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It is not necessary we should apologise to our readers for the urgency with which we have been endeavouring to impress upon their minds, that the day appointed for the celebration of the first great Masonic Festival of the year—that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—is rapidly approaching, that a sum not far short of £15,000 is required to meet the expenditure for the current year, and that as the Board of Stewards is more than usually restricted in point of numbers, the services of brethren who are willing to act on the Board are earnestly solicited. We are again in a position to announce that some slight progress has been made during the past week, and that the Board of Stewards, which seven days since numbered about 240 brethren, is now 246 strong. But though we are gratified at this slight increase having been made, and have some grounds for hoping that between now and the 29th inst. some further names may be added to the list, we are under the necessity of pointing out that even then the Board will be decidedly below the average annual strength, and that if anything like an approach to the required total of £15,000 is to be raised, it can only now be achieved by an additional amount of exertion on the part of its members. There is ample time still for a brother to send in his name as Steward and his qualification as a Life Governor, but the interval remaining, though not too short to allow of his canvassing among his friends for contributions, is hardly sufficient to justify him in anticipating any appreciable measure of success as a canvasser. We must, therefore, as we have said, rely principally upon the exertions of those who are already Stewards for a favourable return, and we have every confidence that they will do whatever is required of them. There is nothing out of the way in the composition of the Board of Stewards, so far as it goes. There may not be, perhaps, quite as many London lodges represented as at other Festivals of the Benevolent Fund, but the Provinces muster in about the usual proportion, and if intending donors will only permit themselves to be charmed by the eloquence of Bro. TERRY into writing cheques for 20 guineas instead of for 10 guineas, or for 50 guineas instead of for 25 guineas, it is even yet possible that the announcement of the total on the 29th inst. will not be the least satisfactory of those it has been his privilege to make. We shall have a few final remarks to offer next week on the eve of the celebration, and in the meantime we express a hope that the result will be better than, from the present appearance of things, we feel warranted in anticipating.

We congratulate the members of the Drury Lane Lodge on the signal success which attended its third installation meeting on Tuesday. Such an assemblage, not only of distinguished brethren but likewise of men, who, albeit they are young as Masons, have won some of the highest distinctions attainable in civil or military life, is but rarely held, and to find anything approaching a parallel to it, we must go back to the year 1857, and the scene in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, when our present Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of CARNARVON, was installed for the first time as Worshipful Master of that ancient and respected lodge, in the presence of the late Earl of ZETLAND, Grand Master, and a formidable muster of Present and Past Grand and Prov. Grand Officers, and other brethren of distinction. On Tuesday Bro. Sir JOHN E. GORST, Q.C., M.P., who now succeeds Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS as W.M. of Drury Lane Lodge, was equally fortunate, and Bro. BROADLEY and those who worked so energetically with him to ensure the success of the day's proceedings more than merit the generous praise that was bestowed on them in all directions for their unwearied labours. With such a roll of members as the lodge can now boast of, with a succession of such able officers as have administered its affairs during the past two years, and with a continuance of the encouragement it has received from the most distinguished members of our Society, there cannot be the shadow of a doubt that the lodge will uphold its prestige, and remain, as it has begun, one of our most popular as well as most prosperous lodges.

The Emulation
Lodge of
Improvement.

THERE is every prospect that the Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which will take place at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday next, the 24th instant, will be as great a success as in past years. Bro. Alderman Sir REGINALD HANSON, Bart., has kindly consented to preside, and the Board of Stewards includes among other distinguished Craftsmen Bros. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, P.G.W.; THOMAS FENN, President of the Board of General Purposes; F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Registrar; Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Secretary; ROBERT GREY, President of the Board of Benevolence; and J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D. The lodge contribution towards the anniversary will comprise the several sections of the second Lecture, which will be worked by sundry brethren, while the arrangements for the supper which follows are of the usual kind, and will no doubt give general satisfaction. Full particulars as to tickets, &c., may be learned from our advertisement columns.

A
Sensible
Address.

THE address which it is customary for the Grand Master of a Grand Lodge in the United States to deliver at the expiration of his year of office consists for the most part of a review of the most important events that have occurred, and an exposition, or it may be a defence, of the acts done by him in his official capacity. Sometimes, however, and especially among the younger jurisdictions, there is a tendency to go further, and a Grand Master considers he has not discharged his duty, or discharged it imperfectly, unless he indulges in a long and elaborate description of the beauties and principles of Freemasonry, the part it is called upon to play in the world's affairs, and the influence it is likely to exercise, for good or evil, according as its principles are actively promoted or disregarded by the brethren. We cannot say that we attach much importance to these annual displays of eloquence, whether adorned or unadorned. They are nearly all of them cast in the same mould, like our after dinner speeches, and if a non-Mason were called upon to read a score or two of them as being calculated to afford him an insight into the character of our Society, we fear that any admiration or respect he might be inclined to entertain towards it would not be materially enhanced. In some of these addresses Freemasonry is elevated to a religion, in some it is degraded to the level of a mere benefit society, in others it has a special mission assigned to it, as if it were a Society to provide flannel vests and moral pocket-handkerchiefs for equatorial Africans; but in all there is apparent the same vain gloriousness, the same love of tall talk. But Grand Master GEORGE H. DAVIS, of Idaho, has formed a more modest, and therefore more correct, estimate of Freemasonry. "Masonry," he tells us, "was never designed for the gratification of foolish vanity or the mere employment of idle hours. She holds out to her votaries no promise of pecuniary gain, or gratified ambition, or social or political preferment." On the contrary, "her aim is to elevate humanity by awakening in every brother a deeper appreciation of his own dignity as a man, and a proper regard for the dignity of his brother man." Nor is it "a system of religion, as some have erroneously thought. She does not aspire to usurp the place of the Church, but she bows to this as the human to the divine." Beyond the one requirement in the belief in a Supreme Being and a future state, it "has no religious test," and while it teaches "a profound reverence for Deity and for the divine attributes—temperance, truth, and justice—her toleration is as broad as the grand brotherhood of human kind." Equally sound is Bro. DAVIS's advice to the brethren "to look well to the outer door," that is, "to the moral character of every candidate. Masonry is not a reformatory institution. If she receive a bad man, he is likely to continue bad, to her shame and annoyance." These are far more sensible remarks than are usually to be found in the annual addresses of American Grand Masters, which partake too much of the character of sermons to be either attractive or impressive. Masonry, while it respects all religions, has no claim to be regarded as a religious system. It is a system of morality, which does its work quietly and unobtrusively within its own limits, but it has no call to go about moralising the human race. Last week we referred to an item of news in the *Voice of Masonry* to the effect that the "Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, U.S.A.," had joined "the Masonic temperance movement which is zealously promoted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri and other bodies," and we pointed out that, while temperance is among "the chiefest of the Masonic virtues," it is entirely outside the scope of Freemasonry to take part in any so-called temperance or teetotal movement, or indeed in any movement whatever, be it religious or moral, political or social. As members of the community to which they happen to belong, Masons individually take their full share of duty and responsibility, but they take it as members, not as Masons. The principles of Freemasonry may incline them—are intended to incline them—to play their part in the world's affairs with greater zeal and earnestness and more thoroughly and conscientiously, but it was never intended that they should prescribe the particular manner in which that part should be played. It would be just as reasonable for a body of Masons to exert their influence in favour

of this or that political or religious movement as for them to adopt a particular form of temperance movement. Masonry respects all forms of religious and political faith, but it endorses the principles of none; it inculcates respect for all the virtues and all the various forms in which each virtue is presented, but it countenances no particular form to the detriment of the rest; and it is because it observes the most scrupulous impartiality as well among the different schools of morality as among those of religion and politics that it has succeeded in exercising a beneficial—albeit a passive—influence on non-Masons. Its duty is to observe whatever is good, but without taking part in any controversy as to what constitutes good, and it will be an evil day for Freemasonry, when it exchanges the rigid impartiality of the bench for the biased advocacy of the partisan. It is because these views are so clearly reflected in the very sensible address of Grand Master DAVIS, of Idaho, that we have been at the pains of referring to at such length and so encouragingly.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. SIR J. E. GORST, Q.C., M.P., AS W.M.

The third installation meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge was held in the Grand Saloon of Drury Lane Theatre, on Tuesday afternoon, under circumstances which will compare most favourably with those of its predecessors. There was the same strong gathering of brethren, who are members of the lodge as well as representative members of the profession which the lodge aspires to represent, and thus far has succeeded in representing so admirably in our Masonic system. The purple of Grand Lodge and of many Provincial Grand Lodges was present in even larger numbers than before, and there was the same feeling of cordiality among all who were assembled, whether as hosts or guests, and the same eager desire to pay honour to the learned hero of the gathering, who for the next twelve months will occupy the chair of K.S. under the hospitable roof of Old Drury, and rule the destinies of the lodge during the third year of its existence. The list of members and visitors present will show that it is only in Grand Lodge, or on very rare occasions, that a meeting of equal brilliancy, that is, composed of brethren of equal eminence in Masonry, or who have achieved such eminence in the various pursuits of life, is possible, and the founders and members generally must be gratified at the high position which their lodge has secured for itself from the very outset of its prosperous career.

The hour appointed for the meeting was three p.m., and the lodge having been opened by Bro. Augustus Harris, W.M., the chair was assumed by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., Bros. Thomas Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, and Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence, occupying the S.W. and J.W.'s chairs respectively. The Grand Officers then entered in procession, marshalled by Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.G.S.B., acting D.C., assisted by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., and were saluted in the accustomed manner.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the Audit Report, showing a balance in favour of the lodge of nearly £200 was read, and was adopted, on the motion of Bro. Parkinson. Bro. Sir John Eldon Gorst, Q.C., M.P., was then presented as W.M. elect by Bro. Augustus Harris, I.P.M., and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was impressively installed into the chair as W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, 2127, by Bro. Parkinson.

The following officers were appointed and invested by the newly-installed W.M.: Bros. Sir E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B., D.C.L., S.W.; Jas. Fernandez, J.W.; J. S. Fleming, Treas.; A. M. Broadley, P.M., P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Sec.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Chap.; S. B. Bancroft, S.D.; Harry Nicholls, J.D.; Thos. Catling, I.G.; W. A. Baskcomb, D.C.; G. F. Bashford and Oscar Barrett, Stewards; Alfred Caldicott, Mus. Bac., Org.; and R. Goddard, Tyler.

The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Parkinson, in the impressive manner which characterises his Masonic working. The anthem "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is" was next sung, under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org., by Bros. J. Hodges, Henry Guy, A. Laurence Fryer, Frederick Bevan, and Wm. Winn, who also rendered the hymns "Hail Eternal, by whose aid," and "Now the evening shadows closing," in an admirable manner.

The SECRETARY announced that the following brethren had been proposed as joining members of the lodge: Bros. Ashmead Bartlett, M.P.; Phil Morris, A.R.A.; F. Lockwood, Q.C., M.P.; Major A. B. Cook, P.A.G. D.C.; and C. Harris. The Hon. Cecil Bingham was also proposed as a candidate for initiation.

The SECRETARY further announced that the next business was to present the P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Harris, I.P.M., and remarked that there was no member who had done more to enhance the prosperity of the lodge, or for the success of the present gathering, than their distinguished I.P.M.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, addressing Bro. Harris, I.P.M., said: I have much pleasure in presenting you with the Past Master's jewel. I know we are greatly indebted to you for your kindness and support, which has enabled the lodge to become that which it is. I hope during my year to have your advice and support, for then my term of office will be as prosperous as your own.

The I.P.M., in reply, said: I have to thank you very sincerely for this mark of your appreciation. I have also to thank you for the great kindness you have shown in supporting this lodge, for had it not been for your assistance I could have done very little. I again thank you very much for your kindness.

Bro. HENRY NEVILLE, P.M., said: I have, as our good Secretary has just stated, the honour and pleasure to present a banner bearing the names of the W.M.'s, past and present, of the lodge. It is at all times a source of great pleasure to do anything for that which we esteem and honour, and all the brethren will acknowledge that the progress of this lodge has been such as to win the admiration and regard of every brother within and without the lodge. I therefore feel it a pleasure that I have the honour of presenting this trifle. Names may be soon forgotten as years roll by, and beloved members may cease to be remembered; but I trust this trifle may not only be a record of names of those who have rendered noble services to the lodge, but will also inspire those who aspire to the chair, with a love for Masonry and a desire to emulate the example of their predecessors.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in the name of the lodge, thanked Bro. Henry Neville for his kindly gift, and trusted it would fulfil the wishes of the donor. He was assured that the members of the lodge would receive it with thanks, and would highly appreciate the gift.



Bro. HARRIS, I.P.M., then presented a banner bearing the names of the founders of the lodge, and remarked that if the brethren would accept it from him he should esteem it a favour.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said: I am quite sure the whole lodge will join me in thanking Bro. Harris for the banner. It will be pleasant for the founders and for those who have joined the lodge since its foundation to have a memorial always before them recalling that occasion. I am speaking the unanimous sentiments of all the brethren when I say we sincerely thank Bro. Harris for his gift.

The SECRETARY then read a telegram from Bro. H. Lawson, expressing his regret that the business of the Royal Commission on Civil Establishments would prevent his attendance. He was personally sorry that Bro. Lawson could not be present as that brother intended asking the lodge to grant a small sum from its funds towards the Festival over which he presides tomorrow, on behalf of the Dramatic and Musical Sick Fund. He (the Secretary) would feel gratified if the lodge would vote a sum in favour of that Festival and for which he was a Steward.

On the motion of the I.P.M., the sum of £10 was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to the Dramatic and Musical Sick Fund.

There being no further Masonic business for transaction, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Grand Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was admirably served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Madell, whose arrangements for the comfort of the guests were of the most perfect character. After dessert the usual toasts were given and received with enthusiasm.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said: Before I propose the first toast to your notice, I have to make two announcements. The first is that the toasts are to be drunk without Masonic honours, and the second is that as numerous brethren have to leave in order to fulfil important engagements with the public, the speeches will be extremely short. The first toast has been given in the form in which it is now proposed for more than half a century, and we hope will be drunk in the same form for many years to come. It needs no words of mine in this assembly of Freemasons to introduce it. I will therefore give you without further preface "The Queen and the Craft." (Cheers.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER: The next toast, which always receives a hearty Masonic reception is "The Health of his Royal Highness the M.W. G.M." (Cheers.) The Craft is fortunate in having a M.W.G.M. who is no less distinguished for his social rank than for the ability he brings to bear on all subjects, and for the assistance he renders to the Order. We are indebted to him for the activity he displays in the promulgation of our principles, and you will therefore drink with all heartiness to the health of his Royal Highness our M.W.G.M. (Cheers.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER: The next toast is that of "The Pro. G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the G. Officers, Present and Past." We are especially honoured to-night with the presence of a remarkable number of Prov. G. Masters, who have honoured us by attending. We have amongst us the Prov. G. Masters representing Jersey, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Monmouth, Surrey, Herts, Worcestershire, Somersetshire, and the Isle of Man, and the District of Bengal is also represented. You will thus see that almost every part of the world is represented on this occasion. I shall couple with this toast the names of Bros. Col. M. de Carteret, Prov. G.M. Jersey, and W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight.

Bro. Col. M. DE CARTERET, Prov. G.M. Jersey, said: By an accident I am the Senior Prov. Grand Master present, and shall merely thank you for your great kindness in drinking this toast. The Grand Officers feel much flattered at the reception of the toast, and endeavoured to deserve the encomiums passed upon them.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight: The modesty of my brother near me imposes upon me the necessity of adding a few words. The work of the Prov. Grand Master lies generally in the provinces, and that of the Grand Officers lies in the Metropolis, but we are animated by one idea, and that is to endeavour by every exertion to encourage the prosperity of our ancient art. (Cheers.) And now that Freemasonry has increased to the amount it has, it is necessary that great exertions should be made, in the first place, to prevent unworthy members joining, and in the next place to make those who join feel animated by a wish and sincere desire to promote the prosperity of the Craft. (Applause.) I beg to tender to your Worshipful Master our hearty and sincere thanks for the opportunity he has given us of witnessing the ceremony of installation, so well carried out in this lodge by Bro. Parkinson. We are extremely glad to have the opportunity of attending this lodge, which has so recently been launched into existence, but which now stands second to none in the lodges of London. Permit me to thank you not only for inviting us, but for the hospitality you have given us.

Bro. Earl of ONSLOW, P.G.W.: I have the honour to propose the next toast, which is that of "The Sister Grand Lodges." We are not honoured to-night by the presence of the Grand Masters of Scotland or Ireland, but you must not infer from their absence that they do not take an interest in

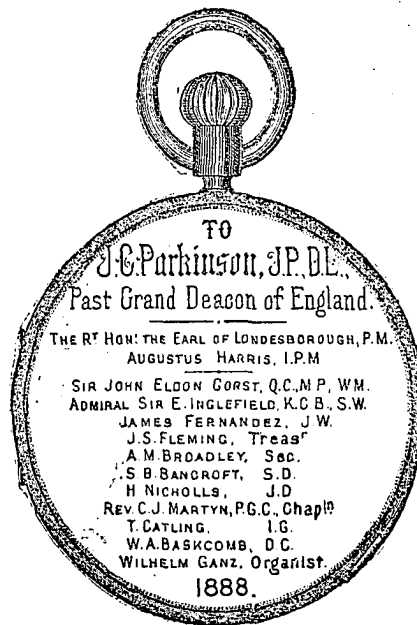
the proceedings of this lodge. I well remember that upon the last installation meeting the Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland were present to do honour to your lodge. Masonry, fortunately for us, is a Craft which extends the hand of fellowship to all brethren; knows no politics, and knows no nationality. From the Grand Lodge of Ireland we have had the most distinguished Masons, men of the greatest geniality and good fellowship, and we feel that in Masonry we can sit down with them, feeling we have a bond of brotherhood. (Cheers.) We are guided by the same principles, and, as the Installing Master effectively told the officers in his address to them, "It is only by a due obedience to the laws in our own conduct that we can reasonably expect compliance with them in others." I have not only to propose the health of the Sister Grand Lodges, but I must also include your cousins, for turning to my left I see a distinguished brother who comes from across the Atlantic, who has presided over the Grand Lodge of the most important State in the United States, and who filled that high position with dignity and success. We know what hospitality is extended to Englishmen in America, and I feel I am not asking too much of you, when I ask you to drink to the health of the Sister Grand Lodges with enthusiasm, coupling it with the name of Bro. Theodore Tilton, P.D.D. G.M. New York. (Cheers.)

Bro. THEODORE TILTON, P.D.D.G.M. New York: I thank you most heartily for the reception accorded to the toast, and I rise to respond most heartily. Of the 67 Grand Lodges of the world, that of your own, as you well know, occupies the first and foremost position. (Applause.) The United States possesses 48 Grand Lodges, each presided over by a Grand Master, and that of New York, over which I had the honour of presiding, is the largest, and ranks next to your own. The Grand Lodge of New York comprises 728 subordinate lodges and 75,000 Masons. Each of the 48 American Grand Lodges is represented, with the exception of one, at your own Grand Lodge by a Grand Representative. I may say that the generous and broad principles exercised by your own Grand Lodge, which is so ably presided over by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., tends considerably to promote harmony and brotherly feeling in all spheres of Masonic life. This fact, and the kind hospitality of the lodges in the United Kingdom, do as much to cement and bring together those of other jurisdictions as anything I can name. (Cheers.) There is no question that to-night you bring together Masons, not only of your own jurisdiction but from all parts of the world. I thank you for the cordial manner in which you have mentioned the Grand Lodge of New York, and will say that that Grand Lodge presents to the Drury Lane Lodge the most fraternal greetings. (Cheers.)

Bro. Lord HERSCHELL, P.G.W., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said: I have the honour of being permitted to propose the next toast, and I think that the fact that I have been chosen to propose it is a compliment to your W.M., not on account of any qualities which I possess, or position which I occupy, but for three reasons. In the first place I have known the W.M. for a quarter of a century, and I think that anyone who has known him that time is not likely to say anything but what is good of him, and that of itself is a compliment. (Hear, hear.) I have come into contact with him in the practice of the law, and if after 25 years' close contact one lawyer should have anything good to say of another, I think that is surely high testimony. (Laughter.) During eleven years we occupied seats together in a certain place where we did not always have the same views—indeed, I think we seldom agreed, the conflicts being sometimes heated. (Laughter.) That it should be expected that I would, after these conflicts, bear testimony to his merits, is my third reason for assigning the choice of myself to propose his health, as a compliment to Bro. Sir John Gorst, your W.M. (Cheers.) I would desire also to say that the party to which I belong—do not be alarmed, brethren, I am not going to say anything to which you can take exception—(laughter)—the party to which I belong is alluded to as possessing something less than the average stock of intellect. (Laughter.) But there is one capacity we possess—and I trust always shall possess—the capacity to recognise intellectual merit in our political opponents, and I feel I am competent to bear testimony to the merits of your W. Master. (Cheers.) I am quite sure we must all desire that those who possess merit should come into the front rank of their party, whatever their party may be, and consequently those who are political opponents, when they see men are men of merit, say they worthily adorn the positions they have so well merited. (Applause.) I have been told by the W. Master that short speeches are to be the rule. I never desire to make long ones, and I always lay down the one great principle of "the strictest obedience to the constituted authorities"—(loud cheers)—more especially if I do not feel sure what the consequences of disobedience may be. I will add nothing more than saying that I can in all sincerity and heartiness propose the health of your W.M. (Applause.) It is a real pleasure, considering the many years I have known him, to be allowed to propose the toast, and I can assure you that he possesses that ability, integrity, and industry which are essential to the due performance of the duties of W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge. (Cheers.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER: I feel deeply indebted to Lord Herschell for the kind and complimentary terms in which he has been good enough to propose my health, and you, brethren, for having received it with so much enthusiasm. Believe me, if it were that which it is not, for constituted authorities to violate their own rules, I could go on for a long time before I should give expression to the feelings which animate me on being made a W.M. for the first time. I am an old Mason, and, I assure you, as rusty as I can be. (Laughter.) There are one or two brethren present who remember the days of the old Scientific Lodge at Cambridge where we studied Masonry together. To the fact that I have been all my life a rolling-stone I owe it that I have not reached the position of W.M. before, for I have never been in a lodge long enough to attain the dignity of the chair. I feel deeply indebted to the founders of the Drury Lane Lodge for having done me the distinguished honour of electing me, at so early a period, W.M. of so distinguished a lodge. I do not like to make promises in words, as I prefer deeds rather than words, but I would assure you it is my fervent desire and intention so to conduct myself in the position to which I have been elected as to deserve the kindness and good opinion which you have expressed towards me to-day. (Cheers.) Before I sit down, I have, as the occupant of the chair, a pleasing duty to perform. Every brother who has been for any length of time a member of this lodge, will agree with me that if there is one brother more than another to whom we are indebted for its Masonic excellence, it is Bro. Parkinson. (Cheers.) I believe that in the outer world Bro. Parkinson has attained a great distinction. He has distinguished himself as a writer, as a speaker, and as the head of numerous and successful commercial undertakings. But it is not in that capacity we know him. We know him as a most sincere, painstaking, and excellent Freemason. (Cheers.) He has been our instructor and guardian, and has been, in some senses, the father of the lodge. Those who have been officers

will confess that the lodge could not have gone on if it had not been for the unremitting services which Bro. Parkinson has so zealously and so punctually afforded us. (Cheers.) I know I am speaking the views of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Augustus Harris, and I am sure that if our former Past Master, Lord Londesborough, had been present, he would have thoroughly endorsed all I have said. (Hear, hear.) I am asked to present Bro. Parkinson with a little testimonial, showing we have not been quite insensible of the benefits we have received at his hands. It is a watch, containing a suitable inscription, and when in future times he consults it, he will remember those happy days he spent in the Drury Lane Lodge, where he has endeared himself as a Freemason to many of us, and I hope will endear himself to many more in years to come. (Cheers.) Bro. Parkinson, I beg to present you with this small testimonial, as a trifling mark of the obligation we owe you.



Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., said: Those responsible for the arrangements to-night have given me a double duty, namely that in addition to such acknowledgments as I may be able to make, I am to propose the toast of "The Past Masters." It will be less trying to me to discharge this easy and agreeable duty first, and so try to nerve myself for what I fear will prove far more difficult. Our lodge has been two years established, and we have now two Past Masters, the Earl of Londesborough and Augustus Harris. Lord Londesborough has from the inception of this lodge given its affairs his unremitting personal attention, and by his suggestions and advice, his private hospitalities and genial co-operation, has done more than I can tell you to place and keep the lodge in its admittedly high position. Our noble brother has for years been known and regarded by the dramatic profession. His kind heart and open hand have done much to assuage the distress of those in sickness or tribulation. His steady and consistent attachment to the drama is universally known, and it was by a process of natural selection those concerned in the formation of a lodge which was to hail from Old Drury, placed him by acclamation its first Master in the chair. How from the time of his installation to the present the lodge has proceeded in its triumphant course, how it has absorbed into its ranks very much that is brilliant in public and artistic life—is as well known to you as to me. But, however far into the centuries its prosperity may carry it, however widely its fame may extend, the name of the Earl of Londesborough will live and be cherished as that of its first Master—the forerunner, I hope, of a long line of able successors. Bro. Augustus Harris has, it is well-known, the enviable faculty of turning everything he touches into gold. Being quite unoccupied, having nothing to do, nothing whatever on his mind, enjoying abundant leisure, he turned his idle thoughts one day as to how he could most pleasantly beguile the tedium of his many vacant hours—and the happy idea of founding a Freemasons' lodge occurred to him. Presto! the success we enjoy was assured. The boundless artistic resources of Drury Lane Theatre were drawn upon. No difficulties daunted him. No facilities were too great to grant—no responsibilities too heavy for him to assume. It has been a great pleasure to us all to march as Masonic soldiers under the ever victorious general, Drurionianus, to work with him and for him, and to accept from him to-night the beautiful banner which hangs alongside that of Lord Londesborough, and that presented by Bro. Henry Neville, who, as a Founder, filled the Past Master's chair on the day of consecration. Bro. Lord Londesborough and Bro. Harris are also founders as well as Past Masters. Long may they flourish and prosper under the luxuriant foliage of the tree they planted, and when Bro. Harris, as Immediate Past Master, returns thanks, he will, I know, do so with as much confidence in this lodge's future as he has satisfaction in its past. Now let me crave your indulgent toleration while I attempt, however feebly, to discharge what is, considering the circumstances and the distinguished character of the assembly in which this beautiful presentation has been made, one of the most difficult tasks I have ever attempted. At our Masonic Boys' School a prize is awarded annually by the boys themselves. It is not the ripest scholar, nor the most powerful athlete, nor the most nimble-witted—certainly not the most self-asserting boy who gains this prize. No! it is given by a vote of the whole school to one who probably to his own surprise finds that small services rendered by him in a modest spirit, friendly offices performed as a matter of course and without a thought of conferring obligation, mere easy-going pleasant co-operation in the business of the hour, have earned him the good-will and affection of those amongst whom he has lived and worked and played. If I may believe that my position at this moment is analogous, even remotely, to that of the happily selected Masonic boy, and that the magnificent present just handed me by our Worshipful Master—a present which has the signal advantage of being a portable personal chattel to be always carried about with one, and shown with pride to ones brother Masons all over the world—if I am to accept this as the outcome of my Masonic relations with you all, you make me proud and glad indeed. Sir John Gorst has laid generous stress upon the work performed. But it has been the hearty and kindly co-operation of my brother Grand Officers, who are our honorary members; the willing intelligent help and punctual regular attendance of the officers of the lodge, and the friendly

feeling and appreciation manifested by the members generally which has given that work its vitality and interest, and which endows this Drury Lane Lodge with a strength and force peculiarly its own. That I should receive from you this exquisite, this almost sentient triumph of scientific and mechanical art, this most effective speaking monitor which henceforth by night and day, at home and abroad, in sickness and in health, all through the time left to me, far away into old age if old age be granted, shall live with me, pulsate and tell with musical tongue of your generosity and my gratitude—aye, and which will continue, thus to speak, as an heirloom long after my heart and voice are stilled—all this inspires feelings and reflections which are almost overwhelming! What can I say that will express my emotions adequately? How can I, looking round me, rise to the dignity of this occasion? I will not attempt the impossible. I will not try. Rather, in the words of a great man I once heard speak in this very hall, let me hope that in my reticence, in my enforced silence, in all I do not say—you may find some traces of that eloquence which lies deeper than the richest words. Throwing myself upon the generous interpretations and consideration which have never failed me yet, let me say that for your uniform indulgence to my efforts, and your unbroken goodness to me at all times, of which this is the latest tangible expression,

I can no other answer make
Than thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks.

Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS, I.P.M.: I feel at a great disadvantage in having to rise after the eloquent speech of Bro. Parkinson. I hardly think if I had seen the arrangements I should have agreed to Bro. Parkinson proposing the toast to which I am to respond. I did not know that Bro. Lord Lonsborough was not going to be present, and it was only when I came here to-day I heard of his indisposition. It is a disadvantage speaking after Bro. Parkinson, who is always so eloquent, and who therefore puts my little light very much in the shade—especially as I do not profess to be an orator. I think that one of the reasons why he should not have proposed this toast is that he was, to a certain extent, proposing his own health, for all who have seen the working will agree that if any brother is a Past Master of the lodge, Bro. Parkinson certainly deserves that title. (Applause.) Bro. Parkinson has done more work than either Lord Lonsborough or myself, and that he should get up and propose the toast of the Past Masters is very much like proposing his own health. I am delighted he has said so many kind things, and in reference to the success of the lodge, I am sure you must all agree that in the two years we have been constituted this lodge has made great strides, and has become very popular. (Cheers.) I need not refer to the Jubilee year, when I tell you that of the brethren who received Jubilee honours, a large number belong to the Drury Lane Lodge. That of itself shows that this lodge is by no means a lodge consisting of nobodies. We have in our ranks members of every profession, I may say leading members of every profession, and it has been a great pleasure to me to be W.M., and to preside over so many good and true men. I hope that the future of the lodge will be no less brilliant than the past. When we meet, as I hope we shall meet, a year hence, I trust it will be still more prosperous than it is to-day. (Applause.) I do not desire to break through the rule of brevity laid down by the W.M., but I wish to tell the brethren present that I shall be pleased to welcome them within the old portals of Drury Lane, where they can see our worthy Junior Deacon present herself before them in her regal robes, and I am sure our Sister Nicholls and our Brother Campbell will be as happy to see you as I shall be.

Bro. A. M. BROADLEY, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Secretary: The Drury Lane Lodge is nothing if it is not representative, and if the duties of the Secretary are not altogether a sinecure, he receives an ample reward when he is allowed to propose the toast of "The Visitors." This is the third occasion on which I have been privileged to propose that toast in this lodge. It is impossible for me to conceal from you my conviction that had it not been for the amiability of Bro. Harris, I.P.M., the Drury Lane Lodge would not have been what it is to-day. (Cheers.) To Bro. Harris will belong the greatest credit for the foundation of this lodge, and I hope for many years to come he will be the moving spirit in it. Looking back, he will feel considerable pride at the gathering assembled this evening to inaugurate the reign of his successor. There is no doubt that in Sir John Gorst we have found a W.M. who will maintain the traditions of this lodge, and I think that if there is one thing that may be taken as an augury of his reign it is the gathering of to-night. (Cheers.) There are scarcely any lodges that can boast of having received within their walls the Provincial Grand Masters, not only of the neighbouring counties, but brethren who have come from Monmouthshire and Lancashire and across the seas from the Isle of Man and Jersey. We have also Bro. Sandeman present, whose memories will ever be associated with the District of Bengal. We have had a rare distinction, and have received not only Lord Herschell, the past Lord Chancellor, but also the brother who now adorns the distinguished position of Lord High Chancellor. This is not all. If we were to ask what profession is not represented among us there would be no exceptions. In the law we have the Lord Chancellor; in the Church we have a powerful body of Past Grand Chaplains; and, as far as medicine is concerned, we have a great many distinguished members present. I am glad to see Bro. A. Cooper, who adorns his profession, and, with regard to the Army, we have Lord A. Paget, who holds a position in the Queen's Household; whilst the Navy is ably represented by Lord Alcester. With a gathering like this we can only hope that the lodge will go on and prosper, and I can say that if the Secretary can do anything for the lodge, his services are at your disposal. I must be permitted to express my great satisfaction that Dorsetshire, in which 19 years ago I was initiated, is so well represented by Bro. Montague. I thank that brother very much for his presence, and I trust he will take back to Dorsetshire a good report. I will conclude by expressing the pleasure we feel at receiving visitors from all parts of the world, and allow me to couple with the toast the names of those brethren who represent a great tower of Masonic strength, whom we are proud to receive, and whom we shall be pleased to see again within the portals of the Drury Lane Lodge—the Lord Chancellor and Lords Milltown and Alcester.

The LORD CHANCELLOR: I yield not a tittle to the desire which has been expressed by my noble brother near me in obedience to the constituted authorities, but you and he will forgive me when I tell you that I always think the advantage is in the obligation, and not in the abstract principle. (Applause.) I have never yet heard an orator begin by assuring his audience that he intended making only a few remarks, without trembling at what would be the result. I should like to say, if he will forgive me, that I am somewhat jealous of the title which he has assumed for the party

to which he belongs. I always understood we were the stupid party—(laughter)—and I protest against anybody taking from us that title. (Laughter.) I noticed that the W.M. suggested that the reason why the speeches should be short was that some of you had other avocations to perform, and I am not surprised that he sunk in the depth of that phraseology which is peculiar to the occupation to which he referred. I have no doubt that he refers to that place where speeches are not short, and where that brotherly love which we admire is not always prevalent. (Laughter.) I can only say that those who, like myself, belong to another region, feel the deepest commiseration for those who go to, what the Master described as other avocations. (Laughter.) It is a pleasing thing to be invited to such an occasion as this, and, in order to show you that I recognise the obligation, I will content myself with simply thanking you for the kindness I have received.

The Earl of MILLTOWN: I have at one moment and at the same moment to thank and find fault with those who have been the organisers of this vast gathering. I have, following the custom of most of those statesmen whose eloquence adorns the Senate, been studying such impromptus as they are in the habit of using. The organisers of this entertainment asked my noble brother to respond first, and he has taken it out of my power to deliver to you that eloquent oration with which I was prepared. I, as a humble member of the great profession of which my learned brother is the head, and as a humble member of that great assembly over which he presides, will not occupy your time in attempting to compete with him in the speech he has delivered. I must say this—that as a rule, in Masonic lodges, one brother is quite sufficient to answer to the toast, but I think that upon this occasion an exception has been rightly made, for though I have been present at many festivities, and though I am fully acquainted with the great qualities which distinguish our brotherhood, I will at this moment confine myself to returning thanks for the hospitality we have received. Never before have I received anything approaching the splendid hospitality of which we have been the recipients. On behalf of the visitors, and only regretting that they have not some one more worthy to represent them than I, I beg to return hearty thanks for the high honour paid us, and beg to convey our hopes that you will again favour us with an invitation.

Bro. Lord ALCESTER: I am rather hardly placed in coming after the Lord Chancellor and Lord Milltown, but I am sure I thank you for the honour you have paid me. There are many old Masons present who would be more properly coupled with the toast than I. I beg to again return you my sincere thanks.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON: A toast has been placed in my hands which is rather different from those preceding it. The toast I have to propose is that of "The Officers," and I am quite certain that all present will rejoice at the discrimination displayed in the selection of those officers. (Hear, hear.) They consist of men who have made their mark; some of them having made their name and who are now resting on their laurels; and some who are coming on in Masonry. The Junior Deacon, Bro. Nicholls, has gone to that place where he represents the female sex, and does it right well too. The S.D., Bro. Bancroft, is a man who has been at the head of his profession, and is ready and willing to take his part in the work of the lodge. The Secretary, Bro. Broadley, has a long list of Masonic performances, and has for 19 years taken a very active part in Masonic work. He has taken an immense deal of trouble with regard to the arrangements of this evening, and which reflect upon him the greatest praise. In your Treasurer you have a man well trusted, and who will ably manage the large amount entrusted to his care. The J.W. is working hard in his profession, and your S.W., Sir E. Inglefield, is one of those old hearts of oak. I am sure that in coupling his name with the toast I shall be including one whom a year hence you will be proud to welcome at the helm.

Bro. Sir E. INGLEFIELD, K.C.B.: As my memory reminds me that the W.M., at the early part of the proceedings, said the speeches were to be short, I will content myself with returning thanks for the officers of the lodge. I have to return thanks not only as far as I am personally concerned, but also for those who have not been called upon. I wish to say that to Bro. Parkinson we are indebted for the instruction we have received. It is 40 years ago since I was initiated. I had been so long out of Masonry that I was rusty, but under Bro. Parkinson's guidance I am able to take my place in the lodge. On my own part, and on behalf of my brother officers, I beg to return our sincere thanks.

Bro. J. FERNANDEZ, J.W.: The subject of the toast entrusted to me is one so pregnant with feeling, that it is only the remark of the W.M. with regard to the time that sways me in the direction of brevity. We all know that the scope of the Masonic Charities is vast and far reaching, and communicates help, not only to our brethren, but also to the widows and children. We are nearly three months from the Centenary Festival of our Girls' School, and I think that having regard to the exertions of the brethren who have preceded us, we can take pride in the good that has been reflected in the forthcoming Festival. It is enforced, not by words, but by practical illustration, that loving kindness is greater than law, and I am sure it will be with loving kindness that you will respond to the appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The toast I propose to you is "Continued Success to the Masonic Charities."

Bro. F. BINCKES, Sec. R.M.I.B.: After the experience of 27 years responding to the toast of the Masonic Charities, I only find myself in a position of difficulty. Only this very night week, when called upon to discharge this duty in a new lodge at a place, the name of which is so dear to every member of this lodge—I mean Stratford-on-Avon—when this toast was proposed in language perfectly unique, I found myself unequal to the duty of responding. I feel myself in a similar position to-night through the kindness of your J.W.—I shall take the opportunity of calling him my good friend—who has so kindly introduced the toast to you. In responding to this toast I do so with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret—regret that Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Girls' School, is not here to respond for the desire so kindly expressed for the success of the first centenary that has ever been celebrated by one of our Masonic Institutions. There is no brother will express a more sincere wish that the result of that unique celebration will be all that its best friends can desire. At the same time, I am sure, you will permit me to observe that it is not without some little anxiety that the other Institutions regard the effect that Festival may have upon them. The large-heartedness of the Craft will not, I am sure, permit the success of one Institution to be built upon the ruins of the others, and therefore we hope and trust that, however successful the Centenary of the Girls' School may be, the Benevolent Institution will meet with that success it deserves, and that the Boys' will also receive that success which it so much needs and desires. I was very

much struck in listening to the remarks of Bro. Parkinson, of whom I would like to add a little in token of admiration, that he could find no better illustration of his position than the prize boy of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. I am sure I may reckon upon the members of this lodge that they will not forget the Boys' School from which he has drawn his illustration. We have 262 boys, sons of Freemasons, and I think we can, at least, expect a continuance of that kind support which Bro. Broadley so ably rendered last year. I hope and trust that under such wonderful auspices the highest and best principle of Freemasonry will not be forgotten, and that the principle of support to our Masonic Institutions will never be neglected. I am proud to be here, and to speak on behalf of the Masonic Charities; and I trust this lodge will be the means of assisting in realising that success for the Boys' School which it so well deserves.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.
The following is a list of the brethren present—

Bros. Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts; Sir H. Williamson, Prov. G.M. Durham; Sir E. Lechmere, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. Lancashire (East Division); W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts; Lieut.-Col. Malet de Carteret, Prov. G.M. Jersey; Major John Goldie-Taubman, Prov. G.M. Isle of Man; Col. Chas. Lyne, Prov. G.M. Monmouth; Col. A. W. Adair, P.P.G.M. Somerset; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; the Lord Chancellor; Earl of Milltown, P.G.W.; Earl of Onslow, P.G.W.; Lord Herschell, P.G.W.; Lord Henry Thynne, P.G.W.; Lord Cremorne, P.G.W.; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; Rev. G. W. Waldon, G. Chap.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg.; Thos. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., G.S. for German Correspondence; Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence; G. Cooper, S.G.D.; F. S. Knyvett, J.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, J.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Dr. R. Gooding, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; H. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; Major J. S. Pierce, P.G.D.; Col. Sir T. O'Brien, P.G.D.; Frederick West, P.G.D.; S. Pope, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; L. Webb, P.G.D.; O. Hansard, P.G. Supt. of Works; Chas. Driver, P.G. Supt. of Works; R. G. Glover, P. Deputy G.D. of C.; J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; Major A. Cook, P.A.G.D.C.; W. E. Stewart, P.A.G.D.C.; Col. C. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. W. E. Stewart, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Trueman Wood, P.A.G.D.C.; W. C. Beaumont, P.A.G.D.C.; Chas. Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; W. M. Bywater, G. Swd. B.; Col. Jas. Peters, P.G. Swd. B.; F. H. Gottlieb, P.G. Swd. B.; James Terry, P.G. Swd. B.; F. Binckes, P.G. Swd. B.; Geo. Beech, G. Std. B.; C. F. Mather, P.G. Std. B.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. B.; E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. B.; W. Ganz, W. H. Perryman, G.P.; W. Hopekirk, A.G.P.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Dr. I. Zackarie, Past G.M. California; T. H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York City; E. Hutson, P.G.W. East Lanc.; W. E. M. Tomlinson, P.G.W. West Lanc.; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. North and East Yorks; C. Bolton, P.G.W. Surrey; Sir C. A. Turner, P.D.G.W. Bengal; J. W. Maclure, P.P.G.W. East Lanc.; C. J. Smith, P.P.G.W. Sussex; G. Elliot, M.P., P.P.G.W. Northumberland; George Kenning, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. Weaver, P.P.G.O. Middx.; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; Lord Alcester, Gen. Lord A. Paget, Gen. Lord John Tylour, Lord Dungarven, Sir G. T. Goldie, K.C.M.G.; Sir Lionel Darell, Alderman Sir H. Isaacs, Sir John Puleston, M.P., Sir Oscar Clayton, Sir W. Hardman, Sir Somers Vine, J. T. Agg Gardner, M.P., Capt. Colomb, M.P., Seager Hunt, M.P., John Aird, M.P., T. H. Bolton, M.P., F. D. Hartland, M.P., A. Levy, Admiral Hon. A. Cochrane, R. Roose, J. S. Wood, J. H. Davidson, W. G. Logan, J. Northcott, A. L. Fryer, J. R. Mellor, O.C., E. Dicey, C.B., Meyer Lutz, E. W. Gardiner, W. R. Baggalay, Col. J. Davis, W. J. Fisher, E. J. Humphery, J. F. Eliston, W. C. Purcell, F. Neck, E. T. E. Besley, T. J. Palmer, Savile Clarke, W. G. Lemon, Tom Merry, E. St. Clair, E. Monteuuis, H. Wright, A. D. Greig, M. Abrahams, E. Foot, Horace White, F. H. Macklin, J. White, G. H. Humphreys, Lieut. Dan Godfrey, W. Rignold, Bradshaw Brown, S. S. Phillips, J. A. Lees, E. Barnes, H. Kemble, S. Whetham, R. Tucker, E. Holland, J. D. Gay, H. Thorndike, J. Harrington, A. E. Sansom, W. Miller, F. Hastings, W. Lemon, J. F. Wight, E. M. Underdown, G. H. Wright, C. Bertram, F. J. Potter, T. Adams, J. Hodges, H. Grey, E. Green, G. M. Hamm, H. G. Hobson, E. St. John Brenon, Brydges Williams, G. H. Thomas, A. R. Phipps, F. S. Hobson, G. H. Haywood, Oscar Barrett, T. D. Parry, W. Lestocq, A. T. Layton, C. J. Phipps, G. White Cooper, F. Stobart, F. M. Harvey, Geo. Everett, H. Campbell, W. A. Baskcomb, W. Frazer Rae, Chas. Barry, F. Bevan, George Gardner, C. Coote, G. F. Bashford, H. W. Seager, J. Boughton, T. Prenton, H. H. Morell Mackenzie, G. Farquhar, W. T. Madge, Dr. C. Godson, N. D. Davis, T. Catling, D. de Pinna, E. Maurice, H. Pettitt, F. Lawrence, C. H. Mason, W. J. W. Beard, J. W. Brown, E. J. Lonnen, W. Giffard Davey, G. Tarran, W. W. Morgan, A. Toovey, G. Reynolds, W. E. Chapman, C. W. Mathews, Dr. G. Lynch, A. W. Mitchell, Lennox Browne, J. Sanderson, C. R. Brighten, Arthur Yates, H. Neville, A. J. Caldicott, H. J. Hitchens, Gen. Hale Wortham, W. Pilcher, O. Alias, C. M. Duplany, Mons. Jacobi, Lionel Brough, S. Brough, L. Hervé, H. J. Waterlow, A. Cooper, J. M. Isaacs, G. O. Haig, Russell Gole, R. W. Goddard, and W. W. Lee.

Bro. Morley acted efficiently as Toast Master.

The banner presented by Bro. Harris to the lodge was beautifully embroidered in gold on purple silk, and was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, as was also the P.M.'s jewel presented to Bro. Harris.

CONSECRATION OF THE CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 632.

The consecration of the above chapter, which circumstances have delayed for some months or so, took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Silver-street, Trowbridge, and from the amount of enthusiasm displayed on the occasion we may safely predict a very substantial revival of this Degree of the Craft. The P.G. Officers, Comps. H. C. Tombs, as Z.; H. Ward, as H.; and Rev. J. A. Lloyd, as J., having opened the chapter, the companions, numbering upwards of 50, then entered in procession. Among those present were:

Comps. H. C. Tombs, P.A.G. Soj. Eng., P.P.G.H., P.G.S.E.; J. Chandler, P.P.G.H., P.G.D.C.; T. H. Holroyd, S.E. 446; E. Olive, 285; W. Bailey, 41; H. Wilson, 280, P.G.S.E.; F. S. Fitcher, 586, P.G.H.; P. Harris, P.Z., P.G.S.E.; W. E. Parry, and L. Ashcroft, of 187; E. E. Bartlett, 566, 1st P.A. Soj.; C. J. Rawlings, M.E.Z. 1478; J. A. Lloyd, P.Z., and W. S. Bambridge, J., of 1533; J. K. Read, S.N. and G. J. Farrington, of 1478; B. de M. Lawson, P.Z.; G. Wiltshire, A. Hendley, 309; H. Ward, P.Z. 586, 662; W. R. Brown, E. Eyres, P.Z. 355, P.G. S.N.; W. H. Reed, R. Blake, and Hon. and Rev. S. Meade, of 1478; H. Leaf, 1533; G. L. Palmer, Asst. Soj.; A. Parry, P.Z.; H. Chapman, J. H. Foley, A. J. Beaven, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; C. Gauntlett, H. Applegate, F. Barton, J.; T. S. Hill, F. B. Norris, J. H. Chandler, P.P.G.H.; Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, W. J. Mann, T. Hopkins, H. J. Johnson, J. F. Humby, and F. Sloper, of 663; J. Sparks, P.Z., P.G.H.; Wm. Nott, P.P.G.H., P.G.S.; F. S. Harcourt, and H. House, of 632.

The absence of the G. Supt., Lord H. Thynne, through illness, having been explained, the principal chair was then assumed by Comp. H. WARD, who proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which he conducted in a most masterly and impressive manner. The elements of consecration, corn, wine, oil, and salt, having been sprinkled, the chapter was dedicated with solemn prayer, and the ceremony closed. The three Principals of the new chapter were then installed—Comps. A. Parry, as Z.; J. Sparks, as H.; F. Barton, as J.; and the following officers appointed: Comps. G. L. Palmer, S.E.; G. W. Wiltshire, S.N.; C. Gauntlett, Treas.; W. J. Mann, P. Soj.; T. S. Hill, 1st A.S.; J. H. Foley, 2nd A.S.; and H. Bailey,

Janitor. A large number of propositions for exaltations and joining companions were then submitted, followed by hearty congratulations from the visitors, and this brought the proceedings to a close.

The companions adjourned to the Woolpack Hotel, where an exceedingly choice banquet was exceptionally well served by Bro. Barton. The M.E.Z., Comp. H. C. Tombs, presided, supported right and left by the Consecrating Officer and the Principals of the chapter.

The usual toast list was gone through, this most successful gathering breaking up early in consequence of so many having to leave by train.

The impressive rendering of the consecration ceremony by Comp. Ward; the splendid oration of Comp. Lloyd, in which the principles of Royal Arch Masonry were so beautifully expounded; the musical portion of the service, composed and accompanied by Comp. W. S. Bambridge; on the mustel organ; and last, but not least, the excellent catering of Comp. Barton, tended to make the consecration of the Chapter of Concord, No. 632, an event never to be forgotten by those who assisted in the same.

"ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM."

TRANSACTIONS OF No. 2076.—PART II.

We warmly congratulate the members of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge—especially the founders—on the advent of a second part of the first volume. Our review of the initial number will have convinced those brethren who have joined, neither the "inner" nor the "outer" Circle, that the issue of the printed proceedings of what is emphatically termed the Students' Lodge, marks an important era in the Craft, and indicates how great and how wide is the scope embraced by the promoters of this new departure.

The actual membership must always be of a limited character, as the lodge has to be sustained entirely by brethren of special Masonic or general literary qualifications, but the ever increasing number of the "Correspondence Circle," already far exceeding 200 drawn from the "four quarters of the globe," testifies to the interest taken in the papers read by competent Craftsmen, and the success so far achieved—great as it appears to us to be—is but introductory to the brilliant future and great usefulness of the lodge as contemplated and anticipated by some of its most sanguine adherents.

Of this we may be assured, that if the interest of the papers can be sustained (and it is the opinion of those best able to judge, that such will be the case) the proceedings will always command a ready sale and a very wide circulation. Already Part I. is out of print, and the much larger edition of present issue is rapidly being exhausted. The value of the lectures and addresses is considerable, and even a cursory glance over Part II. cannot fail to reveal the fact that the fare presented to the numerous readers of these handsomely got up transactions is both interesting and substantial, lacking neither in artistic nor in real Masonic excellence.

The first paper was read by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., June 2nd, 1887, on "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry, from a non-Masonic standpoint." All who are familiar with the character of that well-known brother's researches, will need no word from us, in praise of its accuracy and thoroughness. The evidence was marshalled in chronological order, and in brief forms a capital introduction to the study of such a work as Bro. Gould's great History.

The next paper was read to the members on 8th September by Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, and dealt in an attractive manner with "The Religion of Freemasonry, illuminated by the Kabbalah." The learned author is quite "at home" in the most mysterious and abstruse subjects and disquisitions, but all his audience were not content to follow his lead, so the subsequent discussion is entertaining and instructive reading.

A remarkable "Address" was delivered by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., after his installation as W.M., on November 8th, (in succession to Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., the first Master,) in which that brilliant Masonic Scholar threw out the suggestion that occasionally the members should, from time to time, prepare papers of an elementary character, so that all classes of the Fraternity may be catered for. His strictures on English Freemasonry were not a little severe in some respects, though not beyond the facts of the case, for much that passes by that name is "but the shell," whereas the "German brethren possesses the Kernel."

To illustrate his views on the subject and thus reduce the theory to practice, Bro. Gould followed his remarks with a racy paper on "English Freemasonry before the Era of Grand Lodges, (1717)," in which, under three heads (in true sermon fashion, but not dogmatically in manner), Old Traditions, Legends of the Craft, and Symbolical Masonry from 1646, were explained and described in such a manner that even the Apprentices of the Craft could not fail to follow the lecturer, and no one, however advanced, had any reason to complain of its being too elementary in character. This united with Bro. Hughan's suggestive paper, form the best introduction to the study of Masonic history that has yet been published, and of itself will cause Part 2. to be eagerly perused by the Junior Students of the Society, whilst more advanced readers will appreciate such a mass of evidence being compressed within so compact a form for reference.

Numerous presentations to the lodge library—fast becoming a special feature of the numerous attractions offered by the members of No. 2076—are duly acknowledged by the ever active and most industrious Secretary, Bro. G. W. Speth, who also adds much to the importance of this issue by several careful reviews of German Masonic works, Dr. Begemann's especially, which are "sealed books" to some of the members, besides adding a very useful digest of the news relating to the Craft universal, and in other ways, also doing his part nobly and well as editor.

The obituary of the lamented Bro. E. T. Budden, one of the latest members, and the first to "depart this life," will be perused by many friends who knew and appreciated that enthusiastic Craftsman.

Dr. Westcott furnishes a sketch of the "Rosicrucian Society of England," another on the "Quatuor Coronati Legend," is doubtless by the late Bro. Woodford, whose decease occurred so lately, and whose name will always be associated with the origin of the lodge, and still another—do not be surprised, dear readers—is on "The Apostle St. Paul, a Mason," by Bro. C. H. Tendler (of Dresden). Reviews of Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-1886" (the work of its kind) by Bro. R. F. Gould, and of "Isiac Tablet of Bembo," lately edited by Dr. Westcott, by Dr. W. R. Woodman (formerly the esteemed editor of the "Rosicrucian,") add much to the variety and value of the Part.

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" F. T. Bennett, W.M. 1261, " J. Lancaster, P.M. and
P.M. 211. Sec. 534.
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1564. P.M. 1201.
" C. W. Blaxland, S.D. 799. " C. R. Lightbody, P.M. 90.
" Lennox Browne, P.M. 969. " C. M. Matthew, P.M. and
" D. Carpmal, J.W. 1924. Treas. 263.
" C. E. Cassal, J.D. 1415, " E. M. Money, P.M. 28,
1974. " T. W. Ockenden, W.M.
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2098. " H. Pritchard, I.P.M. 1415.
" *W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768. " F. T. Rushton, W.M. 8.
" E. P. Debenham, S.D. 1479. " Ernest T. Smith, J.D. 1768.
" T. H. Edmonds, P.G.S., " F. R. Spaul, P.M. 1124,
P.M. Gd. Stds. Lodge, and P.M. 8. " P. Prov. G. Reg. Salop.
" A. Escott, P.M. 1593. " *R. C. Sudlow, P.M., 263,
" J. G. Garson, W.M. 657. 1965, P. Prov. G.D. Kent.
" J. W. Gaze, J.W. 1758. " J. E. Terry, S.W. 1964.
" A. Gibbings, P.M. 63. " C. W. A. Trollope, P.M.
" Arthur Hill, P.M. 21. 1826.
" E. B. Holloway, P.M. 108. " H. S. Wellcome, 3.
" G. L. Kennaby, J.W. 1420. " H. J. Wicks, W.M. 1269.
" *W. G. Kentish, Sec., W.M. " S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59.
1768, P.M. 1293.

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CRAFT LODGES—Derwent, No. 40; Fortitude, No. 281;
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LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—Jordan, No. 1402.

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Consecration of the Cowper and Newton Lodge,
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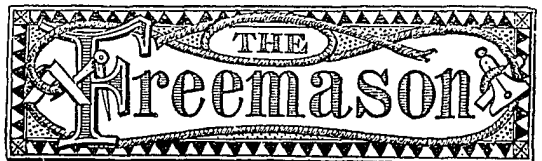
Masonic Ball at Northampton.

History of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The Second Annual Ball of the Rothesay Lodge,
No. 1687.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Victorian Freemason," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Key-
stone," "South Australian Freemason," "New Zealand Free-
mason," "Revista Maonica," "Liberal Freemason," "Orient,"
"Die Bauhutte," and "Voice of Masonry" (Chicago).



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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.]

AN OLD LODGE AT CHICHESTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the *Freemason* of the 11th inst., page 86, at a
meeting of the "Lodge of Union," No. 38, Bro. Moles-
worth is reported to have said that: "In 1724 the Lodge of
St. John was consecrated at the White Horse Inn, holding
its meetings on the third Friday in the month." The anti-
quity of Freemasonry in Chichester is undoubted; but I
venture to ask Bro. Molesworth for some reliable evidence
in reference to the meeting of the lodge referred to (which
in Grand Lodge records never bore any name) at the
"White Horse" as early as 1724, as I do not find it was
there prior to 1738. Also, if there are any particulars as
to the "consecration," and what it consisted of.

The first mention of the lodge, so far as I am aware, is
in Engraved List of 1725, "Swan, City of Chichester,
Third Fryday in Every Month," without any number.
(Vide frontispiece to "Masonic Records, 1717—1886,")
and in the MS. List of 1725, in Grand Lodge minute book,
it is "Swan in Chichester." In 1729 it is numbered "31,
Swan, City of Chichester, Third Friday in the month,"
and the Grand Lodge MS. List of 1731-2, as well as Raw-
linson's List of 1733, describe its place of meeting as at the
"Swan, City of Chichester." According to W. Smith's

Pocket Companion, 1735, which contains a List of 1734, the lodge appears to have moved to the "Dolphin, in the City of Chichester" (called a "Whale" in Smith's Pocket Companion of 1737, in error), the Engraved List of 1734 also having "31, Dolphin, City of Chichester, Third Friday in the month." In 1736, while at the same place, the date of Constitution is for the first time noted as "Jul: 17, 1724."

A MS. note on the official copy of the Engraved List of 1736 states "To the White Horse," but as the 1737 List still has the "Dolphin," the removal was probably not made until late in 1737 or early in 1738, the Engraved List for the latter year recording "31, White Horse, City of Chichester, Third Friday in the month. Jul: 17, 1724."

I shall be glad of any further information about this old lodge.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, February 11th.

"A QUESTION OF CUSTOM."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to the letters of "Past Master" and "An Installing Master" in your issue of 11th inst., in reply to the enquiry of "Cap" in a previous issue, it is not a little surprising that the opinions contained in the two letters above referred to should be so much at variance.

Book of Constitutions, Clause 141, puts the relative positions of the W.M., I.P.M., and Senior P.M., I think, pretty clear, yet I know there are some who argue that it does not apply in the case of an installation, though why it does not they cannot tell—and this difference of opinion, I am afraid, leads occasionally to jealousy and unpleasantness. One affirming the W.M. has the power to nominate the Installing Master of his successor. Another says it is a matter for the W.M. elect to decide; a third that it is the prerogative of the Senior P.M. of the lodge who knows the ceremony; and a fourth, that it is the right of the I.P.M. In an instance of this kind recently—in which a Senior P.M. threatened to take the work out of the hands of the I.P.M. at a certain part of the ceremony, I sought the opinion of the greatest Masonic authority in the land, and this was his ruling—"If the W.M. does not instal, and therefore hands over the gavel, it is the clear right of the I.P.M. to assume the chair and perform the ceremony, and having begun it, he is entitled to finish it without interruption."

This is a thoroughly constitutional and common sense view of the matter, and needs no comment.—Yours fraternally,

February 13th.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.—A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think there is no doubt Bro. Vallentine has struck the right note in suggesting, in his letter of last week, that some general scheme should be formed and adopted for strengthening the permanent income of our Institutions. If this part of their resources were enlarged, there would be less necessity for the tremendous appeals which it is the duty of the Secretaries to make annually for the funds required for the year. But I imagine his plan would be found difficult of execution. In the first place, the thing would have to be done voluntarily, and the proposition submitted to and approved by some 1500 lodges, the Colonial lodges, I presume, being excluded from the calculation. But will you succeed in inducing 1500 separate and distinct bodies to act unanimously in such a matter? and if you do, what security is there that they will always be unanimous and the income required be permanently forthcoming? You cannot compel a lodge, which has the right to alter and amend its own by-laws within the limits of the general law, to give voluntarily a guinea per annum in perpetuity, and unless you can do this, or something of this kind, you will not secure that permanency of income which is so desirable. Again, there are many lodges which may be said to be always giving, so frequent and so generous are their contributions, while others give nothing. But may you not, in your efforts to secure the annual guineas of the latter, succeed in diverting from the coffers of the Institutions many of the periodically voted guineas of the former, which, though willing enough to give freely, may resent the notion of anything that resembles a forced levy? Then there are sundry provinces which bear a great part of their own charitable burdens, to the relief of the Central Charities. Must these be called upon to contribute equally with others which look entirely to the Central Charities for the assistance necessary for the distress in their midst? I mention these things for the mere purpose of showing the difficulties in the way of adopting such a scheme as Bro. Vallentine suggests. But it is not because a thing is difficult that it should not be attempted, and if Bro. Vallentine thinks 1500 lodges can be brought to agree upon his proposal, it would be worth making the trial.

As regards the Girls' and Boys' Schools, which are less favourably circumstanced in the matter of permanent income than the Benevolent Institution, I think a better plan for strengthening them would be for Grand Lodge to increase its annual grant of £150, which has remained at the same figure for half-a-century, while the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has had its grant doubled since 1842, and the Widows' Fund has had its grant of £100 in 1849 increased to £300. When 50 years ago Grand Lodge arranged to make a fixed instead of a varying yearly contribution to the funds of each school, the sum of £150 a year represented a fair and even liberal commutation for the varying capitation payments previously made; but English Freemasonry and its Institutions have developed amazingly during the Victorian era, and £1000 would not be an excessive annual grant to each school now-a-days, while it might certainly be looked upon as permanent income.—Fraternally yours,

Prince Oscar of Sweden and Norway visited the West India Docks, on Monday afternoon, for the purpose of opening the Scandinavian Sailors' Temperance Home. His Royal Highness experienced a very enthusiastic reception, and expressed himself as being delighted with the arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of the inmates of the new institution.

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A NEW MS. CONSTITUTION.

Students may be interested to learn that, having occasion to see Mr. Fenwick, of Cheltenham, respecting the so-called Wilson MSS. No. 1 and 2, in his possession, I lately discovered a third version of the Old Charges in his extensive collection of 30,000 MSS. It is a thin Svo., beautifully written in copperplate style, bound in a marbled paper cover, and possesses some points of interest peculiar to it itself. It is catalogued Philipps MS., No. 18,851, and probably of date circa 1750. I am in possession of a transcript, which I have forwarded to Bro. Hughan for examination, with the request that he will report in these columns. The MSS. will appear in due course in Vol. III. of Quatuor Coronati Reprints, which will contain in one volume exact transcripts of every known version of these documents. I am sorry to add that, for reasons too lengthy to enter into here, I am convinced that the version hitherto known to us all as the Wilson MS., is not that celebrated document at all, which still awaits discovery.

G. W. SPETH, Sec. Quatuor Coronati.

REPORTS OF THE LATEST MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE (No. 19).—The installation meeting of this lodge (date of Constitution 1769) was held on the 9th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. There were present Bros. John Glenn, W.M.; G. H. Hoyle, S.W.; B. Starling, P.M., Treas.; C. B. Barnes, P.M., Sec.; W. Nicholson, S.D.; Arthur Wormull, J.D.; A. A. Angier, I.G.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; William Pound, P.M., Stwd.; George Campion, P.M., Stwd.; H. Glenn, P.M.; John Charles, P.M.; G. Sneath, P.M.; Daniel Nicholson, P.M.; George Corderoy, P.M.; James Dix, P.M.; F. E. W. Collard, P.M.; Arthur D. Green, A. R. Ramsey, W. Stauffer, F. Aires, H. Poston, W. S. Pound, E. G. Young, R. W. Bilby, M. Smith, F. W. W. Honischer, and others. Visitors: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Dr. Woodman, P.G. Svd. Br.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; J. H. Scholfield, P.M. 363; J. E. Sheffield, 1897; R. H. Hepburn, 671; T. Coote, 373; W. Iron, H. D. Marshall, 771; W. Heath, 766; Geo. R. Green, 173; Chas. Kempton, 1287; H. G. James, 1724; Chas. Browning, 1491; J. A. Fielden, 373; W. Lord, 308; J. R. Clipperton, 66; H. Clarke, 1827; Geo. Challen, 211; T. Archer, C. J. Hinton, A. Hoare, C. H. Crook, Stanley Smith, 1765; and George Kenning, P.M. 192, 1657, P.P.G.D. Middx.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditor's report was received and adopted. A Committee was appointed to take into consideration the most suitable way, permanently, to record the esteem and veneration which the brethren feel for the father of the lodge, Bro. B. Starling, P.M., on his retirement from the office of Treasurer, after 30 years service. Bro. Starling was initiated November, 1841, served as W.M. 1848. Bro. John Glenn installed Bro. George Hardman Hoyle as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very impressively performed. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Glenn, I.P.M.; W. Nicholson, S.W.; Arthur Wormull, J.W.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., Treas.; C. B. Barnes, P.M., Sec.; Athelstan A. Angier, S.D.; R. W. Bilby, J.D.; A. R. Ramsey, I.G.; W. Pound, P.M., Stwd.; John Charles, P.M., D.C.; and G. Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. John Glenn presented a beautiful banner (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), to the lodge to replace the one that had been lost. The brethren were exceedingly pleased and grateful for so valuable a gift.

The brethren dined together, presided over by Bro. G. H. Hoyle.

Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., responded for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. W. M. Bywater proposed the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bro. Dr. Woodman, P.G.S.B., replied.

The toast of "The Charities" was proposed in a forcible speech by Bro. H. Glenn, P.M., and responded to by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

A programme of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. A. W. S. Hoare, assisted by Bros. G. Hoare, John King, W. Kessel, S. Smith, and M. Wilkinson. The banquet was admirably served under the superintendence of Bro. H. P. Kilby. A gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. John Glenn, in recognition of the able services rendered to the lodge during the past year.

We congratulate the lodge on its election of Bro. W. M. Bywater as Treasurer, in succession to Bro. Starling, father of the lodge, who has resigned the office after an unbroken tenure of 30 years. Bro. Bywater has not only achieved distinction in the lodge, and been rewarded for his long and faithful services with the purple of Grand Lodge, but he is also well-known in Masonic literary circles, by his biographical sketch of Lawrence, and, what is more to the purpose on the present occasion, by his short, but admirable, "History of the Royal Athelstan Lodge," which he compiled and read at its Centenary Festival on the 27th February, 1869, and for which and for his other services he was subsequently honoured by the lodge with a special vote of thanks and testimonial. This history, though written at a time when the same degree of interest as now was not taken in such compilations, is a creditable performance, being clear and accurate, without being overlaid with detail, and we trust its worthy author's connection with the lodge, whose career he has so ably sketched, may be prolonged for many years.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. Walter Wingham, W.M.; G. Deaton, S.W.; E. J. Wall, J.W.; J. Lindner, Treas.; John

Dyte, Sec.; J. L. Jaquet, J.D.; H. R. Maynard, I.G.; G. F. Smith, Org.; J. C. Hodson, Assist. Sec.; T. J. Robins, P.M.; G. Moorcroft, P.M.; J. W. Harvey, P.M.; F. G. Baker, P.M.; Thos. Hawkins, P.M.; F. G. Deaton, R. S. Horne, A. Wingham, and S. E. Burton. Visitors: Bros. J. Shipley, P.M. 30; F. J. Eedle, W.M. elect 1441; and Wm. Roots, 1273.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. R. S. Horne was raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bros. Arthur Wingham and S. E. Burton passed to the Second Degree. After the despatch of other business the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern and enjoyed a capital supper, followed by a few short speeches and many excellent songs, amongst which Burns' "Auld lang syne" was made a feature.

TEMPLE LODGE (No. 101).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. E. S. Lardner. The meeting was numerous attended, and the W.M. was supported by—among others—the following brethren: Bros. T. A. Bullock, I.P.M.; J. Round, S.W.; T. G. Beard, J.W.; J. Bond, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; R. J. P. Wilson, S.D.; S. Blofeld, I.G.; F. N. Isaacson, Org.; F. Williams, Steward; H. Brandon White, P.M.; J. Henwood Thomas, P.M.; T. E. Taylor, P.M.; H. F. Youle, P.M.; H. J. Hastelow, P.M.; and E. J. Altman, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Sidney Martin, I.P.M. 404; F. Oldfield, J.W. 134; W. M. Scarlett, I.G. 1471; E. Prendergast, 569; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; E. Isaacson, 188; A. J. Berry, P.M. 1695; L. Lazarus, P.M. and Sec.; L. M. Myers, P.M.; and I. Myers, S.D., of 188; A. Durrant, I.P.M. 569; J. M. Bastone, P.M. 1861; H. C. Richards, 2029; R. Birkett, 569; and J. K. Boddy, 1922.

After the formal opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings, the W.M. had presented to him by Bro. Hastelow, P.M., Bro. John Round, who had been duly elected to serve as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. Lardner then proceeded with the early part of the ceremony, and installed Bro. Round as Master of the lodge for the year. The following brethren were invested as his officers: Bros. Geo. Beard, S.W.; R. J. P. Wilson, J.W.; J. Henwood Thomas, P.M., Treas.; Edwin S. Lardner, I.P.M., Sec.; S. Blofeld, S.D.; Jas. Minter Flegg, J.D.; H. Vernon, I.G.; H. Hastelow, P.M., D.C.; Frank Williams, Stwd.; Frank Isaacson, Org.; and Robt. F. Potter, P.M. 749, Tyler. The I.P.M. next delivered the addresses, and completed one of the finest performances of the ceremony of installation ever witnessed, with as great success as he had commenced it. He was loudly applauded by the brethren when he resumed his seat to the left of the W.M. Bro. Taylor, P.M., next proposed, and Bro. J. J. Carney seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Bond, Past Treasurer, and Bro. Reynolds, Past Secretary, for the admirable way in which they had served the lodge in their respective posts for several years. The motion was most heartily agreed to, and Bros. Bond and Reynolds acknowledged the compliment in graceful terms, assuring the brethren that though they retired after many years of active duty, their only reason for doing so was to give other brethren a chance, and they felt assured that, in the hands of Bros. Thomas and Lardner, both P.M.'s of the lodge, the interests of the lodge would be well looked after. A vote of condolence to Bro. J. Horatio Wynne, on the death of his brother William, was also passed.

The lodge afterwards was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bros. C. and A. Painter, and superintended by their popular manager, Bro. E. Ashby, with his accustomed activity and attention. The usual toasts followed, interspersed with some beautiful singing by Miss Rose Jacobs and Miss May Isaacson, Bro. James Minter Flegg, and Bro. Frank Williams, with Bro. Isaacson, Organist, at the piano, who also played some lovely solos.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro-G.M., and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past," had been honoured,

Bro. Lardner proposed "The W.M.," and in doing so he said that under the circumstance of being a king de-throned he occupied rather an awkward position. Perhaps one of the most peculiar positions a king had been known to occupy, was, when it was said "The King is dead;" "Long live the King;" but the position of a de-throned king in a lodge was that he was still among the brethren to hear what the brethren had to say with respect to the monarch who had recently left the chair. He had to propose the health of the W.M. The W.M.'s of all lodges required at the hands of all the brethren a help and guidance which could only come from experience, and he trusted the brethren would all be prepared to help the W.M. through the coming year, in order that it might be a happy and prosperous year to the lodge. Of course he spoke in an interested view, having assumed new duties, but he felt it more to his heart at the present time that they hoped and trusted the coming year would a prosperous year, for the Master a happy year, and for the lodge a pleasant year, and that it might redound to the prosperity of the lodge was his dearest wish.

The W.M., in reply, said he had been only seven years in the lodge. He had filled the different offices of the lodge, and he had tried in each office to fill it in rotation. He trusted he had done so to the satisfaction of the brethren. He had attained to the position of W.M., and in that position he hoped he should do so to the best of his ability. If he attained to the position of P.M., he should do his best to support the W.M. He hoped the officers would stand by him during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," said the way the work had been done that evening by the I.P.M. reflected great credit on the lodge. He was happy to find that the officers went on in rotation. He was sure no one would find fault with the way in which Bro. Lardner performed his work, and he had much pleasure in investing him with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted by the members of the lodge, for there never was a lodge more grateful for the offices rendered, and never was there a jewel more worthily or properly earned. He now placed the jewel on Bro. Lardner's breast, and he could only say that Bro. Lardner had been a credit to the lodge. He was sure he would continue to be so.

Bro. Lardner, I.P.M., in replying, said it was with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure that he rose to respond to the toast—regret that he was no longer the W. Master. While he was in the chair he endeavoured to uphold the dignity and credit of the lodge to the best of the ability with which he had been endowed. He hoped the prestige of the lodge had not declined one jot or tittle while he had occupied the chair. If it had it would be a great sorrow to him. From the cordial way in which he had been received he was sure it had not declined. He was greatly obliged to the brethren for the jewel presented to him, which he trusted he should always wear with credit to himself and the lodge. It was a great honour to him to have to wear it.

Bros. Durrant and Lewis Lazarus replied for "The Visitors," and Bros. Altman and Bullock for "The Past Masters."

Bro. Lardner, P.M., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary."

All the officers of the lodge replied to the toast of "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings terminated.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 31st ult. Among those present were Bros. G. C. Hudson, W.M.; Hakim, S.W.; Steng, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Wetzlar, S.D.; Langdale, J.D.; Bye, I.G.; Curson, Stwd.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.S.G.B. Middx.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.S.G.B. Middx., P.M.; Jordan, P.M.; Fromholtz, P.M.; Coop, I.P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Taylor, P.M. 144; and Knight, P.M. 1507.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Trott was impressively raised to the degree of M.M. The ballot having been taken on behalf of Messrs. A. C. White and B. Harwood, both gentlemen were ably inducted into Craft mysteries by the W.M. It was moved by Bro. Walls and seconded by Bro. Coop and carried unanimously, "That the sum of five guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." It was moved by Bro. Dairy and seconded by Bro. Coop and carried, "That the sum of 10 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." A vote of condolence to the family of the late Bro. W. Pope, P.M., one of the oldest members of No. 141, was passed, with many expressions of regret at his untimely death.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The long array of toasts followed. The W.M. was commendably brief, though pertinent, in his speeches. A very pleasant evening was spent.

OLD CONCORD LODGE (No. 172).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 7th inst. It was what is known as an off-night, and there was no mighty gathering of Masonic visitors from all points of the compass to do honour to the enthronement of a new W.M. The installation meeting of the lodge took place last month, when the outgoing Master, Bro. John Whaley, was conspicuous by his absence. In consequence of mental strain from overwork consequent on his zeal in fulfilling the obligations appertaining to various public duties which he undertook, Bro. John Whaley had a serious illness, which laid him by for a considerable time, and afterwards, acting on the advice of his medical attendants, he went abroad with the hope of regaining health and strength. Consequently he was absent at the meeting which took place last month, when his younger brother (Bro. Thos. Whaley) was installed into the chair of K.S. The meeting on the evening of the 7th inst. was the occasion of the return of Bro. John Whaley to Masonic work after his lengthened absence, and there was a good attendance of the brethren to welcome him. There was not a great deal of business in the lodge, the only business being that of passing Bro. Collins to the Second Degree, except the formal business of reading the by-laws, the discussion on the Auditors' report, and other business appertaining to the internal management of the lodge.

After the lodge was closed the brethren supped together in the adjoining tavern, and, at the conclusion of the repast, after drinking "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty," "The Grand Master and Grand Officers," were requested by the W.M. to honour a few other Masonic toasts.

The I.P.M.—who on rising received a warm greeting from all present—said that it was with feelings of great pleasure and deep gratitude to the Great Architect that he found himself on his feet again in the Old Concord Lodge. His duty was now to propose "The Health of their most estimable Master and his esteemed Brother." They were the Brothers Whaley; they did not appear as such at music halls, though they did at the Old Concord. He sincerely congratulated the brethren of the Old Concord Lodge in having so worthy a man and Mason as Bro. Thos. Whaley as the W.M. of the lodge of which they were all so proud.

In response, the Worshipful Master said that he returned the brethren his sincere thanks for the kind way in which they had received the toast of his health. That being an off-night he should not make a regular speech, but should content himself with saying that he was very much obliged to them for being there on that occasion.

The W.M. then rose, and said, that the toast he had now to propose he considered the toast of the evening. It was one that was always well received, being the toast of "The Past Masters." He was pleased to see a goodly array of them on the present occasion, whatever might be the cause of their coming. He had begun to think that the Past Masters of the Old Concord were at odds with him, or with the lodge, as they had had several gatherings at which they had been conspicuous by their absence. It gave him special pleasure to see Bro. Dixon present, who was the senior P.M. in the lodge. He had now to refer to the I.P.M. of the Old Concord Lodge, as he had now a duty to perform which should have taken place at their last gathering, but that was not to be, sickness then held him in bondage; but he was now with them again, and they were very glad to see him. The brethren knew the way in which their I.P.M. had done the work, and if he himself succeeded during his year of office in doing the work as well, he should feel thoroughly satisfied. He had now to ask Bro. John Whaley to accept the jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren of the lodge for his past services. The W.M. said it afforded him great pleasure to pin that jewel on the breast of one who was his brother by birth as well as a brother in Masonry, and he hoped that

the Great Architect might allow his restored health to continue, and that he would be with them in the lodge for many years to come, adorned with the jewel presented by the brethren of the Old Concord, and he hoped that that jewel would descend to the only son of the I.P.M., and that that son might become a Mason. In proposing the I.P.M.'s health, he must not omit to tell them that this was Bro. John Whaley's birthday.

In answering this toast, Bro. John Whaley said he believed Freemasonry was a progressive science. He felt that night somewhat prouder than even on the night in which he was installed. When he asked himself why it should be so, the only reply seemed to be that Masonry was a progressive science. On the night of his installation he said that that was the proudest moment of his life; and he felt that night that he had occasion to say the same thing, but now a feeling of thankfulness was added to the feelings of pride and pleasure. For their warm welcome he thanked the brethren from the inmost recesses of his heart, and he thanked the Great Architect of the Universe for enabling him to come among them again. It was also his duty as well as his true pleasure to thank the brethren very heartily for the handsome jewel which they had given him. Whether he had or had not deserved it, he should always be proud to wear it. Bro. John Whaley, in conclusion, remarked upon the excellence of the work in the lodge, both by the Master as well as by those below the chair by whom he was assisted.

Bro. Dixon, P.M., also responded.

The W.M. said he thought they had nearly got to the end of the toast list, but he could not allow them to leave before they had drunk "The Health of the Visitors" who had that evening honoured the lodge by their presence, coupling with the toast the name of his honoured father.

Bro. John Whaley, sen., said that he scarcely felt in a position to express himself with regard to gratitude for the privilege of being once more among the brethren as a visitor. But they might take it from him and his brother visitors that they were grateful for the kind reception they had had, and for the very nice little banquet which they had enjoyed. He felt that he had been a very constant visitor to that Old Lovely Concord Lodge; so constant that he almost fancied himself a member of it. He had been a visitor before the W.M. was initiated, and he had always met with the best of Masons there. Most of those present knew that he was a very old Mason, though he had not sought the honour of passing through any of the offices. But he felt that night more pleasure than ever in visiting the Old Concord; the great reason being that he saw their I.P.M. again among them, after having passed through the great danger of a serious illness. On account of his feelings on the last occasion—when that son was absent—his younger son (their W.M.) had excused him from making a speech, and he hoped the brethren would excuse him from saying more now on the subject. He must tell them that he was the father of the Constitutional Lodge, and it was with a little surprise that he heard one day by accident that his sons had been initiated in the Old Concord. Perhaps he thought it a little hard that they should leave their father, but on consideration he had concluded that he ought not to object. They had always been united and harmonious, living and working together, as he hoped they would to the end. He was sure that all present agreed with him in rejoicing to see his son John back amongst them.

Other toasts were given and responded to, including "The Treasurer and Secretary," to which Bros. Hancock and King replied; and "The Officers of the Lodge," to which the Senior and Junior Wardens responded.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly. Present: Bros. H. W. Blake, W.M.; J. G. Doncaster, S.W.; W. J. Coplestone, J.W.; G. F. Butt, P.M., Treas.; H. Purdue, P.M., Sec.; E. Lucas, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; A. Williams, D.C.; H. F. Williams, I.G.; W. W. Williams and E. Newland, Stwds.; A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler; Jas. Slack, P.M.; W. Fisher, P.M.; Jas. Sims, P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; H. Shaw, P.M.; R. Gerbert, H. Spencer, W. E. Purdue, H. W. Broadbridge, W. E. Barker, H. Pinn, Edward Lucas, W. J. Bowles, A. White, S. M. Segar, C. J. Chambers, W. Iredale, D. Pritchard, J. Worth, W. Icton, H. R. Spooner, J. F. Cliburn, H. S. May, R. S. Cartwright, E. D. Richards, H. J. Hardwick, and H. Hewett. Visitors: Bros. J. Rowling, 2012; G. Gardner, P.M. 2012; J. G. Ingram, 820; and J. Wells, 1257.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. H. Spencer and Romain Gerbert were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. Samuel Segar was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Mr. E. D. Richards, elected at previous meeting, was then initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Doncaster, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. G. F. Butt, P.M., also elected Treas.; and Bro. Walkley, P.M., elected Tyler. Ten guineas was voted for the boys on Bro. J. Sim's, P.M., list.

Tickets for ladies night of Friday, the 24th inst., were distributed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened by music by Bro. Oliver, Org., and songs by Bros. Cliburn, Hardwick, May, Craggs, and Spooner; also the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to in due course.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There was a large attendance of brethren, amongst them being Bros. A. Calver, W.M.; R. Tucker, P.M., acting S.W.; J. Smith, J.W., W.M. elect; W. Wainwright, P.M., Treas.; J. Bowron, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Brown, S.D.; J. Gray, J.D.; W. Smith, I.G.; A. R. Walker, D.C.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org.; T. J. Barnes, P.M.; J. W. West, P.M.; T. W. Tucker, P.M.; E. Williams, P.M.; W. J. Edney, P.M.; Robt. Ayton, P.M.; S. Pearce, P.M.; G. W. Hollington, P.M.; H. C. Poole, J. Rushforth, W. Carlake, W. A. Moss, A. Steedman, F. W. Cates, E. E. Pearson, T. G. Scott, F. Newport, W. Johnson, J. Barber, John Denn, G. W. Austin, W. R. C. Moore, J. Pick, J. T. Johnson, and J. Bagg. Visitors: Bros. W. Richardson, J. W. 174; A. Brock, 857; R. Cosham, S.D. 183; A. R. Motion, 453; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820; H. S. J. Hallows, W.M. 1662; R. Pasco, 27; C. Basil Cooke, I.G. 1928; J. P. Parkes, P.M. 1538; A. J. Cove, 1351; A. J. Hollington, C.C., P.M. 58, P.G.S.; W. Dance, P.M. 754; R. S. Sadd, P.M. 1349; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. Rushforth was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Wm. R. C. Moore was elected as a joining member. Bro. Calver, the outgoing W.M., next proceeded to install his successor, Bro. J. Smith, the W.M. elect, performing the ceremony in the most perfect style, much to the edification and satisfaction of the brethren. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Brown, J.W.; J. Gray, J.W.; J. Bowron, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Smith, S.D.; J. Dale, J.D.; A. R. Walker, I.G.; J. T. Johnson, D.C.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org. (for the 18th year); and T. G. Scott, Steward. The W.M. also invested Bro. Wainwright with the Treasurer's collar. The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

At the close of a substantial and recherché banquet, admirably served, the usual loyal toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," observed that the Prince of Wales was the very best man they could have as chief officer of the Order. His heart and soul was in Freemasonry, and it was a gracious act on the part of his Royal Highness to present as he did a few days ago the very gavel used by the Queen to lay the foundation stone of the Imperial Institute to the Savage Club Lodge.

Bro. Calver, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." In doing so he took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for the handsome Past Master's jewel he had been presented with. As a mark of their esteem he should attach a special value to the jewel, which he trusted he might wear for many years to come. With reference to the W.M., whose health he was proposing, he was sure that he would do credit to himself and the lodge during his year of office. The W.M. had previously served several minor offices in the lodge and having been fruitful in smaller things they might be sure that he would not fail them as their W.M.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said it was the proudest moment of his Masonic career to find himself in the chair of K.S., but at the same time he felt it was rather a difficult task for him as W.M. of the lodge to follow so able a Master as Bro. Calver. He trusted, however, that he should not fail to give satisfaction to the brethren. It was his duty and pleasure to propose the health of the Past Masters. In the lodge they had a good list of Past Masters and few lodges he believed had so strong an array of P.M.'s.

Bros. Calver, West, and Williams responded to the toast.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," said the lodge was always pleased to see visitors and to give them a cordial welcome. He especially welcomed Bros. Musto, Myers, and Richardson from whom he had received all his Masonic instruction. Bros. Musto and Myers were proficient in every ritual of Freemasonry and the brethren could not do better than place themselves under the instruction of Bro. Musto, who always attended the meetings of the Doric Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Hollington, C.C., and the other visitors responded. The visiting brethren all spoke in high terms of eulogy of the very excellent working of Bro. Calver, I.P.M., and especially of the manner in which he installed his successor. They also, in appropriate terms, acknowledged the hospitality and thorough good fellowship extended to them by the lodge.

Bro. W. Smith, S.D., in replying to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," asked for the support of the brethren on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. He pointed out that unless a great effort was made the old people would suffer this year in consequence of the superior attractions offered in connection with the Centenary of the Girls' School. A sum of £15000 was required for the Benevolent Institution, in order to keep up its normal income, and he could not but think that the aged Freemasons and their widows had a prior claim on the generosity and liberality of the brethren. He was sorry to say that there were about 140 fewer Stewards for the Benevolent Institution than there were last year, and that, taking merely the 10 guineas each Steward subscribed, represented a sum of £1500. That was a serious matter. There were now 415 annuitants—males, 178, females, 237—and 20 half annuitants. In the forthcoming election there were 131 approved applicants, and only 23 vacancies. For these reasons he thought the old people must not be neglected or overlooked. The lodge had put 10 guineas on his list, and the Doric Chapter five guineas, and he trusted the brethren would not send him up as their Steward empty handed.

"The Health of the Officers" having been drunk and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a satisfactory close.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, the former including Bros. J. H. Thompson, W.M.; T. Hunt, S.W.; J. Petch, J.W. and W.M. elect; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; H. Hunt, S.D.; S. Napper, J.D.; Scarlett, I.G.; Harding, D. of C.; Tyrell, Steward; W. Shurmer, P.M.; D. P. Holness, P.M.; H. Cox, P.M.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; J. L. Mather, P.M., A.G.D.C.; C. M. Coxon, J. G. Cobb, A. Hagan, Jarvis, Faber, Stevenson, Sheldrake, Loomes, J. A. Blount, Simmonds, W. S. Brookman, A. Snook, A. Cox, W. T. Baker, Ash, Fearnhead, D. C. Ritchie, F. Awdas, T. W. Smith, and A. Combes. Amongst the visitors were Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; C. Belton, W.M. 2228, V.P. Board of General Purposes; Rawson Kelley, P.P.G.W. West Yorks; James France, P.P.G.S.B. West Yorks; Macaulay, P.M. 258; W. Pheasant, 34; W. H. Aplin, W. Ball, P.M. 45; J. F. Bell, 263 and S.W. 1613; F. Hallows, P.M.; J. Duncan, 59; W. Hancock, 1056 and 2191; Hammond, 1693; W. King, 1671; Buckley, S.W. 1320; Barrett, J.D. 2192; Isidore de Solla, 1457; Sutton, 209; Brasted, 1524; R. Baker, 2192; T. Mayes, 1613; E. Sheldrake, 1693; Ansell, P.M. 30; Dolling, 2048; Airey, 1298; Church, 861 and 1662; Making, P.M. 1897; A. B. Reynolds, 169; and Cluff, S.W. 59.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bros. Stevenson and Faber were passed to the Degree of F.C. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with. Bro. J. Petch was presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed in the chair of K.S. Bro. John Petch, W.M., then appointed

and invested the following officers: Bros. H. Hunt, S.W.; S. Napper, J.W.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; J. M. Scarlett, S.D.; H. B. Harding, J.D.; W. T. Tyrrell, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, D. of C.; R. Loomes and A. Hagan, Stewards; and G. Couchman, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master, in a complimentary speech, presented the I.P.M. with a valuable jewel, which had been voted by the lodge in recognition of the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year. The W.M. having expressed his intention of representing the lodge as Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, the sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted as the contribution of the lodge to his list. Three candidates for initiation were proposed and seconded. The business being concluded, the W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, also several telegrams to the same effect from the W.M. elect \$14, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently served under the personal supervision of Bro. John Baker. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the Worshipful Master with commendable brevity, and were heartily received by the brethren present.

With the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the name of Bro. J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C., was coupled, the W.M. alluding to him as the father of the lodge and to his services for Freemasonry in very flattering terms, remarking also that the lodge was honoured in having two of its P.M.'s in the ranks of the Grand Officers.

Bro. Mather responded.

"The Worshipful Master" was then proposed by Bro. Thompson, I.P.M., who said that his opportunities of observing the qualities of the W.M. in and out of the lodge enabled him to say with confidence that the chair would be well filled by the W.M. during his year of office; that the funds of the lodge would be properly administered, the comfort of the brethren considered, and the working carried out in an efficient manner.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren most heartily for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He assured them that it would be his utmost endeavour during his year of office to carry out the duties of the chair to their satisfaction. The I.P.M. had flattered him in the remarks he made as to his efficiency. He felt that he had before him bright examples in his predecessors in that chair. He felt the stimulus of their example, and with the support and assistance of the brethren he trusted that they might enjoy a happy and successful year. He again thanked them most heartily.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The I.P.M.," complimenting him upon the success of his year of office, and upon the manner in which he had presided over the lodge, also on the very efficient way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation.

Bro. Thompson, I.P.M., responded in his usual felicitous manner.

"The Visitors" was then given by the Worshipful Master, with special reference to the brethren from West Yorks, who had journeyed to town to be present at his installation. He tendered to all the visitors the hearty greeting which is always accorded them by the lodge.

Bro. Belton, W.M. 2228, responded, followed by Bros. Macaulay, P.M.; Rawson Kelley, P.P.G.W.; and James France, P.P.G.S.B., representing West Yorks, each with congratulations to the W.M., Bro. Kelley supplementing his remarks by a contribution of 10 guineas to the W.M.'s list.

Bros. Aplin and Hallows, P.M., replied on behalf of the London visitors.

Bro. Aplin said he had been associated with the W.M. in business life for 20 years, and that period had been one of unbroken friendship. He was pleased the W.M. had attained the highest position possible in the lodge, and wished him a successful year of office.

Bro. F. Hallows, P.M., also alluded to his long-standing friendship with the W.M., and expressed his warmest congratulations. He could assure the brethren that they had a W.M. who was thoroughly efficient in the ceremonies of the Craft.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Past Masters," stating the satisfaction he experienced in his new position to find himself supported by so many of the P.M.'s of the lodge.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M., responded.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers of the Lodge" were proposed and replied to.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music was carried out under the direction of Bro. Bayne, Org., which included a piano-forte solo by Bro. Isidore de Solia, songs by Bros. Thompson, I.P.M.; Halestrap, P.M.; A. Reynolds, Bayne, Org., and A. Combes, who, as usual, met with universal applause. At a rather late hour Herr Greebe played several violin solos, affording those brethren then present a genuine musical treat.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. E. Austin, W.M.; J. B. Colwill, S.W., W.M. elect; C. M. Cross, J.W.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Sec.; A. Wolter, S.D.; C. Ball, J.D.; A. S. Taylor, I.G.; J. Kift, Org.; S. Hancock and W. Spriggs, Stewards; D. Ferguson, P.M.; J. William, P.M.; J. Nielson, P.M.; H. M. Cook, O. Heineman, Dyer, G. E. Higginson, J. Cox, Brett, C. Salomon, Sanson, Benton, Longden, Wood, Hollidge, Johnston, A. Love, Larter, J. Parnell, F. Parnell, F. Bridger, J. Woodard, Cavers, Higgs, Ridgley, Millard, H. Cotton, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bros. J. Dyer and Heineman were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Cantle, P.M., Sec., presented Bro. J. B. Colwill, W.M. elect, to Bro. Austin, W.M., for installation, and having been installed in the chair, Bro. Colwill appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Cross, S.W.; Wolter, J.W.; Cantle, P.M., Sec.; D. Ferguson, P.M., Treas.; Ball, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; and Hancock, I.G. The Installing Master, Bro. Austin, then delivered the three addresses with great effect and to perfection, and was highly complimented by all the brethren and visitors, for it may be said that the whole ceremony was performed by that venerable P.M. with such effect seldom heard by any of those present. A ballot

was then taken for Mr. H. J. Bridger, which proving unanimous, he was impressively initiated by the newly-elected W.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, and an excellent banquet was served in the Duke's Room.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured. "The Health of the W.M." having been proposed and responded to, that of "The Newly-Initiated Brother" followed.

Bros. Chalford, P.M., and Jeffrey responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Austin, who, on rising, received an ovation which greatly affected him, and in grateful terms thanked those brethren whom he had the honour to initiate for presenting the lodge, in his name, with a splendid banner.

Other toasts having been given, the proceedings terminated.

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Chalford, P.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; Dines, Middlemass, Conroy, Reece, Jeffrey, Hobbins, Clarke, Hughes, Josey, P.M.; Arnoll, House, Brandon, J. Alexander, Fountain, and Poole.

The musical arrangements were excellent. Amongst those adding to the harmony and enjoyment we must particularly mention Bros. James Kift, Org.; Cantle, P.M.; and A. Thomas. Bro. Cavers gave a recitation, which was much applauded, and the singing of Miss Ethel Winn was greatly admired.

We cannot close this report without mentioning that any brother who might have the opportunity of visiting this lodge will be greatly pleased in seeing the perfect and excellent manner in which the lodge is conducted.

GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).—The members of this lodge met at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, on Saturday evening, the 11th inst. The lodge was in mourning for the late Bro. McNeill, who was initiated in the year 1885 in this lodge. There were present Bros. J. Duckworth, W.M.; C. F. Pardon, I.P.M.; D. Griffiths, S.W.; H. Wright, J.W.; H. Massey, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Albery, Sec.; W. T. Perkins, S.D.; R. Hancock, J.D.; Basil Cooke, I.G.; J. H. Thomas, P.M., D.C.; C. Greenwood, C. K. Moore and F. W. Pattison, Stewards; H. E. F. Bussey, P.M.; T. Minstrell, P.M.; J. Macintyre, W. Potts, G. Farran, W. S. Seabrook, W. Macdonald, J. Bune, J. Adair, J. W. Ross-Brown, J. C. Cleverley, P. Bruce, J. C. Manning, J. Allan, C. Lock, T. M. Rendle, H. J. Saunderson, W. Husk, S. James, Gowing, and R. Masson. Visitors: Bros. T. G. Scott, 933; G. S. Graham, P.P.G.O. Middx.; J. J. Wharton, 65; E. G. Feild, 1362; C. Nightingale, P.M. 1362; E. Putman, 1362; E. B. Swan Muller, 1253; C. Y. Blake, 2190; W. C. Saunders, 1362; J. Hurdeil, P.M. 1348; J. Walker, 32; and H. Coulter, P.M. 53.

The lodge being duly opened, the J.W. moved "That in honour of the memory of the late Bro. W. O. Goldsmith, who died whilst still holding the office of W.M. of this lodge, 10 guineas be voted out of the funds of the lodge for the purchase of votes in one of the Masonic Institutions, the said votes to be held in perpetuity by the lodge, and to be designated 'The Goldsmith Votes,' also that a mourning ring be presented to Mrs. Goldsmith as a memorial of her lamented husband's connection with the lodge." This was seconded by Bro. Bussey, P.M., and agreed to unanimously.

The W.M. then alluded in feeling terms to the loss the Gallery Lodge had sustained by the sad and untimely death of Bro. Archibald McNeill, and moved that a vote of condolence be sent to his nearest relative. That was also agreed to.

The lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to a substantial dinner.

Bro. Pardon, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that Bro. John Duckworth had no enemies while his friends in Fleet-street and elsewhere were innumerable. No man belonging to the Press was more highly esteemed, and they all regarded him as a good Mason and a firm friend.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the kind and cordial manner in which they had drunk his health, and he hoped the present year would be a prosperous one for the Gallery Lodge.

The other usual toasts were duly honoured, and in the course of the evening Bros. Feild, G. S. Graham, Putman, Cleverley, Husk, Rendle, and Walker, Lock, and Macdonald contributed much to the enjoyment of the brethren by their excellent singing. Bro. Rendle's topical song "Twas in Trafalgar-square," to the tune of "The death of Nelson," caused great amusement.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The ordinary monthly meeting of the above centenary lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, William-street, on the 8th instant, Bro. J. G. Milbourne in the chair. There was a large muster of the brethren of the lodge and visitors from far and near, for the lodge has a history, and the working is second to none. The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. B. D. Marner, and was satisfactory, but the candidate was not in attendance. Bro. C. Pilcher, late of No. 1472, was elected a joining member, and Bro. B. Hancock, of 700, was elected an honorary member for services rendered to the lodge. Bro. Carter was then passed, and Bro. Welch raised, a choir rendering the incidental music, thus adding increased impressiveness to the splendid working of the W.M. and his officers. The claims of several applicants for relief were then disposed of, and the lodge was closed.

After light refreshments the social board was surrounded, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the W.M. receiving an ovation, when he rose to respond to that of his health. The whole proceeding were both instructive and enjoyable, and harmonious in the highest degree. Among the brethren present were G. B. Davis, P.M.; T. Hutton, P.M. and Treas.; N. Brown, P.M. and Sec.; W. Akers, P.M.; A. Cleal, P.M.; A. Hodgkinson, P.M.; G. Masters, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); W. Tailby, S.W.; H. Grace, J.W.; J. Bell, S.D.; L. Chasteauf, J.D.; J. Matthey, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; C. H. Lawson, W.M. 913; H. Mason, P.M. 913; W. Busbridge, J.D. 913; G. H. Campbell, 913; W. Ledger, 913; H. King, S.W. 516; S. E. Southgate, S.D. 700; S. G. Bryant, 700; H. Strickland, 169; E. C. Talbot, 65; J. Fenn, 704; J. Fitt, 1605; J. Wood, 581; A. Lambton, 1326; J. Clark, 1428; and C. Gliddon, 1099.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on the 6th inst. at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. H. Lomax, W.M.; James Naylor, S.W.; Jas. Poyntz, P.M., as J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Wm. Forrest, as S.D.; J. W. Thompson, as J.D.; Thomas Murray, I.G.; Johnson Mills, P.M., D. of C.; John Hardcastle, P.M.; Thomas Barnes, F. W. Broadbent, F. W. Brockbank, Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.P. G.C.; Thos. Cooper, jun., Geo. Crowther, G. E. Greenhalgh, H. L. Hinnell, F. W. Isherwood, Wm. Smith, and C. G. Sundell. Visitors: Bros. Abraham Clegg, P.P. S.G.W.; H. L. Hollingworth, P.P.G. Treas.; and N. Nicholson, P.M. 1723.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Sundell was passed to the Second Degree, after which Bro. Smith was raised to the Degree of M.M. by Bro. N. Nicholson, and the working tools of the Degree were presented to him. Bro. Sundell was then passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., who also explained the working tools of the Degree. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., Bro. Thomas Studholme, P.A.G. Purst., W.M., in the chair, when there were present Bros. Dr. Harris, S.W.; W. J. Tyson, J.W.; W. C. Johns, P.M., Treas.; J. Cant, Sec.; G. Starkey, S.D.; D. H. Cook, Org.; S. Hinde, I.G.; T. Richardson, Tyler; John Barr, P.M., P.P.S. G.W.; Rev. J. Anderson, P.P.G. Chap.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, P.P.J.G.W.; Dr. Macnab, J. Musgrave, J. Thompson, J. Todd, T. Allinson, J. W. Taylor, J. B. Mosop, T. Mitchell, R. Miller, E. Tyson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; G. Golightly, R. D. Metcalf, J. Casson, G. W. Roll, 1225; and J. C. Cornish, 105.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for two candidates and one joining member. All were accepted. One candidate was passed to the Second Degree and one raised to the Third by the W.M. in a very able manner. A deputation from Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, was subsequently reported and admitted, viz., Bros. James J. Beattie, P.M., P.P.G. S. of Wks.; John Paterson, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; G. B. McMullin, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Bedford, P.M.; A. Ashmore, J. H. Hartley, J. W. P. Gregson, G. B. MacKay, and others, when Bro. Beattie, the senior P.M., explained at length the reason of their visit, namely, that a new lodge to be held at Workington was much wanted. The paramount cause was, since the resuscitation of 962, a little over a quarter of a century, the population of the town, which had lately been incorporated, had increased, perhaps, more than three-fold, and the prayer of their petition was based upon one pedestal alone, "The good and welfare of Freemasonry." The chief reason the Master, Wardens, and members of No. 119 were to be invited to sign and support their petition was that the late and highly esteemed Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G. Sec., was the first Master of No. 962, and they had always looked with admiration upon the senior lodge of the province as the parent of the Sun and Sector Lodge, and their parental counsel and assistance had ever been given them, characterised by the true spirit of Masonry. Bro. J. Paterson, P.M. 962, heartily supported Bro. Beattie, and added, if their prayer was granted, it was the unanimous wish of the brethren to name the lodge the "Gibson," which was well received. Bro. Studholme, W.M., said it gave him much pleasure to sign the petition, and he had no doubt the officers and members of the lodge would do so. He heartily congratulated the deputation on their laudable work, and earnestly hoped that success would crown their efforts, which was much required in Workington.

All present having signed the petition, with "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges Nos. 872, 962, 1225, 1400, 1660, the lodge was closed, and the brethren spent a very agreeable hour in the banquet hall.

We have been pleased to learn that Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, have also unanimously supported the prayer of this petition.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Bros. W. B. Akerman, W.M.; E. G. Chesworth, J.W.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., P.P.S. G.D., Treas.; Septimus Staton, Sec.; V. M. Vultchoff, S.D.; John Read, I.G.; F. Spencer and Jas. McLeod, Stwds.; J. Sly, Tyler; J. Garside, I.P.M.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Jas. Wilson, P.M.; Jas. Dawson, P.M.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; J. L. Hine, P.P.J.G.W.; R. R. Lisenden, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. Rothmayer, John Elderton, S. Megarity, Edward Smith, W. Garside, and others. Bro. Jas. Terry, Past Grand Swd. Br., Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. A. Wild as a joining member, and was announced favourable. Bro. R. R. Lisenden, at the request of the W.M., read an oration, published in the *Freemason*, that was delivered by Bro. the Rev. Charles Groves, P.P.G. Chap. Derbyshire, at the consecration of the Fairfield Lodge at Long Eaton, in October last. The oration, besides setting forth the duties of the members of the Craft, the principles and tenets of our Order proves man to be a social animal, relying upon his fellow man for sympathy in affliction and misfortune, and desirous in his good fortune and prosperity for congratulations. The oration, although lengthy, is exceptionally beautiful in its teachings, and the brethren listened to it with rapt attention. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lisenden, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren after tea spent a very pleasant evening at the social board. Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.J.G.W., in proposing "The Visitors," spoke at some length of the arduous and praiseworthy efforts of Bro. James Terry, who had so kindly extended his stay in Manchester in order to be present at the lodge, and gave an account of the length of time he had known him, his willingness at all times to afford him information respecting the noble institution, of which he was the Secretary, and quoted several instances where Bro. Terry's advice and counsel had proved invaluable for carrying out his (Bro. Hine's) work for the Charities.

The toast was drunk with great heartiness, and subsequently Bro. Terry responded, in eloquent terms, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

HOLYHEAD.—St. Cybi Lodge (No. 597).—

An exceptionally large number of members and visiting brethren were present on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the annual meeting in connection with the above lodge. The lodge was opened, when the following officers and members took their respective places: Bros. Dr. O. T. Williams, P.G.S.B., W.M.; W. Jones, I.P.M.; E. M. Jones, S.W., P.G.S.B.; J. Hall, J.W.; J. Lloyd Griffith, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Jas. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; R. Martin, S.D.; Robert Owen, J.D.; W. Evans, P.M., P.P.G.P., D. of C.; Evan Jones, I.G.; Rev. O. W. Jones, Chap.; T. Williams, Stwd.; W. Williams, Tyler; J. James, P.M.; R. H. Hughes, P.M. 1113, P.P.G.S., P.G. Std. B.; W. J. Bradshaw, S.W.; T. Ellis, D. Morgan, R. Davies, J. Jones, T. C. Crispin, R. Williams, H. Owen, J. Hallersley, T. G. Grey, H. T. Barber, R. J. S. Williams, H. J. Hughes, G. Smith, and Geo. H. Taylor. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Rev. Hugh Thomas, P.M. 1849, P.P.G.C.; Rev. T. Lloyd Kyffin, P.M. 1849, P.P.G.C.; D. W. Williams, P.M. 384, P.P.G.D.C., P.A.G. Sec.; H. Hardman, W.M. 606; Dr. E. Williams, P.M. 1113, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Jervis, W.M. 1488; Rev. J. Smith, P.M. 1488, P.P.G.C.; T. Mills, S.W. 348; E. Roberts, S.W. 606; Rev. J. Richards, 1113; O. Thomas, S.W. 1488; Dr. J. W. Rowlands, Stwd. 1113; C. Rowland, J.W. 606; W. H. Evans, 606; E. Langtry, 1113; R. J. Thomas, J.W. 1113; T. Muir, J.D. 1113; D. Williams, 1113; J. G. Dunnichen, 684; and others. The lodge having been close tyed, the ceremony of passing Bros. G. Smith and G. H. Taylor was proceeded with, after which Bro. Henry Platt, the D.P.G.M., entered the lodge room, and was saluted with the customary Masonic honours. The installation of the W.M. subsequently took place, the installing Master being the D.P.G.M., who was assisted by the retiring W.M., Bro. Dr. O. T. Williams. Bro. E. M. Jones, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation by Bros. W. Jones, I.P.M., and W. Evans, P.P.A.G.P. The ceremony of installing the W.M. was most efficiently performed. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed his officers for the year as follows: Bros. O. T. Williams, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; J. Hall, S.W.; R. Martin, J.W.; Rev. O. W. Jones, Chap.; W. Jones, P.M., Treas.; J. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; R. H. Hughes, P.M. 1113, P.P.S.G. D. of C.; G. P. Griffith, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Org.; R. Owen, S.D.; E. Jones, J.D.; J. Wells, I.G.; T. G. Grey and R. J. S. Williams, Stwd. Each of the officers was duly invested by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. On the motion of Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith, seconded by Bro. O. T. Williams, it was decided to contribute 25 guineas towards the fund for procuring a life presentation for the Province of North Wales, in connection with the Girls' Masonic Institution. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master thanked the members of the lodge for their munificence, and expressed a hope that the Province of North Wales would not be backward in contributing the amount required to secure a life presentation to that commendable Charity. On the motion of Bro. Hughes, it was unanimously decided to present Bro. Dr. O. T. Williams with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services to the lodge during the past year. Bro. Williams acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren banqueted at the Prince of Wales (L. and N. W. R. Co.) Hotel. Bro. E. M. Jones, W.M., presided, the vice-chairs being occupied by Bros. Hall and Martin. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Healths of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Harlech; the D.P.G.M., Bro. Colonel Platt; and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," were cordially received, and acknowledged by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Bro. the Rev T. Lloyd Kyffin.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. O. T. Williams, I.P.M.

Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith responded to the toast of "The Past Masters," and that of "The Visiting brethren" was acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. T. Richards.

Bro. Hall, S.W., responded to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," whilst Bro. D. Williams acknowledged that of "The Ladies." Other toasts followed.

SALFORD.—Zetland Lodge (No. 852).—

The usual monthly meeting of the above flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, The Crescent. The proceedings were particularly interesting, as, in addition to a large number of candidates, the W.M. had subsequently to the last meeting passed into the happy state of matrimony, and had invited a large number of special guests, in addition to the usual officers and brethren of the lodge, to entertain them at a banquet entirely at his own expense.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and there were also present Bros. Lee, I.P.M.; J. Woolley, J.W.; J. Robinson, Sec.; J. W. Booth, S.D.; J. Blackwell, J.D.; J. Beardmore, I.G.; J. W. Porter, Chap.; W. Nicholls, P.M.; P.P.G.P.; G. A. Packwood, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Corney, P.M.; C. H. Wheeler, P.M.; J. Young, P.M.; T. J. S. Willis, Org.; W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; and about 50 other brethren. Visitors: Bros. J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G.T.; R. Williamson, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; W. Briggs, P. Donohoe, 1055; J. Garside, P.M. 317; and G. S. Smith, P.M. 1134.

After the minutes of the previous lodge had been read and confirmed, business commenced in right good earnest. There were four passings and one initiation got through during the evening, presided over respectively by Bros. T. Pike, W.M.; W. Lee, I.P.M.; and C. H. Wheeler, P.M. We would not like this opportunity to go by without complimenting Bro. Pike, W.M., for the masterly way in which he conducted the lodge and did his work. Considering it was his first night in the chair, such a style is rarely to be met with, and it is worthy of being copied by many.

The guests had been invited for 9 o'clock, and exactly at that time the banquet commenced. The usual toast list was gone through. During the evening Bro. Young, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and one which did not often occur. It was to ask Bro. T. Pike, W.M., to accept of a beautiful electro-plated tea urn and set of castors, which several brethren had subscribed to. The gift was intended to mark the occasion of his recent marriage, and it was evidence of the esteem and respect in which the recipient was held by the brethren. He concluded by wishing the happy pair, in the name of all present, every good wish for their future happiness.

The Worshipful Master (who was evidently astonished at receiving the handsome present) replied in a humorous and neat speech, and proceeded to propose "The Health of Bro. W. Lee, I.P.M.," and said it gave him great pleasure to present him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed by the brethren of the lodge. The I.P.M. was known to all present as a worthy Mason, and under his guidance the lodge had been very prosperous. It therefore gave him great pleasure to pin the handsome jewel on Bro. W. Lee's breast, as a token of their appreciation of his services.

Bro. Lee, 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.

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

Previous to this Bro. W. Lee, I.P.M., had presented (at his own expense) a Royal Jubilee jewel to Bro. Beadmore, for his able services as Secretary during his year of office.

Both the above handsome jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

PETERSFIELD.—Friendship Lodge (No. 928).—

This lodge held their annual installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 6th instant, when after the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. C. Wells was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. W. B. Edgeler, P.M., P.P.S.G. of W., and the addresses to the officers were given by Bro. M. P. Creedon, P.M. The work of both brethren was perfect, and, being done in such an able and impressive manner, must have afforded the greatest pleasure to the following brethren and visitors present: Bros. C. Wells, W.M.; R. Pocock, I.P.M.; W. Smoker, P.M., S.W.; T. Caparn, J.W.; Rev. G. Andrew, Chap.; W. B. Edgeler, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Treas.; J. Swan, P.M., Sec.; H. V. Hann, S.D.; R. H. Jacks, J.D.; M. P. Creedon, P.M., D.C.; J. Hudspeth, A.D.C.; W. C. Burley, Org.; H. H. A. Grimshaw, I.G.; G. Cross and W. J. Stubington, Stwds.; A. Head, Tyler; G. Finley, P.M.; J. Woodhouse, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; L. B. Cole, P.M.; J. C. Ewens, P.M. 158; J. W. Gieve, P.M. 309; J. W. Jones, P.M. 632; A. W. Hewitt, W.M. 342; R. E. Buckell, W.M. 1776; J. C. Ewens, 158; W. Quelch, 373; J. M. Peake, Mentuna Lodge; J. V. Brunton, 1069; J. Pardon, 1205; W. S. Drayton, T. E. West, H. Woods, J. F. Grist, and J. Fowler, of 928; C. Groom, 487; H. Murphy, 1512; G. H. Swansborough, 2016; and F. W. Dodson, 2012.

The W.M. having appointed and invested his officers as above, the lodge was closed, and Bro. Caparn, J.W., proposed a brother as a joining member, and a gentleman for initiation. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel Assembly Room, where a most recherché banquet was served, the table being decorated with the choicest flowers, reflecting the greatest credit on Mrs. Wells, the hostess and wife of the W.M., as under her superintendence the whole arrangements were carried out.

On removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, after which capital songs, accompanied on the piano by Bro. Finley, P.M., were rendered. The singing of The National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

MANCHESTER.—St. David's Lodge (No. 1147).—

The installation of Bro. Christopher Wren took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 9th instant, when there were present Bros. R. Vawser, W.M.; E. Roberts, I.P.M.; C. Wren, S.W.; J. H. Dagleish, J.W.; J. Baird, S.D.; J. E. Ashton, J.D.; M. Fairweather, P.M.; P. T. R. Peel, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; R. Chadwick, P.M.; T. Elliott, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; C. P. Dunkerley, S. Wood, T. C. Olivey, R. Barlow, P.M.; T. Gibson, P.M.; and J. Sly, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. Hutton, P.S.G.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M. 317, P.G. Treas.; T. H. Jenkins, P.M. 999, P.P.G.S.B.; R. McDowell Smith, P.M. 44, P.P.G.T.; J. Eaton, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; E. L. Irving, P.M., W.M. 1170, P.G. Stwd.; V. M. Vultchoff, S.D. 317; A. Baynton, I.P.M. 1213; S. Wrigley, P.M. 1052; A. H. Williams, W.M. 2156; J. Williams, 1147; R. H. Browning, 1375; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. R. Chadwick, P.M., occupied the chair for the purpose of installing Bro. C. Wren, who, after being presented by Bro. R. Vawser, was formally inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony, and subsequently proclaimed and saluted. Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., presented the working tools and proclaimed the W.M. The W.M. then appointed his officers, and they were invested by Bro. Peel as follows: Bros. J. H. Dagleish, S.W.; J. Baird, J.W.; J. E. Ashton, Sec.; C. P. Dunkerley, S.D.; T. C. Olney, J.D.; E. Roberts, P.M., D.C.; E. A. Lock, Org.; W. H. Cook, I.G.; and T. Elliott, P.M., Stwd. Bro. Peel also gave the three addresses, and concluded the ceremony with prayer. Bro. I. Davies, P.M., was appointed Treas., but in consequence of illness was unable to be present, and was invested by proxy. Great regret was manifested at the absence of Bro. Davies, who has been confined to his room for some weeks past. He was always a leading spirit on these occasions, and a constant attendant at the ordinary lodge meetings. On the motion of Bro. M. Fairweather, P.M., seconded by Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M., a message of sympathy was ordered to be sent to Bro. Davies, together with sincere wishes for his speedy recovery, and at the close of the lodge proceedings that was done. Bro. T. Elliott, P.M., proposed for initiation at the next meeting, Mr. A. Jones, son of the late Bro. Ellis Jones, P.M., P.P.G.T., whose father expressed a wish before his death, that he should, at the first opportunity, become a Freemason, and join the St. David's Lodge. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Grand Hotel to celebrate the Festival of St. John. Here the brethren were highly pleased to find the R.W. Prov. G.M., Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, who had been unable to be present at the installation. A most recherché banquet was thoroughly appreciated by all present.

The usual toasts were proposed and responded to. The W.M. proposed "The Queen," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest

of the Royal Family," both of which toasts were heartily drunk.

The S.W., Bro. Dagleish, proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. G.M.," "The Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. Col. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M., responded.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the R.W. P.G. Master, Col. Starkie," and admitted his inability to do justice to such a toast. He expressed the gratification of all present at being honoured with the presence of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, who ruled over his large province of East Lancashire in such a way as to endear him in the hearts of every one of the large body of Masons in the province. Bro. Wren spoke of the great interest Col. Starkie took in all matters concerning his province, how he made a point of always being present at each meeting, and also at the numerous Charity meetings connected with that admirable Institution, the East Lancashire Systematic Educational Benevolent. In conclusion Bro. Wren asked the brethren to rise and drink the R.W. Prov. Grand Master's health in a bumper.

The invitation was promptly responded to with great enthusiasm, after which Col. Starkie, in a very humorous speech, thanked the members of St. David's Lodge for inviting him to their banquet, and expressed the pleasure he had experienced in being present.

Bro. Baird, J.W., proposed "The Health of Bro. George Mellor, V.W. Dep. Prov. G. Master, and the rest of the Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers," and Bros. Wm. Nicholl, P.G. Treas.; Robt. McDowell Smith, P.P.G.T.; and John Eaton, Cheshire, responded.

Bro. R. Vawser, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Christopher Wren," and said that although he did not underrate the distinguished presence amongst them of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, yet it was the custom of St. David's Lodge to consider the health of the W.M. the toast of the evening. He had no doubt the name of Christopher Wren would recall to the recollection of the brethren the illustrious architect who designed that noble building St. Paul's Cathedral, in addition to the palace at Blenheim, and other great edifices. Such a name would be worthily and properly handed down to posterity, and consequently it was an honour to bear a similar one. Their W.M., however, was not an architect, but was connected with one of the largest manufactures in Lancashire. He had shown great interest in all matters connected with the welfare of St. David's Lodge, and would no doubt continue to do so during his year of office. There was no brother more fitted for the position of their W.M. than Bro. Wren, who would have the privilege of presiding during the 21st anniversary of the lodge, and who would perform his duties creditably, and do all in his power for the Masonic Charities.

The toast was well received and heartily drunk, after which Bro. Cuthbert Blacow sang "Here's to his health," and the W.M. responded in appropriate terms.

At this stage the brethren adjourned to an ante-room where coffee and liquors were served.

On re-assembling, Bro. Thos. Robt. Peel, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and in the course of his remarks, feelingly alluded to the absence of the lodge's Charity Representative, Bro. Ishmael Davies, P.M., whose illness prevented him from being present and proposing the toast, also to receive a gold presentation Treasurer's and P.M.'s jewel combined, which the brethren, in appreciation of his long and zealous services had subscribed towards the purchase of. Bro. Peel dwelt on the necessity for every brother to practice that virtue of Charity which was the foundation and watchword of their Order. The St. David's Lodge, he said, had during the past year subscribed thirty guineas to the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and they had also supported the Boys' Institution. They had erred a little in not supporting the Girls' Institution which was at present in great need of funds. But there was a special opportunity of retrieving their lost position, afforded them this year, being the centenary of that admirable Institution. Whilst advocating and recommending for support the claims of these three Institutions, Bro. Peel said they must never forget the one nearer home, viz., the East Lancashire Systematic, which it was their imperative duty to support, particularly as it was never backward in promptly answering the calls made upon it. Speaking feelingly, Bro. Peel said he considered it more advisable for, and beneficial to, the recipients to receive a moderately good sound education, such as the East Lancashire Systematic Institution was the means of dispensing, than for a child to be educated far superior to his brothers and sisters. He deprecated Freemasonry being looked upon as a benefit society, at the same time it was the duty of every member of the Craft to do his utmost for the poor and distressed, and put in practice the true and pure principles of their Order.

Bro. R. Chadwick, P.M., proposed "The Founders of St. David's Lodge," and in so doing regretted that only one of them remained on the roll, the others having either unfortunately gone over to the majority, or seceded from the lodge through a variety of causes. Bro. Chadwick spoke in regretful terms of the loss the lodge had sustained through the death of Bro. Ellis Jones, P.M., P.P.G.T., who was one of its founders, and than whom a better Mason never lived. The lodge, too, lost another of its founders when Bro. Humphries was killed during his year of office. Bro. Chadwick said that although he was not a founder, he was very close on the track, having joined the lodge shortly after its consecration. At that time there were several Owen's, Williams's and Jones's in it, who proved by their presence the Welsh title to be no misnomer, but at the present time the lodge bore a more cosmopolitan appearance, there being Englishmen, Irish, and Scotchmen, in addition to the remaining few Welshmen. He could assure the R.W.P.G.M. they were imbued with the same spirit of zeal for Freemasonry as the original founders, who, if they could return, would not, he felt sure, be ashamed of the present condition of the lodge. It was a pleasant thing to respect the memory of good and worthy men, such as those he had referred to. After expressing the pleasure it gave him to have the R.W.P.G.M. amongst them, Bro. Chadwick said it had been his privilege to see Col. Starkie installed P.G.M., and also of witnessing the imposing ceremony, in the Albert Hall, when the M.W. G.M. was installed. In conclusion Bro. Chadwick said he hoped the St. David's Lodge would endeavour to do its utmost for the welfare of Freemasonry in the future as in the past.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, the interval between each being enlivened with songs, recita-

tions, &c., from Bros. J. E. Ashton, Fred Gordon, Cuthbert Blacow, T. R. Peel, R. R. Lisenden, and others.

The jewel before mentioned as having been subscribed for and intended for presentation to Bro. Ishmael Davies, P.M., was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street. It was made of 18 carat gold, and had a handsome monogram on the ribbon enamelled in blue and crimson. The top part of jewel was a scroll-bar, on which was the name of the lodge in burnished gold letters; suspended from this bar was a gold square and problem, and from that a handsomely chased pair of gold keys.

SEAFORTH.—Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1380).—The above lodge celebrated its anniversary on the 6th inst. at Latham Hall, when Bro. W. H. Edwardes was installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The lodge was consecrated 16 years ago by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, then Lord Skelmersdale, and D.P.G.M. of West Lancashire. His lordship, after whom the lodge was called, became one of its first members, and from that time up to the present the lodge has pursued a career of much usefulness in the province. The lodge was opened by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Peter Blackburn, assisted by Bros. R. A. Davies, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Alderman J. P. M'Arthur, P.P.J.G.W.; Edward Ford, P.M., Treas.; T. A. Ryder, P.M., 1357, acting S.W.; W. H. Edwardes, J.W.; J. Gregson, Sec.; P. Sword, S.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.T., D.C.; S. J. Eastwood, Org.; J. C. Langley, I.G.; E. Roberts, Steward; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the visitors from other lodges were Bros. R. J. Wishart, P.M. 1789; A. Cross, P.M. 1713; T. Salter, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Armitage, P.M. 1620; D. M. Haskin, Prov. G. Treas.; and E. Sherwood, I.P.M. 786.

Preliminary business having been disposed of, the W.M. elect, Bro. Edwardes, was presented for installation by Bros. G. Broadbridge and R. A. Davies, and the task was efficiently performed by Bro. Blackburn. Subsequently the new W.M. invested his officers for the year as under: Bros. P. Blackburn, I.P.M.; J. Gregson, S.W.; P. Sword, J.W.; E. Ford, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); J. Christie, Sec.; J. C. Langley, S.D.; E. Roberts, J.D.; G. B. Watts, I.G.; E. L. Lewis and T. T. Darby, Stewards; S. J. Eastwood, Org. (re-elected); Geo. Broadbridge, P.M., D.C.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler (re-elected). Before the closing of the lodge Bro. Edwardes, W.M., presented his predecessor, Bro. Blackburn, with a chaste jewel, on behalf of the members of the lodge. The brethren afterwards partook of dinner together.

WIDNES.—Equity Lodge (No. 1384).—The members of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on Thursday, the 2nd instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Central Hotel, Bro. John Patten, W.M., in the chair, when Bro. Dr. Cooper was duly installed the W.M. for the ensuing 12 months according to ancient custom. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. J. White, P.M. There was a good attendance of brethren. Amongst the visitors were the following: Bros. W. Barnes, S. 941; W. Taylor, P.M. 1250; S. H. Hartley, P.M. 86, P.G.S.; J. Leatherbarrow, W.M. 86, 897; A. Johnstone, 897; T. H. Hitchen, W.M. 1908; C. H. Lewin, S.W. 1908; G. H. Danby, P.S.G.D. Chester; J. W. White, J.D. 1908; and J. Dobson, 1250.

The newly-installed W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing 12 months: Bros. J. Patten, I.P.M.; T. Williams, S.W.; G. Clay, J.W.; A. G. Kyle, Treas.; J. Goff, Sec.; W. White, S.D.; W. Walker, J.D.; Shepherd, I.G.; Saye, Stwd.; Holt, Tyler; and J. White, P.M., D.C.

The ceremony of installation being over, the brethren dined together at Bro. Parkes', under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

During the evening a P.M.'s 18 carat gold jewel was presented to Bro. J. Patten from the brethren of the lodge in appreciation of his services as W.M.

Bro. Patten suitably responded, thanking the brethren for their kindness, and stating that his services had been a pleasure to him, and he hoped the lodge would have a prosperous future.

A 18 carat gold Jubilee jewel, subscribed by members of the lodge, was presented to Bro. J. White, P.M., for his services to the lodge during the last 15 years.

Bro. White thanked the brethren for so marked an appreciation of his services. Much as he prized his P.M.'s jewel, he valued much more the one presented to him by the initiates during his year of office as W.M., but both had been eclipsed by the beautiful jewel now presented to him. He felt how little he deserved it, but hoped to merit it by future services to his lodge.

The jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The election meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, Bro. J. Paul, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following Past Masters, officers, and others: J. A. Elder, P.M.; C. Lewis, P.M., W.M. Victorian Jubilee Lodge; A. T. Ives, P.M.; E. West, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Herts; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; J. Savage, S.W.; C. H. Canning, J.W.; C. J. Jones, S.D.; C. Wood, J.D.; A. Knight, I.G.; C. J. Powling, D.C.; and some thirty members of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. G. Kenneday, P.M. 1536, P.G. Stwd.; G. H. Porter, 700; and S. Jones, 511.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. G. Harnwell and J. R. Bond, and, proving unanimous, they were duly initiated. Bro. Harris was then raised. Both ceremonies being ably worked by the W.M. and his officers. The election for W.M., Treas., Tyler, and Auditors followed, and Bro. J. Savage, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Dr. Vance was re-elected Treas.; Bro. Gaskell, P.M. 1076, Tyler; and Bros. Curtis and Turvey, Auditors. The usual P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Paul, and then the lodge was closed.

After indulging in one of Bro. West's well-served suppers, the brethren re-assembled round the social board, and with toast and song passed away a few happy hours.

SHANKLIN.—Chine Lodge (No. 1884).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 26th ult. The W.M., Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M., occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. John Bailey, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Rayner, S.W.; Francis Cooper, P.M., W.M. elect; Lewis Cole-nutt, Sec.; A. Swayne, S.D.; H. A. Matthews, J.D.; Robert Greenham, I.G.; R. Young and G. Matthews, Stwds.; Mark Linfield, P.M.; W. J. Mew, Tyler; J. Cantlow, G. G. Boehme, T. A. Rayner, R. Kearns, C. Riddick, F. P. Ansle, S.W. 551; T. G. Addley, 1869; O. B. Gabell, W.M.; Charles Carter, I.P.M.; J. Ellery, Sec.; Charles Langdon and Miah Willis, 175; G. A. Brannon, J.W. 151; and Alfred Dashwood, I.P.M. 698.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read, the ballot was taken for the election as honorary members for Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M.; J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., P.G.D. Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M.; E. Goble, Prov. G. Sec.; William James Hughan, P.G. Swd. Br. Eng., P.G.W. Egypt, P.S.G.D. Eng., P.P.S.G.W. Cornwall, &c., &c., the Masonic Historian of England; and George Taylor, P.P.S.G.W., and P.G. Sec. of Worcestershire; as a mark of the lodge's appreciation, and to recognise in some slight degree the valuable help, the many and unprecedentedly kind services rendered to Chine Lodge, in connection with the Masonic Exhibition of 1886, and the Jubilee Memorial Fund, proposed by Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M., W.M., and seconded by Bro. John Bailey, I.P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., and proved unanimous in their favour.

The framed photograph of Bro. W. J. Hughan was presented from him by the W.M., Bro. A. Greenham, who said it was scarcely necessary for him to say a word beyond how pleased he was to present it, and he felt sure every brother would be proud to have it within the lodge. Bro. Hughan's kindness to the lodge and to him would always endear his name to them, and by his generosity they had the nucleus of a very good library. The vote of thanks proposed by the W.M. was carried, and the Secretary directed to express his appreciation of the lodge to Bro. Hughan.

The Worshipful Master then proposed that the lodge join the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and said the brethren were well aware of his views on this subject, as he had given them at length, at their Lodge of Instruction meetings, and pressed the subject on them, and he was quite sure it would prove very beneficial to the lodge.

Bro. R. Young seconded, and said the members were happy in their possessions, happy in association, and happy in their fraternal intercourse; but the purpose of that new departure was to cement friendships and to promote intelligent enquiry into the literature of Freemasonry, to edify, to amuse, and to establish a principle of mutual benefit upon simple and unpretentious lines that should be accessible to the lodge at all times, but particularly acceptable at the weekly meetings if opportunity or inclination should dispose the brethren to hear or read Masonic lore from the pens of present and past masters of the art. The work had a reputation of high literary value, and might well supply subjects of deep research, but as a less ambitious aim, if one brother would undertake to read only one subject well and become the vocal interpreter of its author to the rest of the brethren, a pleasant, profitable, and amusing half-hour would amply afford recompense to all. He had hope of much sound instruction to be imparted with most congenial method, and he cordially seconded their ambitious Master's views by seconding his propositions.

The W.M., Bro. Greenham, then proposed that the sum of £3 5s. 9d. handed over to the Treasurer be considered the "Exhibition Library Fund," as it partly accrued from it. If the Exhibition did not make as much money as he expected, owing to the unfortunate weather that prevailed, it had exceeded in other ways his expectations. They had a library worth nearly £30 as part of its proceeds, besides that sum, and he should from time to time hand over other sums of money that would accrue to that fund, so that he should regard the Exhibition in future as a success so far as that lodge was concerned. It was most desirable that they should have a library, and when no ceremony was taking place, he trusted the time would be used in reading papers on Masonry culled from their own library.

Bro. R. Young seconded, and said the Exhibition Library Fund was essentially connected with the Coronati scope of reading, and covered the ground of its operations by supplying fresh sources of knowledge. But he wished to make a reference there of almost personal point. The Shanklin Masonic Exhibition drew its patronage from far and near, and accomplished magnificent success upon its merits. However, financially, the results were a little depressing to their untiring W.M., who calculated upon a more immediate outcome of relief to the Building Fund of Chine Lodge. But that the real effects of the Exhibition were far reaching, they had ample evidence in the honorary distinction of Bro. Alfred Greenham alone; and if nothing more than the creation of that fund had been the outcome of his labours, their W.M. would have deserved well of the brethren of the Chine Lodge. He offered him his individual congratulations, and proposed a vote of hearty appreciation and thanks, while he seconded his proposition to establish that Library Fund.

The W.M., Bro. Greenham, then said he had two personal presentations to make, one to the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Cooper, P.M., and the other to Bro. F. Rayner, S.W. He asked them to accept from him an exhibition medal as a slight token of his regard and appreciation of their kind help when the exhibition was held. Bros. Cooper and Rayner had felt unable to assist him in the literary or organising part of the work, but when the exhibits arrived they daily gave their services for a fortnight in unpacking and watching over them. The willingness with which they all helped him on that occasion he should never forget, the undertaking was great, but the members nobly did their duty then to the lodge. Other members whose help he had not yet recognised must not think they were forgotten, at some future time he trusted to have the opportunity to recognise them in the same way. He thanked Bros. F. Cooper and Rayner for their kindly aid, and asked to be allowed to pin the medal (which was engraved by Bro. George Kenning) with a suitable inscription, on their breast, and expressed a hope that inasmuch as at present it commemorated the largest exhibition yet held they would be proud to wear it.

Bro. F. Cooper, P.M., said the presentation was a complete surprise to him, but he should notice it and wear it with pleasure. He had endeavoured to do his best for the

Chine Lodge since it was founded, and tried to help the W.M. in all that he promoted for its benefit. He looked upon the exhibition as a great day in the history of the lodge, and was proud to be associated with it. He thanked the W.M. for the presentation and for the kind way his services were acknowledged.

Bro. F. Rayner, S.W., thanked the W.M. very much for the medal he had just presented and pinned to his breast, and accepted it with much pleasure coming from one from whom he entertained the highest personal esteem and fraternal regard. He accepted it as recognising and appreciating the services it was his privilege and pleasure to render him during the time he had occupied the chair of the lodge. He should prize it as commemorative of that great event in which the W.M. played the leading part, an event which would ever be associated with his first year's Mastership, and ever redound to his credit and honour.

Before the W.M., Bro. Greenham, commenced the installation ceremony, he unveiled, on the north wall, a handsome tablet, in white, light blue, and gold, bearing the names of the Past Masters of the lodge, with the years filled in for 50, but a blank space for the names, and said, Brethren, in presenting the Chine Lodge Roll of Past Masters as a parting gift as W.M., he did so with peculiar pleasure, as it bears upon a phase of Masonry which he had endeavoured to encourage in that lodge, and which, he believed, would have an influence on its career, and tend to create a desire for all their members to wish to place their names on the Past Masters' Roll. Whatever he had given to the lodge had always been with the idea of developing its prestige, and making members feel they have something tangible to bequeath to their successors. Depend upon it, if they were not—and they were not—an old lodge, with ancient traditions to be proud of, and a long list of Past Masters to refer to, then he would say do something that those who come after them will be proud of, and feel it an honour to be a member of their lodge. If they had the chance to consolidate their lodge—its interests, its harmony, its pride of itself, and its determination to succeed—then that chance, that opportunity was given to each W.M. to initiate, to promote, and to lead forward all movements for its welfare. It had been his peculiar province, that while he had endeavoured to enrich the lodge in its present day, yet, to associate with those gifts a developing interest in itself, which, he trusted, the next generation will be proud of, and it was his firm belief that the prosperity of that small lodge will be considerably influenced in the future by what they made it that day. There was therefore a chance for each of them not only to place their names upon that Roll, but to hand the lodge on to their successors something better than they found it. For a few moments he would review those whose names appeared there. Their first W.M., Dr. Dabbs, has justified their choice in placing him in that honoured position, for his acts, if not all written in the minute book of the lodge, are indelibly imprinted in their memories. He had laboured often and hard for the benefit of the lodge; he had given the best products of his fertile brain for its welfare, and he ventured to make a prediction, that when the 50 years Roll of their Past Masters is filled up, his literary genius, which was only budding that day, will have blossomed and borne fruit, far and away outside the Island's precincts, and so long as that was a lodge, so long would they ever be proud of him as their first W.M. Of their second W.M., Bro. F. Newman, he had on previous occasions tried to the best of his ability to convey theirs and his appreciation of his (Bro. Greenham's) services and sacrifices for that lodge during its first five years. He did not believe that the records of any Mason in the Province of Hants would show a greater zeal and untiring energy than his, nor spread over so many years and connected with so many lodges. He brought their lodge through its most critical times, and through some of its greatest difficulties, with a patience and kindness which was most exemplary. The older members of their lodge would never forget his kindness, and would always appreciate what he did for them, and if ever the historians sit down to write the history of Island Masons, and Island Masonry, he would weave round his name a renown, and his services to Chine Lodge would form one of its brightest and most lustrous parts. Of Bro. Cooper, it would be unnecessary to speak, after what he had said previously. Bro. Bailey's year of office marked the commencement of the prosperity of that lodge, and until now he had laboured in every way to promote its success, and during his (Bro. Greenham's) two years of office he had had a most zealous worker in those undertakings, which he knew had brought honour to their lodge, viz., the Masonic Exhibition and Jubilee Memorial. He asked the brethren to accept the gift, and in doing so thanked them, one and all, for their exceedingly kind help to further all he had undertaken.

Bro. F. Rayner, S.W., rose and proposed that the best thanks of the lodge be given to the W.M. for his handsome gift, and said the W.M. had never during the last two years allowed an opportunity to pass without recognising in a proper manner any service rendered to him by any brother, or any presentation to the lodge through him. They, as officers and brethren, had also on many occasions had to express their grateful acknowledgments for the very many presents made during his two years of office. They would remember almost immediately after he was installed, two years ago, he inaugurated a custom in the lodge of drinking the initiate's health at the banquet, and for that purpose gave a handsome loving cup. Following close upon that he gave a nicely framed unique document, the old by-laws signed by the P.G.M., which had mysteriously disappeared, and then a framed record of the Exhibition, and two similarly framed photographs of the Exhibition, the archive box, the pretty Charity bag, and several other things, but that day he had performed the crowning act of his Mastership in presenting the P.M.'s roll. It would not only serve the purpose intended, but would in future years be an enduring monument to one whose great ambition had been to place the lodge in the position it now held in the roll of Masonic lodges, whose unselfish generosity and unceasing energy and zeal had ever been devoted to further the prosperity and interest of Chine Lodge, and whose highest aim had been to promote harmony and brotherly love. However feebly he had expressed the gratitude of the brethren, they were at least genuine and sincere.

Bro. M. Lindfield, P.M., seconded the resolution with pleasure. He had only joined the lodge a little over a year, but he was proud to belong to it, and all that had been said of the W.M. was thoroughly deserved. He had carried out the duties of the lodge to their entire satisfaction. He was able to do any of the ceremonies, and was most generous in his gifts to the lodge and the time he devoted to its interests.

Bro. R. Young supported the vote proposed by Bro. Rayner, and further said he saw in it a splendid gift, precious as an historical record, unmatched, he believed, in the island as a lodge ornamentation. It was valuable as a perpetual souvenir of their W.M.'s faculty for originality, and a lasting memento of his generosity and inventiveness—a tribute of respect and encouragement for posterity. The names of "Chine Lodge" and its "Past Masters" were destined to live in "Jubilee" periods, renewable by generations yet unborn, and certainly never to be forgotten by the present generation.

Bro. F. Cooper, P.M., was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, in a most efficient manner, by Bro. Greenham, that being the first occasion on which the ceremony had been performed by an initiate of the lodge.

Bro. Cooper invested his officers as follows: Bros. Alfred Greenham, I.P.M.; Arthur F. Swayne, S.W.; Lewis Colenutt, J.W.; J. Bailey, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; Richard Young, Sec.; H. A. Matthews, S.D.; J. W. Cantlow, J.D.; W. Thompson, Reg. and Librarian; F. Rayner, D.C.; G. H. Matthews, I.G.; O. Woodward, Stwd.; and W. J. Mew, Tyler.

The W.M., Bro. F. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.S., then rose, and said he rose with strong and mixed feelings of pride, honour, and personal gratification on that occasion. Of pride that his installation had been conducted by a P.M. of such accomplished ability, and witnessed by Masons of such wide experience and critical judgment. Of honour that the brethren should have placed him, for the second time in that dignified position, with their accustomed unanimity and cordiality. But, if an element was wanting to complete his personal gratification, it was found in the discharge of the duties with which they had entrusted him. The first official act of his Mastership was the graceful opportunity of expressing the warmest fraternal greetings to all the brethren encircled there in regular lodge that day, but it centred itself upon the merits of one brother present, whose distinguished services to the Craft had placed him head and shoulders above his fellows. Fraternal admiration was hardly the phrase that described the intimacy of fellow-feeling and sympathy which existed between their immediate Past Master and the members of his lodge. Indeed, he would not err beyond the circumference of facts, when he included several distant and ancient lodges where honorary membership has been conferred upon Bro. Alfred Greenham of world-wide Exhibition fame. Bro. Cooper, continuing, said it was with peculiar pleasure he desired to tell him that the brethren had waited impatiently for an opportunity such as this to offer him their felicitations on the magnificent success which had attended his zeal and loyalty to Freemasonry during his connection with Chine Lodge. Might the Union be life-long. It was true they had received at the hands of their brethren other signs and symbols of their esteem, notably by hearty co-operation in his enterprises for the good of Chine Lodge, but the brethren desired now, in a more distinct and tangible manner, to join his late official staff, re-affirming their warmest appreciation of services rendered by him, while the W.M. of Chine Lodge. They had therefore commissioned him (Bro. Cooper) to ask his acceptance of that handsome jewel as a small memento of work done, and as a proof to posterity that his lodge was at least of a mettle, earnest, willing, and grateful. He asked further the honour of attaching that emblem to his breast that they might have the additional pleasure of seeing that simple token of feeling received with a degree of favour sincerely desired from him, their immediate Past Master, Bro. Greenham. Bro. R. Young joined most cordially in the unanimous determination of the Chine brethren to offer such a token of their personal regard and appreciation as should be not only acceptable in excellence, but unique in its combination with the memento of the Exhibition, of which Bro. Greenham, with his lodge and distinguished brethren throughout the world were deservedly proud. Bro. Young had been brought into close fraternal relations with Bro. Greenham during the last two years, and had had every opportunity to form a sound judgment upon the Masonic ability of the W.M. of Chine Lodge. But in addition to the fulfilment of duties naturally falling to the chair, Bro. Greenham exhibited a devotion to Masonry approaching the enthusiastic. Above all, his methods were complete in arrangement and finished in detail, not only had he been a good promoter, but a conscientious worker. This involved an amount of self denial and self-sacrifice of double effect, demanding a steady perseverance in the business affairs, an unflinching front, and a courteous demeanour always. Bro. Greenham had manifested these and other high qualities in an eminent degree. No wonder then that the lodge was proud of their Master, and Freemasons admired his energy and success. Then there stood out boldly enough his zeal for the Craft in making "history for posterity," as witnessed the Jubilee memorial tablet, and not a few lodge adornments, as well as the practical purpose of lifting pecuniary pressure from the shoulders of that same active humanity of posterity. But Bro. Greenham had had honour and glory too thrust upon him unasked, while the estimation of fellow Masons and of his own lodge was not the least of those acceptable tributes to his worth—added to the fact of having succeeded in his pet scheme of reducing the lodge buildings loan by some £200. Bro. Young concluded by saying: He begged to emphasise the words of the W.M. and Bro. J. Bailey. The brethren present knew something of the restless activity of a W.M. who placed the honour of his lodge as a first duty and obligation, not seldom to the disadvantage of private business. Although the officers of Chine Lodge knew this, it had not received that general recognition which such efforts deserved—the present occasion seemed appropriate. The close of the second year of office had come, and the closing ceremony at the hands of their I.P.M. gave the wished for opportunity of discharging a sense of duty. Bro. Greenham had, no doubt, met with marked sympathy, support, and pleasure, while attending functions and visiting lodges; but not the less, at considerable charges upon his private means, in purse, and time, and convenience. The brethren desired then to offer personal thanks for honours thus conferred upon Chine Lodge, while they congratulated their I.P.M. and themselves upon their fraternal connection.

Bro. John Bailey, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., said with the Worshipful Master's permission he should like to add a few words to what he had stated, and he assured the brethren that he felt it to be one of the greatest pleasures he had had in connection with Freemasonry to contribute and arrange the presentation of that Masonic P.M. jewel.

He had only to whisper their intention to the brethren and he was proud to tell them the response was electrical. The brethren would see they had tried to kill two birds with one stone by making it a double jewel. The square, &c., to show their appreciation of his generous and valuable services as W.M. during the past two years, and the medal to associate and recognise his exceptional ability and energy in the very successful arranging and carrying out of that gigantic undertaking—the largest Masonic Exhibition ever held—and the brethren could depend upon it the day was far distant when it would be surpassed. The W.M. did not make a pile of money by it, but he had made a name for himself and Chine Lodge that would live for generations.

Bro. Alfred Greenham P.M., in his reply, stated that inasmuch as the presentation was quite a surprise, the words he spoke would perhaps fail to convey the appreciation he felt in receiving the handsome gold Exhibition medal and jewel combined, together with the eloquent words that had been spoken by the W.M. If those alone, however, had been spoken, he should have been well satisfied, and he should not have felt a shadow of disappointment had no jewel been presented. They must remember that the Masonic Exhibition and Jubilee Memorial had brought him much honour, but they all would coincide that he had endeavoured to associate them with it, and to make acknowledgment of all services rendered to him. Yet with all the assistance they knew he worked hard for weeks and months over the Exhibition, which naturally he felt proud of, and nothing would have given him more pleasure than receiving the gold medal that day. There was one honour, however, outside the lodge he valued highly, he having been made honorary member of the oldest lodge in Devon and Cornwall, and if some of his intimate friends did not approve of using outside aid in any form, and had expressed their disapproval, at least they would see that in his own lodge his actions were appreciated, and had been supported by the highest Masons in England. He should wear the medal and feel proud of it, and should treasure it as one of his choicest possessions, and as a token of their regard and esteem.

The medal and jewel were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. The inscription was—"From Chine Lodge Brethren, Jan. 26th, 1888, in fraternal acknowledgment of the valuable services of Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M., during the two years he so successfully presided over Chine Lodge, No. 1884."

Apologies for absence were received from Bros. Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.C.; McQueen, P.M.; and many others. Bro. John Chapman, P.M.P.P.G.D., wrote to the W.M. elect, Bro. Cooper, expressing his regret that ill health prevented his attending the installation, and added, "I hope you will express the feeling of true fraternal appreciation that I entertain towards Bro. Greenham for his indefatigable efforts in behalf of Freemasonry in general and for Chine Lodge in particular, during the memorable two years that he has been the W.M. I do not know any brother in the Craft who has acquitted himself with so much credit to himself and his lodge during his term of office as my esteemed friend Bro. Greenham."

LIVERPOOL.—Apollo Lodge (No. 2042).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. This lodge was formed some four years since, under the presidency of the late Bro. J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O., for the purpose of gathering together the musical brethren under one warrant, and to raise, if possible, the standard of musical work in Masonry. The success in this and other ways has been very great, and the assembly, including nearly 40 P.M.'s and Prov. G. Officers, was a recognition of the efforts put forth during the past year under the able Mastership of the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Queen. The gathering of musical brethren from neighbouring lodges, at the installation, formed a body of competent vocalists never previously met in any lodge in West Lancashire.

The chair was taken by Bro. J. Queen, W.M., supported by Bros. J. W. Sergeant, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; R. Foote, P.M., P.P.C.T.; R. Martin, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; R. Harley, P.M.; J. M. Smythe, P.M.; Isaac Platts, P.M.; J. A. Muir, S.W.; H. J. Nicholls, J.W.; H. H. Smythe, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Lewis, S.D.; T. Lowten, J.D.; T. C. Fargher, I.G.; and others.

The attendance of visitors included, among others, Bros. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. of England, P.G. Sec.; P. Blackburn, W.M. 1380; T. Salter, P.P.S.G.D.; D. M. Gaskin, P.G.T.; T. W. Edwards, W.M. 1013; W. M. J. Camidge I.G. 216; J. Brotherton, P.M. 241; R. Fisher, P.M. 580; H. Marshal, P.P.G.D.; J. J. Lambert, P.G.R.; J. P. Bryan; James Bolton, P.M. 667; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; Dr. J. Clarke, P.M. 673; W. Maddox, S.W. 823; W. Gick, P.M. 203; D. Jones, P.P.G.D.; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D.; A. Bucknall; J. Cantor, W.M. 1609; John Phillips, P.M. 1289; D. Hopkins, P.M. 1289; J. Bowker, P.M. 1236; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.D. H. Williams, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Morgan, P.P.G.D.; John Beesley, P.P.G.D.; W. Forester, J.W. 1035, and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. J. A. Muir, S.W., was presented by Bros. J. W. Sergeant and R. Martin, and the manner in which Bro. J. Queen, the retiring W.M., performed the installation ceremony was so highly commended that a vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded.

The following are the officers appointed for the year: Bros. Jos. Queen, I.P.M.; H. J. Nicholls, S.W.; W. Lewis, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; H. H. Smith, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; T. Lowten, Sec.; T. C. Fargher, S.D.; Thos. Burrows, J.D.; A. J. J. Bamford, I.G.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; T. H. G. Muir, W. Evans, and W. Williams, Stewards; and R. Martin, P.P.G.T., D.C. Bro. M. Williamson was re-elected Tyler.

The full choral music during the ceremonies was rendered by a strong choir, under the conductorship of the composer, Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O., Bros. Cantor and A. B. Ewart presiding at the organ. The toasts were ushered in according to the custom in 2042, by "Glorious Apollo," which was heartily sung, as well as the other items, the soloists and chorus (apart from the lodge) numbering over 20.

During the evening a beautiful P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Queen, by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge, in consideration of his services during the past year. Bros. A. B. Ewart and J. Cantor furnished effective instrumental accompaniments, and Bro. T. Shaw, 1609, gave two beautiful violin solos.

INSTRUCTION.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, on Friday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. Price, W.M.; Bullen, S.W.; Deaton, J.W.; Paulton, S.D.; King, J.D.; Baker, P.M., Preceptor; G. Deaton, Sec.; and other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Baker. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baker, P.M., being candidate. The lodge opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. Baker, P.M. The lodge closed in the Second Degree. It was proposed by Bro. Baker, and seconded by Bro. G. Deaton, that Bro. Bullen, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The officers were appointed in rotation. It was proposed by Bro. Baker, and seconded by Bro. G. Deaton, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Price for the excellent manner in which he occupied the chair as W.M. for the first time in this lodge—carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Leng, W.M.; Whibley, S.W.; Jackson, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Dandridge, S.D.; Turpin, J.D.; Sandford, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Downer, Penrose, Entecott, Prior, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Downer personating the candidate. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the usual questions were very ably answered by Bro. Penrose. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Whibley, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and, all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. S. T. Hills, 1310, W.M.; G. S. Russell, 1399, S.W.; H. Bangs, 1693, 2202, J.W.; G. Wood, 1681, S.D.; J. Bartlett, 1637, J.D.; J. B. Smith, 813, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, 179, 788, 2202, Preceptor; C. Sheppard, P.M. 1366 and 2202, Sec.; C. A. Itter, 1897, 2191, Asst. Sec.; J. K. R. Cama, 2105, 2202; C. W. Rex, 2202; S. D. Keech, 780; H. J. Hazel, 1693; Thos. Casely, 1693; H. Linfield, 211; and P. J. Holden, 2202.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. H. Linfield acting as candidate. The Preceptor proposed, and the J.W. seconded, that the S.W. occupy the chair at the next meeting. The officers were appointed in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. A. G. Boswell, W.M.; S. J. Humfress, S.W.; J. Round, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. J. Mason, S.D.; J. W. Mantelov, J.D.; W. J. Stratton, I.G.; C. Stailbrass, Stwd.; N. Turner, P.M. 72; J. Müller, P.M. 173; S. R. Walker, P.M. 733; C. Hunt, P.M. 1425; H. W. Eastwood, L. N. Nerwich, and C. J. Biorn. Bro. E. White, 1426, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Boswell vacated the chair in favour of Bro. S. J. Humfress, who opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Boswell having been duly presented as Master elect, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Boswell was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren having saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees, the officers were next invested. The three addresses were very effectively rendered; the first two by Bro. Baker, P.M., and the third by Bro. S. R. Walker, P.M. Bro. Turner having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Turner candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Edmund White was elected a joining member of the lodge. Bro. Mellier was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HIGHGATE LODGE (No. 1366).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Bull and Gate, Kentish Town, when there were present Bros. Fraser, W.M.; Hahn, S.W.; Nash, J.W.; Scurrah, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; Watts, I.G.; Frost, P.M., Preceptor; Homan, Treas.; Scattergood, Sec.; Rawlinson, Wahlbeck, Wheeler, Dobbs, Giddings, Iearne, Finch, Dodd, Mulvey, Stansell, Eason, Quartly, Hudson, and Gordon.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Stansell having offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Hudson candidate. The following brethren were then elected members: Bros. Nottingham, Dobbs, Hudson, Eason, Stansell, and Scurrah. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be placed on the minutes for the very able manner in which Bro. Fraser had conducted the ceremonies for the first time in this lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. Petch, W.M.; Clarke, S.W.; Napper, J.W.; Shurmur, P.M., acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; Scarlett, S.D.; Loomes, J.D.; A. Cox, I.G.; Brookman, Church, Duncan, and Kilsby.

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

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; F. M. Noakes, S.W.; A. Proudfoot, J.W.; W. J. Mason, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; J. Woodward, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; A. Clark, R. J. Hannell, W. Brindley, L. B. Levy, A. Weil, E. Arbit, G. S. Peachey, F. Kedge, C. Comes, J. Martin, J. Rowe, E. A. Harris, J. Greenway, G. F. Swan, and T. A. Seary.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. Hancock having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. A. Clark offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was only questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Lodge closed down. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bro. E. A. Harris, 201, proposed by Bro. A. Proudfoot, seconded by Bro. W. Brindley; Bro. A. Weil, 2020, proposed by Bro. L. B. Levy, seconded by Bro. E. Arbit; and Joseph Greenway, 1310, proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, seconded by Bro. W. Brindley. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith pro-

posed that Bro. F. M. Noakes, S.W., 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, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of condolence and sympathy be tendered to Bro. J. Heming for the great loss he had sustained in the death of his wife (the same to be entered on the minutes), assuring him of their sympathy in his trial, and that the Secretary send a letter to Bro. J. Heming to that effect—seconded by Bro. W. Bradley, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. F. C. Mander, W.M.; E. Child, P.M., S.W.; Moss, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); Stonnill, S.D.; Jennings, I.G.; S. Cochran, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; H. Purdue, P.M.; A. Hardy, P.M.; and D. Stroud, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sims being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 4th Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. E. Child, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. G. Gardner, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; F. Walden, J.D.; Hughes, I.G.; E. Aslete, Org.; F. Craggs, F. Kenyon, F. Clark, Anderson, D. Stroud, and C. Hopkins.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Williams offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Clark, being a F.C., answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Stroud offering himself as a candidate for raising, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and, on usual rising, the W.M. was elected for next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Hume, W.M.; Blades, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Mann, S.D.; Grist, J.D.; Coleman, I.G.; Brandon, P.M.; F. Purnell, Wynn, Edwards, J. Purnell, Roberts, and Robertson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Purnell, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Purnell candidate. Bro. Wynn, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Wynn being the candidate. The lodge was re-umed to the First Degree, and Bro. Robertson, 1331, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Blades was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 13th inst. Present: Bros. Partridge, W.M.; Hill, S.W.; Wright, J.W.; Russell, S.D.; Grover, J.D.; Beavan, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Hudson, Wood, Folkard, Body, B. Perkins, Hampton, Steele, and Coe.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Wood being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Wood as candidate. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Hill was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Hill returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Secretary announced the first ballot for the Benevolent Fund, and that the tickets for the lodge supper were ready. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The ballot for the Benevolent Association in connection with the lodge was then taken, and fell to the lot of Bro. Evans, out of 21 participating.

DARTFORD.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 290).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. C. D'Oyley Mears, W.M.; P. Jones, P.M., 1837, S.W.; C. C. Potter, P.M., 1343, P.G.S.B. Essex, J.W.; Chas. Hind, Sec., S.D.; T. Wills, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks., J.D.; W. Greig, W.M., 299, P.G.P., I.G.; and Carter, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. Wills offering himself as the candidate for passing, he was examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when it was proposed that Bro. Jones occupy the chair at the next meeting—carried. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., and the Baroness de Worms left Berlin for Cologne on Monday, being accompanied to the station by Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, Her Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin.

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

Royal Arch.

COLCHESTER.—Patriotic Chapter (No. 51).

—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 9th instant. The M.E.Z., Comp. R. Clowes, presided, supported by his officers, and there was a very large attendance of members and several visitors present. During the evening a P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. J. C. Turner, P.P.G.O. The M.E.Z., in making the presentation, spoke of the services Comp. Turner had rendered the chapter ever since he had been connected with it, but especially during the time he had been passing through the chairs. It must be gratifying to Comp. Turner to know that the jewel he had the pleasure to pin to his breast had been accorded to him by the unanimous wish of the companions and by their subscriptions; and he (the M.E.Z.) trusted he would live many years to wear it and also to help forward R.A. Masonry in the Patriotic Chapter. Comp. Turner suitably acknowledged the presentation. He said he honestly felt that the companions had valued too highly any little services he might have rendered to the chapter. He had considered it to be only his duty whilst in office to carry out the working of the chapter to the very best of his ability, and it could not but be most gratifying to his feelings that the companions had subscribed for, and given to him, that very handsome jewel. There was, to his mind, no Masonic ceremony so grand and beautiful in its character as that of the Royal Arch, and no brother could fully understand the extent of Masonic teaching until he had become a member of that Sublime Degree. He assured them that he should always be proud of that handsome jewel; whenever he looked upon it he should be reminded of the kindness and good feeling that had been shown towards him by the members of the chapter; and when the time came that he should be called away, his family would value the jewel as much as he did himself. The jewel, which is of gold, bears the following inscription: “Presented to Ex. Comp. John J. Turner, I.P.Z. 51, P.P.G.O. Essex, by the Companions of the Patriotic Chapter, No. 51, as a token of esteem, on the completion of his year of office as Z. Colchester, Feb. 9th, 1888.”

WHITBY.—Britannia Chapter (No. 312).—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 6th inst. at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, when there were present Comps. W. H. Falkingbridge, M.E.Z.; F. Thornton, H.; W. G. Locket, J.; S. Reed, S.E.; J. N. Lawson, S.N.; J. T. Stewart, P.S.; W. H. Attlay and B. Newbald, Asst. Sojs.; J. Stevenson, P.Z.; W. H. Marwood, P.Z.; T. N. Marwood, P.Z.; T. Atkinson, R. W. White, J. Brooks, J. Oliver, J. Brand, H. Walker, J. W. Collier, and H. Wald.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. W. T. Clarkson, 312, and resulted in that brother's favour, after which he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a R.A.M. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, and the chapter was afterwards closed. The companions spent the remainder of the evening in a fraternal manner.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Chapter (No. 1335).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when there were present Comps. J. D. Murray, S.E., as M.E.Z.; A. H. Crossley, as H.; R. A. Farrington, J.; H. T. Byrom, S.N.; W. Johnson, as P.S.; R. B. Seddon, 2nd Asst. S.; John Browne, D.C.; G. L. Gambell, P.Z. Org.; W. Taberner and T. P. Simpson, Stwds.; A. Swallow, Janitor; R. Bettey, and others. Visitors: Comps. E. L. Littler, Z. 1730; J. M. Ashurst, J. 178; Thomas Vernon, 292.

The First Principal of this new chapter, the Earl of Crawford, being absent, Comp. Murray, who is acting deputy, took the chair of Z., and having opened the chapter, the minutes were read of the previous meeting and confirmed. Comps. Thomas Banks and Robert Layland were elected joining members. The ballot being in favour of Bros. W. Simpson and H. Ackerley, both of 1335, as candidates for exaltation, they were admitted and duly exalted, Comp. Murray, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas., giving the whole of the lectures. One joining member and one candidate for exaltation were proposed, and the chapter was closed.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Chapter (No. 1356).—The annual convocation of this well-known chapter took place on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the chapter-room, Hope-street, under the presidency of Comps. J. Keet, M.E.Z.; J. H. Tyson, H.; and E. Paull, J.; supported by Comps. A. D. Hesketh, P.Z.; Chas. Arden, P.Z.; John Williams, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; James Pittaway, S.E.; R. W. Chatham, S.N.; T. J. Jarman, P.S.; A. Barkley and W. F. Fergusson, Asst. Sojs.; P. Larsen, Janitor; A. Woolrich, Jas. Rankin, D. Lowthian, Thos. Holme, Thos. Davis, J. H. Perry, E. George, T. W. Williams, Thos. Trevitt, R. Tunnicliffe, H. Wilson, and Chas. Luft. Visitors: Comps. H. Williams, P.Z. 1594, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and John C. Robinson, P.Z. 249. Comp. A. D. Hesketh, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., afterwards took the principal chair, and very efficiently instructed Comps. J. H. Tyson, M.E.Z.; A. Barclay, H.; and James Pittaway, J. The following officers were invested as subordinates—Comps. J. Rankin, S.E.; R. W. Chatham, S.N.; T. J. Jarman, P.S.; A. Woolrich, Treas. (13th time); and Larsen, Janitor. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Comp. Hesketh, and a handsome P.Z. jewel was presented to Comp. J. Keet, I.P.Z., for his conduct in the chair of First Principal.

The companions afterwards dined together, when a very pleasant evening was spent. The gold P.Z. jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

By desire of the Crown Prince of Germany, Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie has drawn up and forwarded for the perusal of the Emperor William, a report on his Imperial Highness's case, in which it is stated that at present it is impossible to affirm that any other disease exists than chronic inflammation of the larynx, combined with perichondritis. The Prince since the operation has been progressing favourably, and on Sunday last left his bed for three hours, while on Monday he saw all the members of his family.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Davies, 733, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, H.; J. Sims, J. 834, J.; H. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; M. Speigel, 834, S.N.; G. March, 733, P.S.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset; E. Child, P.Z. 538; and Capt. A. Nicols, 782, P.Z. 890.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. March being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing fortnight—Comp. Chalfont as Z.; the others in rotation. The officers were thanked for the very able manner in which they all had performed the duties of their respective offices, which compliment was suitably acknowledged. After “Hearty good wishes,” the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

WIGAN.—Rose and Thistle Lodge (No. 158).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Wednesday, the 8th instant. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Johnson, P.S. G.O., assisted by Bros. R. B. Seddon, S.W.; J. Browne, J.W.; J. Wilson, M.O.; W. Dean, as S.O.; R. Knowles, J.O.; H. Riddlesworth, S.D.; T. P. Simpson, J.D.; G. Makinson, Stwd.; G. L. Lampbell, P.M., Org.; A. H. Crossley, P.M., P.P.J.G.O.; T. Milner, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. D. Murray, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; H. Ackerley, J. Brindle, R. Layland, J. Lambert, T. Marge-son, J. Atherton, and J. Molyneux.

The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Lieut.-Col. R. A. Farrington, P.M. 1335, P.J.G.W.; and Bro. J. G. Ashton, 178, as candidates for advancement, and was in their favour. At the particular request of the W.M., Bro. Murray took the chair and advanced the candidates to the Degree of M.M.M. The W.M. then resumed his chair, and the next business of the lodge was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. The result of the ballot was that Bro. R. B. Seddon, the S.W., was elected W.M. Bro. H. R. Wilson, P.M., was again elected Treasurer, and Bro. Swallow, Tyler. The lodge was then closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HULL.—Ancient York Chapter of Redemption (No. 68).—This chapter was opened at the Freemasons' Hall, Dagger-lane, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Edward Kipps, 32°, assisted by his officers. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector General of the District, was received in due form and saluted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. Major J. W. Woodall, 32°, took the First General's chair. Ill. Bro. Col. R. G. Smith, 31°, took the Second General's chair. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. H. E. Cousins, 30°, was presented by Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 32°, P.M.W.S., to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, for installation, who performed the ceremony with his usual care and impressiveness. The following officers were then brought up to the M.W.S., who suitably addressed each before they took their respective places: Ill. Bro. Edward Kipps, 30°, I.P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bro. W. C. Whiteside, High Prelate; Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. F. Pudsey, 30°, 1st General; E. and P. Bro. James R. Ansdeil, 2nd General; Ill. Bro. M. C. Peck, 30°, Treas.; Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 32°, Reg.; E. and P. Bro. H. Hocking, Grand Marshal; E. and P. Bro. J. W. Fisher, Raphael; E. and P. Bro. Thos. Oates, Org.; E. and P. Bro. W. Coysh, C. of G.; and Bro. William Clayton, Equerry. Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 32°, delivered the charge to the brethren. After thanking the members for the great honour in placing him in that high position of M.W.S. of the chapter, he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to their Grand Inspector General and kind and valued friend, Charles J. Banister, for coming such a long journey at this season of the year to instal him into the chair of his predecessors, which was carried by acclamation, and was responded to by Bro. Banister, congratulating the chapter in having during the past year subscribed ten guineas to each of the great Masonic Charities, and on the proposition that another ten guineas should be voted at their next meeting for the Girls' School, as well as other amounts for other charitable purposes. The following visiting brethren proposed “Hearty good wishes” for the prosperity of the chapter: Ill. Bro. John Gordon, 30°; E. and P. Bros. James Keft, and G. M. Law.

Business of the chapter being finished, the chapter was closed.

The Ill. Brethren Bros. Banister, 33°; Woodall, 32°; Reynolds, 32°; Smith, 31°; Hopwood, 30°; Kipps, 30°; and Cousins, 30°; retired from the chapter under an arch of steel.

The banquet was served in the dining hall under the presidency of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. H. E. Cousins, 30°, having on the cross table Ill. Bros. Banister, Woodall, Kipps, and Gordon; the vice-chair being filled by Ill. Bro. Col. R. G. Smith, 31°, supported by Ill. Bros. Walter Reynolds, 32°; M. C. Peck, 30°; F. A. Hopwood, 30°; and others, numbering nearly thirty.

The M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Cousins, in suitable terms proposed “The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family,” which was received right royally. “The Health of the Supreme Council, 33° also their old and esteemed friend and Ill. Bro. Banister, their Grand Superintendent,” whose face they were so glad at all times to see amongst them, and he trusted that he would be many years able to be with them.

Ill. Bro. Banister thanked the M.W.S. for the great kindness in which he had proposed the health of the Supreme Council, and said how anxious they always were to know how all the Chapters in his district were progressing. With regard to himself, they were always so kind that he would be overjoyed to be able to attend all their meetings, but he found that he must limit his visits, perhaps to once in each year, and that would most likely be at the installation of each M.W.S., but when he received the circulars he had a longing desire to attend the meetings, particularly when they had candidates for their beautiful Christian Degree, but he was getting old and had many warnings in the loss of old and valued Masonic friends, still he would come as often to their meetings as circumstances would permit.

Before sitting down he proposed, with all the honours possible, "The Health of their M.W.S." He was very pleased to be present at 33, Golden-square, when he and two other of their brethren received the 30°, wishing the M.W.S. every success, happiness, and satisfaction, during the year. The toast was received with great cordiality.

The M.W.S. responded to his health in true Masonic style, thanking Bro. Banister for his kind and good wishes, and hoped that he should have work to do during his occupying the chair, then he should be happy to follow the guidance of those illustrious brethren who had occupied the chair and done so much good before retiring as P.M.W.S. Ill. Bros. Major Woodall, 32°, and Walter Reynolds, 32°, returned thanks for the members of that degree. Ill. Bro. Col. R. G. Smith for the 31°, who proposed "The Health of Ill. Bro. Edward Kipps, 30°, P.M.W.S."

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the Visitors" who had honoured them with their presence that evening, viz., Bro. Dr. G. M. Low, Bro. J. Keft, and Ill. Bro. J. Gordon, 30°, of the Edinburgh Rose Croix Chapter. They would be very pleased to see them amongst them again. Each responded to the toast.

Between each toast some excellent songs were sung by Ill. Bros. Woodall, 32°, M. C. Peck, 30°, Gossett, 30°, Fisher, and others, accompanied by Bro. Oates on the piano.

The last toast, proposed by the M.W.S., "Happy have we met, happy have we been, and happy may we meet again," brought one of the happiest meetings—but indeed these meetings are always enjoyable—to its close.

THE THIRD ANNUAL BALL OF THE SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

The third annual ball of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th instant, under the direction of Bro. L. E. Eagle, W.M., at the Peckham Public Hall, Rye-lane. The whole of the extensive building was engaged for the occasion, and was handsomely decorated throughout. The fairy lamps, devices, flags, &c., being kindly lent by Bro. Lightfoot and Briant. A dispensation was granted by the M.W. his Royal Highness the Grand Master for wearing the Craft regalia, which, with the jewels worn by the brethren contrasted well with the elegant costumes of the ladies. An excellent band was provided by Bro. Stewart Lane, and under the direction of Bros. Lightfoot and Briant, M.C.'s, dancing was kept up with great spirit until the morning had far advanced. This being Leap-year, by the W.M.'s command, a Leap-year dance was included in the programme, the ladies having to choose their partners, and much merriment was created thereby. Light refreshments were provided during the evening, and at the interval about 12 o'clock an excellent supper was provided, at which about 250 brethren, ladies, and friends sat down. The toast of "The Queen and Royal Family" was proposed by the W.M. in appropriate terms, and received with great cheering, whilst the dancing was carried on in the Grand Hall. A vocal and instrumental concert was given under the direction of Bro. Gay, in the lower hall, which proved a great success both as regards the artistes and the patronage of the visitors, a large number of brethren kindly undertook the duties of Stewards, and collectively worked with the greatest possible success to ensure the comfort of their visitors.

The following were present: Bro. and Mrs. Anderson; Bro. and Mrs. Andrews; Mr. P. Allott, Bro. Applegarth and lady; Bro. and Mrs. H. Banks; Bro. and Mrs. Briant; Mr. and Mrs. Boyce; Mr. and Mrs. Bonsall; Mr. Burnay and friend; Bro. and Mrs. Bolander; Bro. Bear, jun., Bro. and Mrs. Bishop; Mr. Borland, Miss Bear, Mr. Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. Bentley; Bro. D. Bear, Miss Cleaver, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman; Mr. and Miss Cole; Mr. and Mrs. Coysh; Bro. Campbell, Lieut. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. C. Day; Miss Durdon, Bro. Dunlop and friend; Mr. and Mrs. Dickenson and the Misses Dickenson; Bro. and Mrs. Dove; Miss. Dowton, Mr. Dean, Bro. and Mrs. Eagle; Bro. L. E. Eagle and Miss Eagle; Mrs. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, Miss Fort, Bro. and Miss Flower; Mr. F. C. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fowler, Bro. and Mrs. Flower; Bro. and Mrs. Flood; Bro. Ford, Bro. and Mrs. Fraser; Mr. Falacker and lady; Bro. and Miss Griggs; Bro. and Mrs. Gay; Bro. and Mrs. Gross; Mr. G. M. Gross and lady; Mr. G. Gross and lady; Bro. and Mrs. George; Bro. and Mrs. E. Gauntlett; Mr. and Mrs. Groves; Bro. Harrison, Mr. H. Hook, Mr. C. Hook, Miss Hoyer, Mr. and Mrs. Hansford; Bro. and Miss Hobbs; Miss Hoare, Mr. and Mrs. Hoare; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Hay, Bro. and Mrs. Hart; Mr. and Mrs. Holmes; Bro. W. H. Hook, Miss Hawley, Bro. Hoare, the Misses Harrison, Bro. W. H. and Mrs. Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Jolley; Bro. J. B. Jones, Mr. Jenkins and lady; Mrs. and Miss James; Dr. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Kent; Mr. Kent and friend; Miss Lane, Bro. and Mrs. Lightfoot and Miss and Master Lightfoot; Mr. Light, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall; Bro. Morpew, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Mislebrook, Bro. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, Mr. Nash, Mr. F. Oldfield and friends; Mr. and Mrs. Orgles, Miss Parkins, Mrs. Parris, Mr. Payne and friend; Mr. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Purkiss; Bro. Pearson, Bro. Powles, Bro. Pow, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson; Mr. Renggar and friend; Mrs. Robins, Bro. T. Richards, Bro. Robinson, Bro. and Mrs. Rowan, Mrs. Richardson, Bro. Stamp, Bro. and Mrs. Stevenson and the Misses Stevenson, Miss Sayer, Miss Smith, Mr. Stebbins, Bro. A. J. Shore, Bro. and Mrs. Stunt, Mr. and Mrs. Staples; Mr. Stevens and lady; Mr. G. E. and the Misses Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Saxby; Mr. M. Tuit, Bro. and Mrs. Wills; Bro. Wimple, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson; the Misses Worster, Bro. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Williams; Bro. White and friend; Miss Windsor, and numerous other brethren and friends.

MASONIC BALL, LEICESTER.

The annual ball, under the auspices of the five Leicester lodges, was held on Wednesday, the 1st instant, at the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, when upwards of 160 were present. Owing to the approaching assizes, the original date had to be altered, which it was feared would militate against the success of the gathering, but happily such doubts were soon dispelled, and the Centenary Fund of the Girls' Institution will be substantially benefited, the proceeds being placed on the list of Bro. S. S. Partidge, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., D.P.G.M., the Prov. Charity Steward for this year.

The ball was under very distinguished Masonic patron-

age, and the rooms were embellished by the display of lodge banners, &c., while the brethren (by dispensations) wore full Masonic regalia. The music was ably supplied by Bro. Henry Nicholson's Royal Quadrille Band, a pleasing programme being gone through under the direction of Bro. G. Jessop, W.M. 2028, who acted most efficiently as M.C., ably assisted by the following Stewards: Bros. F. J. Baines, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Herbert Marshall, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Newsome, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. P. Steeds, P.P.G.R.; E. Mason, Prov. G.P.; S. Knight, W.M. 1391; J. B. Fowler, W.M. 1560; J. L. West, P.M. 432; A. Foster, 279; A. E. Brice, 523; W. H. Swingle, and J. G. Parr, 2081.

The supper was provided by Bro. A. B. Derrick, of the Masonic Hall, in his usual excellent style, whilst Messrs. W. Bream and M. A. Cook, of the Bull's Head Hotel, supplied wines, &c., under the superintendence of Bros. W. H. Noble, G. J. B. Woolley, and Alfred Wright.

The proceedings were prolonged until a late hour on Tuesday morning, and the undoubted success of the entire gathering was due in no small measure to the energetic and combined efforts of the Hon. Secretaries, Bros. W. Duncan, 279, and J. B. Waring, 523 and 2081.

Amongst the company present were Bro. S. S. Partidge, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Bro. Thos. Wright, P.P.G.R., Mayor of Leicester, with the Mayoress and Miss Freeman; Bro. L. A. Clarke, P.P.S.G.W., with Miss Clarke and Miss Gornall; Bro. S. Cleaver, Prov. S.G.W., and Miss Cleaver; Bro. W. Lawrence Ball, 330; Bro. Edgar Horne, P.P.G.O. Derbyshire, and Mrs. Horne; Bros. E. Watson, T. Colman, W. H. Goodwin, T. B. Laxton, Scott, Samuel, and many others. Messrs. Herbert Sims Reeves, F. G. Pierpoint, and Drs. Handly, Young, Garvin, and Higgs.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Masonic Hall Committee was held on the 27th ult. at headquarters in Hope-street, under the presidency of Bro. T. H. W. Walker, chairman of the Committee. The financial statement of Bro. M. Hart, Hon. Treas., showed that during the past year £491 10s. had been received as rent from lodges; £106 from chapters; £158 12s. from occasional meetings, the total income from all sources being £1147. After all payments had been made, there remained a cash balance in hand at the close of the year of £302. After the statement of accounts had been passed, vote of thanks were given to the chairman and his honorary officers for their services. Bro. Robert Foote was unanimously elected chairman; Bro. A. D. Hesketh, vice-chairman; Bros. J. T. Tyson, Treas.; and J. T. Callow, Sec. (re-elected); and the following were chosen members of the Committee: Bros. Walker, Molloy, Hart, Martin, Salter, Pemberton, G. Morgan, Cotter, Broadbridge, Soldat, Mackenzie, H. H. Smith, D. Jackson, C. Morgan, G. Williams, Jarman, D. S. Davies, Bailey, Hallwood, Oversby, and I. Turner.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

At a meeting of the General Committee of the above institution on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Temple, Hope-street, the claims of a number of children for election to the foundation of the Charity were considered, and it was decided to recommend fourteen for election at the next Court of Governors, to be held in a month's time.

ALPASS BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The published balance sheet of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution, of which Bro. R. Wylie, P.G.D. Eng., P. Prov. S.G.W., is Treasurer, shows that at the date of the past report there was a balance of £1316. Contributions from lodges, chapters, brethren, and ladies amounted to £840, and the entire expenses of the year were only £162. The balance at present standing to the credit of the Charity is £2022.

HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY, No. 261.

We have much pleasure in publishing the following short history of the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, which celebrated its centenary a short time since—see report of the proceedings in the *Freemason* of the 28th ult. From this sketch it will be seen that the lodge was established in May, 1787, at Ilminster, under the name of the Lodge of Unanimity, at the Swan Inn of that town. It migrated to Taunton in the latter part of 1797. It appears by the minutes which are still preserved among the records of the lodge, that on the 18th September, 1797, that is, 10 years after the lodge had been established, a special lodge meeting was held at the George Inn, Ilminster, to consider a motion for removing it from Ilminster to Bro. Edward Jones's London Inn, Taunton.

Bro. William Slatter was at that time the R.W.M., and Bro. John Jesse the Secretary and Treasurer. The first meeting in the new home was held on October 4th, in the same year, with the four following as the principal officers: Bros. C. Marsh, R.W.M.; T. Rockett, S.W.; J. Hucklebridge, J.W.; and W. H. Gannett, Secretary and Treasurer; and it may be interesting to state that the first initiate under the new auspices was Mr. Aaron Moyle, gentleman, of Pitminster. The lodge at this early period of its history was not strong either in members or in funds. There were rarely more than a dozen brethren present at the monthly meetings, and the offices, as they are now appointed in all fully-constituted lodges, were not filled. The lodge nights were on the Wednesday on or before the full moon, but, differing from the present practice, the members met monthly throughout the year, instead of, as now, observing a summer vacation. The R.W.M. was elected for six months, too, and not, as now, for the year, such election taking place by ballot on Wednesday on or before the 24th of June, and on or before the 27th of December. The number of the lodge on the Grand Register of England was 433, and the title that which it now bears. A year after its establishment the lodge removed from the London Inn to a private room in North-street, upon the premises of Mr. Joseph Bale, tobacconist, for which the modest rent of five guineas a year was paid. This removal involved consider-

able expense, for the room had to be specially fitted up, and it was found necessary to apply the whole of the half-yearly subscriptions to the liquidation of the debt. It is evident from this fact that the present system of deductions from annual subscriptions on behalf of the P.G. and Grand Lodge Charities was not then in operation. In 1799 the first return of members to Quarter Sessions was made, in pursuance of the provisions of the Act for the more effectual suppression of societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes. The provisions of this important enactment (which makes Freemasonry a legalised secret society) were considered at the meeting of the lodge held on the 14th of August, 1799, on the receipt by the R.W.M., Bro. Thomas Rockett, of a letter from Grand Lodge in the following terms:—

"Freemasons' Lodge, 30th July, 1799.

"Right Worshipful Master,—I am commanded by the Grand Lodge to acquaint you that in the Act of Parliament passed on the 12th day of July inst., entitled 'An Act for the more effectual suppression of societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes, and for better preventing treasonable and seditious practices,' are contained the following clauses, viz.:—(5) And whereas certain societies have been long accustomed to be holden in this kingdom under the denomination of lodges of Freemasons, the meetings whereof have been in great measure directed to Charitable purposes, be it therefore enacted that nothing in this Act shall extend to the meetings of any such society or lodge which shall before the passing of this Act have been usually holden under the said denomination and in conformity to the rules prevailing among the said society of Freemasons. (6) Provided always that this exemption shall not extend to any such society unless two of the members composing the same shall certify upon oath, which oath any Justice of the Peace or other magistrate is hereby empowered to administer, that such society or lodge has before the passing of this Act been usually held under the denomination of a lodge of Freemasons and in conformity to the rule prevailing among the societies or lodges of Freemasons in this kingdom, which certificate, duly attested by the magistrate before whom the same shall be sworn and subscribed by the person so certifying, shall within the space of two calendar months after the passing of this Act be deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the county, stewardry, riding, division, shire, or place where such society or lodge hath been usually held. Provided also that this exemption shall not extend to any such society or lodge unless the name or denomination thereof, and the usual place or places, and the time or times of its meeting, and the names or descriptions of all and every one of the members thereof, be registered with such Clerk of the Peace, as aforesaid, within two months after the passing of this Act, and also on or before the 25th day of March in every succeeding year. (7) And be it enacted that the Clerk of the Peace, or the person acting in his behalf, in any such county, stewardry, riding, division, shire, or place, is hereby authorised and required to receive such certificate and make such registry as aforesaid, and to enrol the same among the records of such county, stewardry, riding, division, shire, or place, and to lay the same once in every year before the general session of the justices for the same county, stewardry, riding, division, shire, or place, and that it shall and may be lawful for the said justices, or for the major part of them, at any of their general sessions, if they shall so think fit, upon complaint made to them upon oath by any one or more credible persons that the continuance of the meetings of any such lodge or society is likely to be injurious to the public peace and good order, to direct that the meetings of any such society or lodge within such county, stewardry, riding, division, shire, or place, shall from thenceforth be discontinued, and any such meeting held, notwithstanding such order of discontinuance, and before the same shall by the like authority be revoked, shall be deemed an unlawful combination and confederacy under the provisions of the Act. In order to comply with this Act, you must cause the certificate and register to be made and enrolled with the Clerk of the Peace, or his deputy, on or before 11th day of September next, to facilitate which the proper forms are subjoined, and you are required to transmit to me for the information of the Grand Lodge, on or before the 15th day of November next, a copy of the register you shall so make, and the like in every subsequent year, which copy must be certified by the Master, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary of your lodge, for the time being, or any two of them, in default whereof your lodge will be considered as extinct, and be erased accordingly from the list of lodges without further notice.—By command of the Grand Master.

"WILLIAM WHITE, G. Sec."

(To be continued.)

Obituary.

BRO. W. CALDWELL, G. STWD. SCOTLAND.

The funeral of Bro. Caldwell, a G. Stwd. of Scotland, and a leading member of the Fraternity under the Scottish Constitution in New Zealand, took place, with Masonic ceremonial, on the 11th December last, the attendance of lodges and brethren of the three Constitutions—and especially of the Lodge of St. Andrew, No. 432 (S.C.), which had charge on the mournful occasion—being very numerous, while the ceremony itself was carried out with the utmost solemnity. Bro. Caldwell, who was 53 years of age, died full of years, and enjoying the respect of his brother Masons and all he had come in contact with, on the 7th December. He was a P.M. of several lodges, and was at the time of his death one of the numerous body of brethren who constitute the Board of Grand Stewards in Scotland. He was highly esteemed by his English and Irish brethren, and his loss will be deeply and sincerely mourned by the Masons generally throughout the jurisdiction.

Bro. Admiral Sir W. Hewett, V.C., K.C.B., will be succeeded in the command of the Channel Squadron in April next, by Vice-Admiral Baird, who will be succeeded as Admiral-Superintendent of Naval Reserves by Rear-Admiral Tryon.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland has returned to his seat, Aske Hall, near Richmond, Yorkshire, and has been entertaining a distinguished company, including Prince Albert Victor of Wales. On Tuesday there was to have been a meet of his hounds at Aske, but the frost intervened to prevent it.



We are asked to announce that the United Northern Counties Lodge will in future meet at the Inns of Court Hotel instead of Red Lion-square. The days of meeting are the first Tuesday in March, May, June, September, October, and December. The installation meeting takes place on the 6th March, when Bro. W. Masters, P.M., will be installed.

Bro. Earl Granville presided, on Tuesday evening, at the first House Dinner, for the present season, of the National Liberal Club.

The will of the late Bro. Lord Wolverton has been proved, the amount of the personalty being sworn at £1,820,000.

Bro. Joseph Renals, recently elected Alderman for the Ward of Aldersgate, in succession to the late Sir John Staples, was introduced to the Court of Aldermen on Tuesday, and took the oaths and his seat accordingly.

A meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute was held at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday, when Bro. Lord Brassey delivered an interesting lecture entitled "Recent Impressions of Australia." Bro. the Earl of Dunraven occupied the chair.

Her Majesty has continued her annual subscription of £20 to the National Association for the Employment of Reserve and Discharged Soldiers, Buckingham-street, Strand.

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

The annual dinner of Trinity College, London, took place at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday evening, there being a large attendance of past pupils, friends, and professors of the institution. Bro. the Rev. Bonavia Hunt, Mus. Doc., Warden of the College, returned thanks for the toast of the evening—"Prosperity to Trinity College."

THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.—Bro. Major Penrose J. Dunbar, late of the Buffs, writes that the defendant Johnson, known as Dunbar, "The Major," who was brought up at Marylebone Police-court on Thursday, the 9th inst., is not connected with him in any way.

Bro. the Hon. A. Yorke and Bro. Beerbohm Tree have undertaken to organise a matinée on the 7th March next, in aid of Messrs. Bethune and Boulter's House of Shelter in Waterloo-street, Commercial-road. An excellent programme is being compiled, and many leading artists will give their services on the occasion.

Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott has been appointed a member of the Visiting Committee of Holloway Prison, in place of the late Bro. Alderman Sir John Staples; and Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Bart., a member of the Visiting Committee of Newgate, in succession to the late Sir R. W. Carden, Bart.

Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., has accepted the Presidency of the Board of Trade, with a seat in the Cabinet, rendered vacant by the appointment of Lord Stanley of Preston as Governor-General of Canada. Sir Michael's acceptance of office has caused a vacancy in the representation of West Bristol, a new writ for which was to have been issued on Thursday.

It is said that a new company has been formed, with Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., as chairman, and Lord Brassey as vice-chairman, for the purpose of acquiring the large works of the Barrow Shipbuilding Company. Mr. Nordenfellt, some of whose most important patents have been secured by the company, is to have a seat at the Board of Directors, it being proposed to add an ordnance department to the company's works.

At a meeting of Temple Lodge, No. 70, held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the evening of the 7th inst., Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189, P.P.G. Chap., presented to the lodge, in a handsome Masonic frame, an artist's proof of the installation picture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., as M.W.G.M., at the Royal Albert Hall, April 28th, 1875, the same as he gave to Sincerity about 10 months ago, the panel bearing the inscription: "Presented to Lodge St. John, No. 70, by the W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain No. 189 (70, 1205, and 2025 Honorary), P.P.G.C. of Devon; February 7th, 1888."

Bro. Oliver Papworth, W.M. of Scientific Lodge, No. 88, Cambridge, announced at the lodge meeting last Monday that the Masonic ball held at the Guildhall on the 26th ult., under the auspices of this lodge, had proved a financial success, for after discharging all liabilities the Stewards had a balance in hand. Bro. G. McCallum, P.M., said that very much of the success of the ball was due to the indefatigable exertions of their W.M., who (as in previous years) acted as Hon. Secretary. It may be mentioned that the ball was attended by nearly 200 ladies and gentlemen; that Bro. Dan Godfrey's band gave the greatest satisfaction; and that all the accessories, alike in and out of the ball-room, were admirable. The patrons were the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, Prov. G.M., Bro. A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M., the W.M., P.M.'s, and officers of the Scientific Lodge. The following were the Stewards: Bros. G. Ainslie, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. R. Ling, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; B. Chennell, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; E. Hills, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. C. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; B. Anningson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; G. McCallum, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; G. S. Hall, P.P.G.D.C.; E. J. Morlock, P.P.G.D.C.; B. W. Beales, P.P.G. Purst.; C. H. Banham, P.G. Stwd.; J. V. Pryor, P.P.G.D.C., S.W.; W. Purchas, P.G. Org., J.W.; F. Piggott, P.P.G. Swd. Br., S.D.; W. P. Spalding, P.P.G.S. of Wks., J.D.; W. B. Redfarn, P.G. Purst., I.G.; J. Sedger, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; R. Moore, R. Hills, C. F. Charlton, Std. Br.; A. E. Chaplin, F. Flynn, J. H. Moyes, R. Wilson, Oliver Papworth, W.M., P.P.G.D.C., Hon. Sec.

Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br., has been elected W.M. of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 64, Manchester.

Bro. and Mrs. Coleridge Kennard and Miss Kennard have left town for Orstana, Teneriffe, and will be absent from England till Easter.

Bro. Gen. Lord Wolseley has consented to preside at the meeting of the Royal United Service Institution, which will be held this (Friday) evening.

Bro. Cochrane Patrick, Permanent Secretary in the office of the Secretary for Scotland, has appointed Mr. Leigh Hay to be his Private Secretary.

A serious fire broke out at the London Orphan Asylum, Watford, on Wednesday morning, and before the flames could be got under the whole of the boys' school was destroyed.

Bro. Albert J. Altman, C.C., has been unanimously nominated by the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60, to serve the office of Grand Steward for the ensuing year.

Miss Emily Foxcroft, daughter of Bro. W. M. Foxcroft, P.M. 177, W.M. 2063, P.A.G.D.C. Essex, will give her first annual concert at Myddelton Hall, Upper-street, Islington, on Monday evening next, the 20th inst.

The Prince of Wales has arrived at Cannes, and on Wednesday received visits from the Emperor of Brazil and other illustrious personages. On Thursday his Royal Highness had arranged to visit Nice for the purpose of being present at the "Battle of Flowers."

Bro. Henry Sadler has arranged to deliver a lecture in the First Degree to-morrow (Saturday) at the Percy Lodge of Instruction, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. The lodge opens at 8 o'clock.

The report of the directors of Perry and Company (Limited), to be presented at the annual meeting of the members on Tuesday next, has been printed and circulated. It shows a very satisfactory state of affairs. After paying the interest on preference shares and carrying £2000 to the reserve fund, the directors are enabled to recommend a dividend of 7 per cent. for the six months, making, with the interim dividend, a total of 10 per cent. for the year.

The ninth list of subscriptions from the United Kingdom to the Imperial Institute, which was published last week, included £776 15s. 6d., being the second instalment per Bro. Col. Clerke, G. Sec., of contributions from the lodges on the roll of United Grand Lodge, £500 from the firm of Lucas and Aird, of which Bro. John Aird, M.P., is a member, and £52 10s. from Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. South Wales (E. Division).

Bro. H. W. Lawson, M.P., presided at the anniversary dinner, held at the Hôtel Métropole on Wednesday, of the Dramatic and Musical Sick Fund, among the principal guests being Bros. Montagu Williams, G. A. Sala, Edmund Yates, J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Augustus Harris, S. B. Bancroft, Edward Terry, P.G. Stwd., and others. The total amount of the subscriptions announced, including 100 guineas from the Chairman and 20 guineas from Bro. H. Irving, was not far short of £700.

The first steamboat in connection with the new ferry between Greenwich and Millwall, was launched from the Britannia Yard, Millwall, on Monday afternoon in the presence of a numerous assemblage, the ceremony of christening being performed by the Countess De la Warr, and the vessel being named the Countess of Lathom. A luncheon followed at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, at which Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, Chairman of the Greenwich Ferry Company, presided, and great hopes were expressed that the new communication would prove a success.

The members of the Lodge of Freedom, 77, held their second annual soiree dansante, under the banner of the lodge, and sanction and patronage of Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M., on the 8th inst., at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The string band of the Royal Engineers from Chatham were engaged, and played the most popular airs in their accustomed first-class style, and a most successful and thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by the company, numbering about 80. The whole was under a Committee of 12 Past Masters and brethren, and the whole was carried out to the general satisfaction of all present, under the direction of the worthy and indefatigable Sec., Bro. J. C. Biggs, P.M., P.G.S.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, to be opened at the Crystal Palace on Monday next, will interest everybody, for the interest in the progress of photography is universal; and the Crystal Palace Exhibition will be visited by many thousands anxious to see for themselves the great perfection to which the art has attained, and the varied purposes to which it is applied. Every evening there will be, in connection with the Exhibition, free Lantern Slide Entertainments, interspersed with music. Instantaneous Photographs will be shown on a screen 30 feet in diameter, by means of a new Optical Lantern, specially constructed for this Exhibition. The Apparatus Division will be most complete and comprehensive, showing all recent improvements and developments. Indeed, such a collection of apparatus has never been before exhibited.

There has just been placed in the Masonic Hall at Lancaster a brass tablet containing the following inscription: "This Masonic Hall was erected by the three Craft Lodges and the Royal Arch Chapter of Lancaster for the purpose of Freemasonry; and was dedicated on Wednesday, June 29, 1887, by W. Bro. Charles Henry Garnett (of Wyreside), late Captain 30th Regiment, P. Prov. S.G.W., P. Prov. G.J. West Lancashire. The brethren occupying the chairs at the time were: Bro. Nicholson, W.M. Fortitude, No. 281; Bro. W. Drinkall, W.M. Rowley, No. 1051; Bro. D. Shaw, W.M. Duke of Lancaster, No. 1353; and Comp. R. Stanton, M.E.Z. Rowley R.A. Chapter, No. 1051." The plate is fixed in the east wall immediately behind the W.M.'s chair, and the cost has been defrayed by Bro. Capt. Garnett.

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The Queen of Sweden and Prince Oscar visited the Duchess of Albany, at Clermont, on Tuesday, returning to the Grand Hotel in the afternoon, where they were visited by the Duke of Cambridge, the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, &c., &c.

The result of the adjourned conference on Technical Education, which was held at the Victoria Hall, Waterloo-road, on Wednesday, is that a resolution was adopted to the effect that a Bill should be introduced into Parliament dealing with the subject of National Education.

Bros. Viscount Powerscourt, Lord Methuen, Lord Herschell, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Lord Hothfield, the Earl of Arran, C. C. Cotes, and Victor A. Williamson, C.M.G., attended the first meeting of the Fox Club, which took place at Brookes's, on Saturday evening last.

Bro. J. Heming, S.W. Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, who has recently suffered a sad bereavement in the death of his wife, desires, through the pages of the *Freemason*, to thank his many friends for their kind enquiries and sympathy, and trusts they will accept this intimation.

The French Ambassador presided at the 20th anniversary dinner at Willis's Rooms, on Saturday evening last, in aid of the French Hospital and Dispensary in London, Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser being one of the principal guests. The list of subscriptions exceeded £2000, while the fund for the proposed new Hospital has reached £10,400, a further sum of equal amount being still required.

The Prince of Wales has presented to her Majesty in Council a petition for the grant of a charter of incorporation for "The Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India, and the Isles of the British Seas," and notice has been given that all petitions in favour of or against the grant of such charter must be sent to the Privy Council Office on or before the 12th March next.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser was entertained at luncheon by the Burgomaster of Brussels, on Thursday, the 9th instant, the members of the Communal Council being invited to meet his lordship. Bro. the Lord Mayor returned to the Mansion House on the evening of Friday, the 10th instant, having, previous to leaving Brussels, handed 1000 francs (£40) to the Burgomaster for the poor of the city, £20 to the British Minister for the night refuges, and £20 for the British Charitable Fund.

The annual ball of the Light Cavalry Troop of the Honourable Artillery Company was held at the headquarters of the regiment in Finsbury, E.C., on the 10th inst., there being present about 300 guests, among whom were Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Sheriff Davies and Mrs. Davies, Bro. Sheriff Higgs and Mrs. Higgs, and Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and Sir A. Kirby, with Bro. Under-sheriff Rose-Innes and Mrs. Rose-Innes.

The Queen of Sweden, with her son Prince Oscar and Mdle. Menck have arrived in England and taken up their residence at the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar-square. On Saturday the Duchess of Albany lunched with her Majesty, while Bros. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), the Earl of Mount Edgumbe (Lord Steward), and Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P. (Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs), are among those who have called and inscribed their names on the Queen's visiting-book. Lord Colville, as representing the Princess of Wales, also visited her Majesty.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791, at the Barons' Court Hotel, West Kensington, by well-known brethren as follows: The First Lecture on Monday next, and the Second and Third Lectures on Monday, the 27th inst., commencing at 8 o'clock each evening. Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M. 1385, will be W.M.; Bro. John Davis, 169, S.W.; and Bro. S. Cochrane, P.M. 1056, J.W. Bro. J. W. Morley having resigned the Secretaryship, the members will proceed to consider as to the appointment of a successor, and many other matters of importance.

The Prince of Wales left Marlborough House for Paris, en route for San Remo, on Friday, the 10th inst. Prior to his departure his Royal Highness sat to Mr. E. W. Parkes, of the Photographic Company, Pall Mall, for his portrait as Captain-General of the Honourable Artillery Company. The Prince arrived in Paris on Saturday morning last, and proceeded to the Hotel Bristol, where he received the Earl of Lytton, H.M.'s Ambassador, at lunch, subsequently visiting and being visited by M. Carnot, the President of the French Republic. On Sunday he left for Cannes, and will return to London in about three weeks. The Princess of Wales and her daughters are still at Sandringham.

Mr. Frederick Argall, artist, of Truro, has just issued a most successful photographic group of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and other distinguished Craftsmen and gentlemen, who formed the hunting party at Mount Edgumbe in November last. It is one of his most finished efforts, and reflects the greatest credit on his artistic ability, the grouping being simply *perfection*. The prominent figure, of course, is His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, sitting in front of the balcony of the well-known shooting box, having the Earl of Mount Edgumbe (the esteemed host), P.G.M. of Cornwall, on his left, Admiral Lord John Hay on the right, next to whom is the very striking picture of Lord Suffield, P.G.M. of Norfolk, others of the merry-looking party being Lord Valletort, Col. Stanley Clarke, Col. the Hon. C. Edgumbe, the Hon. Athole Liddell, and suite. In the foreground are scattered in rich profusion, the evidence of their skill as sportsmen. The pose is exceedingly good, and the perspective could not be better. How Mr. Argall contrives to publish such large mounted photographs (11 by 9) for 3s. 6d. each we cannot understand; but the fact remains that he only asks that modest sum for copies free by post. An enlarged size is also preparing. It is considered that a better group has not been taken of the Royal party at any time, so that the hearty reception it is meeting with is well deserved.

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