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In a few days' time the Festival for the current year of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, with which we have been so busily occupying ourselves for the last two months, will take place under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of South Wales (Eastern Division), and the question every one is anxiously considering is—What chances are there in favour of a sufficient sum being realised to meet the requirements of the year? We know that the Chairman will exert his utmost eloquence in order to charm the contributions from the pockets of his audience. We are satisfied his province will support him to the best of its ability, and that the other lodges and provinces which have sent representatives will assist with their accustomed generosity. This much is a foregone conclusion; but we cannot in reason expect a Board of Stewards to do more than its duty. Perhaps the brethren who are acting as such, and who know how much depends on the success of their exertions, may be able to accumulate a larger sum in proportion than we are justified in associating with a somewhat restricted Board; but it would be out of all reason to expect from 260 brethren as massive a total as from close on 400 brethren; and, as far as present appearances go, this year's Board will barely exceed the former number, while in 1887 it reached the latter. We must be prepared, therefore, for a substantial diminution from last year's total, though if the sum announced will enable the Institution to pay its way without trenching upon its capital, we shall have good grounds for being thankful. As for the position of the Board of Stewards, it has been considerably strengthened during the week, the number at present, after allowing for withdrawals, being 256, and no doubt a few further names will be added to the list between now and Wednesday next, thereby raising the total to about 260, as already stated. Had all the brethren who tendered their services remained firm to the last, the number would have been much more considerable; but one of the chief difficulties with which the Secretaries of our Institutions have to contend in connection with their Festival arrangements is that brethren give in their names as Stewards and withdraw them at the last moment, or only a short time before the Festival is appointed to be held, when it is difficult, and in some cases impossible, to replace them with advantage. The Secretaries are well aware that many of their disappointments in this respect are unavoidable; but it is none the less vexatious when they find that lodges and even provinces, on whose assistance they had been reckoning, are left Stewardless when there is no time to make good the default. However, the arrangements are about as complete as they can be, and if they are not as promising as we have known them at former Festivals, we have still the consolation of knowing that no effort will be spared in order to realise, as nearly as possible, the total that is needed.

The New Dist. G.M. of Malta, who was Dist. G. Master of the Punjab from 1874 to 1881. The selection of a brother who has already presided over one district abroad to be the Grand Master of another district is of rare occurrence in our annals. We have known instances in which a brother has been Grand Master of more than one Province, and the Duke of CONNAUGHT at the present time is Prov. Grand Master of Sussex and Dist. Grand Master of Bombay, while Bro. LORD HARLECH is Prov. G.M. of North Connaught under the Irish, and Prov. G.M. of North Wales under the English, Constitution. Moreover, Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart., is Dist. G.M., or P.G.M. of Victoria, under the Constitutions of England, Ireland, and Scotland. Perhaps the nearest case is that of Bro. JOHN WILLIAMS, who was D.G.M. of New South Wales from 1861 to 1867, and was appointed a second time in 1877, and still retains his position. However, the point is immaterial, except as showing the appreciation in which the Masonic services of Bro. Colonel RAMSAY are held by his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER, and we congratulate both our respected brother on the latest honour conferred upon him, and the District Grand Lodge of Malta on the appointment of so distinguished a Mason as its ruler.

It is gratifying to learn from the report for the year 1887, which was presented by the Committee at the annual meeting of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution on the 27th of January last, that the position of this important provincial organisation is as prosperous as ever. It is true that owing to the great efforts made by the lodges in the Province in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution during the past year, the donations and subscriptions from these bodies show a considerable diminution as compared with 1886, but as a set off against the loss thus sustained, those from individual brethren have been substantially increased. The income from all sources amounted to a fraction over £785, while the expenditure was between £452 and £453, the balance thus accruing to the Institution at the close of the year's operations being in excess of £332. The grants in relief were four in number and amounted to £50, while the Educational grants were 29 in number and reached nearly £253. But the point on which the General Committee very properly lay the greatest stress is the small outlay incurred for expenses of management, which for the year just terminated only slightly exceeded £80. The invested property of the Institution, including Government Stock and railway scrip to the value of £512 10s. purchased during the year, is over £6711, and the balance remaining at the bankers and in hand at the close of the account was a few shillings short of £560. The number of children assisted by the Charity is 33, as against 30 in 1886, and one who was formerly on the fund is now in the Boys' School at Wood Green on the Blair Presentation. In fine, the East Lancashire Charitable organisation is well managed and generously supported. It has done good service in the past, and it does not need the gift of prophecy to foretell that under the able administration of its General Committee it cannot fail to be as prosperous in the future as in the past. We congratulate the President of the Institution—Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M.—the Committee, and the officers, on the success of the past year's proceedings.

A Mason's Criticism of "Freemasonry." WE are not surprised that the article on "Freemasonry," which we have reproduced from the columns of the *Echo* of last week should have evoked some unfavourable criticism. Every society which has a plan or system of operations of its own, and follows it out strictly, is sure to have almost as many enemies, or, at all events, hostile critics, as it has friends. Those who understand or have benefited by its plan of work can hardly praise it sufficiently, while those who do not understand it or have not benefited are equally loud in their condemnation. But it passes our comprehension that an hostile critic of this article should have been found in a brother Mason who, though his personal experiences have been unfortunate, must be well aware that the interior arrangements of our Society, for the relief of distressed members as in all other things, are governed by a set of laws, known as the Constitutions, and that those who break or do not observe those laws have only themselves to blame if their endeavour to effect the purpose they have in view result in failure. Every brother must sympathise with one who has been in the position in which "ANTI-HUMBUG" describes himself to have been "in the depth of last winter," when he found himself "in an empty house, without even a chair to sit on," and his "children lying on the bare boards." Much, too, may be forgiven to a man who, being in such dire necessity and not obtaining instantly the relief he so urgently needed, interprets, in his anger, the slight delay that must necessarily have occurred before his wants could be alleviated, as a direct and absolute refusal. But possibly the very natural pride of a man who has known better circumstances may not have allowed him to disclose the full extent of his misery, and the lodge, not knowing how immediate was his want, may have referred him to the Grand Secretary, while the latter, after giving him a form of application to the Board of Benevolence would properly refer him back to his lodge in order that it might receive the sanction of its recommendation. This, indeed, according to his own showing, is what did take place, and had he been able to wait, the relief would have been no doubt forthcoming. But we venture to say there is not a lodge in the kingdom, which, if it had known he was without food and a chair to sit upon, and that his children were "lying on the bare boards," would not have supplied him, by individual subscription, if not out of the lodge funds, with sufficient for the immediate necessities of himself and his family. We fear that "ANTI-HUMBUG" has overstepped the limits of just criticism, and before passing any opinion upon the circumstances as described by him, we should like to hear what his lodge has to say upon the subject.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Home.

THIS Institution, though it has been in existence only a very few years, is already firmly established. It is entirely free from debt, and the permanent fund amounts to a goodly sum. The management is well ordered, and the comfort of the inmates studiously looked after. Moreover, it seems to be growing in favour with our Pennsylvanian brethren, as is shown by the successful endeavours which are constantly being made in fresh directions in order to raise the funds necessary for its maintenance and further development. Indeed, the plan adopted by one of the lodges of contributing half a dollar per member for the year, and in another case of setting up a Home Contribution box in the lodge, might be followed with considerable advantage by our own lodges, many of which are only non-contributors, because the requirements of our Charities are not constantly or frequently being brought under their notice. At all events, the lodges in the *Keystone* state are generously supporting their new Charity, and we congratulate both the founders and officers on the success they have achieved.

CONSECRATION OF THE COWPER AND NEWTON LODGE, No. 2244.

Thursday, the 9th inst., will doubtless be a red letter day for many a long year in the annals of Freemasonry at Olney, for it was the day appointed for the consecration of a new lodge, to be called "The Cowper and Newton," No. 2244. The founders of the lodge had worked energetically to promote the success of the proceedings, and it is very gratifying to themselves and also to the visitors to find that they were rewarded with a large measure. The brethren assembled at the lodge room, which has been specially prepared and goes under the title of "Masonic Room." The furniture is unique, and bespeaks a very careful selection on the part of those entrusted with this duty.

After the register had been duly attested, the brethren repaired to the parish church, where a special and appropriate service was held. The sacred edifice, the chancel of which was nicely decorated, was nearly filled with an interested congregation, a large number of ladies being present, who seemed to manifest much concern in the proceedings. The brethren were in full regalia. The service was conducted by the vicar, the Rev. J. P. Langley, the lessons being read by Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M., and P.G.C., the first lesson being the 13th verse of the 9th chapter of Exodus, and the second, part of the 24th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The hymn, "O praise our God to-day," was sung by the choir. Mr. Wright, organist, presided at the organ during the service.

Bro. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG preached the sermon. He took as his text the 12th and part of the 13th verse of the 48th Psalm, "Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks." He said:

These words, and the preceding ones, which I have read as my text, form part of the Psalms appointed for to day's service. My brethren, they contain, I think, a very deep lesson—one specially suited to our thoughts to-day. The psalmist is thinking of one of the eastern cities—probably the city of Jerusalem—thinking of her as she stands there in the midst of the plains surrounded by bulwarks and towers, points from which she could see the enemy approaching—obstacles which would prevent him coming in and laying desolate her fairness. And surely there are in these thoughts teachings to us that in all those things which affect either our spiritual or our social state, we should avail ourselves of those helps, those means of grace and positions of protection which God has ever given to us. Remember, my brethren, in this world we have ever to be fighting with enemies who are dangerous, and who ever watchful to find out the way or the points of weakness through which they may most easily attack us. We are living in days of great spiritual blessing. There never was a time when perhaps religious truths were so distinctly and so lovingly taught as at the present moment in God's holy Church. God's holy word is now so cheap that a few pence may purchase the inestimable boon and prize the possession. God's grace is offered to all who will freely have it, lovingly and persistently. But perhaps because God has showered His blessing upon the English Church, her enemies are more active and aggressive; and because there is an advance throughout the country in holiness, the enemy is anxious and eager to see how he may retard the further progress of our nation in the Christian course. Therefore we are living in days when organisations of all kinds are attacking our spiritual liberties and our social order. There never was a time when the enemy was more loudly clamorous, knocking against the tower which he promises to profane. Never were unloyalty and treason more defiantly proclaimed than now. Therefore this is a time to "mark well her bulwarks" and to see what these means of protection are which God has placed within our reach, both as English Churchmen and citizens. And such an institution as the one in our thoughts (this is distinctly not a religious society, and does not pretend to any one phase of religion) is distinctly one, but not the only one, of the many bulwarks which will stand us in good stead in regard to our religion and our nation against the attack of the enemy. I think we ought, as Freemasons, to be ready to explain more fully to the outside world that we are something more than a mere Charitable Institution, and something more than a mere social club; that we do profess to be and have ever been the defenders of social and moral order. Though we take no part either in religion or politics, we cheerfully conform to the rules of our country, and are ever on the side of law and order. We join together in this—that we are the supporters of our Queen, our religion, and our country. We are loyal citizens. We are men, it may be, of different feelings as to religious matters, but we are still bound together, and say that those liberties we claim for ourselves we are ready to allow to others. If (and I believe this is your desire) the new lodge founded in this town desires this as its motto—that it will seek to be foremost in maintaining patriotism, loyalty, and good order—do see that these great objects are borne out by your private and social lives. Remember this, in a little place like Olney, a lodge which cannot possibly hope to be enormous is much before the public. Remember that every member of a Mason's lodge lives before his neighbour, so that his faults and his failings are known to even all those with whom he lives. Oh, then, let us see that those high motives, those high aims, those high objects which we profess in our lodge are borne out by the lives which we live outside the lodge. Let us maintain the high character of our lodge by making it clear to the world that our Masonic profession is not one merely of words, but of deeds. So may God in His mercy help us in this, not the only one of the many bulwarks by which, in these difficult times, order and loyalty may be preserved for our country and our Queen.

Having pronounced the Benediction, the brethren left the church for the lodge-room. Amongst those present were the following: Bros. R. Bradley, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. S. of W.; T. Taylor, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W.; L. Cooper, P.M.; C. W. Guille, P.M.; H. H. Booth, W.M.; E. Carr, Prov.

G.O.; A. J. Coales, P.M.; C. P. Lochner; J. C. Hipwell; J. R. Wilmer, P.M.; T. Cannon, J. Cannon, H. G. Hipwell, W. G. Wilmer, G. H. Sampson, A. T. Bailey, W. Merrikin, F. W. Parmeter, Rev. C. M. Ottley, S.W.; G. E. King; I. Wright, Tyler; J. Line, P.M. 1410, Prov. G.S.; W. Fitch, P.M. 1410 and 1797; S. Kilpin, P.M.; A. H. Allen, W.M.; F. W. Webb, J.W.; A. E. Anthony; F. Thompson, P.M.; E. Billson, P.M.; S. Foster; H. Osborne, P.M.; D. Bower; M. Whyley, P.M. 540; W. Swannell and R. Whitworth, 360; T. T. Coles; Rev. F. R. Harnett, J.W. 840 and 859, P.P.G.C.; J. Lewis, 1670; F. D. Bull, P.M., and H. Pike, J.W. 1630; W. J. Brown, J.W. 506; and others.

The consecrating officers were Bros. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, as W.M.; J. R. Wilmer, as S.W.; A. J. Coales, as J.W.; and T. Taylor, as D.C.

The ceremony of consecration concluded, Bro. L. Cooper was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following officers were invested or elected: Bros. Guille, S.W.; H. H. Booth, J.W.; Rev. G. F. Sams, Chap.; C. P. Lochner, Treas.; W. Swannell, Sec.; J. C. Hipwell, S.D.; H. G. Hipwell, J.D.; T. Cannon, D.C.; and others.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren repaired to the Bull Hotel, where Bro. T. Cannon had provided a capital banquet, at which Bro. L. Cooper, the newly-installed W.M., presided. The table decorations were kindly lent by Major Lochner, amongst which was a beautiful "Freesia Alba Refracta."

The toast list was as follows: "The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master, Sir D. Gooch," "The Very Worshipful the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, and the principal Consecrating Officers," "The Worshipful Master," "The Consecrating Officers," "The Founders of the Lodge," "The Charities," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and "The Tyler."

The National Anthem brought a very pleasant gathering to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS—BENEVOLENT, GIRLS' AND BOYS'.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL TABLES From 1881-1887 inclusive.

NAME.	Ann. Aver. Subs. for the 7 years.	Cost this Year.	Excess.	Deficiency.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
London	21447 3 11	10417 8 3	11029 15 8	—
Beds	32 2 11	Nil.	32 2 11	—
Berks and Bucks	622 13 8	147 4 6	475 11 2	—
Bristol	193 1 7	240 6 7½	—	47 5 0½
Cambridge... ..	191 3 0	80 6 7½	110 16 4½	—
Cheshire	329 1 7	733 11 1½	—	404 9 4½
Cornwall	288 3 7	435 3 6	—	146 19 11
Cumb. and Westmorland.	314 3 10	221 13 9	92 10 1	—
Derby	595 1 8	189 13 9	205 7 11	—
Devon	331 18 9	1126 11 0	—	794 12 3
Dorset	210 4 3	331 10 1½	—	121 5 10½
Durham	402 9 4	449 10 6	—	47 1 2
Essex	728 14 10	589 11 1½	139 3 8½	—
Gloucester	771 15 7	503 14 1½	268 1 5½	—
Hants	1187 16 8	1232 9 3½	—	44 12 7½
Hereford	22 0 0	Nil.	22 0 0	—
Herts	604 12 11	265 7 3	339 5 8	—
Kent	1591 11 7	1790 9 9	—	198 18 2
Lanc. E.	871 7 8	1583 17 6	—	712 9 10
Lanc. W.	697 2 5	1009 1 7½	—	311 19 2½
Leicester & Rutland	315 17 3	109 7 1½	206 10 1½	—
Lincoln	21 10 5	502 7 3	—	480 10 10
Middlesex	1018 14 6	551 1 3	467 13 3	—
Monmouth... ..	272 9 2	181 1 1½	91 8 0½	—
Norfolk	193 1 1	473 10 6	—	280 9 5
* N. Wales	163 6 2	268 6 3	—	105 0 1
Norths and Hunts..	124 1 2	235 3 6	—	111 2 4
Northumberland ...	358 2 1	370 7 6	—	21 5 5
Notts	300 10 6	106 16 10½	193 13 10½	—
Oxford	277 17 8	144 13 3	133 4 5	—
* Shropshire	236 3 10	106 16 10½	129 6 11½	—
Somerset	529 1 4	501 17 9	27 3 7	—
S. Wales, E.	371 18 4	326 0 4½	55 17 11½	—
S. Wales, W.	210 12 2	302 7 0	—	91 13 10
Stafford	528 3 8	462 10 6	165 13 2	—
Suffolk	566 5 3	828 18 0½	—	262 12 9½
Surrey	700 0 10	227 10 1½	472 9 8½	—
Sussex	880 3 10	627 4 10½	252 18 11½	—
Warwickshire	445 6 0	609 17 0½	—	164 11 0½
Wiltshire	287 8 8	280 4 0	7 4 8	—
Worcester	396 11 2	279 17 4½	116 13 10	—
York, N. & E.	599 8 10	637 11 1½	—	128 2 3½
York, West	2261 4 8	2407 13 0	—	146 8 4
Channel Islands ...	199 8 5	403 3 6	—	203 15 1
Colonies	139 0 9	1094 12 4½	—	955 11 7½

* These two Provinces formerly joined, now only two years separate existence, therefore the Subscriptions for 1881-2-3-4 and 5 have been divided.

The Tables from whence these figures are compiled and summarised, are taken from the Annual Festival Reports for the years 1881-87 inclusive, and from the General Reports issued by the several Institutions for this year, but does not include the Perpetual Presentations purchased by Kent, E. Lancashire, W. Yorkshire and others.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
As from various unforeseen causes, the respective Tables for each Institution have appeared at such long intervals in your columns, I thought it as well to summarise them for the more ready apprehension of your readers.—Yours truly and fraternally,
February 21, J. 174.

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

(Continued from page 107).

It was then moved by Bro. Charles Marsh, seconded by Bro. Thomas Jacobs, and carried unanimously—" (1) That this lodge do act in strict conformity to the said Acts of Parliament; (2) That Bro. Thomas Rockett, the present R.W.M., and Bro. Charles Marsh, the present Past Master, do take the oath required by the said Act; (3) That the said R.W. Master, Past Master, and Bro. Thomas Jacobs, Secretary, be a Committee to make out a list of the present subscribing members agreeable to the form sent by the Grand Lodge, together with copy of the oath so taken, and enrol the same with Charles Edwards, Esq., Chard, Clerk of the Peace for this county, on or before the 11th day of September next." This was reported to have been duly done at the next meeting of the lodge, on the 11th day of September, and the certificate of oath is set out in the minutes of that meeting, together with a copy of the first return to Quarter Sessions and Grand Lodge. The number of subscribing members so returned was only 21. The earlier years of Masonry in Taunton were not prosperous. The lodges were not well attended, and initiates were few. The fabric, in fact, threatened to collapse, for when the third annual return to Grand Lodge was made, it became necessary to consider, in obedience to instructions from Grand Lodge, whether the Constitution of the lodge should be continued. The true Masonic spirit asserted itself, however, or the Taunton Freemasons would not that day be celebrating their centenary. The lodge decided to support the Constitution, but it was found advisable to remind the brethren that it was their duty to pay up their arrears, the Grand Secretary informing them that no brother could be relieved from the fund of Charity, or be admitted a member of the Masonic Benefit Society, or have his daughters received into the Freemasons' Schools, unless his name appeared in the books of Grand Lodge and his fees were paid. It may be interesting to state that the certificate of membership, now granted under the hand and seal of the Grand Master of England and the Grand Secretary, was then granted by the lodge itself. This was the form of it:—"In the East, where silence rose. Lodge of 'Unanimity and Sincerity,' No. 433. These are to certify that Brother A. B. was regularly made a Mason, and admitted to the kind degree of Mason in our Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held in the town of Taunton, and county of Somerset, and numbered as above, and has behaved during his stay with us as becomes a true and faithful Mason, and as such we recommend him to all regular Lodges throughout the world after due trial and examination, and in case of death or otherwise this might be made an improper use of, we have caused him to sign his name on the margin. Given under our hands and seal of our lodge in Taunton this — day of — and — of Masonry." This form was signed by the R.W.M., the two Wardens, and the Secretary. For seven or eight years after the crisis to which we have alluded, the history of the lodge is nothing more than a record of successive initiations, &c. On April 11th, however, Bro. T. Jacobs being then Master, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened under its banner at the Market House for the purpose of conducting an important local ceremony, namely, laying the foundation-stone of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital. The event is discussed in the lodge minute books with the following brief notice:—"This meeting of brethren was called on this day by the P.G.M. for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, which was instituted on the Jubilee-day in the 50th year of the reign of his present Majesty King George III. The brethren from the different lodges in this county were summoned for attendance by the P.G.M., and the assemblage of brethren which met on this laudable occasion amounted to two hundred and twenty in number. A procession was formed under the direction of Brother Jacobs, the P.G.S.W., to whom the highest encomiums were passed for his regular order and Masonic zeal. The procession went from the Market House to St. Mary Magdalene's, where an appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. Guerin, the P.G. Chaplain, after which the brethren marched to the spot, where the foundation-stone was laid in true Masonic order. The whole procession returned to Mr. Upham's, at the Market House, where a room was fitted up in triumphal and architectural style, and an elegant dinner was provided. The whole of the brethren dined and spent the day in conviviality and brotherly love." The Taunton Lodge was strongly represented in P.G. Lodge at this time. The P.G.M. was John Leigh, Esq. Bro. H. Sully and Bro. T. Jacobs held the offices of P.G. Senior and Junior Wardens, Bro. J. Pinchard was P.G. Treasurer, Bro. Robert Kinglake was P.G. Sword Bearer, Bro. Richard White was P.G. Architect, Bro. Guerin, Chaplain, and Bros. J. Buncombe and W. Beadon, Stewards. For several years subsequent to this event Freemasonry in Taunton suffered depression, but in 1817 the light which had been temporarily obscured shone forth with renewed brilliancy, and the lodge enjoyed an era of unexampled prosperity. Under the zealous guidance of Bro. Arthur Chichester, the P.G.M., the province displayed renewed Masonic zeal, and his presence at Taunton to initiate some of the leading townsmen of that day, including Sir Thomas Lethbridge, T. M. Chater, Esq., Mr. Robert Beadon, Mr. Charles Cox (father of the late Sergeant Cox), Mr. J. W. Marriott, and others, revived the drooping hopes of those who feared that Freemasonry would become extinct. The lodge entered upon a new era, initiations were numerous and frequent, and in various ways the lodge showed signs of prosperity. At this time what is known as the Union took place, and the Master Masons of the lodge assembled on Tuesday, November 11, for the purpose of taking the Union obligation, according to the regulations of Grand Lodge. The brethren were not slow to evince their gratitude to Bro. Arthur Chichester for his zeal as Provincial Grand Master, and a dutiful and loyal address was presented to the then Grand Master, the Duke of Sussex, thanking him for placing such an able and enthusiastic Mason at their head. The installation of Bro. Chichester took place at the Market House, Taunton, on the 30th of December, 1817, and the occasion was one of much splendour. At one o'clock on that day a procession, formed in proper Masonic order, moved to St. Mary Magdalene's Church, and Divine service was performed by Bro. Cresswell, Chaplain of the Lodge of Perpetual Friendship, at Bridgwater, and an

appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. Lethbridge, Chaplain of the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, Taunton. A Masonic anthem, written by Bro. Cummins, of the Royal York Lodge, Bristol, and composed by Bro. Field, of Bath, was sung at this service. The increased vitality of the lodge at this period was indicated in several ways. A lodge of instruction was started, the minor offices of lodges were filled, a Masonic library was commenced, and material of the accepted nature was added to the fabric. Much of this prosperity was due to the exertions of Bro. J. Pinchard, during whose term of office the strength and influence of the lodge increased; and the brethren did not allow his services to pass without recognition, for upon his vacating the chair of K.S. in 1818 in favour of Bro. Chas. Kemeys Kemeys-Tynte, a vote of thanks was recorded in the lodge minutes for his zeal in the cause of Masonry in general, and the interests of this lodge in particular, during the time of his filling the office of W.M., a period unprecedented in the annals of the lodge for the number of Masons admitted as members and the number of Masons made in the lodge. At this time, as we have stated, the Duke of Sussex was Grand Master of the Order, and under his zealous guidance English Freemasonry attained to a high and an honourable position. The Taunton Lodge testified to his Masonic worth by resolving, February 11th, 1818, on the motion of Bro. Pinchard, that his Royal Highness be applied to for leave to add to the title of the lodge by naming it "The Royal Sussex Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity." This was seconded by Bro. Lake, the most efficient Secretary, and adopted, but the title was subsequently dropped. In 1820 Bro. C. Kemeys-Tynte succeeded Bro. Arthur Chichester in the Grand Mastership of the province, and the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, then numbered 497, approached him with their fraternal congratulations. On February 4th, 1821, the members made arrangements for laying the cornerstone of the new Market House, and the ceremony was subsequently performed with Masonic honours. For 10 or 12 years subsequent to this event the lodge pursued the even tenour of its way, and nothing occurred save a change of number to 327 in January, 1833, during the Mastership of Bro. Eales White, to disturb the even cause of Masonic labour. The lodge was soon after removed from the London Inn to Mrs. Sweet's, and thence to Fackrell's Hotel, next to Gill's Hotel, and subsequently to Clarke's Hotel. On the 3rd of August, 1858, the lodge met to receive the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the new tower of St. Mary Magdalene, which ceremony was duly performed with Masonic honours. This was a grand day in Taunton. The procession marched to the site of the tower in regular Masonic order, accompanied by banners, flags, bands of music, the public schools, and operative Masons, from the Shire Hall, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was held, through Shuttern, into High-street, down through and back North-street, and round the Parade. The foundation-stone was duly laid at the north-east corner, Colonel Kemeys-Tynte, the Provincial Grand Master, performing the ceremony, and he was assisted by Bro. D. Falconer, Provincial Grand Treasurer; Bros. Abraham, Hellard, and Buckler, bearing the elements of consecration. They afterwards attended Divine service in the church, where the sermon was preached by Bro. the Vicar of Yeovil, Provincial Grand Chaplain. In November, 1860, the death of the Right Worshipful Master, Colonel Tynte, was announced to the lodge, who passed a vote of condolence with his family, and expressed their deep sense of the loss which the province had sustained by his lamented death, and for a short time the Mastership was held by Capt. Bridge. On September 30th, 1863, at an ordinary monthly meeting of the lodge, the Worshipful Master, Dr. Woodforde, reported that he had received a letter from the Grand Secretary, dated 6th July, announcing that, in consequence of the revision of the register of the several lodges, the lodge would in future be known by No. 261, instead of 327 as heretofore. On January 27th, 1864, the present popular Worshipful Master was elected to the high and responsible position of Grand Master of the Province, a circumstance upon which the lodge felt naturally proud, seeing that he was a Past Grand of 261, and had been connected with it for many years. The P.G.M. appropriately held his first P.G. Lodge at Taunton, which accordingly took place at the Shire Hall. The next appearance of the brethren of the lodge before the public was on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the Taunton College School, now the King's College, which took place on the 10th of April, 1868, when there was a grand procession of inhabitants to the site at Mountlands, where the ceremony was performed by the then Worshipful Master, Bro. Clarke, who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. H. J. Adair, as Chaplain; Bro. W. Reed, as Past Master; Bro. Butler, as Senior Warden; and Bro. Lake, as Junior Warden. On the 7th of October, in the same year, a motion of regret at the retirement from the Provincial Grand Mastership of Col. Adair was passed by the Lodge, and at the same time an address of congratulation was forwarded to the Earl of Carnarvon on his appointment to that important office, a position which his lordship has filled to this day. Bro. Charles Lake, who had held the office of Lodge Secretary for five and twenty years, during perhaps its most prosperous period, died in 1870, amidst the profound regret of the brethren, and a vote of condolence was passed on the occasion. From this date until the beginning of 1879 the records of the lodge contain nothing more important than the ordinary routine business, but the increasing number of initiations testify to the increasing popularity of the lodge and the growth of Masonic spirit. In January, 1879, a very important and desirable departure was made in the history of the lodge, for on the 13th of that month the brethren met to consecrate a new hall. It had long been felt that in their very nature licensed premises were unsuitable to the due observance of Masonic rites, and an opportunity having arisen the brethren purchased the Masonic Hall, which was elegantly fitted up for the future work of Freemasonry. The credit of this important movement is due to Bros. Villar, Meyler, Adams, Showers, Pollard, and others. A limited liability company was formed, entirely composed of Masons, with a capital of £1500 in £5 shares, most of which have now been taken up. A fair proportion of these shares have fallen into the lodge by a very laudable practice which has arisen among the brethren of presenting their shares to the lodge upon passing the chair, so that eventually the hall, which is now the property of the company, will become the absolute property of the lodge itself. Since then considerable alterations and im-

provements have been made, and the lodge can now boast of having one of the most suitable and spacious Masonic halls in the Province of Somerset. The ceremony of dedication, as we have said, took place on Monday, January 13th, 1879, in the presence of a large gathering of brethren from all parts of Somerset and the neighbouring provinces. The ceremony commenced with Divine service at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, which the brethren attended in full Masonic regalia. The sermon was preached by the then Chaplain of the lodge, Bro. the Rev. I. Randell. The ceremony of consecration was performed by the R.W. P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, who was assisted by Bro. Else, D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Woodforde, P.P.G.W., and Bro. T. Meyler, P.P.G.R. This was succeeded by a banquet at the Victoria Rooms, over which the Earl of Carnarvon presided, The Master at the time was Bro. W. Adams, to whom, and to Bro. Villar, is also due the initiation of a scheme by which the voting power of the lodge in connection with the Masonic Charities has been more than trebled during the last decade. Thus from a small and almost insignificant organisation in Taunton, meeting in a small and insignificant private room, with scarcely 20 members, this lodge has grown to a society of more than 100 subscribing members, meeting in its own noble hall in the Crescent, flourishing in funds, and delighting in those Masonic excellences which it is the pride and joy of all good Masons to cultivate. It attains its 100th year under especially favourable circumstances, and promises, important as it now is, to become a still more influential society in the town and province.

It may be interesting to state that prior to the removal of the Ilminster Lodge to Taunton a Freemasons' lodge existed in the town under the name of the St. George's Lodge, which met at the Fountain Inn. It was limited by its rules to about a score of members, who, from the minutes that are in the possession of Bro. T. Meyler, Town Clerk of Taunton, evidently comprised the leading inhabitants of the town. How that lodge became extinct, or whether it was merged into the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, does not appear from the records to which reference has been made.

MASONIC BALL OF THE WHITWELL LODGE, No. 1390, AT MILLOM.

The second annual ball under the auspices of the Whitwell Lodge, No. 1390, and under the patronage of Earl Bective, M.P., R.W.P.G.M.; Bros. L. F. B. Dicks, Dovenby Hall, Cockermouth, D.P.G.M.; Lieut.-Col. Sewell, D.P.G.M.M.; Lord Muncaster, M.P., P.P.S. G.W.; Sir James Ramsden, P.G.D. England; H. Cook, P.P.S.G.W.; and J. Lindow Burns-Lindow, P.D.P.G.M., was held in the County Hall, Millom, on Friday, the 3rd inst.

As at the previous ball, the room, which is a very large and commodious one, was divided into two unequal parts, the smaller part being retained for the supper-room and buffet, whilst the larger was set aside for dancing. The room was most elaborately decorated with plants, mirrors, flags, festoons in holly, &c.; two photographs of the Right Worshipful Grand Master being placed in a prominent position. The lodge banner was placed at the head of the room, as was the lodge number (1390) in the gas jets. The floor was covered with holland, which gave general satisfaction.

All arrangements were carried out by a strong committee, and especial credit is due to Bro. J. Atkinson for his indefatigable exertions to make the ball a success. Large vases were placed at each corner of the room, in which were placed large acacias, which added much to the beauty of the room. Dancing commenced at nine p.m., to the strains of Haslam's Quadrille Band, which gave the greatest satisfaction. Bros. John Mills, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.O.; and G. Hill, P.M., ably acted as M.C.'s.

During the evening the members of the different Degrees appeared in full dress in the following order: Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, Red Cross, and Knight Templar, which greatly enhanced the pleasure of those present.

The supper and refreshment department was under the management of Bro. R. Shepherd, of the West County Hotel, who made an excellent spread and gave every satisfaction. There were two sittings down to supper, the tables not being able to hold the large number present.

At the conclusion of the supper, the toast of "The Queen" was given and heartily drunk, and the National Anthem sung. Dancing was kept up with great spirit until six a.m.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. DR. F. E. POCOCK.

Bro. Dr. F. E. Pocock, of Kensington, P.M. and P.Z. 1891, and present M.E.Z. 1642, was, on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., presented by the Brussels Medical Graduates' Association with a handsome 18 carat gold keyless watch with centre seconds hand and a repeating action—just the very thing for a medical man. The testimonial also included a large solid silver centre piece, weighing about 130 or 140 ozs., and the Committee, still having a balance in hand, added a splendid electro-plated soup tureen. These articles were accompanied by a beautifully executed illustrated address, setting forth that the members of the Association were desirous of showing their appreciation of the services rendered by Bro. Pocock during the nearly 10 years that he had acted as Honorary Secretary to the Association. All the articles bore Bro. Pocock's monogram, as well as the following inscription: "Presented to F. Ernest Pocock, Esq., M.D., by the Brussels Medical Graduates' Association, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him as Honorary Secretary during nearly 10 years. February 16, 1888."

Among those present on the occasion we noticed several prominent Freemasons, among others Bros. Dr. Dantord Thomas, Coroner for Middlesex; Dr. Beresford Kyles, Dr. D. S. Skinner, P.P.G.W. Devon; Dr. A. W. Orwin and Dr. W. Gayton (who acted as Honorary Secretary) and Treasurer respectively to the Testimonial Committee, and many others.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., was present at the Council which the Queen held at Windsor on Tuesday, and kissed hands on appointment to the Presidency of the Board of Trade.

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To Correspondents.

I.P.M. and OLD P.M.—We see no objection to a W.M.
elect taking the O.B. without dictation; but we think it is
always better in matters of this kind to fall in with the
ordinary usage of the lodge.

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

CRAFT LODGES—Arboretum, No. 731; Windsor Castle,
No. 771; City of London, No. 901; Chiswick, No.
2012; and Wharton, No. 2045.

District Grand Lodge of Jamaica.
History of No. 76, Winchester.
Annual Supper of the Ivy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1441.
City of Westminster Lodge Ball.
History of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Keystone," "Australian Keystone," "Orient," "Boletín
Oficial," "Die Bauhütte," and "New Zealand Masonic Journal."



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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—with certain necessary limits—free
discussion.]

EARLY MASONRY IN CHESHIRE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Through the courtesy of Bro. J. C. Robinson, of
Chester, I am enabled to furnish the date of Constitution
of the Swan Lodge at Neston, No. 457, of 1769.

The *Chester Courant* of Tuesday, 24th January, 1769,
contains the following: "On Tuesday last [17th January]
the Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy and Wardens of
the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and
Accepted Masons assembled at the Star Inn, in Watergate-
street, in this city, where they Constituted a Lodge (under
his Grace the Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master) to be held
at the Swan, in Great Neston, near Parkgate; and which
'tis hoped by that Ancient and Honourable Fraternity will
be a means of reforming many abuses lately practised on
the aforesaid Society for want of a regular constituted and
well governed lodge."

The latter sentence may have reference to the working
of the "Ancient" or "Athol" Lodge, No. 41, warranted
10th December, 1758, to meet at the "Ship-in-Launch at
Park Gate," distant only about half a mile from Neston,
but the curious fact in the above extract is that the cere-
mony of constitution was formed in a town other than that
in which the lodge was intended to meet.

With the exception of the "South Australian Lodge of
Friendship," No. 613, of 22nd October, 1834, which was
"opened at No. 7, John-street, Adelphi, London" [vide
"Masonic Records," p. 158.] I am not aware of another
instance of this kind. If any readers of the *Freemason*
possess similar information, they will confer a favour by
kindly making it known.—Yours fraternally,

February 18th.

JNO. LANE.

AN OLD LODGE AT CHICHESTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your correspondent, Bro. Lane, is in error in attributing the remarks made at the Lodge of Union banquet, and reported in the *Freemason* of the 11th inst., to Bro. Molesworth. That worthy brother was good enough to propose my health as W.M. of the lodge, and, as Bro. Lane will see if he again refers to the report, I, in my response, introduced the subject of the antiquity of Masonry in Chichester and the long connection which has existed between the lodges and the family of the Duke of Richmond, whose youngest son I had just invested as my S.W.

I had before me "The New Book of Constitutions," published by James Anderson, D.D., in 1738. This volume, which is now the property of the Lodge of Union, No. 38, has the following autograph inscription:

"To the Right Worshipful Master, & Wardens & the rest of the brethren of the holy lodge of St. John, now kept at the White Horse, in the South Street, in the City of Chichester: This book of the Constitutions of Masonry is presented by their most affectionate brother,

"RICHMOND, LENOX & AUBIGNY.

"April 28: A.L. 5739."

At page 192 of this volume I find the following:

"These and other Grand Masters have also granted Deputations at the Request of some good brothers in cities and towns throughout England for constituting the following lodges, as recorded in the Grand Lodge Books, and in the engraven List, who have their rank of seniority at the Grand Lodge according to the date of their constitution, viz."

Here follows a list of 47 lodges, the second in order being "Chichester at the White Horse, constituted 17th July, 1724 and meet 3rd Friday."

I dare say Bro. Lane is correct in his contention that the lodge originally met at the Swan. I was not concerned to prove where the lodge met, what I wanted to point out was that Masonry undoubtedly existed in Chichester at the end of the 17th and the beginning of the 18th centuries.

The word "consecrated" in the report should have been "constituted."—Yours fraternally,

J. H. HAWES,

February 22.

W.M. No. 38.

A QUESTION OF CUSTOM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to the letter of "W.M." in your issue of the 18th inst., I do not see that his answer to "ap's" query differs from mine, nor do I see that my opinion is not in accordance with Art 141 of the Book of Constitutions, of which I was quite aware when I wrote my letter. My opinion seems to have been confirmed by your correspondents regarding the status of a W.M. on the day of installation.—Yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES—A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me a few words in answer to the remarks of "Q" in your last number.

I gladly find that in his opinion I have "struck the right note in suggesting that some scheme should be formed and adopted for strengthening the permanent income of our Institutions," and that so far at least we are in unison; but he appears to fear that my plan would be found difficult of execution—granting there may be some difficulties in starting it, but I can see none that are either great or unsurmountable, which could not be overcome by a few earnest and energetic workers.

The plan would, of course, have to be carried out voluntarily—what in Freemasonry from our initiation onward is not so?—but I have not thought on anything so ridiculous as to compel a lodge to voluntarily give a guinea a year in perpetuity (the form in which "Q," not myself, places it). The proposed by-law would be the result of a voluntary vote of the members of the respective lodges, but it would not be compulsory on them in perpetuity, inasmuch as the by-law would at any time be subject to rescindment, but I think, if once passed, the chances of its abrogation would be slight indeed, and therefore I believe I was justified in using the word "reliable." "Q," as the result of such by-law, acknowledges that, while some lodges are generous in their contributions, others "give nothing." To get those nothings to contribute something is one of the objects I aim at. "Q" may be better acquainted than I am with the financial statistics of our Charities, and, if so, he would know what amount is contributed to them by the lodges, irrespective of the sums voted to the Stewards' lists and those obtained by the independent canvassing of the brethren by these Stewards. I cannot suppose that in that Society of men, one of whose proud boasts it is that the Charities of Freemasonry know no bounds but those of prudence, should withdraw their generosity because their lodge funds would be mulcted of a sum which, in, say, a lodge of 50 members, would represent 5d. a head, and in one of 100 2d. per head annually; and this collected in the same quiet and practically imperceptible manner, would be regarded as a matter-of-course transaction, as in the gathering of our Grand Lodge dues.

"Q" uses big words when he terms 2½d. a year or thereabouts a "forced levy," and yet he suggests that Grand Lodge should vote (I presume in perpetuity) £2000 annually to the Girls' and Boys' (he leaves the Old Men and Women out in the cold). Add £1000 to these, and £3000 would be required. I grant that this amount would be well expended, and would not be too much; but how is it to be obtained? Grand Lodge, I think, is not in possession of the "purse of Fortunatus." The requests of the Board of Benevolence are increasing, and in all probability will increase. How then is this additional great sum to be obtained? Only, I fear, by adding to our Grand Lodge dues, and thereby sensibly adding to the outgoings of our respective lodges. As to whether I propose that the provinces should be asked to contribute their quota to my plan, why not? They send up candidates for election to the Charities, and it would be unjust to them to imagine they would shrink from the opportunity of contributing to their efficiency in so inexpensive a manner.

I agree with "Q" as to the amazing development of Freemasonry during the Victorian era, but with this strength there are also the elements of weakness. Our "Institutions" have had many years of the "fat-fleshed and well-favoured kine," but among them there are, and always will be, many "poor and ill-fleshed," and it therefore behoves us to be cautious that Grand Lodge, which I will call the pastures from which so much charitable food is obtained, be not imprudently eaten up.—I remain, Sir, fraternally yours,

S. VALLENTINE, P.M. 9.

February 20th.

THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I would suggest that as our W. Bro. Terry is himself the Steward representing the lodge of which he is the first W. Master (I forget name and number) that all brethren not otherwise subscribing, who can afford to do so, send him a guinea (or more) each to add to his list, for next Wednesday's Festival.

As I am not otherwise subscribing, I enclose cheque for one guinea, and may I ask you of your kindness to forward it to Bro. Terry.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

22nd February.

P.S. Prov. G.W.

[This is a capital idea, and we trust will be productive of a substantial addition to Bro. Terry's list. We shall have much pleasure in forwarding the cheque as requested.—Ed. F.M.]

MASTERS' LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow me to ask, through the medium of your columns, if any of your readers who are members of installed Masters' lodges will kindly send me copies of their by-laws? I shall be glad to return such, if required, and promptly acknowledge the kindness.—Yours truly and fraternally,

Bradford, Feb. 23rd.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.



FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR DORSET, 1888.

This most useful and exhaustive Masonic Directory is now in its 20th year of issue, so is one of the oldest of the kind, if not the senior. It is ably edited by Bro. John A. Sherren, of Weymouth, the publisher, who deserves much more support than he has, as yet, received from the province. It is edited on same lines as formerly, and affords so much information that it would almost puzzle a "Philadelphia Lawyer" to suggest any improvements or additions. We note, however, that Bro. Sherren gives this year as A.L. "5892," instead of A.L. 5888. We much prefer the latter to m of chronology, not because, as a matter of fact, one is more correct than the other, but we do well to follow the usage of our Grand Lodge. A fresh list is given, after the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, peculiar to this edition, and not, we believe, in any other calendar. It is the roll of "Members of Provincial Grand Lodge not holding Past Rank as officers of Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset." Owing to Dorset not containing more than 13 lodges, the names are not numerous as in some provinces, the whole not exceeding 50, whereas in some Provincial Grand Lodges the list amounts to several hundreds. The statement of accounts are most valuable, as also the particulars respecting "The Dorset Masonic Charity," founded in 1880, in whose success our lamented friend Bro. Budden took such a lively interest. The rules are given, and many facts relating to that excellent Society, the successor in the Secretarial department being Bro. S. R. Baskett, who is one of the most zealous and efficient Craftsmen in the province. The list of votes in the Central Masonic Charities does not supply the totals, but it looks well. Thirteen stamps sent to the publisher at Weymouth will secure a copy by post, and be found a useful aid to any enquiring brother.

THE MASONIC YEAR BOOK FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE, 1888.

Bro. W. Spalding continues his labour of love, and, as usual, in a most attractive form. The Province is a small one, and so is the "Year Book," but there is no lack of information for those interested in that Province, and the Summary of the past year, customary with this publication, is given in a compact and readable form. The unusual fact, noted by the Editor, that out of 343 brethren in the Province, only one death was recorded in the year, is certainly a remarkable experience, and we sincerely hope, with Bro. Spalding, that as favourable result may be noted during 1888. This time the number of members is given under each lodge, which entirely meets our view in respect to such matters, only we still need a list of votes in the Masonic Charities for the Province. We again congratulate Bro. Spalding on the appearance of his protégé.

DEBRET'S PEERAGE, BARONETAGE, KNIGHTAGE, AND COMPANIONAGE for 1888. Illustrated. Royal Edition. 175th year of publication. London: DEAN AND SON, Publishers, 100a, Fleet-street, E.C.

Of a work which has been issued annually for so long a term of years, and the merits of which are so universally recognised, it is difficult, if not impossible, to say anything further in the way of comment or commendation than has been said already. The Royal Edition of "Debrett" was so nearly complete and accurate before, that the editor can have found little else to do in the compilation of this issue than carefully revise the contents of last year's edition, striking out whatever may have become unnecessary and inserting such new honours as the year 1887 may have produced. As it happened to be Jubilee year, these honours must have been far more numerous than in ordinary years; but the changes and emendations, the additions and deaths, appear to have been all most carefully and, as far as we have had an opportunity of testing the volume, accurately made, so that one step further has been made towards attaining that approach to completeness and perfection which alone is possible in a reference work of this class, the contents of which, from its very nature, must be always varying.



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BROTHER SPETH'S "FINDS," RE MSS.

Brother Speth has done well through his pilgrimage to Cheltenham, not only in tracing another Masonic MS., but in establishing the rather awkward fact, that what are known as "Wilson MSS., Nos. 1 and 2," (Gould's 6 and 7) are not the "Wilson MSS." at all. Our lamented Bro. Woodford considered he had traced the missing MS. to the Fenwick Collection at Cheltenham. Some of us thought it strange that there was a duplicate of same character and period, but felt persuaded that our departed friend had good grounds for his belief. Bro. Speth, however, through fixing the dates of the purchase by the previous owner of the MSS. in question, has demonstrated the impossibility of either of the documents being the celebrated MS. alluded to by Preston. They are now "Phillipp's MSS., 1 and 2," or in other words Gould's 6 and 7, but not "Wilson's." Phillipp's No. 3 (18,851 catalogue) entitled, "Constitutions of Masons," (of which Bro. Speth sent me a transcript, so as to determine its value and report in due course) does not seem to me to be an exact copy of any known original, but so far is a *sui generis*, the text being in some respects different to all others, though generally it partakes of Dr. Begemann's "Grand Lodge" Family. There are unusual departures from the regular text, which will require more attention and examination before I shall be quite qualified to speak definitely on the subject, beyond fixing the Class to which it belongs; of the latter there cannot be a doubt. The period of its transcription would have been dated about a quarter of a century earlier than that announced by Bro. Speth (1750—1725), but as our energetic Secretary has seen the MS., it is not for me to question his estimate. After Bros. Gould, Speth, and myself have been able to compare notes on the points involved, I shall hope to announce our united decision—approximately, of course—as to the character and date of the new MS. discovered or traced by our friend, who so kindly and promptly forwarded me the document for examination. Whilst writing on this interesting study I desire to make a correction. Dr. Begemann has "caught me napping." How the mistake arose is to me quite inexplicable, but the error is patent to all who have made themselves familiar with the 50 and more copies of the "Old Charges." In the Christmas Number of the *Freemason MSS.* 33 and 34 are classed by me as similar to 47 (Cole's MS.), whereas it should have been that they are like No. 2 (Cooke's MS.). The "Woodford MS." (33) is now the property of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, and is the gem of its library, which is rapidly becoming of great value and importance. The other (No. 34, "Supreme Council MS.") is in the justly celebrated library and museum of the Supreme Council of England (Golden-square). I alluded to these both some years ago as being transcripts virtually of the famous "Cooke's MS." of the fifteenth century. These and all the others will be given in the *magnum opus* of the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge," as promised by Bro. Speth, and which I hope we shall all welcome in due course.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

UNITED STRENGTH LODGE (No. 228).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. F. Quarty, W.M.; W. Smith, S.W.; H. Langley, J.W.; G. C. Fidge, J.D.; J. T. Ashby, I.G.; J. Jennings, Assist. Sec.; J. Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; A. C. Woolsey, D.C.; J. Holland, A.D.C.; R. H. Halford, P.M., and T. Baxter, Stwds.; J. Curtis, Org.; C. Thomas, Tyler; J. Hillhouse, P.M.; R. Griggs, P.M.; R. Snare, P.M.; A. H. Hickman, P.M.; H. W. Alford, P.M.; F. J. Hunt, P.M.; G. H. Edis, P.M.; E. A. B. Wearing, H. F. Wearing, W. Robertson, C. Keepe, H. Paine, P. Woodman, J. Woodman, W. Cambden, C. W. Butler, J. Lobb, C. Tayler, G. R. Lambert, G. W. Pitt, G. Willsmer, G. Booker, C. Clark, W. H. Cook, J. Bruton, B. G. Brinkley, H. Joyner, F. W. Moss, A. J. Monck, T. Danington, and several other brethren. The following visitors were also present: Bros. R. T. Ayres, 1838; H. Burgh, 1693; J. W. Chapman, P.M. 1922; H. Colley, M.O. (S.C.), D.C. 1571; J. C. Davis, P.M. 198; W. Dickson, P.M. 179; W. Groves, P.M. 749; W. Hughes, P.M. 179; G. Hughes, Sec. 2184; J. Hammond, 1693; T. Holmes, 141; G. Haydon, S.D. 46; J. H. Joyce, 2148; J. Large, P.M. 1607; C. T. Lewis, P.M. 1472; W.M. 2184, P.G.S. Essex; J. J. Newsome, S.D. 254; J. Potter, 1693; M. Smith, 19; R. Shepherd, 861; W. Tarbet, 1017; J. Tongue, W.M. 534; J. E. Terry, S.D. 1964; C. Thompson, 1597; W. Wilson, W.M. 502; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174; E. Woodman, P.M. 1897, P.P. G.P.; A. Whitby, 45; and G. Westfield, J.W. 2184.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to instal Bro. W. Smith as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in an impressive manner, and the newly installed Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Langley, S.W.; J. H. Miller, J.W.; J. Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treasurer; J. Jennings, Acting Sec.; J. T. Ashby, S.D.; J. Holland, J.D.; J. Curtis, I.G.; C. Tayler, D.C.; G. R. Lambert, A.D.C.; R. H. Halford, P.M., and G. Booker, Stwds.; and C. Thomas, Tyler. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. A. J. Neale, W. A. Elston, and G. H. Williams, which proving unanimous, they were duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in such a manner as to leave no doubt as to his efficiency in the working of the lodge. The W.M. having received hearty congratulations from the visiting brethren present, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being ably proposed by the W.M., were received by the brethren in a hearty manner. In responding to the toast of "The Masonic Institution," Bro. Terry, P.M., urged their claims upon the brethren, and presented to the lodge a handsome case in which to keep the warrant. The case was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The Worshipful Master, in replying to the toast of his health, acknowledged the present by Bro. Terry, P.M., and in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Quartly, I.P.M.," paid him a high tribute for the manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel.

The toast of "The Initiates" elicited responses from all three, and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Mr. Chas. Rowcliffe, who, with Madame Ellis and Miss Rose Dafforne, added considerably to the enjoyment of the brethren. Mr. C. Rowcliffe, jun., ably assisted at the piano.

WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, on Thursday, the 16th instant, and proved one of the most successful ever held during its 30 years' existence. There was a very large gathering—numbering over 100—which included the following members: Bros. S. J. Humfress, W.M.; C. J. Biorn, S.W.; W. Drew, J.W.; J. Welford, Treas.; S. R. Walker, P.M., Sec.; W. Burton, S.D.; J. W. Curtis, J.D.; J. Belsham, I.G.; R. Rogers and Gawish, Stwds.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., D.C.; T. W. Allan, P.M.; C. R. Wickens, P.M.; F. Seager Hunt, M.P.; S. Lane, E. Arrowsmith, and many others. Visitors: Bros. C. Bellerby, W.M. 2021; J. S. Adkins, P.M. 1247; G. Kitchener, 1348; J. Smith, 1425; R. T. Redfearn, 753; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; S. Street, 611; W. J. Mason, J.D. 2150; T. Middleweek, 1793; W. B. Matthews, J.W. 1478; J. C. Conway, I.G. 1891; J. Brazill, 512; C. Godfrey, D.C. 2021; E. Reed, 2021; G. Cronin, 9; R. D. Warner, 1602; W. J. Stratton, 753; J. Thomas, S.W. 753; W. Middleweek, 1793; G. W. Ruffie, S.D. 1381; J. Hoddinott, S.W. 901; C. Hunt, P.M. 1425; E. M. Cander, P.M. 1642; W. F. Ford, 2168; A. Posner, P.M. 15; J. W. Whitlock, P.M. 1280; Rev. Haines, Chap. 209; H. Rogers, 14; J. Burton, 157; J. Ellis, 1345; R. Parks, 1567; W. F. Woods, P.M. 858; C. Howell, P.M. 1425; A. G. Boswell, S.W. 1339; J. Kent, 172; S. Sones, P.M. 1425; L. Litchwitz, P.M. 1891; C. H. Dancocks; W. Chapple, 1428; G. Cowles, 1829; W. H. Wadham, 1642; G. Compton, 68; H. F. Wren, 132; Larner, J.W. 157; N. Turner, P.M. 72; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the Auditor's report received and adopted. The members are to be congratulated on the very satisfactory condition of the financial affairs of the lodge, for not only is there a substantial balance in the general fund after paying a handsome donation of 50 guineas to the Girls' School, but the Benevolent Fund possesses a large amount invested in Consols, and a good cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Bro. C. J. Biorn having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. S. J. Humfress, I.P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. Drew, S.W.; W. Burton, J.W.; J. Welford, Treas.; S. R. Walker, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Curtis, S.D.; J. Belsham, J.D.; J. J. Gawish, I.G.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., D.C.; T. H. Drake and R. Rogers, Stwds.; E. Arrowsmith, A.D.C.; and S. Lane, Org. The W.M., in investing Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., as D.C., drew the attention of the brethren to the interesting fact that this was the thirtieth occasion on which he had been invested with the collar of that office. The usual addresses were effectively rendered by the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. S. R. Walker, P.M.

Bro. Cottebrune regretted that, owing to ill-health, he was prevented from attending the last meeting of the lodge and proposing the resolution which he had now the pleasure of moving. It was that a further sum of five guineas should be voted to the retiring Worshipful Master, to enhance the value of the jewel and Past Master's collar already voted, or to be used for any other purpose Bro. Humfress might choose. The last year had been a most prosperous one under Bro. Humfress, who represented them at the Girls' School Festival, and succeeded in making the lodge a Vice-President of that Institution. He had also presented the lodge with a handsome banner, and had during his term of office initiated 10 candidates. Under these circumstances, the members would unanimously vote the further sum of five guineas, which he (Bro. Cottebrune) had the pleasure of proposing should be voted to Bro. Humfress in consideration of the very bright and prosperous year they had spent whilst he was their Worshipful Master. The Secretary having seconded the proposition, it was carried unanimously. A telegram was received from Bro. Aird, M.P., regretting that his Parliamentary duties prevented his attendance. A sum of 20 guineas was voted to the Worshipful Master's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and 10 guineas was also voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of Bro. Wickens, P.M. A vote of thanks having been accorded to the Audit Committee, the lodge was closed in due form.

At the conclusion of an excellent banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Humfress, I.P.M., said the brethren were well aware that when the gavel was entrusted to him it was for the purpose of proposing "The Health of the W.M." The members of the lodge who had seen Bro. Biorn occupy all the various offices, would agree that he was a right and proper brother to preside over them in the capacity of W.M. He hoped their W.M. would have as successful a year of office as he had had, and it would greatly please him to see that success doubled by the present occupant of the chair. There was no doubt Bro. Biorn would have plenty of work during his term, for two initiates had been proposed that evening for initiation at their next meeting. It was therefore with considerable feelings of pleasant anticipations for the future that he (the I.P.M.) asked the brethren to heartily drink to the health of their W.M.

Bro. Charles J. Biorn, W.M., in reply, said he was pleased to see such an immense gathering present, and hoped there would be a similar number of them present at each meeting during his year of office. He need not assure the brethren

that he had been highly gratified at being elected and installed in the chair to preside over them. During his term of office it would be his endeavour to maintain the reputation and prestige of the lodge, and to gain the good will of the members. He had to thank the brethren for the very hearty and fraternal greeting accorded him that evening. The next toast that he had to propose was that of "The I.P.M.," and he was sure it would be received with the greatest amount of enthusiasm. He would not dilate upon the merits of Bro. Humfress, I.P.M., for during the past year, which had been a very successful one for the lodge, the members had had ample opportunity of becoming acquainted with his excellent qualifications. It was also his pleasing duty to present the P.M.'s jewel and collar (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) to Bro. Humfress, I.P.M., and was convinced that he could not pin the jewel on a worthier breast. Their I.P.M. had rendered very valuable service on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and last year took up a large amount for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It was the unanimous wish of the brethren that their I.P.M. would be spared many years to wear the jewel and collar in their lodge.

Bro. Sills J. Humfress, I.P.M., said it gave him great pleasure to return thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed by the W.M., and received by the brethren. During his year he had done the best in his power, but unfortunately he had not had as good health as he could have wished. Since his installation a year ago, he had initiated 11 members, and had received 4 joining members into the lodge. There had been 7 meetings during the year, and they would therefore see that he had had plenty of work to do, and was thankful to the members for bringing the various candidates forward. He had performed the various duties to the best of his ability, and trusted he had given them satisfaction. Circumstances had occurred which had enabled him to reach the chair a year earlier than he otherwise would have done; in the ordinary course of events his installation would have taken place on the present occasion. In the latter case he would have been better prepared to perform the work than he was a year ago. However, he had installed his successor, through the kindness of Bros. Cottebrune and Walker in assisting him, and he tendered his sincere thanks to those brethren. He had also to thank the brethren generally for the P.M.'s jewel and collar. He could assure them he was pleased to think they were satisfied, and their presents had more than repaid him for his endeavours to please them. It was his privilege during his year to present the lodge with a banner, which the members had been pleased to accept. He wished to express his special indebtedness to the lodge for voting him 50 guineas for the Girls' School. It would be gratifying for the brethren to know that out of 277 Stewards at the last Festival, he was fourth on the list, the amount subscribed being £161 14s. He had not, however, taken the credit to himself, but had presented the lodge with the votes ensuing from that amount of his list, which would enable the W.M. for the time being to assist any brother who desired to support a candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He thought the lodge could now produce as many votes for the Masonic Charities as possibly any lodge could. He thanked them again for so cordially drinking his health, and also for the extra five guineas so kindly voted that evening to be disposed of as he might think fit.

"The Visitors" was next given in cordial terms by the W.M., who coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Woods, P.M.; Rev. Haines, Chap. 209; Whitlock, P.M.; and Dancocks.

Bro. Woods, P.M. 858, having responded and returned hearty thanks for the hospitality received by the visitors, Bro. Rev. Haines, Chap. 209, replied, and remarked that it was not the first time that he had had the pleasure and privilege of visiting the lodge. He had always received the utmost kindness at their hands, and was therefore pleased to again take advantage of an invitation to be present. He belonged to a lodge where the members, although they differed with the members of the Westbourne Lodge on some points, yet nevertheless they were all unanimous on the subject of the great principle of Masonry. He trusted the W.M. would have health and strength to carry out the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the members.

Other visitors having also responded, "The Past Masters" was given. Bro. Walker, P.M., Sec., in replying for "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he was grateful to the W.M. for the manner in which he had placed the toast before the brethren. He should be happy at all times when called upon to perform a duty to do it to the best of his ability. That evening he was called upon to give the addresses in the installation ceremony, for which he was unprepared, but he rendered them in as perfect a manner as he was able. He regretted that through ill-health Bro. Cottebrune had been debarred from performing the duties of the office he had been connected with for 30 years, i.e., the office of D.C.; but all present would hope to see him with them in good health on the next occasion. He congratulated the lodge on the successful year just brought to a conclusion.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. Lane presided efficiently at the piano, and several brethren assisted by vocal contributions in the harmony of the evening.

URBAN LODGE (No. 1196).—The installation of Bro. J. Harcourt Lee, W.M., took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 14th instant, in presence of a goodly number of members and visitors. This lodge is peculiarly harmonious in more than one sense, and its good working is proverbial. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. F. Beck, performed the ceremony of inducting Bro. Lee to the chair of K.S., after which his officers were "collared" as follows: Bros. W. G. Haycock, S.W.; R. Manuel, J.W.; R. H. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; G. E. Fairchild, P.M., Sec.; W. Eckstein, S.D.; R. H. Smith, J.D.; J. G. Smith, I.G.; C. Hawksley, P.M., D.C.; and J. Tickle, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middx., F. R. Farrow, R. S. Oakeshott, and S. Hunt, Stwds.

The lodge having been closed, a sumptuous banquet was placed before the brethren, among whom where the P.G. Treas. of England, Bro. Cama, a Parsee merchant (whose response for the Grand Officers breathed the kindest spirit of Freemasonry between East and West); W. W. Macvey, P.P.G.S.B. West Yorks; P. Soman, P.P.G.St. Norfolk; J. W. Tacom, P.M.; T. Papworth, Blatch-

ford, Mulley, and others. The toasts were those customary at Masonic gatherings, Bros. Soman and Irvine replied on behalf of the visitors.

During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Beck, and a pleasing selection of music was performed at intervals under the direction of Bro. Lehmeier; Bros. Parkin, Dutton, Franklin Clive, and Schubert taking part therein.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The February meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There were present: Bros. Edward Alderton, W.M.; Alderman Renals, J.W.; A. Brookman, P.M., Treasurer; R. B. Hudson, M. R. Webb, George Rawlinson, John Larkin, E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M.; J. D. Allcroft, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; Samuel White, P.M.; W. H. Froom, P.M.; Shotton, R. B. Fuller, and T. Benskin. Visitors: Bros. Alderman Soper, Goodinge, Lee, and Kiff.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. On the proposition of the W.M., a vote of condolence was ordered to be sent to the friends of Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and Sir John Staples (two honorary members of the lodge), who had died since the last meeting. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Alderman Renals was warmly congratulated on his being unanimously elected to the important position of Alderman of the Ward of Aldersgate.

There being no other business before the lodge, the brethren adjourned to dinner, the usual toasts being duly proposed by the W.M.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., responded for "The Grand Officers," and Bros. Alderman Soper, Lee, and Goodinge for "The Visitors."

Bros. Lee, Shotton, and Soper entertained the brethren with some good vocal music, under the direction of Bro. Kiff.

COWES.—Medina Lodge (No. 35).—The regular monthly meeting was held on the 9th inst., when the W.M., Bro. Rutland, P.G.O., commenced his year of office in a most efficient manner by raising Bro. G. T. Bartlett and passing Bro. S. Porter, his work and that of his officers being most favourably commented upon by the visitors present. Bro. Harrington, of the Apollo Lodge, and Bro. Jerram were proposed as joining members. The W.M., in a feeling and appropriate speech, presented Bro. Mursell, P.M., P.P.G.D., with a Charities' jewel and a beautifully executed testimonial from the lodge, in recognition of his services to the Charities, and especially his services as Secretary for many years to the lodge. Bro. Mursell made a feeling acknowledgment, and the lodge was closed. The brethren present included Bros. Rutland, W.M.; Damant, I.P.M.; Faulkner, P.M.; T. Ains, P.M., D.C.; H. Wheeler, P.M.; Haxthauson, P.M.; Mursell, P.M., Sec.; J. Leftwich, S.W.; A. E. Lee, J.W.; Cullingford, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Smith, Org.; H. Bartlett, Harrington, Day, A. Perry, Stock, Osborne, Dewdney, and many others.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Castle Hotel. Present: Bros. T. W. Markwick, W.M.; F. Plowman, acting S.W.; W. S. Allen, J.W.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Edwards, S.D.; G. Randell, J.D.; R. Walmsley, I.G.; W. Leslie, Tyler; Wm. Glenister, P.M.; E. W. J. Hennah, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Russell, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; F. Johnson, E. C. Lancaster, W. Lancaster, L. O. Glenister, W. A. Bech, W. Cooper, F. Duke, C. H. Geer, C. J. Ticehurst, R. J. Reed, and J. T. Edmed. Visitor: Bro. A. Skinner, J.W. 341.

The lodge having been opened, a letter was read from Bro. Lord Brassey acknowledging receipt of letter of condolence. Bros. Lancaster and Johnson were passed to the Degree of F.C. Several new members were balloted for, and two others proposed. This lodge has now the largest number of members of any lodge in the province.

STONEHOUSE.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 189).—At a meeting of this lodge, held on Monday, the 13th instant, at St. George's Hall, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. of the lodge, P.P.G. Chap., presented to the lodge two handsome framed photographs of "The laying of the Foundation-stone of the new Masonic Buildings of the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, Limited, No. 1, Princess-square, Plymouth, by the R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. of Devon, Wednesday, December 28th, 1887," and "The Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London, as it appeared after the fire, May 4th, 1833." On the panel of each picture was the following inscription: "Presented to Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, by W. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain 189 (70, 1205, and 2025 Hon.), P.P.G.C. of Devon, February 13, 1888."

In making the presentation Bro. Lemon explained that these pictures completed the series which he purposed giving the lodge. He had given all the Masonic pictures published—and the twelve plates formed a most interesting record of Masonic history in themselves—being the most complete set out of London. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Lemon for his munificence, on the motion of Bro. A. S. Henry, P.M. and Sec., seconded by Bro. J. B. Moulder, J.W. The W.M., Bro. Ward, referred to Bro. Lemon's Masonic zeal and ability, and enlarged on the fact that other lodges in the Three Towns had received noble gifts at the hands of Bro. Lemon. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. W. Ollis, P.M., and the lodge P.P.J.G.D., on the loss they had sustained by his death, was unanimously passed on the motion of Bro. Lemon, seconded by Bro. C. Croydon, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.

LANCASTER.—Fortitude Lodge (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Church-street, on the 8th inst. Bro. James Heald, the W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Nicholson, I.P.M.; J. B. Shaw, S.W.; A. I. Relph, J.W.; H. Gooch, S.D.; L. D. Price, J.D.; W. Atkinson, I.G.; and J. H. Parker and R. Selman, Stewards. There was a fair attendance of members present, together with a few visiting brethren.

After the lodge had been opened, Mr. John N. Armstrong and Mr. C. Grime were duly balloted for and unanimously elected. They were subsequently initiated by the W.M., the excellent working of whom and his officers being the subject of general admiration and commendation from the brethren present. It was afterwards resolved that the sum of 10 guineas should be voted from the funds of the lodge for Masonic Charities, and a further resolution approved of its being given to the Girls' School. After transacting the usual routine business, the lodge was closed.

The W.M. then invited the brethren to supper, which had been laid out in the large ante room on the ground floor, the provisions for which effected great credit on the caterers—the Lancaster Coffee Tavern Company. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and the principal Masonic toasts—including, of course, "The Health of the Founder of the Feast"—were given and responded to, the remainder of the evening being spent in conviviality, many of the members present contributing to the harmony.

FAREHAM.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 309).—The installation of Bro. Henry Cooke as the W.M. for the present year took place on Thursday, the 2nd instant, at the Red Lion Hotel, in the presence of several officers and members past and present, including some of the Provincial Grand Officers. The ceremony of installation was performed most efficiently by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. A. Hill, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded, and a Past Master's jewel presented to him by the lodge, in recognition of his zeal during his year of office. The new W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. A. Hill, I.P.M.; H. T. Williams, S.W.; E. T. Couch, J.W.; Rev. A. C. Hervey, P.M., Chaplain; J. B. Goldsmith, P.M., Treas.; Rev. A. A. Headley, Sec.; H. Love, S.D.; C. O. Smith, J.D.; T. W. Haydon, I.G.; E. H. Cooper, Org.; W. H. Bolitho, D.C.; H. E. Hate and Broughall, Stewards; and R. Eames, Tyler. The brethren subsequently partook of a recherché banquet.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Southampton Lodge (No. 394).—The Festival of St. John was celebrated by the brethren of this lodge at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 16th inst., when Bro. F. H. Candy, the S.W. of the lodge, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren included Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; F. Osborne, W.M.; R. W. Lees, I.P.M.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Robertson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; and S. Clark, P.P.G.S., all of 130; C. S. Dusautoy, W.M. 359; G. J. Tilling, W.M., P.P.G.S. Wks.; T. P. Payne, P.P.G. Reg.; H. P. Aslatt, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Lashmore, P.P.S.G.D.; J. D. Barford, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Bowyer, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. Gayton, and A. Paris, all of 394; E. T. Wise, W.M. 1461; and C. D. Stentiford, 1928.

The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. G. J. Tilling, and at the conclusion the new W.M. invested the following: Bros. G. J. Tilling, I.P.M.; C. Appleford, S.W.; J. J. Francis, J.W.; J. Lemon, P.M., Treas.; W. Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; S. Dacombe, S.D.; F. Dunsford, J.D.; E. Gayton, P.M., D.C.; A. Hewitt, I.G.; Ashdown and Bates, Stwds.; and Vane and Biggs, Tylers. A vote of thanks to Bro. Tilling for his services as Installing Master and as W.M. for the past year was accorded; and a grant having been made to the widow of a deceased brother, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Dartnall, the W.M. presiding.

MANCHESTER.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 633).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 15th instant, there being present Bros. J. Duncan, W.M.; J. D. Broadbent, S.W.; J. L. Aspland, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; W. Cartwright, P.M., Sec.; S. Kay, J.D.; F. H. Davidson, I.P.M.; G. Smedley, P.M.; G. Robinson, P.M.; G. R. Swann, P.M.; E. Nathan, P.M.; W. Dalziel, W. Darwin, S. Witton, and D. Guymer. Visitors: Bros. A. H. Jefferys, P.M. 1161, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Williamson, P.M., Prov. G. Purst; R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Stwd.; J. Church, 2, 48, 160, (S.C.); and P. Hornburg, of Norway.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Some disappointment was experienced by the absence of a candidate for initiation, and there being no other business the lodge was closed.

At the social board, in response to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Hornburg returned thanks in the Norwegian language, and his remarks were interpreted by Bro. Guymer, who informed the brethren how pleased their foreign brother was with his reception and the hospitality extended to him, assuring them all, amidst considerable amusement, how delighted he should be to see them at his lodge in Norway.

WITHINGTON.—Ashton Lodge (No. 1140).—The installation of Bro. Stephen E. Jupp took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Midland Hotel, when the following were present: Bros. W. G. Harwood, W.M.; H. Everett, I.P.M.; S. E. Jupp, S.W.; J. Southam, J.W.; W. W. Wilson, Treas.; J. Moffatt, Sec.; A. Lawley, S.D.; G. Kinder, J.D.; T. Schofield, I.G.; J. H. Aldred, P.M.; J. Wood, P.M.; S. Myerscough, P.P.G.O. E. Lanc.; W. W. McIntyre, I. W. Rostron, G. Bunyan, G. L. Mills, K. M. Stewart, H. S. Small, C. Wood, G. T. Everett, P.M.; G. W. Sewell, J. K. Samuel, H. Volimer, P.M., P.P.S. G.D.; G. Metcalf, B. Cohen, J. Sampson, and J. Kirk, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. E. Austin, W. V. 1375; R. R. Lisenden, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; A. I. McGregor, P. Jackson, P.M. 361; W. Ramsden, P.M. 1166; Geo. Barber, P.M. 1588; C. Heywood, P.M. 1387; J. R. Blair, W.M. 1387; A. B. Cnetle, P.M. 1140; C. Swinn, S.D. 1633; J. Challender, S.D. 1055; J. H. Webb, W. V. 2109; G. L. Vaughan, P.M. 1030; W. H. Anderson, 1161; John Studd, W.M. 163; E. G. Chesworth, J.W. 317; and H. Cooper, 1387.

The lodge having been opened, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Messrs. H. Mundy, J. R. R. Jeffery, and B. P. Brierley were severally balloted for and elected to become members of the lodge. They were afterwards initiated—Mr. Mundy by Bro. J. H. Aldred, P.M.; Mr. Jeffery by Bro. W. E. Harwood, W.M.; and Mr. Brierley by Bro. H. T. Everett,

P.M. Bro. W. E. Harwood, W.M., resumed his position in the chair, and installed Bro. Stephen E. Jupp as W.M. of the lodge. The following brethren were appointed officers, and invested by Bro. W. W. Wilson, P.M.: Bros. J. Southam, S.W.; A. Lawley, J.W.; W. W. Wilson, Treas.; W. McIntyre, Sec.; G. Kinder, S.D.; T. Schofield, J.D.; J. H. Aldred, P.M., D.C.; S. Myerscough, Org.; J. Moffatt, I.G.; T. W. Rostron, H. G. Small, and K. M. Stewart, Stewards. Bro. E. C. Everett, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., gave the three addresses and concluded the ceremony.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet that reflected credit on Bro. J. W. G. Coombes' catering, who exerted himself to ensure comfort for, and give satisfaction to, all the brethren. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

HORSHAM.—Mid-Sussex Lodge (No. 1141).—On Monday the installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the lodge rooms, King's Head Hotel, when there was a good attendance of brethren and several visitors. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. Barnett, presided, and after the disposal of the ordinary business, presented the W.M. elect, Bro. A. Aldridge, to Bro. C. J. Corder, P.P.G.W., who kindly acted as Installing Master. Bro. Aldridge having been placed in the chair, appointed his officers as follows, and invested those present with the insignia of their offices: Bros. J. Barnett, I.P.M.; C. King, S.W.; G. B. Simpson, J.W.; W. Lintott, Treas.; S. A. Pocock, Sec.; E. D. Sapey, S.D.; R. Henwood, J.D.; F. W. Butler, D.C.; Geo. Longley, I.G.; J. G. Buttifant, Org.; R. Gallier, Steward; and W. Randall, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet, at which the newly-installed W.M. presided, being supported by—amongst others—Bros. H. Woodhams, P.P.G.S.B.; W. L. Thomas, P.P.G.S.B.; L. B. Henderson, W. H. Sadler, and J. Barnett, P.M.'s of the lodge.

The visitors present included Bros. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; Corder, P.M. 271 and 851, P.P.G.W.; Hawes, W.M. 38; Dr. Paxton, W.M. 56; C. J. Heald, W.M. 1636; J. B. King, S.W. 945; and Sidney, 101.

A pleasant evening was spent, several of the brethren contributing songs, while Bro. Buttifant ably presided at the piano.

TWICKENHAM.—Gooch Lodge (No. 1238).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 20th inst. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren to witness the installation of Bro. John Hinks Tomlinson, who had the somewhat unique privilege of being installed as W.M. four years after his initiation. The members included Bros. E. Rogers, W.M.; J. H. Tomlinson, S.W.; H. W. Smyth, J.W.; Geo. C. Harding, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; W. F. Laxton, P.P.G. Reg. Middx., P.M. and Sec.; E. Hutchinson, S.D.; C. Bye, J.D.; W. R. Coysh, I.G.; F. Moir, Stwd.; J. Gillingham, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br.; C. Mayne, P.M.; A. Gower, P.M.; K. Lonsdale, P.M.; W. Weaver, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. S. Strule, P.P.G. Reg. Surrey; E. J. Parries, 1365; A. J. Millington, 1227; T. Chapman, S.D. 1257; C. J. Morse, J.D. 1257; W. M. Seaman, 193; T. Middleweek, Sir Charles Bright Lodge; E. M. Lander, P.M. 1642; T. B. Spurr, 57; J. E. Jones, Camden Lodge; R. C. Green, 1974; J. Knight, 133; Jno. Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; S. Smout, P.M. 1642; S. F. Mackway, 1658; A. S. Josling, P.G. Stwd.; Nandyk, J.W. 1017; G. Davis, P.M. 1642; H. W. Peck, Neptune Lodge; W. Boer, I.G. 1563; W. Hurst, Stwd. 172; C. Bates, 901; G. N. Watts, P.M. 150; E. Holsworth, S.W. 1607; J. Barker, Crusaders Lodge; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge was formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the Audit report was received and adopted. Bro. J. H. Tomlinson was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Rogers, I.P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Smyth, S.W.; Hutchinson, J.W.; Harding, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Laxton, P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; Bye, S.D.; Coysh, J.D.; Mbir, I.G.; Burnell, Stwd.; and Bowler, Tyler. The addresses were then effectively rendered by Bros. Rogers, I.P.M., and Gillingham, P.M. Ballot having been successfully taken in favour of Messrs. D. M. Maurice and R. I. Coysh as candidates for initiation, they were impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the newly-installed W.M. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, where an excellent repast was served, under the superintendence of Bro. Moullet. After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and received.

"The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.;" and "The Grand Officers" were first given, and met with a hearty reception.

"The Prov. G.M., the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. Rogers, I.P.M. He said that those brethren who had had many opportunities of visiting Prov. G. Lodge would fully endorse his opinion of the good working invariably seen there. Bro. Thrupp, the Deputy Prov. G.M., was with them at their last installation meeting, and would have been present on this occasion, but had been detained in town by business. He regretted the absence of that distinguished brother, who was one of the best working Masons to be found. The lodge had been highly honoured in the past by Provincial Grand honours, for they now numbered five or six Prov. G. Officers, and he hoped they would be as fortunate in the future. Last year Provincial honours were placed upon the shoulders of one who was loved and respected by every member of the lodge. He referred to Bro. Gillingham, whose name he coupled with the toast.

Bro. Gillingham, Prov. G. Std. Br., returned sincere thanks for the way in which the toast had been proposed and received. He was gratified to be one of the body of Prov. G. Officers, and was sure that each officer would strive to do his duty. He hoped to be connected with the Gooch Lodge for many years, and to enjoy himself, as he invariably did, at their gatherings. He also trusted that the names of brethren of their lodge who were qualified to wear the purple would be brought forward for Provincial honours. Four years ago their lodge was in a sad condition, but now, he was pleased to say, they possessed one of the

best and most enjoyable lodges possible. On behalf of the Prov. G. Officers he again begged to thank them.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., said that Bro. Tomlinson, W.M., had grown up with them, and had had a marvellously successful time since his initiation. It was rarely the case to find a brother, who, four years after his initiation, was in the high position which their W.M. had attained. He had known Bro. Tomlinson during that time, and could testify that he had attended assiduously to Masonry from the moment of his initiation. Their W.M. had taken a great deal of interest in the Craft, and had, moreover, nobly supported the Masonic Charities. The brethren were therefore delighted to see him in the chair, and trusted he would have a successful year, and would remain in their midst for many years to continue his good work. There were not many young Masons who had done as much for Masonry as Bro. Tomlinson, and therefore he deserved the honourable position to which he had been exalted. There was good promise that during the forthcoming year Bro. Tomlinson would have a repetition of the success which attended the efforts of his Masonic father—Bro. Gillingham. The brethren would join heartily in wishing long life and prosperity to their newly installed W.M.

Bro. J. Hinks Tomlinson, W.M., in reply, said it was a very difficult thing to return thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and to find words to adequately express his feelings. He need not assure them that he was proud to occupy the chair of W. Master, but his position was almost analagous to that of an initiate who knew not what to say. As they had already heard, he had not been long a Mason, having only been initiated four years ago, but by a run of luck he had been installed into his present post. He regretted for some reasons that he was not older in Freemasonry, but he would exert himself for the benefit of their lodge in the future as he had hitherto done in the past. He was similar to a Lord Mayor in the provinces, who was only too proud to be elected and re-elected to the chair of office. He thanked them one and all for the kind compliment paid him by their compliance to the wishes of the I.P.M., in so heartily and sincerely receiving the toast.

In giving "The Initiates," the W.M. said that his Masonic father presented the lodge with 11 initiates during his term of office, and he was pleased to be able to introduce two initiates to their notice that evening. It was at all times desirable to have candidates coming forward to fill the vacancies of those brethren who, through various causes, left the lodge. He regretted to say that that evening there were two retirements, both being brethren who were good and true men. However, the two initiates were trusty brethren, and had expressed a determination to work up in the ritual of the Order.

Bros. D. M. Maurice and R. T. Coysh replied in appropriate terms, thanking the W.M. and brethren for the honour conferred upon them.

The "Visitors" was next given by the W.M., who said that every member present would most heartily receive the toast. Among the visiting brethren, who outnumbered the members, were many distinguished Masons, including Bro. Josling, W.M. Peace and Harmony Lodge; Bro. Walls, P.M. 194; and others. There was also Bro. Davis present, a P.M. of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, to whom he was specially indebted for the Masonic instruction he had received. He sincerely regretted the absence of Bro. Parkhouse, also a P.M. of that lodge, to whom he was also indebted. The members of the Gooch Lodge were under an obligation to Bro. Spurr, who had that evening delighted them with some excellent music.

Bro. Josling, W.M. 60, having returned thanks on behalf of the visitors for the kind hospitality they had received, complimented the lodge on the excellent working he had witnessed. The installation ceremony was rendered by Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., to whom they were indebted in his own lodge for services rendered, in a very able manner, and the initiations had also been performed in a most impressive style by the W.M. With such a W.M. and I.P.M., and with such efficient officers, he might fairly predict a continued career of prosperity for the Gooch Lodge.

Bros. Watts, P.M. 194; Davis, P.M. 1642; and several others also replied, thanking the members for the kindness received, and eulogising the very admirable working of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The I.P.M.," and said it required a large amount of confidence and ability to propose this toast in adequate terms. Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., had served the lodge as W.M. during the Jubilee year, and had maintained its high standard and reputation throughout that important period. It was his privilege to present Bro. Rogers with a P.M.'s jewel voted by the lodge, which was slightly different to those presented to previous occupants of the chair, as it had the addition of the word "Jubilee" in blue enamel. The members thought that some distinctive mark should be shown on the jewel of the P.M. who presided over them during that eventful year. Bro. Rogers had fulfilled his various duties in a most affable and successful manner, and the members were pleased to acknowledge his merit. He was pleased to have the opportunity of making this presentation to the I.P.M. as a mark of their esteem and respect, and to show the progress he had made in the science.

Bro. E. Rogers, I.P.M., said he scarcely knew in what words to reply to the toast, and to return thanks for the kind manner in which it had been proposed by the W.M. and received by the brethren. He had also to tender sincere thanks for the handsome jewel placed upon his breast. It was now some years since he joined the lodge, but since his connection he had taken the greatest interest in it. Before he took office he was called upon on several occasions to assist in the ceremonies; but he had no idea that he would attain his present position in so short a time. He did not think there had been a meeting since he joined at which he had not attended, for he always looked forward to them with interest on account of the cordiality and good feeling which rendered their gatherings so enjoyable. He was pleased to say that he now numbered the majority of the members amongst his personal friends. The lodge had passed through vicissitudes, but was now in a very prosperous condition, and he was proud to be associated with it. He should always look back with pleasure to the evening when he received the P.M.'s jewel, and he heartily thanked them for that mark of their appreciation.

The Immediate Past Master, in giving "The Masonic Charities," announced that he intended, in conjunction with Bro. Gillingham, representing the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The lodge had in the past done good work for the Charities;

but that year there was special need for exertion on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, in consequence of the large amount of attention which the Centenary of the Girls' School was attracting. He hoped the members would enable them to take up a good list, and one that was worthy of the lodge. Last year he had the pleasure of taking up a list which was double that of any other lodge in the province, and that result reflected great credit on the members. He hoped they would sustain that reputation by doubling the subscriptions they intended giving, and follow the lead of their W.M., who had contributed five guineas to his list. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. John Mason, who represented the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. John Mason, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, in reply, said he trusted they would believe him when he said he approached the subject with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure. He regretted he was not in time to see the lodge working; but he remembered that at his last visit, he attended the lodge working, but could not stay to the banquet. He had found that the place of duty was the place of safety, for he had to attend the final meeting of the Stewards that day, and could not attend their lodge earlier. The Benevolent Institution had great difficulties to contend with, because of that celebrated event—the Centenary of the Girls' School. He thought it was a proud and happy thing that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls had braved the storm for 100 years, and had rendered such valuable suit and service to the Craft. There were great expectations concerning that Festival, and he feared that the Institution he represented would suffer from their success. Last year the Benevolent Institution had a good Festival, and they took on 25 additional annuitants, which meant an additional number as long as it was an Institution. There were 130 candidates seeking admission, all of whose claims had to be thoroughly sifted, and many went up time after time before they were successful. The I.P.M. had a very capable colleague in Bro. Gillingham to represent the lodge with him, and he hoped they would be sent up with a good list. He hoped the members would not forget their obligation, but would give according as they had been blessed.

Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the Tyler's toast. Bro. Spurr kindly officiated at the pianoforte, and enhanced the enjoyment of the brethren by his musical abilities.

PLYMOUTH.—St. John's Lodge (No. 1247).

The annual banquet of this lodge was held at Bro. Routly's Farley Hotel, on the 16th inst., the W.M., Bro. W. H. Hamblin, presiding, the vice-chairs being filled by Bros. R. C. Wyatt, S.W., and Major M. Tracy, P.M., P.P.G. Sec. Jersey, J.W. Eighty-three brethren sat down to an excellent spread, which was admirably served. Those present were Bros. H. J. Waring, P.M. 159, P.P.G.T.; W. Derry, P.M. 156, P.P.G.S.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. 189, P.P.G.C.; J. R. Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; John Hele, P.M., P.P.G.O.; James Rendle, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Gibbons, P.M. 1205 and 1247, P.P.G.O. Cornwall; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G. Sec.; S. Jew, P.M. 105, P.P.G.T.; E. A. Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.S.G.W.; G. R. Barrett, P.M. 2025, P.P.G.O.; T. Goodall, P.M. 1550, P.P.G.O.; J. Avery, P.M. 156, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Pengelly, P.M. 70, P.P.G.D.C.; C. H. Cooper, P.M. 105, P.P.G.D.; A. J. Rider, P.M.; H. J. Barter, P.M.; P. G. L. Pearce, P.M. and Sec.; T. R. E. Oliver, I.P.M.; R. P. Culley, P.M.; G. Firks, P.M.; J. H. Keats, P.M.; B. Elliott, P.M.; R. A. Penrose, P.M.; F. Knight, P.M. 156; R. Blight, P.M. 223; F. Westcott, P.M. 70; W. T. Hocking, P.M. 70; J. Gidley, P.M. 156 and 2025; G. F. Watson, W.M. 1550; G. Lee, W.M. 1255; W. Parsons, W.M. 105; J. Little, W.M. 156; T. S. Eyre, S.D.; G. Helston, J.D.; W. H. Mayne, I.G.; Lieut. W. Jameison, D.C.; H. T. Banfield, A.D.C.; A. Parkhouse, Org.; J. Simmons, G. Gurney, and H. T. C. Tucker, Stewards; R. B. Johns, J. Stear, S. Pearce, J. Bishop, S. H. Colwill, C. J. Charters, W. Greenlaw, J. R. Wilson, Fritz Regar, J. N. A. Rowe, F. A. James, F. Johns, A. Maitland, G. A. H. Jago, J. H. Williams; A. R. Debnam, 2025; J. H. Ratty, 70; G. Firkins, 1847; F. Wreford, J.W. 70; G. W. Giles, 1205; C. F. Holmes, 1205; H. Reynolds, 2025; P. Hannaford, 223; W. Fitch, 223; D. C. Herbert, 1212; I. A. Coust, 223; W. H. Corner, 230; A. Bennett Manley, 156; W. R. H. Lambell, 1180; F. Maitland, 105; P. S. Snell, 156; M. Body, 223; Lieut. H. Boulman, 1536; and W. Huntley, 105.

A Secretary's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented to Bro. P. G. L. Pearce, in recognition of his services as Secretary. Excellent songs were rendered by Bros. A. J. Rider, H. J. Barter, J. Rendle, Major Tracy, and Herbert. Bro. Greenlaw gave an admirable recitation.

WREXHAM.—Square and Compass Lodge (No. 1336).

The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the Festival of St. John, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., when Bro. Thomas J. E. Young was inducted as W.M. for the ensuing year, the duties of Installing Master being most efficiently and impressively performed by Bro. J. A. Harris, the retiring W.M. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, including the following: Bros. J. A. Harris, P.G.S. Wks., W.M.; E. Smith, P.P.J.G.W., Sec.; J. F. Edisbury, P.P.J.G.W., Org.; C. K. Benson, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. Oswell Bury, P.P.J.G.D.; R. W. Evans, P.P.G.S.B.; T. J. E. Young, S.W.; G. P. Rowbotham, J.W.; G. Cathrall, S.D.; Charles Davies, J.D.; R. H. Done, I.G.; J. W. Maxwell Smith, P.M.; Howell Davies, P.M.; Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, Bart., W.M. 1124; Hon. G. T. Kenyon, M.P.; J. L. Williams, H. V. Palin, Evan Morris, John T. Hedley, Grenville Jones, D. D. Pierce, J. Phennah, H. Venable Williams, George Worrall, A. Wilder, Claude Martin, C. J. Gibbons, Thomas B. Barton, Thos. Jackson, F. W. Brodie, 1254, John E. Thomas, W. E. Samuel, T. Lee, Tyler, and others. The visitors included Bros. Jas. Salmon, P.M. 1477, P.G. Treas.; Rev. W. Trevor Parkins, P.M. 468, P.P.G.C. Warwick; W. B. Roberts, 301, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Salter, 241, P.P.J.G.D.; Thomas Lockwood, 425, P.P.G.S. Wks.; John Lewis, P.M. 321, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 425, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; W. M. Lightfoot, P.M. 425, P.P.S.G.D.; Charles Drew, P.M. 1432; James England, P.M. 1432; Herbert E. Tompson, P.M. 56 and 1130; Felix Thomas, W.M. 721; S. F. Clement, W.M. 1477; J. Humphreys, S.W. 721; Sheriff Roberts, J.W. 425; Wm. Owen, S.D. 1399; Ed. Sumner, I.G. 1060; Major

Leadbetter, 44; Rev. P. W. Sparling, J.W. 839; Thos. Bury, Asht n Bradley, W. Wilde, R. W. J. Evans, E. T. Fitch, J. Woolley, 477; J. T. Morgan, 289; and others.

The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. A. Harris, I.P.M.; G. P. Rowbotham, S.W.; G. Cathrall, J.W.; C. K. Benson, P.M., Treas.; E. Smith, P.M., Sec.; the Hon. G. T. Kenyon, M.P., S.D.; R. H. Done, J.D.; G. Bevan, I.G.; J. F. Edisbury, P.M., Org.; T. B. Barton and D. D. Pierce, Stwds.; and Thomas Lee, Tyler. The W.M. then presented to his predecessor a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel, which had been spontaneously subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge, as a mark of appreciation of the manner in which he had filled the chair during his year of office. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336, to Brother J. A. Harris, W.M. 1887."

The brethren, to the number of about 70, subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Wynstay Arms, served in the best style of that well known hostelry. The catering gave the highest satisfaction.

The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. Sir Watkin Wynn, the Hon. G. T. Kenyon, and the other brethren named above.

The toasts of "The Queen" and "Grand Officers," were proposed in felicitous terms from the chair, that of "The P.G. Officers" being acknowledged by Bro. Edisbury.

"The Visiting Brethren" was given by Bro. Samuels, and responded to by Bros. T. Bury and E. Salmon.

"The W.M." was happily given by Bro. Rowbotham, and "The Installing and P.M.'s" by the W.M., and, in the regrettable absence of Bro. Harris, the toast was acknowledged by Bros. Evans and J. Lewis.

"The Officers of the Lodge" came from the chair, and was replied to by Bros. Rowbotham and the Hon. G. T. Kenyon.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. J. Oswell Bury, and responded to by Bro. C. K. Benson.

"The Health of the Brethren of the Lodge" was given by Bro. Evan Morris, and acknowledged by Sir Watkin Wynn and the Hon. G. T. Kenyon.

The speeches were interspersed with harmony. Great credit is due to Bro. Barton for the excellent arrangement of glees given by members of St. Mark's Choir.

Bros. Harris and Cathrall were prevented from attending the banquet owing to recent domestic affliction.

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when there were present, besides others, the following brethren: Bros. T. Prust, W.M.; J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; A. T. Blamey, P.G. Stwd.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; Treas.: T. Morgan, P.M., S.W.; B. Knight, P.M.; J. H. Wills, J.W.; M'Kellar, S.D.; T. Crossman, J.D.; T. Brooks, Org.; John Taylor, Stwd., acting as Secretary; W. Hasey, Stwd.; and the following visiting brethren: Bros. Adams, P.P.G.D.C. Somerset; Beer, Stwd. 328; and Iver.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. Lane, when Bro. T. Johnson was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Lane. The ballot was then taken for Mr. R. H. L. Holman, who was declared duly elected. The chair was then taken by Bro. A. T. Blamey, when Mr. Holman was duly initiated according to ancient custom, the ceremony being worked and the charge given by Bro. Blamey in that correct and efficient manner for which he is so well noted. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren and the transaction of sundry other business of lodge interest the usual questions were asked, and the lodge closed in peace and harmony.

MANCHESTER.—Trafford Lodge (No. 1496).

The usual monthly meeting took place on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Western Hotel, Alexandra Park. There were present Bros. B. Halliwell, I.P.M., acting W.M.; C. W. Maybury, S.W.; J. Kershaw, J.W.; H. P. Jones, P.P.G. Stwd., Treas.; W. Blears, Sec.; W. P. Davies, S.D.; John Morris, J.D.; J. Wilson, I.G.; S. D. McKellen, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Gilman, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; G. Burslem, P.M.; R. G. Partington, J. Sulzbacher, C. Preston, T. Carter, J. Newton, T. W. Hampton, and W. Riddell, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Chas. Neale, J.W. 1387; J. Evans, 1588; Edward Smith, 317; Stephen E. Jupp, W.M. 1140; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M., P.G. Stwd.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. George Burslem, P.M., having taken the chair of K.S., raised Bro. Hampton to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and, there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

At the social board, "The Health of the Newly-raised Brother" was proposed and responded to.

"The Health of the W.M., Bro. Biggs" (who was unavoidably absent, being detained, through his professional duties, at the Assize Courts), was proposed by the acting W.M., Bro. Halliwell, who spoke in terms of highest praise of Bro. Biggs, who, during the period he had presided over the lodge, had endeared himself to every member by his amiability and courtesy, so much so, that his absence was keenly felt and much regretted by visitors and members.

A very short, though enjoyable, evening was spent.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).

This prosperous lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Lion Hotel, on the 16th inst. Among those present were Bros. W. Spearing, P.M., acting W.M. in the unavoidable absence through severe illness of the W.M., Bro. R. Eales; G. Ransford, S.W.; Davies, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Clark, S.D.; Scholding, J.D.; Culverwell, I.G.; W. Fisher, P.M. 834, D.C.; A. Bushell, A.D.C.; Compton, Stwd.; Wheatley, I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D., P.M.; Robinson, Hopkins, Fairclough, Masters, C. Davis, Smith, Moss, Cronin, Foes, Conway, Gilbert, Tyler; and others. Bro. Tucker, W.M. 1733, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Walls proposed, and Bro. Fisher seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the lodge funds and placed on the list of Bro. Ransford, S.W.,

as Steward to the Centenary Festival R.M.I. for Girls. This proposition having been unanimously passed, a vote of sympathy to the W.M. in his severe illness was also recorded. Bro. Ockenden, P.M., having given the lecture on the Second Tracing Board in a most faultless manner, a vote of thanks was accorded to him for his services. Bro. Spearing, P.M., was nominated for Provincial Grand Lodge honours. Previously to the lodge being closed, a memorial to the W.M., signed by seventeen brethren in open lodge, requesting him to summon a special meeting to consider the removal of the lodge, was handed in.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the various toasts being subsequently given by the presiding W.M. with tact, ability, and humour.

The proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, terminated at an advanced hour.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Sun Hotel, on the 15th instant, when the W.M., Bro. G. Moorman, was supported by all his officers, viz.: Bros. W. Drewett, W.M. 889, S.W.; H. W. Humphreys, J.W.; T. Montague, S.D.; A. H. Bowers, J.D.; J. Horne, D.C.; H. W. Willis, I.G.; J. Drewett, P.M.; W. Lane, P.M.; W. Youlden, P.M.; and A. Laurence, P.M., Sec. Visitors: Bros. F. J. Hayward and C. J. Pettit, 889; Hullett, Taylor, and Shelley, 1981; W. T. Brown, 106; and J. W. Parsons, 1564. In all no less than 49 signed—the largest attendance ever known at an emergency meeting. This was the first meeting after the installation of the W.M., and, as he had a perfect "glut" of work, there was a great attraction for those who knew his proficiency. The first business was to pass Bros. Knowles and Robinson, which was done separately. Then Bro. Thurgar was raised, after which, the ballot having been taken for Messrs. F. Mills, jun., E. Burall, J. H. Mayhew, W. Lancaster, and W. Townsend, and proving satisfactory, the ceremony of initiation was proceeded with. Mr. Mayhew was unable to attend through indisposition, but the others, being at hand, were initiated. The working of each officer was as well nigh perfect as could be, and the neophytes seemed to be most deeply impressed. Mention was made of the approaching Festival, and, though no vote could be made at this meeting, it was generally agreed that five guineas should be given to each of the three Institutions. It was said by Bro. Laurence that through the agency of the Benevolent Club no less than 600 guineas had been subscribed to the Charities within the last eight years. Bro. Bultz represents this lodge at the Girls' Festival, and expects to have at least £35 on his list. Bro. Doyle, 145, was elected a joining member at the last meeting, and he took the opportunity at this meeting to thank the brethren for the kind reception they had given him, and said he should be pleased to show his appreciation in a practical way by putting £5 on the list of the Steward who would represent this lodge at the Boys' Festival. Bro. Doyle's liberality was acknowledged by the W.M.

All business being ended, the brethren partook of supper, at which—being Ash Wednesday—fish formed the staple article. Mrs. Frayling never has pleased the brethren more than at this repast. A most enjoyable evening was spent, musical talent being plentiful in this lodge. Ample testimony was paid by the visitors to the excellent working which had been exhibited. As there are still three candidates for admission, the W.M. intends to call another emergency in April.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).

This lodge met at the Rose and Crown Hotel on the 13th instant, when there were present, among others, Bros. T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D., W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., S.W.; Drummond, acting J.W.; Featherstone, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; Peat, Sec.; Dare, J.D.; Sapsworth, I.G.; Page, P.M., Org.; Grant, D.C.; Bond and Spooner, Stwds.; Chandler, P.M.; Gilbert, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Suggett was most ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., who subsequently gave the lecture on the second tracing board with great effect. The by-laws were read. Bro. T. C. Walls, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Featherstone re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler. Bros. Rice and Masters were elected Auditors. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to the W.M., as well as a souvenir of his Mastership to his amiable wife, Mrs. Ockenden. Bros. Chandler, P.M., and Masters were nominated for Provincial Grand honours.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The customary toasts followed. "The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by Bro. Featherstone.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the great consideration and kindness that they had shown him during his career in the lodge. He (the W.M.) was deeply touched with the remarks that had fallen from the Treasurer as well as the Senior Warden that night, especially those expressions relating to his wife. He hoped to be spared many years to wear the jewel they had so kindly voted to him that evening, and he trusted that No. 1656 would flourish root and branch for ever. The W.M. then gave "The W.M. elect." In the course of a long and eloquent speech he congratulated the lodge upon electing a brother who, in the dual capacities of founder and officer, had for a long period of 11 years rendered himself by his services in every way worthy of the honour accorded to him.

Bro. Walls having acknowledged the compliment, the toasts of "The Visitors," "Past Masters," "Treasurer," "Secretary," and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

CROYDON.—Old England Lodge (No. 1790).

A meeting of this lodge was held at their Hall, Thornton Heath, on the 2nd inst. Present: Bros. H. M. Hobbs, P.P.S.G.D., W.M.; F. T. Ridpath, S.W.; J. Kilvington, J.W.; W. Foulspam, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland, Treas.; G. S. Horsnail, Sec.; Dr. R. G. Fleming, J.D.; C. Tarry, Stwd.; J. Clarke, I.G.; W. Lane, Tyler; W. H. Ranson, I.P.M.; H. Baber, P.M.; F. C. Paskell, P.M.; J. Buckley, J. J. Stockwell, B. E. Greenfield, F. Healey, W. Turpin, H. Sherry, W. Mason, J. S. Mortimer, L. P. Gordon, T. Chamberlain, E. C. Symmons, J. Clarke, J. Gaggin, P. Budd, W. R. Griffin,

W. Best, A. Wilmot, W. Horton, and J. Davies. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Baldwin, 1892, P.P.G.S.B.; J. D. Langton, P.M. 2006, P.P.J.G.W.; Gordon Smith, W.M. 2041; J. W. Tuscan, 14; F. Cambridge, 2096, P.P.G.O.; W. Pile, P.M. 1892, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Burn, I.G. 858; A. T. Findlass, 870; and C. Cooke, I.G. 1851.

After the W.M. had disposed of the usual toasts of "The Queen," &c., the I.P.M., Bro. Ranson, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he considered it an honour, for he had personally witnessed the very great interest which Bro. Hobbs displayed in the Old England, as in other lodges in Surrey, and in the progress of Freemasonry generally. The W.M. was a hard worker, and one who was determined to secure efficiency in details. Personally he had to thank the W.M. for assistance and guidance in the position he himself had recently occupied. The toast was heartily accepted with honours.

Bro. Hobbs, W.M., thanked Bro. Ranson, I.P.M., and brethren most sincerely for the way the toast had been received. The duties discharged by him involved considerable pleasure, and they had been, he concluded, discharged to the satisfaction of the lodge, from the kind feelings expressed on the occasion; besides, his own opinion in this respect was strengthened from the fact that they had presented him that evening with a Jubilee jewel, which he had accepted as a two-fold distinction, as a memento of the past historical year, and as a mark of respect from each brother of Old England. He had derived much support from the I.P.M., W.M.'s, and officers, of whom all had fulfilled their respective duties efficiently and thoroughly, which had materially helped him.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," with which he coupled Bros. Langton's, Cambridge's, Baldwin's, and Gordon Smith's names. Bro. Langton, he said, had been and was then suffering from illness, and had attended greatly against his personal comfort and convenience. He felt pleased also at seeing so many visitors present, holding high positions in the Craft.

Bro. Cambridge thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast, and he felt pleased to hear that his assistance in the musical arrangements of the evening was to their satisfaction.

Bro. Gordon Smith said it was his first visit at Old England, and from what he had observed, congratulated the W.M. in being surrounded with such attentive officers, and he moreover congratulated the lodge in having such a proficient and persevering W.M.

Bro. Langton sincerely thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind expressions, and although it was not his first visit to Old England, he trusted it would not be his last, for he always felt at home at the meetings of this lodge owing to meeting so many of them elsewhere. Old England was a prosperous and worthy one, and was compelled to be so when it was headed by that enthusiastic father in Freemasonry, Bro. Foulsham, whose soul and life had been closely devoted to the Craft for over 40 years. He was delighted in seeing the W.M. decorated with a Jubilee jewel, a proof positive of the appreciation in which he was held by the brethren. Personally, he was indebted to Bro. Hobbs for many kind acts when holding various offices in Freemasonry.

Bro. Baldwin said he had enjoyed himself much at the lodge's meetings; he should always look back with pleasure on it, and hoped that on another occasion to be present. He was satisfied that the lodge possessed good officers, which was not surprising when they had such a good example to follow in their W.M.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of Bro. Ranson, I.P.M.," which was drunk with customary honours.

Bro. Ranson, I.P.M., thanked them for the kind words which had been uttered. The W.M., as they already knew, was always saying words of kindness at their assemblies, and to him he was greatly indebted for assistance and encouragement in the progress he had attained in Freemasonry.

"The Treasurer and The Secretary" was next proposed by the W.M. In regard to their Treasurer, Bro. Foulsham, he was at a loss in being able to add to what they already knew of his great abilities and knowledge in Freemasonry. They, like himself, held him in high esteem and respect, ever ready to help forward the success of the lodge and assist those below the chair. Bro. Foulsham was the founder of several English lodges and Old England was his youngest child, but how many more would he bring to existence no one could foretell, for his energy, love, and determination in Freemasonry were unbounded. With regard to their Secretary, Bro. Horsnail, he had most satisfactorily discharged his duties; he considered he was the best Secretary the lodge had had, and hoped the lodge would be able to retain his services.

Bro. Foulsham, in reply, said that he had never experienced coldness in Freemasonry; over 40 years his health had been similarly drunk many hundred times. When he reflected on the past 40 years which had been given to Freemasonry, he could not help feeling grateful to the G.A.O.T.U. in sparing his life so long to enable him to bestow that time, attention, and heart to so good a cause as Freemasonry, and when looking around him now in seeing so many blooming young brethren performing their various offices, it reminded him with thankfulness of his younger years. He had found it, and he said it frankly, that Freemasons ought to be better than other men, but if they occasionally found one not to the normal standard, then that was his own fault, arising from the neglect of those high and grand principles taught by Freemasonry. Bro. Foulsham concluded an eloquent speech on the Christian benefits derivable from the system of Freemasonry.

Bro. Horsnail thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very kind observations regarding himself, and was pleased to learn that the Secretarial duties which he had discharged were to their satisfaction.

The W.W. then proposed "The Officers" and "The Tyler," and after referring to the good qualities of the officers, said that as it would be the last opportunity of being able to speak as the W.M. of the lodge, he was desirous of specially mentioning how attentively Bro. Lane had discharged the Tyler's office. He was always and punctually at his post, his duties were perfectly performed with great credit to himself, and his faultless attention was not only noticeable at Old England, but at other lodges where he sometimes attended. He tendered him his own personal thanks and also those of the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Ridpath, testified to the universal satisfaction ex-

perienced by the officers of Old England in having a W.M. such as they possessed, in whom a better example could not be secured for the officers to follow, and he hoped they would become all affected by that excellent work which he had performed in their presence and hearing.

At intervals during the evening Bros. Kilvington, Budd, and others sang several well selected songs, which were heartily applauded.

Bro. Tarry provided the refreshments, which were, as usual, of good quality and variety.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Dandridge, W.M.; Turpin, S.W.; Sandford, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Whibley, S.D.; H. G. Pitt, J.D.; Jenkins, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Penrose, Leng, Hick, Emblin, and several others.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the confirmation of the minutes, the usual questions leading to the Second Degree were well answered by Bro. Penrose. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the usual questions leading to the Third Degree were answered by Bro. Leng. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Turpin, S.W., was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in March, and appointed the officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at "Heathfield," Streatham. Present: Bros. J. Andrews, W.M.; Hardin, S.W.; Bott, J.W.; Bull, J.D.; J. Warren, P.M., Preceptor; and several visitors.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the Sections of the Lecture in the M.M.'s Degree were worked by Bro. J. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Bott acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Several new members were elected, and Bro. T. E. Hardin was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

Although this lodge is only a few months old, it has a goodly array of members, and meets every Thursday, at 8.30, at "Heathfield" (private house), near Streatham Railway Station.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. O. W. Battley, W.M.; J. Corrie, S.W.; J. Stagg, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, 1707, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642, S.D.; E. F. Ferris, W.M. 1543, J.D.; J. R. Allman, I.G.; J. C. Conway, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Dr. Ingleby Mackenzie, P.M. 372, 30° (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; D. Stroud, W.M. 2045; J. Bailey, W.M. 1895; W. J. Stratton, H. Guntrip, and J. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Stroud being candidate. Bro. Stroud afterwards, at the request of the W.M., rehearsed the ceremony of consecration in a very able manner. A vote of sympathy with Bro. Mote was unanimously carried, he having met with a severe accident. Bro. Wood was elected W.M. for the next meeting if the W.M. of the mother lodge should be unable to attend. The Fifteen Sections will be worked: the First Lecture on the 26th March, and the Second and Third on the 9th April. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. Clarke, W.M.; Church, S.W.; Noakes, J.W.; Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; A. Cox, S.D.; Petch, J.D.; Duncan, I.G.; Reynolds, Simmonds, and H. Hunt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Reynolds candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Duncan 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. Duncan candidate, the W.M. giving the traditional history in an excellent manner. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Fisher Simmonds was unanimously elected a member, being proposed by Bro. A. Cox, and seconded by Bro. Hancock. Bro. Church 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.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London-street, Renchurch-street, E.C., when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. G. Milbourn, W.M. 13, W.M. and Section Master; E. Talbot, S.W. 65 and 1310, S.W.; Belchamber, J.W. 1158, J.W.; Appleby, 13, S.D.; Dale, 879, J.D.; Ives, P.M. 1472, I.G.; Duffield, P.M. 1571, Preceptor; Lewis, P.M. 1472, 2184, Treasurer; H. Colley, 1571, Hon. Sec.; W. Smith, W.M. 228; Beadle, 2184; Tichiaz, 917; Barnes, 2184; Penney, 2184; Blake, 1571; Greenwood, P.M. 1571; Arnott, 2184; Gregory, 1571; Gaskell, P.M. 368; Taylor, 228; Webb, P.M. 174; Pummell, 1571; Lague, 1571; Martin, P.M. 879; Penney, P.M. 1571; C. J. Jones, 1472; J. D. Wilkinson, 879; F. J. Mayfleet, 700; Ball, P.M. 144; Borrett, 1559; Lazarus, S.D. 879; Stamp, P.M. 1178; Faulkner, 1559; and A. Phillips, 1531.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees respectively. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. Blake, Borrett, Lazarus, Duffield, Talbot, Mayfleet, and Dale. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Bros. Appleby, Martin, Ball, Talbot, and Belchamber. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by Bros. Lazarus, Appleby, and Stamp. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and, on the W.M. rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bros. Mayfleet, J. D. Wilkinson, Webb, Faulkner, Borrett, Belchamber, Talbot, Lazarus, Phillips, Dale, Appleby, Lague, and Pummell. The W.M. rose for the second and third times. Upon the proposition of Bro. Duffield, P.M., seconded by Bro. W. Smith, and unanimously carried, a hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Milbourn for the able and efficient manner in which he had acted as Section Master in this lodge for the first time. Bro. Milbourn, in returning thanks, expressed his willingness to again assist in the Lectures at a future time, an announcement much cheered by the brethren. Bro. Milbourn then proposed a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, to those brethren who assisted him in the Lectures, which, being seconded by Bro. Colley, was carried unanimously. Bro. Talbot acknowledged the same, and expressed willingness, on behalf of the brethren, to give assistance on a future occasion. Bro. Milbourn was, upon the proposition of Bro. Duffield, P.M., seconded by Bro. Smith, unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. The W.M. having received the hearty congratulations of those present, and, no further Masonic business offering, 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 16th inst., when there were present Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.;

W. F. Cash, S.D.; J. D. Graham, J.D.; G. S. Peachey, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Honeyball, A. Clark, W. Brindley, W. Hancock, and A. Mella.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. Honeyball having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. W. Honeyball answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 2nd, and Bro. W. Brindley worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. G. H. Reynolds proposed that Bro. W. Honeyball, 1681, be elected a joining member—seconded by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, and carried unanimously. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. F. Kedge, 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 hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. F. M. Noakes for the very able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and also for the efficient way in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction. He had never seen it excelled. Bro. W. Brindley, in seconding the proposition, said he endorsed all that had fallen from the lips of Bro. W. C. Smith, and much admired Bro. Noakes' steady, regular, and quiet delivery. His working that evening was a pattern to all brethren who aspired to the high position of a W.M. Carried unanimously. The W.M., in reply, said he felt highly gratified at the kind remarks of both Bro. W. C. Smith and Bro. W. Brindley. It was the first time he had ever occupied the chair in any lodge. The kindness he always received from the brethren of this lodge encouraged him much in his work. He had made up his mind to work the initiation ceremony first in this lodge, where he had received so much instruction, although belonging to many other lodges of instruction, and he was glad to know he had given all present satisfaction. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Seaside Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Weeks, W.M.; Wood, S.W.; Keene, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; Dresden, S.D.; Neville, J.D.; Heath, I.G.; Cochrane, P.M., acting Preceptor; Wildes, R. H. Williams, W. C. Williams, Clare, and Craggs.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wildes having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. W. C. Williams having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Wood was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Golahawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. E. Child, P.M., W.M.; Moss, S.W.; Jennings, J.W.; E. Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; C. R. Cross, S.D.; Woodard, J.D.; Johnston, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; Rogers, P.M.; Speigel, P.M.; Whittell, L. Cox, Arnott, Martineau, Cockrill, Marsh, Head, and Sansom. Bro. Bridger was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. Cochrane, P.M., candidate. The charge after initiation was given by Bro. Cochrane, P.M. The 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sections were worked. Bro. Bridger was elected a joining member. Bro. Moss was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 20th inst. Present: Bros. J. Collings, P.M., as W.M. and Preceptor; J. Davies, S.W.; S. Cochrane, P.M., J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., as I.P.M.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); D. S. Long, S.D.; Hopkins, J.D.; J. Worth, I.G.; K. H. Williams, P.M.; W. C. Williams, J. W. Morley, Gilbert, Wimpey, Fayers, Skar, Heath, E. Fox, and Greenham.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Seven Sections of the Lecture were then worked in an admirable manner by Bros. W. C. Williams, S. Cochrane, Hopkins, D. S. Long, J. Davies, J. Collings, and J. Sims. Bro. J. W. Morley having resigned the office of Secretary, the members elected Bro. F. Craggs to that office, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Morley for past services. The Sections of the Second and Third Lectures will be worked in this lodge on Monday, the 27th inst., by well-known brethren.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 18th inst. Present: Bros. J. H. Wood, P.M., W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; J. Sims, P.M., J.D.; C. Hopkins, I.G.; E. Aslet, Org.; M. Speigel, P.M.; W. Cartnot, P.M.; D. Stroud, F. Craggs, F. Clark, W. W. Williams, and J. Worth.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. C. Hopkins worked the 3rd Section of the Lecture, under the direction of the Preceptor. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. J. Sims, P.M., offering to act as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, the W.M. rendering the traditional history. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. D. S. Long was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting. The Preceptor announced his intention to work the ceremony of installation on the 17th March next. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Blades, W.M.; Harvey, S.W.; Mann, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Hume, S.D.; Coleman, J.D.; Arnold, jun., I.G.; Brandon, P.M.; Arnold, sen., Hayler, Robertson, Evans, and Edwards.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hayler being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Mann. The lodge was opened in the second Degree. Bro. Evans, 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. Evans being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. re-occupied the chair. Bro. Harvey was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. 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 20th inst. Present: Bros. F. Hill, W.M.; J. Wright, S.W.; Partridge, J.W.; Steele, S.D.; Gibbs, J.D.; Green, I.G.; Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Folkard, B. Perkins, Cot, Sandais, and Stubbs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. Hill vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Andrews, who, resuming the lodge to the Second Degree, duly entrusted Bro. Folkard, who had answered the questions in a perfect manner. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by Bro. Andrews, with Bro. Folkard as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hill resumed the chair, and, on rising for the first time, the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second

Comp. Sillitoe suitably thanked the companions, after which the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards adjourned to an excellent banquet, served by the Steward of the Union (club in such a manner as to call forth words of praise upon his merits as a caterer.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening followed.

CHESTER.—Cestrian Chapter (No. 425).—The members of this chapter held their installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., when Comp. S. W. Ramsden was installed as First Principal, Comps. J. F. Edisbury and A. Parkes being appointed H. and J. respectively. During the evening the companions of the chapter presented a valuable and somewhat rare jewel to Comp. J. C. Robinson, P.Z., in recognition of his services to the chapter, and his researches into Masonic archæology.

YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—A few days ago the installation meeting of this chapter took place, when Comps. J. Blenkin, W. Brown, and Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., were installed in the three chairs by Comp. T. B. Whythead, P.Z. Several candidates were also advanced by the M.E.Z., assisted by Comp. J. T. Seller, P.Z.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, M.E.Z.; J. Sims, J. 834, H.; M. Speigel, 834, J.; J. T. Mickelburg, Z. 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, H. 890, S.E.; Dr. Ingleby Mackenzie, P.Z. 90, P.P.G.T. Devon, S.N.; G. March, 733, P.S.; J. Smith, 2nd A.S. 890, 1st A.S.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset; and D. Cochran, 3. The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cochran being candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Chalfont for his able rendering of the Mystical Lecture and presiding as First Principal. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

TEMPERANCE-IN-THE EAST LODGE (No. 350).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Newby Place, Poplar. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Slater proceeded to install his successor, Bro. John Byford, jun., who was unanimously elected W.M. at the previous meeting. Bro. Slater performed the ceremony in a very able manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Steele, S.W.; B. Carter, J.W.; H. Rogers, M.O.; Brown, S.O.; Bridges, J.O.; Geo. Graveley, P.M., Treas.; Charles Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec.; Trew, Reg. of Mks.; Watkins, S.D.; A. G. Duck, J.D.; John Gordon, I.G.; Gibbs, Org.; G. Shearman, D.C.; Seale, Stwd.; and Rawles, Tyler. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. T. Ringrose, J. F. Richardson, G. Limn, and others. Visitors: Bros. Bolton, P.G.S.B., Tucker, and Grey.

Lodge business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a splendid repast was served by Bro. W. Bigg. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and duly responded to, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 357).—A meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present: Bros. F. Tyler, W.M.; George Gardner, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; J. Edwards, S.W.; A. Pringle, S.O., acting J.W.; W. Clowes, M.O.; G. Thomas, R. of Mks.; W. C. Dickey, I.G.; J. L. Mather, G. Treas., Sec.; C. Bellerby, D.C.; W. C. Woodruffe, Stwd.; B. Hardy, W. Ellis, F. Lawrence, Treas.; J. Brill, and Walkley, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and a ballot taken for Bros. C. Bellerby, of the Thistle Lodge, E. B. Cox, Thistle Lodge, and W. C. Woodruffe, of the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, which proved in their favour as joining members. A division was then taken as to alteration of meetings, raising of fees, &c., and it was resolved that the meetings should be altered from June, September, and February, to April, September, November, and February, the day to be fixed at the annual meeting in June. This being election meeting Bro. Lawrence was elected W.M., and Bro. G. Gardner, Treas. for the ensuing year; a jewel was voted to the outgoing Master, and the Audit Committee appointed.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, after which a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by several songs.

CARDIFF.—Langley Lodge (No. 28).—The installation of Bro. J. Munday, P.P.G.D., as W.M. of the above lodge took place on Thursday afternoon, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Working-street. The officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge present were Bros. W. C. Hurley, G.S., P.I.G.W., W.M.; J. Munday, S.W.; J. Hussey, J.W.; J. Sheridan, M.O.; J. Colman, S.O.; W. H. Hooper, J.O.; N. D. Marks, P.M., Sec.; Ivor Roberts, Assist. Sec.; A. Roberts, Reg.; Henry Frazer, S.D.; W. P. Phillips, J.D.; and P. J. Riley, Tyler. The visitors included the following brethren from Monmouth: Bros. S. G. Homfray, P.G.M.; G. Hazele, S. Davies, J. H. Pettewell, J. C. Kelley, T. G. Jones, P.P.G.S. of W., J.W.; A. Thornton, P.G.S.; C. P. Evans, P.M., P.P.G.S.; and F. H. Phillips, P.G.S.T. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. H. Taylor, W. H. Williams, W. Hellier, J. R. Wood, and others.

The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. S. G. Homfray, P.G.M., after which the following were invested by the W.M.: Bros. J. Munday, P.P.G.D., W.M.; W. C. Hurley, G.S., P.I.G.W., I.P.M.; J. Hussey, S.W.; J. Sheridan, J.W.; J. Colman, P.P.A. G.S., M.O.; W. H. Hooper, S.O.; I. Roberts, J.O.; A. H. Roberts, P.P.G.D., Reg.; N. D. Marks, P.M., P.G.S., Treas. and Sec.; H. Frazer, Assist. Sec.; J. M. Gerhold, Org.; W. P. Phillips, S.D.; J. H. Taylor, P.P.G.R., J.D.; J. R. Wood, I.G.; R. Williams and W. H. Williams, Stwds. A banquet followed at the Angel Hotel.

WOOLWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The quarterly meeting of the above powerful lodge took place on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street. Bro. E. Palmer, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Capt. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.P.G. Svd. Br.; W. Maulds, P.P.G.I.G., S.W.; G. Kennedy, P.P.G.R. of M., S.O. and Sec.; J. Whiteheart, P.P.G.I.G. Kent, M.O.; C. Jolly, P.P.G.O., J.O.; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M., R. of M.; E. West, P.M., P.G. Stwd., S.D.; F. Reed, I.G.; T. Hosgood, J. H. Porter, C. J. Clapham, J. Farrier, and W. C. Taylor, 44.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. S. H. Syer, P.M. 13; W. Murphy, 1536; W. S. Buckler, 851; and W. S. Gates, 851, and, proving unanimous, these brethren were advanced by the W.M., the ceremony being perfect in every shape and form. The W.M. then announced that he intended to stand as Steward at the forthcoming Mark Benevolent Festival, and the sum of five guineas was voted to his list, while, from the promises given by the brethren, we have no doubt the list of our distinguished brother will fully sustain the prestige of the lodge, it being already a Vice-President of the Charity.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Capern's house, the Earl of Chatham Hotel, Thomas-street, where, after refreshments, the usual loyal and Mark toasts were honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent by the brethren in harmony.

Knights Templar.

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF VICTORIA.

On Wednesday, December 14th, at Salisbury-buildings, Bourke-street, Melbourne, Victoria, the Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria was instituted. The Metropolitan Preceptory, No. 28 on the roll of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, was opened by Sir Knight Y. Bramwell, P.P. The Installing Master, Sir Knight George Talmage, P.P., afterwards took the chair. The Sir Knights then formed a line to receive M. Em. and Supreme Grand Master elect, Sir Knight David Munro, who was enthroned and saluted as M. Em. and S.G.M. of Victoria. The following officers were invested: Fraters Percy Oakden, D.G.M.; Hon. Dr. G. Le Fevre, M.L.C.; G. Prior; A. Aitken, G. Sub-Prior; Y. Bramwell, P.P., G. Chancellor; Rev. D. Meadowcroft, G. Chap.; G. Talmage, P.P., G. Constable; B. J. Harrison, G. Marshal; J. Moir, G. Treas.; E. A. Collis, G. Reg. The following subordinate officers were also invested: Fraters J. C. Coverlid, G. Vice-Chancellor; F. Longmore, G.D. of C.; W. D. Wright, G. Sub-Marshal; L. S. Dumont, G. Almoner; J. M. D. Drew, 1st G. Herald; Dr. E. H. Williams, Ch. M., &c., 2nd G. Herald; C. J. Davison, G.W. of R.; J. G. Yager, 1st G. Std. Br.; H. B. Foster, M.D., 2nd G. Std. Br.; W. H. Burton, M.D., G. Master Banner Br.; J. Allison, 1st G. Aide-de-Camp; A. Agnew, 2nd G. Aide-de-Camp; G. E. Treen, A.G.D. of C.; J. Gregg, G.C. of G.; G. G. Hall, G. Svd. Br.; J. C. Kennedy, G. Org.; J. Copeland, G. Purst.; C. G. F. Stenbeck, W. Ferguson, W. G. Patterson, and J. E. Lees, G. Stwds.; and W. H. Bridal, G.G.

The Great Priory was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a repast had been provided.

Several toasts were proposed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).—This old chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Bros. Lieut.-Col. Gardiner, P.M.W.S. 30°, M.W.S.; Captain J. E. Anderson, 1st General; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Treas.; Lieut. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; W. Browne-Kidder, G.M.; H. J. Lardner, 30°, R.; Captain Stohwasser, C. of G.; Dr. Coffin, 30°, P.M.W.S.; W. Maple, Thompson, Hayworth, Lieut. Nelson Prower, M.A., Greenwood, W. W. Codd, Charles Belton, J. B. Glenn, and others.

The minutes of the previous chapter having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. O. Harding, M.A., who had been previously balloted for, was most impressively perfected by the M.W.S. A vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. T. C. Walls for his services during the past four years as Recorder. Bro. H. J. Lardner gave a notice of motion, "That the sum of five guineas be voted from the funds of the chapter and placed on the list of Bro. Walls as Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." The Recorder gave a notice of motion, "That the sum of two guineas be voted to the Poore Testimonial Fund."

A late member of the chapter, in distress, having been relieved with the sum of three guineas, the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Café Royal, Regent-street. The usual toasts followed, and a most pleasant evening's entertainment was brought to a close at an early hour.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

YORK.—York College.—The annual and obligatory meeting of the members of this college, now numbering over 80 of the leading Freemasons of Yorkshire and the North of England, was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Saturday, the 18th inst. There was one of the largest musters on record, amongst those present being Fraters T. B. Whythead, Chief Adept of the Province; W. F. Tomlinson, Celebrant; J. L. Atherton, Deputy; Col. Monks, Assist. Deputy; J. M. Meek, Treas.; Wm. Brown, Sec.; J. J. Wilkes, S.A.; Chas. Hill Drury, T.A.; W. Flockton, Precentor; G. H. Locking, C. of Novices; W. B. Dyson, Org.; S. Chadwick, I.B.; Major McGachen, Herald; W. H. B. Atkinson, Medallist; Tudor Trevor, C. Palliser, J. L. Atherton, C. J. Monckman, H. Maddison, H. E. Cousins, J. Blenkin, F. Smith, W. H. Cowper, J. W. Woodall,

Kipps, Myers, Cheesman, Craig, Welsman, Pattinson, Laxton, and others.

Ballots were taken for Bro. E. Maclean, 3½ (S.C.); G. F. Carr, 1542; T. P. Vaux, 208; J. W. Davis, P.M. 61; F. Whiteley, P.M. 61; G. Buckley, P.M. 61; Chas. Greenwood, W.M. 448; and Herbert Crossley, 61. Bros. Maclean, Carr, Whiteley, Jekyll, Buckley, Crossley, and Vaux, accepted aspirants, were then introduced and admitted, the ceremonies being most perfectly performed by Frater W. F. Tomlinson, the Celebrant, who also delivered the lecture; and, on the motion of Frater Trevor, seconded by the Chief Adept, a resolution of thanks was passed to the Celebrant for the efficiency with which he had discharged his duties during his year of office. On a scroll being taken, Frater Col. Monks received the almost unanimous vote of the fratres, and was at once installed in the chair of Christian Rosenkrenz by the outgoing Celebrant, and thanked the fratres for their selection of him, promising to do all in his power to further the welfare of the college. Frater J. W. Meek, Treas., read his balance sheet, which showed, notwithstanding unusually heavy expenses connected with printing the transactions, a balance at the right side. Frater Meek was thereafter re-elected to the office of Treasurer. The Chief Adept announced that at a meeting of Grade III. Frater J. J. Wilkes had been elected to the vacancy, and that at a meeting of Grade II. Fraters W. F. Tomlinson and W. M. Brown had been elected to the two vacancies. The Chief Adept announced that he had conferred the Office of Suffragan upon Frater W. F. Tomlinson, and that of Provincial Secretary upon Frater Wm. Brown. A ballot was taken for Provincial Treasurer, and Frater J. L. Atherton was elected to that office. The roll of members was called over, and only six were found to be unaccounted for, either by letter or actual attendance. Frater J. W. Woodall gave notice of a proposed alteration in the by-laws as to the appointment of Auditors. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bradford, on Wednesday, the 16th May. The Chief Adept then addressed a few remarks to the fratres, in the course of which he congratulated them on being members of a body so large and influential as the college had undoubtedly become. They were already aware of the reasons that had obliged him to defer the preparation of his annual address, but he hoped to be able to give it at the next meeting in May, when he trusted to greet them all.

The M.C. was then dissolved, and the bulk of the fratres adjourned to the banqueting room, where they partook of an excellent tea, and a most enjoyable evening was passed previous to the departure of the members towards the four cardinal points of the compass.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

ALFRED MEADOWS CONCLAVE (No. 1).—On Monday this conclave met under the presidency of the Supreme Grand Ruler, Bro. Dr. Zacharie, who was ably supported by a number of the Grand Council and officers of the Alfred Meadows Conclave. Although only introduced into England about a year ago, the Order had grown in a way unknown in any other branch of Masonry. Bro. Dr. Zacharie, P.G.M. California, is the prime mover in this Degree. He happened to speak in the Duke's Saloon at a Craft lodge to Bro. Matier some few months ago of the Order of the Secret Monitor, and finding that that brother was a Monitor, they enquired of the Grand Secretary if he were a member. He replying in the affirmative, they, with Bro. Lewis Thomas, determined to revive the Order in England. These four brethren forming a nucleus, a conclave was soon held, and they admitted a number of distinguished brethren into the Order. They then constituted themselves into a Supreme Grand Conclave, with Dr. Zacharie as the chief, and issued a warrant for a conclave, to be named the Alfred Meadows Conclave, No. 1, after Bro. Dr. Meadows, who died shortly after the resuscitation of the Order. This conclave already numbers nearly 80 brethren, and warrants have been issued for a University of London Conclave, No. 2, Star in the East (Penang) No. 4, and Horatio Shirley, No. 5, the latter being consecrated on Wednesday last at Red Lion-square. The Alfred Meadows Conclave already numbers amongst its members Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Grand Chancellor; T. Spratling, Grand Recorder; J. Lewis Thomas, Grand Councillor; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.S.R.; C. Belton, Grand Treasurer; H. Tilton, P.G.M. New York; Augustus Harris, A. M. Broadley, Sir Robert Fowler, M.P., Sir Francis Burdett, Baron de Ferrieres, C. F. Matier, Major Lambert F.S.A., Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company; Magnus Ohren, Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer in the Craft; Lennox Browne, and others. On Monday, at the Holborn Restaurant, the following were amongst the brethren inducted as Secret Monitors: Bros. Admiral Richard Mayne, M.P., C.B.; G. Brown, Ohren, junior, Henry Wright, J. Beaumont, and Horatio Shirley. Bro. Spratling performed the ceremonies of inducting the candidates in a most able and impressive manner.

The conclave was then closed, and the brethren dined together under the chairmanship of the Supreme Grand Ruler.

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas responded for "The Supreme Council."

Bro. Broadley, Grand Councillor, in one of his eloquent Masonic speeches proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Horatio Shirley, mentioning that Bro. Shirley is an Irish landlord, and having a lot of spare time on his hands, owing to unavoidable circumstances, is devoting some of it to the Order of the Secret Monitor.

Bro. Shirley responded in due terms.

Bro. Henry Wright responded for "The Newly-inducted brethren;" whilst Lieut.-Col. Perry Godfrey, the Guide, did the same for "The Officers."

All we need add is, that if this and all the conclaves continue as the meeting did on Monday, then a very bright and progressive future is before the Order of the Secret Monitor, which owes so much to Bro. Dr. Zacharie.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Bro. Lord and Lady Hothfield, Bro. Lord and Lady Charles Beresford, and Bro. and Mrs. G. Cavendish-Bentnck were among the guests invited by Isabella, Countess of Wilton, to meet the Duke of Cambridge at dinner at her residence in Grosvenor-street on Saturday evening last.

ANNUAL SOIREE OF THE CALEDONIAN LODGE, No. 204, MANCHESTER.

The annual soiree took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, and was a great success. The popularity of these friendly and enjoyable gatherings was manifested once more by the demand for tickets, which was far greater than the limited accommodation could supply, viz., 100; and, however cynics may sneer at the utility of these gatherings, there is no doubt they tend to popularise Masonry with the fair sex, who are thus enabled to see how Freemasons conduct themselves, and how anxious they are, whenever an occasion presents itself, of permitting the ladies to share some of the enjoyment which the brethren are credited with.

The ordinary lodge meeting was held at six o'clock, and when finished, the Stewards, Bros. Martin Thomas, W.M.; H. Guthrie, S.W.; C. Duckworth, J.W.; W. Bagnall, S.D.; and J. E. Roberts, J.D., prepared themselves to receive the company, who began to arrive shortly after eight o'clock. The first dance commenced at 8.30, and was followed by others until supper was announced ready in the dining-room, where the whole company shortly afterwards were seated, and a very attractive *coup d'ail* was presented. The supper was a great success, and being served in the dining-room, instead of as heretofore in the lodge room, enabled Bro. Phillips to devote all his attention to it.

During dessert the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was well received, after which "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales" was proposed in felicitous terms and heartily drunk.

Bro. Rev. PHILLIP HAINS next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, would this year attain his majority as a Mason, and who had been installed W.M. of two lodges during the 21 years he had been a Mason. He possessed all the qualifications necessary to fill such a position, and the admirable and earnest manner in which he had fulfilled his duties in the Lodge of Charity and the Caledonian, convinced the members of 204 that he would maintain the prestige and dignity of their lodge. After referring to the musical abilities of Bro. Thomas, and his genial and affable manner, Bro. Hains asked all present to rise and drink his health.

Bro. Thomas Shorroek, P.M., here sang a verse of "Here's to his Health."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who on rising was received with loud and long applause, said he thanked Bro. Hains for his kind remarks, and all present for so heartily responding to the toast of his health. On a previous occasion, not long since, he had said all he could say in response to the toast, and therefore the present was for him rather a difficult position to be in, but in speaking to those who were not Masons he would tell them a little about what Freemasonry was. Bro. Thomas thereupon explained the principles of the Order, and referred to the religious character of the ceremonies, which were founded on the purest principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. No society in existence could compare, he said, with Freemasonry for benevolence and Charity, no less a sum having been subscribed by them in 1887 than £63,000. Whatever part of the world one travelled, there Freemasons would be met with, and the right hand of fellowship held out to all brethren.

Bro. Thomas's remarks were attentively listened to, and when finished he proposed "The Ladies," and Mr. JOHN ALLEN, in a very humorous speech, responded on behalf of the fair sex.

The company then returned to the ball room where dancing was resumed and kept up until 4 a.m. During the intervals between the dances a daughter of Bro. Martin Thomas, who possesses a splendid soprano voice, sang in grand style "Esmeralda," and was greatly applauded and encored.

Mr. John Allen, the well-known Manchester humourist, also obliged with "All on account of Eliza," and Bro. Lisenden recited "Arry interviewed."

The band, under the direction of Bro. James Varley, P.M., P.P.G. Org., played a capital selection of dances, and Bro. Robt. A. Eldershaw, P.M., as usual made an indefatigable, useful, and courteous Master of the Ceremonies.

Amongst the company were the following: Bros. Martin Thomas, W.M., and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. A. L. Thomas and the Misses Thomas, Bro. Herbert Guthrie, S.W., and Mrs. Guthrie, Bros. C. Duckworth, J.W.; Rev. Phillip Hains, Chap.; John Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas., and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. A. E. and the Misses Roberts, Bro. J. E. Roberts, J.D., and Mrs. J. E. Roberts, Bro. William Bagnall, P.M., and Mrs. and Miss Bagnall, Bro. Wilfred Bagnall, S.D., and Mr. A. W. Bagnall, Bro. R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., D.C., and Mrs. and Miss Eldershaw, Bro. J. G. Grimshaw, I.G., and Mrs. Grimshaw, Miss Parkin; Bro. John Cliffe, I.P.M., and Mrs. Cliffe; Bros. Thomas Shorroek, P.M.; Thos. Sawyer, P.M.; Hill, P.M.; S. N. Porthos, W. H. Ream, and Mrs. and Miss Ream, Bro. and Mrs. Miller, Bro. P. D. Apostolu, Bro. A. and Mrs. Burgow, Bro. and Mrs. Tennant, Bro. Bretey, Bro. W. P. and Mrs. Heap and Miss Walters; Bro. Richard and Mrs. Jennison, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, Mr. W. H. Perks, Bro. Edward, and Mrs. and Miss Smith, Bro. Wethington, P.M. 78, and Mrs. Wethington, Bro. W. B. Russell, W.M. 1219, and Mrs. Russell, Bro. Nuttall and Mrs. E. N. Nuttall, Bros. Samuel Ayland, R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Stwd., and Mrs. Lisenden.

THE SECOND ANNUAL BALL OF THE ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

On Thursday evening, the 9th inst., the brethren of the above promising lodge held their second annual ball at St. James's Hall, about 150 ladies and gentleman attended, and dancing was kept up till one a.m., when the company sat down to an excellent supper, provided by that old reputed caterer, Bro. J. S. Roberts, sen., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. MOLE, who in a few words having proposed "The Queen and the Craft;" Bro. DOCKER, P.M., proposed in few well chosen sentences "The Health of the W.M.;" "Success to the Lodge and its Annual Ball" was proposed by Bro. H. GROSS, S.D., who spoke hopefully of the future of the lodge, coupling the toast with the health of Bro. Valeriani, P.M., than whom he said, no man had done more to secure the prosperity of the lodge, and that in a great measure it owed its present position to his zeal and energy.

Bro. GOSLING having proposed "The Health of the Ladies," the company returned to the ball room, when to the excellent music of the band of the Middlesex Yeomanry Cavalry, conducted by Bro. W. T. Graves, P.M., dancing was resumed till the small hours of the morning. Bro. P. Wyatt was a most efficient Master of the Ceremonies.

Altogether this was one of the most pleasant gatherings of the season, and the Rothesay Ball bids fair to become a permanent and successful institution.

CONSECRATION OF THE ASCOTVALE MASONIC HALL.

The new Masonic Hall in Ascotvale, near Melbourne, the foundation-stone of which was laid in October last year by Bro. W. F. Lamonby, the W.M. of the Gordon Lodge, No. 2112, was consecrated and dedicated to the purposes of the Craft on the evening of Wednesday, December 21st, by Bro. Sir William Clarke, R.W. District Grand Master of Victoria. The building is the property of a limited liability company, with £2000 capital, the whole of which has been paid up. It contains a large hall, suitable for concerts, meetings, and religious services, &c., with ante-rooms front and back, and a Masonic lodge room on the first floor. The whole is completely furnished, whilst a grand piano has also been provided.

The proceedings, held under the banner of the Gordon Lodge, No. 2112, most of the members of which are shareholders in the company, commenced with an emergency meeting of the local lodge in the main hall, after which the R.W. Dist. G.M. and his officers were announced, and received with the customary honours. Bro. Sir William Clarke then assumed the chair, and opened a special communication of the District Grand Lodge, when the ceremony of dedication and consecration was proceeded with in the presence of a large number of Masons from Melbourne and elsewhere. Those who took part in the interesting ceremony, in addition to Bro. Sir William J. Clarke, were Bros. J. James, P.D.S.G.W., as Deputy Dist. G.M., in the absence of Dr. H. St. John Clarke, P.G.W. of England; W. J. Runting, D.S.G.W.; J. Dowding, D.J.G.W.; Rev. E. Rodda, D.G. Chap.; Rev. W. W. Mantell, P.D. G. Chap.; Rev. J. Caton, Chaplain of the Gordon Lodge; W. T. C. Kelly, D.G.P.B.G.P., P.D.S.G.W., acting D.G. Secretary, in the absence of Bro. T. H. Lempriere, P.G.S.B. of England, through illness; G. Thomas, D.G. D.C.; G. H. Davies, D.G.A. Org.; the Masters of the Yarra Yarra Lodge, the Shepparton Lodge, and the Jubilee Lodge; W. W. F. Lamonby, W.M. of the Gordon Lodge, and Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company; J. C. M. Cowan, I.G. Gordon Lodge, and Architect of the building. Bro. Dr. Willmott, P.G.D. of England, was present as a visitor. The ceremony having been brought to a conclusion, the District Grand Lodge was closed, and Bro. Sir William Clarke and his officers retired. The Gordon Lodge was then closed.

Subsequently the assemblage, on the invitation of the Gordon Lodge, partook of refreshment. Three or four formal toasts were proposed, and a very successful gathering came to a close.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA, E.C.

The quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Victoria was held on Monday evening, December the 10th, in the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne. Sir W. J. Clarke, R.W. District Grand Master, presided, and the principal officers present were: Bros. John James, P.D.S.G.W., as Deputy D.G.M., in the absence of Bro. Dr. St. John Clarke, P.G.W. of Eng.; J. W. Runting, D.S.G.W.; J. Dowding, D.J.G.W.; Rev. E. Rodda and J. Saunders, D.G. Chaplains; T. H. Lempriere, P.G. Swd. Br. of Eng., D. G. Sec.; and Dr. Willmott, P.G.D. of Eng., P.D.S.G.W. A number of Present and Past District Officers, as also Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of lodges, were in attendance.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form, after which Sir William Clarke and the Past Officers of England were saluted according to their respective ranks. The roll of lodges was called, and the minutes of the previous quarterly communication read and confirmed. The District Grand Secretary stated that dispensations had been granted for the opening of two new lodges, namely, the Natimuk, at the town of that name, and the Warregar, at Warracknabeal. This will bring the total number of lodges in the district up to 98.

In accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge of England, whereby Clause 83 of the Book of Constitutions was temporarily suspended, the Right Worshipful District Grand Master announced that he had conferred past rank on the following 24 brethren in honour of the Queen's Jubilee:—

- Bro. W. T. C. Kelly, P.M. 2112 ... P.D.S.G.W.
- " J. G. Sauerby, P.M. 1133 ... P.D.J.G.W.
- " J. Embling, P.M. 1153 ... P.D.J.G.W.
- " W. Thomson, P.M. 1020 ... P.D.J.G.W.
- " D. Loel, P.M. 474 ... P.D.J.G.W.
- " Rev. Archdeacon M'Cullagh, 641 ... P.D.G. Chap.
- " D. N. M'Leod, P.M. 576 ... P.D.S.G.D.
- " H. T. James, P.M. 843 | ... P.D.S.G.D.
- " D. Taylor, P.M. 846 ... P.D.S.G.D.
- " T. Tachell, P.M. 915 ... P.D.S.G.D.
- " T. Haydon, P.M. 572 ... P.D.S.G.D.
- " W. Kavanagh, P.M. 745 ... P.D.J.G.D.
- " Dr. Duncan, P.M. 1317 ... P.D.J.G.D.
- " R. C. Elliot, P.M. 798 ... P.D.J.G.D.
- " A. Blashki, P.M. 845 ... P.D.J.G.D.
- " T. Tamwell, P.M. 728 ... P.D.J.G.D.
- " C. R. Geoghegan, P.M. 1132 ... P.D.G. Swd. Br.
- " T. Monckton, P.M. 1316 ... P.D.G. Swd. Br.
- " R. Ward, P.M. 2065 ... P.D.G. Swd. Br.
- " Ramsay Thomson, P.M. 1700 ... P.D.G. Swd. Br.
- " J. W. Waddell, P.M. 2141 ... P.D.G. Std. Br.
- " A. Mills, P.M. 1057 ... P.D.G. Std. Br.
- " H. Brackenwagen, P.M. 987 ... P.D.G. Std. Br.
- " F. Ford, P.M. 845 ... P.D.G. Std. Br.

The R.W.D.G.M. nominated the following brethren to serve on the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year: Bros. C. H. Bayley, P.M. 727, President; J. A. Cantor, P.M. 474; J. I. Saqui, P.M. 1881; P. Cohen, P.M. 1080; H. Newman, P.M. 2009; F. Andrews, P.M. 845; P. Blashki, P.M. 2176; W. B. Lovering, P.M. 1290; H. J. L. Batten, P.M. 727; T. H. Lempriere, P.M. 729; and W. J. Runting, P.M. 280.

On the report of the District Board of General Purposes coming up for confirmation, some discussion took place on a recommendation that the District Grand Secretary's salary be increased. An amendment that the question stand over till the next quarterly communication, on account of the recommendation not being on the agenda paper, was rejected by 31 votes to 26. Ultimately it was carried that the salary be increased to £500 per annum, on consideration that the District Grand Secretary devote the whole of his time to the office, in conjunction with his other Masonic duties, viz., D.G.S.E., and Secretary of the Freemasons' Hall Company. Bro. Lempriere agreeing to this, the report was adopted.

The financial statement for the past quarter showed that £158 had been disbursed in relief to distressed brethren and their widows. The balances in hand were: £39 18s. 8d to the credit of the Grand Lodge; £1000 6s. 10d. District Benevolent Fund. The District Grand Lodge Fund shows a debit balance of £74 os. 3d.

Bro. H. W. Lowry was re-elected D.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year; and Bros. C. H. Bayley, W. B. Lovering, and J. Osmond were elected Auditors.

In pursuance of notice of motion, £5 5s. was voted to the Alfred Hospital.

The following notices of motion were handed in: "That £100. 10s. be voted to the Benevolent Asylum," by Bro. P. Blashki; "That £10 10s. be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the occasion of its Centenary Festival next year," by Bro. W. F. Lamonby; "That this District Grand Lodge take into its serious consideration the wide-spread dissatisfaction now existing in the Craft with reference to certain matters of Masonic interest," by Bro. J. L. Batten. The foregoing has reference to the desirability of forming a Grand Lodge of Victoria, a more strong-worded notice of motion having been ruled out of order by the R.W.D.G.M.

The District Grand Lodge was then closed.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Board of Masters met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, when the agenda paper for the Quarterly Communication of March 7th was submitted to the brethren. The Board of Benevolence was then held, at which Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President, presided, having Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. W. H. Perryman, G.P., as Junior Vice-President, in the chairs of those offices respectively. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee were present from Grand Secretary's office; and there were also present Bros. J. M. Clabon, Past President; W. P. Brown, Henry Garrod, David D. Mercer, F. R. Spaul, George A. Cundy, G. P. Britten, L. C. Haslip, A. C. Woodward, J. H. Matthews, Walter Hopedkirk, T. B. Green, George Read, W. M. Bywater, W. A. Scurrah, Charles F. Hogard, Charles Dairy, A. A. Drew, Rev. P. M. Holden, Thos. C. Coope, W. W. Westley, L. B. Wooldridge, J. W. Robinson, C. H. Webb, G. Blanks, W. Carey, C. J. Coombs, Howard H. Room, T. Tedbury, George Gardner, Adam Bligh, jun., Aug. C. Bauke, James Catling, Thos. Elliott, James Hill, H. J. Phillips, Henry Stiles, E. G. Johnson, J. W. Stobbs, R. J. Homans, A. Blaine, A. W. G. Weeks, H. Massey, J. L. Cogan, E. St. Clair, W. Beavis, George Palmer, John H. Gregory, Geo. A. Bickerton, John Hernaman, L. P. Griffiths, J. Ellwood, Robert Greening, J. D. Birkin, N. P. Valentine, Thomas Whaley, T. W. Richardson, G. Kearney, Charles John Free, D. H. Jacobs, C. W. Kennedy, D. Belinfante, G. W. Lion, G. Powell, A. E. Sarti, James B. Colwell, W. A. Anderson, J. L. Cox, N. Lingley, Morris E. Stoke, G. R. Lingley, W. Wingham, George Free, F. H. Gardiner, T. E. Walker, W. Lake, Geo. Coop, T. L. Edmunds, Chas. Castell, Wm. Baker, H. J. Chapman, J. H. Hawkins, E. Squirell, O. L. M. Latreille, T. G. Fluck, T. S. Curtis, T. Watkins, W. J. Forscutt, E. J. Williams, C. Graham, J. Clever, and H. Sadler, G.T.

The PRESIDENT said, in opening the proceedings, there was a large amount of business before the brethren, who would all be pleased to see again among them an old President of the Board—(applause)—who had not been there for many years.

Bro. J. M. CLABON, P.G.D., said he was very glad to be at the Board once more.

The brethren then confirmed the recommendations to the Grand Master at the January meeting, to the amount of £320, and afterwards proceeded with the new list, which contained the names of 52 petitioners. These came through lodges in London, Newchurch, Battle, Putney, Swindon, Tunbridge Wells, Slough, Poole, Sheerness, Kandy (Ceylon), Bath, Rochford, Greenwich, Bermuda, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Tottenham, Redcar, Sunderland, Shrewsbury, Liverpool, Filey, Jersey, Constantinople, Stafford, Lucknow, Cambridge, Brazil, Hartlepool, Sevenoaks, and Swansea.

In the course of a four-and-a-half hours' sitting, the brethren dismissed three of these cases, and deferred three, relieving the remainder with a total of £1205. There were two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £100 each, and five of £50 each; two recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and ten of £30 each; ten grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, fourteen of £10 each, and one of £5.

FREEMASONRY.

The following is from the *Echo* of the 15th inst., and so strongly exemplifies the good points in Masonry, that we have thought it would prove interesting to our readers, and reproduce it accordingly:—

How many a wife would like to have just one peep into the lodge which her husband goes to, and see what he is really "up to" there. How many a woman wonders why she cannot be let into all the secrets of the Craft. Her husband promised her to be a comrade for life, and he has kept his word in every other particular but this. When he has been worried, he has let her share his cares; when he has lost money, he has allowed her to go without new hats and sealskin jackets; when he has been lucky, he has made himself happy—for her sake; when he has felt that he would worry her by stopping at home, he has gone to his club; she has opened his letters, and he has only complained formally; he has confided to her all his plans, when he has felt she ought to know them; but this secret of Freemasonry he keeps to himself. Why? I never could make out why Solomon, in founding the

Order, did not make lodges for women. Perhaps he was afraid if he did all his wives would want to stay out at night, would require money to pay their dues, and generally keep out of his control. At any rate, he founded no female lodges, and his caution has been observed to these times.

Stay—there are in America some lodges which ladies join; but they are not, of course, regular Masonic lodges. They have, however, pass-words and signs, and only Masons' wives, sisters, or daughters can belong to them; but the terrible ordeal through which every Mason has to pass is unknown to them.

As, however, we have nothing in England to correspond with these, let me chat a little about Masonry, premising that I am inclined to do this by the fact that 1888 sees nearly two thousand two hundred lodges of Craft Masons established in Great Britain alone.

Yesterday, Sir John Gorst, M.P., was installed as the Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge. Only last week the Queen sent the gavel with which she laid the foundation-stone of the Imperial Institute to the Savage Club Lodge; and men so widely differing in politics as Lord Herschell, the Duke of Abercorn, the Earl of Lathom, and Lord Lonsborough; were arrayed round one and the same chair. What does it all mean? Simply this—that gradually Freemasonry is covering England, knitting men together for deeds of charity, and laying the foundation of that universal Brotherhood which Masons hope shall at length put an end to war, desolation, and destruction.

Having been a Mason for many years, I may tell you that I have often found the Craft of service to me in my wanderings round the globe.

Some years ago—in 1876—I met on the banks of the Morava an Arab Colonel who was as enthusiastic a Mason as ever held a gavel in an English lodge. I was hungry, and he gave me part of his slender stock of provisions; without shelter, and he offered me a portion of his tent; my horse was injured, he lent me another; and, finally, furnished me with a guard to send me on my way next morning. Yet Ibrahim Pasha and I had never met before, and could never have been friends but for the mystic rite.

A long while ago, an instance of the beneficent effects of Masonry came under my notice. A barrister of much learning, and but little power of utilising his knowledge, got into very low water indeed. His relatives were wealthy, but they did not care to help him, and he would have starved but for the interposition of their manager, who, being of the Craft, determined to befriend the barrister. Giving him work of a literary kind, he engaged him at a regular salary, without troubling to communicate the fact to his principals. It was some time before the pious piece of deception was found out, and, when it was, it led to a reconciliation between the relatives, which has lasted, to their mutual gain and satisfaction, to this day.

A duel of a particularly grievous sort was prevented by Masonry a few years ago at Bucharest, the capital of Roumania. Two brothers, who had not seen each other for years, quarrelled over some property, and at length one challenged the other to fight a duel. In spite of the reasoning and entreaties of their friends, they insisted on meeting, and were about to fire at each other when it was suddenly discovered that both were Masons. The ties of brotherhood had not held them back, but the bond of Masonry was too strong to break, and they stopped; the quarrel was satisfactorily adjusted, and they became the fastest of friends.

I apprehend that, in a political sense, should ever Revolution attack society in this country, Masonry will prove one of the strongest stays to its progress. It is certain that a civil war would be impossible in a country like this, were Masons to do—as in all probability they would—their duty. Either some *modus vivendi* or the abdication of rights by one side or the other would be resolved upon; the two thousand two hundred lodges could never be arrayed in battle one against the other.

ABOUT TOWN.

The Craft Abroad.

GRAND LODGE OF MONTANE.

The 23rd annual communication was held at Helena, on the 5th—7th October, 1887, under the presidency of Bro. Samuel Wood, M.W.G. Master, there being 25 lodges represented, and a large attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers, while Bro. Rob. Morris, Past G. Master of Kentucky, as a distinguished visitor, received the honours due to his rank. After the G. Master's address, relating chiefly to matters of local interest, had been delivered, Bro. N. W. McConnell, Past G. Master of Tennessee, and Chief Justice of Montane, was introduced and received the usual salutations, and then Bro. Morris delivered an interesting lecture, and recited some of his poems. A new compilation of the Constitutions and By-laws was ordered, and a standard ritual adopted. Bro. James W. Hathaway was afterwards elected and installed G. Master, and Bro. Cornelius Hedges re-elected G. Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Bro. Joseph Eichbaum, made a grand visitation to Union Lodge, No. 121, Philadelphia, on the 12th January last, this being the first occasion for many years in which a lodge in Philadelphia had been thus honoured. Among the Grand Officers accompanying Bro. Eichbaum were Bros. Clifford P. MacCalla, D.G.M.; the Hon. J. Simpson Africa, S.G.W.; the Hon. Michael Arnold, J.G.W.; Thomas R. Patton, G. Treas.; Michael Nisbet, G. Sec.; Rev. Henry S. Getz, G. Chap.; C. M. Swan, J.G.D., as S.G.D.; J. Wesley Miller, as J.G.D.; G. S. Wagner, as G.S.B.; Wm. J. Kelly, G.P.; and W. A. Sim, G. Tyler. An interesting address was delivered by the Grand Master, which was attentively listened to by the large gathering of members and visitors present, after which, at the invitation of Bro. Knauff, the W.M. of the lodge, the Grand Officers and others sat down to a choice banquet, the after-dinner speeches being interspersed with some excellent vocal and instrumental music by the Mozart Quartette and Bro. A. K. Gregory.

PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC HOME.

The annual meeting of the Masonic Home in Pennsylvania was held on the 13th January, at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, the attendance of subscribers and friends being very numerous. From the report of the proceedings

in the *Keystone*, we learn that everything passed off and that the various reports proved highly satisfactory, that of the Finance Committee showing that the Home was free from debt, and that the permanent fund amounts to a goodly sum. Among the propositions submitted was one for constituting annual subscribers by the payment of five dollars a year. Regret was generally expressed that Bro. Thomas Jacobs, the Secretary, owing to the pressure of his daily avocations, had resigned his office, and declined re-election, and Bro. Stocton Bates, of No. 201, Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, was appointed Secretary pro tem., the election of a successor to Bro. Jacobs being deferred till March. The principal officers for the year are Bros. Louis Wagner, President; George W. Kendrick, jun., Vice-President; Thomas R. Patton, Treasurer; and Clifford P. MacCalla, Solicitor.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

The 67th-annual convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, Boston, on the 13th December last, the morning and afternoon sessions being devoted to the exemplification of the capitular Degrees by Comps. E. A. Holton and S. Bowen, G. Lecturers. In the evening Comp. Fred. T. Cornee, G.H.P., presided, and the following were elected and installed in office as G. Officers for the year, namely, Comps. A. G. Pollard, G.H.P.; Will. R. Johnson, Dep. G.H.P.; John B. Whittaker, G.K.; Solomon A. Bolster, G. Scribe; Richard Briggs, G. Treas.; and Alfred F. Chapman, G. Sec. Comps. Fred. H. Spring and Alex. K. Bryer being appointed G. Capt of H. and G. Tyler respectively. Subsequently, at the close of the chapter the Order of High Priesthood was conferred.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held its regular communication at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on the 7th instant, Bro. Joseph Eichbaum, G.M., presided, and there was a large attendance of Grand Officers as well as of brethren from all parts of the jurisdiction. The reports from the various Committees were received and proved very satisfactory, that of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund showing that there was a total in hand of 382,000 dollars, of which 10,000 dollars was in cash, and 372,000 dollars invested. The Grand Secretary's report showed that on the 27th December, 1886, there were 379 lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge, and a total membership of 37,817. The following were re-elected Grand Officers for the New Year, namely, Bros. Joseph Eichbaum, G. Master; Clifford P. MacCalla, D.G.M.; the Hon. J. Simson Africa, S.G. Warden; the Hon. Michael Arnold, J.G. Warden; Thomas R. Patton, G. Treasurer; and Michael Nisbet, Past G.M., G. Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF IDAHO.

The 20th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was held at Boise City, on the 13th—15th September of last year, the throne being occupied by Bro. George H. Davis, M.W.G.M., whose address was of a more than usually eloquent character, and was deeply imbued with the true spirit of Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge has only been established for some 20 years, and the territory of Idaho is by no means thickly populated, yet, according to the Grand Secretary's returns, of the 21 lodges which have been constituted, 17 remain, and the number of subscribing members would appear to be not far short of 700. Financially, too, the Grand Lodge seems to have attained to a high degree of prosperity, its receipts for the past year amounting to 34,163 dollars, and the expenditure to close on 1828 dollars, the total fund being slightly in excess of 7340 dollars. The Grand Master for the year is Bro. Edward H. Stevenson, and the Grand Secretary Bro. James H. Wickersham.

THE NEW YORK MASONIC FAIR.

The New York Masonic Fair in aid of the Hall and Asylum Fund was inaugurated on the 27th January, by the M.W.G. Master of New York, Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, who, in the course of a most appropriate address, pointed out the difficulties which the originators of the Fund had had to contend with. In more than a generation, the good work which was begun nearly 50 years ago, was prosecuted with the utmost vigour, but when the building was completed, it was so encumbered with debt as "not only to prevent the use of its revenues for their intended object, but also, for a time, to threaten ruin to the entire undertaking." The interest charges were so heavy, that "the debt itself could be reduced but little from year to year," and at length vigour was succeeded "by a degree of apathy almost akin to despair, and for an extended period the debt lay heavily upon us, exhausting the resources of the lodges, and blighting the energies of their members." He mentioned that two years ago the indebtedness amounted to 500,000 dollars, now happily reduced to 160,000 dollars, and that, owing to the kindness and generosity of their friends, who had contributed to the Fair, there was every prospect that this balance would be cleared off. He then declared the Fair open. According to the *Keystone* for which we are principally indebted for these particulars, nearly 100,000 dollar's worth of goods had been sent in to the Masonic Fair, Mrs. Lawrence, wife of the Grand Master, having given her cheque for 1000 dollars, and having obtained from her friends a long array of valuable articles, and many others having acted with similar generosity.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., was present at the debate which took place at the Oxford Union Society on Wednesday, and met with a very enthusiastic reception.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., presided at the annual Court of Governors of the Seamen's Hospital Society, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Wednesday. The report for the past year was adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to the Chairman for presiding.

The *Voice of Masonry* for the current month records the death, on the 6th January last, of Bro. Leland Fairbanks, of Bennington, Vermont, who was born on the 20th November, 1793, and initiated into Freemasonry in the Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 16, Vermont, on 16th April, 1815. He was W.M. of the Mount Anthony Lodge, Bennington, in 1853 and 1854.



On the 100th performance of "Arabian Nights" at the Comedy a new curtain raiser was produced, called by Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, the author, "Sunset." It differs very much from the chief piece of the evening, and deals with a subject not new to the dramatic stage; but it interprets the story in a new way. Two half-sisters have fallen in love with the same man, and confide in each other their passion. When the young man makes his appearance, the elder sister, seeing that he now loves her younger sister, displays no emotion to cause jealousy, but makes a noble self-sacrifice, and gives up her lover, who has not been constant, to her younger sister. Miss Cissy Grahame charmingly and pathetically plays the heroine, whilst Miss Cudmore is the younger sister. Mr. Andrews acts well as a country swain, and Mr. Wyes is the lover who is loved by the two maidens. Surely Mr. Wyes is a brother of Mr. Hawtrey. His voice, style of acting, and appearance are very similar to those of Mr. Hawtrey, or perhaps Mr. Wyes has been under-study to Mr. Hawtrey. "Sunset" is well worth going to be early for. The "Arabian Nights" is flourishing just as we predicted from its first performance. We shall not wonder if the 100th night were reached. Bro. Penley, Mr. Hawtrey, and Miss Lottie Venn between them keep the fun going from beginning to end, and it is of a harmless order. Every one should make it a point to see "The Arabian Nights."

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Bro. Toole must have been well satisfied and gratified at the reception he got on Saturday when he returned to his old house, after being laid by for some weeks with his old enemy—the gout. The curtain rose on a new first piece by Mr. Justin McCarthy, the author of "The Candidate," which was received favourably; but its literary merits and plot are not of a deep order. Excellently played by Mr. Westland, Mr. Wilson, Miss Eliza Johnson, and Miss Eva Moore—the latter quite a new comer—it does well to interest an audience previous to the principal drama—"Dot"—in which Bro. J. L. Toole is seen in almost the only character he plays in of a pathetic nature. Bro. Toole is generally associated with plays which work on the risible organ; but his Caleb Plummer in "Dot" is totally different, and every one must admire the pathos our old friend and comedian brings into the character of the poor toy-maker. Bro. Toole is ably assisted by Mr. John Billington, the honest John Perrybingle, and Miss Kate Phillips as Dot. The lessee was called upon for a speech, but, although the applause went on for 10 minutes after the fall of the curtain, Bro. Toole would only come forward and bow his acknowledgments. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mervale's new comedy—"The Don"—will be produced about Easter. We hear that Bro. Toole has a splendid part. Mr. John Donald, who has so ably assisted in front of the house for many years past, is now appointed the manager, in the place of the late Mr. Loveday.

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We paid yet another visit to the Gaiety to see "Miss Emerald," which is now only played on Saturday afternoons, and were pleased but not astonished at finding the theatre quite filled. Miss Jenny Rogers has taken Miss Fanny Leslie's place, and Miss Florence Dysart (late of "Dorothy,") that of Miss Marion Hood. With these exceptions the cast is unchanged. Bro. Lonnen as Claude Trollo, the monk, still receives unbounded applause in song and dance. His gag is highly entertaining, and he may be said to be the mainstay of the burlesque. We need hardly mention that his song, "Killalloe," is encored again and again. Mr. Frank Thornton and Mr. George Stone each contribute a large share to the tremendous success of the piece, and Miss Florence Dysart, as "Emerald, the Gipsy Girl," holds her own against all comers. We know of a critic who writes for one of the leading daily papers, and is an old man who has seen it nearly a score of times, and this when he is often twice a day having to witness some dramatic performance or other. This speaks volumes. It seems almost a pity that it cannot be an evening bill, but whether it would do at another theatre is a question, as so many plays have dropped their popularity by being transferred. "Frankenstein," which met with such little favour on its first night (Christmas Eve) has, as we predicted then it would do, worked up into a big success. "House full" is the rule rather than the exception. Mr. G. Edwardes is one of the discreet Managers who accepts advice from candid friends, and does not try to foist upon the public stuff they don't appreciate. If other managers would sometimes own to being mistaken they would find by altering their pieces that they would develop as "Frankenstein" has done, into huge draws. A new play called "Lot 49," is now played in front of the burlesque, and is distinguished from most curtain risers by the fact that it is well worth seeing. Indeed, no one should miss it who is going to the Gaiety.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN FRANCIS WHITE, P.M.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. John Francis White, P.M. The sad event occurred at his residence 31, Guildford-street, Russell-street, on the 10th instant, Bro. White being in the 80th year of his age. The deceased was initiated in the Caveac Lodge, No. 176, and was one of its Past Masters, and was a joining member and P.M. of the Castle Lodge, No. 36, and a joining member of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192. He was a P.Z. of the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185, in which he was exalted to the R.A. Degree, as well as a Vice-President of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and a Life-Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It is, perhaps, worth recording that Bro. White was present in the Stability Lodge of Instruction on the 8th November, 1839, when the late Bro. Peter Thompson proposed our worthy Bro. Henry Muggridge, the late Preceptor of that lodge, as a member.



The gold casket to contain the address conveying the freedom of the City of London to Bro. the Marquis of Hartington is being manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain.

The next monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday next, the 3rd of March.

Bro. the Maharajah of Kuch Behar arrived at Windsor Castle on Monday evening on a visit to her Majesty, and had the honour of being included in the Royal dinner party.

Two of her Majesty's carriages were dispatched from the Royal Mews at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, for Florence, where they will be in use during the Queen's sojourn in that City.

The Queen will hold a Drawing-Room at Buckingham Palace to-day (Friday), when the Princess of Wales, who left Sandringham for Marlborough House on Thursday, and other members of the Royal Family, will be present.

Bro. the Earl of Galloway visited Windsor Castle on Tuesday, and having been introduced to her Majesty and received the honour of Knighthood, was formally invested with the insignia of the Order of the Thistle.

Her Majesty and the Court left Windsor Castle for Buckingham Palace on Thursday morning, and propose remaining till to-morrow (Saturday). Shortly after her arrival the Queen drove to St. James's Palace to pay a visit to the Duchess of Cambridge.

A public meeting will be held at the Mansion House in support of the work of Cavendish College, Cambridge, on the 26th March, at which Bro. the Lord Mayor will preside, and Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., will be present.

The principal guests at the annual livery banquet of the Spectacle Makers' Company, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 10th instant, included Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser and Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P.

Bro. Vice-Admiral Sir N. Salmon arrived at Singapore on the 16th instant to assume the duties of Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, in succession to Admiral Sir Richard V. Hamilton, whose term of service has expired.

The latest news as to the condition of the Imperial Crown Prince of Germany is that the illustrious patient is much better, there being no disposition to bronchitis or pneumonia, while the laryngeal obstruction is greatly diminished. This is most satisfactory, and we trust the improvement will be continued.

The City of Westminster Lodge Ball was a great success on Tuesday last. Freemasons' Tavern probably never held a more delighted and joyous assembly—thanks to the admirable arrangements of the Stewards. We shall give a report next week. In connection with this we may mention that the members propose to have a summer Festival during the year.

The *Keystone* announces the consecration, on Tuesday, the 3rd January last, of the Cromwell Lodge, No. 572, Orbisonia, Hutingdon County, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Hon. J. Simpson Africa, S.G.W., as G. Master, assisted by sundry acting Grand Officers and Grand Officers, among the latter being Bros. Thomas R. Patton, G. Treas., and M. Nisbet, G. Sec. Everything passed off successfully.

At the 110th Annual General Court, on Saturday last, of the Highland Society of London, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in respect of his Dukedom of Rothesay, was re-elected Chief, and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was elected one of the Vice-Presidents. The anniversary festival will be celebrated on the 21st March, the day on which Sir Ralph Abercrombie achieved his memorable victory over the French at Alexandria in 1801.

The dinner given by Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser to the Court of Common Council, which, in consequence of the death of Bro. Alderman Sir John Staples, had been postponed from the 19th January, took place at the Mansion House on Wednesday evening, the guests, to the number of nearly 200, including Bros. Aldermen Sir H. E. Knight, Sir Henry Isaacs, Evans, Cowan, Saunders, and Renals; Bro. Sheriff Davies, Captain Shaw, and J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.

A well-fitting shirt—that is to say, one which is not continually getting awry as regards the portion that is visible, but which retains its place unruffled—is recognised as a desideratum by all who make a point of dressing well and neatly; and the "Problema" shirt, which has been patented by Bro. H. J. Chapman, of 7, Railway Approach, London Bridge, and Bank Chambers, Tooley-street, S.E., fully meets this want. The front always looks well, keeps its position admirably, and remains to the last uncreased. The price ranges from 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. per shirt, and the next time any of our readers purpose renewing their stock of shirts, we recommend them to try Bro. Chapman's "Problema."

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—A very pleasant and interesting gathering of the members of this lodge of instruction (held weekly at the New Cross Public Hall) took place at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday evening, the 17th inst. Bro. Grant, W.M. of St. George's Lodge, presided at the supper, and was supported by Bros. Dr. Roberts, P.G.W. Middlesex; Dr. Forsyth, Nuding, W.M. Wickham Lodge; Cash, J. A. Burton, Rowley, Johnson, Noake, Simpson, Lessels, Major Frigout, and several other brethren. The occasion was marked by the presentation of a handsome writing table and chair to Bro. George Brown, P.M., as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his valuable services as Preceptor of the St. George's Lodge of Instruction for upwards of 10 years.

SECRET MONITOR.—The Horatio Shirley Conclave, No. 5, was consecrated on Wednesday last, at 8, Red Lion-square. A full report will appear in our next.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales, having concluded his visit to the Viscount and Viscountess Galway, at Serlby Hall, has returned to his quarters at York.

A banquet was given by the American Club in London on Wednesday evening, in honour of Washington's birthday, the United States Minister and the Consul General, Bro. Waller, being among the most distinguished.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor of England), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., visited the Board of Trade on the 16th inst. and took over his new duties as President. The right honourable baronet has been re-elected without opposition for West Bristol.

The Fishmongers' Company have voted a donation of 100 guineas towards the fund now being raised as a reward for the City and Metropolitan Police.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., will be presented with the freedom of the City of London on the 18th April next, and after the presentation Bro. the Lord Mayor will give a grand banquet at the Mansion House in honour of the newly-admitted citizen of London.

The Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenburg, attended by the usual suite, arrived at Windsor Castle, from Osborne, on Friday, the 17th inst. On Saturday last the Queen of Sweden visited Her Majesty at the Castle and stayed to luncheon.

On Monday the Prince of Wales visited the Crown Prince of Germany at San Remo, being met on the way by the Grand Duke of Hesse, Prince Henry of Prussia, and the Princess Irene of Hesse. On Tuesday the Crown Princess of Germany opened a bazaar at San Remo in aid of the German church there.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick presided at a meeting of Metropolitan Members held in one of the Committee Rooms of the House of Commons on Tuesday, about 30 of the M.P.'s being present. Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill was among the speakers who addressed the meeting.

Bro. Linney, of Mansfield, sends us a very chaste and pretty toast list and menu produced by him for the installation meeting of the Forest Lodge, No. 1852. It is in the best possible taste, and reflects great credit on the printer.

The exhibition of photographic pictures and apparatus, now open at the Crystal Palace, has proved a great success, some beautiful specimens of photographic portraiture and scenery being among the exhibits. There is also an entertainment daily with the photographic lantern, by means of which natural scenes are thrown upon the screen. The exhibition will remain open for another week, and probably longer.

SALE OF CHOICE WINES.—A sale by auction of choice old wines belonging to the Drapers' Company was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., by Messrs. W. and T. Restell, at the Commercial Sale Rooms, Mincing-lane. The sale room was crowded with buyers, and some high prices were obtained as follows: Crofts' 1834 port, 320s. to 330s. per dozen; Domecq's sherry, bottled in 1849, 120s. to 125s.; Mouton Rothschild, 1875 claret, 125s. to 135s.; and Perrier Jouet's, 1874 champagne, 220s.

Bros. Lord Wantage and the Lord Mayor took part in the proceedings of the Committee meeting at Apsley House on Tuesday for the purpose of erecting a memorial in the New Brussels Cemetery to the British officers and men who fell during the Waterloo campaign and were buried in Belgium. Bro. the Lord Mayor undertook to call a meeting at the Mansion House on Thursday, the 22nd March, with a view to obtaining the necessary funds, the sum required being only about £3000.

In consequence of the elevation to the peerage of Sir Henry Holland, Bart., Secretary of State for the Colonies, Bro. Baron Henry De Worms, M.P., who returned from the Continent on Sunday evening last, has been appointed Under Secretary for the Colonies, and Bro. the Earl of Onslow takes the Secretaryship of the Board of Trade. Bro. H. De Worms, however, will retain his presidency of the Sugar Bounties Conference, while Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston will answer all questions in the House of Lords relating to Board of Trade matters.

At the Court of Common Council held on the 16th inst., when Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser presided, a communication from the Mayor and Corporation of Windsor was read, asking for a grant towards the guarantee fund now being raised in connection with the proposed holding this summer at Windsor of the annual show of the Royal Agricultural Society. On the motion of Bro. Deputy Bedford, a grant of 200 guineas was voted.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford was the guest of the evening at the Smoking Concert of the Midland Conservative Club, Birmingham, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., and received a perfect ovation on entering the room, for which he most cordially returned thanks. There was a most enjoyable selection of performances, vocal, instrumental, and oratorical, by the members of the club, and amongst the other guests who assisted in the evening's entertainments were Bro. George Thorne, who sang "Let me dance the Polka" with great effect; Bro. Major C. A. Cooper, who gave an amusing recitation; Mr. Storey (from the Prince of Wales Theatre, Broad-street); and Mons. Guibal—whose sleight of hand is wonderful in dexterity and neatness—demonstrated how, even with keen judges of artistic merit pressing round, the closest observer was baffled and deceived.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies deserve the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the Ointment should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction causes pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to diminish pain, reduce inflammation, and purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The Ointment checks the local malady, while the Pills restore vital power.—ADVT.

Acting on the advice of his medical attendants, Bro. Pitt-Lewis, O.C., M.P., has left town for St. Leonards, near Hastings, for change of air.

A conversazione was held in the Stepney Meeting Hall on Tuesday by the British and Foreign Sailors' Society for the purpose of welcoming back to England their President, Bro. Lord Brassey.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will give a banquet at the Mansion House on Wednesday, April 18, in honour of the admission of the Marquis of Hartington to the freedom of the City of London. The ceremony of presentation will be held the same day.

According to Grand Master Lawrence, the debt on the Hall and Asylum Fund of the Grand Lodge of New York was on the 1st January reduced to 130,000 dollars, and that distinguished brother has expressed his belief that the whole of this balance can be paid off before the close of the current year.

Bro. W. Dunham is President, and Bro. R. D. Swartout Vice-President, of the Michigan Masonic Home, which is in a flourishing condition, and will be commenced this spring with every prospect of success.

A brother, by name Christian Gast, of Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his initiation into Freemasonry on the 10th January, and was presented by his lodge with a silver medal commemorative of the occasion.

It is said that the present which the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms intend presenting to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his Silver Wedding will be a statuette on silver of one of themselves in full uniform.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, by special invite at the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Monday, February 27th, at 7 o'clock.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Eve, G. Treasurer, was able to leave his room at his club for the first time on Monday, that he attended the meeting of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, the same day, and afterwards left for Aldershot. We are glad also to hear that he had the tedium of his detention indoors relieved by the visits of many friends.

We had much pleasure in seeing Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C., present at the meeting and banquet of Drury Lane Lodge, although his name was inadvertently omitted in the list we gave last week. Bro. Thomas was amongst the first members who joined this distinguished lodge.

The banquet given by the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company on the occasion of the installation of their new Master for the year, Bro. Horace Frederick Stewart, will take place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 23rd March, on which occasion Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have accepted invitations to be present as the guests of the company.

Bro. W. Pritchard Morgan, Loriner, Spectacle-maker, Shipwright, and Fan Maker, who was a candidate for the Shrievalty of London and Middlesex for the year 1888-9, has withdrawn, the reason he assigns being the unusual number of Aldermen who are available to serve, and the desirability that one of them should be elected. Bro. Morgan trusts, however, that he will not in consequence of his withdrawal, be deemed less worthy of support by the livery should he on some future occasion again offer himself as a candidate.

BALA LODGE (No. 1369).—A Masonic ball was held at the County Hall, Bala, on Thursday the 16th inst., under the distinguished patronage and support of Bros. Lord Harlech, R.W.P.G.M.; Col. Platt, D.P.G.M., P.G.D.; Sir Watkin Wynn, Bart., P.M.; S. Pope, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., P.G.D.; Rt. Hon. Cecil Raikes, P.M.; and the élite of the neighbourhood. The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent, dancing being kept up with great spirit until four a.m. Nearly 100 tickets were disposed of, and about 90 ladies and gentlemen were present. The proceeds will be devoted in aid of the Masonic Charities. The ball will probably be annual.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Eclectic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1201, held at the Berkeley Arms, John-street, May Fair, W., on Sunday, the 26th inst., commencing at 6 p.m., Bro. Charles Corby, P.M. 957, W.M.; Ernest Farwig, P.M. 180, S.W.; and William Brindley, P.M. 1604, J.W. First Lecture—1st Section—Bro. Ham, 858; 2nd—Bro. Larkin, 742; 3rd—Bro. Harnell, I.G. 511; 4th—Bro. Harnell, A.S.W. 2021; 5th—Bro. Kirk, 1681; 6th—Bro. Reed, P.M. 511; 7th—Bro. Farwig, P.M. 180. Second Lecture—1st Section—Bro. Grist, J.D. 1624; 2nd—Bro. Brindley, P.M. 1604; 3rd—Bro. Hardy, P.M. 201; 4th—Bro. Smith, P.M. 1563; 5th—Bro. Coope, P.M. 141. Third Lecture—1st Section—Bro. Dusterwald, 1586; 2nd—Bro. Curzon, I.G. 141; 3rd—Bro. Cobham, P.M. 382. Bro. W. C. Smith, P.M. 1563, Preceptor; Bro. Watts, P.M. 1201, Treasurer; and Bro. Sedgwick, P.M. 180, Secretary.

The value of the personal estate of the late Bro. Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., F.S.A., (Lord Mayor of London, 1885-1886), who died at his house, 87, Avenue-road, Regent's Park, on the 18th ult., aged 73 years, has been declared at £103,630 3s. 6d. By his will, dated 16th August, 1879, with codicils made in 1881 and 1882, he bequeaths to his younger son, Sydney Francis, the gold watch given to the testator by King Victor Emmanuel; to his elder son and executor, Henry John, the diamond pin given to him by the Emperor Napoleon, the collection of medals presented to him by the City Corporation, and all other articles of presentation; to his brother-in-law, Thomas Perrior Swayne, £500; to his sister, Lady Ellis, and his niece, Louisa Jackman, each £100; to his nephew and executor, John James Staples, £200; and to his wife, Lady Staples, £500, his furniture and household effects, pictures, plate, horses and carriages, (excepting the furniture and effects on his business premises in Argyll-place), the income of £15,000, and his house in Avenue-road for her life. The testator leaves his share and interest in the Sun, freehold, at Southampton, to his brother and executor, Thomas Henry Staples, and devises and bequeaths the residue of his estate in trust for all his children, in equal shares.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, March 3, 1888.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.
" 2048, Henry Levander, Harrow Station.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.
" 912, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn-gate.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1632, Stuart, Bridge House Hotel.
Chap. 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1745, Farringdon Without, Anderton's Hotel.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel.
" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1348, Ebury, 8, Air-street, Regent-street.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2108, Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
" 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
" 1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, Woolwich.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
Rose Croix, 29, Palestine, 33, Golden-square.

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Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-st., Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hot., Croydon, at 7.45.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Emulation, Bull Hot., Dartford, 8.30.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, 8, Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival.
House Committee Benevolent Institution, at 3.

Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.

" 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 1.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H. Tavern, Basinghall-street.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
" 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Brook Hill, Plumstead.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
" 1351, St. Clement Danes, 225, Strand.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-road.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1672, Mornington, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
" 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath, near Croydon.
" 1950, Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 174, Sincerity, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.

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Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, 6.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
Ebury, "Heathfield," Streatham, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st., City, E.C., at 7.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Mason's-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
Iredegard, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Northampton House, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 1927, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
" 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern.
" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix 101, Adoniram, 8A, Red Lion-square.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 3.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew.

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