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The Boys' School.
A CASE of indiscipline has recently occurred at our Boys' School, and the House Committee, by virtue of the authority entrusted to it, has punished the delinquent. But a difference of opinion appears to have arisen between the friends of the boy inculpated and the Committee as to the punishment inflicted, the former going so far as to insist that their youthful relative shall be restored to his old footing in the School. We must take the liberty of pointing out, however, that no institution can be efficiently conducted in which the law, as laid down by the Governing Powers, is not respected, and that the determination of what constitutes an infraction of the law so prescribed, as well as the nature and extent of the punishment which every such infraction demands, rests, not with the friends of the delinquent pupil, but with the said Governing Powers. Perhaps, when this comes to be recognised by the friends and relations of the boy in question, there will be an end put to the annoyance to which the House Committee has been subjected; but if it should prove otherwise, we venture to say, from our knowledge of what has passed, that the Committee will receive not only the sympathy, but likewise the support, of the general body of Governors and Subscribers in their resolution to maintain their authority.

The R.M. Benevolent Institution.
A REFERENCE to our report of the meeting of the Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution will show that, so far as the candidates and vacancies are concerned, the position of affairs is substantially unchanged since our article of the 21st January was written. The lists of the former have been formally settled, the number of applicants for male annuities being 67, and of those for female annuities being 64, making a total of 131, while the vacancies on the Male Fund are 16, and seven on the Female Fund, inclusive in each case of the three deferred, which the Committee are empowered to fill up as they occur, without further ballot. This gives a total of 17 immediate vacancies, as against the 15 available in January, two male annuitants having died in the interim, but the Committee has not felt itself justified, in view of the financial prospects for the year, in recommending any augmentation of numbers in the case of either fund. As regards the approaching Festival, there has been during the week a slight—a very slight—improvement; the number of Stewards having been increased to 235, or 240, so that, if the same rate of progress is maintained till the end of the month, we may reasonably calculate on a Board of 250 members, or about 140 less than it was for the Festival of last year. It must be admitted that this is not very encouraging. Close upon £15,000, irrespective of the permanent income, must be raised somehow, and however energetically the brethren who have given their services may work, it is hoping against hope to expect of them that they will succeed in raising so large a sum. Possibly, however, there are still some London lodges, and some of the provinces, which usually send up Stewards, but as yet are unrepresented, which even at the eleventh hour may appreciate the deep earnestness of Bro. Terry's appeal for more Stewards, and bring themselves to recognise the wholesome truth that a little help is better than none, and that by giving this help which is so sorely needed, they will preserve their character for regularity, as well as for the generosity of their contributions. If so, we trust they will furnish some representative instantly; a good deal may be achieved in a fortnight when a Steward throws his heart into the work. But if no more Stewards shall be forthcoming in response to this suggestion, let us hope that the Board, as constituted, will make up for its comparative paucity of numbers by additional exertions, so that, to use a familiar phrase, it may be found, when the day arrives, and with it the announcement of the lists, that, considering the relative strength of different Boards, the record has been beaten.

Proposed Masonic Library and Museum for W. Yorks.
THE zealous and genial PROV. GRAND MASTER of West Yorkshire has soon followed the lead of the Province of Worcester in providing means for the study of the History of Freemasonry, or at all events, is in a fair way of doing so. We understand that circulars are to be issued inviting the co-operation of that large Province in providing a "Masonic Library and Museum," and a suitable room

has been furnished at Wakefield for the purpose. To decide is to do with R.W. Bro. T. W. TEW, and with the scheme he has also identified his able Deputy, Bro. HENRY SMITH, so that success may be said to be assured. Doubtless it will be urged that much depends upon the character and competency of the active officer or officers. Certainly! The premises selected adjoins the Prov. Grand Secretary's Office, and the Honorary Librarian and Curator appointed *ad interim*, is Bro. WILLIAM WATSON of Leeds, of whom it may truly be said, that were the whole province searched, it would be impossible to find a brother more conversant with the duties of such an honourable position, or more anxious to make the scheme the great success it deserves to attain.

Grand Lodge of Scotland.
THE Regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 2nd instant. The business transacted was not very important or protracted, the election of 13 brethren to serve on the Grand Committee, from a list of 20 nominated, being the most important of the proceedings. However, our columns are so crowded this week that we find ourselves, greatly to our regret, compelled to hold over our report till next week.

Masonry and Teetotalism.
ACCORDING to the *Voice of Masonry*, the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, U.S.A., has joined the Masonic temperance movement, which is zealously promoted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri and other bodies. We trust this does not mean that the Grand Lodges referred to have undertaken the rôle of teetotal advocates, and are going about denouncing brethren who sell or drink wine, beer, or spirits. We are as urgent in our support of temperance, which is one of the chiefest of the Masonic virtues, as any Grand Lodge can desire, but it is our duty to point out that it does not come within the prescribed purpose of Freemasonry to go about advocating teetotalism or any other popular movement of the day. Masonry has nothing to do with the tastes or inclinations, if temperately exercised, of individual members, any more than it has with their religious or political opinions, and the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory will be exceeding its powers if it adopts the teetotal movement as part of its regular duty.

THE SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, No. 2190.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. SIR SOMERS VINE AS W.M.

An unusual interest was attached to the installation ceremony of the Savage Club Lodge at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday by the presence of a number of the most distinguished members of the Craft. Bro. Sir Somers Vine, the W.M. for the ensuing year, may well congratulate himself on the brilliant assemblage which surrounded him both during the ceremony and at the banquet which followed. Few lodges have attained such a degree of popularity in the first year of their existence as the Savage Club Lodge, which has just reached its anniversary, and already numbers upwards of sixty members, all of whom belong to the well-known Club from which it takes its name. After the routine business was over, an imposing procession of members of Grand Lodge entered, including the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M. of Eng.; the Earl of Londesborough, P.G.W.; Thomas Fenn, Pres. of the Board of Gen. Purps.; and Bros. Stewart, Bowyer, C. F. Matier, Dr. T. Pigott, Frank Richardson, F. H. Gottlieb, J. H. Matthews, and others.

A very hearty Masonic reception, fully in keeping with their exalted Degrees, was given to the brethren of Grand Lodge as they slowly made their way up the floor of the lodge, preceded by Bro. Edward Terry, as D.C., who was absolutely ablaze with jewels.

Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, then proceeded with the ceremony of installing the new W.M., and it is perhaps unnecessary to add that he performed this function in a manner that made a deep impression on the younger brethren present, many of whom have only been initiated during the past twelve months. When the W.M. had been duly installed, he at once appointed the officers of the lodge for the current year. The following brethren were invested in the usual order: Bros. Thomas Catling, S.W.; W. E. Chapman, J.W.; Edward Terry, Treas.; P. T. Duffy, Sec.; Thomas Burnside, S.D.; Walter J. Ebbetts, J.D.; W. J. Fisher, I.G.; J. D. Beveridge, D.C.; Harry Nicholls, Org.; and W. M. Terrott, John Northcott, and P. Soman, Stwds. Bro. Henry Walsham the other Steward, was not able to be present owing to a provincial engagement. In each case the W.M. made graceful allusions to the services which these brethren had already rendered in establishing the lodge on such a successful basis.

When the newly appointed officers had each assumed his proper place,

the Worshipful Master announced that the lodge had been honoured by a magnificent presentation from the Grand Master, in the shape of a solid ivory Master's gavel, which possesses a remarkable historical interest, owing to the fact that it was used by the Queen in laying the foundation-stone of the Imperial Institute. In the head of the gavel is inserted a silver plate bearing the following inscription: "This Master's gavel, used by her Majesty Queen Victoria in laying the foundation-stone of the Imperial Institute (the Jubilee Memorial of the Queen's reign), on July 4th, 1887, was presented to the Savage Club Lodge (No. 2190), of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order, and Honorary Member of the Lodge, 1888.—Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, W.M.; Bro. Thomas Catling, S.W.; Bro. W. E. Chapman, J.W." A resolution was moved by the Worshipful Master and seconded by the Senior Warden, expressive of the most cordial gratitude of the lodge for the valuable presentation, and the Secretary was directed to write to his Royal Highness thanking him, and congratulating him on the anniversary of his approaching silver wedding. Much to the regret of all present, the Worshipful Master next announced that Bro. John Maclean, the acting W.M. of the lodge, was unable, through continued illness, to attend in person to receive the Past Master's jewel that had been voted to him. In the absence of Bro. Maclean, Bro. Tucker, P.M., received the jewel on his behalf. In making the presentation, the Worshipful Master explained that a great deal of work had fallen on the shoulders of the acting W.M., owing to the prolonged absence, through ill health, of the W.M., Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, and every member of the lodge bore grateful testimony to the cheerful labours of Bro. Maclean, whose geniality is as great as his knowledge of the ritual.



BRO. SIR J. R. SOMERS VINE, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

After the closing of the lodge the brethren proceeded to the Grand Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, where they were joined at dinner by a large number of distinguished guests. Amongst those present to support the newly-installed W.M. were:

Bros. the Duke of Abercorn, C.B., Grand Master of Ireland; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England; Lord Herschell, Past G.W.; Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Past G.W.; Sir Francis Knollys, K.C.M.G., Past G.W.; Augustus Harris, W.M. 2127; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg.; Thomas Penn, President of the Board of General Purposes; Stewart, E. Bowyer, C. F. Matier, Dr. T. Pigott, Frank Richardson, F. H. Gottlieb, and J. H. Matthews. The officers of the lodge and their friends included Bros. Thos. Catling, S.W.; W. E. Chapman, J.W.; T. Burnside, S.D.; W. J. Ebbetts, J.D.; Edward Terry, Treas.; P. T. Duffy, Sec.; W. J. Fisher, I.G.; J. D. Beveridge, D. of C.; Harry Nicholls, Org.; W. M. Terrott, J. Northcott, and P. Soman, Stwds.; Horne Payne, O.C.; T. M. Waller, Consul-General U.S.A.; B. Folsom and J. D. Hughes, Consuls U.S.A.; W. H. Pearce, F.R.S., C. B. Birch, A.R.A., Major-General Ford, W. B. Tegetmeier, J. M. Le Sage, W. Senior, J. Drew Gay, David Anderson, James Catling, Louis Lumley, P. L. Simmonds, Heather Bigg, W. J. Cooper, Crauford Wilson, H. Herman, G. Jacobi, H. Bracey, F. Mervin, J. Radcliff, W. L. Barrett, Herbert Campbell, J. Redfern Hollins, E. J. Odell, William Rignold, Richard Temple, Charles Bertram, Herbert Thorndike, W. S. Penley, W. Lestocq, Lee Bapty, Charles Townley, Meyer Lutz, T. Drew, E. Bending, A. Combes, Charles Du Val and others.

During the banquet, which was excellently served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Madell, the energetic manager of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the band of the Grenadier Guards, under the direction of Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, performed the following selection of airs, which greatly relieved the monotony usually attending the early part of large public dinners:—Overture, "Raymond" (Thomas); Ständchen (Schubert); Valse, "La Jeune Vienne" (Fahrback); Fantasia, "The Sultan of Mocha" (Cellier); Part Song, "Good night! beloved" (Pinsuti); Valse, "Tendresse" (Waldteufel); Cornet Solo by Sergeant Knight, "Love's old sweet song" (Molloy); Selection, "Dorothy" (Cellier); Entr'acte, "La Colombe" (Gounod); Valse, "Merlino" (Dan Godfrey, jun.).

In rising to propose the first toast of the evening "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M., Bro. Sir SOMERS VINE, said her Majesty the Queen had no more loyal subjects than the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons, and no more devoted adherents than the members of the Savage Club Lodge and their fraternal visitors. (Cheers.)

The toast having been duly honoured,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said that by the permission of the Deputy Grand Master there would be a longer interval than usual before the next toast was proposed, as several of their professional brethren had to leave early in order to appear before another body of very exacting Savages—the British public. (Laughter.)

Bros. Henry Bracy, Harry Nicholls, Herbert Campbell, G. Jacobi, F. Mervin, Richard Temple, Edward Terry, and others, whose engagements rendered it necessary that they should leave early, then contributed to the programme.



BRO. THOMAS CATLING, SENIOR WARDEN.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in proposing "The M.W. the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past," said—The signal marks of favour which H.R.H. the Grand Master has bestowed upon this lodge gives this toast a peculiar interest and importance. Twelve months ago H.R.H. allowed us to enrol his name as an honorary member of the lodge, and to-day he has given over to our reverent care a highly interesting and historic emblem of the Craft. (Cheers.) H.R.H. has performed great services for the Craft, and I am sure that he has the affection of every member of it. (Cheers.) He is ably seconded by the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. On behalf of the brethren of this lodge I would wish to express our cordial congratulations to him and his august consort on the approach of their silver wedding. (Cheers.)



BRO. W. E. CHAPMAN, JUNIOR WARDEN.

The Earl of LATHOM, in responding, said: I feel deeply honoured, not only in having to return thanks for the toast so kindly proposed by the W. Master, but also for the way in which you have received it. As regards H.R.H. the Grand Master, I am sure that few words are needed from me, for you all know how well he has done his duty, Masonically, as in every other way. (Cheers.) His Royal Highness, I believe, is one of your own members, and therefore you are drinking the health of one of your own members as well as that of the illustrious head of the Craft. As regards the Pro Grand Master, he is well known as having done his duty, Masonically, for many years, and I am glad to see he has carried it with him to the

Antipodes. For my own part, I can say sincerely that one of the pleasantest Masonic gatherings I ever attended has been that at which we are now assembled. I thank you for your kind welcome, and hope it will not be the last time that I shall have the pleasure of visiting you. (Cheers.) With regard to the Grand Officers, I can only say that if all of them do their duty as well as the Grand Secretary has done his to-day, we need have no fear for the prosperity of the Grand Lodge. (Cheers.) As I believe that in this lodge it is criminal to make long speeches, I will only again thank you. (Cheers.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The M.W. the Grand Master of Ireland." He said: I think that we cannot but regard the presence of his Grace the Grand Master of Ireland on this occasion as an event of special interest and importance. (Cheers.) The Duke of Abercorn has performed many services for Freemasonry, and deservedly possesses the esteem of every Freemason throughout the world—(cheers)—and is also held in high esteem generally for his many private and social virtues. It has been my privilege in the past to serve under the noble duke in many matters, and I can honestly say that I know of no one who more combines in his person and qualities the essential attributes which constitute all that is typical of the British gentleman than the Duke of Abercorn. (Cheers.)

The Duke of ABERCORN, in reply, said: I need not say that I most cordially thank you for the way in which you have drunk my health this evening. The Deputy Grand Master has just said that it is criminal to make long speeches, and as I happen to be an Irishman you can well understand that I do not wish to come under the criminal law. (Laughter.) Therefore my observations will be very brief. The reception you have been good enough to give me I take not as a compliment to myself, but as a compliment to the Order over which I have the honour to preside in Ireland—the Irish Freemasons. It shows the cordiality, the friendship, and the brotherly love which you as Masons in this country entertain towards our brethren in Ireland. (Cheers.) I only wish that there should be a little closer Masonic relations between you both. Were it not for that unfortunate silver streak which divides Ireland from England, I am sure you would often have an opportunity of welcoming our Irish brethren over here, and that the hospitality for which our Irish brethren are noted would be in no way inferior to your own. Those who know the warmth and hospitality of the Irish people, their quickness of character, and the brilliancy of their wit, would understand that he felt it a great position to occupy to be Grand Master of the Irish Freemasons. Though a small body in comparison with their English brethren, they are always ready when called upon to perform their Masonic rites and duties. In Dublin we have Masonic entertainments, at which some excellent music is given, and some very good Masonic fun in no way inferior to your own. I only hope that when there may be a great Masonic gathering in Ireland, if any of you happen to be in Ireland, and will communicate with the Grand Secretary in Dublin, we will show you the best hospitality in our power. (Cheers.) You know that we have the Girls' and Boys' Schools in Dublin. Our funds are, of course, not so large as yours, and therefore the Institutions are smaller, but they are in a most flourishing condition. All the girls who were on the list last year were, through a special Jubilee fund, elected. If any of you, brethren, are in Dublin, and will only take the trouble on any Wednesday to pay a visit to the Girls' School at Ball's Bridge, you will be hospitably entertained by the matron, and see about 70 girls there who do credit to Freemasons. As I have said, the Boys' School is also in a flourishing condition. I am especially glad to be present when I see on my left your Worshipful Master, and my very old friend, Sir Somers Vine. (Cheers.) Owing to my long connection with Sir Somers Vine, I am fully aware of the esteem in which he is held. (Cheers.) I have been lately residing in Ireland in a quiet and unostentatious way, and coming to this magnificent banquet it has an effect upon me somewhat of a child in a theatre when the curtain is raised before the transformation scene. Having, as I say, lived in peace and quietness in Ireland, I come over and see this magnificent scene. I understand that you have been entertaining a king and queen (a playful reference to Bros. Herbert Campbell and Harry Nicholls, who represent the king and queen in Bro. Augustus Harris's brilliant pantomime of "Puss in Boots" at Drury Lane Theatre), who have had to leave us in order to take their places on their thrones in another place. You who live in England are very much interested in what you read in the Irish papers, and I am very much interested in what I read in the English papers. An event has recently occurred which has filled me with great interest and sympathy—that is the sad story which has deprived you lately of one of your members—a member of the lodge who was beloved and respected by you all, who went to a foreign country and never returned. That sad event has filled me with the greatest amount of sympathy, and the great anxiety and earnestness which not only the brethren of this lodge, but the members of the Savage Club, entertained with respect to his fate showed the regard which was felt for him. I did not know him, but if he had any part in arranging the order in which this lodge is now conducted, I have not only to congratulate you on the present condition of the lodge, but to deeply lament his loss. (Cheers.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "Success to the Savage Club Lodge," said: Twelve months ago we commenced our career with the resolve—not without some misgiving, and with all due deference to the rules of the Order—that we would restrict the members of the lodge—the initial membership—to members of the Savage Club. The result has far exceeded our most sanguine expectations. (Cheers.) If we include those whose names were announced to-day as joining members, we have a roll of 60 members, all of whom are able to claim one another, not only as brother Masons, but as brother Savages. (Cheers.) It is a great pleasure to me to be able to say that Charity, the foremost principle of the Order, has not been forgotten by us. We have established, and I hope on a permanent basis, a Benevolent Fund for

the relief of distressed brethren who may, unfortunately, light upon evil times. We have also joyfully contributed to the National Memorial of the Queen's Jubilee, and have in many directions evinced sympathy with objects which have commended themselves to the feelings of the brethren as Masons and as men. I am pleased to state that in addition to this we have cleared off our liabilities, and are in the happy position of having a balance at our bankers. (Cheers.) This, I hope, will be taken by the Grand Officers as a justification for the foundation of the Savage Club Lodge. (Cheers.) We have had, however, our period of cloud and depression: I refer to the mysterious disappearance and tragic fate of our beloved brother and Secretary. In Archibald McNeill the world has lost a good man, and the Craft a bright example. (Cheers.) His most enduring monument will be the Savage Club Lodge, and as long as it exists his work and his name will never be forgotten. (Cheers.)

After another interval of entertainment,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "Our Visiting Brethren," and said: It has been our good fortune to dispense our hospitality to-night to some very distinguished men and Masons, and there are brethren sitting at this table whose names are household words throughout the country. The compliment paid to Sir Francis Knollys by the Grand Master was regarded as a compliment to this lodge, he being one of our honorary members.

Lord CHARLES BERESFORD, M.P., replied in a few humorous observations, in which he remarked that the lodge was composed of members of the Savage Club, and that everybody who belonged to that Institution must have some merit in him. The fact that one was a member of that Club was a proof that he had some brains, and that he had had to use his brains, and he believed that there was no one belonging to that Club who had not had to use his brains at some time or other in order to make his living. (Cheers.)

Lord HERSCHELL next proposed "The Worshipful Master." He said: I understand that it is against the rules to make anything like a speech on this occasion. Dinner is one of the most excellent institutions which Savages have handed down to modern times, but after dinner speeches are, perhaps, one of the worst products of a mischievous civilisation. (Laughter.) But the toast I have to propose is one that could not be omitted. I have had peculiar opportunities of observing the qualities of your Worshipful Master, and I am able, therefore, to say with the utmost confidence that he possesses marvellous zeal, industry, and energy in anything he undertakes, and that he combines with those active qualities a geniality, kindness, and promptness, which renders him eminently well-fitted for the post of Worshipful Master of a Masonic lodge. (Cheers.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, said: I sincerely hope that the brevity of my acknowledgment of the toast will not be taken as the measure of my gratitude. This is not the first time I have had an opportunity of expressing my indebtedness to the brethren of the Savage Club, and I can say that because every member of the lodge is also a member of the Savage Club. Years ago, when I was in the active practice of the profession, they thought me worthy of a place in their midst, and that position has done very much to help me in my career. I should consider that I was wanting in the qualities which ought to distinguish a grateful man if I did not admit this on every occasion. I will endeavour to repay your kindness by a strict devotion to the duties of the high office to which you have unanimously chosen me. (Cheers.) To my brethren in general I will say that I will strive in the future, as I can honestly assure them I have striven in the past, to fulfil that great qualification which makes a member of the Savage Club welcome all over the civilised world, viz., that of being a good fellow all round. (Cheers.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, again rising after another interval of entertainment, in proposing "The Installing Master," said: We have, as I have said, many distinguished visitors, but I do not know any to whom we are under a greater debt of gratitude than Col. Shadwell Clerke. (Cheers.) From the day the lodge was founded he has been a friend to whom we could go at any moment to seek advice and obtain good counsel. (Cheers.) He has performed many services to this lodge. You will remember the impressive manner in which he performed the consecration ceremony last year, and you have witnessed the excellent manner in which he has carried out the duties of Installing Master to-day. (Cheers.) Col. Shadwell Clerke has many claims upon us, and we have elected him as one of the honorary members of the lodge, and it is only fitting that he should on this occasion have a special toast in his honour. (Cheers.)

Col. SHADWELL CLERKE, in reply, said: I am very grateful to your W.M. for the kind and fraternal feelings which have prompted him to bring my name before you. I also wish to thank the Deputy Grand Master for the flattering manner in which he was good enough to refer to my services to-day. It is my duty and my pleasure to do everything to forward Masonry in every way. When I had the honour of consecrating your lodge last year, I felt that the Savage Club Lodge had a great mine to explore. You have set yourselves to work, and have dug out of that mine a large number of jewels, but I am sure that there are many more precious stones to be unearthed. I congratulate the lodge on the success already attained, and I am sure that under the able and genial Mastership of Sir Somers Vine, whose qualities have been so truly depicted by our distinguished brother, Lord Herschell, the Savage Club Lodge will increase its usefulness and prosperity, and that the day is not far distant when it will take a deservedly high position among the lodges of the Order. I can only assure you that my services in the future—as you have been kind enough to say they have been in the past—will always be at the service and command of the Savage Club Lodge. (Cheers.)

The W.M. next proposed "Our American Brethren," and said: The cosmopolitan character of the Savage Club is renowned throughout the civilised world. It enjoys reciprocal relations with the colonies, and particu-

larly with the United States of America. I make bold to say that if they are all of the same stamp as our Senior Deacon, Tommy Burnside, the more we get of them the better for us. (Cheers.) A good idea of the far-reaching interest attaching to anything connected with the Savage Club is that the proceedings of this banquet are already in print, and before the gaze of people in Australia, America, and India. We have amongst us Bro. T. M. Waller, Consul-General for the United States, and Bro. Folsom, U.S. Consul at Sheffield, and Bro. Hughes, the representative of the United States at Birmingham. (Cheers.)

Bro. BENJAMIN FOLSOM, in reply, said: On behalf of 600,000 American Masons, I beg to return thanks for the compliment which has been paid to them. So far as I can see, American Masonry does not differ in any material degree from English Masonry. Masonry in America has produced from the first President downwards, as Statesmen and Soldiers, the best men we have had in the United States, and I only wish that my friend the late Governor of the great State of Connecticut, who has been sitting beside me to-night, might have responded in the eloquent manner of which he is capable. Whilst, as I have said, the teachings of Freemasonry have produced some of our best men, what I may term a negative result of Masonry is that it has never produced an anarchist or a dynamitard. (Cheers.)

The W.M. next proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and said: I am sure there is no brother who does not regret the absence of Past Masters Sir Francis Truscott and John Maclean, the latter of whom has acted as W.M. in consequence of the indisposition of Sir Francis Truscott. At the time Sir Francis was appointed to the chair, we knew that many causes would prevent his attendance, but Bro. John Maclean, who took rank as one of the grandest Preceptors of the Order, took his place and performed the duties of W.M. in a manner which had earned their undying gratitude as evinced in the presentation awarded him that day. We are a peculiar body as members of the Savage Club, and when we combine together for such an object as Freemasonry I am certain that nothing but satisfaction can be the result of our efforts. I hope the brethren will strive to make the lodge one of the foremost in the Order. Bro. Catling is a man who was born and bred a journalist, and the same may be said of Bro. Chapman. Bros. Burnside, Ebbetts, and Fisher have all attained such positions in their respective professions as entitle them to rank in the front place of it. I am sure that in the officers appointed the lodge have ratified appointments which they are never likely to regret. (Cheers.)

Bro. THOS. CATLING, S.W., in reply, said: When I venture to respond for myself as an officer of the Savage Club Lodge, I must say that I feel deeply grateful to my brother Savages for the honour they have thrust upon me. Shakespeare has told us very happily that some achieve greatness and that others have greatness thrust upon them. No one knows better than our W.M. how much we owe to the kindness of our brother members of the Savage Club Lodge. I shall not be revealing any secret which should not be known when I say that Bros. Chapman and Burnside were the first who broached to me, when walking along the Strand, the idea of the Savage Club Lodge. Little did I think, as a very humble member of the Drury Lane Lodge, what a brilliant future awaited the conversation of that afternoon. When I look around at the entertainment of to-night and reflect that we are honoured by the presence of distinguished Grand Officers—brethren who have given their lives, so to speak, for many years for the good of the Craft—when I listened with delight and pleasure to the exquisite melodies of the band under our distinguished Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, and the entertainment we have been able to offer the brethren since, I cannot but say that all the officers of the Savage Club Lodge are deeply grateful for the assistance they have received on every hand. (Cheers.) You, as W.M., must be aware that we owe to the Savage Club very much of the prestige that has attached to this lodge, and I only trust that in endeavouring to follow out the advice so kindly given us by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke we may be able to say that whilst we are good Savages we will also show that we are good Masons. I think we have done something for a year's work. We have, during a single year of existence, brought into Masonry 20 initiates, amongst whom are men approaching three score years and ten—men distinguished in various walks in life, men who have achieved a name like Bro. Tegetmeier as a naturalist, others distinguished in art like Bro. Birch, or our other initiates, Bro. M. P. Jackson and H. Johnson, the latter of whom designed the menu which has so much amused us for two years in succession. The lodge, therefore, has done something to bring within its bounds those who would not have otherwise been Masons. (Cheers.) In the coming year, as in the past, we shall do our very best to make this lodge one of which every Savage will be proud and every Mason shall say—"It is an acquisition to the order of Freemasonry." (Cheers.)

Bro. W. E. CHAPMAN, J.W., also responded, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Bro. G. Meads officiated as toastmaster.

During the evening a series of special entertainments were given under the able direction of Bro. Charles Townley, when the following programme was carried out:—Quartette, "By Celia's arbour," Bros. H. Plater, R. Hilton, A. James, and H. Lester; song, "Annabel Lee," Bro. H. Bracy; parody of "Queen of my heart," Bro. Harry Nicholls; song, "Did you ever hear a girl say 'No?'" Bro. Herbert Campbell; violin solo, "Fantaisie" (*De Bériot*), Bro. George Jacobi; song, "King gold," Bro. F. Mervin; song, "As in the cup," Bro. R. Temple; recitation, "The Cornish jury," Bro. E. Terry; quartette, "The sycamore shade," Bros. Plater, Hilton, James, and Lester; song, "Killaloe," Bro. Arthur Combes; Natural Magic by Bro. Charles Bertram; flute solo, "Romance and Tarantella," Bro. W. L. Barrett; song, "In felice," Bro. Henry Pyatt;

song, "John Bull," Bro. Louis Paul; recitation, "The viper," Bro. E. J. Odell; recitation, "The old black crow," Bro. W. Rignold; glee, "The mighty conqueror," Bros. Plater, Hilton, James, and Lester; sketch, "How to sing with a bad cold," Bro. C. Townley; song (as encore), "She wanted to be a fairy," Bro. C. Townley; recitation, "Tubul Cain," Bro. Charles DuVal; song, "The dispensary doctor," Bro. A. Combes; recitation, "Bill Jinks," Bro. E. J. Odell; glee, "The chafers," Bros. Plater, Hilton, James, and Lester; recitation, "Christmas carol," Bro. W. Rignold; and flute solo, "Trovatore," Bro. W. L. Barrett.

Amongst the apologies received from brethren unable to be present were the following:—Sir F. Wyatt Truscott wrote to the W.M., on Tuesday: "Dear Sir and Brother,—I regret exceedingly to inform you that through an accident of a severe character which quite disables me from attending to any duties I am absolutely prohibited from being present at the Savage Club Lodge this evening. I need hardly say how great is this deprivation and how keenly it is felt by me." Lord Wolseley, telegraphing from the War Office, afterwards sent the following letter: "Dear Sir Somers Vine,—I am so vexed at being deprived of the pleasure of attending the Installation Banquet of the Savage Club Lodge this evening, but a pressure of official duties on, as it were, the eve of the opening of Parliament, renders it quite impossible for me to do so,—Yours fraternally, WOLSELEY." Sir J. E. Gorst, who had only just returned from Switzerland, found himself detained by official duties at the Foreign Office. Bro. Richard Eve, the Grand Treasurer, sent an apology from the National Liberal Club, in which he said, "I am lying here with my leg in splints, and unable to leave my room." Sir Charles Warren wrote that he "had been looking forward with great pleasure to the evening's entertainment," but was prevented by sudden indisposition.

BLIND LEADERS OF THE BLIND.

It is disheartening to brethren who take an interest in the study of Masonic history, and more especially to those who have contributed in any way towards elucidating the more difficult problems with which all our students are certain to be confronted in the course of their investigations, to find that after all the progress that has been made during the last 15 or 20 years, there are still educated members of our Society who are not unwilling to enact the part of blind leaders of the blind by imparting to others, as unversed as themselves in the works of our later historians, opinions and representations of fact which are known to be worthless. Scarcely a year passes but some knotty point is settled which has hitherto baffled our ablest writers, or some light is thrown upon periods of our history which have been hitherto veiled in obscurity. But though a few may be the wiser for these discoveries, the general body of the Craft ignores them altogether, and the representative of Masonic fiction has as fine a field as ever for the exercise of his imagination. We had an instance of this only the other day, when a learned brother, who is a Past Prov. G. Chaplain of Hants and the Isle of Wight, delivered a lecture on "Three Important Epochs in Freemasonry," in the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, at the Freemasons' Hall, Portsmouth. We have not a word to say against the introductory part of his address. It is no doubt a great advantage attending such lodges as the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, "that lectures may be given and an insight into Masonry obtained which is hardly possible in an ordinary working lodge." We can well believe "that a lodge which consists of P.M.'s of eminence"—provided they possess the requisite knowledge—"will not allow any statements to be made which may appear at variance with the truth." We are of the same opinion as our reverend brother, that "no Masonic student can do otherwise than rejoice in the deepening interest which is now taken in all that concerns the Craft, and that 'without such interest the establishment of such a lodge as the Quatuor Coronati could not have taken place.'" We agree with him also, that occasionally "instead of listening to, and assisting in" our ritual of the several degrees, "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." All this is so admirable that it necessarily intensifies our regret that one who is capable of offering such excellent advice has not been at the pains of observing his own precepts, and that instead of being content, "to sail on the surface of that ocean," he should not have endeavoured to fathom "its depths," which, as he rightly says, "conceal many a pearl of wisdom worth searching for." Had he followed his own counsel before undertaking to give this lecture he would have discovered many a pearl of wisdom of great price, of which it is evident that both he and the "P.M.'s of eminence" he was endeavouring to enlighten were entirely ignorant. Thus, he would have ascertained that whatever may have been the nature of Sir Christopher Wren's connection with Masonry, there is no evidence whatever to show that it was that of a regularly-initiated member, and that whatever may have been his position, as Surveyor-General of Works, towards the Guild of Masons, he was never Grand Master of the Society of Masons in the sense in which the term has been used since 1717. As for Desaguliers, reference to Bro. Gould's works would have shown him that that distinguished brother was not a member of Antiquity, No. 1, but of the old Horn Lodge, the last of the "Four Old Lodges" which set up the Grand Lodge of 1717, and still exists on the roll of United Grand Lodge as the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4; while with reference to the pretty little story he quotes from Dr. Oliver's "Revelations of a Square," about Desaguliers, and the rebuke he is said to have administered to a noble brother who was more vehement than polite in the language he employed, let him class that among the fables, till such time, at all events, as there is forthcoming some evidence of its authenticity. Again, as regards the "admirable pamphlet by Dr. Anderson, called 'A Defence of Masonry,' 1730," whatever attacks this may have been intended as a reply to, it is impossible it can have had anything to do with the Porteous riots, which occurred six years later—in 1736; a little inquiry into what we call profane history would have made this clear. Then as to "The Schism," we do not know what Bro. Sadler, who stoutly maintains that none ever took place, may have to say on this subject, but we take the liberty of pointing out that here, also, our reverend brother has effected an awkward transposition of cause and effect, which might easily have been avoided. He explains its origin to have been in consequence of certain brethren having

been suspended and expelled from Grand Lodge, "the ultimate result" being "that in 1755 Grand Lodge passed unanimously the resolution erasing the lodge 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." Unfortunately for the accuracy of this version, a mere reference to our G. Lodge Calendar will show that Bro. Robert Turner was Grand Master of the so-called "Ancients" in 1753, and that for two years prior to that date their affairs were managed by a Grand Committee, so that whatever may have been the irregularities for which a lodge was punished by erasure in 1755, they can have had nothing to do with the appointment of a schismatic Grand Committee in 1751, or the election of a schismatic Grand Master two years later. There are many other statements in the lecture which are open to criticism. We are sceptical as to the regular Grand Lodge having sacredly observed the Ancient Landmarks, nor is there a tittle of evidence to show that Ramsay was the author of the Royal Arch Degree. The account of the Union between the "Ancient" and "Modern" Societies is also wanting in perspicuity. It is true the Duke of Kent was "elevated to the throne of Grand Master" of the former, and that "the Articles of Union were signed at Kensington Palace," but not a word is said about the consummation of the Union in Freemasons' Hall, and "the elevation" of the Duke of Sussex "to the throne of Grand Master" of United Grand Lodge, our reverend brother's audience in the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation and the readers of his lecture as published in our columns last week being left to infer what they please as to the events which followed the Union, or else that "the elevation of the Duke of Kent to the throne of Grand Master" was in itself the Act of Union between the two Societies. However, it is not necessary we should deal seriatim with all the points referred to by our brother. We cordially accept the statement quoted from the writings of Oliver to the effect that a Mason "must read and meditate, study with care and attention the history and doctrines of the Order, and attend his lodge," &c. But it is our duty to warn him that, in his historical researches, he must give a very wide berth indeed to the Imaginative School of Writers, of whom the late worthy Dr. Oliver was a splendid example, and their well-meant but misleading enthusiasm. Twenty years ago a brother who was desirous of learning something of our history had only such untrustworthy writers to guide him in his labours as Preston, Oliver, and others, and if he got the better of the disastrous effects of their misrepresentations and distortions of fact, it became necessary that, in his quest after the truth, he should rely wholly on his own ability and common sense. But since then there has arisen a different class of writers altogether, men who do not pin their faith to every statement which comes in their way, and who do not consider that the more ingenious they are in fashioning strange theories, the more acceptable are they likely to prove as historians. These men do not content themselves with repeating what others have said. They inquire for themselves, and when they have carefully sifted every particle of evidence they can obtain in favour of or against the so-called facts of Masonic history, they set about formulating opinions as to their merits and will tell you whether they think them credible or incredible. In other words, they adopt precisely the same kind of treatment in their compilation of Masonic history as profane writers do in dealing with profane history, the result being that the fiction which till lately constituted the bulk of our story books, has been rapidly disappearing from its pages. However, old habits die hard, and the reverend author of this lecture on the "Three Important Epochs in Masonry," though actuated by the best of motives, and sincerely anxious to do all in his power to extend the knowledge of Freemasonry has unfortunately reverted to the old style. He takes for granted what others before him have said, and with a full sense of the value of inquiry, as a means by which men may obtain a true knowledge of facts, sees fit to dispense with it altogether in the case of Masonic history. Still, we trust that he will not be deterred from the further pursuit of his purpose as a lecturer by the comparative failure of his first attempt. Let him direct his own inquiries instead of trusting to the inquiries of others and he will soon discover how much truth there is in the Masonic history of bygone days. Just now, and with an audience of eminent P.M.'s, who have derived their inspiration from the same sources as himself, he reminds us of a blind man leading the blind, and if he continues in the same course, the result must sooner or later prove disastrous both to him as leader and them as followers.

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

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

(Continued from page 64.)

Sithence long after when the children of Israel were come into the Land of Behest that is now called amongst us the Country of Jerusalem, King David begunn the Temple that is called Templum Domini and is named of us the Temple of Jerusalem and the Same King David loved well Masons and cherished them much, and gave them good pay, and he gave them the charges and manners as he had learned before given by Ewclid and other charges more that yee shall hear afterwards and after the Decease of King David, SOLOMON that was King David's Sonne finished the Temple that his Father had begunne. And hee sent for Masons into other Countreys and divers lands and gathered them together, so that he had Fourscore thousand of Workers of Stones, and were all named Masons. And hee chose out of them three thousand that were ordained to beee Mastrs. and Governors. And furthermore there was a King of another Region that men called HIRAM and hee loved well King Solomon and hee gave him Timber to his worke, And hee had a Sonne that was called AYNON and hee was a Master of Geometrie and was chiefe Mastr. of all his Masons, and Mastr. of all his graveing and Carveing and of all manner of Masonrye that belonged to the Temple, and this is witnessed in the Bible in libro Regum 5th Cap. And the same Solomon confirmed both charges and the manners that his Father had given to Masons, And thus was that worthy Craft of Masonry confirmed in that Country and in many other Kingdomes. Curious Craftesmen walked about full wide into divers Countreys some because of learning more craft and cuning and some to teach that had but little cuning, and so it befell that there was curious Mason named NAYMUS GRÆCUS that had been at the making of Solomon's Temple and hee came into France and there he taught the Science of Masonrye to men of France. And there was one of Regall lyne of France called Charles Martill and hee was a man that loved that Science and went to this NAYMUS GRÆCUS and learned of him the Science and took upon him the charge and manners, and afterwards by the Grace of God hee was elected to be King of France and when hee was in his Throne hee tooke Masons and did helpe to make men Masons that were none and Sett them to worke and gave them both the charge and the manners and good pay as he had learned of other Masons and confirmed them a Charter from yeare to yeare to hold their Assembly where they would and cherished and encouraged them right much, and thus came the Science to France. England in all this Season stood voyd as for any charge of Masonrye untill St. Albons time and in his dayes the King of England that was then Pagan did wall the Towne about that is called St. Albons and St. Albion was a worthy Knight and Steward

of the King's Household, and had Governance of the Realm, and also the making of the Towne Walls and loved Masons well and cherished and encouraged them right much and he made their pay right good standing as the Realme did for he gave them 2s. 6d. a week and 3d to their novices, and before that time through all this Land a Mason tooke but a rd, a day and his meate until St. Albion amended it and obtained a Charter for them from the King and his Counsell for to hold a generall Counsell and gave it the name of Assembly and thereat he was himselfe and helped to make Masons and gave them charges as yee shall heare afterward.

Right Soone after the death of St. Albion there came divers warres into the Realme of England out of divers Countreys so that the good Rule of Masonrye was destroyed untill ye time of King ATHELSTON that was a worthy King of England and brought this Land into great rest and peace and builded many great workes of Abbies Towers and divers many other buildings And hee loved well Masons and he had a Sonne called EDWIN, and he loved Masons much more than his Father did and hee was a great Practicer in Geometrie, and hee went much to talke and commune with Masons to learne of them knowledge and afterwards for love that hee had to Masons and to the Craft he was made Mason, and he obtained of the King his Father a Charter and a Commission to hold every year once an Assembly wheresover they would within the Realme of England, and to correct within themselves faults and trespasses that were done within the Craft, and he himselfe held an Assembly at York, and there he made Masons and gave them Charges and taught them the manners and commanded that Rule to be kept ever after, and gave them the Charter and Comission to keep and make Ordinance, that it should be renewed from King to King.

And when the Assembly was gathered together hee proclaimed that all old Masons and young that had any writing or understanding of the charges and the manners or Customes that were made before in this land or in any other that they should shew them forth. And when it was proved they were found some in French, some in Greek and some in English, and some in other Languages and the intent of them all was found as one, and hee made a Booke thereof and how the Craft was founded and hee himselfe commanded that it should be seen read and told when that any Mason should be made and for to give him his charge and from that day to this time manners or Customes of Masons have been kept in that forme as well as men might governe it. And furthermore at divers Assen blyes ha' been put and Ordained certain charges by the best Advice of Master and Fellows.

Tunc unus ex Senioribus teneat librum, ut illi vel ponat vel ponat manus super librum et tunc præcepta deberunt legi.

Every man that is a Mason take good heed unto these charges, if any mand find himselfe guilty of any of these charges that hee amend himselfe towards God, and in Principall yee that are to be charged take good heed that yee may keep these charges right well, for it is a great perill for a man to forswear himselfe upon a Booke.

1st. The First charge is that hee or thou shalt be true to God and holy Church, and that hee use no Error or heresy by your understanding or discreet or wise mens teaching, and also that hee shall be a true liege man to the King of England without Treason or any falshood, and that they Know no Treason nor Treatory but to award it privily if it might bee or else warne the King or his Counsell.

2d. And also you shall be true each one to other, that is to say every Mason of the Craft of Masonrye that have been Masters allowed you shall doe to them as you would they should doe to you.

3d. And also that you keep truly all the Counsell of Lodge and of Chamber, and of all other Counsell that ought to be kept by way of Masonrye.

4th. And also that no Mason shall be no thief nor theefly given for, as forth as hee may wette or Know.

5th. And Also that yee shall be true to the Lord and to this Mastr. yee serve and truly see his profit and his advantage.

6th. And also you shall Call Masons your Brethren or else your Fellows and no other foule names.

7th. And also that yee shall not take your Fellow's wife in Villaine, nor desire ungodly his daughter, nor his Servant nor put him to no disworship.

8th. And also that you pay truly for your Meat and Drink where you go to board.

9th. And also that you shall no Villaine, in that place where you go to board whereby the Craft might be slandered.

These be the Charges in Generall that belongeth to every true Mason to keepe.

Rehearse I will now other charges Singular for Masters and Fellowes.

1st. That no Master shall take in hand any Lords worke nor no other man's worke except hee know himselfe able and sufficient of cuning to performe and end the Lords worke so that the Craft have no slander nor no disworsh p but that the Lord may be well served and truly with his owne good, and the Mastr to live honestly and to pay his Fellowes truly their pay as the manner is.

2d. And also that no Mastr nor Fellow shall supplant another of their worke (that is to say) If hee take a worke or else stand stand Mastr of the Lords work, yee shall not put him out except hee be unable of cuning for ending of the worke.

3d. And also that no Mastr nor no Fellow take no Apprentice within the terme of Seaven Yeares, and that the Apprentice bee able of birth that is to say free borne and of Limbs whole as a man ought to bee.

4th. And also that no Master nor no Fellow take none nor allow any to be made Mason without the Assent and the Counsell of his Fellowes, and that hath served Six or Seven Yeares at ye least.

5th. And hee that shall be made Mason bee able in all manner of degrees that is to say free borne and to come of good kindred and true and no bond man and that hee have good Limbes as a man ought to have.

6th. And also that no Mason shall take an Apprentice except hee have sufficient Occupation for two Fellowes or else three at the least.

7th. And also that no Master nor no Fellow put any Lords work to taske that was wont to go to Journey, and also that every Master shall giue pay unto his Fellowes but as hee may deserve, so that yee be not deceived by false workmen.

8th. And also that none slander another behind his back to make him loose his good name or else his worldly Goods.

9th. And also that no Fellow wthin the Lodge or without mis-answer another ungodly nor reproveably without a reasonable cause.

10th. And also that every Mason shall Reverence his Elder and put him to worship. And also that no Mason shall bee a Comon player at hazard Dice or other unlawfull playes whereby the Craft may be slandered.

11th. And also that no Mason shall use leachery or be Adulterous whereby the Craft might be slandered.

12th. And also that no Fellow go into the Towne by night, where as a lodge is of Fellowes except hee have a Fellow with him that hee may bear him witnesse that hee was in honest place.

13th. And also that every Master and Fellow shall come to the Assembly and if it be within Fifty miles about him if hee have warning and if hee have trespassed against the Craft that hee abide the Award of Master and Fellowes.

14th. And also that every Master and Fellow, that have trespassed against the Craft shall stand there. At the Award of the Master and Fellowes to make them Accorded and Agreed if they may, and if hee may not agree then to go to the common Law.

15th. And also that no Master nor Fellow make no Mould nor Square nor Rule to no Laver nor Sett no Laver within the Lodge to hew mould Stones.

16th. And also that every Mason receive and cherish strange Fellowes when they come over the Countreys and to sett them to worke if they will as the manner is that is to say if hee hew mould Stones in his place yee shall refresh him with Money unto the next Lodge.

17th. And also that every Mason shall truly serve the Lord for his pay and every Master truly make an end of his worke be it taske or Journey if yee have your Covenants and all that ye ought for to have.

These Charges that wee have now rehearsed to you and all other that belongeth to Masons you shall keep. So help you God, and by this Booke unto your power.

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OF THE LODGE WILL TAKE PLACE
AT FREEMASONS' HALL,
On FRIDAY EVENING, 24th FEBRUARY, 1888,
ON WHICH OCCASION
Alderman Sir REGINALD HANSON, Bart.,
PAST GRAND WARDEN,
Has kindly consented to Preside.

The Lodge will be opened at 6 o'clock p.m. precisely.

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To Correspondents.

J.W.—There is no doubt there must be many brethren
in the same position as yourself, who are only waiting for
some announcement of the day on which the Festival will
be held, in order to send their names forward as Stewards,
but we do not see that we can help you either by inserting
your letter or offering any suggestion. We fear you
must do as every one else is doing, that is, wait patiently
for the announcement and do the best you can to serve
when it is made.

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

CRAFT LODGES—Temple, No. 101; St. Cybi, No. 597;
Old Concord, No. 928; Chine, No. 1884; and Apollo,
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ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE—Ancient York Chapter
of Redemption, No. 68.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES—Stewart Council.

Masonic Ball at Leicester.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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.]

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES—A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,
A suggestion, having for its object, the adding to
the ways and means of our Masonic Charities will, I trust,
be received by you as an apology for my asking a small
portion of your space for that purpose.

It would be simply wasting that space did I go over the
old track of the utility of the Charities and their growing
needs, nor to compliment the Craft on the noble liberality
which supports them, but liberal as that support is it is
scarcely more than what is necessary to supply immediate
wants, while the increase of their efficacy is becoming
slower and more difficult, and despite the energetic exertions
of their persevering Secretaries the cry still goes out
of "Help me or I die."

Unfortunately, it is an ugly fact, that large as the aggre-
gate amount given our Charities is, there are thousands
who have not contributed one shilling to that purpose, there
are thousands more who have the inclination but not the
power, or the power and not the inclination, who are content
with that which they place in the boxes that in some lodges
are handed round for assistance to their respective Benevo-
lent Funds which, as a rule, are devoted to the temporary
relief of distresses, mainly local, but as to the leading
characters though they may not be "One penny the
worse," they are certainly rarely one penny the better from
these contributions. With these unsatisfactory state of
things before me I venture to ventilate an idea which has
certainly the merit of being (perhaps literally) a very
simple one, by which the thousands I refer to can help to
contribute one or two thousand pounds per annum (that is,
if my suggestion should be practicable to be carried out)
toward the Charities without its costing in a direct manner
these donors one farthing.

The great difficulty in devising a new source of income
is that it should not be likely to injure by diminishing the
flow from the old sources. My suggestion, I think, avoids
this. We have now holding their warrants of Constitution
from Grand Lodge upwards of 2000 lodges, if the members
of each of these lodges will resolve to add to the by-laws
of their respective lodges one by which its Treasurer shall
be authorised to pay annually in such manner as may here-
after be determined the sum of one guinea for the purposes
of the three Charities, this small sum would scarcely be
missed by any lodge, and I can hardly imagine its refusal
by any of them, as it could not be of the smallest appreci-
able injury to its financial position; if nearly all subscribed

according to this suggestion a grand sum of two thousand guineas could be annually relied on, and if but only one half of them gave in their allegiance to this Charitable "Plan of campaign," one thousand guineas per annum, and that a reliable sum would be of enormous advantage, none the less because reliable to our Charities; of course I do not enter now into matter of detail as to carrying out the proposition, this may be deferred until opinion of the feasibility of its success be obtained.—I am, sir, faithfully and fraternally yours,

S. VALLENTINE, P.M. 9.

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As an old member of the Craft, I feel deeply the attempt to deprive me of a privilege I have enjoyed ever since my initiation into it.

Has it never occurred to those who are trying to put a stop to a brother giving the "Hearty good wishes" from his own lodge when visiting another lodge, that such a custom has existed long before they were born. And so long and universally has it been established, not only in England, but, from what I can learn, all over the world, that it may fairly rank as one of those *ancient usages and established customs* referred to in clause 132, book of constitutions, and as such, I am of opinion that it is beyond the power of any individual Grand Officer to interfere with it, unless in Grand Lodge assembled in accordance with clause four.

In addition to the above, I think it is a great pity to have raised this vexatious question. So long as a brother is a subscriber to a lodge, he is part of that lodge, and his giving a hearty greeting to those who have entertained him as part of such lodge cannot do any harm, it does not pledge his lodge financially or otherwise.

One great authority in West Lancashire says that only the W.M. of a lodge can give "Hearty good wishes" on behalf of his lodge, if that is so, it is rather hard upon the War ens, who, equally with the Masters, are enjoined to visit lodges, see clause 149.

I have searched in vain for any clause in the constitutions—or any single sentence—in our ceremonies, which gives this exclusive power to the W.M. *outside his own lodge*. Perhaps some of the great luminaries in Masonry will kindly enlighten me upon this point.—I am yours fraternally,

P.M.

Manchester, 6th February.

A QUESTION OF CUSTOM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to "Caps" query in your issue of 28th ult., let me say that it is the right of every Master to install his successor, and that no one can do so unless requested by, or with the permission of, the W.M. In the event of a Master refusing to perform the ceremony, or in his absence, the chair would be taken by the I.P.M., or, in his absence, by the Senior Past Master of the lodge, and so on in succession. It is clear a Master elect cannot choose his own Installer against the wishes of the Master of the lodge, nor can he demand to be installed by anyone who happens to be a P.M. in the Craft, but is not a P.M. of the lodge. In my opinion, a Past Master performing the ceremony without proper credentials would put himself as well as the new Master in the position of being fined by the Board of General Purposes, even if the warrant of the lodge were not suspended for the grave irregularity.—Yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I beg to offer the following solution to your correspondent "Cap" in your issue of January 28. An outgoing W.M.'s authority does not cease until his successor is "regularly appointed and installed in his stead." A retiring W.M. when present may therefore perform the ceremony himself, or delegate to any Past Master the function of installing his own successor up to the point of actually placing the W.M. elect in the chair of K.S., from which moment the new W.M. has the power of naming a P.M. to complete the ceremony. No "right" attaches to the I.P.M. or any other P.M. in this or any other ceremony to do the work uninvited by the W.M. if he is present.—Yours fraternally,

AN INSTALLING MASTER.

February 6.

"THE OLD MASONIANS."

The above association held their seventh social evening on Friday, the 3rd inst. Mr. A. H. Stephenson presided, in the absence of Mr. S. Speight, who had promised to take the chair, but was unfortunately prevented from doing so. Mr. Stephenson, who deserves great credit for the excellent programme which he had prepared at so short a notice, was well supported by members of the association, and there were a large number of visitors present. Mr. C. A. Stephenson presided at the piano in good style. Mr. G. Secretan deserves special notice for his excellent songs, "Ora pro nobis" and "The miner," whilst Mr. John Hutton gave two banjo solos in his usual accomplished style. Mr. G. Ward gave a good rendering of "My queen" and "Thou art so near." Mr. H. Seyd introduced a novelty at these concerts by giving two solos on the zither, which were very favourably received by those present. Mr. Kendal sang "The tempest king" and "The old brigade." Amongst the Old Masonians who sang were Messrs. Gedge, Uwins, Watkin, Garstin, and Whiteley, the last two receiving encores for their very clever rendering of comic songs, whilst the comic element was further represented by Messrs. Humphreys, Trenson, and G. Elgar, the latter of whom was very funny in his song, "Later on."

During the evening the honorary Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Uwins, announced that the Committee had determined to close the season with a ladies' night, which will take the form of a Cinderella, to be held at their head-quarters, Anderton's Hotel, on March 16th. The tickets for this will be 2s. each, and, as this will include light refreshment, we think it is very reasonable. We trust that it will be well supported by the members, and we wish them a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

EUPHRATES LODGE (No. 212).—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present Bros. J. Basset, W.M.; Thos. Boyden, S.W.; F. G. Burstow, J.W.; John West, S.D.; H. Wagstaff, J.D.; R. Woods, I.G.; R. H. Recknell, Treas.; Chas. G. Cutler, P.M.; Thos. Rushtor, P.M.; L. Stean, P.M.; H. J. Wood, P.M.; T. R. Martin, P.M.; J. Halsey, P.M.; W. J. Cooper, P.M.; James Carter, P.M.; J. W. Frank, P.M.; J. J. Marsh, Tyler; F. H. Fullcher, D. Jenkins, C. Mills, E. T. Sacheverell, Thomas Pryor, J. B. Copson, C. Elbright, Max Mendelssohn, W. McLean, J. J. Stanley, J. Louis, E. Sadler, G. Coak, S. D. S. Gypord, John Elston, G. Dann, Ger. Braund, W. P. Edwards, T. R. Stein, John Day, S. E. Sadlor, W. E. White, J. B. Riches, and G. Smith. Visitors: Bros. Francis Ashton, J.D. 1366; James F. Haskins, Org. 1364; E. D. Soffe, Stwd. 1732; Walter Snodin, P.M. 157; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; Wm. H. Staff, 1900; G. E. Southgate, S.D. 700; T. Wallman, S.D. 27; W. G. Norman, 174; J. F. Wood, 879; A. W. Weston, S.W. 1278; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. Boyden, S.W., having been presented as W.M. elect, he was regularly installed into the chair, according to ancient custom, by Bro. Louis Stean, P.M., who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. In presenting the warrant to the W.M. he said it had been his proud privilege to perform that ceremony for many years past, and it was a privilege he highly esteemed, but considering his advanced age he did not know how long he might be permitted to perform it. By request of the W.M., Bro. Louis Stean, P.M., then invested the officers for the year as follows: Bros. F. G. Burstow, S.W.; J. West, P.M. 933, J.W.; R. H. Recknell, P.M., Treas.; D. Glass, P.M., Sec.; H. Wagstaff, S.D.; R. Woods, J.D.; W. J. Henry, I.G.; J. F. Haskins, Org.; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler. In investing the Sec., Bro. Glass, P.M., Bro. Stean congratulated him on the prosperity of the lodge during the time he had been Secretary, and trusted it would continue. The addresses were delivered in a most clear and able manner, which reflected the highest credit on the lodge of which he was so old and esteemed a member. Bro. Gypord was then passed to the Second Degree. A ballot was then taken for Mr. John Joseph Stanley, which proving unanimous he was duly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., in a manner which augurs well for a prosperous year of office. A few minor items on the agenda having been disposed of, the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Hamp.

After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given, and received in a most enthusiastic manner. The W.M. intimated that in view of the long musical programme to be got through the speeches would have to be brief.

The toast of "The Past Masters," responded to by Bro. Cutler in an amusing speech, "The Visitors," &c., having been given, the Tyler's toast brought this most successful meeting to a close.

An excellent programme of music was provided by Bro. J. F. Haskins, Organist, assisted by Miss Lavina Walker, Miss Minnie Kirton, Mr. Arthur Weston, Mr. Charles Barton, and Mr. Alfred Alderton, all of whom fully sustained their reputation, and elicited frequent marks of approval.

HORNSEY LODGE (No. 890).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 3rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Bros. H. Brandon, W.M.; H. W. Jones, S.W.; J. T. Axford, J.W.; Dr. W. H. Kempster, P.M., Treas.; Major J. C. Gant, P.M., Sec.; E. L. Axford, S.D.; G. A. Pickering, J.D.; S. J. Pitt, D.C.; J. B. Cumming, P.M.; H. P. Rickman, P.M.; J. West, P.M.; and many other members. The visitors included Bros. R. H. Smith, 1196; B. J. Lord, 1673; A. Clark, S.W. 2191; J. L. Barrett, S.W. 1201; C. J. Richardson, P.M. 1420; W. Jaques, W.M. 1744; G. H. Kempster, 60; E. W. Carter, 1614; J. Woodward, 1614; J. I. Harrison, 211; H. C. Hart, J.W. 2087; J. Davis, 188; C. Lovebond, P.M. 1707; J. D. Davis, 10; G. Mansell, P.M. 1595; M. Dicker, P.M. 1470; F. W. Frigout, J.W. 171; F. Foster, 1964; G. Reynolds, Sec. 2191; J. Clark, 1558; F. Kedge, J.W. 2191; H. Evans, 1636; R. S. Sturgis, 90; G. H. Reynolds, I.G. 2191; F. Bevan, 1716; J. T. Pilditch, P.M., Treas. 1257; T. M. Waller, S.D. 2191; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which Bro. Donbavand was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. H. Wilkie Jones was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was installed into the chair by Bro. Drew, P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. T. Axford, S.W.; E. L. Axford, J.W.; Dr. W. H. Kempster, P.M., Treas.; Major J. C. Gant, P.M., Sec.; A. Drew, P.M., Charity Steward; G. A. Pickering, S.D.; A. Myers, J.D.; S. J. Pitt, I.G.; E. Candlerier, D.C.; R. Garrard, Steward; and Bowler, Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by Bro. West, P.M. On the motion of Bro. Kempster, P.M., Treas., the sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted from the Benevolent Fund to be placed on the list of Bro. Major Gant, P.M., Sec., who intends serving as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. After dessert, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Brandon, I.P.M., said it was with considerable pleasure that he rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." From the excellent manner in which Bro. Wilkie Jones had performed various duties he was quite satisfied that the work during the forthcoming year would be carried out by the W.M. with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge.

Bro. H. Wilkie Jones, W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the hearty reception accorded the toast. He believed it was the privilege of the W.M., especially on occupying the chair for the first time, to be allowed to "spread himself"—as an American would say. The only way, however, in which he should desire to "spread himself" would be to endeavour during his year of office to cultivate the goodwill and affection, and even the love of the brethren. Since he first had the honour of being initiated in that lodge, under the auspices of an old P.M., he had appreciated the kindness and forbearance shown him, as only those in a similar position could appreciate it. He would try to carry out his duties to their satisfaction, and should feel proud if he could gain the merest whisper of their esteem.

The W.M. said that a pleasant duty had now devolved upon him, which was to present Bro. Brandon, I.P.M., with the P.M.'s jewel voted by the lodge. The I.P.M. was known to all present as a worthy Mason and a good representative of the Craft, and under his rule the members had enjoyed a very pleasant year. It therefore afforded him (the W.M.) considerable pleasure to pin the jewel on Bro. Brandon's breast, as a token of their appreciation, and he was convinced that the honour had been attained by no more worthy Mason.

Bro. Brandon, I.P.M., tendered his sincere thanks for the hearty manner in which his health had been received, and also for the handsome jewel presented to him. He was glad of this opportunity of thanking the officers with whom he had been associated during the past year for their kind assistance.

"The Visitors" was next given by the W.M. There was no lodge in the metropolis where visitors received a heartier welcome than at the Hornsey Lodge, and he was pleased to say that on the present occasion the visiting brethren outnumbered the members.

Bros. Jaques, W.M. 1744; Lovebond, P.M. 1707; Pilditch, P.M. 1257; George Reynolds, Sec. 2191; and several others having replied, Bro. Consul-General F. M. Waller responded. He did not know why he should be called upon to reply except it was for the fact that there were several Anglo-American brethren present. It was no doubt attributable to that splendid courtesy which the Masonry of England was always extending to the Masonry of his own country. He would limit himself to a few words, and emulate the example of brevity set by the brethren who had preceded him. The country which he represented was large in politics, in commerce, and in everything, and the brethren must remember that the people represented were licensed to "spread" themselves. He took a very national pleasure in saying to the Masons of England that he was in this country as the accredited representative of America, and in numbers he spoke for 600,000 Masons. Among that number many were good men and many were as splendid specimens of men as could be found on God's earth. There were a few reasons why he was gratified at being present that evening, and there was one reason peculiar to himself. A few years ago he was for the first time an honoured guest at that lodge. It was when Bro. Cummings was installed into the chair. Some would remember, but he could vividly recollect, that it gave him the opportunity of speaking with the fervency of his soul to the Masonry of England. In his country Englishmen had made many institutions, splendid lodges, and Masonic precedents. He was sure it would be so in the future, and that the place of honour in politics, in commerce, in social life, and in Masonry, would be found occupied by native-born Englishmen. It was so when he came over here from America. He knew Englishmen, personal friends of his own, born in England, who had around them in Masonic lodges the most fervent friends, and so it was grateful to him two years ago to see the installation of a brother into the highest honour—that of W.M. It gave him a real heartfelt pleasure to see a body of Englishmen unanimously elect such a man to the highest place among them. Bro. Cummings had won position in America by his courage, had taken part in their war, had come abroad in the interests of commerce, and had found a small lodge of Englishmen proud to elect him as their W.M. Was there a man present that evening with a soul in him who could not understand the heartfelt pleasure he felt two years ago under these circumstances? Those two years had passed, and on the present occasion, looking to the east, he saw Bro. Wilkie Jones, and had heard him speak with that grace which several years in America had given him. Never was there a merrier companion at the banquet table than that brother. But that day he had witnessed the solemn and beautiful ceremony of the installation of Bro. Jones as the W.M. of the lodge. If a man with a thought in him would reflect for a while he would understand that men, whom God had made, had come together in solemn conclave, and said, "We will make him W. Master." It was a solemn thing, and he that was selected for that honour ought to feel himself, in the language of old "anointed." The jovial fellow at the table two years ago had that day been put—where? In the chair as the W.M. of an English lodge. Those who were the friends of the W.M. that evening, and there were none others present, remembered the pleasant reminiscences of the past, and were convinced that he had in him that which would make him equal to the grave position he occupied. He, of whom they could say two years ago, "He is a jolly good fellow," had been put in a place where, for the next year, he would occupy the highest position that Masonry could give him. Might those who came after him in the place he occupied be able to say that he had emulated those before him, as far as man could do; that he had shown forbearance, was fair to the brethren, and dignified always! Let the frivolities of the past be forgotten, and let the W.M. maintain, for one year at least, the dignity of this respected lodge. When their W.M. had finished being impressive, had put aside his grave looks, and had become a Past Master, might he (Bro. Waller) be in England and be present again at that table. But for the present, the frivolous members wished the W.M. "good bye." There was not a brother, however, who respected and loved the W.M., who would not look forward with eagerness for one event, and that was for the time when he vacated the chair. There was one other word he should like to say. In the peculiar policy of his country, representatives sent here did not stop too long. They did not want him to come here to enjoy hospitality for too long a time. For three years he had enjoyed that hospitality, and at the end of another year, with the policy he had suggested, he might be recalled. When he returned to America, among the pleasant reminiscences his visit would supply, there would

be none sweeter than those which his Masonic associations would give him. In his country all the lodges were large, and how could it be otherwise? In England the lodges were small and more social. On his return there was nothing he would tell his Masonic brethren with greater pleasure than of the gathering that evening, and he should also tell them that the policy was to have small lodges. This gathering would be one of the pleasantest occasions of his life. Everything had been Masonic, and everything had been done in a manner creditable to the land on which God had smiled, and on which Masonry was cultivated. "The Past Masters," "Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" having been duly given and responded to, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

TEMPERANCE IN THE EAST LODGE (No. 898).—The usual monthly meeting of the above flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Byford, jun., supported by Bros. J. Carter, S.W.; J. Gordon, J.W.; G. Shearman, S.D.; J. Armstrong, J.D.; A. G. Duck, I.G.; C. W. Smith, P.M., Sec.; J. R. Waller, P.M., Treas.; H. Nunn and E. F. Williams, Stewards; M. H. Sherwin, Org.; H. Stewart, Tyler; Butcher, P.M.; Graveley, P.M.; Sidders, P.M.; Pulsford, P.M.; Rogers, P.M.; Chapman, P.M.; Cooper, P.M.; Williams, P.M.; and a large number of the brethren of the lodge. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Hedges, P.G.S.B.; J. Brock, 299, P.S.G.D.; T. Clark, P.M. 1178; C. H. Stone, 1641; D. Channon, 475; C. Wakefield, P.M. 1259; S. Hill, 1382; J. Hancock, 781; G. H. Seage, 781; Pattison, 1804; P. Barlow, 359; and many others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Wood and Wallace, which proving unanimous, they were duly initiated with Mr. A. H. Grant (previously balloted for), the ceremony being very impressively performed by the W.M. Bros. Parsons, Crosby, and Legg were then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the W.M. proving himself to be an expert worker. There being an application for relief from a distressed brother, the brethren voted him the sum of two guineas. Lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bro. Youens had provided them with a good substantial dinner.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then drunk with musical honours, Bro. Hedges replying for "The Grand Officers."

The I.P.M., Bro. Butcher, next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in a very flattering speech alluded to another degree the W.M. had taken since they had last met, viz.,—the degree of matrimony.

The toast was received by the brethren most heartily, the W.M. responding.

The J.W., Bro. J. Gordon, next proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s," which was responded to by each in their seniority.

Bro. F. W. Pulsford, P.M., then proposed "The Masonic Charities," and in a very able speech narrated to the brethren, as far as his memory allowed him, the noble works of the lodge, viz., the 100 guineas which was proposed by himself, and seconded by their old and well-tried Secretary, Bro. C. W. Smith, P.M. (one of the founders of the lodge), at the last meeting, and confirmed that evening, which made a total of 325 guineas subscribed by that lodge to the Girls' Institution, 230 guineas to the Boys' School, and 260 guineas to the Benevolent Institution. He was positive no other lodge in the East-end of London could show such a result in 26 years, and he thought he might go so far as to say that no other lodge under the Grand Lodge of England could show such figures in the same length of time, and he urgently impressed upon the brethren to support the four Stewards which the lodge had appointed to take up the 100 guineas, so as to help to make the centenary of the Girls' Institution a great success. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Hedges.

Bro. Hedges, in reply, said that he hardly knew how to thank the brethren sufficiently for the magnificent sum they had so generously given, and Bro. Pulsford and the energetic Secretary, Bro. Dr. C. W. Smith, for proposing and seconding the same. When he accepted the invitation from Bro. Pulsford to attend the lodge, he did not come with the intention of making a long speech, but Bro. Pulsford having asked him to inform the brethren how the Charities were dispensed, he might say that the Girls took about a quarter, the Boys about a quarter, and the Old People about half. He was certain that he need not start begging of the brethren, as the benevolence of the Temperance in the East Lodge was known far and wide, and after hearing the way Bro. Pulsford had spoken to the brethren to support the Stewards, viz., Bros. J. Byford, W.M.; J. Gordon, J.W.; J. R. Waller, P.M., Treas.; and George Graveley, P.M., in their hands he felt certain he could leave it, with a full knowledge that the cause would be safe. He hoped the centenary festival would enable them to do what they intended, viz., to enlarge the domestic portion of the school, and to build a large hall capable of accommodating brethren when they paid a visit to the Institution. After giving the brethren an account of the manner the numbers had increased in the last few years in the school, and again thanking them, he resumed his seat amidst great applause.

The S.W. then proposed "The Initiates," which was duly received and responded to by each.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Visitors," remarking that they had many distinguished brethren there that evening, but he was sorry to say that some of them were obliged to leave owing to the lateness of the hour, but those that were left he would be glad to hear respond to the toast.

Bro. Channon, P.M. 1475, said it afforded him a very great amount of pleasure to be there that evening and to find the lodge going on in its usual style, and he was sure its benevolent works would be well rewarded.

Bro. Stone, 1641, said that that was the first time he had visited the lodge, although he was in the habit of visiting many, and he was so well pleased with the able manner the W.M. had done the work that he felt the brethren were to be congratulated on having such a Master, and he thought that a great deal of credit must be due to their Preceptor for bringing out such Masters, as their mode of working (Stability) was so different to other workings of the present day.

The other visitors having responded, the Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Officers," which was duly responded to by each in his turn.

The Tyler's toast then brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Butcher, Sidders, Stone, A. G. Duck, and others. Bro. Youens, violinist, and Bro. Sherwin, pianist.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge took place on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. The large number of members present included Bros. R. La Feuillade, W.M.; R. Lingley, S.W.; H. F. Foalé, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; W. W. Westley, S.D.; G. W. Ruffe, J.D.; A. Lundie, Stwd.; J. La Feuillade, I.G.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; J. Plowman, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; J. Cockburn, P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; F. W. Koch, P.M.; and H. G. Stranger, P.M. Visitors: Bros. H. McCall Chambers, 1638; W. Henchley, 619; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; W. H. Bale, P.M. 87; W. Plummer, 15; H. Keep, J.D. 1464; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Richd. Harvey, P.M. 2012; W. D. Becket, P.M. 780; J. Craiger, 1624; C. Taylor, P.M. 1624; S. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; C. Donaldson, 1963; H. J. Price, 1744; Barclay Perkins, P.M. 192; H. Grummett, J.W. 15; J. Hearsom, S.D. 167; A. W. Lane, J.D. 167; S. Lucas, P.M. 192; H. J. Emmerson, 40; W. Mildred, P.M. 2024; and W. W. Lee, 1899.

The lodge having been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. R. Lingley, the W.M. elect, was then presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. R. C. F. La Feuillade, I.P.M. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. H. F. Foalé, S.W.; W. W. Westley, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; G. W. Ruffe, S.D.; J. J. La Feuillade, J.D.; J. Dennis, I.G.; A. Lundie, D.C.; E. W. Davis and J. N. Hearn, Stewards; and Reinhardt, Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. R. La Feuillade, I.P.M., who performed the whole of the installation ceremony in a manner that formed a fitting close to a successful year of office. Messrs. H. W. Faulkner, C. W. G. Burrows, and C. Colwell having been successfully balloted for, were impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Geo. Everett, P.M., Treas., proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to Bro. La Feuillade, I.P.M., for the admirable manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. He was sure the brethren would agree with him that the ceremony had been rendered in a manner that left nothing to be desired, and was a worthy finish to a prosperous year of office. Bro. T. C. Walls, P.M., seconded the proposition, and remarked that the quiet and unassuming rendering of the ceremony had delighted all present. The motion having been unanimously carried, the W.M. said it was his pleasing duty to place on the collar of Bro. La Feuillade, I.P.M., the Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge in appreciation of his work, and trusted he would be spared many years to wear it. The I.P.M. briefly returned thanks for this recognition of his humble services, and deferred any further remarks until a later period of the evening. Bro. Everett, P.M., Treas., then said it was his painful duty to announce the death of two members of the lodge—Bros. W. Pope and W. Parker. Both brethren were much respected and esteemed, and their loss would be deeply deplored. He proposed that a vote of condolence should be sent to the relatives of the deceased brethren expressing the sympathy of the members at their affliction. The proposition having been carried, and other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet, served by the worthy host, Bro. Buxton, at the conclusion of which the usual toast list received the customary attention.

"The Queen and the Craft," having been given by the W. Master,

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." was proposed by Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas., who said that the W.M. in his wisdom had asked the P.M.'s to assist him in the proposing of the various toasts. He, therefore, had much pleasure in proposing the health of their M.W.G.M., who was the most popular man in England, and endeavoured to promote its best interests.

"The Grand Officers" was then introduced by Bro. Webb, P.M., after which, Bro. R. La Feuillade gave "The Health of the W.M." He said he rose in a novel position, as it was the first time he had addressed them as a P. Master of the lodge. All present would know the purpose for which he had risen. Bro. Everett had proposed the toast of the first man in England, and it was now his pleasing duty to propose the health of the first man in their lodge—Bro. R. Lingley, W.M. Those brethren who were present when the ceremony of initiation was rendered would agree with him that the able working of the W.M. left nothing to be desired. He was convinced that the initiates were much impressed, and that fact was significant of the capability of Bro. Lingley to preside over them. He had known their W.M. ever since his connection with the lodge, and could assure the brethren that there was no more painstaking and earnest Mason than Bro. Lingley had proved himself to be. With all sincerity he gave them the toast of the W. Master.

Bro. Robert Lingley, W.M., returned thanks for the high honour conferred upon him by the members in electing him to preside over them as the W.M. When he was initiated in that lodge five years ago, he little thought he should attain to the dignity of the chair. He could assure them, however, that it had been through nothing less than hard work, which was well known to the majority of brethren present. He hoped that during his year he should be able to give them every satisfaction, and would strive to do so to the best of his ability.

"The Initiates" was then given by the W.M., and duly responded to by Bros. Colwell, Faulkner, and Burrows.

Bro. T. C. Walls, P.M., said that in deference to the wish of the W.M. he had to propose "The Health of the Installing Master." It was always a pleasing duty to propose the health of a brother who had filled the chair, for, as they were aware, there were only a certain number who could attain that dignified position. But when a brother had discharged every office in the lodge in such an excellent

manner as Bro. La Feuillade had done, the pleasure was considerably increased. For many years past there had been excellent workers in the Kennington Lodge, and the last occupant of the chair had performed his duties in a most admirable style. He had been struck with the careful and unassuming manner in which the I.P.M. had discharged the duty of installing his successor. He was not flattering that brother, but simply wished to pass a high encomium on his excellent rendering of the installation ceremony. There were a number of brethren present who aspired to the chair, and he would point out to them the excellent example set by Bro. La Feuillade, I.P.M., whose health he had now the pleasure of proposing.

Bro. R. La Feuillade, I.P.M., in reply, said he hardly knew how to thank Bro. Walls and the other brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received. He could not imagine that he had done anything to deserve the compliments paid him, for he considered it was a proper finale for a brother to instal his successor in the chair. He had felt it a duty incumbent upon him to perform that ceremony, and had endeavoured to perform it to their satisfaction. If it had been otherwise he should not have felt himself justified in accepting the P.M.'s jewel, unanimously voted by the lodge, and for which he returned his sincere thanks.

"The Visitors" was next given by Bro. Walls, P.M., who tendered the visiting brethren cordial welcome, and observed that, as a P.M., he was sure the work they had seen in the lodge had repaid them for their visit.

Bro. Lucas, P.M. 192, on behalf of the visitors, returned thanks for the hospitality shown them, and for the cordiality of their welcome.

Bro. E. Ayling, P.M. 975, also replied, and expressed his sincere pleasure at being present to see Bro. Lingley installed into the chair, for he had the privilege of seeing that brother initiated. As Bro. Walls had truly said, he had visited the lodge many times, and he could assure them that he was at all times gratified to join them. He hoped to be the recipient of their hospitality again in the future, and thanked them heartily for the kindness extended to him.

Bros. Becket, P.M. 780; Bale, P.M. 87; Jacobs, P.M. 1614; and Grummett, J.W. 15, also replied.

Bro. Koch, P.M., having responded for "The Past Masters," the W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary." Few words would be needed from him respecting the capabilities of their esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Everett, P.M. That brother had rendered valuable service to the I.P.M. during the past year, and he hoped the same kindness would be extended to him during his term of office. In the Secretary, Bro. Stewart, P.M., they had a brother who was correct in the secretarial work, and who also rendered great assistance.

Bro. G. Everett, P.M., Treasurer, said he was deeply grateful for the kind manner in which the W.M. had proposed the toast. The Secretary and himself were not only grateful to the W.M., but also pleased at the manner in which the toast had been received by the brethren. He had had an arduous night in order to make arrangements for the comfort of all present, and was glad to hear they were satisfied with the result. He was delighted to find that the lodge was in a prosperous state, and hoped it would continue to flourish. With respect to the P.M.'s, they made a practice of attending the lodge, and of doing their best to enhance the prosperity of the lodge.

"The Masonic Charities" and "The Officers," were duly honoured, after which the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening.

Bro. J. J. La Feuillade, J.D., presided at the pianoforte in an efficient manner, and was ably assisted in the musical arrangements by Madame Bulow, Mr. Bayley, and Bros. G. Everett and McCall Chambers. Recitations were rendered by Bros. W. P. Webb, P.M., and T. C. Walls, P.M.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, S.W. Present: Bros. W. Day, W.M.; C. J. Axford, P.M. 2048, S.W.; A. E. Albert, J.W.; W. Kirkland, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., &c., Sec.; R. Evens, S.D.; Jones, J.D.; John Read, P.M. 720, W.M. 2105, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; Potter, Tyler; W. E. Farrington, P.M.; R. Poore, P.M.; Baldwin, P.M.; T. Poore, P.M.; Barrett, Bott, Bowman, Culler, Dainton, Foulger, Hamilton, Hicks, and Newland. Visitors: Bros. Moss, P.M. 1851; Farr, 1293; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 2206, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; Stiles, P.M. 1507; A. H. Scurrah, 2206; W. Sexton, S. Smith, and several others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The chair was then taken by Bro. R. Poore, who raised Bros. Culler and Day to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. then resumed the chair and transacted some formal business. The presentation, by the W.M., Bro. Day, of a handsome timepiece, &c., to the I.P.M., Bro. R. Poore, was an agreeable interlude to the proceedings. The W.M. requested Bro. Thos. Poore, P.M. 720, and honorary member of the lodge, to take the chair for the purpose of installing Bro. Axford as W.M. It is needless to say that this business was done in Bro. Poore's best style, and afforded universal satisfaction to all present. Bro. Axford then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. A. E. Albert, S.W.; R. Evens, J.W.; W. Kirkland, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, Sec.; Jones, S.D.; W. R. Palmer, 2105, J.D.; John Read, W.M. 2105, &c., Org.; Newland, D.C.; Bott, I.G.; Hicks, Steward; and Potter, Tyler. The usual addresses were then given, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, enlivened by a very choice programme of music, which gave unqualified satisfaction to the W.M. and brethren, and which was prepared under the direction of Bro. John Read, the Organist to the lodge, assisted by Miss Carrie Blackwell, Mrs. Read, Bros. W. Sexton and Stanley Smith. Mrs. Read as accompanist was all that could be desired.

The W.M. and brethren expressed their gratification at the musical arrangements by having an especial toast in honour of the artistes, which was accepted with enthusiasm, and replied to by the artistes giving a serenade of Piniuti's "In this hour of softened splendour."

A most successful evening was brought to a close about midnight, the musical arrangements reflecting great credit upon Bro. Read.

ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE (No. 2020).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 6th inst. There were present Bros. T. Benskin, W.M.; P. Saillard, I.P.M.; H. H. Wells, S.W.; B. Norman, J.W.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; E. W. Stillwell, S.D.; G. M. Sayle, J.D.; E. J. Husey, I.G.; H. W. Poole, Org.; F. W. Harris and H. G. Cubitt, Stwds.; S. B. Levy, A. Weil, A. Walton, E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; H. B. Kilby, J. D. Myers, and B. G. Elliot. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; T. Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; J. S. Stacey, W. Wilson, J. P. Hamilton, J. T. Rowe, J. C. Hayes, W. A. Cubitt, C. E. Soppet, P.G. Stwd.; Nelson Reed, T. G. Fluck, C. Quennell, J. T. Avery, S. T. Temple, E. Levy, C. Megg, J. Russell, W. White, and F. Venables.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Weil was raised to the Third Degree. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Elliot and Myers as candidates, and they were introduced and initiated. The chair was then occupied by Bro. Nelson Reed, who very ably installed Bro. H. H. Wells as W.M. Bro. Wells appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. Benskin, I.P.M.; E. W. Stillwell, S.W.; B. Norman, J.W.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; G. M. Sayle, S.D.; Husey, J.D.; A. Walton, I.G.; F. W. Harris, D.C.; Pool, Org.; and H. G. Cubitt and H. P. Kilby, Stwds. The W.M. then said that his first duty as W.M. was to present to Bro. Benskin a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year, which he had performed with credit to himself and much satisfaction to the lodge. Bro. Benskin returned thanks in suitable terms, and Bro. Saillard then said that it became his sad duty to move the resolution which appeared in the agenda paper—viz., to express the great sorrow of the members of St. Botolph's Lodge at the death of their first W.M. and founder, and to move a vote of condolence with Lady Staples and family. Bro. Saillard referred to the many estimable qualities of their distinguished brother, both in his public and private capacities, and said that they entertained the liveliest feelings of gratitude and affection for the numerous acts of kindness they had experienced at his hands, both as a lodge and individually, and they offered to his family their sincerest sympathy. This was seconded by Bro. Benskin, and the Secretary was instructed to convey this resolution to Lady Staples, and record the same in the minutes of the lodge. The W.M. then proposed that the sum of ten guineas be contributed to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the same to be placed on Bro. Lake's list as Steward representing the lodge at the forthcoming Centenary Festival.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to the banquet, under the presidency of the W.M.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft," having been proposed,

The W.M. gave that of "The Pro Grand Master, Dep. Grand Master, and the Grand Officers." They had, he was glad to say, two Grand Officers present, Bros. C. F. Hogard and T. Cubitt. He regretted to say the Grand Secretary, who had accepted an invitation, had written at the last moment regretting his inability to be present, and Bros. McIntyre, Sir John Monckton, and Frank Richardson were prevented by other engagements from attending.

Bro. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., in responding, referred especially to the services the Pro G. Master had rendered to Masonry. Lord Carnarvon was now making a tour round the world, and whether it was at the Cape, Australia, or elsewhere, had received a most enthusiastic welcome as a distinguished ruler of the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. Benskin gave the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Wells," whom they had the pleasure and privilege of welcoming to the chair of that lodge. Bro. Wells had shown an amount of zeal and ability that had done marvels in bringing the Lodge of St. Botolph to its present position. He had passed through his year of office with no anxiety because of the support rendered by Bro. Wells.

The toast was received most enthusiastically, and, in response, Bro. Wells said that it had always been a pleasure and a privilege to him to perform any of the ceremonies, or to promote in any way the interests of the lodge. On that day three years he hoped, if spared, to introduce his son as a candidate. Any proficiency he had shown in working the ceremonies he considered was due to Bro. Hayes, P.M., who had imparted to him what Masonic knowledge he possessed. He trusted he should be able to perform his duties as W.M. to their satisfaction, which was all the reward he should ask.

The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer." The W.M. said he was very grateful to Bro. Nelson Reed for performing the ceremony of installation that day. In that building Bro. Reed had initiated him, had installed him as W.M. of the Mizpah Lodge, and had now placed him in the chair of St. Botolph's.

Bro. Nelson Reed, in reply, said that it had given him much pleasure to become again the medium of placing him (the W.M.) in the chair of K.S. His thanks were due to Bros. Hayes and Hamilton for the assistance they had rendered him in that ceremony.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said if there was one thing Masons prided themselves on more than another it was hospitality. He trusted all the visitors had spent a pleasant evening, and hoped they would not go away with a bad opinion of St. Botolph Lodge.

Bro. Soppet, P.G. Stwd., thanked the brethren for their hospitality and for the opportunity they had given him of spending a very enjoyable evening. They had every reason to be proud of their W.M. as a man and a Mason, and he wished the lodge all prosperity.

Bro. Cubitt, P.G. Purst., also responded, and remarked that he had been present at the creation of the lodge, and at both of the installation meetings—a privilege he owed to Bro. Saillard. In reference to the loss the lodge had sustained in the death of Sir John Staples, he felt sure he was expressing the feelings of the whole of the visitors in offering their sympathy to Lady Staples and family in their bereavement.

Bro. Hayes said it afforded him great pleasure to see Bro. Wells work as he did. Although the W.M. had given him credit for being his Masonic teacher, Bro. Wells found his best school to pursue his studies in the fields, and came to the lodge of instruction as a sort of dress rehearsal.

Bro. Hamilton also replied.

The next toast was that of "The Initiates," whom the Worshipful Master welcomed, in the name of the members, to the lodge.

Bros. Elliot and Myers suitably responded.

The W.M. next proposed "The Past Masters of the St. Botolph's Lodge," and remarked that the toast reminded him of the sad loss they had sustained in the death of Bro. Sir John Staples. As a public man he was beloved and respected by all. He had received honours from the Queen and his fellow citizens, and as a brother he had endeared himself to every member of the lodge. They had enjoyed his hospitality both at the Mansion House and at the lodge, and he had departed from amongst them with the esteem and regret of all. Passing from that subject they had two P.M.'s present who had from the first taken the warmest interest in the welfare of the lodge and had passed with credit through the Master's chair. He referred to Bros. Saillard and Benskin.

Bro. Benskin, in responding, thanked the brethren for the great kindness they had shown him during his year of office, and for the handsome jewel they had presented to him in acknowledgment of his services. It would always be his pride and pleasure to promote the interests of the lodge.

Bro. Saillard also replied.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," responded to by Bros. H. S. Legg and W. Lake, and that of "The Officers of the Lodge," brought the toast list to a close.

An excellent programme of music was prepared by the W.M., and contributed to by his visitors and members of the lodge, Bro. Poole kindly acting as accompanist.

The W.M., following the example of his predecessors, presented to the lodge a very handsome banner, with his arms and motto emblazoned thereon.

The banner was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

HENDON LODGE (No. 2206).—An emergency meeting of this flourishing young lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th ult., at the Welsh Harp. There were present Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W., W.M.; W. Stiles, I.P.M., Treas.; A. H. Scurrah, Sec.; J. Thom, S.W.; Fraser, J.W.; J. Lewis, S.D.; A. Nottingham, J.D.; Hearn, D.C.; J. Langley, I.G.; E. W. Wheeler, Org.; and Whiting, Tyler, and a goodly number of members and visitors. Bro. Mather, G.D.C. England, being among the former. The visitors were Bros. H. Dickey, W.M. 1723; T. Mayes, 1613; Midgeley, 179; A. W. Gerrard, 2048; and H. Webb, S.D. 2048.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and after the usual preliminaries the following F.C.'s were entrusted and retired: Bros. W. B. and A. M. Parsons, C. H. Watts, and M. Powell, and the last-named brethren were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Bros. F. W. Hearne, J. Hudson, J. H. Dobbs, and T. Eason were passed to the F.C. Degree. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. G. H. Stansall, H. Elliott, and Williams, and was found unanimous in their favour. All three candidates being present they were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed. It is hardly necessary to add that the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers, performed the ceremonies in a highly efficient manner. The musical portion of the work was well conducted by Bro. Wheeler, the Organist of the lodge; the vocal parts being admirably rendered by Bros. Hearne, Dobbs, and Hudson.

The brethren subsequently dined together, the W.M. presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were severally honoured, Bro. Mather, G.D.C., responding for the Grand Lodge.

The acting I.P.M., Bro. W. M. Stiles, proposed the toast of "The W.M." in very felicitous terms. The name of Bro. W. A. Scurrah was received with enthusiasm, the toast being heartily responded to by the brethren.

In reply, the Worshipful Master said he begged to thank their Treasurer for the very kind way in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and the brethren for the manner in which they had responded to it. Most of them knew the difficulty experienced in the foundation of that lodge. He thought at one time that they would not be successful; but, as they knew, the warrant was granted, and their lodge had been formed. They were progressing most favourably, and although their lodge was only six months old they had around their festive board 22 members, which bore out the statement he made to the Grand Secretary when he urged upon him the desirability of their forming that lodge—that there were many thousands of inhabitants in Hendon, but it had no lodge. That seemed to have great weight with the Grand Secretary, and there was no doubt that to that fact they in a great measure owed the existence of their lodge. He felt repaid for all the trouble he had taken by seeing so many worthy members around him—brethren whom he respected and esteemed, and who were, without doubt, the right men to bring into Freemasonry—men who would uphold him and all Masters who followed him, and support and maintain the dignity of the lodge.

"The Initiates" was responded to by the newly-made brethren, each expressing the gratification he felt at becoming a member of the Craft, and his admiration of the solemn and beautiful ceremony of initiation.

Bros. Dickey, Mayes, Midgeley, Gerrard, and Webb responded for "The Visitors."

In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the Worshipful Master spoke in very high terms of Bro. Thorn, adding that he knew the work thoroughly and was quite able to take the chair of W.M. when elected to that position. The J.W., Bro. Fraser, was also well up in his work and took the greatest interest in the lodge. Although he was detained by pressure of business from attending the meeting in the earlier part of the evening, he, the W.M., was quite sure that their worthy J.W. was on thorns until he reached the lodge. The lodge was fortunate, too, in their junior officers, the S.D. being an initiate of his in the Henry Levander Lodge, beside being the son of a very old friend. Both Bro. Lewis and Bro. Nottingham, their J.D., knew their work thoroughly well. Bro. Langley, their I.G., was coming on in a most efficient manner, and Bro. Hearn, D.C., had rendered most valuable assistance. Their Organist, Bro. Wheeler, was deserving of great praise for the manner in which the musical part of the ceremonies had been performed. The thanks of the lodge were also due to Bros. Hearn, Dobbs, and Hudson for their assistance as a choir, which had given the brethren so much pleasure.

The proceedings were interspersed with vocal and instrumental, by several brethren.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, the brethren separating at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Union (No. 38).

The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Council Chambers. The lodge was opened by Bro. Breach, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. J. H. Hawes, S.W.; O. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., J.W. (pro tem.); Rev. J. C. B. Fletcher, Chap.; A. B. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; C. F. Charge, Sec.; W. Doman, S.D.; J. C. Budden, J.D.; A. W. Lambert, P.M. 588, P.P.G. Org. Lincolnshire, Org.; J. Fielden, I.G.; H. H. Moore, Steward; G. Molesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Adames, P.M.; J. St. Clair, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.M., P.P.G.C.; G. Gatehouse, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. H. Barrett, P.M., Prov. G. Steward; T. Weller-Poley, P.M. 10, P.G.D.; Lord Walter Gordon Lennox, H. Heather, G. Fielder, S. Moore, J. W. Green, J. A. Wyatt, G. Turner, and W. Cleare.

The lodge was honoured with the presence of the W.D. P.G.M., Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D.; Bros. C. F. Lewis, P.S.G.W.; H. E. Price, P.J.G.W.; A. T. Long, P.P.A. G.D.C.; E. Collings, P.P.G.S.B.; T. H. Crouch, P.P. G.D.; Jemmett, W.M. 851; Heald, W.M. 1636; Field, W.M. 1726; and Burnell, I.P.M. 56. Bro. Freeman, J.G.D. (Prov. G. Sec.), was expected, but telegraphed his regret at being unable to attend at the last moment; and several brethren were unfortunately kept away by indisposition, including Bro. G. Smith, P.P.G.W., the senior P.M. of the lodge; Bro. Inkpen, J.W., and Bro. Gower, Stwd. After the transaction of the routine business, which included the re-election of Bros. G. Smith and Wyatt as Charity Stewards. Bro. St. Clair, P.M., took the chair as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Hawes, was presented by Bro. the Rev. H. M. Davey, P.M., and was installed in the chair of K.S. with the customary formalities, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. St. Clair. The Worshipful Master having been proclaimed and saluted, the charges were delivered to the W. Master, by Bro. Wyatt, P.M., to the officers by Bro. Lloyd, P.M., and to the brethren generally by the W. Deputy P.G.M. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows, and invested those present with the insignia of their offices: Bros. H. E. Breach, I.P.M.; Lord Walter Gordon Lennox, S.W.; G. C. Inkpen, J.W.; Rev. J. C. B. Fletcher, Chap.; W. Wyatt, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Charge, Sec.; W. Doman, S.D.; J. C. Budden, J.D.; G. Smyth, P.M., D.C.; Stanley Moore, Org.; J. Fielden, I.G.; E. F. Gower and H. Holding Moore, Stwds.; and W. A. Beatson, Tyler. The W.M. having, in the name of the brethren, presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Breach, in recognition of the zeal and assiduity he had displayed in the chair during the year, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was served in the Assembly Rooms by Bro. A. Purchase.

The customary toasts were, at the conclusion of the repeat given from the chair, "That of the Grand Officers" being acknowledged by Bro. T. Weller-Poley, P.G.D., who also proposed in fitting terms "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

This toast was responded to by the W. Deputy P.G.M., and by Bro. Price, P.J.G.W., Bro. Lewis having been obliged to leave earlier to catch a train.

Bro. Molesworth proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who in his response referred to the length of time during which lodges of Masons have been held in Chichester. A lodge was known to have existed there in 1697, when its W.M., the first Duke of Richmond and Lennox, was made M.W. Grand Master of England. In 1724 the Lodge of St. John was consecrated at the White Horse Inn, holding its meetings on the third Friday in the month, and there was also a lodge then existing known as the Lodge of St. Roche's Hill, held annually on Easter Tuesday, on St. Roche's Hill, overlooking what is now Goodwood race-course. To the Lodge of St. John the Duke of Richmond and Lennox and Aubigny in 1739 presented a copy of "Anderson's History and Constitution of Freemasonry," which is now in the possession of this lodge, with an autograph inscription by the donor. The W.M. said he mentioned these facts not only as showing the deep root which Masonry had taken in Chichester, but also the lengthy connection which had existed between the Chichester Lodge and the noble family at Goodwood represented there that day by the S.W., whom they were all glad to see moving towards the chair which his elder brothers (Lord March, P.G.W., and Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox) have already filled. Commenting on the present flourishing state of the lodge the W.M. said it was not always in that condition. It was many years ago almost in a state of inanition but was kept alive and finally launched on a more prosperous course by several brethren, of whom Bros. G. Smith, G. Molesworth, and C. Goodeve, as survivors, might be mentioned. The last named, who was confined to his house by ill-health, had upon that day completed the fortieth year of his Masonic career.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been acknowledged by Bros. Jemmett and Heald,

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and took occasion to supplement what the W.M. had said by adverting to the support given to the Royal Clarence Lodge, at Brighton, by the fifth Duke of Richmond, who was for many years Prov. G.M.

Bro. St. Clair appropriately acknowledged the toast.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," given by Bro. Lord W. G. Lennox, S.W., and acknowledged by Bro. Breach; "The Treasurer," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Initiates," and the Tyler's toast.

A very pleasant evening was spent, and Bro. H. H. Moore, Steward, was warmly congratulated upon the excellence of his arrangements. Bro. Stanley Moore, as Organist, arranged a capital programme of music, which was supported by Mr. W. Evan Cox, Bros. Lord Walter Gordon Lennox, G. Fielder, Charge, Fielden, and Lloyd.

GUERNSEY.—Mariners Lodge (No. 168).

The members of this old and popular lodge met at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, St. Peter Port, on the 4th inst. About 70 brethren were present, including, we believe, 17 or 18 P.M.'s, the occasion being the installation of the W.M. and appointment of officers. Amongst those present were Bros. W. H. Lovell, W.M.; F. C. Sparrow, I.P.M.; W. H. Courtenay, P.M., acting S.W.; W. Thorn, P.M., acting J.W.; Rev. H. Millican, Chap.; W. De Jersey, P.M., Treas.; R. M. Smythson, P.M.,

Sec.; A. C. Quick, P.M.; and J. M. Bichard, P.M., P.G.S. of W. Jersey. Amongst the very numerous distinguished visitors were Bros. W. H. Bohn, P.M.; T. Pethey, W.M.; F. J. Weyson, P.M.; P. Le Page, P.M.; and E. M. Le Huray, P.M., of 243; Rev. P. G. U. Pickering, P.M. 35, P.P.G.C. Hants; Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R. and P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk; W. Newbury, W.M., and T. W. Palmer, P.M., of 1809.

Messrs. A. and N. Noel were initiated into the Craft, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. Pengelley, P.M., and the charge delivered by the Chaplain with his customary eloquent impressiveness. The W.M. having been re-elected, the ceremony of installation was necessarily curtailed. The following were the officers appointed and invested: Bros. L. J. Nicolle, S.W.; W. H. Foote, J.W.; W. De Jersey, P.M., Treas. (8th time); R. M. Smythson, P.M., Sec. (11th time); R. B. Rowcliffe, S.D.; P. J. Bennett, J.D.; W. J. Bowen, I.G.; W. H. Courtenay, D.C.; G. Caines, A.D.C.; M. Le Ray and H. E. Marquand, Stewards; Rev. H. Millican, Chap.; and W. H. W. Torode, Org.

The usual banquet was held afterwards, and a most agreeable and harmonious evening in every sense of the word was spent by the brethren, for this lodge is noted for its hospitality.

FAREHAM.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 309).—The installation of Bro. Henry Cooke as the W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing twelve months took place on the 2nd inst., at the lodge room, Red Lion Hotel, in the presence of a large number of the Craft, including the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Edgar Goble; the Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. A. R. Holbrook; the P. Assist. G. Secretary, Bro. the Rev. A. A. Headley; and the following Installed Masters of the Order: Bros. G. F. Lancaster, 56, P.P.G.R.; J. B. Goldsmith, P.P.I.G.W.; R. Barnes, P.P.G.D.C.; James Gieve, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Cawte, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Mason, J. G. Niven, P.P.G.S.B.; D. G. Gilmour, P.P.G.S.; W. Beuttell, A. W. Hewett, C. J. E. Mummy, R. E. Buckle, J. Mitchell, T. H. Williams, G. Bond, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Powell, P.P.G.D.C.; W. A. Hill, and J. W. Gieve. There were also present Bros. R. Holbrook, P.P.G.D.C.; C. V. Birch, J. Levy, E. T. Crouch, Harry Love, T. W. Haydon, C. O. Smith, E. Smith, W. H. Bolitho, H. E. Bate, Robins, Broughall, Lyon, W. G. Heath, C. Reader, J. Homan, Penton, Dr. Scott, Andrew, and many others. The ceremony of installation was conducted in an efficient and impressive manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. A. Hill, to whom a vote of thanks was passed, after which he was presented by Bro. Cooke, on behalf of the lodge, with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his zeal during his year of office. The new W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the year: Bros. W. A. Hill, I.P.M.; T. H. Williams, P.M., S.W.; E. T. Crouch, J.W.; Rev. A. C. Hervey, P.M., Chap.; J. B. Goldsmith, P.M., Treas.; Rev. A. A. Headley, P.M., Sec.; Harry Love, S.D.; C. O. Smith, J.D.; T. W. Haydon, I.G.; E. H. Cooper, Org.; W. H. Bolitho, D.C.; H. E. Bate and Broughall, Stwds.; and R. Eames, Prov. Assist. G. Tyler, Tyler. During the ceremony Bro. Harry Love sang the anthem "Be thou faithful unto death" (Elijah) in finished style.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a *recherché* banquet was served by Bro. George Bond. Bro. Cooke presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the proceedings being interspersed with a capital programme of vocal music.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Lodge of Truth (No. 521).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street. In consequence of the illness of the W.M., Bro. A. Graham, the business devolved on Bro. A. Armitage, I.P.M., who opened the lodge. Unfortunately, the S.W., Bro. Firth, and the J.D., Bro. Wood, were also absent through indisposition. Present: Bros. J. Dawson, P.S.W., as S.W.; G. Jackson, J.W.; G. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. W. Turner, P.M., Prov. G. Steward, Sec.; S. Crossley, S.D.; J. Brierley, P.J.W., as J.D.; J. Davis, I.G.; E. A. Beaumont, Reg.; S. Butterworth, Org.; G. Hardy, Tyler; A. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Williamson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Burgess, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; J. B. Matthewman, P.M.; Henry Shaw, P.M.; W. E. Jowitt, P.M.; Wood, Sissons, Dyson, Thompson, Cornish, Wray, Clayton, Horsfall, and Sheard. Visitors: Bros. J. Boscok, W.M. 363; G. Galloway, A.D.C. 2035; B. Smith, 1019; W. Fitton, P.M. 2035; J. R. Dore, P.M. 750, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Shoosmith, P.M. 1783; C. H. Riley, I.G. 1783; and H. Holdsworth, W.M. 1783.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, with a slight alteration made at the suggestion of Bro. Jackson, P.M. The ballot was then taken for a gentleman for initiation, and, proving favourable, the initiation ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. J. B. Matthewman, P.M. The J.W. presented and explained the working tools, and Bro. A. Jackson, P.M., delivered the ancient charge in a beautifully efficient manner. Bro. J. Horsfall was then passed to the Degree of a F.C. by Bro. A. Armitage, I.P.M., in a careful and impressive manner, the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. J. Dawson, P.S.W., in his usual creditable manner. Bro. W. E. Jowitt, P.M., proposed that a second social gathering should be held on Friday, the 17th inst., which was seconded by Bro. Turner, P.M., and carried.

The business being concluded, lodge was closed, and the brethren (members and visitors) adjourned to the supper room, where, after partaking of a good supper, they enjoyed a convivial evening.

TROWBRIDGE.—Lodge of Concord (No. 632).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult. The brethren and visitors assembled in goodly numbers, and a considerable amount of enthusiasm was manifested, which may be accounted for by the popularity of the W.M. elect, Bro. G. L. Palmer, and that this was the first regular meeting in the Masonic Hall since its enlargement, its proportions being now of a handsome character. The W.M., Bro. F. Kelland, occupied the chair and opened the proceedings, there being also present Bros. Sir Gabriel Goldney, D.P.G.M.; S. J. Haden, P.M. 1478, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. W. Wiltshire, P.M. 973, P.P.S.G.W. Somerset; J. Chandler, P.M. 355, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D.C.; H. Merrick, P.M. 1271,

P.P.G.R.; W. J. Mann, P.M. 632, P.P.J.G.W.; A. J. Bravan, P.P.S.G.D.; William Nott, 663, P.P.S.G.W.; F. Hancock, 603, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Farrington, P.M. 1271, P.S.G.W.; T. S. Hill, P.M. 632, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Millington, P.G.O.; T. H. Holroyd, W.M. 973; James Martin, 663; J. House, P.M. 973; Thomas Reeves, P.M. 1478; T. E. Wilton, W.M. 41; A. A. Turner, 1271; M. Thompson, 1271; S. Spill, I.P.M. 973; E. S. Mackrell, S.D. 1478; W. Magrath, 1271; L. Lewis, I.G. 1478; C. W. B. Bryant, S.W. 1271; J. M. Ratiray, 973; Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, P.M. 1271; C. N. P. Phipps, S.W. 2227; A. Wallington, Sec. 1271; A. G. Hayman, P.P.G.M. Somerset; and the following officers and brethren of No. 632: Bros. J. E. Hayward, P.M.; C. Gauntlett, P.M.; A. Parry, P.M.; F. Barton, P.M.; F. B. Norris, P.M.; C. Roberts, P.M.; J. Pocock, J.W.; H. Applegate, Sec.; F. W. Selfe, S.D.; W. R. Brown, J.D.; H. E. Bishop, D.C.; A. Cox, Org.; H. Mundy, J. White, F. M. Garlick, R. H. Gowing, H. Reeves, W. Collins, W. H. Laverton, G. H. Knight, W. A. Gouldsmith, J. Gouldsmith, J. Lansdown, C. J. Offer, W. Walker, C. F. Hart, J. Chapman, and others.

Bro. W. J. Mann presented the annual report, which was of a satisfactory character, and in his capacity of Steward for Wiltshire for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' made an appeal on behalf of the Institution, which will celebrate its centenary this year. The lodge unanimously voted a sum of 30 guineas towards this excellent Charity. Assisted by a Board of Past Masters, Bro. F. Kelland then, in a very able and satisfactory manner, installed the W.M. elect, Bro. G. L. Palmer, into the chair for the ensuing year. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. Pocock, S.W.; H. Applegate, J.W.; W. J. Mann, Treas.; T. S. Hill, Sec.; F. Selfe, Asst. Sec.; W. R. Brown, S.D.; H. Chapman, J.D.; H. Bishop, D.C.; A. Cox, Org.; J. White, I.G.; and Bailey, Tyler. The charge to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Goldney in his usual impressive manner, and that to the officers by Bro. Kelland. The musical portion of the ceremony was supplied by Bro. Millington, who presided at the mustel organ.

The brethren, to the number of 60 or 70, including Bro. Goldney and most of the distinguished visitors, afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, Miss Hewitt catering in a satisfactory manner. A very enjoyable time was spent under the presidency of the new W.M., Bro. Palmer.

MANCHESTER.—Humphrey Chetham Lodge (No. 645).—The installation of Bro. R. R. Lange took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated on Wednesday, the 1st inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when there were present Bros. J. Crowther, W.M.; R. R. Lange, S.W.; W. J. Thaler, J.W.; C. Götz, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. E. Lees, P.M., P.P.G.S.; T. Barron, S.D.; J. T. Griffith, J.D.; H. Lilley, I.G.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.G. Swd. Br., P.P.J.G.W.; T. Craig, P.M.; A. Middleton, P.M.; W. Williams, P.M.; W. H. Barlow, A. G. Adams, A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.A.G. D.C.; C. H. Arnold, S. Kelly, F. Mills, and W. Ashton. Visitors: J. Terry, P. G. Swd. Br., Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; E. Hulton, P.S.G.W.; W. Jaffrey, P.M. 152, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Wildgoose, P.M. 163, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Nicholl, P.M. 317, P.G. Treas.; J. McLaren, P.M. 62, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Rushton, P.M. 1145; R. Leech, P.M. 1055, 1219; J. Wilson, P.M. 317; W. E. Harwood, W.M. 1140; M. Blume, P.M. 1001; J. F. May, S.D. 295; G. Seager, 2109; O. Tabberes, 532; W. Gray, 999; J. E. Iliff, 1170; T. Harrop, P.M. 645; J. Studd, W.M. 163; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, and Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Swd. Br., occupied the chair of K.S. for the purpose of installing Bro. R. R. Lange, which he did with all due rite and ceremony, and with his well-known ability. The newly-installed W.M. was subsequently proclaimed and saluted in the customary manner. The W.M. then appointed, invested, and addressed his officers, and they were placed in their respective positions by Bro. W. Williams, P.M., as follows: Bros. M. Weigenthaler, S.W.; T. Barron, J.W.; C. J. W. Götz, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; J. E. Lees, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; T. Griffiths, S.D.; H. L. Lilley, J.D.; A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Org.; W. Williams, P.M., D.C.; C. H. Arnold, I.G.; H. E. Sharpe, G. Ananiadi, A. E. Adams, and M. Hovanessian, Stwds.; and J. Sly, Tyler. Bro. W. Williams, P.M., presented and explained the working tools to the W.M. Bro. A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.A. G.D.C., gave the three addresses in a highly creditable manner, and the ceremony was announced concluded. The Treasurer, Bro. J. E. Lees, P.P.G.T., spoke very favourably of the balance sheet, and moved that the Auditor's report be adopted. The motion was seconded and carried. Bro. C. Götz, P.P.J.G.W., addressing the I.P.M., Bro. J. Crowther, referred to his highly appreciated services during the past year, and presented him in the name of the lodge with a P.M.'s gold jewel (the jewel which was a square and problem was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street.) Bro. Crowther, in appropriate terms, expressed his thanks for this mark of the brethren's esteem. "Heartly good wishes" having been expressed by the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed.

The Festival of St. John was afterwards celebrated with a banquet, the preparing and serving of which reflected great credit on Bro. and Mrs. Phillips.

After the banquet the Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen," which was heartily received, and Bro. Alfred Lewtas sang a verse of the national anthem.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." This toast was also well received, and Bro. Cuthbert Blacon sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

In response to the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. Jas. Terry and J. H. Sillitoe, Past G. Swd. Brs., replied, after which Bros. Blacon, Kershaw, and Lewtas sang the glee, "Just like love."

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. East Lancashire, George Mellor, V.W. Deputy P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. E. Hulton, P.J.G.W.; Wm. Nicholl, P.G. Treas.; and Jas. McLaren, P.P.J.G.W., responded. Bro. R. R. Lisenden here recited "Kissing cups race."

Bro. Carl Götz, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., proposed what he considered to be the toast of the evening, viz., "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. R. R. Lange," and in doing so remarked that those installation meetings of the lodge came like Christmas and new years day, but once a year, and were always very enjoyable. Unfortunately for him (Bro. Götz) circumstances had arisen on several of these anniversaries which prevented him from being present, and he had felt this enforced absence very keenly, but this year, owing to the W.M. being an old and intimate friend he had resolved to make a point of being present, and seeing him installed in preference to making his Russian journey. Bro. Götz continuing, said they all naturally rejoiced to see so worthy a Mason as Bro. Lange occupying the proud position of W.M. after seven years good service in the lodge, at the same time they did not rejoice to see Bro. Crowther leave the chair just when they had all learned to love him, and were so thoroughly satisfied with the manner he had performed his duties. In Bro. Lange they possessed a W.M. who had taken a great interest in the lodge ever since he joined it, and he (Bro. Götz) felt perfectly satisfied he would continue to do so. He had not been puzzled over the hieroglyphics of Freemasonry, had performed the various duties allotted him in a creditable manner, and grasped the true spirit of Masonry, Charity and benevolence. In wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office Bro. Götz asked the brethren to heartily drink his health.

The invitation was promptly responded to, and Bro. Cuthbert Blacon sang "Here's to his health."

The Worshipful Master, in reply, expressed his thanks to Bro. Götz for such kind expressions of feeling, and also to the brethren for the hearty way they had received the toast. When initiated into the lodge seven years ago, he had no idea of becoming the W.M., and could scarcely conceive it possible he was in that position at the present moment. It was a pleasure to him to see amongst the numerous company those whom he considered his god-fathers in Masonry, viz., Bros. Götz, Middleton, and Williams, and who had respectively initiated, passed, and raised him, and although he scarcely hoped to equal their achievements when governing the lodge, he would, at any rate, try to equal them in earnestness and goodness. They would not find him perfect in his duties, at the same time, he assured them all his spare time should be devoted to the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. Major Ashton—as the oldest member of the lodge—proposed "The Time-honoured Memory of Humphrey Chetham," which was heartily drunk, and Bro. A. Lewtas sang "The old brigade."

Bro. A. Middleton, P.M., proposed, in his happiest vein, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Jonathan Crowther," and, in a pointed and humorous speech, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to propose the toast, having had the pleasure when S.W. of proposing Bro. Crowther for initiation, and seeing him installed 12 months ago W.M. of the lodge. As the brethren were aware, Bro. Crowther did not reside now in Manchester, and must have experienced during his year of office a deal of inconvenience in coming from Macclesfield to perform his duties of W.M. They missed his genial face in Manchester, as all who knew him must feel that Manchester's loss would be Macclesfield's gain. In conclusion, Bro. Middleton said that wherever their I.P.M. might be he would do his utmost to beautify and adorn the Order, and prove himself a worthy scion of a worthy lodge.

The toast was received and drank with enthusiasm, and Bro. Crowther responded.

Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Swd. Br., P.P.J.G.W., in response to the toast of "The Installing Masters," said it had given him extreme pleasure to take part in the installation ceremony, from the fact of the most perfect worker in England being present, viz., Bro. James Terry. This fact had determined him to endeavour to perform the ceremony as accurately as possible, and from the remarks that had been passed, he believed and trusted he had given satisfaction.

Before sitting down, Bro. Sillitoe proposed "The Masonic Charities," and spoke at some length of the valuable work that had been done by the three Institutions, particularly by the R.M. Benevolent Institution. He paid a high compliment to Bro. James Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of that noble Institution, and quoted several instances of brethren being relieved by it, who were once in affluence. Bro. Sillitoe concluded by asking the brethren to drink to the toast, and coupled with it the name of Bro. James Terry.

In responding to the toast, Bro. Terry made one of his forcible and brilliant speeches which so strongly appeal to the charity of every true Mason. He gave a résumé of the progress of the R.M.B. Institution since its foundation to the present time, also an account of the income and expenditure for relief. The actual cases that could be relieved, he said, were only about one-sixth of those required, and hence arose the necessity for increased donations and subscriptions. Bro. Terry expressed himself most grateful for the noble response on behalf of the Institution he represented that was given by the brethren last year, at the same time he hoped they would not lose sight of the fact that there was an ever increasing demand upon their Charity by indigent brethren and widows.

Bro. Terry's speech was listened to with great attention and much applauded.

Other toasts, including "The Visitors," "The newly-invested Officers," and others, were proposed and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

During the evening the brethren were entertained with two fine performances on the piano from Bro. Max Blume (pianist to the King of Saxony).

CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., Bro. L. Eccles, W.M., presiding. There was a goodly number of brethren and visitors present. Bros. P. Yates, P.M., and Simon Goldstone, P.M. 345, ably divided the ceremonial labours of the evening between them, Bro. Yates performing the ceremony of raising Bro. Rev. W. S. Pratt, and Bro. Goldstone that of raising Bro. R. G. Anderson. The working tools and charge were impressively given by Bro. Yates, P.M., whose efforts are always welcomed and acknowledged by the brethren. The W.M., having resumed

the chair, announced to the lodge that he had appointed Bro. Rev. W. S. Pratt as Chaplain of the lodge, and he proceeded to invest him with the collar and jewel of his high office. The report from the Committee of the recent ball was read, and a profit of £4 11s. 9d. declared in favour of the Masonic Charities. After other formal business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then retired to the Imperial Hotel, where Mrs. Stansfield had prepared a suitable repast. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured; and "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. G. Tortell, S.W., and specially honoured on this—the occasion of his birthday.

HARTLEPOOL.—Harbour of Refuge Lodge (No. 764).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th ult., when a very large number of brethren assembled, amongst others being Bros. H. B. Olsen, W.M.; J. F. Wilson, I.P.M.; H. Lamb, S.W.; J. D. Reay, J.W.; E. Clennett, S.D.; T. H. Simpson, J.D.; W. Hodge, Sec.; Col. Cameron, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. D. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. Hudson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; C. S. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Carter, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Baumann, P.M., P.J.G.D.; W. Mayson, P.M.; and J. Stonehouse, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Horsley, P.P.S.G.W.; M. Harrison, P.M.; F. H. Bennett, P.P.G.D.; R. W. Simpson, P.J.G.D.; and J. H. Jackson, P.P.G.D.

The business of the evening was to raise to the Third Degree Bro. W. B. Foxton, which ceremony was performed by the W.M. in a very careful and impressive manner, after which, on the closing of the lodge, the secret of such a large gathering was explained by Bro. Cameron rising, and, on behalf of the members of the lodge, presenting the W.M. with a handsomely-designed solid silver cradle, on the occasion of the birth of a Lewis during his Mastership and in the Queen's Jubilee year.

In making the presentation, which was quite unexpected on the part of the W.M., Bro. Col. Cameron, said: It must be very gratifying to the Queen that her subjects united so universally to celebrate her Jubilee last year. The ceremony at Westminster Abbey was one that would for ever remain in the memory of those who were present, as it was the undoubted proof of their affection and loyalty to her Majesty. There had also been some local events connected with the celebration of considerable interest to the town. Among others was the laying the foundation-stone of their municipal building with Masonic honours, a ceremony but seldom witnessed, as it was a very unusual thing for permission to be given for Masons to meet before the public. But permission was given, and given readily, and he (Bro. Cameron), in his position as Chairman of the Commissioners, and as a Past Warden of the province, had the honour to lay the stone. The success of the arrangements, which were carried out in a very admirable manner, were mainly owing to the attention paid to the details by Bro. Olsen, with the assistance of the sister lodge, Stranton. Bro. Olsen had also identified himself with the Masonic Charities, and, as witnessed that evening, had been very proficient in the work of the lodge. These were qualities which raised him very high in their esteem. But, beside these, during his year of Mastership a very interesting event had occurred in his family circle, a son being born on the very day on which the foundation-stone was laid, which prompted the brethren to avail themselves of the opportunity of testifying their high esteem of him as a man, as a Mason, and as a Master. It had been decided by members of the lodge to celebrate the event which he had just alluded to by presenting Bro. Olsen with a silver cradle. He had been asked to make the presentation, and had considerable pleasure in so doing. The money was subscribed voluntarily, and no systematic canvass had been made. Bro. Cameron then presented the cradle to Bro. Olsen.

Bro. Hans B. Olsen, W.M., in reply, remarked that to say that he was very much surprised would not express his feelings at that moment, and, to adopt a very common expression—"You might knock me down with a feather." When he came to the lodge that evening he was surprised to see so many brethren present, but now he knew the reason. After the very flattering remarks which had been made, and which were totally undeserved, he felt that he was unable to do more than simply thank them. He took a deep interest in the lodge, and would continue to do all in his power to promote its prosperity, as well as Masonry at large. He was exceedingly obliged to Bro. Cameron for his kindly remarks, and could assure him and the brethren that he received the present in the same spirit in which it was offered. He would only add that if his son should grow up to manhood, he would esteem it an honour to tell him how it was that the cradle came into their family.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial supper, presided over by the W.M.

After the usual loyal toasts had been given and duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Newly-raised Brother" in very cordial terms, and expressed the great pleasure he felt in welcoming to the Masonic body one whom he had long known and esteemed.

Bro. Foxton, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour done him, and, in a very humorous speech, referring to the long and intimate friendship which had existed between the W.M. and himself, now deepened by closer ties, felt that, being fully entered on the Masonic roll, he would do all he possibly could to perform his duty as a Mason, and faithfully serve in any position allotted to him.

Bro. C. S. Lane, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a brief and effective speech.

The toast was drunk to heartily, and Bro. Olsen, W.M., responded, thanking the brethren for their hearty support and co-operation, and assured them that at all times he would use his best endeavours to carry out the principles of the Order, and secure the harmony and prosperity of the lodge. He would remind them that, as representing the Province of Durham, he was serving as Steward for the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held in May, and that he would be supported by four other brethren of their lodge, who also were going as Stewards on that occasion, one of whom was the brother whom he had raised that evening, Bro. Foxton, who had thus early in his Masonic life shown his interest by his desire to know something of and qualifying himself as a Life Governor of one of our Charities. He should be glad to receive, and no doubt existed in his mind but that he would have their assistance and support towards such a very excellent and deserving object.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," of whom he was pleased to see such a good number around him, and whilst they gave them a very hearty welcome he could not, as time was passing rapidly, ask them all to respond, but would name Bro. J. Horsley, of St. Helen's Lodge, Bro. R. W. Simpson, of Stranton Lodge, and Bro. Jackson, of the Philanthropy Lodge, to which each of those brethren suitably responded.

Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the proceedings being enlivened by some excellent music and singing, under the leadership of Bro. Hurworth, the Organist to the lodge.

The cradle bears the following inscription: "Presented to Brother Hans B. Olsen, W.M., by brethren of Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764, in commemoration of the birth of a 'Lewis' and the Queen's Jubilee, 1887."

Bros. Sinclair, P.M., and Baumann, P.M., acted as Secretary and Treasurer to the Presentation Committee, and by their exertions the whole of the proceedings were a great success.

BROUGHTON.—St. Thomas Lodge (No. 992).

—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Griffin Hotel, the W.M., Bro. A. Grice, in the chair, supported by his officers. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. There were three candidates, who were initiated respectively by Bros. A. Grice, W.M.; Hollier, P.M.; and Sutherland, P.M., P.P.G. Dir. of Cer. As this was the first meeting after the installation, the W. Master is to be congratulated upon such a commencement, and we sincerely wish him every success during his year of office.

There was a good attendance of officers and brethren, who, after the labour was ended, adjourned to the festive board, when a very happy evening was spent. The usual loyal and other toasts were given and responded to with hearty goodwill.

MANCHESTER.—Strangeways Lodge (No. 1219).

—The installation of Bro. W. B. Russell took place at the Old Boar's Head, Corporation-street, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. H. Slater, W.M.; W. Willis, I.P.M.; W. B. Russell, S.W.; Wm. Williams, J.W.; W. T. Schofield, P.M., Treas.; R. D. Callison, J.D.; W. W. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Jas. Andrew, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. D. Callison, I.G.; J. Rogers, P.M.; J. Savage, J. B. Bradshaw, H. Barnes, F. Warburton, W. Baron, J. N. Haslam, W. O. Wilkinson, J. McConnell, A. H. Battye, J. Gowley, W. Platt, H. G. Williams, G. Grimes, R. Acomb, G. Barlow, B. Whitman, D. Baxter, and J. Robinson. Visitors: Bros. E. L. Irving, W.M. 1170, P.G. Stwd.; R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd.; R. Caldwell, P.M. 1011, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; E. G. Simpson, W.M. 2144, P.S.G.D. Cheshire; M. Thomas, W.M. 201; A. Grice, W.M. 992; J. D. Byway, P.M. 1633; W. H. Whittington, P.M. 78; S. Dawson, S.W. 1011; W. H. Vaughan, P.M., Sec. 1030; E. Nathan, P.M. 1798; W. A. Doherty, 2144; W. Boden, Sec. 1588; W. O. Wilkinson, and T. Stopford, S.W. 1077.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken and announced favourable to Messrs. W. J. Morgan and J. Jackson. They were both subsequently initiated by the W.M. As previously arranged, Bro. W. T. Schofield, P.M., occupied the chair of K.S. for the purpose of installing Bro. W. B. Russell. Bro. Russell was presented and installed, proclaimed, and saluted. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year by Bro. W. W. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.: Bros. W. Williams, S.W.; R. Hughes, J.W.; T. W. Schofield, P.M., Treas.; W. W. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; R. D. Callison, S.D.; J. W. Callison, J.D.; C. J. Schofield, P.M., D.C.; J. Savage, I.G.; and Robinson, Bradshaw, Warburton, and Baron, Stewards. The ceremony concluded with the usual addresses, and when "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed, the lodge was closed.

A capital banquet, prepared by, and served under the superintendence of, Mrs. Stopford, was partaken of by the brethren, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and drunk by the brethren.

Bros. R. Caldwell, P.P.G. Swd. Br., and E. G. Simpson, W.M. 2144, P.G.D. Cheshire, responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. W. W. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing said he felt sure from having carefully watched Bro. Russell during the time he had served the various offices, that he had the welfare of his lodge at heart, and would do his utmost to promote its interests and prosperity. They had witnessed him ascend to his present exalted position from the lowest ruck of the ladder, and were fully convinced he would perform his duties of W.M. with the same zeal as he had done the subordinate offices. They all highly respected their W.M., and necessarily had learned to love him. The visiting brethren might think this was excess of adulation on his (Bro. Dawson's) part, but he assured them that such were the feelings of every member of the Strangeways Lodge, and he therefore felt great pleasure in asking all present to rise and drink to the health of Bro. Russell, and wish him a happy and prosperous year of office.

The brethren readily complied with this request, and Bro. Russell, in reply, after thanking Bro. Dawson and the brethren, said he would endeavour to merit their appreciation, and do his utmost to promote good feeling and harmony amongst them. During a period of 10 years he had never received anything but kindness from the members of the Strangeways Lodge. He had served under seven W. Masters during the 10 years, and he said it with pride and without egotism that he had endeavoured to perform every office with credit, and had only been absent from the lodge meetings on three occasions. He had entered the lodge, figuratively speaking, poor and penniless, but was now made wealthy through the occupancy of the W.M.'s chair, which he hoped he should fill with satisfaction to them all and credit to himself. If he spoke for an hour he could not say more than in simple but sincere language—"Brethren, I thank you."

Bro. J. Andrew, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. Slater," in felicitous terms, and the brethren drank it with enthusiasm, after which Bro. Slater replied in appropriate language.

"The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., Bro. Russell, and duly responded to.

Several other toasts were honoured, and the evening's enjoyment was much enhanced by some excellent glees and

solos from Bros. Robinson, Baron, Wilkinson, and W. Smith.

We had almost omitted to mention that the W.M. inaugurated his presidency of the lodge by presenting new gauntlets and collars for the three chairs, and a vote of thanks was deservedly awarded for his kindness.

The gauntlets and collars were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, King-street. Present: Bros. J. Browne, W.M.; H. Boucher, S.W.; H. Riddlesworth, J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Wm. Rigby, Sec.; Wm. Holt, S.D.; R. P. White, J.D.; G. L. Campbell, P.M., P.P.G.O., D.C.; Thos. Knowles, I.G.; C. Cronshaw, Stwd.; A. Swallow, Tyler; W. Johnson, P.M.; R. B. Seddon, P.M.; C. E. Beazer, P.M.; R. Betty, P.M.; A. H. Crossley, P.M.; A. Crosson, R. O. Burland, W. Taberner, and others.

After the lodge had been opened, the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, and a ballot taken for two candidates for initiation, the lodge was closed.

BARNESLEY.—Friendly Lodge (No. 1513).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall. The meeting was of unusual importance owing to its being the first held since the decoration of the Temple, which has been done at the expense of Bro. T. W. Embleton, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, the former including Bros. E. J. Massie, W.M.; A. W. Gratton, S.W.; C. W. Fincken, J.W.; W. H. Tallents, Sec.; W. Senior, S.D.; J. Cheatter, J.D.; C. F. Seward, D.C.; W. J. Frankland, I.G.; B. Smith, Past S.W.; and J. H. Smith, Stwd.; J. H. Gratton, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; S. C. Alderson, P.M.; W. J. Lowrence, P.M.; W. R. Massie, P.M.; and many others. Among the visitors were Bros. T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire; H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; S. Slack, P.P.G.D. of C., P.M. 904; G. Newton, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; E. Billington, W.M. 1462; H. Field, P.M. 1462; and others.

The lodge was opened by Bro. E. J. Massie, W.M. After the confirmation of the minutes the W.M., in the name of the brethren, thanked Bro. Embleton for so handsomely defraying the cost of beautifying the Temple, in addition to taking an active interest in the progress of the work. Bro. Embleton, in reply, said if the work satisfied the brethren and added to their comfort and pleasure he should be fully repaid. The W.M. then presented Bro. Senior with "Gould's History of Freemasonry," handsomely bound, as a mark of the brethren's appreciation of his great and successful labours in connection with the adaptation of the Hall for Masonic purposes, and in gratuitously designing and superintending the decoration. Bro. Senior expressed his surprise at being made the recipient of such a beautiful present, which he assured the brethren would be highly treasured by him. As for his work, it had been a labour of love. The ceremony of installing Bro. C. F. Seward was then proceeded with, Bro. W. R. Massie acting as Installing Master. Soon after Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Prov. Grand Master, entered the lodge, and at the conclusion of the ceremony complimented Bro. W. R. Massie on the very efficient manner in which he had conducted it. He also thanked Bro. E. J. Massie for the great zeal and success with which he had presided over the affairs of the lodge during the past year. He reminded the brethren that that was the centenary year of the Masonic Orphanage for Girls, and ventured to hope that the Province of West Yorkshire would do its utmost for this deserving Charity during the current year. The officers invested by Bros. Seward, W.M., were: Bros. C. W. Fincken, S.W.; W. Senior, J.W.; T. W. Embleton, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; W. J. Frankland, Sec.; J. Cheatter, S.D.; J. S. Ingall, J.D.; B. Smith, D.C.; H. Fountain, Org.; C. Lingard, I.G.; J. H. Smith and F. C. Browne, Stwds.; and T. Rogers, Tyler. Bros. J. H. Gratton, P.M., and E. J. Massie, I.P.M., were respectively elected to the posts of Charity Steward and Almoner. Before closing the lodge Bro. Seward, W.M., presented on behalf of the lodge to Bro. E. J. Massie a Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, as a token of their high appreciation of his work during the past year. Bro. Massie suitably replied.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast, served in excellent style by Bro. Rogers, under the supervision of Bros. J. H. Smith and F. C. Browne, Stewards.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., Bro. Lowden, W.M., in the chair, supported by his officers. The minutes were read and confirmed, and one candidate was balloted for and initiated. One passed to the Second Degree. One candidate proposed, and two joining members. The following also signed the attendance book: Bros. J. I. Lace, I.P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. Harper, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; B. Craig, P.M.; J. Routledge, J. Wilkinson, W. J. Harvey, T. Lowrey, J. Gordon, A. Cross, H. Hartley, J. Wakefield, J. C. Cornish, W. Simon, and others. With other general business the lodge was closed, and a pleasant hour was spent in the refreshment hall.

GUERNSEY.—Fidelis Lodge (No. 1809).

—The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. M. F. Brouard, took place on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Temple. Previous to the ceremony Bro. W. Newbury, W.M., opened the lodge, and Mr. Ogier was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Garland was raised as M.M., the ceremony being most impressively performed by the clever young W.M., the brethren chanting an appropriate ode; Bro. Barnes, W.M. of Loyalty Lodge, presiding at the organ. About 20 Past Masters were present to form the Board of Installed Masters, including Bros. Weyson, Lindsay, Le Page, Peek, Parsons, Pethers, Bohn, 243; A. C. Quick, Smythson, Thorne, Courtenay, Lovell, W.M. of 168; Wilkins, W.M. 84; Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R., P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk; Rev. G. P. U. Pickering, P.M. 175, P.P.G. Chap. Hants; Blight, Palmer, and LeRay, of 1809. Besides this large array of the "Patres Conscripti," the officers of 243 and 168 attended in regalia, and there was a large

muster of the brethren of the Island, the three lodges, meeting in the Masonic Temple, always acting very harmoniously together, as it is right that Masons should. Bro. Richard, P.P.G.S. of W. Jersey, P.M. 1809, was installing Master, and essayed the difficult task of performing the most important, and perhaps most imposing, ceremony in the Craft. Bro. Palmer assisted as D.C. The following were appointed to office: Bros. W. Newbury, I.P.M.; T. Hayward, S.W.; W. Entwistle, J.W.; W. Stranger, S.D.; Dr. Cormellan, J.D.; Le Ray, P.M., Treas.; T. M. Richard, P.M., Sec.; P. H. Davey, D.C.; and J. H. Garland, Stwd.

The ceremony was not concluded till half-past ten, when the usual substantial repast was spread in the banquet room below the lodge, and the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and several brethren lent their voices to assist in the harmony of the evening. A very agreeable evening was spent, and the brethren separated at a late hour.

HAMPTON COURT.—Cama Lodge (No. 2105).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 1st inst., at the Mitre Hotel, when there were present Bros. John Read, P.P.G. Org. Middx., W.M.; C. J. Axford, as I.P.M.; Major Geary, as S.W.; Dharwar, J.W.; T. Poore, P.M. 720, Sec.; S. Hague, M.D., S.D.; C. B. Cooper, W.M. 449, as J.D.; J. K. R. Cama, D.C.; F. A. Granville, I.G.; Caron, Stwd.; Harrison, Tyler; Gillham, Stuart, and Postans. Visitors: Bros. C. J. Axford, P.M. 2048, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; C. B. Cooper, W.M. 449; and W. Warren, 148. The lodge was opened in ample form, and a ballot was taken for Messrs. Birkin and Manlove, which proving favourable, those gentlemen were regularly initiated into the Order by the W.M. Bros. Stuart, Gillham and Postans being in attendance, were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Two names were afterwards submitted for initiation at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshments, served by Bro. Sadler in his usual superior manner, at which the W.M. presided. A short but very agreeable meeting was brought to a close.

INSTRUCTION.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. J. K. R. Cama, W.M.; Hill, S.W.; Havel, J.W.; W. Easton, S.D.; J. B. Smith, J.D.; H. Bangs, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, Preceptor; C. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; C. W. Rex, J. D. Keech, T. Casey, G. Wood, W. D. Grey, F. J. Holden, G. S. Russell, and H. Palmer.

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. Grey candidate. Bro. Wood worked the 4th Section of the Lecture. Bro. Rex answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Smales candidate. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week. The officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. C. J. Biorn, W.M.; A. G. Boswell, S.W.; G. Coleman, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Sec. (pro tem.); R. T. Redfern, S.D.; J. W. Belham, J.D.; J. W. Mantelov, I.G.; C. Stalibrass, Stwd.; H. Ward, L. H. Nerwich, and W. Chapple. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. invested his officers, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chapple candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Nerwich having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Nerwich candidate. The lodge was then closed down, and Bro. Boswell elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CLAPTON LODGE (No. 1365).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Amherst-road, Hackney, when there were present Bros. Von Holtz, W.M.; Bunker, S.W.; Sawyer, J.W.; Margetts, S.D.; Cordell, J.D.; Bokenham, I.G.; Finch, acting Preceptor; Church, Hon. Sec.; Fairclough, Hunt, Bott, W. Brookman, Bennett, Duncan, Hopwood, Draper, and Campbell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting duly confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bennett acting as candidate. Bro. Bennett was afterwards interrogated and entrusted. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when Bro. Duncan, 1524, was unanimously elected a member, being proposed by Bro. Bunker, and seconded by Bro. Finch. The Preceptor proposed that Bro. Bunker, S.W., should occupy the chair at the next meeting—seconded by Bro. Sawyer, J.W., and carried. The officers to be in rotation. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the very excellent way in which the W.M. carried out the ceremonies for the first time in the lodge. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed. Bro. Fairclough rendered the musical part of the ceremony.

After the lodge was closed the monthly meeting of the Third Clapton Masonic Benevolent Association took place.

HIGHGATE LODGE (No. 1366).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Bull and Gate, Kentish Town, when there were present Bros. Hill, W.M.; Fraser, S.W.; Hahn, J.W.; Nash, S.D.; Wheeler, J.D.; Watts, I.G.; Frost, P.M., Preceptor; Scattergood, Sec.; Trinder, Giddings, Mulvey, Finch, Quartly, Rawlinson, Limebeer, and Dodd.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Quartly having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed. The 1st and 4th Sections were worked. Bros. Wheeler, Org. 2206, and Rawlinson, 2168, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Frost, P.M., was re-elected Preceptor; and Bro. Homan was elected Treasurer, in lieu of Bro. Limebeer, P.M., resigned. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered them for their valuable services. Bro. Fraser was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and he was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; J. R. Allman, S.W.; H. Moss, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642, S.D.; C. Powell, P.M. 1425, J.D.; T. Middlewell, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1074, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; Dr. Ingleby Mackenzie, P.M. 372, 30° (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; W. H. Chalont, P.M. 1425; E. F. Ferris, W.M. 1543; T. C. Thomson, W.M. 1697; T. Grant, J. Smith, W. Windeatt, R. E. Cursons, and A. Cornwall. Visitors: Bros. H. Guntrip, 511; and Rev. W. Radcliffe, 47 (S.C.), 218 (E.C.).

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. Ferris being candidate. Bro. Cursons was examined and entrusted, and the lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bros. Guntrip and Radcliffe were elected members. Bro. Allman was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. The proposed alteration to by-law No. 7 was read, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A meeting was held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Present: Bros. J. L. Barrett, W.M.; T. Owens, S.W.; J. Tattersall, J.W.; F. T. Smith, S.D.; Gomme, J.D.; Lazarus, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; J. K. Pitt, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; W. Paddle, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Ball, Sec.; Belchamber, Berry, Rush, May, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. Barrett, very ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Belchamber acting as candidate and answering as to proficiency. On the second time of rising, Bro. T. Owens was elected W.M. for the ensuing week; and the members present resolved themselves into a full Committee for the purpose of completing the necessary arrangements for the smoking concert to be given by the lodge on the 23rd inst., and which promises to be a most successful entertainment.

The lodge having been closed, the Benevolent Association in connection therewith held a meeting, at which two ballots for Life-Subscriberships to the Masonic Institutions were taken. These were declared in favour respectively of Bros. Lazarus and Tattersall. The brethren then separated.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. A. Cox, W.M.; G. Reynolds, S.W.; Napper, J.W.; Hancock, Preceptor; Petch, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; Noakes, J.D.; Duncan, I.G.; Holness, P.M.; Brookman, Clarke, Kilsby, Snelling, Tickle, and Laws.

The lodge was opened in the First, Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Clarke candidate, the W.M. giving the charge in an excellent manner. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Petch, W.M. elect of the mother lodge, who invested officers. The W.M. again took the chair, resumed the lodge to the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. W. T. Laws was unanimously elected a member, being proposed by Bro. Tickle, P.M., P.G. Reg. Middx., and seconded by Bro. Kilsby. Bro. G. Reynolds was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his services in the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction, and the same ordered to be entered on the minutes. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

This being the first Tuesday in the month, subscriptions were received for the Second Islington Masonic Charities Association. The ballot for a Life-Governorship was postponed until the next meeting of the Association—March 6th, Bro. D. P. Holness, President, expressing the hope that there might be two ballots on that occasion. The business then terminated.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—The usual weekly meeting of this flourishing lodge of instruction was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Smith, W.M.; Tichiaz, S.W.; Dormer, J.W.; Ives, P.M., S.D.; Gaskell, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Lewis, P.M., Treas.; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Juniper, P.M.; Gregory, McGee, Arnott, Button, Black, Butcher, Lambert, Willsmer, and Joyce.

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. Button candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. C. Tichiaz, J.W. 917, H. Button, 2184, and G. R. Lambert, A.D.C. 228, were unanimously elected joining members, and returned thanks. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Duffield, P.M., Preceptor, seconded by Bro. Dormer, J.W., and carried unanimously, that Bro. Tichiaz, S.W., occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting. Bro. Tichiaz returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and no further Masonic business offering, the lodge was closed.

The first ballot of the Charitable Association of the lodge was then taken, and Bro. Tichiaz was the fortunate member.

The brethren then adjourned and held their first annual supper, under the able catering of Bro. Lewis, Bro. Smith, W.M. elect 228, presiding.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given, and in proposing "Continued Prosperity to the Leopold Lodge of Instruction" the W.M. coupled with it the name of the Preceptor, Bro. Duffield, P.M., and paid him a high tribute for his zeal in conducting the lodge.

Bro. Duffield, P.M., in replying, stated that he should—so long as he was able and the brethren elected him to that office—continue the Preceptorship in the way which it appeared was so satisfactory to the brethren.

The toasts of "The W.M., Bro. Smith," and "The Hon. Sec., Bro. Colley," were given, and replied to respectively.

During the evening Bros. Taylor, Gaskell, Tichiaz, Lewis, Gregory, Duffield, and Colley contributed harmony, and a pleasant evening closed with a vote of thanks to the host.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the lodge on Thursday, the 16th inst., at 7 p.m., and brethren are cordially invited.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. H. G. Marsden, W.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; F. M. Noakes, J.W.; A. Proudfoot, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; J. D. Graham, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. W. Cash, W. Hancock, J. G. Wynn, W. Brindley, A. Clark, E. V. A. Gullin, W. C. Ginder, F. Hill, G. Coleman, C. Lambert, G. Grooves, E. Arbutt, L. B. Sery, J. S. Henry, G. F. Swan, J. Skinner, J. Woodward, R. E. Cursons, S. Moss, T. A. Dickson, and R. J. Harnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. E. Cursons having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Hancock offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. E. C. Mulvey be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the Auditors' report (Bros. H. G. Marsden, W. Hancock, and R. J. Harnell) was read, whereupon Bro. C. Lambert proposed that the same be received and adopted—seconded by Bro. E. C. Mulvey, and carried unanimously. From the report it appears that during the year 1887 the lodge of instruction was attended by 1007 brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree 51 times, Second Degree 49 times, and Third Degree 38 times. The First Lecture with its Sections was worked 60 times, Second Lecture 24 times, and Third Lecture 11 times. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed 35 times, passing 29 times, raising 32 times, installation, with parts of same, 6 times, and Fifteen Sections once. The lodge was resumed from one Degree to another 48 times, closed down 6 times, called off and on 3 times, and votes of thanks have been recorded 22 times. New members, 34. One supper and one summer outing have taken place. A ballot for a Subscribership to one of the Royal Masonic Charities has been drawn. One letter of condolence and one of thanks has been sent, and a Second Charitable Association in connection with the lodge of instruction has been formed. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

The first meeting of the Second Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction Charitable Association was then held, particulars of which will be found in another column.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M., S.W.; A. W. Weeks, P.M., J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); Keen, S.D.; Wilton, J.D.; Wiggins, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; W. C. Williams, Dresden, Pellatt, and Neville.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dresden having satisfactorily answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Dresden being the candidate. Bro. Neville then answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Neville being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. S. Cochrane, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed, and those brethren who desire a Masonic treat, and know Bro. Cochrane's working, will do well to attend as early as possible.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. E. Austin, W.M.; J. B. Colwill, S.W.; C. R. Cross, J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); A. Wolter, S.D.; Moss, J.D.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., D.C.; A. Cavers, I.G.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; Speigel, P.M.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; D. Stroud, T. J. Head, G. E. Higginson, L. Cox, Larter, Jennings, Nash, Johnston, Sansom, Arnott, and Cotton.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by the W.M. in its entirety—the brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired at the necessary time. Bro. Colwill, being W.M. elect, appointed his officers in due form. Bro. Cantle acting as D.C. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Colwill, Bro. Cochrane being the candidate. Bro. C. R. Cross was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; J. H. Wood, S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., acting Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; F. Waiden, J.D.; F. C. Hughes, I.G.; Speigel, P.M. 185; F. Craggs, C. Hopkins, Cotton, Woodard, Clark, Wilson, D. Stroud, W. W. Williams, and J. Worth. Bro. Anderson was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. J. Worth, offering himself as candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. J. Worth candidate, the W.M. rendering the traditional history. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bros. Wimpey and Gardner offering themselves as candidates for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. After the usual formalities, the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Harvey, W.M.; Hume, S.W.; Blades, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Arnold, J.D.; Abbott, I.G.; Mason, P.M.; Green, sen., P.M.; Green, jun., P.M.; Coleman, and Edwards.

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. Gibson being the candidate. Bro. Coleman, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Coleman being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and a vote of thanks was unanimously voted, to be recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time; this compliment was richly deserved, for he worked the initiation and passing in splendid style. Bro. Hume was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Charitable Association in connection with the lodge was afterwards held, and a ballot taken, which proved favourable to Bros. Hambling, Newman, and Dexter.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. Folkard, W.M.; Partridge, S.W.; Hill, J.W.; Wright, S.D.; Beavan, J.D.; Russell, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Hudson, Heathcote, Evans, B. Perkins, Esling, Livett, and Green.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Folkard in a very careful manner. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bros. Hudson, 1657, and H. Williams, 1686, were elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Partridge, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Partridge suitably replied, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Secretary announced that, in accordance with the by-laws, the ceremony of installation would be worked on the fourth Monday in February. The annual supper was arranged for the second Monday in March. A ballot was taken for £5 ss. to one of the Charities, which resulted in favour of Bro. Esling. The President of the Benevolent Association informed the members that the first ballot of this recently formed but already flourishing Association would take place at the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

DARTFORD.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 299).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. Chas. Hind, Sec., W.M.; C. D. Mears, S.W.; N. Martin, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., J.W.; W. J. Light, P.M., Preceptor; E. T. Lancaster, S.D.; P. Jones, P.M. 1837, J.D.; C. C. Potter, P.M. 1343, P.G.S.B., I.G.; and Carter, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. G. B. Chapman, P.M. 299, and Green, 1076, Past Grand Steward.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Potter being the candidate. The charge was afterwards given. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, when the Preceptor proposed, and Bro. Potter seconded, that Bro. C. D. Mears occupy the chair at the next meeting—carried. Bro. Mears returned thanks. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. J. Sims, P.M., W.M.; Skar, S.W.; H. Harris, P.M., J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); Oliver, I.G.; Foakes, P.M.; and others.

Several resolutions were carried in connection with the working of the lodge, and Bro. Skar was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Mondays, the 20th and 27th instant.

The South Australian Freemason for the month of January is a well written monthly, with sound articles and an excellent budget of news. As this is only the second number of the journal, and as it promises so well, we take the opportunity of expressing to it our hearty good wishes, and trust it may have before it a long and prosperous career. It speaks in justly complimentary terms of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, whose reception by the South Australian brethren was most flattering, and must have pleased his lordship mightily.

Royal Arch.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—The installation meeting of the above excellent chapter took place on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was well attended. Comp. T. Ovenden, as Z. opened the chapter, and the minutes of the previous chapter having been confirmed, Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z., P.Z. 913, and P.P.G. 1st Asst. S., proceeded, as Installing Officer, to the duties of his office, and in due course installed Comps. Capt. G. Spinks, as Z.; Capt. D. Deeves, as H.; and A. W. Woodley, as J. The other officers appointed were Comps. E. West, P.Z., Treas. (by proxy); G. Kennedy, P.Z., S.E.; R. Warren, Z. 1472, S.N.; G. W. King, P.S.; C. Canning, 1st A.S.; and W. Akers, 2nd A.S. Among the other companions present were Comps. J. Scott-Mutch, P.Z.; J. Wilkins, P.Z.; W. G. Lock, J. Sanderson, W. Tailby, W. R. Arnold, W. Shackleton, W. J. Crowdy, and H. de Gray, all of the chapter; F. White, P.Z. 907, Z. Francis White Chapter, and P.P.G.S.N. Essex; W. B. Lloyd, P.Z. 913, and P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. C. Moore-Keys, 153; G. H. Letton, 913; J. Hooton, 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (hon.), and H. elect 1472.

We need hardly say that at the hands of Comp. Penfold the ceremony lost nothing of its impressiveness, and he was heartily congratulated and thanked for his excellent working. A P.Z.'s jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning), was presented to Comp. Ovenden for services rendered during his year of office, and he returned thanks. A letter of sympathy was ordered to be sent to Comp. West on the loss of his esteemed wife, and then the chapter was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at Comp. de Gray's good old hostelry, opposite the Dockyard Station, and was elegantly served under the superintendence of our veteran caterer and companion.

The usual loyal and R.A. toasts having been honoured, that of "The M.E.Z." was drunk with enthusiasm, and as heartily responded to.

"The Health of the Installing Officer" was the occasion of an ovation, and Comp. Penfold, who is certainly as able as he is popular, in responding, spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to be present and to have the opportunity and honour of installing such good Masons and good friends as the three Principals installed that day. It was now sixty-one years ago that the charter of the chapter was granted, and although he would not live to see its centenary, yet some of the younger companions might. He was exceedingly pleased to see the new robes worn by the Principals for the first time that day, but what about the old ones? They had done good suit and service, and although they were now discarded, yet he hoped they would be carefully preserved as records of the old chapter, and brought out as such when the centenary came, for the pride and admiration of the then companions. At the conclusion of his speech Comp. Penfold was heartily cheered.

"The 2nd and 3rd Principals" were toasted, as were "The Past Principals," "Visitors," and "Officers," and harmony reigned supreme.

The handsome new robes worn by the Principals were supplied by Comp. George Kenning.

SUNDERLAND.—Chapter De Lambton (No. 94).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, when there were present Comps. J. C. Moor, M.E.Z.; E. Sutherst, H.; T. G. Garrick, J.; T. Henderson, P.Z., S.E.; J. Scarborough, P.S.; G. Craven, 1st A.S.; W. Dawson, 2nd A.S.; J. Hudson P.Z.; J. Potts, P.Z.; M. Cohen, and several others.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. N. Richardson, 94, having been balloted for and elected, was exalted in an impressive manner by Comp. Smart, P.Z. The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: Comps. E. Sutherst, Z.; T. G. Garrick, H.; W. Dawson, J.; T. Henderson, S.E.; M. Cohen, S.N.; J. Scarborough, P.S.; G. Craven, 1st A.S.; S. B. Schmichen, 2nd A.S.; and T. Surtees, Janitor.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banqueting hall.

GUERNSEY.—Loyalty Chapter (No. 243).—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on the 12th ult., at the Masonic Temple, the following being present: Comps. Quick, Z.; Weyson, P.Z., acting H.; R. M. Smythson, J.; Palmer, P. Soj.; Sneath, S.N.; Le Page, P.Z., S.E.; E. Le Huray, P.Z.; Emra Holmes, P.Z., P.P.G. Soj. Cornwall; Rev. P. G. U. Pickering, 175; Parsons, Treas.; and others.

The following were elected for office for the ensuing year: Comps. Pengelly, Z.; Smythson, H.; Palmer, J.; Parsons, Treas.; Le Page, S.E.; Nicolle, S.N.; Sneath, P. Soj.; and Biddescombe, Janitor. It was moved and seconded that a special meeting should be called for the second Thursday in February to consider the advisability of reducing the fee for exaltation to two guineas, and to hold the meetings every two months in future instead of only once a quarter.

The usual pleasant symposium followed, and the companions enjoyed an agreeable evening together.

CAMBRIDGE.—Chapter of Fidelity (No. 441).—The annual convocation was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on the 1st inst. Comp. F. Dewberry was installed as M.E.Z. by Comp. J. Stacey Youngman; Comp. E. H. Jennings, as H., by Comp. G. Cole; and Comp. Thomas Watts, as J., by Comp. A. H. Moyes (Pythagoras), who also gave the lecture on the pedestal. The following officers were appointed, viz: Comps. H. King, P.S.; A. Morrell, S.E.; G. R. Barnes, S.N.; and J. Vail, Treas. Three brethren were exalted.

GREENWICH.—Star Chapter (No. 1275).—The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held at the Ship on Tuesday, the 24th ult. There were present Comps. Hilton, M.E.Z.; Elliott, H.; Addington, J.; Major Williams, P.Z., Treas.; Capt. C. Woolmer Williams, P.Z., S.E.; North, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Benedetti, 2nd A.S.; Grumman, P.Z.; W. Cowley, P.Z.; Bumstead, P.Z.; Foes, Fleck, Meirhoff, Dr. Makeham,

Woods, Crook, and Patrick, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. Whitby, M.E.Z. elect 1329, and Bird, 1329.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and then Comp. Hilton instituted his successor, Comp. Elliott, into the chair of First Principal of the chapter. He also installed Comp. Addington into the chair of H., Comp. Elliott having been previously compelled to leave the chapter on account of a pressing engagement. Comp. Tuck was unable to attend, and so was not installed into the chair of J. Comp. Hilton continued to occupy the chair of Z., as deputy of Comp. Elliott. He invested the officers of the chapter for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. Major Williams, P.Z., Treas.; Capt. C. W. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; C. Stone, S.N.; and Benedetti, 1st A.S. Comps. Hinton, P.S. elect, and Fry, 2nd A.S. elect, were unable to attend, and were consequently not invested. Bro. Martin was then exalted in a most impressive manner, the whole of the beautiful ceremony being performed in a manner that could not be surpassed. The various explanations were given by the following companions who filled the three chairs: Comps. Hilton, Z.; Grumman, H.; and Bumstead, J. Every part of the ceremony was rendered most impressively, while Comp. Stone, if possible, excelled himself in his duties of P.S. The next duty was a very pleasant one, being the presentation by Comp. Grumman, P.Z., to Comp. Hilton, on behalf of the chapter, of a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, as a memento of his very successful year of office. In reply, Comp. F. Hilton said that he received that jewel with very great pleasure. It showed the respect of the companions of the chapter. He considered the Royal Arch to be the consummation of Freemasonry, and should always remember the beautiful ritual of the Order, and the lessons to be learnt therefrom, even to the end of his days. He felt very highly honoured in receiving that decoration, and would always do his best to further the good of Freemasonry in general, and of that chapter in particular. A motion by Comp. Cowley, P.Z., that the chapter be removed from its present quarters, was unanimously carried, as was one by Comp. Major Williams, Treas., that it be removed to the Guildhall Tavern.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Comp. Hilton apologised for the absence of the officers, Comps. Elliott, M.E.Z., and Tuck, J., and then proposed "The Health of the Queen," coupled with Royal Arch Masonry. He said that all Masons were loyal, but Royal Arch Masons were particularly so. They could not be otherwise, for loyalty must issue from the teaching of the Order.

Next followed the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.Z.," and then that of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," all of whom were eulogised by Comp. Hilton for their zeal in the performance of their duties.

Comp. Capt. Woolmer Williams, P.Z., S.E., proposed the toast of "The Principals of the Chapter," in doing which he said it was a hard duty to perform; but he was compelled to do it by Comp. Hilton. There could be no doubt that Comp. Elliott, M.E.Z., had the interest of the chapter at heart. He was unfortunately unable to be present, but he was a worthy man, and one who was in every way well qualified to fill the chair of First Principal. The members of the Star Chapter were very particular about whom they placed in that exalted position; but Comp. Elliott ought to be able to keep up the reputation for excellent working. No doubt Comp. Addington, H., would emulate his predecessors, and Comp. Luck, J., who was also absent, would do his part to perfection.

In reply, Comp. Hilton said he could thank those present in the names of the absent ones. They felt the high honour that had been bestowed upon them, and the respect that was shown them by the companions. They reciprocated those feelings, and did all in their power to make every one happy and comfortable. Comp. Elliott was absent, but would doubtless return thanks on a future occasion; his business was uncertain as far as time was concerned. Comp. Tuck had sent a telegram to apologise for his absence, but had not given the reason. He trusted it was nothing of a distressing character.

Comp. Addington, H., said that, as brevity was the soul of wit, he should not make a long speech. He had at times considered whether it would be possible for him to perform his duties in the way required in the chapter; but after the impressive address he had received from Comp. Hilton in his installation, he felt that he should be compelled to make himself efficient.

Comp. Hilton next proposed "The Visitors" in a very able manner. He said that although there were only two present, he had expected several distinguished visitors. Comp. Whitby was a P.M. of his (Comp. Hilton's) mother lodge. He was to be installed as M.E.Z. of the Sphinx Chapter the following Saturday. As he was a hard worker and possessed great ability there could be no doubt of the success of the Sphinx Chapter while it was under his guiding hand. Comp. Bird would no doubt, on a future occasion, be enabled to show his merits as a worker. They trusted often to have the pleasure of their company in the chapter.

Comp. Whitby, M.E.Z. elect 1329, expressed his thanks to the companions for drinking his health. That was not his first visit, and he hoped it would not be the last. He was frequently invited, and always tried to attend. He had received much instruction from the excellent working in the chapter during the evening, which he hoped to utilise on Saturday, when he hoped to see many of the members of the Star Chapter at his installation.

Comp. Bird replied in a witty speech, thanking the companions for the flattering reception accorded to them as visitors.

Comp. Hilton followed with the toast of "The Past Principals," to whom, he said, all were indebted for their kindness. The chapter had not always been so prosperous, but they had stuck to it through all its vicissitudes, and their strong minds were rewarded by the very prosperous condition in which they now were. They had shown perseverance, worked thoroughly, and were rewarded, and he trusted would be still rewarded, by greater success. The P.Z.'s who were absent were very hard workers, especially Comps. Major Williams, Capt. Williams, and Cowley, who were always willing to give a helping hand. Comp. Grumman was a tower of strength. He was very disappointed at not being able to install Comp. Tuck into the J. chair. The Past Principals all received their good wishes, and he trusted they would long be spared to be an ornament to the chapter.

Comp. Grumman gave a history of the chapter from its

commencement, and said that he had never missed one of its meetings. He had spent the happiest moments of his life in it, and was always glad to be present. The numbers were not great, but he hoped that in time they would have a long roll of members with a long array of P.Z.'s. Then he should not be called upon to say much. He took great interest in the beautiful ritual, for which he had great love.

Comp. Hilton said he could not let the evening pass without proposing "The Health of Comp. Bumstead," who, as he had not passed the chair in this chapter, had not replied with the P.Z.'s. Everyone in the chapter was deeply indebted to him, but no one knew fully his value until he had passed through the various chairs. His aid was always forthcoming when required.

Comp. Bumstead, P.Z., expressed great pleasure at receiving a special toast to himself. He was glad his efforts to obtain a perfect ritual were appreciated. He wanted the commendations of visitors to be more than empty words. That evening they had seen the ceremony of exaltation in all its beauties, as well as that of installation. He was always glad to advise anyone, or to give them help in their work. The ritual was truly grand, and could be appreciated as well at home, when seated before the fire, in an easy chair, as in the chapter. It must be a comfort to all who understood it.

In proposing "The Exalte," Comp. Hilton said he was very glad to have Comp. Martin present. It was always uncertain when he could come. He had only just returned from Germany. His (Comp. Hilton's) pleasure at exalting Comp. Martin was very great, for he was the oldest and dearest friend he possessed.

Comp. Martin, in reply, stated that he had been greatly impressed by the evening's work. He was very glad to be present, for in spite of all his efforts he had not succeeded in coming before.

Comp. Hilton followed with "The Officers." He was glad to compliment Comp. Stone, S.N., on the grand way in which he had performed the P.S.'s work in the ceremony during the evening. Although Comp. Hinton was absent they had been able to proceed with perfect freedom. He hoped that as Comp. Benedetti was now 1st A.S. he would begin to get ready for his future duties. He must couple the name of Comp. North, their late S.N., with the toast. The other officers were not present, but all were ready to work for the good of the chapter.

In reply, Comp. Stone, S.N., said that he was very happy in being allowed to do the P.S.'s work. He would much like always to do it, for he liked to have plenty to do. He hoped the coming year would be as successful as the past. At any rate, they had begun well.

Comps. North and Benedetti also replied in suitable terms. Comp. North was sorry to be among the "unemployed." He had tried to do his duty, and was glad he had given satisfaction. He hoped when he moved a step higher to copy the present Principals.

The Janitor's toast closed a very pleasant evening, which had been enlivened by songs and recitations from Comps. Bumstead, P.Z.; Meirhoff, Addington, H.; Stone, S.N.; C. Woods, North, Benedetti, and Fleck.

China.

SINGAPORE.—Zetland in the East Lodge (No. 508).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1887, when Bro. E. A. Thomson was installed W.M., and appointed the following as his officers: Bros. G. Thompson, S.W.; W. Allen, J.W.; J. D. Stuart, Treas.; W. Lawson, Sec.; J. T. Morgan, S.D.; J. E. Payne, J.D.; J. Lawson, Oig.; W. Muir, D.C.; F. W. Jones, I.G.; and J. Lannon, Tyler.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF PETITIONS.

The annual meeting of the Masonic Committee of Petitions for the Province of Devon, was held at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth. The representatives of lodges present were Bros. R. Pengelly, 70, P.P.A.G.D.C.; M. Emdon, 105, P.P.J.G.D.; W. L. Cocks, P.M. 106; H. J. Trethewey, 159, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st, 189, P.P.G. Chap.; H. Welch, 202, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Browning, 223, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Cawsey, 230, P.P.J.G.D.; T. W. Atherton, P.M. 248; Major G. Davie, 251, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Sec.; G. Merrifield, 282, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Taylor, P.M. 328; H. Cole, 1091, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; E. T. Cox, W.M. 1212; J. R. Lord, 1247, P.P.G.S.B.; S. B. Harvey, P.M. 1255; A. R. Lethbridge, 1847, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Hamby, 1855, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Griffin, 2026, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Steele, 2189, P.P.G.D.C. Cornwall; and J. B. Gover, P.P.G. Sec., Hon. Sec. of the Committee. Bros. W. G. Rogers, P.G.D. of England, and D.P.G.M., Chairman of the Committee, and J. Brewer, P.J.G.W., were unable to attend. Bro. Major G. C. Davie, P.G. Secretary, presided.

A letter was read from Bro. Rev. William Whitley, P.P.S.G.W., the London representative of the Committee, stating that all the information he had to submit to the Committee was that he had used all the votes received in October last towards paying their debts, and that he trusted the province would be quite free from debt after the elections in April and May next. He also hoped that all the brethren and lodges in the province would send their votes to the Committee to enable him to pay all.

The Secretary, Bro. J. B. GOVER, reported that since the last meeting of the Committee on 2nd August, 1887, there had been two elections, and the number of votes received bore favourable comparison with former years, there being an increase of 81 boys and 11 girls, and that notwithstanding a loss of 40 votes by the death of Bro. Godtschalk. The increase in boys was largely owing to the kindness of Bro. Dr. H. Horton, 89. Owing to an error in the Secretary's office in London there was an accumulation of some 40 votes belonging to that brother, and he having placed the matter in Bro. Gover's hands, the London representative was enabled to obtain those votes, which were used for the province. The increase in the girls' votes was attributable to the exertions of Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, who lately acted as Steward for that Institution. The extra exertions making in all parts of the province for the annual meeting of the Boys' Institution, when their esteemed P.G. Master,

Viscount Ebrington, would preside, would doubtless increase their voting powers in that direction, but much still remained to be done by the representatives of lodges, whose aim it should be to see that none of the votes in their lodges and neighbourhood were lost either by being given outside the province, or sent too late to be of service. The 739 votes received in October were used by their London representative in payment of debts; the province was now owing over 1000 votes, and it was confidently expected that after the April and May elections they would not only be clear of debt, but have a good balance in their favour. From circumstances which needed no further allusion, the credit of the province was not what it was some years ago, but when they were clear from all liabilities and had a balance in their favour, it was hoped to regain their former proud position, when the credit of Devon was second to no province in England.

There were two petitions for relief—one from the widow of a deceased brother—for several years a member of Lodges 159 and 1847, a P.M. and Prov. G. Officer—left with two young children; the other from the widow of a deceased brother, formerly a member of Lodges 1247 and 1091, left with three children. In each case £5 was unanimously voted to the widow for present relief, with a recommendation for the further consideration of her case at the next meeting of the Committee of Petitions.

The Chairman of the Committee, Bro. W. G. Rogers; the Hon. Sec., Bro. J. B. Gover; and the London representative, Bro. the Rev. W. Whitley, were all unanimously re-elected to those offices.

At the close of the business of the Committee of Petitions, a meeting of the General Purposes and Finance Committees of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held, and the representatives present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Bros. S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; D. Cross, P.P.G.T.; F. B. Westlake, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T.; T. Goodall, P.P.G.O.; F. Hooper, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Macey, and C. Watson. Bro. F. B. Westlake, a Vice-President, presided. The Auditors, Bros. S. Jew and R. Hambly, reported that they had found the accounts in a very satisfactory condition. There were now ten children on the fund. During the year £168 had been paid to those children and to others who had gone off the fund, including two grants for advancement in life. The present value of the fund was £730, including £500 on a deposit note at the Devon and Cornwall Bank, £223 in the hands of the bankers, and £7 in the Treasurer's hands. The value of the fund in 1886 was £610; the increase in 1887 had thus been £120. The annual subscriptions and donations to the fund were progressing very favourably. During 1885 they amounted to £147; 1886, £276, including £50 derived from a concert; 1887, £302, including £45 derived from a Masonic exhibition. The coming annual meeting in April was arranged to be held at Plymouth, and two more children will be recommended to be then taken on the fund. It was suggested that the funds were ample to elect three more children, but after a discussion it was, by a majority, considered more advisable to elect two in April and two more in October next.

This concluded the business. During the day a capital lunch was provided by the local lodges at the Freemasons' Club for the entertainment of the country brethren, and in the evening they were entertained there at a high tea, Bro. Symons proving an excellent caterer.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE BRIXTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1949.

The annual festival of this successful lodge of instruction was held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Hernehill, S.E., on Tuesday evening, the 24th ult., when a goodly number of members assembled at the hospitable board of Bro. George Monk, who catered in his usual masterly manner.

Bro. Stephen Richardson, I.P.M. No. 183, presided, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. Francis, S.W. 183, Preceptor; G. R. Langley, W.M. 183, Sec.; H. Hooper, J.W. 183, and W.M. elect 1886; J. W. Oliver, J.D. 183; G. W. Speth, P.M. and Sec. 183; G. H. Lindsey-Renton, 183; J. Harling, P.M. and Treas. 30; G. W. Castle, 1050, Asst. Sec.; R. Poore, I.P.M. 1949; Jno. Bott, 1949; A. E. Albert, S.D. 1949; R. Bott, 1949; J. Hicks, 1949; J. Newland, 1949; Cutler, 1949; Carter, 45; Penniall, 1658; W. Rowe, S.W. 780; Becket, P.M. 780; Plummer, S.W. 1558; H. J. Wicks, W.M. 1269; J. Spicer, S.W. 1269; G. Monk, 1507; and A. H. Bott.

The tables having been cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the President and duly honoured.

Bro. FRANCIS, Preceptor, then assumed the gavel and proposed "The Health of the President, Bro. Richardson," stating that he was a worthy man and Mason, of whom the lodge of instruction was justly proud. He had been a most regular attendant almost since its foundation, was an excellent worker, and a staunch supporter of the Charities; and it therefore gave him much pleasure to commend the toast to the brethren, feeling sure it would meet with a good reception at their hands.

The manner in which this toast was received proved the truth of the proposer's remarks, and the PRESIDENT briefly responded in kindly and happy terms. He then proposed "Continued Prosperity to the Brixton Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the names of the Preceptor, Bro. Francis; the Treasurer, Bro. Axford; the Secretary, Bro. Langley; and the Assistant Secretary, Bro. Castle, stating that the success of the lodge of instruction was due in a great measure to the Executive, to whom he paid a warm tribute for the manner in which they discharged their respective duties. He expressed regret at the absence of the Treasurer, but, as the brethren knew, the cause must be an engagement of an important nature, as he was most regular in his attendance. The brethren received this toast in a manner expressive of their appreciation of the services of the Executive who, in responding, pledged their services in the future as they had given them in the past.

The next toast proposed was that of "The Brixton Lodge of Instruction Masonic Benevolent Association," coupled with the name of the Secretary, Bro. Hooper. The PRESIDENT, in commenting upon the success of the association, stated that although it had been founded under five years, in that time they had paid in to the various Institutions upwards of 700 guineas. That he stated was due in a great measure to the thorough co-operation of the bre-

thren, but mainly to the untiring energy of the very excellent Secretary, Bro. Hooper.

Bro. HOOPER returned thanks in a short but humorous speech, and stated that, having been Secretary of the Association since its foundation, his services in that capacity should always be at the disposal of the brethren so long as it might please them to retain him in that position.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been proposed, was responded to by Bro. SPETH, P.M. and Sec. 183, who expressed his satisfaction that the members of the mother lodge so well supported the lodge of instruction; Bro. BECKET, who credited the Preceptor and Secretary with a large measure of its success; and Bro. CUTLER, a member of the mother lodge, who expressed his determination to become a regular attendant at its weekly meetings.

The PRESIDENT, in proposing the toast of "The Mother Lodge," took the opportunity to thank the members thereof for the very loyal support they gave to the lodge of instruction.

This toast was coupled with the name of the I.P.M., Bro. R. POORE, a founder of the lodge of instruction, who expressed his thanks for the Masonic knowledge he had gained under the Preceptorship of Bro. Francis, and referred to the advantages the mother lodge had obtained through the same source by the excellent working of the members who gave the lodge of instruction their regular support.

"The Health of the Host and Hostess" was received with enthusiasm, and suitably responded to by Bro. MONK.

A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Bro. R. POORE, I.P.M. 1949, and carried by acclamation.

Bro. FRANCIS called attention to the testimonial to be raised for presentation to Bro. T. Poore, P.M., P.Z., &c., assistant Preceptor of that lodge of instruction at its foundation, and suggested that the members should subscribe towards the same, and let the amount be remitted to the Committee in the name of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction.

This suggestion meeting with the entire approval of the brethren, it was agreed that subscriptions be placed in the hands of the Preceptor, Bro. Francis.

Expressions of regret at inability to attend were received from several brethren.

The singing of "Auld lang syne" brought to a close a most successful festival of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction.

The following brethren contributed largely to the pleasure of the evening by their vocal and elocutionary powers: Bros. Harling, Plummer, Monk, Speth, Cutler, Oliver, Lindsey-Renton, Richardson, and Wicks. Bro. Lindsey-Renton kindly officiated as accompanist.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Treasurer and Trustee, P.G. Std. Br., presided, and there were present Bros. W. H. Perryman, G.P.; S. Brooks, W. B. Daniell, W. J. Murlis, F. Adlard, J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; G. Warde Verry, A. H. Tattershall, James Brett, P.G.P.; G. Bolton, Hugh Cotter, E. West, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; C. H. Webb, Thomas Cubitt, P.G. Purst; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; W. Hilton, J. J. Berry, C. Kimpton, W. Belchamber, Joseph Clever, Alex. Forsyth, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the January meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of two male annuitants, and the Warden's report for the past month was read.

The lists of candidates were formally settled, and the vacancies for the election in May next declared, the numbers being as regards the Male Fund 67 candidates and 16 vacancies (13 immediate and 3 deferred), and on the Widows' Fund, 64 candidates and 7 vacancies (4 immediate and 3 deferred).

A notice of motion by Bro. Birch having been handed in, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the Committee adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. S. Richardson, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., J. Larkin, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; F. Adlard, F. W. Ramsay, Dudley Rolls, G. Corbie, H. Venn, J. Moon, T. Griffiths, R. J. Tucker, A. R. Motion, James Motion, W. Maple, J. Lee Dale, H. J. Giller, J. S. Cumberland, Geo. P. Gillard, and F. Binckes, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committees read for information, the report of the Audit Committee was read and approved.

Petitions on behalf of two boys were submitted and approved, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in October. Three applications for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained.

A series of notices of motion, arising out of the action of the House Committee in dealing with one of the boys, having been handed in, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the Committee adjourned.

A MASONIC BALL AT HASTINGS.

To say that the Hastings, St. Leonards, and District Masonic Ball, which was held under the authority of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, R.W. Prov. G.M. at the Royal Concert Hall, on the 18th ult., in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was equal in every respect to its predecessors, is to say that it was in every sense of the word a brilliant success. The arrangements which had been made for the comfort of the visitors were perfect, and, as a consequence, every one appeared to be in a happy frame of mind, which, naturally, rendered easy the task of enjoying oneself. At one time there could not have been less than two hundred persons present, and the scene during the execution of any dance was, as may well be imagined, an extremely brilliant one. Some of the dresses worn by the ladies were very effective and beautiful, the prevailing tone being white. Almost the whole of the spacious building was decorated in one way or another, from the stage, where unlimited refreshments were served,

even to the corridor. Indeed, this last place, with its lace and damask curtains, and its handsome pictures, was so transformed as to be scarcely recognisable. The dancing hall itself, we need hardly remark, was splendidly arranged with flowers, shrubs, and draperies, and cosy lounges and chairs. Druggett covered the floor. The task of adornment was left in the hands of Messrs. T. Kelfe, florist, and G. W. Veness, whilst the supplying of the music was entrusted to Mr. H. Muscat, with the happiest of results. Messrs. Vidler and Co. supplied a choice supper. The Hon. Secs. were Bro. Councilor Russell and Bro. Capt. Hennah, and Bro. R. J. Reed undertook the duties appertaining to the office of Treasurer. The two former gentlemen especially must have had a deal of hard work to do, and to them is due much of the success of the affair. Dancing commenced at about ten o'clock, and was carried on until pretty late into Thursday morning. The company present included his Worship the Mayor and the Mayoress (Mr. Councilor and Mrs. Stubbs), Mr. Wilson Noble, M.P., and Mrs. Wilson Noble, and many others.

We append the dance programme: Valse, quadrille, polka, lancers, valse, quadrille, schottische, lancers, polka, quadrille, valse, caledoniens, valse, lancers, highland schottische, lancers, polka, quadrille, valse, lancers, valse, lancers, schattische, and galop.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS EUSTACE.

The *Essex Standard* records the death of W. Bro. Thomas Eustace, who for many years has carried on the business of licensed victualler at Colchester, was a member of the local Board of Guardians, and Burial Board. He was also an active Freemason, being a Past Master of the United Lodge, No. 697, and P.P.G. Swd. Br. Only on the 25th ult., he was present at the monthly meeting of his lodge, on the occasion of a presentation to the Secretary. He was also a Founder and first W.M. of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, Maldon, which was only a few years ago consecrated by Lord Brooke, R.W.P.G.M. Essex, and P.M. of the Constantine Mark Lodge, No. 145. The remains of the deceased were interred at the Colchester Cemetery, on Monday afternoon, February 6th, amid every demonstration of respect. Several members of the Board of Guardians were in attendance, and many of the deceased's fellow tradesmen and personal friends, while a very large contingent of the Masonic body, of which the deceased had long been an active member, formed a procession at the entrance to the cemetery and accompanied the body to the grave. This procession was rendered additionally striking by the presence of a number of military brethren in full uniform. The Freemasons present were:—Bros. G. Pung Hazell, W.M.; Thomas Rix, P.M. and Secretary, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; A. Gosling, P.M. and Treasurer, P.P.G.D.C.; J. T. Bailey, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. S. B. Sparling, T. B. Harrington, J. G. Renshaw, J. R. Ford, J. G. Pottun, W. A. Chambers, Capt. Penny, Capt. Brown, J. Alliston, C. Frost, Capt. McKenna, T. J. Grant, W. T. Downing, W. H. N. Eastwood, H. E. Heath, W. Coope, S. Critchley, Joseph Brown, W. Wade, J. Laws, and W. T. Ennew, of No. 997; Master-Gunner Lawrence, Sergt. Woods, C.I.C.; Sergt. Freeman, C.I.C.; Sergt. Jackson, R.A.; Sergt. Davis, R.A.; Sergt.-Major McInnery, M.S.C., and Sergt. J. E. Mathews, M.S.C., Military Brethren; W. Shawyer, W.M.; S. H. Ellis, I.P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Meade, S.W.; W. Rudrum, J.W.; Potter, Turner, B. Grout, Martin, Curtis, and Drew, of No. 1977; Geo. Harrison, W.M.; T. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec., P.A.G.D.C., Eng., P.G. Sec.; and C. O. G. Becker, P.M., of No. 51; Dailmore, P.M., No. 309. The burial service was performed by the Rev. W. H. Wardell, assisted by the Revds. W. Morgan Jones and E. H. Crate, both of whom are P.M.'s of Lodge No. 697, and P.P.G. Chaplains.

BRO. ALFRED H. STRONG.

On the 28th ult., after only a week's illness, Bro. Alfred Strong, W.M. of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, 1535 (of the Solicitor's Department, Board of Trade), was called to his rest. The cause of death was inflammation of the lungs, and he was interred at Brompton Cemetery on the 2nd inst. His loss is very deeply felt by his family, a large circle of friends and acquaintances, his colleagues at the Board of Trade, and by many in other departments of the Civil Service with whom his official duties brought him in contact, by all of whom he is universally regretted. At the regular meeting of the lodge on the 1st inst., it was unanimously resolved "That our worthy Secretary be empowered to write, in the name of the lodge, to our departed brother's widow, and convey to her our heartfelt sympathy in this the hour of her great affliction, and to assure her how deeply we all feel the loss of a true and faithful brother and a sincere and warm-hearted friend. Also that a wreath be sent to be placed upon his coffin." Bro. Strong was also a member of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, and Royal Albert Chapter, No. 907. The following brethren attended the funeral: From the Royal Commemoration Lodge: Bros. J. W. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; A. Boehr, P.M.; Jesse Collings, P.M.; F. H. Smith, P.M.; G. Mansell, P.M.; S. Pardoe, jun., P.M.; W. C. Williams, S.W.; Valentine Wing, J.W.; H. Oliver, I.G.; E. M. Coombe, Swd.; W. C. Page, P.M.; A. Gravely, J. Howard, A. Grundy, W. J. Bosworth, W. Fayers, jun., G. C. Jameson, and G. S. Hunt. From the Dalhousie Lodge: Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; R. H. Williams, I.P.M., P.P.G.D. Midx.; C. A. Walter, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.D. Midx.; W. H. Causton, P.M., Sec.; W. Watson, J.W.; P. Grelche, Swd.; C. Sansom, H. Murkett, A. Dovey, and C. Hatt. From the Royal Albert Chapter: Comps. W. H. Causton, M.E.Z.; T. Burne, and E. Brewer, P.S. Several brethren of the above three named bodies wrote expressing regret at not being able to attend. There were also present amongst others Bros. W. J. Morley, W.M. 1891; Foakes, P.M.; A. Williams, S.D. 2090; T. W. Heath, I.G. 1642; A. Bishop, 1390; W. H. Stevenson, 174; Charles Clarkson, 1604, and others. A large number of friends also assembled at the chapel and followed to the grave, and the Board of Trade was duly represented. The floral emblems were very numerous and exceedingly choice. The service at the grave was most impressively rendered by the Rev. Greene, Vicar of St. Mary's, Stamford Brook, Goldhawk-road.



Comp. Dr. Chas. Gore Ring was installed 1st Principal of the Greta Chapter, 1073, at Keswick, on Tuesday, the 31st ult. Comp. J. Hall, H., and Comp. E. Jackson, J. The chapter put on mourning for the late Comps. Woodford and Rooke.

Comp. H. Baldwin, M.E.Z. 720, desires us to notify that the next convocation for annual election of officers, exaltation of candidates, &c., will take place at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 13th inst., at 5 p.m., and not in Camberwell as heretofore, where this old and prosperous chapter has been located during the re-building of the above very handsome and spacious hostelry.

The 25th annual exhibition of canaries and other cage birds was opened at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last, the entries being 2113, or 227 more than last year.

The Prince of Wales returned to Marlborough House from Sandringham on Monday afternoon, and to-day (Friday) will leave London for a three weeks' sojourn on the Continent.

The Prince of Wales and suite visited the Opera Comique on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of witnessing the first performance of Mrs. Bernard Beere in the new play of "Ariane."

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) presided at the House Dinner of the National Conservative Club on Tuesday, Bro. Gen. Sir F. Fitzwygram, M.P., and John Aird, M.P., being among the principal guests.

On Monday, the 50th anniversary of his birthday, Bro. Henry Irving played to the largest audience ever known, at a Boston theatre, the receipts being close on 5000 dollars. The actor's reception was most enthusiastic.

Bro. The Marquis of Hartington, will shortly receive a deputation from the Barrow Town Council, by whom he will be presented with the certificate of freedom, enclosed in a gold casket, which was conferred upon his Lordship at the opening of the new Town Hall in July last.

Bros. the Earl of Cork and Orrery, the Earl of Faversham, Sir F. Johnstone, Bart., the Earl of Rosslyn, the Duke of St. Albans, and the Earl of Zetland attended the meeting of the Jockey Club, which was held at the residence of Lord Hastings, 22, Bruton-street, on Tuesday.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales left York for Malton, en route for Settrington on the 2nd inst., on a visit to Julia Lady Middleton, and was present at some amateur theatricals the same evening at the former town in aid of the Bower Memorial Schools. The visit terminated on Friday last.

The late Bro. Alderman Sir John Staples has been succeeded on the Committee of Management of West Ham Park by Deputy Peplow, while Bro. Alderman Saunders, who has resigned as representative of the City on the Metropolitan Board of Works, is succeeded by Bro. George Shaw.

Bro. Sir Henry Halford, Bart., delivered the first lecture before the new Aldershot Military Society on the 2nd instant, Lieut.-General Sir Archibald Alison being the president on the occasion, and the subject the new Magazine Rifle which it is believed will be shortly adopted for the Army.

A meeting of the Committee, of which Bro. Lord Herschell is the Chairman, to consider the working of the Trade Marks and Designs portions of the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Act of 1883, was held on Monday, for the purpose of determining certain points with a view to the preparation of their report.

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., was present at the annual dinner at the Royal Hotel, Bristol, on Monday, of the St. Augustine Branch of the Bristol Working Men's Conservative Association, and delivered a long address. Bros. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., and Col. King-Harman, M.P., being also present at, and addressing meetings held in the one case at Bishop Auckland and in the other at Ramsgate.

Bros. the Duke of St. Albans, the Earl of Galloway, the Earl of Arran, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Lord Stalbridge, Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart, M.P., Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Bart., Col. Hozier, and Maj.-Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood were among the guests at the banquet given by the Fishmonger's Company on Monday, to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Bro. Lord Mayor de Keyser presided at the 70th anniversary dinner, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Tuesday, of the German Society of Benevolence, the Lady Mayor also being present, and Bros. Sheriffs Higgs and Davies among the guests. The subscription list, which included subscriptions from the Emperors of Germany and Austria, amounted to about £1400. The musical arrangements were in charge of Bro. W. Ganz, Past Grand Organist.

At the close of the usual weekly meeting of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction on the 2nd inst., the first meeting of the Second Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction Charitable Association took place, under the presidency of Bro. A. Clark, Vice-President of the Association, Bros. G. Reynolds, Treas.; F. M. Noakes, Sec.; and many other brethren being present. Bros. E. C. Mulvey and G. H. Reynolds having been appointed tellers, ballots then took place for two subscriberships to the Masonic Charities, which were declared to be in favour of Bros. E. C. Mulvey and J. Skinner. A vote of thanks to Bro. A. Clark closed the proceedings. We trust this Second Association started by the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction will prove as successful as its predecessor. Our Institutions are always in need of funds, and this Association will enable brethren to contribute without causing themselves any serious inconvenience. The lodge meets every Thursday at the Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8 p.m., when Bro. F. M. Noakes, who is Secretary of the Association, will be very pleased to furnish any information that may be desired.

Bro. Lord Brassey will preside at the annual Festival of the Royal Blind Pension Society, which will be held at the Hotel Metropole, on the 25th April next.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain) and the Countess of Lathom had the honour of dining with the Queen and Royal Family at Osborne, on the 2nd instant, and concluded their visit shortly afterwards.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), and Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, and Lord George Hamilton, M.P., attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office, on Monday, the 3rd instant, Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland) being the absentee.

The Queen, accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, is expected to leave England for Florence on the 20th March. Her Majesty will reside at the Villa Palmieri, and will remain away for about three weeks.

Bro. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B., presided at the banquet held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Saturday last, by the members of the Royal Naval Club of 1765, in celebration of their "Founder's Day."

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., and Lady Churchill returned to London on Sunday evening last, after a few week's sojourn on the continent, in the course of which they visited St. Petersburg, Moscow, Berlin, and Paris.

Bro. the Hon. Sir Edmund Monson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary at Copenhagen, has been transferred to the Ministry at Athens, in succession to Sir Horace Rumbold, Bart., K.C.M.G., who is now Her Majesty's Minister at the Hague.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor of England), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Lord Stanley of Preston, and Lord George Hamilton, M.P., attended the Cabinet Council, held at the Foreign Office, on Wednesday.

The visit of the Prince of Wales to her Majesty at Osborne was concluded on the 3rd instant, when his Royal Highness returned to Marlborough House, reaching the Victoria Station of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway at 1.50 p.m.

Bro. Lord Brooke, Conservative candidate for the Saffron Walden Division of Essex, who has been laid up with illness at Easton Lodge, Dunmow, has now recovered somewhat, and is expected to be quite restored to health shortly.

The death is announced of the Countess Olga Münster, youngest daughter of Count Münster, German Ambassador in Paris, and niece of Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, Past G. Master Mason of Scotland. The sad event occurred on the 3rd instant, at Cannes, whither the lady had gone for the benefit of her health.

Bro. Under-Sheriff Rose-Innes gave a banquet at the Guildhall Tavern on Monday evening, to commemorate the observance by her Majesty of the custom of presenting venison to the holder of his office. The guests on the occasion included Bros. Bedford, Pannell, Dresser Rogers, and Under-Sheriff Beard.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., presided at a meeting on Wednesday, of the Aborigines Protection Society, held for the purpose of considering the questions likely to be raised at the approaching Conference at Madrid in connection with the reform of the present system of Consulate Protection as practised in Morocco under existing circumstances.

It is announced that the Earl of Dufferin, on vacating the Governor-Generalship of India, will be succeeded by the Marquis of Lansdowne, and that the place of the latter, as Governor-General of Canada, will be occupied by Bro. Lord Stanley, of Preston, at present a member of Lord Salisbury's Cabinet. If this should happen, then it is believed that Bro. Baron de Worms, M.P., will succeed Bro. Lord Stanley as President of the Board of Trade, with a seat in the Cabinet.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Miss Lilian Buckley will give her first grand evening concert at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane (within two minutes' walk of Brixton Station), on Tuesday next, the 14th inst. The list of artists, both vocal and instrumental, is a strong one, Bro. Maybrick being among the former, while Bro. Turtle Lee will conduct. The concert will commence at 7.45 p.m., and we trust Miss Buckley's efforts to please the public will meet with their reward in the form of a delighted and overflowing audience in all parts of the hall.

The Ingoldsby Club held its usual monthly smoking concert at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell Green, when there was a large muster of members, a good sprinkling of the dramatic world, also several members of the Craft. The chair was very ably occupied by Bro. Fred Williams. The company present expressed their great pleasure at the capital programme given them by their Chairman, and broke up at 11.30, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The arrangements for the comfort of the guests were capitally carried out by the host, Bro. Woodwell, and Mr. Ernest Neeld, the Hon. Sec. of the club.

Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie has returned from Barcelona to San Remo, and has again visited the Imperial Crown Prince of Germany, in attendance on whom there is reason to believe he will remain in a few days. Sir M. Mackenzie has been in consultation with the Prince's other physicians, owing to his Imperial Highness's difficulty in breathing having greatly increased. A further consultation was to be held on Thursday, and there is the possibility that the experts may find it necessary to have recourse to tracheotomy in order to assist the Prince's breathing. This news has necessarily caused a considerable amount of gloom in Germany and England.

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The Stability Lodge of Instruction, 217, now meets from 7 to 9 o'clock, on every Friday evening, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Coleman-street, instead of from 6 to 8 as heretofore.

Miss Emily Foxcroft, daughter of Bro. W. M. Foxcroft, P.M. 177, W.M. 2063, P.A.G.D.C. Essex, sang at the Armourers' Company's dinner on Thursday last, eliciting high eulogiums for her splendid contralto voice and careful execution.

We observe that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement now meets at 6 o'clock on Friday evenings instead of seven as heretofore—an alteration that will be convenient to many.

Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., left Brussels for Berlin on the 2nd instant, and after concluding his mission in connection with the Sugar Bounties Question will return to England.

The Prince of Wales returned to Sandringham House on Saturday last, and rejoined the Princess and their daughters, who have remained in residence at their Norfolk seat during the Prince's visit to the Queen.

The third Session of the twelfth Parliament during the Queen's reign was opened by commission on Thursday the 9th instant, the usual speech being read by Bro. Lord Halsbury (the Lord Chancellor).

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser occupied the chair at a large gathering at the City of London College on Monday, when the prizes to the successful students were distributed by the Lord Chancellor of England, Bro. Lord Halsbury.

There was a very numerous attendance at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, on Friday, the 3rd inst., when Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, addressed his constituents on matters relating to the department over which he presides. The gallery was filled with ladies.

The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has granted a warrant for the formation of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241, the principal officers designate being Bro. Frank Tayler, C.C., W.M.; Bro. Alderman and Lieut.-Colonel P. Cowan, S.W.; and Bro. W. T. Buck, J.W.; amongst the other founders being some of the Common Council and principal inhabitants of the Ward.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser presided at the annual distribution of prizes at the Guildhall on Saturday evening last, to the 24th Middlesex or Post Office Rifle Volunteers. The prizes were given away by Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, and among those present to witness the interesting ceremony were the Duke of Teck, the Princess Victoria of Teck, the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Sheriff and Mrs. Davies, and Bro. Sheriff and Mrs. Higgs.

Bro. Augustus Harris was on Saturday last installed as W.M. of the Stewart Council of the Allied Degrees. The very impressive and ornate ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, and Bro. C. H. Driver efficiently occupied the chair and conferred the Degrees of St. Lawrence the Martyr and Knight of Constantinople on the candidates present. We hope to give a full report in our next.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor of England), Lord Mayor De Keyser, Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., Col. Duncan, M.P., Sheriff Davies, C. Hall, Q.C., M.P., and Sir A. Sullivan, G. Org., were amongst the principal guests at the dinner given at the Hotel Metropole on the 3rd inst. by the Master, Wardens, and Court of the Coopers' to Sir Henry James, Q.C., M.P., in honour of his presentation with the freedom of the Company.

We read in the *Masonic Chronicle* of Columbus, Ohio, that the ladies and gentlemen who attended the public installation of the W.M.'s of the lodges of Galena, when preparing to return home by train on the 27th of December, found the blizzard had effectually blocked the line, and had to spend the night in the hall. However, they got away by another train shortly before noon the following day, and we presume were little the worse for their detention.

The 7th International Sportsmen's Exhibition and the Kennel Club's 30th Show of Sporting and other Dogs was opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Thursday, and will remain open till Saturday next, the 18th inst. There is, as usual, an admirable display of everything connected with sports, and it is needless to say that the exhibits at the Kennel Club Show are quite up to the mark of past years, both as regards quality and number. Bro. H. Etherington is the Manager and Secretary, by whom those who need any information will be most courteously received.

Visitors to the Sportsmen's Exhibition, now open at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, will, no doubt, have their attention attracted to a very ingenious and useful novelty in the shape of a new kind of "Honeycomb" Wine Bin, which has been invented and patented by Messrs. King and Smith, of the Stowe Works, Weedon. The exhibit is at Stand No. 47, facing the Upper-street entrance, and a very slight glance at its construction will show that, it possesses the qualities of simplicity, and cheapness which are claimed for it by its inventors. It was favourably spoken of at the Brewers' Exhibition last year, and the more it is seen and understood, the more highly will it be appreciated. We commend it to the attention of our readers who may visit the Exhibition.

The London Correspondent of the *Western Morning News* says: "Many are the vicissitudes of well-known buildings. The home of the old Whittington Club, next to the *Illustrated London News* office in Norfolk-street, Strand, has seen many changes since its ballroom was so famous among the men about town. For the time it was known as the Temple Club. It is now to become a newspaper office. The floor upon which the lights of the ballroom once twinkled will now be occupied by compositors' cases. It is being turned into the office of the Conservative journal, *The People*. *The People* was started at the very beginning of the Conservative reaction in London. It has been in existence for only six years, and has now a circulation of a quarter of a million. The company which started it is in liquidation, not because the journal has failed, but because it has been such a success. It is, I believe, the first Conservative weekly paper that has ever really paid at the price of a penny."