Bros. Pasco, Matthews, Hertford, Cook, and T. Clarke, P.M., also replied.

Bro. Lorkin, P.M., having replied for "The Past Masters,"

The Worshipful Master gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," and eulogised the excellent services rendered by Bros. Brand, P.M., Treasurer, and Lee, P.M., Secretary.

Bro. W. H. Brand, P.M., Treasurer, having returned thanks, expressed his regret that Bro. Lee, P.M., Secretary, had been obliged to leave through indisposition. As they were aware, his duties were in the financial business of the lodge, and he was gratified at being enabled to present a balance sheet with a credit balance slightly in excess of last year. The Secretary and himself worked together for the benefit of the lodge, and he noted they had given the members satisfaction. As long as they placed confidence in him, and asked him to retain the office of Treasurer, he should be pleased to exert himself for the benefit of the lodge, and he hoped for the comfort of the brethren.

"The Officers" was next given, and duly responded to by Bro. Olley, S.W., who assured the W.M. that he could rely upon the support of the officers during the forthcoming year.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music was carried out under the direction of Bro. Frisby, Org., who presided at the pianoforte, assisted by Bros. Brasted, Webb, Pasco, Oakley, Rich, and Turnbull. Miss Nellie Oliver deservedly gained the appreciation of the brethren by her admirable rendering of several songs.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).

—The installation meeting of this popular and prosperous lodge took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 10th ult., when there were present Bros. T. A. Dickson, W.M.; B. Solomon, S.W.; G. Reynolds, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chap.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; A. Bullen, as S.D.; S. Hewett, J.D.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; C. H. Foan, as I.G.; G. H. Reynolds, Stwd.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; W. Carlisle, W. A. Dowling, J. Woodward, C. Reed, J. Mayo, L. Isaacs, E. Nowill, J. Bassett, M. Pagani, E. Mills, W. A. Faulkes, J. W. Belsham, T. Skinner, W. G. Green, A. Packham, J. Pullen, R. R. Potter, W. Cousins, G. Howard, L. Isaacs, J. Bellamy, G. C. Istand, W. Unwin, A. Alexander, S. Isaacs, W. James, Turner, and Wilson. Visitors: Bros. H. White, I.P.M. 1257; E. Solomon, 1997; D. Falk, W.M. 406; G. Everett, P.M. 177; J. Rowe, 2191; W. Hancock, 1056, 2191; B. Da Costa, J.D. 1349; H. Price, P.M. 177; J. Johnson, jun., P.M. 55; J. Riley, 879; T. Holmes, 141; W. Salter, P.M. 1181; C. Solomon, J. Potter, F. H. Gottlieb, 2191, P.G.S.B.; W. A. S. Humphries, P.M. 45; V. Orchard, W.M. 79; L. Marks, 1563; H. Comfort, 1572; W. Bellamy, 1627; J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middx. 309; W. Grove, P.M. 749; J. Skinner, P.M. 538; W. Richards, I.P.M. 1853; A. Lefeber, Treas. 1959; F. Jackson, 2191; E. Rogers, I.G. 1591; E. B. Cox, W.M. 1563; R. Dennis, 1563; D. H. Fowler, 511; S. M. Segar, 834; F. M. Noakes, 2148; and W. C. Smith, P.M. 1563.

The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last regular lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Carlisle was raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bros. E. Nowill and C. Reed were passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. B. Solomons having been introduced by Bro. Chas. Kedgley as the W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. T. A. Dickson in a manner which met with the warmest commendation of the brethren present. Bro. T. A. Dickson gave the charges to the Master, officers, and brethren in a very clear manner, and also performed the ceremonies of raising and passing to the entire satisfaction of all present. Bro. Bowers Solomons appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. A. Dickson, I.P.M.; G. Reynolds, S.W.; S. Hewett, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chap.; C. A. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; R. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; C. A. Ralph, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; J. Woodward, I.G.; C. H. Foan, D.C.; H. W. Kedgley, P.M., and W. Unwin, Stewards; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler.

The Worshipful Master in a few kind and appropriate words, presented in the name of the lodge a magnificent P.M.'s jewel to Bro. T. A. Dickson, I.P.M., and for which he thanked the brethren of the lodge, saying it was a great proof of their kindness towards him, and that he should always wear the jewel with feelings of affection, and it would remind him of his happy year of office. The Auditor's report, which was most satisfactory, was read by one of the Auditor's, Bro. James Woodward. A sum was unanimously voted to a poor brother who was sick and in trouble.

The Worshipful Master having received "The hearty good wishes" of the large number of visitors, the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where a banquet of a most recherché kind was served by Bro. Bertini, under the superintendence of Bro. Mella.

After the somewhat formidable task of discussing the various items enumerated on the menu card, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured with the customary heartiness.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been given,

The Worshipful Master gave "The Grand Officers," and said their merits were well known to the brethren on account of the interest they took in Masonry. They were honoured that evening with the presence of Bro. Gottlieb, P.D.D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago, who was not a stranger amongst them,

he having been present at the previous meeting, and had given them so much pleasure by the speech he then made. He was indebted to that brother for his kindness in attending on that occasion.

Bro. Gottlieb, in reply, thanked the brethren for the very hearty way in which the toast had been received, and said he considered it a great honour to be called upon to respond for so august a body as the Grand Officers, of which he was but a humble member. He replied with fear and trembling, lest through any shortcomings on his part he should not do full justice to the importance of the toast. He little thought that when a month ago he had the pleasure of being a guest amongst them, he should once more be there responding to the same toast, witnessing the harmony which existed among them, and having the same cordial fellowship extended to him as on the former occasion. He was sure the Grand Officers would have been pleased to have been there that evening to have seen the work and witness the good fellowship which existed amongst them, and the very cordial way in which they received their visitors. The Grand Officers were many but not too many for the work they had to do; they are always willing to assist in any work, either in or out of the lodge, to guide us in the right path in whatever they had to do, and to justify their selection by doing all in their power to promote Freemasonry. As an illustration he would remind them of the amount of work got through by the Board of Benevolence, and the onerous duties which were performed to their entire satisfaction by the Grand Secretary. In conclusion he assured them that if they could have been present that evening they would have been proud of the Covent Garden Lodge.

The toast of "The W.M." was next proposed by Bro. T. A. Dickson, I.P.M., who trusted that he would have as successful a year of office as he had, and promised to do all in his power to assist him.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said nothing should be wanting on his part to make his year of office a success, he thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had received the toast, and trusted that when the next installation day arrived they would not regret the choice they had made.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," said they all knew with what zeal and ability Bro. Dickson had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year. It needed no words of his to convince the brethren of the success which the lodge had achieved under his Mastership. He would therefore ask them to drink his health in a bumper.

The I.P.M. tendered his sincere thanks for the very kind way in which they had drunk his health, and trusted his after conduct would be such as to merit it. It had always been his wish to pass through the chair, that having been accomplished, he would endeavour to mark his appreciation of the trust they had reposed in him by doing all in his power to assist those who were following in his footsteps.

The W.M. next proposed "Health of the Visitors," which, he said, was one of the most important toasts of the Covent Garden Lodge, and trusted their initiates would always be instructed to consider it as such. He gave them all a cordial welcome, and trusted they should see them on many future occasions.

Bro. Graves, P.M., thanked them very sincerely for the very cordial manner in which they had been received. He had been very much impressed with the work he had seen in the lodge, especially the installation ceremony performed by the I.P.M., which was highly creditable, both to himself and the lodge, of which he was so bright an ornament. Their hospitality was boundless, and he should long remember his visit their that evening.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was next proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said it was, in a great measure, by their kind assistance and co-operation that the W.M. was enabled to fulfil the duties of the chair, and their experience in matters of importance was most invaluable. He would call upon Bros. Bourne and Kedgley to respond.

Bro. Bourne, P.M., Sec., in reply begged to return his sincere thanks for the way in which the toast had been received. There had not been a single evening but one in which he had been able to respond to that toast. When he undertook the office of Secretary, he only promised for 12 months, but he had so far succeeded, that they had re-elected him from time to time. He was always pleased to do all he could for the benefit of the lodge, and assist the younger members. He again thanked them most sincerely.

Bro. Kedgley sincerely wished his brother had been present to return thanks. He could only say, on behalf of the Past Masters, that they had at heart the continued prosperity of the Covent Garden Lodge.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was responded to by Bro. G. Reynolds, S.W., who thanked the brethren for the very hearty way in which they had received the toast. He promised to do all he could to assist the W.M. during his year of office, whom he congratulated on the position he had attained. They were all, as it were, at school; but he had moved up to a higher school, where he trusted he would finish the work which was commenced in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, which was doing such good work under the Preceptorship of Bro. W. C. Smith, and if they only continued to pull together they would be second to none.

The toast was also responded to by Bros. Hewett and G. H. Reynolds.

The Tyler's toast brought one of the most successful meetings to a close at a late hour.

The proceedings were enlivened with some excellent singing by Bros. Bertini, Richards, and Chas. Solomons, who also presided at the piano in a highly creditable manner.

ROTHESAY LODGE (No. 1687).—A regular

meeting of this lodge was held at the St. James's Hall, Regent-street, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. W. Mole, W.M.; R. Shaw, S.W.; W. Adams, J.W.; John Butlin, P.M., Treas.; E. Valeriani, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Stevenson, J.D.; H. Scott Roberts, I.G.; J. B. Docker, P.M.; F. Green, P.M.; Cavaliere Tito Mattei, James Shiers, J. Conning, H. Roberts, W. Shaw, and J. Tapping. Visitors: Bros. J. B. Rouard, 1559; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. As usual, there was a plentiful supply of work, the First and Second Degrees affording the W.M. an opportunity of showing his proficiency in the ritual, and enabling the officers present to prove their

ability in their respective offices. Bros. Cavaliere Tito Mattei and James Shiers having been passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, ballot was successfully taken in favour of Mr. H. J. C. Gosling, as a candidate for initiation, and he was regularly initiated into the Order. There being no further business for transaction, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Hotel Previtali, Arundel-street, Piccadilly-circus, where a recherché repast was served under the personal superintendence of the Bros. Mentasti, the worthy hosts (members of the lodge), which elicited the warmest commendations from all present.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This prosperous Civic lodge met at the Viaduct

Hotel, Holborn, on the 30th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. J. Lister, W.M.; Herbert, S.W.; Schultz, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Webber, J.D.; Sherer, I.G.; N. Prower, M.A., Steward; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; Kent, P.M.; and E. Lardner, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Wilson, 101; Devenish, 357; and Sharpe, 1527.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. B. Marshall, J.P., P.G. Treas.; Thomas, and others.

The lodge was then closed. The customary banquet followed. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were duly honoured. Bros. Young, Shultz, Lardner, Devenish, and others vocally entertained the brethren.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).—This excellent working lodge held its annual instal-

lation meeting on the 20th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Bro. A. Haig-Brown, P.M., acting for Bro. A. H. Sandle, W.M. There was a good attendance of the members of the lodge and visitors. The P.M.'s of the lodge who attended were Bros. A. Haig-Brown (as above mentioned), Walter MacDougall, Neville Green, Andrew McDowall, Treas.; and Walter C. Claridge, Sec. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Parkinson, 1328; T. Purfleet Wingrove, 28; E. Holt, 754; J. D. Birkin, 754; G. W. Taylor, 171; F. J. Burnard, P.M. 166; C. Kempton, P.M. 1287; Henry Gardiner, 1604; W. H. White, Org. 1589; T. Morrison, 7 (Hamilton, N.B.); T. Thomson, W.M. 1597; E. B. Webberham, J.D. 28; N. Sherwood, Treas. 231; F. G. Ivey, 231; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1028.

Following the usual practice in this lodge, no work was performed on the installation day than the installation of the newly-elected W.M., and therefore immediately after the confirmation of the minutes and the reception of the Auditor's report, the great feature of the evening's programme was produced, and Bro. Haig-Brown, in a style which subsequently obtained for him a unanimous vote of thanks of the lodge, installed Bro. Leon Victor Walker as successor to the chair vacated by Bro. Arthur H. Sandle. Bro. Sandle having been invested as Immediate Past Master, the officers for the year were appointed as follows: Bros. J. C. Tilt, S.W.; John Geen, J.W.; Andrew McDowall, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Claridge, P.M., Sec.; H. F. Bing, P.M., S.D.; Geo. Gregory, J.D.; H. H. Nuding, I.G.; A. Haig-Brown, P.M., D.C.; Woodley Smith, D.C.; W. S. Lowe and Cecil Stein, Stwds.; R. H. Brooks, Org.; and Lackland, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses the W.M. presented Bro. Sandle with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and Bro. Sandle having acknowledged, in well chosen terms, the kindness of the brethren in so recognising his services to the lodge during his year of office, the lodge was closed, and the brethren commemorated the advent of Bro. Walker by providing for the occasion a choice banquet. The usual toasts followed.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Queen and the Craft" said that the brethren of the lodge, as volunteers as well as Masons, would accept the toast. The Queen was President of the Masonic Charities, and he was quite sure the toast would be received with enthusiasm.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," the Worshipful Master said that ever since the Prince of Wales was installed as M.W.G.M. he had ruled over the Craft well, and the brethren might congratulate themselves that the Order had increased enormously. Many members of the Royal family had been connected with the Craft, and if anyone was under the impression that it was a secret society, not beneficial to the constitution, he was wrong. Freemasonry was eliminated from the class of secret societies, for its principles were loyalty to the Sovereign and to themselves, and an endeavour to do the best they could for their fellow creatures.

The toast of "The Pro G. Master, &c.," was afterwards given and honoured.

Bro. Arthur H. Sandle, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said that words on his part would be superfluous, for all the brethren knew full well their W.M., and anything he said to them about the W.M. would not do him any good. Wishing the W.M. a good year of office, he hoped the W.M. would get through it as well as his predecessors had done.

The W.M., in replying to the toast, said that in so far as it was in his power he should endeavour to carry out his duties. He had appointed the officers with a view to the efficient working of the lodge, and he knew they would perform their duties to the best of their ability. He was sure that when his year of office came to a conclusion the brethren would acknowledge that the officers had done their best. They were members of various lodges of instruction which met several times a year, and in those the brethren were striving to do their duty. He hoped they would give him their assistance, and that at the end of the year there would be a good record.

The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said if Freemasonry meant anything it meant hospitality, and the London Rifle Brigade Lodge would, he hoped, never be backward in receiving visitors. While proposing this toast he would take advantage of the opportunity of acknowledging the kindness of Bro. Holt, W.M. of the High Cross Lodge, who conferred the favour on the London Rifle Brigade Lodge of passing a brother who was initiated in the latter.

Bro. Holt, W.M. 754, in his reply, said it had been a great Masonic treat which Bro. Haig-Brown had given the brethren that evening in working the lodge; it could not be excelled. Referring to the W.M.'s remarks as to

the favour conferred by the High Cross Lodge, he was only too pleased to render any assistance a sister lodge might require.

Bro. Kempster replied for the Queen's Westminster Lodge. The Queen's Westminster Volunteers and the London Rifle Brigade had been associated many years. Easter Monday they spent together at Hertford, when they were friendly rivals. The two lodges were equally friendly. The London Rifle Brigade having been a rival of the Queen's Westminster in arms, the Queen's Westminster thought they would also be rivals in starting a lodge of their own. It had been most successful, and both regiments and both lodges were proud of it. Both worked well. Some brethren said a military lodge ought to do its work well. Admitted, but it did not follow that that was the result. He must say that he had learned something that evening, and the brethren ought to be very pleased and proud that they had a brother among them who could do the work well, and also that they had such useful brethren in the offices of Treasurer and Secretary.

Bro. Thomson, W.M. 1597, also replied, as a guest of the Treasurer, expressing himself as having spent a very pleasant and instructive evening.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master." The brethren had heard from the visitors very high congratulatory remarks on the manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed. It was not the first time he had been installed in the chair, and on both occasions the ceremony had been performed in a most admirable manner. They had not had that evening, as was the case sometimes in lodges, to call on some one outside the lodge to perform the ceremony. There were plenty of Past Masters of the lodge who could do it, but it had fallen to an arrangement among the Past Masters to call on Bro. Haig-Brown, and they were justified in doing so, for he never saw the ceremony more beautifully rendered.

Bro. Haig-Brown, P.M., D.C., in responding, said he held it to be a duty if a man undertook a duty to throw his interest into it, so as to do his best. He had, as they knew, taken great interest in the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, and anything he could do to keep up the credit it had obtained in the six years of its existence he should endeavour to do to the utmost of his ability in the future. If by any means it came in his power to be of assistance to the lodge, he did not desire to take credit to himself for it, but rather let the lodge have it. He trusted the lodge would always have the credit through its members, P.M.'s, and officers, and that whatever credit they got for what they did they would let the lodge have it.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was the next toast, and the Worshipful Master, in giving it, said no lodge could prosper without an energetic Treasurer and Secretary. Both officers must be well up in their work. No one but a Master who had been in the chair knew the amount of work which fell to those two officers, and in the London Rifle Brigade Lodge their work was done splendidly.

Bro. A. McDowall, P.M., Treas., said his duties were not onerous, though he was in a measure responsible for the expenditure of the lodge, and if the funds would admit he had to give an entertainment. Fortunately, the funds of that lodge would admit of an entertainment, and he hoped they always would. It was a good working lodge, and so long as it continued to be so they did not want to be a large lodge. They had always been up to 50, and it had been a question whether if the number got higher they should not increase the initiation fee. However, that would come on afterwards. He concluded by thanking the brethren for the confidence they had again placed in him, and stated that as long as they entrusted their money to him, he trusted it would be devoted to good purposes.

Bro. Claridge, P.M., Sec., also replied, and assured the brethren that the work he did, and which had been kindly acknowledged, he did with the greatest pleasure.

To the toast of "The Masonic Charities"—in giving which the W.M. implored the brethren to assist the Masonic Institutions to the utmost—Bro. A. McDowall, Treas., replied.

"The Officers" were then toasted, the Senior Warden responding.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of a charming evening.

WIGAN.—Antiquity Lodge (No. 178).—The annual investiture of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, King-street. No. 178 is a flourishing lodge, and has a high reputation for work and efficiency amongst the lodges in West Lancashire, and the large attendance of members and visitors testified to the interest which is taken in its welfare. The W.M., Bro. James Brindle, presided at the commencement of the proceedings, being supported by Bros. T. Milligan, P.P. J.G.D.; C. B. Holmes, P.P.G.P.; J. Preston, P.M.; J. Phillips, P.M.; J. R. Cook, P.M.; T. Milner, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Ashurst, P.M., D.C.; R. Layland, J.W.; R. Knowles, Sec.; G. Mackinson, S.D.; J. Wilson, J.D.; E. Seddon, I.G.; and W. Taberner and J. H. Smith, Stwds. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; J. Platt, P.P.S.G.D., P.M. 615; W. R. Clayton, P.M. 37; R. Betley, P.M. 1335; W. Hall, I.P.M. 1387; H. Sherrington, W.M. 613; A. Wier, P.M. 1354; W. H. Pennington, W.M. 1354; J. Browne, W.M. 1335; and H. Boucher, S.W. 1335.

After sundry business had been transacted the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Layland, J.W., was presented for installation by Bro. T. Milligan, P.P. J.G.D., and the ceremony was performed in a very commendable manner by Bro. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. The newly installed W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year, as under: Bros. J. Brindle, I.P.M.; R. Knowles, S.W.; T. Strowger, J.W.; J. Parker, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Ashurst, P.M., D.C.; G. Mackinson, Sec.; J. Wilson, S.D.; E. Seddon, J.D.; W. Taberner, I.G.; J. Smith, T. P. Simpson, J. Baines, and Ratcliffe, Stwds.; and A. Shallwell, Tyler. Bro. C. B. Holmes, P.P.G.P., was elected Charity Steward for the year.

Subsequently about 70 of the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Victoria Hotel, where an excellent repast was served under the management of Miss Bellingham, the manageress. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and well received by the brethren.

During the evening occasion was taken by Bro. Layland, W.M., to present to Bro. J. Brindle, I.P.M., a P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, in token of the very satisfactory manner in which he had filled his office for the past year. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

A capital musical programme was rendered between the toasts.

BRENTWOOD.—Lodge of Hope and Unity (No. 214).—This lodge held its installation meeting at the White Hart Hotel, on Thursday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. F. B. Page, W.M.; H. G. Hobson, S.W.; J. C. Goode, J.W.; G. Cooper, P.M., S.G.D.; Col. W. J. Burgess, P.M.; A. W. Wallis, P.M.; W. W. Brown, P.M.; F. W. Imbert-Terry, P.M.; J. C. Quennell, P.M.; Rev. W. Quennell, F. Landon, S. C. Morant, H. Wallis, R. W. Quennell, E. C. Wills, G. Sargent, and J. Ramsey. Visitors: Bros. T. Ralling, P.A. G.D.C.; J. P. Lewin, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Humphreys, W.M. 1437; G. Powell, 142; N. Hobson, 142; Rev. Morgan Jones, R. D. Poppleton, J. M. Bastone, E. F. Ferris, F. Gordon, W. Williams, W. G. Colls, Schartau, G. Cowell, P.M. 198; F. Turner, R. Armstrong, George Morgan, and J. C. Whiddington.

The lodge having been opened, letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from Bros. R. Eve, G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C.; G. Reg.; A. Durrant, Prov. G.T.; Dr. Self, P.P.S.G.W.; and others. Bro. Savill was then passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. then most ably installed Bro. H. G. Hobson into the chair of K.S. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. B. Page, I.P.M.; J. C. Goode, S.W.; G. C. Morant, J.W.; Rev. W. Quennell, Chap.; George Cooper, S.G.D., Treas.; Frank Landon, Secretary; H. Wallis, S.D.; R. W. Quennell, J.D.; W. W. Brown, P.M., P.P.G. Org., D.C.; G. Sargent, I.G.; and E. Mallett, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks for services as W.M. was accorded to Bro. Page, with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel.

All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, admirably served by Mrs. Mason, after which an excellent concert was given by Bros. W. W. Brown, P.P. G.O.; G. C. Morant, W. Schartau, G. Sargent, and Master Humm.

GUERNSEY.—Loyalty Lodge (No. 243).—The annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Grace Barnes, was held at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, on Wednesday, the 18th ult., when there was a large attendance of brethren present, the ceremony being gone through with admirable precision and considerable elocutionary ability by Bro. Peter Le Page, P.M., Bro. Hillman, P.M., presenting the working tools and ably seconding the Installing Master in the impressive ceremonial. The following formed the Board of Installed Masters: Bros. F. J. Weyson, T. M. Bichard, P.G.S. of Wks.; Peter Le Page, Installing Master; W. J. Helman, E. M. Le Huray, J. H. Parsons, J. Lindsay, W. H. Bohn, G. F. Peck, and I. Pethers, I.P.M. Visiting Past Masters: Bros. Emra Holmes, P.M. 84, P.P.G.K., and P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk; Rev. P. G. U. Pickering, P.G. Chap. Hants; R. M. Smythson, W. Thorn, A. C. Quick, W. H. Courtenay, and W. H. Lovell, W.M., all of 168; Thos. Le Ray and T. W. Palmer, of 1809. The W.M. having been placed in the chair of K.S. and duly saluted and proclaimed, proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. T. R. Bean, S.W.; J. Stranger, J.W.; F. J. Weyson, Treas.; P. Le Page, Sec.; J. D. Robilliard, S.D.; and L. E. B. Le Patourel, I.G.

The usual banquet was held after the installation ceremony, which was largely attended. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair.

In responding for "The Visitors," Bro. the Rev. G. P. U. Pickering expatiated on the admirable way in which Bro. Le Page had performed the ceremony of installation, and alluded to the fact that he had been unable at the Board of Installed Masters to expatiate as he would like on the mysteries of the Craft, as many of the Past Masters were not Royal Arch Masons.

Bro. Emra Holmes also alluded to the same subject, and reminded the brethren that under other Constitutions now, and in the last century in our own, Masons were obliged to be Past Masters before they were exalted to the Royal Arch, but now every Master Mason could proceed to that degree. He strongly urged the brethren to take an early opportunity of making themselves acquainted with this beautiful Degree. Bro. Holmes also said he had never seen the ceremony of installation better done, and he congratulated the lodge on its prospects of a bright future.

LEEDS.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 304).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place on the 25th ult., when there was a large muster of brethren from this and the adjacent provinces. Bro. Brownfoot, W.M., who assumed the gavel for the last time, was able to welcome not only a large number of brethren, but a goodly number of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. Amongst those who signed the attendance book were Bros. Dr. Smyth, G. Chap. of England; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. of England; H. Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorks; H. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; W. F. Smythson, P.P.G.D., Chairman of the Charity Committee; Craig, P.P.G.D.; Bedford, P.P.G.D.; Oates, P.P.A.G. D.C.; Tudor Trevor, W.M. 2069; Cheesman, W.M. 516; Johnson, W.M. 1001; W. T. Carter, W.M. 1042; H. Columbine, W.M. 1221; and about 50 others.

Bro. José Rickard was presented for installation and duly obligated, after which Bro. C. Blagbro sang as he alone knows how the appropriate excerpt from Mendelssohn's "St. Paul," "Be thou faithful unto death." A Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the ceremony of installation was continued and completed by Bro. Brownfoot in a manner which provoked the admiration of all who heard him. It should also be mentioned that Bro. Hill, P.M., rendered valuable and efficient aid as D. of C. Bro. Rickard, the newly-installed W.M., then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Brownfoot, I.P.M.; Wm. H. Hewson, S.W.; W. Cockerlyne, J.W.; Rev. T. Greenbury, Prov. G. Chap.; Chap. C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; Treas.; C. Norminton, Sec.; F. H. Lawson, S.D.; J. W. Booth, J.D.; W. B. Townsend, P.P.G.O., Org.; W. F. Tomlinson, P.M., D.C.; C. Croysdale, I.G.; John L. Baker and T. Salmon Backhouse, Stewards; and S. Barraud, Tyler. Bro. Mason was elected Charity Steward, and Bros. Craig and Hewson to represent the lodge on the Committee of the Local Relief Fund. Bro. H. Smith, D.P. G.M., in a few well-chosen sentences, expressed the gratification he felt at being present on that occasion, and his admiration of the admirable manner in which the work had been performed, alluding particularly to the share taken by Bros. Brownfoot and Hill.

"Hearty good wishes" having been exchanged, an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, where the

Festival of St. John was celebrated with great éclat, Bro. José Rickard, W.M., of course, presiding. In the course of the evening Bro. C. Blagbro and other musical brethren displayed their talents to the great enjoyment of the large company present. It is satisfactory to state that this old and popular lodge is in a most satisfactory condition, both financially and numerically.

HITCHIN.—Cecil Lodge (No. 449).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Sun Inn. Present: Bros. F. Shillitoe, P.M., as W.M.; C. B. Cooper, S.W.; J. Shilcock, P.M., as J.W.; F. Shillitoe, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Fitch, P.M., P.P.G.D., Secretary; R. Shillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.W., D. of C.; J. H. Gilbertson, I.G.; Worsley, Tyler; Swain, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Sworder, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Durrant, P.M., P.P.G.S. Br.; Lloyd, F. J. Fordham, Hawks, Grellet, W. Gilbertson, Brookes, J. E. Fordham, McMullen, Mackenzie, and G. Hill Smith. Visitors: Bros. A. C. Spaul, P.P.G. Registrar Shropshire; T. S. Carter, P.P.G.D.; Rev. C. W. Harvey, P.P.G. Chaplain; John Read, W.M. 2105, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; Ward, and Nash.

The notice convening the meeting was read, and the minutes of the previous meeting were also read and confirmed. The candidate for initiation not being present, Bro. Chas. B. Cooper was duly presented and ably installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. F. Shillitoe. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the brethren below the chair were re-admitted, and saluted the W.M. in ancient form. The W.M. was then pleased to appoint and invest the following officers: Bros. Franklin, S.W.; Hales, J.W.; F. Shillitoe, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Fitch, P.M., Sec.; J. Shilcock, P.M., S.D.; J. H. Gilbertson, J.D.; R. Shillitoe, P.M., D.C.; Albert Gilbertson, I.G.; and Worsley, Tyler. The three addresses were given in an impressive manner by Bro. Richard Shillitoe. A vote was taken for a sum to be placed on the list of the brother who intends representing the lodge at the centenary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Other formal business was transacted, and the brethren assisted the W.M. to close the lodge.

An adjournment was then made to a choice banquet in an adjoining room, which was thoroughly appreciated. After banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Between the toasts the proceedings were considerably enlivened by the efforts of Bro. Mackenzie, who gave a clever impersonation of several popular actors.

Songs were also given by Bros. Gilbertson, Read, and others, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a satisfactory close.

This year, being the Jubilee year of the lodge, will naturally be considered an important one for all its members, and the lodge is to be congratulated upon having such an efficient Master as Bro. C. B. Cooper in the chair upon such an eventful occasion. The lodge has already made a step in the right direction, by proposing to do honour to their worthy Treasurer and Secretary during the present year.

ORMSKIRK.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 580).—This lodge, which is one of the oldest in the province, celebrated its anniversary on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Burscough-street, when Bro. Alfred Waterhouse was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. This lodge has had its present charter between 30 and 40 years, but as No. 403 it dates back to about 80 years ago. The lodge has naturally passed through many vicissitudes, and although in point of numbers it may at one time have been stronger, there probably was never a period when there was a more favourable opportunity of working it up into a prominent position amongst its contemporaries than at present. For 15 years the meetings of the lodges have been held at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, where there is a handsome and spacious room, specially designed and erected for Masonic assemblies; and in this place, which was elaborately decorated and set out for the occasion, the proceedings took place.

Bro. James Thomas, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge assisted by the following officers: Bros. Chas. Pilkington, P.M.; James Eastham, P.M.; Richard Walker, P.M., D.C.; John Baxendale, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; W. Fisher, P.M.; Thos. Jackson, P.M.; Alfred Waterhouse, S.W.; Thos. M. Horsburgh, J.W.; Henry Brighouse, Sec.; Harry Archer, S.D.; J. Bolton, J.D.; A. J. Brooks, I.G.; and W. Martindale, Tyler. The visiting brethren included Bros. W. Goodacre, Past G. Swd. Br. of England and Prov. G. Sec.; J. M. King, P.M. 823; Edward Hartnell, 1264; A. E. Smith, 477; G. W. Jenkinson, 1505; John Orritt, P.M. 1403; and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. Waterhouse, was presented for installation by Bros. W. Fisher, P.M., and Richard Walker, P.M., D.C., and the ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. James Thomas. Bro. Waterhouse afterwards proceeded to invest his officers for the year, assisted by Bro. Walker, P.M., as under: Bros. James Thomas, I.P.M.; T. W. M. Horsburgh, S.W.; Henry Brighouse, J.W.; John Bolton, Sec.; R. Walker, P.M., Treas., and D.C.; Arthur J. Brooks, S.D.; W. Ripley, J.D.; F. F. Young, I.G.; and W. Martindale, Tyler.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to dinner, served under the supervision of the host, Bro. R. Taylor. After the "inner" requirements had been satisfied, the W.M. successively gave the toasts of "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. J. Baxendale, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., briefly responded to the toast of "Bro. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M., Prov. G.M., and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was also submitted by the W.M.; and "Bro. Waterhouse's health" was next honoured, at the instance of Bro. Jas. Thomas, I.P.M.

In giving "The Installing Master," the Worshipful Master availed himself of the opportunity to present Bro. Thomas with a beautiful P.M. jewel—manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool—on behalf of the members of the lodge.

Other toasts followed, and the enjoyment of the evening was considerably enhanced by songs and recitations from Bros. John Melling King, P.M. 823; R. Winrow, J. Eastham, P.M.; Harry Archer, W. Fisher, P.M., and others.

COLCHESTER.—United Lodge (No. 697).—Presentation to the Secretary.—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., and there was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors, it having been understood that a testimonial (which had been subscribed for by the members) was to be presented to Bro. Thomas Rix, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., in recognition of his long and valuable services to the lodge as its Secretary. In making the presentation, the W.M., Bro. G. Pung Hazell, referred to the long and valuable services which Bro. Rix had rendered to the lodge, and his love and zeal for Freemasonry in general. He alluded to the fact that Bro. Rix had twice passed the chair, and that for a space of nearly 20 years he had filled the office of Secretary, without receiving any fee or reward, beyond a mere verbal recognition of his services. During the whole of that long period he had only been absent twice, and it occurred to one of the oldest Past Masters (Bro. T. Eustace) that such devotion to Freemasonry, and such faithful service to the lodge, was deserving of more than verbal acknowledgment, and a subscription was started for the purpose of presenting Bro. Rix with a substantial mark of their appreciation of his labours. The members of the lodge most readily contributed towards the fund, and he now had the pleasure of asking Bro. Rix's acceptance of a marble timepiece and an illuminated address, "in grateful recognition of his long, valued, and efficient services as Secretary."

Bro. Rix, in response, thanked the Worshipful Master for the way in which he had spoken of his services, which he said were rendered without the hope or expectation of reward. The duties of Secretary of such a lodge as that, numbering as it did between 80 and 90 members, were no light matter; and had it not been for the valuable assistance he always received from his friend, the P.G. Secretary, Bro. Ralling, he should never have been able to cope with the difficulties which often presented themselves. However, so long as he had health and strength, and so long as it was the wish of the brethren, he should be happy to continue in the office which he had filled, he hoped to the satisfaction of all, for so many years. He thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for their very handsome testimonial, which he should always prize very highly, and would be handed as a heirloom to his children.

Among the visitors on the interesting occasion were Bros. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec.; E. Henemeyer, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W.; Alfred Welch, P.M. 51, P.P.J.G.W.; J. E. Wiseman, P.M. 433, P.P.A.G.D.C.; John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; R. Haward Ives, P.M. 51, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. P. Lewin, P.M. 276, Sec., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Dellamore, P.M. 309, P.P.G.D.C. Sussex; C. O. G. Becker, P.M. 51; John Downes, W.M. 433; Adam Smith, P.M. 433; Geo. Riches, P.M. 433; P.P.G.P.; Frank Quilter, S.W. 51; S. D. C. Ablitt, J.D. 51; R. Little, 51; J. H. Miller, 51; Fred. C. Atkinson, J.W. 376; R. Pitt, 433; R. J. Lapham, 393; and the following members of Lodge 697: Bros. G. Pung Hazell, W.M.; H. J. Skingley, S.W.; J. G. Renshaw, acting J.W.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Alfred Gosling, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Thos. Rix, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., Sec.; J. Ashdown, S.D.; E. J. Horncastle, J.D.; R. A. Mann, Org.; John Howe, I.G.; J. H. Johnson and Capt. McKenna, Stwds.; Thos. Eustace, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Thos. G. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.P.; George A. Eustace, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. T. Bailey, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. S. B. Sparling, I.P.M. 51; Geo. Beaumont, J. Clark, D. C. Hildyard, H. E. Williams, Rixon Ford, Robt. Kerr, S. S. Parsons, F. Dupont, Robt. Emson, R. J. Godfrey, T. J. Grant, J. E. Mathews, P. Pendlebury, George Booth, G. N. Watson, W. H. N. Eastwood, and S. Critchley.

SALFORD.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 935).—This lodge held its annual Festival of St. John on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street. There was a good attendance of the Craft, including representatives from the Prov. G. Lodge. The following members were present: Bros. W. H. Malkin, W.M.; J. M. Graham, I.P.M.; James Sudren, S.W. (W.M. elect); L. J. Griffiths, J.W.; J. H. Clarke, Treas.; J. West, Sec.; J. Hooper, S.D.; W. M. Williams, J.D.; R. Thomas, I.G.; W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; T. Hall, P.M.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M.; J. Trafford, L. Hayworth, F. W. Lean, J. Galloway, J. Daniels, Thos. Tims, Phillips, Bates, J. Brown, and Bentley. Visitors: Bros. J. L. Hine, P.P.S.G.W.E.L.; J. Barker, P.P.G. Treas. E.L.; E. Williams, P.P.G.S. of W. E.L.; W. Southern, 1088; W. Harris, 1093; J. Ramsbottom, 325; W. Lee, I.P.M. 852; A. H. Duffin, S.D. 1134; John Waring, W.M. 1134; J. Lowe, P.M. 325; A. Grice, W.M. 992; and George S. Smith, P.M. 1134.

The lodge was opened by the Installing Master, Bro. J. M. Graham, I.P.M. The usual routine of business having been gone through, Bro. James Sudren (W.M. elect) was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. W. H. Malkin. Bro. James Sudren was solemnly installed into the chair of K.S. in a very able and impressive manner. The W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the usual way. The working tools were presented by Bros. W. H. Malkin, Clarke, P.M.; and Baldwin, P.M. Bro. J. Barker, P.P.G. Treas. E.L., then proceeded to invest the officers for the ensuing year. The list being as follows: Bros. W. H. Malkin, I.P.M.; L. J. Griffiths, S.W.; J. Hooper, J.W.; W. M. Williams, S.D.; D. Galloway, J.D.; R. Thomas, I.G.; J. H. Clarke, Treas.; J. West, Sec.; W. Bates, Org.; Trafford and Daniels, Stwds.; and Riddell, P.M., Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and brethren were delivered by Bro. J. M. Graham, I.P.M., and to the Wardens by Bro. John Barker, P.P.G. Treas. E.L., and the business of the lodge was brought to a close, after which the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where a capital banquet was prepared.

The toast list was proceeded with in a most business like manner by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. James Sudren, whose undoubted ability will evidently make him a most popular Master. He proposed "The Health of the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." This was heartily received with song.

Then followed "M.W. Pro G.M., the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Rt. Hon. Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

"The R.W. the Prov. G.M. of E. Lanc., Bro. Le Gendre

N. Starkie; the R.W. the Dep. Prov. G.M. of E. Lanc., Bro. Geo. Mellor; and the Prov. G. Officers Present and Past," which latter was responded to by Bros. J. L. Hine, P.P.S. G.W. E.L.; J. Barker, P.P.G. Treas. E.L.; and E. Williams, P.P.G.S. of W. E.L.

In proposing "The Health of the newly-installed W.M.," Bro. W. H. Malkin, I.P.M., said the members of the lodge had only to look at the excellent officer the W.M. had been in the past to anticipate the future, and he hoped his year of office would be one of prosperity.

The toast of "The I.P.M." was given in a few choice remarks by Bro. Sudren, W.M., who at the same time presented him with a beautiful P.M.'s jewel which had been subscribed for by some of the brethren.

Bro. Malkin responded in suitable terms.

Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The P.M.'s jewel which was presented to the I.P.M., and admired by all who saw it, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—On Thursday, the 26th ult., the annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel. The W.M., Bro. J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., occupied the chair; and there was a large attendance of brethren. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P., was impressively performed by Bro. W. D. Merritt, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; and the W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B., S.W.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.M., P.P. G.C., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.P.G.P., Prov. G.D.C., Sec.; T. Hood, S.D.; B. Thomas, J. D.; A. Vandervord, I.G.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; E. J. Bowmaker, Org.; C. W. Cooke, and J. Heath, Stwds.; and A. W. Martin, Tyler.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master; 20 guineas were voted to the Charities; and a P.M.'s Jewel was presented to the I.P.M. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

After lodge, the brethren sat down to a recherche banquet, served by Bro. J. Pritchard.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—One of the largest and most successful gatherings of this prosperous lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on the 19th inst. Among the brethren present we noticed Bros. Harry Wheatley, W.M.; Robert Eales, S.W., W.M. elect; Ransford, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Davies, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Scholding, I.G.; W. Fisher, P.M., D.C.; Culverwell, Stwd.; Bushell, A.D.C.; Kent, Asst. Org.; W. Spearing, I.P.M.; Proctor, P.M.; Fairclough, P.M.; J. Smith, J. Clarke, Compton, Robinson, Hopkins, Wright, Cronin, Bates, R. Masters, Scott, Foes, C. Wheatley, C. F. Davis, Gale, Myers, G. Tagg, Piper, Conway, Trotter, Sanders, and Gilbert, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Folgate, P.G.S.; Moormen, W.M. 1638; Croaker, W.M. 1881; Wilson, P.M. 209; A. F. Snelson, P.M. 597; Harvey, P.M. 1314; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656; G. Spencer, S.W. 186; Fisk, J.D. 1733; Stafford, 902; Wilkins, 1733; and Bridge, 1733.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. C. J. Sanders and F. A. Foes, were duly raised to the Third Degree by Bro. W. Fisher, P.M. The W.M. having gracefully given way to the latter who desired to raise his son-in-law, Bro. Foes. Bro. Eales was then impressively installed as W.M. by Bro. Wheatley, assisted by Bros. Proctor, as S.W.; Jessett, as J.W.; W. Spearing, as D.C.; and Fairclough, I.G. It is very seldom indeed that we have seen the ceremony so well performed by so young a Mason as it was on this occasion by Bro. Wheatley. The officers appointed were Bros. Ransford, S.W.; Davies, J.W.; Jessett, Treas.; Walls, Sec.; Clark, S.D.; Scholding, J.D.; Culverwell, I.G.; W. Fisher, D.C.; H. Jones, Bushell, J. W. Clarke, and E. Compton, Stwds.; F. Honeywell, P.P.G.O. Middx., hon. Org.; R. Kent, Asst. Org.; and Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was then presented to Bro. H. Wheatley for his very excellent services during a most arduous year of office. A vote of thanks was given to the Installing Officer. Bro. G. Ransford, S.W., was appointed to represent the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls, and Bro. Walls gave a notice of motion that the sum of ten guineas be placed on his list as Steward. Apologies for non-attendance were then read from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sec. Middx.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M.; H. Jones, P.M.; and others.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. Wheatley proposed the toast of "The W.M." in very flattering terms.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his gratification in being elected to fill the chair of so large and prosperous a lodge. He would do his best to still further enhance its prosperity. He had been instrumental in introducing seven members, who had all done credit to the lodge.

The toast of "The Installing Officer" followed, and was received with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Wheatley made a modest speech in reply. He said that he owed a great deal of his knowledge to the untiring efforts and co-operation of three of their Past Masters, in the persons of Bros. Jessett, Walls, and Spearing, who had rendered him every assistance towards perfecting him in his duties. It would ever remain a great source of gratification to him that his efforts had received so much appreciation, and as he personally considered far above his merits.

"The Visitors" followed, and gave Bros. Moorman, W.M.; Croaker, W.M.; Snelson, P.M.; Harvey, P.M.; and Chandler, P.M.; an opportunity of saying many complimentary things in respect to the working and prosperity of No. 1512.

Bro. W. Spearing replied in appropriate terms for "The Past Masters" and Bros. Jessett and Walls for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Masonic Charities."

The toast of "The Officers" concluded the programme. The W.M. is to be congratulated upon the success of the day's proceedings, and for the able manner in which he presided over so large a gathering.

URMSTON.—Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The installation of Bro. T. W. Bone, P.M., took place, and the Festival of St. John celebrated, at the Victoria Hotel, on Monday, the 16th instant, there being present Bros. John Slyman, W.M.; T. W. Bone, S.W.; A. B. Wheeler, J.W.; G. R. Lloyd, Sec.; G. Myers, S.D.; T. L. Browne, J.D.; H. H. Smith, Org.; J. Bowers, I.G.; N. Jones, Tyler; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; W. Goodacre, P.M., P.G. Swd. Br. England, Prov. G. Sec. West Lancs.; P. Heaton, P.M.; J. Walton, J. Artingstall, J. H. Marsh, and R. Swindells. Visitors: Bros. W. Bowden, P.M. 1213, 1814; J. J. Lambert, P.M. 1387, P.G. S. of W. West Lancs.; H. Marshall, P.P.S.G.D. West Lancs.; Dr. W. G. Martin, P.M. 1814, P.G. Stwd.; J. Chadderton, P.M. 1213, W.M. 2316; J. Fletcher, Treas. 993; E. L. Adams, W.M. 1213; A. Baynton, I.P.M. 1213; J. R. Tollis, P.M. 1185; J. Wildgoose, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.; W. T. Allitt, W.M. 993; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Stwd.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The duties of Installing Master were undertaken by Bro. J. Slyman, who had received some useful hints in connection therewith from Bro. W. Goodacre, and proved himself an apt pupil by installing Bro. Bone into the chair of K.S. in a highly creditable manner. After being proclaimed and saluted in the customary manner, Bro. Bone appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and they were invested and addressed by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G. Swd. Br., as follows: Bros. G. R. Lloyd, S.W.; G. A. Myers, J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; T. L. Browne, Sec.; R. Livsey, S.D.; J. Bowers, J.D.; R. Swindells, D. of C.; J. H. Marsh, Org.; H. H. Smith, I.G.; R. Owen, W. H. Jolliffe, and J. H. Marsh, Stwds. Bro. Slyman concluded the ceremony by giving the three addresses. The balance sheet was a very satisfactory one, and showed the lodge to be £7 better off than in the corresponding end of last year. A vote of thanks was passed to the Auditors (Bros. J. Heaton, P.M., and G. R. Lloyd) for their appreciated services, also to the Treasurer, Bro. E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; and the Secretary, Bro. G. R. Lloyd. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. E. L. Littler to Bro. John Slyman, for his kindness in endowing the W.M.'s chair with votes in the Girls' School. The vote was seconded and carried. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G. Swd. Br., and Prov. G. Sec., for his kindness in being present and assisting in the installation ceremony. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet, the catering and serving of which was a triumph to Bro. John Walton, the affable host, and gave the greatest satisfaction to all.

After the banquet the W.M. proposed, in appropriate terms, the toasts of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

Bro. W. Bowden, P.P.G. Purst., proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M."

Bro. John Slyman, I.P.M., proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M., and R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and coupled with it the name of Bro. Goodacre, P.G. Swd. Br.

All these toasts were well received, especially the last mentioned, and were heartily drunk.

In referring to Bro. Goodacre, Bro. Slyman said it was a source of great pleasure to the members of the Urmston Lodge to see Bro. Goodacre amongst them, who was the founder and father of their lodge, and its oldest P.M. Bro. Slyman also spoke of the magnanimous manner in which Bro. Goodacre had (after coaching him into the duties of Installing Master) elected to stand aside and see his pupil perform the ceremony, contenting himself with investing the officers. Bro. Slyman expressed himself very grateful for this concession and kindness.

Bro. Goodacre, in reply, said it was very gratifying to see a child of his like the Urmston Lodge grow up and flourish as it had done. It was 10 years since it was consecrated, and he was installed first Master, since which time three of its members had received Prov. Grand honours, viz., their first candidate, who was made Prov. Grand Chaplain, then himself, who was made Prov. Grand Registrar, and, lastly, Bro. E. L. Littler, who had recently been appointed Prov. Grand Pursuivant, and this was he (Bro. Goodacre) thought a test and proof they had initiated the right kind of men. He had been very pleased to see Bro. Slyman perform the installation ceremony so smoothly and satisfactorily as he had done. Bro. Goodacre, in speaking of the desirability for uniform working, gave a short history of the progress of Freemasonry since the year 1717. In that year, and up to 1746, there was a ruling body who called themselves Ancient Masons, and had their particular style of working; but in the latter year another ruling body sprung into existence, and differed in their work from the former. In 1813 the first-named body, who were governed by H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, and the second by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, amalgamated; the present Grand Lodge of England was the result. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement working was practised by the Grand Lodge, and consequently Bro. Goodacre expressed his opinion that the same should be observed in all lodges under its rule.

Bro. Goodacre's remarks were listened to with great attention by all present, and were much applauded.

Bro. Gittens proposed "The Health of Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, V.W.D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. J. J. Lambert, P.G. Reg.; W. Bowden, P.P.G. Purst.; Dr. W. Y. Martin, P.G. Stwd.; J. M. Sinclair, P.P.S.G.D. East Lancs.; and R. R. Lisenden, [P.G. Stwd. East Lancs., responded.

Bro. John Slyman, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," felt that in electing Bro. Bone to the honour, they had the right man in the right place, and that he would do all in his power to promulgate the tenets and principles of Freemasonry, and by his future conduct would justify the confidence reposed in him.

The toast was well received, and Bro. Bone's health heartily drunk, after which Bro. E. L. Littler sang "Here's to his health."

The Worshipful Master, in reply, after thanking Bro. Slyman for his kind remarks, said he fully appreciated the great honour that had been conferred upon him, and said he should do all in his power to maintain the prestige the lodge enjoyed, and promote the good fellowship and harmony which characterised its members. He trusted he should be as successful in his efforts as any previous W.M., and make himself as much respected. He had, as

many of them were aware, enjoyed the privilege of presiding over a London lodge (the Lewis), ten years ago, and he was still a member of it, at the same time he felt very sensible of the great honour the members of the Urmston Lodge had done him in placing him in such an important position, and assured them they would not regret their confidence. He was very fond of work; and trusted they would find him plenty to do, and that at the termination of his year of office he should have done a little more for Freemasonry in general, and the Urmston Lodge in particular.

The Worshipful Master, in a graceful speech, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Slyman," and referred to the popularity that brother enjoyed, and the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of W.M. and Installing Master. As a slight acknowledgment for his valuable and highly appreciated services, he (Bro. Bone) felt great pleasure in presenting Bro. Slyman with a gold P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester), and hoped he might long be spared to wear it. In conclusion he called upon the brethren to drink the health of their I.P.M.

The invitation was promptly responded to, and Bro. Slyman returned thanks in appropriate terms.

Other toasts, including "The P.M.'s," "The Masonic Charities," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Officers," "The Neighbouring Lodges," &c., were proposed and responded to; the intervals between each being enlivened with songs and recitations from Bros. P. Heaton, J. Bowers, Swindells, Littler, and Lisenden.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Clarence Hotel, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. Warner, W.M.; J. Finch, S.W.; W.M. elect; Porter, J.W.; J. Piller, P.M. Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.M.; P.P.G.D.C. Middx., Sec.; Hill, S.D.; Simmonds, J.D.; Barns, I.G.; Chandler, P.M.; and others. Bro. Walden of the Surbiton Lodge was a visitor.

Bro. Henry Cutler was passed, and Bros. E. Hall and F. J. Jelly raised to the Third Degree. Both ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M., assisted by his very efficient staff of officers. The by-laws having been read, the accounts of the past year were duly audited. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bro. Walls, I.P.M., and others.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

A few toasts followed, and the remainder of the evening was agreeably devoted to instrumental and vocal harmony, Bros. Porter, Hill, Hall, Walden, Piller, and Meddleweek, especially distinguishing themselves.

HEATON MOOR.—Prince Edward Lodge (No. 2109).—The installation meeting and Festival of St. John was held at the lodge rooms, Conservative Club, on the 19th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Webster, after which Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec., accompanied by a number of Prov. Grand Officers, was announced, and received with customary honours. After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. James Henry Wells, was performed by Bro. Goodacre, who, together with the following brethren, formed a Board of Installed Masters: Bros. T. R. Peel, P.M., P.J.G.D. East Lanc.; H. H. Warburton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; M. Thomas, P.M., W.M. 350; F. R. Cooper, P.M. 1055; H. Walley, P.M.; G. Hunt, P.M. 1009; E. T. Everett, P.J.G.D.; T. A. Hopewell, P.M., P.D.G.D.C. Bombay; W. Cartwright, P.M., P.G. Steward East Lanc.; W. Carnell, W.M. 1683; J. Bawden, P.M. 934; and H. B. Everett, P.M. 1140. The newly-invested officers were Bros. J. H. Wells, W.M.; W. Webster, I.P.M.; Edwin Broadbent, S.W.; S. Irwin Thomson, J.W.; Rev. J. R. Buckley, D.D., Chap.; J. Gardner, Treas.; T. A. Hopewell, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Berra, S.D.; T. T. Shann, J.D.; J. G. Bromley, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Mortimer, Org.; and A. W. Reynolds, I.G. The Treasurer's balance-sheet was passed. It showed the lodge to be in a sound financial position, as yet only two years constituted, and, after fully endowing two chairs and half paying for a third (in local Masonic Charities), the surplus assets over liabilities stand at £101 15s.

The lodge having been closed, nearly 100 brethren and ladies assembled in the drawing-room, and then adjourned to the large hall, where the banquet—provided by Bro. Mortimer—was served, presided over by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Wells.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, a special one in this lodge being that of "H.R.H. Prince Edward of Wales," after whom it is named, by permission.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was most ably handled by Bro. Dr. Buckley, the Chaplain, who is earnest in Masonic work, and is at present delivering a course of lectures in the lodge on the Ancient Charges (Book of Constitutions).

The toast of "The Newly-invested Officers" was responded to by the at once popular S.W., Bro. Broadbent, and Bro. Reynolds, I.G.

During the evening the W.M. presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Webster, a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been subscribed for by the brethren, and was, as the inscription testified, intended as a mark of their esteem. The jewel is the second of its kind manufactured for the lodge by Bro. George Kenning. It consists of the arms of H.R.H. Prince Edward of Wales, in gold and enamel, with the P.M.'s jewel pendant.

The evening's entertainment consisted of songs, glees, readings, &c., in the drawing-room and dancing in the large hall. The various rooms had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, a conspicuous feature being the large number of handsome pictures which embellished the walls, kindly provided by Bro. A. W. Reynolds, I.G.

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INSTRUCTION.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, on Friday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. Geo. Deaton, W.M.; Blum, P.M.; S.W.; F. Deaton, J.W.; Baker, P.M., Preceptor; G. Deaton, Sec.; Bullen, S.D.; Price, J.D.; Ford, P.M.; and Poulton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were then worked. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was then worked. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. On rising for the first time, it was proposed by Bro. Bullen, and seconded by Bro. Baker, P.M., that Bros. Price and Poulton be members of this lodge—carried unanimously. It was proposed and seconded that Bro. Blum, P.M., be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The officers were appointed in rotation. It was also proposed by Bro. Baker, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Ford, P.M., that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Geo. Deaton, W.M., for the able manner in which he occupied the chair—carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Prior, W.M.; Jackson, S.W.; Dixon, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Pitt, S.D.; Penrose, J.D.; Vatchky, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; J. J. Pitt, P.M.; Leng, Priest, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Leng personating the candidate. The lodge was then called off, and, on resuming, was opened in the Second Degree. The usual questions leading to the Third Degree were duly answered by Bro. Priest. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and all business being ended, was closed. The ceremonies were both worked by the W.M. in a most impressive manner.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. T. Casely, W.M.; J. Cama, S.W.; T. Hill, J.W.; T. Hazel, S.D.; J. R. Smith, J.D.; Eaton, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, Preceptor; P. Recknell, Treas.; C. A. Itter, Sec.; B. Lyons, Palmer, Russell, Reach, Wood, Robinson, Passingham, H. Bangs, Hall, J. Lawrence, and C. W. Rex.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. H. Bangs acting as candidate. The lodge called off and on. The lodge opened in the Second and Third Degrees, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Lawrence, W.M. of the Crescent Lodge, who then most ably worked the ceremony of installation. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. The Preceptor proposed, and the J.W. seconded, that the S.W. occupy the chair at the next meeting. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

After the lodge meeting, three ballots were taken in connection with the Benevolent Association, which is progressing in a most favourable manner.

The officers for the current year are Bros. E. C. Mulvey, Preceptor; P. Recknell, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Sheppard, P.M. 2202, Sec.; and Chas. A. Itter, 1897, 2191, Asst. Sec.; and it is gratifying to learn from the statistics of the past year that this lodge of instruction has made such progress under its new arrangements. Bro. Mulvey has proved himself an able instructor, as is shown by the number of attendances during 1887, and the number and variety of ceremonies that have been rehearsed under his guidance. The change from the Red Cap, Camden-town, to the York and Albany, Regent's Park, where Bro. Holden has placed a large room at the disposal of the lodge, has proved not less advantageous than the change from the Euphrates to the Zetland Lodge as the parent lodge. The members take an interest in the work, and have exerted themselves so successfully in the interests of Masonry as to be entitled to the credit of having set on foot the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202. It has also its Benevolent Association, which was started during the year, and numbers upwards of 50 brethren, amongst whom three ballots have already taken place; while in the ballot for the surplus fees of the lodge of instruction itself, Bro. Sheppard has proved successful, and it is believed, will place the amount at the service of the Old People. We may add that the meetings are held every Monday evening at 8 p.m., and close at 10 p.m., the last meeting every month, when the regular business is over, being devoted to the business of the Association.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. T. Thomson, W.M. 1697, W.M.; J. C. Conway, S.W.; C. A. Bond, 1425, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; O. W. Battley, S.D.; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 511, J.D.; T. Middleweek, I.G.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; C. S. Mote, A. Cornwall, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cornwall candidate; he was afterwards examined and entrusted, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Conway was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A motion by Bro. Dehane to alter by-law No. 7 was discussed, and it is to be read in open lodge for four consecutive meetings, in order that brethren may not plead ignorance of same. A hearty vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, was unanimously passed to Bro. Thomson for the very able manner in which he had presided as W.M. for the first time. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Tavern, Battersea-rose, S.W., on the 26th ult. Present: Bros. Beddoes, W.M.; Shoemith, S.W.; Prince, J.W.; Higerty, Preceptor; H. Williams, S.D.; Carter, J.D.; Gomm, I.G.; Cooper, P.M., Treas.; George, Sec.; Squires, P.M.; Brown, Gill, and Sprinks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brown, having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Sprinks having been duly examined and entrusted, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Williams, Shoemith, Gomm, Brown, and Sprinks were elected members. Bro. Higerty was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, when, by request of the brethren, he will work the ceremony of installation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. Petch, W.M.; G. Reynolds, S.W.; A. Cox, J.W.; A. C. Halestrap, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Duncan, S.D.; F. M. Noakes, J.D.; Clarke, I.G.; H. Hunt, Kilsby, Loomes, Snelling, and Barnes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Snelling answered the usual questions leading from the First to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Snelling candidate. Bro. Kilsby answered the usual questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Kilsby candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. W. Snelling was unanimously elected a member of the lodge, being proposed by Bro. C. M. Coxon, and seconded by Bro. Kilsby. Bro. Reynolds was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. E. B. Cox, W.M.; H. G. Marsden, S.W.; F. M. Noakes, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; R. E. Cursons, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Brindley, G. Grooves, H. S. Hunter, W. S. Cope, W. Hancock, S. Moss, A. Clark, and H. Martin.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Brindley worked the First Section of the Second Lecture. Bro. W. Hancock having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, the W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction:—Bro. W. S. Cope, 201, proposed by Bro. W. Brindley, seconded by the Preceptor; and Bro. H. Martin, P.M. 1329, proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, seconded by Bro. F. M. Noakes. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. H. G. Marsden be elected W.M. for the ensuing week, remarking, at the same time, that the S.W. had kindly that evening given up his privilege of occupying the chair to Bro. E. B. Cox—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. On rising for the third time, Bros. E. C. Mulvey and G. H. Reynolds having been appointed tellers, a ballot took place for £3 5s. out of the funds of the lodge for a subscription to one of the Masonic Charities. The ballot was declared to be in favour of Bro. A. Clark, who wished the same to be placed on his list for the Girls' School, as he intended to act as Steward at the forthcoming Centenary Festival. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. H. F. Williams, W.M.; Hubbard, S.W.; Cochrane, J.W.; R. H. Williams, S.D.; Dresden, J.D.; A. Williams, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Weeks, J. H. Neville, Woods, and Sims.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. H. Neville having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. A. Williams having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the traditional history being also given. Lodge was regularly closed down in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. It was proposed and seconded that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. H. F. Williams for the very able manner in which he had carried out the duties of this lodge for the first time, which was carried. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Strong on the death of her husband, a member of this lodge. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Jennings, W.M.; Craggs, S.W.; Cross, J.W.; E. Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Moss, S.D.; Woodard, J.D.; J. R. Allman, I.G.; Cavers, Stvd.; Josey, P.M.; Cochrane, P.M.; T. Wood, P.M.; Speigel, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Stonnill, Wiles, Martineau, Stroud, Arnott, Whittell, Cox, Higginson, Nash, and Sansom.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Martineau answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Jennings then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. T. Wood, P.M., who rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Wood then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Stroud, who rehearsed part of the ceremony of installation, after Bro. Craggs had taken the obligation of W.M. elect. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Stroud gave the three addresses. Bro. Craggs vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Jennings. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. Speigel, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 28th ult. Present: Bros. J. Brown, W.M.; D. Stroud, S.W.; D. S. Long, J.W.; J. Davies, acting Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; J. H. Wood, J.D.; F. C. Hughes, I.G.; D. Aslete, Org.; F. Craggs, Clark, B. Kenyon, and Cochrane.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. H. Wimpey offering himself as candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. Bro. Clark, offering himself as candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Clark being candidate. Bro. Clark being a F.C. answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Davies. Bro. Kenyon was elected a member. Bro. Stroud was elected W.M. for next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

ROBERT BURNS CHAPTER (No. 25).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Comps. W. H. Baker, M.E.Z.; K. S. Sly, H.; J. Harvey, J.; F. Hatton, Treas.; W. Land, S.E.; J. Kay, S.N.; J. R. Tannerhill, P.S.; W. Wingham, 1st Asst. S.; A. A. Frigout, 2nd Asst. S.; H. H. Smith, Stvd.; B. Bangs, Janitor; T. Elsley, P.Z.; Robins, P.Z.; J. E. Shand, P.Z.; Deaton, G. H. Lindsey, and Renton. Visitors: Comps. S. P. Patterson, P.Z. 79, and 548, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; R. E. Goffin, M.E.Z. 1572; J. Gibson, J. 1604; P. G. Baker, P.Z. 753 and 1260; and G. W. Smith, jun. 2005.

Bro. C. C. Piper, 2030, was duly and impressively exalted a Royal Arch Mason by the M.E.Z. Comp. Walter Barnett was duly elected a joining member. The election of officers took place. The M.E.Z. undertook to be Steward for the Boys' School.

The Companions afterwards dined, and the usual loyal Masonic toasts were enthusiastically given and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening spent.

YORK.—Zetland Chapter (No. 236).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, when there were present Comps. J. S. Rymer, M.E.Z. (Lord Mayor of York); Geo. Kirby, H.; Geo. Garbutt, J.; J. Todd, P.Z.; Treas.; M. Rooke, P.Z.; A. Buckle, B.A., P.Z.; Rogerson, M.E.Z. 1435; E. W. Purnell, S.E.; McGachen, S.N.; S. Border, P.S. (Sheriff of York); E. Carter, 1st A.S.; T. S. Brogden, 2nd A.S.; T. G. Hodgson, Org.; H. S. Hopton, D.C.; J. Watkinson, Stvd.; W. G. Calvert, Janitor; J. Fairburn, Gramshaw, Cattell, C. Palliser, Waistell, Ward, Linley, Livesey, Lee, Draper, T. W. Wilson, Bicombe, Hey, and Bryson.

The chapter having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the following were elected officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. G. Kirby, M.E.Z.; G. Garbutt, H.; J. Fairburn, J.; J. Todd, P.Z.; Treas.; E. W. Purnell, S.E.; T. S. Brogden, S.N.; S. Border, P.S.; C. Linley, 1st A.S.; F. S. Gramshaw, 2nd A.S.; T. Watkinson, D.C.; T. G. Hodgson, Org.; M. Bryson, Stwd.; and W. G. Calvert, Janitor. Comps. McGachen, Biscomb, and Carter were elected members of the Permanent Committee. On the motion of Comp. Buckle, P.Z., seconded by Comp. Rogerson, it was resolved, "That the sum of twenty guineas be paid out of the funds of the chapter to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the Centenary Celebration, to be placed on the list of Comp. M. Rooke, P.Z., who will represent the lodge and chapter as Steward at the Festival." Comp. Todd, P.Z., Treasurer, said he wished to submit a proposition to the chapter which he felt sure would meet with the cordial approval of every companion present, viz., "That the hearty congratulations of the chapter be offered to the M.E.Z., and P.S., on their election to the distinguished offices of Lord Mayor and Sheriff, respectively, of the ancient city of York." He said that the members of that chapter were highly gratified when they became aware that these important civic appointments had been conferred upon two of their prominent companions, and he felt certain that each would reflect honour on himself in the exalted office to which he had been elected, and give satisfaction to the community at large. It was a most unusual, and perhaps unique, circumstance that two officers of such eminence in the chapter as the M.E.Z., and P.S. should at the same time occupy such high civic positions, and he wished them every happiness in the discharge of their important duties. Comp. Waistell seconded the proposition, and it was carried unanimously. The M.E.Z. thought that Comp. Todd had developed a new line, perhaps on the principle that having little to do, people are liable to get into mischief, but he could assure the companions that he appreciated very highly their good opinion, and it would be his constant desire to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of all, which he hoped with the aid of the Great Architect of the Universe to be enabled to do. The P.S. said that Comp. Todd and the companions had, he felt, conferred a great honour upon him, not only by the resolution, but by electing him P.S. for another year. He could assure the companions that, with regard to his civic duties, however much he might appreciate the kindness and good-will of those with whom he came in contact whilst performing them, nothing gave him greater satisfaction than to merit the favourable opinion and good wishes of his companions. A candidate for exaltation having been proposed, the chapter was closed, and the companions retired to the banqueting room and partook of supper, after which the usual toasts were given and heartily responded to.

LEATHERHEAD.—Grove Chapter (No. 410).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 28th ult., at the Swan Hotel. Comp. G. D. Lister, M.E.Z., was unavoidably absent, but he had provided a most efficient substitute in the person of Comp. Withers, P.Z., Prov. Asst. G.S.E. Middx., who greatly gratified the members of the chapter by his obliging assistance in the work before them. Bros. H. J. F. Dumas and H. C. S. Dumas, sons of Comp. H. J. P. Dumas, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. Eng., and P.G.J. Surrey, having been duly elected by ballot, were exalted in a most impressive manner. Comp. G. H. Haydon, P.Z., was again installed as 1st Principal. The installation of H. was deferred in consequence of the absence of Comp. W. R. Williams, P.A.G.S. Eng., and P.G.J. Surrey. Comp. J. H. Andrews was installed as J. The investment of officers followed. A sum of 2 guineas was voted to the Greenwood Memorial Fund. Comp. A. C. De Chapeaurouge, of the Prince of Wales Chapter, was present as a visitor, and notice was given that he would be proposed as a joining member of the chapter at the next meeting. The companions afterwards dined together under the genial presidency of Comp. H. J. P. Dumas, P.Z.

WOOLSTON.—Ancasta Chapter (No. 1461).—At a meeting of the above chapter, held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 24th ult., Comp. R. L. Rosoman, presiding as Z., presented to Comp. G. J. Tilling, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S., a Past First Principal's jewel, voted him at the previous convocation, in recognition of his services as Z. during the previous 12 months to the chapter, of which he was also a founder. Comp. Rosoman, in making the presentation, alluded in appropriate terms to the services which Comp. Tilling had rendered to Craft and Arch Masonry, both at Woolston and Southampton. The recipient of the jewel made an appropriate reply.

Mark Masonry.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 211).—This lodge met at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. J. Taylor, W.M.; Rickwood, S.W., W.M. elect; J. N. Frye, J.W.; F. C. Frye, M.O.; S. Parkhouse, S.O.; Smout, J.O.; T. C. Walls, P.M.; P.G.S.B., Sec.; French, S.D.; Monson, I.G.; Wadham, Stwd.; Lawson, P.M., P.P.G. M.O.; Skinner, P.M.; T. Poore, P.G.I.G. (Hon. Member). Bros. H. Shirley, No. 1, and Day, No. 22, were visitors. The latter brother acted as Organist most effectively.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. G. F. Swan, P.M. 1321, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly advanced to the Degree of M.M. by Bros. Walls. Bro. Rickwood having been presented, was installed as W.M. by the last named brother, assisted by Bros. Lawson, P.M., and Poore, P.M. The following appointments were then made: Bros. J. N. Frye, S.W.; F. C. Frye, J.W.; Parkhouse, M.O.; Smout, S.O.; French, J.O.; J. Mason, P.M., Treas.; Walls, Sec.; Huish, S.D.; Monson, J.D.; Dr. F. E. Pocock, I.G.; C. Stevens, Org.; Wadham, D.C.; Pettin, Stwd.; and Schofield, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented to Bro. J. Taylor. Bro. Walls gave notice of motion "That the sum of two guineas be voted to the Poore Testimonial Fund." Apologies for non-attendance through illness and other unavoidable causes were read from Bros. J. Mason, Harris,

Goodall, Dr. Pocock, Mattin, Huish, and others. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, under the presidency of the Secretary, in consequence of the W.M.'s enforced departure through pressing business. The customary toasts followed.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 75).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., in the Royal Pavilion. The W.M., Bro. R.B. Y. Powell, P.P.A.G.D.C., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren, viz.: Bros. H. W. G. Abell, Prov. J.G.O., S.W.; G. R. Lockyer, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. A. Tooth, Chap.; J. C. Buckwell, Prov. G. Swd. Br., Sec.; T. Hills, J.D.; S. R. Legg, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. B. Higham, I.G.; R. Willard, Stwd.; H. H. Hughes, Tyler; J. Belcher, P.G. Std. Br.; A. F. Lamette, S. Solomon, C. Golding, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; R. Strong, E. Tebbs, T. Chapman, J. J. Abell, E. Histed, J. Parsons, and G. Cole; the distinguished visitors including Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Asst. G. Sec.; R. Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.D.C., and G. P. Festa, P.A.G.D.C.

Two brethren having been advanced, the balance sheet was read and passed, the latter showing the lodge to be in a flourishing condition. Bro. H. W. G. Abell was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. R. B. Y. Powell, I.P.M.; J. Kidge, S.W.; L. B. Henderson, J.W.; J. Harrison, M.O.; F. Downard, S.O.; J. Parsons, J.O.; Rev. W. A. Tooth, Chap.; G. R. Lockyer, Treas.; T. Hills, R. of M.; J. C. Buckwell, Sec.; S. Solomon, S.D.; R. B. Higham, J.D.; J. Belcher, D.C.; R. Willard, Org.; I. Bullock, I.G.; A. F. Lamette and E. Histed, Stwds.; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the Pavilion Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent banquet served up in admirable style by Bro. F. Daniel, whose catering gave universal satisfaction. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. H. W. G. Abell presided.

The customary loyal toasts and those of "Grand Lodge" and "Provincial Grand Lodge" having been given from the chair, Bro. G. R. Lockyer proposed "The Worshipful Master." Bro. Abell, he said, had displayed such zeal in Mark Masonry that he felt the Royal Sussex Lodge was fortunate in securing him as their W.M., and he heartily wished him a prosperous year of office.

The W.M., in responding, gave a brief résumé of the history of the lodge, its difficulties, and its resuscitation by the kindly efforts of Bro. Lockyer. The lodge was now the largest in the province, and was financially strong. He, however, expressed regret that the various lodges in the province received such scant courtesy and attention to business details from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. He thanked the brethren for their confidence in electing him as their W.M., and said he would spare no pains to make the lodge a thorough success. He appealed to them to support him as their Steward to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and gave interesting particulars as to the disposal of the annual sums collected.

"The Visitors," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers" having been given from the chair, the programme was closed by the Tyler's toast.

The various speeches were agreeably interspersed with songs rendered by Bros. R. Willard, G. Cole, and E. Histed, and a recitation by Bro. J. C. Buckwell. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The annual meeting for installing the W.M. of this lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., when Bro. Brakenridge, W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Geo. Ryrie, P.S.G.W., the retiring Master, in a very able manner, and the following were invested as officers, viz.: Bros. Rev. Jas. Anderson, S.W., and Chap.; W. D. P. Field, J.W.; W. J. Tyson, M.O.; H. Burns, S.O.; D. Atkinson, J.O.; Geo. Dalrymple, Treas.; Dr. Muir, Reg. of Marks; G. W. Roll, Sec.; J. Casson, S.D.; J. M. Clark, J.D.; Luke Taylor, D.C.; H. D. Cook, Org.; B. Taylor, I.G.; T. Mitchell, Stwd.; and Thos. Richardson, Tyler. The following were also present: Bros. Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Wm. Bewlay, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; W. H. Bewlay, and Thos. Rowlings.

One candidate was proposed for advancement, and with a vote of thanks to one of the Senior Mark Masters of the province, Bro. Ryrie, for so ably installing his successor, the lodge was closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SHADWELL CLERKE CHAPTER (No. 107).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at 8a, Red Lion-square, when there were present Ill. Bros. H. Lovegrove, 30°, M.W.S.; John Read, 30°, Prelate and Recorder; E. and P. Bros. H. H. Shirley, 18°, 1st General; W. A. Scurrah, 18°, 2nd General; W. R. Palmer, 18°, G. Marshal; F. P. Dorman, 18°, Raphael; N. Goodchild, 18°, D.C.; E. Storr, 18°, Herald; E. C. Mulvey, 18°, C. of G.; and C. B. Cooper, 18°, Stwd. Visitor: E. and P. Bro. Major P. J. Dunbar, 18°, P.M.W.S. 10.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the consecrating meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. Charles Davieson and G. W. Pragnell, which resulted in favour of the admission of both as candidates for perfection, and Bro. Davieson being in attendance, he was entrusted with the intermediate Degrees by the Recorder, and ably perfected as a Knight of the Eagle and Pelican by the M.W.S.

The chapter was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, and this brought the evening to an agreeable close.

WHITEHAVEN.—Border Chapter (No. 102).—The above chapter met in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 25th ult. Bro. Dr. C. Gore Ring, 18°, M.W.S., presided, assisted by his officers, viz.: Ill. Bros. Colonel Sewell, 30°, Asst. Prelate; G. Dalrymple, 18°, 1st Gen.; John Paterson, 18°, 2nd Gen.; J. Hall, 18°, Recorder; G.

Ryrie, 18°, G.M. and Herald; E. Tyson, 18°, Raphael T. Usher, O.G.; and W. Carlyle, 18°.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for Bro. Rev. J. Anderson, which was favourable, and he was perfected accordingly, and there being nothing further, the chapter was closed, and the brethren subsequently dined at the Black Lion Hotel.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (T.I.).—This old council met for the despatch of business at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, A.G.D.C., W.M.; Pakes, acting S.W.; Shilcock, acting J.W.; G. Powell, Treas.; H. J. Lardner, Sec.; Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., C. of C.; T. C. Robinson, acting I.G.; H. Pigeon, jun., Org.; N. Prower, and others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. J. A. Robinson, P.M. 1386, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly admitted as a member of the Order of St. Lawrence, and installed as a Knight of Constantinople and of the Red Cross of Babylon by the W.M. Bro. L. Loveland, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. G. Powell was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. E. Mills, Guarder. It was unanimously resolved—"That in future the council shall meet on the last Friday in the months of April, May, and July, instead of the last Friday in January, April, and October, as heretofore." A P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Walls for his services during the past year. The W.M. gave notice of motion—"That the sum of two guineas be voted to the Poore Testimonial Fund."

The council was then closed. There was no banquet.

A LECTURE ON THE THREE EPOCHS OF FREEMASONRY.

The following lecture was delivered by Bro. the Rev. A. A. HEADLEY, P.P.G. Chap. Hants, at the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Portsmouth, January 14th, 1888.

W.M., Officers, and Brethren.—The W.M. has done me the honour of asking me to deliver a lecture on Freemasonry, and I look upon it as one great advantage of such a lodge as this that lectures may be given and an insight into Masonry obtained which is hardly possible in an ordinary working lodge. Further than this, we may be quite sure that a lodge which consists of P.M.'s of eminence will not allow any statements to be made which may appear at variance with the truth. They will be seized on and corrected, and thus a stimulus will be created for further research. I hope it may be so to day, and that if any subject which I may introduce appear ill-conceived or inaccurate, I may have the benefit of the views of others, so that, in words well known to each one of us, our principles and tenets may be transmitted pure and unpolluted through this lodge from generation to generation. No Masonic student can do otherwise than rejoice at the deepening interest which is now taken in all that concerns the Craft. Without such interest the establishment of such a lodge as the Quatuor Coronati could not have taken place. What that lodge is in London this lodge is to a certain extent in Hampshire—a lodge not for initiations, passings, and raisings, but for information and improvement. This is well, because, beautiful as the ritual is, whether it be the First, Second, or Third Degrees, still at times it is well that, instead of listening to, and assisting in, that ritual, we should deepen our Masonic knowledge, increase our Masonic interest, and strengthen our Masonic love by searching beneath the waters of that ocean of Masonic lore on the surface of which our vessel has outridden many a storm and overcome many a tempest. However pleasant it may be to sail on the surface of that ocean, we must yet remember that its depths conceal many a pearl of wisdom worth searching for. It is well that, instead of continually assisting at the building in of fresh stones to our Masonic temple, we should at times walk round its walls, admire its true proportions and graceful symmetry, and note how strong and ancient are those foundations which have been laid by wise master builders of old time, and which still support Freemasonry whenever that science is rightly understood and really acted upon. Dr. Oliver reminds us that "Freemasonry, like all other sciences, is a system of progression. Something more is required to constitute a bright Mason than a knowledge of the elements of the Craft. A carpenter may know the names of his tools, and have acquired some dexterity in their practical use; but this will not enable him to build a house or construct a common dressing-case. If any one is desirous of being a Mason in the strict sense of the word he must make himself acquainted with something more than words, signs, and tokens. The three stages of initiation can no more convert a man into a Mason than the indentures of an apprentice can make him a mechanic. He must read and meditate, study with care and attention the history and doctrines of the Order, and attend his lodge with the utmost regularity, that he may become familiar with its discipline by actual personal observation. There is no royal road to Freemasonry." Dr. Oliver speaks of the history of Freemasonry. It is in that direction I would turn your thoughts this evening. The subject of my lecture may be called, "Three Important Epochs in Freemasonry." In choosing those epochs I am not going to travel far into the past, but tread the firm ground of the last 170 years—I mean since Grand Lodge was established on its present basis. Though that 170 years is a mere span taken from the Masonic ages, it is a very important span, because within it is contained all that really effects the modern practice of Masonry. As you are aware, there are two schools of Masons, the Traditional and Historical schools. Those who belong to the former claim, and probably correctly, that Freemasonry was the centre round which circled all the learning and science of antiquity. We must remember that during the dark ages the ecclesiastics of the period were not only the clergy but the librarians and custodians of whatever was valuable in science, art, or literature. But for the monasteries to which they belonged we should have but a meagre number of ancient books and but very slight knowledge of the affairs of by-gone days. This to any thinking, enquiring mind would be a great loss, although I remember as a schoolboy finding it very difficult to feel a genuine sorrow that the library of

Alexandria had perished in the flames, and thus narrowed the compass of my classical studies. The lost books of Livy never caused me nearly so much pain as those which had been preserved. But whatever our feelings as schoolboys may have been, we owe, as Masons, a great debt of gratitude to the Monks of old. Learning of all kinds is vastly indebted to those who studied within cloistered walls—walls which in times of turbulent warfare preserved the knowledge and the arts of peace. The Monks were our *brother* Masons. To them we owe our fine ecclesiastical buildings, our cathedrals. Their work survives and speak to us Moderns of the grandeur of conception, design, and workmanship of those ancient brethren. For instance, the capitals of early Norman columns have in some cases a cross of peculiar form sculptured on them, and which is instantly recognised by those brethren who have taken the R.A. Degree. One such is engraved in the introduction to "Parker's Gothic Architecture." It is pleasant to linger lovingly over those bygone days of our Craft. However pleasant it may be to indulge a somewhat ærial flight amid the shadows of the far past; however conservative—if I can use the word without a political meaning—it may be to rejoice in being members of one of the oldest aristocracies in existence, it will yet be my aim this evening to allude to one or two historical facts so near our own time that for this reason they may be thought less romantic, but perhaps none the less useful. The first is what is commonly called *the Revival*. The very word revival implies a previous condition of deadness, almost death. Freemasonry did, indeed, almost expire. Two hundred years ago, in 1685, our G.M. was no less a man than Sir Christopher Wren. I know that the exact connection of Sir C. Wren with Masonry is a point recently discussed, but Dr. Oliver tells us that the reason he gave up Masonry was as follows: When George the First came to the throne he superseded this great man in favour of Bro. W. Benson, and so disgusted him with the world that he declined public assemblies, and amongst the rest relinquished his connection with Masonry. The Craft refused to meet or hold any communication with the new G.M., and Masonry languished till it became almost extinct. Even Masonry has not been free from that saddest spectacle, a quarrel amongst the gods. The way in which Dr. Desaguliers, who revived Masonry, became acquainted with its tenets is very curious. He was a fellow of the Royal Society, and deeply interested in scientific researches. He came across a pamphlet published by Simeon Townsend in 1712, which triumphed in the decline of Freemasonry. The remarks made in it excited his curiosity, and he was made a Mason in the old Lodge of the Goose and Gridiron in St. Paul's Churchyard. The peculiar principles of the Craft struck him as eminently calculated to benefit humanity if they could be re-directed into the channel from which they had been diverted by the retirement of Sir Christopher Wren. He paid a visit to this veteran Freemason, and the conversation of the Past Grand Master so excited his enthusiasm that he determined to revive the Order. This is a fact well to be remembered, because there were some who, in their reaction from the traditional school, would try and persuade us that Freemasonry really dates simply from 1717. This is not so, and the correspondence of Dr. Desaguliers with Sir C. Wren appears to me to mark an important epoch in Masonry. It was a revival, not a new creation. Dr. Desaguliers found himself supported by an able body of brethren—Sayer, Payne, Elliott, and others, who were the Masters and Wardens of the four old lodges, the Goose and Gridiron, the Appletree, the Crown, and the Rummer and Grapes. They formed themselves into a Grand Lodge and resumed the quarterly communications, and then replanted the tree, which soon extended its stately branches to all quarters of the globe. Dr. Desaguliers did much to raise the tone of the lodges of the period. The vice of swearing, as the literature of the time bears witness, was a very common one. Dean Swift observes:

"For now-a-days men change their oaths
As often as they change their clothes."

One of the by-laws ran thus: "Forbidding all cursing, swearing, and whispering, all religious and political disputes, together with all irreligious and profane conversation." It is on record that Dr. Desaguliers, being appealed to by a lord newly initiated, and who strengthened his appeal with his usual oaths, reproved him with great dignity. And once again to another peer addicted to the reigning vice he remarked, "My lord, if you thought you were honouring God you would not swear so furiously." We cannot wonder that Masonry revived under such a fearless Grand Master. The epoch of the revival cannot be left without the mention of the name of Dr. Anderson, who zealously sought for all the Masonic literature then in existence, and whose published work on Freemasonry, printed in 1723, insured the triumph of the Craft. The number of pamphlets of various kinds and the articles in the papers of the day directed against Freemasonry is simply astonishing, and the absurd imputations thrown upon the Masonic body are, at any rate at this distance of time, highly amusing. One writer asserted that those who hanged Capt. Porteous in Edinburgh were Masons. His argument ran thus. Those who hanged Capt. Porteous have never been found out. The Freemasons understand how to keep a secret, therefore the Freemasons hanged Capt. Porteous. All these attacks were answered by an admirable pamphlet by Dr. Anderson, called "A Defence of Masonry," 1730. These things are surely worth recalling, as they show us that Masonry, like anything else in the world that has any good in it, is sure to have numerous enemies. We hear it reviled now-a-days by some. One old ground on which it was attacked is still made use of, namely, that Masons are not wiser, more temperate, or religious than other men, in spite of their high professions. Let us remember that this ground can only be cut away from under our opponents' feet in one way, namely, by each brother of the Craft acting more consistently upon its noble principles, and only introducing those of credit. If we are true descendants of Desaguliers and Anderson, the revival of Masonry will be no mere epoch in the past but a perennial spring, whose vivifying waters will never stagnate or corrupt. (2). The second important epoch I would notice is *The Schism*, which, though lamentable at the time, really brought about good in the end. It was conducive to a spirit of enquiry which would never otherwise have been aroused. The schism arose in this manner. Certain brethren who had been guilty of irregularities were suspended and expelled from Grand Lodge. The ultimate result was that in 1755 Grand Lodge passed unanimously the resolution erasing the

lodge held at Ben Jonson's Head, to which these brethren belonged, from the list of lodges, and declaring that brethren who attended their regular meetings there should not be admitted into Grand Lodge. They formed themselves into a rival Grand Lodge, calling themselves the Ancients, and stigmatising the regular Grand Lodge as Modern. They were also called the Athol Lodge. Even in this dispute we find the Masonic virtue of moderation was not altogether lost sight of, and the result was that the two Grand Lodges proceeded on their respective careers with more peace, harmony, and brotherly love than might have been expected. (3). It is pleasant to turn from strife to peace, from discord to union. Discord amongst Masons makes us ask a question in old, as the time of Virgil "Tantæne animis Cœlestibus iræ." The leading difference between the two bodies of Masons was that while Grand Lodge held to the Ancient landmarks and decided that pure Masonry consisted of three Degrees, and three only, the Athol Masons had adopted four Degrees, the fourth Degree being Ramsay's R.A. During the earlier years of the present century the leading Masons of both Bodies tried to find a common point at which they could meet without loss of dignity on either side. Matters on both sides were approaching a settlement, which was thus at length brought about in 1813. After many preliminary steps, into which I cannot now enter, the Duke of Kent was elevated to the throne of Grand Master, and articles of Union were signed at Kensington Palace. The tide of Masonic energy was enabled once more to flow in one channel, one ever widening river of Charity and harmony, dispensing blessings right and left. At the present time there are only 339 lodges whose warrants carry us back to the date of Union, 126 of which belonged to the Athol section, which was gradually becoming more and more numerous. It was therefore a great act of wisdom on the part of Grand Lodge to effect a reconciliation, and the greatest proof of that wisdom is seen in the vast increase of Masonry since that date. The Revival, the Schism, and the Reunion may well be called important epochs in Masonry. I have briefly touched on three epochs—the Revival, Schism, and Reunion. They have been repeated since then, and the lessons they teach must never be forgotten. There has been a revival of Masonry in many directions. There have been at times schisms in provinces and in lodges, resulting as schism ever must—in weakness and loss of prestige. There have been reunions—restoring prestige and power. It is the old story of the bundle of sticks—united no one can break it, but each taken by itself is soon broken. What greater proof of union can we have, W.M., than such a lodge as this over which you so ably preside? What pleasanter reunions can we have than such meetings as this, when those separated by distance from each other can from time to time meet together within its walls to cement their Masonic fellowship, and go forth stronger in truth, in prudence, and in virtue?



Those who have read—and who is there who has not read?—Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's slave story, must feel interested at seeing it the subject of a dramatic work. Miss Hawthorne, in arrangement with an American Company, has put on her stage at the Princess's a piece entitled "Uncle Tom's Cabin," wherein the hair-breadth escapes of George and Eliza Harris, the suffering of poor old Uncle Tom, the villainies of Legree, the crass ignorance of Topsy, the love of little Eva, and the general doings of slaves on a Mississippi plantation, are depicted in all their reality as they once were. Of course in the playbill many portions of the book are not represented, but there is enough to recognise the old familiar book, and to amuse everyone for a whole evening, though it would be impossible to say that the performance takes the character of an intellectual entertainment.

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Mr. Buchanan's "Fascination," recently produced at the ill-fated Novelty, has now been transferred to the Vaudeville, the cast being entirely new, with the exception of Miss Harriet Jay, who plays the chief part, and is responsible for a share in the writing of the play. It is well to call it an "improbable" comedy; this word ought to be printed in large letters on the play-bills, so that the audience may sit down expecting to see something which they know cannot happen. It is its improbability which makes us doubt, however clever otherwise the piece may be, whether it can hope to hold the boards long. Would it not have been better to have termed it straight away an impossible comedy? And yet there is much that is striking in "Fascination," and we will even say fascinating, but it is so jumbled up that one rises at the end partially dissatisfied. We thought it would make either a good strong comedy or a screaming farce had it been put in other hands; now it is neither fish, flesh, fowl, or good red herring. Lady Madge Slashton is engaged to Lord Islay, but has reason to believe he is not true to her. She disguises herself in man's attire and meets her swain in the house of Mrs. Delamere, an adventuress. Lady Madge, who passes herself off as young Marlowe, just back from Jamaica, is not recognised by Lord Islay, although she is by the Rev. Mr. Colley, the curate of her parish, in the country. This is certainly improbable, as are also Marlowe's influence over Mrs. Delamere and his conduct to the guests. Count Le Grange wishes to win Lady Madge, and schemes with Mrs. Delamere, making the latter, by supplying her with money, promise to get from Islay a ring which Lady Madge has given her lover. Mrs. Delamere, on the pretence of borrowing the ring where-with to seal a letter, puts it on her own finger, and when Lord Islay denounces her as a thief before the company she persuades them that he gave her the ring. We will only add that Islay returns to his old love, not having, after all, being so treacherous as she thought, but having been like many other men, through the fascination of a bad woman, under some spell, which he throws off when a good woman comes to the rescue. Miss Harriet Jay is Lady Madge Slashton, and plays the part with much skill. Miss Vane, who is the adventuress, looks very fine, and never descends to any coarseness. In other hands this might be made obnoxious to the audience, but Miss Vane deserves

all praise for her careful playing. Bro. Thos. Thorne is the Rev. Mr. Colley, a part which he makes entirely amusing, without at the same time degrading the office, although we hope there are not many such curates as Mr. Colley. Bro. H. B. Conway is the Lord Islay, but he seems frightened at the part he has to play. Bro. Conway could not play badly, but we have never seen him act so unsatisfactorily. Mrs. Canninge has, as the Duchess of Hurlingham, very little—too little—scope for her sourness of speech. Bro. Fred Thorne, as the Duke, does a very good bit of character acting. Mr. Scott Buist makes a manly and healthy Lord Jack Slashton. "Fascination" is a play we are very glad to have seen, there is so much that is fascinating in it, yet we do not know that we could recommend a friend to go and see it, yet its very improbability may be its success, for if one goes to the Vaudeville expecting to see that which cannot be, one must be interested.

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"A Scrap of Paper," which will last to all time, has been revived at St. James's, and is likely to be one of the most popular of the series of plays with which the partnership between Messrs. Hare and Kendal during the next few months is to close. Mr. Palgrave Simpson has adapted M. Sardou's comedy to suit English tastes to a nicety. Wherever and whenever it is played it is welcomed, but nowhere with such zest as at the St. James's Theatre. The story is so familiar to every play-goer that we shall not weary our readers with a recapitulation. It would be difficult to mention a character so admirably suited to Mrs. Kendal as her present rôle of Susan Hartley, not even her Lady Clancarty, which we all know is the perfection of acting. She seems to revel in the part, never missing a point, and illustrating with faithfulness the diplomatic woman the author intended. Bro. Kendal's Colonel Blake is even a more finished study than we have been accustomed to at the hands of this popular actor. We have had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Kendal in this character on several occasions, but have not enjoyed it before so much as we do now. His make up is admirable, and in the scenes, particularly with Archie and Susan Hartley, in the second act, Bro. Kendal seemed to surpass all previous experiences. Mr. Hare, as the beetle-hunter, whose proceedings contribute largely and give a new impetus to the ever-green comedy, plays with great force and humour. As a type of "old men," Mr. Hare is unsurpassable. He has scored many successes, but none greater than his Dr. Penguin. Mrs. Beerbohm Tree now plays Lady Ingram with a rendering quite her own, and, considering the part does not afford great scope, it is all the more creditable to Mrs. Tree for achieving so much success. Her gowns are the admiration of the fair sex. We liked Miss Blanche Horlock as Lucy Franklin much better than in her character in "Lady Clancarty." She makes an extremely pretty and graceful lover of Archie Hamilton, excellently rendered by Mr. Burleigh. Mr. Waring's Sir John Ingram is another careful study; whilst dear old Mrs. Gaston Murray as Mrs. Penguin again delights everyone with her highly-finished acting. For the following reasons, we venture to say it is almost imperative for every one who goes to a theatre not to fail a speedy visit to the St. James's. 1. This is the last season of the Hare and Kendal management. 2. "A Scrap of Paper" and other revivals can never be played again by a more highly-talented company. 3. Mr. Hare returns to the stage from which he has been far too long absent. 4. Mrs. Kendal is seen in one of her very best comedy parts, in which she always keeps touch with her audience. 5. Bro. W. H. Kendal is in nothing more at home than in his Colonel Blake. 6. The cast all round is so efficient that it cannot ever be better. 7. The stage mounting is so superb that one might fancy the run of the piece was for a whole season. 8. The play is so pure that no one need hesitate for a moment taking the most innocent to see it. 9. Having been present at a performance, one goes away more than satisfied.

Obituary.

BRO. GRIFFITHS SMITH, P.A.G.D.C.

Very general regret will be felt at the death of Bro. Griffiths Smith, who during the greater part of the period he was associated with Masonry played a conspicuous part in the conduct of its affairs. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, on the 27th July, 1863, and in 1872 filled the chair as Master, and represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards. He was a member of the Fitzroy Lodge from 1870 to 1880, and its W.M. in 1875, and, having joined the Grand Stewards' Lodge in 1872, would, no doubt, have presided over it as W.M. had his life been prolonged. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, on 28th January, 1868, and was installed First Principal in 1875, in which year also he served as a Special Steward at the installation, in the Royal Albert Hall, of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. In 1884 he was rewarded with the collar of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and a few days later was appointed 3rd Grand Std. Br. of Supreme Grand Chapter. He was a member of the Board of General Purposes, and one of its Finance Committee from 1872 to 1875; was appointed Vice-President of the Colonial Board in 1876, and retained the office for several years, and for some five years was an elected member of the Board of Benevolence. His labours in connection with the Committees of several Charitable Institutions had been also very considerable, while as a contributor towards their funds he may be said to have stood in the first rank, being a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School, for which he had served 10 Stewardships, a Life Governor and Past Steward of the Boys' School, and a Life Governor and Past Steward, as well as a former member of the Committee of Management, of the Benevolent Institution. He had also constituted Mrs. Griffiths Smith a Vice-Patron, and two of his daughters Life Governors of the Girls' School. In short, the 25 years of his Masonic career were spent in the loyal discharge of his obligations to the Craft, and, though his place will know him no longer, the record of his devoted services will remain.

BRO. HERBERT CUFF.

We regret to record the death, at the age of 39, of Bro. Herbert Cuff from cancer of the tongue. Our deceased brother was a P.M. of the Panmure Lodge, No. 715, and P.Z. of the Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.



Bro. Joseph Renals, J.W. Aldersgate Lodge, has been unanimously elected Alderman for the Ward of Aldersgate in succession to Bro. Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., was present at the opening session, on Monday, of the Cymmrodorion Society, and delivered a long and interesting lecture "On the Eisteddfod and its Critics," in the course of which he dwelt in eloquent terms on the past struggles of Welsh literature, the inclination of the Welsh youth towards learning, and the fostering influence so admirably exercised by the Eisteddfod. The lecture was listened to with the utmost attention throughout, and on the motion of Bro. G. A. Sala, a vote of thanks was passed unanimously to Bro. Parkinson for his excellent address.

The third annual ball of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, will be held on the 2nd of March at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge.

Bro. Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill arrived in Paris from Berlin on Saturday evening last, and were expected to return to London after a stay of a few days in the French Capital.

The Empress of Germany has presented to the Red Cross Association the sum of 6000 marks, and also three gold and nine silver medals bearing her Imperial Majesty's effigy, in order to promote its interests.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales has been gazetted an honorary Lieutenant of the Royal Naval Reserve, his Royal Highness's commission bearing date the 28th Nov., 1887.

The Prince of Wales having returned to town from Sandringham, left Victoria Station, by the London, Brighton, and South Coast train, on Tuesday afternoon for Portsmouth, en route to Osborne on a visit to the Queen.

Bro. Col. Edis presided at the annual dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, of the South St. Pancras Conservative Association, Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., being one of the principal guests.

The Windsor Town Council resolved at their meeting on Tuesday evening to celebrate the silver wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales in a manner worthy of the Royal borough, and the Mayor intends giving a grand ball at the Guildhall in honour of the event.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting of the Court of Aldermen at the Guildhall, on the 27th ult., when a resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Sir Robert Carden, Bart., and of regret at the loss sustained by the City through his death, was passed unanimously.

The State banquet which was held at Sydney last week, in celebration of the centenary of New South Wales, was attended by the Governor and Prime Ministers of all the Australasian Colonies, and also by Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, who made one of the most interesting and eloquent speeches on the occasion.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Marlborough House from Sandringham on the 26th ult., and having attended the meeting of the Imperial Institute Committee on Friday, and that of the Standing Committee of the Trustees of the British Museum on Saturday, returned to Sandringham in the evening of the latter day.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., who has lately resigned office as one of the Lords of the Admiralty, addressed a meeting of the electors of East Marylebone in St. Andrew's Hall, Newman-street, on Thursday, the 26th ult. Bro. Gen. Sir W. Fitz-Wygram, M.P., presided, and among those present were Bros. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and Sir H. Keppel, G.C.B.

Dr. Barnardo entertained at supper at the Edinburgh Castle, off Mile End-road, on Tuesday evening, upwards of 2000 of the factory girls employed in the jam, rope, jute, match, and other factories at the East-end of London, the boys in Dr. Barnardo's Homes furnishing an excellent band, whose performances were loudly applauded.

Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., presided at the half-yearly general meeting of the proprietors of the South-Eastern Railway, held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 26th ult. The motion for the adoption of the report was made by the chairman, seconded by Bro. Lord Brabourne, and carried by a large majority. Bro. Lord Hothfield was one of the re-appointed directors.

Bro. Lord Magheramorne presided at the usual weekly meeting on the 27th ult., of the Metropolitan Board of Works, when Bro. Jubal Webb drew attention to the fact that men dressed as firemen were going about London and inviting subscriptions towards the Fire Brigade. It was stated, in reply, that one of these sham firemen had been convicted, and people were cautioned against giving them money.

FIELD-LANE BOYS' SCHOOL.—The annual meeting, entertainment, and prize distribution took place on Saturday at the Field-lane Boys' Home and Industrial School, West Hampstead. The institution, which is in connection with the Field-lane refuges, ragged schools, &c., is a certified industrial school, and at the present time contains 106 boys, detained under magistrates' orders, who, in addition to receiving a good elementary education, are trained in tailoring, shoemaking, baking, &c. After the boys had enjoyed a bountiful repast, a meeting was held, under the presidency of Mr. B. Worsley Chandler, at which there was a large gathering of friends. An excellent entertainment of music and recitations was given by the boys, under the direction of the able superintendent, Mr. G. T. Peall. The boys' military band also played a selection of music. At the close of this entertainment the Chairman gave an interesting account of the work of the home. Saturday evenings social meetings are held, consisting of music, &c., for the poor of the neighbourhood. These meetings are got up and arranged by the energetic and devoted Secretary, Peregrine Platt.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 8th inst., when the lists of candidates for the May election will be settled, and the number of vacancies to be filled will be declared.

Bro. the Earl of Crawford will move the Address in the House of Lords, in reply to the Queen's Speech, at the opening of Parliament on Thursday next, the 9th inst.

Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Bury and their family will return to town for the season on Tuesday next, the 7th inst.

Bro. Lord Eustace Cecil, who with his son has been making an extended tour in the United States and Japan, is expected to arrive in India, after visiting China, some time during the current month.

Bro. Joseph Davenport Elliott Tarr was installed W.M. of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 28th ult., in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of the Craft.

Bro. J. L. Toole, who had been laid up at his house for a fortnight with a severe attack of gout, has, we are glad to say, recovered somewhat, and has been able to leave his room.

At the dinner held on Monday (Grand Day in Hilary Term) in Middle Temple Hall, the principal guests included Bros. S. Pope, Q.C., M. Lloyd, Q.C., C. L. Webb, Q.C., Ambrose, Q.C., M.P., C. Hall, Q.C., M.P., and others.

The Corporation of London have selected the model in silver of the Imperial Institute, which it is intended to present to the Princess of Wales on the occasion of the 25th anniversary on the 10th March of her Royal Highness's marriage with the Prince of Wales.

On the 16th November last Vancouver Quadra Lodge, No. 2, British Columbia, presented Bro. Oppenheimer with a Past Master's jewel set in diamonds, the presentation being made by Bro. Eli Harrison, Past Grand Master of British Columbia.

Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., presided at the ordinary half-yearly general meeting of the shareholders of the Metropolitan Railway Company, held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 27th ult. The directors' report was adopted.

We are glad to hear that the work of restoring Queen Eleanor's Cross at Waltham has been taken in hand, the heavier stones having been already carved, and the workmen being engaged in placing them in their proper positions.

Bro. Sir Henry Halford, Bart., C.B., Colonel of the 1st Leicestershire Rifle Volunteers, and Captain of the English eight at Wimbledon, has resigned his membership on the Committee of Magazine Rifles for the British Army in consequence of having identified himself with the manufacture of Magazine arms.

Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie reached San Remo between 6 and 7 p.m. on Sunday evening last, and after seeing his illustrious patient the Crown Prince of Germany, expressed himself satisfied with the Prince's general health, and the appearance of the throat.

Bro. E. S. Elliott, M.W.G.M. Wisconsin, solemnly dedicated the new Masonic Halls at Watertown and Bay View, on the 2nd and 26th November last respectively. On each occasion Bro. Elliott was ably assisted by his Grand Officers, and there was a large attendance of brethren present to witness the ceremony.

The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting at Marlborough House on Friday, the 27th ult., of the Organising Committee of the Imperial Institute, among the members present being Bros. Lord Herschell, the Earl of Fife, the Lord Mayor, Sir P. Abel (organising Secretary), and Sir Somers Vane (Assistant Secretary).

The concert and entertainment which took place at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 26th ult., in aid of the sufferers by the fire at the Grand Theatre, Islington, and at which Bro. Lionel Brough presided, was announced as yielding upwards of £140 to the fund. The concert was given under the auspices of the Coventry Club, and the programme was a most attractive one.

Under the new arrangements at the War Office, Bro. Major-General Sir Redvers Buller will have charge of a department under the Quarter-Master General entrusted with part of the duties lately carried on by the Adjutant General's Department, and partly by that of the late Surveyor-General of the Ordnance—Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote.

Bro. Baron H. De Worms, M.P., and the Baroness De Worms were entertained at dinner at Brussels by the King and Queen of the Belgians, the Count and Countess of Flanders, Lord Vivian, the English Minister, and Lady Vivian being among the guests on the occasion. The Baron left for the Hague on Sunday, and, after re-visiting Brussels to attend a Court ball, on Wednesday proceeded to Berlin.

We made our annual pilgrimage to the Standard in Bishopsgate-street to witness Bro. Douglass' pantomime, which we found boiling over with topical allusions, vented forth by popular Jenny Lee (Jo), who nightly slays the giant. Bro. Douglass—who, by the way, is the Master of the Strand Lodge, and P.M. of the Royal Savoy—will, we hope, revive some of his recent successes in the drama. "A Dark Secret," originally produced at the Standard, has, in America, taken on to such an extent that its receipts beat everything on record; even Bro. Irving has to bow to this. "The Silver Wedding," another of Bro. Douglass' dramas, in collaboration with Bro. James Willing, ought to be brought before the public again.

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 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 control excessive action.—ADVT.

The Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, Bro. R. J. Rastrick, W.M., P.G. Treas., will give a Masonic Ball on Wednesday, the 14th March, in aid of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Educational and Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Col. Duncan, C.B., M.P., will second the address in the House of Commons in reply to the Queen's speech on Thursday next, the 9th inst.

Up to the end of 1886, New South Wales had raised £36,459,138 worth of gold, nearly £600,000 of silver, over £18,000,000 of coal, £1,000,000 of shale, £7,500,000 of tin, and £5,000,000 of copper.

Eiffel's Tower—the Parisian Tower of Babel—is progressing. The four girders have been put into place, and the structure now rests on a solid basis, which will enable it to defy wind and storm.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Woolf, our newly-appointed Minister to the Shah of Persia, will leave England in about a fortnight's time for Constantinople, whence he will continue his journey to Teheran.

Miss Emily Foxcroft, daughter of Bro. W. M. Foxcroft, P.M. 177, W.M. 2063, P.A.G.D.C. Essex, during this week sang at the Mercers' and Fishmongers' Companies' Court Dinners, charming her hearers by her delightful vocalisation.

It is understood that the Court will move from Osborne to Windsor Castle about the 14th instant, and that her Majesty will visit the Metropolis on the 23rd, and remain till Saturday, the 25th instant. Next month, it is believed, the Queen will visit the Riviera.

A MUNIFICENT GIFT.—Mr. T. Dyer Edwardes has given a donation of £1000 towards the reduction of the heavy mortgage debt on the Chelsea Hospital for Women. The Board of Management still owe £4000 under the mortgage, and it is to be hoped that other donors will follow Mr. Dyer Edwardes' munificent example.

The marriage of Mr. Walter James Everett second son of Bro. George Everett, of Clapham, and Miss Mary Hyde, eldest daughter of Mr. S. H. Hyde, the popular Secretary of the Kempton Park Company, was solemnised yesterday at the parish church of Sudbury-on-Thames.

We regret to hear of the death, on Saturday last, after only a few days illness, from congestion of the lungs, of Bro. A. H. Strong, W.M. of the Royal Commemoration Lodge. The funeral was appointed to take place at West Brompton Cemetery, on Thursday, and many members of the Royal Commemoration and Dalhousie Lodges proposed to attend and pay the last tribute of respect to our deceased brother.

The first batch of allotments of the 1000 £6 per cent. Mortgage Debentures of £100 each, which the Directors of the Cheddar Railway, Mineral, and Land Company (Limited), are in course of issuing, have been sent out already; and as the Bill for the construction of the railway has satisfied the Standing Orders of Parliament, it is expected that the Contractors will commence their operations next week.

We are reminded by Bro. Frank Tayler, W.M. of the John Carpenter Lodge, No. 1997, that his lodge was consecrated in 1883, and is composed entirely of Old Scholars from the City of London School, so that we were not strictly accurate in our suggestion last week that the Old Westminster's Lodge, No. 2233, which was consecrated a few days since, was the first which had been established exclusively for brethren educated at a particular public school.

We are pleased to hear that Geo. Dumbleton is one of the successful candidates for "Bancroft" Scholarships, which entitles him to board, clothes, and education till he reaches the age of 16 or 17. He is a scholar of Southwark Park Schools (Head Master, Bro. R. Greenwood, P.M. 1641; Class Teacher, Bro. C. Woods, 1869). Other successes in the same class during the past year have been as follows: G. Berridge, A. Marshall, G. Spencer, F. Lemmon, and F. Partridge, each a "Mitchell" Scholarship, tenable at Cowper-street Schools. W. Andrews also gained a prize of £5 from Dame Ann Bacon's Charity.

We are very sorry to hear that the G. Treasurer, Bro. Richard Eve, met with an accident on Tuesday which has been of sufficient importance to necessitate his keeping to his room at the National Liberal Club, whence he was on the point of returning to Aldershot. On Sunday last he slipped when crossing a street and strained one of the muscles of his leg, and on Tuesday, on leaving Bro. Zacharie's house where he had been dining, he again slipped in descending the stairs, and on his being conveyed to his club in a cab it was found he had snapped one of the tendons near the femoral artery. However, he hopes to be able to leave his room early next week, and in the meantime will be pleased at any of his friends calling and helping him to wile away his time pleasantly.

Bro. H. E. Cousans, P.M. 297 and Prov. J.G.W. Lincolnshire, Sheriff of Lincoln for the current year, was presented on Monday week with an illuminated address of congratulation on his appointment as Sheriff of the city of Lincoln, from the staff of the *Lincoln Gazette* and *Times* and the employes in the printing department of the firm. The address was handsomely engrossed on vellum, and the presentation was made by Mr. G. W. Critch, one of the compositors, who alluded to the harmonious terms that had always prevailed between Bro. Cousans and his subordinates. The gift was suitably acknowledged by our worthy brother.

We are sincerely grieved to hear of the death at Brighton on the 18th ult., of Bro. Dr. J. C. L. Marsh, who had graduated as Doctor of Medicine at the University of Aberdeen, was a member of the Royal College of Physicians of England, and had practised in Nottingham for 23 years. The deceased, who had attained the age of 64 years, while in Nottingham took a very active part in Freemasonry, and subsequently on his retirement took part with the late Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson in founding the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, No. 1464, Greenhithe. He was the founder of the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain, but for the last three years Bro. Dr. Marsh had been in failing health, and though he went to live at Brighton in 1886 he gradually sank and died as stated, the funeral taking place at the Hove Cemetery on the 24th ult.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, February 11, 1888.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hotel.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1949, Brixton, Acre Lane, Brixton.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, S.E., 7.30.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel.
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern.
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.
" 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.
" 1731, Cholmeley, 8, Air-street.
" 1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1996, Priory of Acton, Assembly Rooms, Acton.
" 2020, St. Botolph, Albion Tavern.
Chap. 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
" 1704, Cable, Cannon-street Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Ceborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
Hammersmith, The Baths, Blacks-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W., 7.
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. [E.C., 7.
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Rope-maker-st., Moorgate-st.,
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E., at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-road.
" 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-street.
" 1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, Woolwich.
" 1693, Kingsland, Railway Hotel, Highbury.
" 2150, Tivoli, Tivoli Restaurant, Strand.
" 2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
Mark 236, Clapton, 191, Bishopsgate-street.
" 315, Henniker, 8A, Red Lion-square.
" 350, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 355, Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-st., Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hot., Croydon, at 7.45.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Emulation, Bull Hot., Dartford, 8.30.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.

Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 13, Union Waterloo, William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-road.
" 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.
" 1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1503, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood.
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
" 1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
" 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.
" 2183, Royal Hampton Court, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

Chap. 857, St Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion, Piccadilly.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, at 8.
Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.
" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 238, Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
" 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.
" 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1598, Lay Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue.
" 1708, Plunkett, Bald Faced Stag, E. Finchley.
" 1791, Creaton, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.
" 1987, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham.
Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
" 331, Davison, 8A, Red Lion-square.
K.T. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, 6.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creaton, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st., City, E.C., at 7.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.

Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Mason's-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Northampton House, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
" 1659, New Cross, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Hotel.
" 2000, Earl of Mornington, 8A, Red Lion-sq.
" 2157, St. Mark's College, Victoria Mansions Restaurant Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.
K.T. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane, at 7.30.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., 6.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E., at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Robert Burns, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., at 8.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
St. John's, York and Albany Ho., Regent's Park, N.W., 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-rd., S.W., 7.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
Royal Savoy, Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hotel.
" 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel.
" 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch-st.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
Chap. 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.

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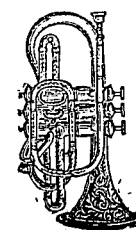
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