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ALL anxiety is now at rest as to the result of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. As everyone expected, there is a substantial falling off from the Returns of 1887, but the celebration of a Queen's Jubilee is of rare occurrence in a nation's history, and so exceptional an amount as £19,200 and upwards must be ascribed in great measure to the exceptional rejoicings in connection with that event, in which English Masons, like the rest of their fellow countrymen, felt it their duty to indulge. But setting aside the Festival of the Queen's Jubilee year, the result of Wednesday's gathering will compare very favourably with those of preceding years, particularly with that of 1886, when Bro. the Marquis of HERTFORD presided, and the total of donations and subscriptions announced was £15,000. On this occasion, the total was £15,117, so that, with the one exception just referred to, the Festival of the R.M.B.I. in 1888 has been only once surpassed, namely in 1885, when Bro. Sir M. E. HICKS-BEACH was in the chair, and the total reached £17,770. At all events, the result is considerably in advance of what even the most sanguine friends of the Institution were prepared for. Many were the speculations as to the sum which Bro. TERRY would be called upon to announce, but in no case was a higher figure suggested than £13,000, and consequently, the result, being immeasurably beyond what was anticipated, is the more welcome. We congratulate Bro. Sir GEO. ELLIOT the Chairman, his Province of South Wales East, and Bro. TERRY on what has taken place, and we trust the remaining Festivals of the year will be on an equally successful scale.

WE imagine there will be a certain amount of excitement in connection with one part of the proceedings in Grand Lodge on Wednesday. The re-election of the Prince of WALES as M.W.G. Master will be a matter of course, but as regards the Grand Treasurership for next year, there are two candidates for the office—Bro. STEPHEN BARTON WILSON, a P.M. of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, and Bro. ASHER BARFIELD, P.M. Zetland Lodge, No. 511—and it will be for the brethren present to determine, by their votes, which of the two worthy brethren shall be invested with the purple and gold of Grand Lodge. The Reports from the Boards of Benevolence and General Purposes are of the ordinary character, while in the list of new lodges for which warrants have been granted since the Quarterly Communication in December last, we observe that out of the 16 so granted nine are colonial (and of these no less than five are for the district of Victoria), four provincial, and three metropolitan, one of this last group being intended for rowing men, and bearing the appropriate name of The Argonauts. Thus the only part of the business to be transacted which will create anything in the way of excitement, will be, as we have said, the election of a Grand Treasurer for 1888-9, and as we are entirely neutral in contests of this character, we can only express a hope that he will secure a greater number of votes who is the better able to discharge the duties of the office with advantage to Grand Lodge.

BUT if the programme of ordinary business contains nothing very remarkable, it is gratifying to know that the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER has given notice of his intention to move a resolution of sympathy with his Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of GERMANY, and expressing at the same time the earnest hope "that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to restore his Imperial Highness again to health." The Crown Prince is intimately connected with this country by his marriage with the QUEEN's eldest daughter, the PRINCESS ROYAL of Great Britain. His native country of Prussia is one of the oldest and firmest allies of the United Kingdom, and owing to our partly Teutonic origin, there has always been a strong feeling of sympathy between the peoples of Prussia and England, as well as between their sovereigns. But to us Freemasons his Imperial Highness is something more. He is a member of our Brotherhood of long standing, having been initiated in Berlin in 1853, and when he came over to England about the time of his marriage with the PRINCESS ROYAL, he visited our Grand Lodge, and was presented by the late EARL OF ZETLAND, then M.W. G. Master, on its behalf, with a handsomely bound copy of our Book of Constitutions. One of our London lodges, too, is named after him, so that his Imperial Highness is known in English Masonic circles as well as politically and socially, and we thank Bro. the Earl of LATHOM for having so thoughtfully afforded Grand Lodge an opportunity of expressing its sympathy with a brother who is so distinguished a soldier and statesman, and who occupies so exalted a position in relation to the Craft in Germany and here.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on the 7th instant:—

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th December, 1887, will be read and put for confirmation.  
2. The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master will move: "That this Grand Lodge offers to the Most Worshipful Brother his Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany, Protector of Freemasonry in that country, its most fraternal and heartfelt sympathy in the affliction under which he is suffering, and begs to express its earnest hope that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to restore his Imperial Highness again to health."

3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.  
4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.  
5. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

A brother of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole	£50 0 0
A brother of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Coventry	100 0 0
A brother of the Humphrey Chetham Lodge, No. 645, Manchester	100 0 0
The widow of a brother of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1098, Tredegar	50 0 0
A brother of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Somerset Lodge, No. 973, Frome	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 1914, Kidsgrove	50 0 0
A brother of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, No. 1265, Oakham	50 0 0
A brother of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the St. Maughold Lodge, No. 1075, Ramsey, Isle of Man	100 0 0
A brother of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, London	£100 0 0
A brother of the Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells	100 0 0
A brother of the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, Shrewsbury	50 0 0
A brother of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London	50 0 0

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.  
To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of February instant, showing a Balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5712 18s. 7d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £17 7s. 10d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
21st February, 1888.

7. Report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1887.

## 8. APPEALS.

1. By Bro. William Henry Messenger, P.M. of the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1048, Christchurch, New Zealand, against his expulsion from the Craft by the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand.

2. By Bro. John C. Cobbe, P.M. of Lodge Goodwill, No. 465, Bellary, Madras, against the decision of the Deputy District Grand Master, in charge, of Madras, declining to interfere in a matter at issue between Bro. Cobbe and Lodge No. 465, relative to a proposed presentation from it to him.

3. By Bro. Henry Alfred Michael, of the Emulation Lodge, No. 2071, Sydney, N.S.W., against a ruling of the District Grand Master of New South Wales declaring that Bro. Joseph James Allen, J.W., had been duly elected W.M. of the said lodge.

List of brethren nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer:—

Stephen Barton Wilson, P.M. of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, London. Nominated by Bro. Frederick Joseph Tyler, W.M. No. 59, London.

Asher Barfield, P.M. of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, London. Nominated by Bro. George Read, P.M. No. 511, London.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 2236, The Kaikoura Lodge, Kaikoura, New Zealand.

„ 2237, The Earl of Leicester, Wells, Norfolk.

„ 2238, The Rewa Lodge of Viti, Nausori Rewa, Viti Levu, Fiji.

„ 2239, The Norman Lodge, Normanton, Queensland.

„ 2240, The Arrow Lodge, Kington, Herefordshire.

„ 2241, The Cordwainer Ward Lodge, London.

„ 2242, The Tyssen-Amherst Lodge, Hackney.

„ 2243, The Argonauts Lodge, Putney.

„ 2244, The Cowper and Newton Lodge, Olney, Buckinghamshire.

„ 2245, The Advance Lodge, Brunnerton, Westland, N.Z.

„ 2246, The Cyclist Lodge, East Molesey, Surrey.

„ 2247, The Albert Lodge, South Melbourne, Victoria.

„ 2248, The Shakespere Lodge, Melbourne, Victoria.

„ 2249, The Jubilee Lodge, Rushworth, Victoria.

„ 2250, The Caulfield Lodge, Caulfield, Victoria.

„ 2251, The Alberton Lodge, Port Albert, Victoria.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Annual Festival of this, the youngest of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, when a company of about 400 brethren and ladies attended in honour of the Chairmanship of Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G. Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales. The hall and tables were admirably arranged, and a banquet, which was most highly creditable to Messrs. Spiers and Pond, was placed before the gathering under the personal superintendence of Bro. Madell, the manager. Bro. Sir Geo. Elliot was supported by a large number of distinguished brethren, among whom were many from his own province.

After grace had been said: following the dinner, by the Rev. Bro. WILLIAMS, Prov. G. Chap. South Wales (East Division), and sung by the musical artistes, the R.W. CHAIRMAN gave the toasts of "The Queen;" "The Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" and "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and called upon Bro. Saunders to reply.

Bro. SAUNDERS, P.D.G.M. Madras, in responding, said the M.W.G.M. had called certain brethren of light and leading to assist him in the councils of the Craft, and he thought they might fairly congratulate themselves upon the wisdom and foresight of the election of the Prince of Wales as G.M., for two reasons—first, that an impetus had been given to the advancement of the Craft, and secondly, that his choice of the brethren whom he had chosen to assist him was a sound one. He (Bro. Saunders) did not possess the power of speech to portray in terms which would be sufficiently adequate and becoming the qualities of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom as men and Masons, but their names and qualities were well known, as well as the names and qualities of the other Present and Past Grand Officers. The brethren were all aware of the worth of these brethren, and he would content himself by thanking most heartily the Chairman for proposing, and the brethren for drinking, their health.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of the evening, said: I should like to make one remark before commencing my observations, and that is, that this room is a very large one, and there is a very large body of brethren present. I shall have to make an interesting speech, and I shall be very glad if what I am going to say will be heard by every one in this assembly. I would like, therefore, to ask you to be quiet for a short time. My subject is of intense interest, and commends itself to every one, and you must excuse me if I assist my memory by referring to some notes. The duty now devolves upon me of proposing the toast of the evening—"Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," and as the purpose for which we are now assembled is that we should use our utmost efforts to advance that prosperity, I am confident I shall have the sympathy of all present in the remarks I am about to make. The merits of the case are simple; nor is it necessary I should adopt a tone of exaggeration in laying them before you. As many of you know already, this Institution consists of a Male Fund and a Widows' Fund. The former was established by Grand Lodge in 1842, towards the close of the Grand Mastership of the late Duke of Sussex, and in the 46 years that have since elapsed it has supported 711 aged and necessitous brethren. After the election in May of last year it provided Annuities of £40 each for 179 brethren, the amount required annually to meet this expenditure being £7160. But the permanent income of the fund is only £1986, and there is therefore a deficiency of £5174, which the Committee of Management have faith will be supplied by the voluntary donations and subscriptions of the Craft. The Widows' Fund, which was established by Grand Lodge in 1849, in the Grand Mastership of the late Lord Zetland, has since supported 463 widows of brethren, and after the election in May last provided annuities of £32 each for 227 widows; while in addition there are 15 widows who receive for three years, and without election, the half of their late husbands' annuity—the total expenditure for the widows' annuities and half annuities being £7564. But the permanent income of this branch is only £1548, and consequently there is an annual deficiency, which we hope will be made good by the brethren, amounting to £6016. Besides all this, there is the Asylum at Croydon (which accommodates 32 of the annuitants) to be maintained, and there are also the working expenses, or expenses of management, which, I need hardly tell you, in an Institution of this magnitude amount to a considerable sum annually. Last of all, for the election on the third Friday in May next there are on the Male Fund 67 candidates and only 16 vacancies to be filled, and on the Widows' Fund 64 candidates and only seven vacancies, so that even under the most favourable circumstances, and in spite of the periodical increases in number which have taken place during the last few years, there will still remain quite 100 poor old brethren and widows of brethren for whom no provision can be made this year. Was I not right in saying that the facts of the case are simple, and do not need to be exaggerated in order to assure your sympathy? But I should be discharging my duty as Chairman very imperfectly if I did not say something as to who and what these annuitants and candidates are, and what they have been. The candidates are all of them brother Masons of good standing, that is to say, they have been subscribing members of one or more of our lodges for at least ten years, and some of them over 40 years. Many have held high office, and some in their palmy days have contributed towards the support of our Masonic Institutions in the same manner, and by the same means, that we hope to employ successfully on this occasion. All were once in reputable circumstances, many being even wealthy; but fortune has been unkind, and now they are old and feeble, and, but for the benefits which they hope to obtain from this Institution, they would be in a condition of hopeless and absolute poverty. And as with the male annuitants and candidates, so it is with the widows—their husbands were once in good standing in Freemasonry and in good worldly circumstances; but now, as for themselves, they are without means, save what are provided, or they hope will be provided, by this Charity, and are too aged and infirm to earn their livelihood. This, then, is the Institution whose cause it is my privilege to advocate this evening. I have told you what it has done in the past, and what it stands pledged to do in the present. I have shown you how small are its permanent resources by comparison with its expenditure. I trust, therefore, my earnest appeal to you all for that support which is so imperatively necessary will not be in vain, and that the announcement which it will be the duty of Bro. Terry, as Secretary, to make in the course of the evening, will show that the members of the Board of Stewards have succeeded in obtaining, in donations and subscriptions, a sum sufficient not only for the expenses of the current year, but also to justify the Committee of Management in recommending an increase, however small, in the number of annuitants on the two funds, so that when the day of election comes round in May next, as few as possible of the 131 applicants may be left up-

provided for. Let me again remind you that these poor old people were formerly in good circumstances, but they have been sore stricken in the battle of life, and in their utter helplessness and poverty they have, humanly speaking, no other trust than in your kindness and in the generous exercise of that Masonic principle of Charity, which, I rejoice to say, is never appealed to in vain. Without further preface, I give you "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," and I couple with the toast the name of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, the worthy Treasurer of this admirable Charity. (Loud applause).

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, in reply, said: I beg to thank you, R.W. Sir, for the very kind manner in which you have proposed the toast of "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." I can assure you the Committee of that Institution are deeply thankful to you for your kind presidency to-night, and to the Board of Stewards for the exertions they have made to render this Festival a success. I can assure you, brethren, that whatever you entrust to the Committee of Management they will endeavour to dispense to the best of their ability, and I beg to thank you sincerely, R.W. Sir, for the honour you have conferred upon me by coupling my name with the toast.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, Secretary, P.G.S.B., then read the list of subscriptions.

Bro. Col. LYNE, P.G.M. for Monmouth, in proposing "The Health of the Chairman, Sir George Elliot," said he esteemed it a high compliment and great privilege to have the honour of proposing that toast. Sir G. Elliot had travelled a long way to come to that great gathering: he had come from Egypt, which was not a very small distance, in order to be there and to do the duty he had promised to do. It must be highly gratifying to Sir G. Elliot that he was surrounded by friends and brethren, not only from the Principality of Wales, but from the neighbouring provinces and from the great City of London and its immediate vicinity. He thought the results of that night must be to Sir G. Elliot exceedingly gratifying, because he had the satisfaction of knowing that through his instrumentality, to a large extent, the £15000 odd was secured. When they considered the vast amount of good that money would do, that it would enable the brethren to give relief to those who were unable to help themselves, they would be highly pleased at the result of that meeting. It needed no comment from him. It afforded him great pleasure to see at the centre table brethren from Monmouthshire and South Wales to meet Sir George Elliot. Going through the City of London he met a friend who said to him—"Sir Geo. Elliot, we look upon him as the second wonder of the world." He (Col. Lyne) replied, "We in South Wales think him the first wonder of the world." (Cheers.) The brethren would all drink his health, happiness, and prosperity, wishing him a long life to contemplate having presided over such a grand gathering as that, and he hoped they would give éclat to the proceedings by drinking the toast most heartily.

The CHAIRMAN replying, said he had little to say beyond stating simply, though emphatically, how very gratified he was with the proceedings of the evening, and what strong reasons he had for being satisfied with what had taken place. He was indeed proud that his name was associated with that entertainment, as it conferred a benefit on deserving people. He would not say more except to thank the brethren for assisting him in conducting the programme of the day.

Bro. RICHARD EYE, G. Treasurer, then said he had just been called upon to propose the next toast, and he knew it was one which the brethren would drink with a great amount of pleasure. Speaking now to the Stewards of the evening, they had done a great work in having returned upwards of £15,000 for the benefit of the aged Masons and their widows. He was now going to address a few words in reference to the other Institutions of Masonry, and he called upon the brethren to drink to the toast of "The Sister Institutions, the Girls and the Boys." These Institutions required the assistance of the brethren as much as the Institution for which they had acted so nobly that evening. These Institutions were doing a great work in the Craft. The Craft had contributed many thousands a year to them, but every year there was an increasing number of recipients for the various Charities. It therefore was required that all brethren should do their utmost to increase the lists at the various Festivals of the other Institutions. Nothing could be more gratifying to a Mason in the full business of life and prosperity than to know that if by any means he should be brought to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress, there were those Institutions which would take care of those most dear to him, in the shape of his boys and girls, and it was gratifying to them to know that those Institutions were doing so much good to their Order, and that they were so brilliant a gem in the Masonic crown.

Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES, P.G.S.B., Sec. of the R.M.I. for Girls, in responding to the toast, said that while thanking the brethren for so kindly drinking the toast, he congratulated the Benevolent Institution on the magnificent result of that night's Festival. The brethren were aware that this year the Girls' School celebrated its Centenary. He had hoped he should have had the privilege to give the brethren an intimation of the date on which it would be celebrated, together with some other important information which he knew the Craft was very anxiously awaiting. However, he was not at present in a position to give that information, and he would therefore content himself—or, rather, he gladly availed himself of that opportunity of recognising the kindness and very great liberality with which he knew the brethren were coming forward to help the Management on that occasion. They were anxious to carry out a very large work by facilitating that event, and he earnestly trusted that the large list of Stewards which they had at present enrolled would be very considerably augmented. He regretted that Bro. Binckes was unfortunately, through ill-health, absent, but on his behalf he would express the sincere hope that when the Festival of the Boys' School came round it would prove one of equal success to that of the Benevolent Institution. It was true the Girls' School was anticipating, and looking forward to a very large share in the benevolence of the Craft on this occasion, but experience had taught them that when the Craft selected one Institution in particular to render special assistance to it did it by an extra effort and not to the detriment of the other two. That night had been a grand proof of that fact, and he sincerely trusted the success of the Boys' School might be a further evidence in proof of it. Without detaining the company any further he would only thank them once more on behalf of the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Bro. Major WOODALL, P.G. Treas., next said the pleasing duty he had to perform commended itself to their notice—the duty of proposing "The Health of the Stewards." Those brethren had worked hard for the Institution, and he congratulated them in the name of the brethren on having, by a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together, achieved such a grand

result. By doing so, as sea-faring men would put it, they had landed a good prize.

Bro. TENNANT, D. Prov. G.M. South Wales, in reply, said, as president of the Board of Stewards it fell to his lot to respond to the toast which had been so kindly proposed by Bro. Major Woodall and so heartily received by all present. When he came into the room he was prepared for only a small collection, but he now felt that his duty was rendered very simple indeed by the large amount that had been got together, viz., over £15000. He was going to say that the Stewards had many difficulties to contend with, difficulties over which they had no control and which were hard to surmount. Those were well known to all. This year the Girls' School was a great deal to contend with. As a matter of course every effort was being made on its behalf to make the amount as large as possible, and all the brethren would agree with him in wishing that those efforts might be crowned with success and that the Girls' School might collect a larger amount this year than in any previous years. But they could not close their eyes to the fact that any special efforts made on behalf of one particular Institution must be detrimental to a certain extent to the other Institutions. He was glad, however, to find on this occasion that the efforts which had been made, and were being made, on behalf of the Girls' School, had not been actually detrimental to the collections made on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. Another difficulty he had experienced, and which he had no doubt had been experienced by his brother Stewards, was that, as they all knew, last year was an extraordinary one, not only in the annals of Freemasonry, but of every Institution—viz., the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty. Last year subscriptions were raised not only on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, but of every Institution throughout the country, and indeed he might say that schemes were made for the purpose of extracting money from their pockets, and they had not at present recovered from the shock they then sustained. But they had every reason to congratulate themselves upon the very large amount which had been raised this year for the Benevolent Institution, and he therefore hoped that his brethren would not think that they, as Stewards for this Institution, had not given a good account of their Stewardship. With regard to the Masonic Charities, a subject which he thought ought to be ventilated throughout the provinces of the United Kingdom, they all knew that the Benevolent Institution, as well as the Boys' and the Girls' Schools, were dependent for the great proportion of their funds upon voluntary contributions. He was not there to say one word against them. He hoped it would be continued, and he thought the Institution had reason to congratulate itself on the voluntary contributions of the brethren throughout the country; but, speaking from experience, and that was not the first time he had acted as Steward for the Institution, or for the Boys' and Girls'—and he had no doubt that his experience was borne out by his brother Stewards—that it was the few, and not the many, who contributed to these Masonic Institutions. He would wish to retain the system of voluntary contributions, but he would have, if possible, the support of the many as well as the few. They all knew the Fund of Benevolence was supported to a certain extent by a charge from every brother's subscription to his lodge. He would ask the brethren whether some means might not be devised to secure the support of the many as well as of the few to the Masonic Institutions? With these very few remarks he would thank the brethren; but, at the same time, he would say that any trouble, money, or labour the Stewards had been at, it was amply repaid by the knowledge that they had been working for a good cause.

Bro. JOSEPH C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., D. Prov. G.M. South Wales, East Division, said the Grand Treasurer had asked and obtained the brethren's sympathies for the Sister Institutions, and he (Bro. Parkinson) was before the brethren to represent for a moment a sister institution which was very dear in their feelings, and that was the toast of "The Ladies." This being leap year, a lady would not have been out of place in the chair. She would have had a perfect right to submit to them the various claims of her sex on the brethren's attention, kindness, sympathy, affection. He, as the representative of the brethren, endeavoured to fill her place, and it was a remarkable thing, and one which he welcomed, as it would shorten his speech, that during the evening while their various cares and the cares of the chairman, which were always heavy in submitting the claims for support on their individual efforts, had been lightened in the best way that all efforts should be lightened, by casting their eyes to the gallery and turning their thoughts to something better above. But as that gallery was now empty, and as its late fair occupants were in the adjoining room, he thought the best compliment he could pay them from the brethren was to ask them to drink their health, and join them as soon as possible. He was glad to be able to associate with the toast the name of an old friend and brother worker, George Lambert, who was known far and wide in various capacities as a man, a Mason, a good fellow, an antiquarian, and Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company.

Bro. Major GEORGE LAMBERT, P.G.S.B., replied, and mentioned that Madame Cama was one of the patronesses of the Institution. He thought ladies might be enlisted as Stewards because they had such winning ways.

The proceedings in the banquet room then terminated, and the brethren adjourned to the Temple, presided over by Sir G. Elliot, when a charming concert, under the direction of Bro. E. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., was performed by Madame Lenthal-Swifte, Miss Kate Flinn, Miss Eliza Thomas, Bro. Arthur Thompson, Bro. Reginald Groome, and Bro. Elbert Roberts. At the pianoforte were Bro. Charles W. Pearce, Mus. Doc., and Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.

## STEWARDS' LISTS.

UNATTACHED.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Miss Harriet M. Cotter	...	26 3 0	Bro. Walter J. Nicholls	...	15 15 0
Bro. W. Belchamber	...	26 5 0	Charles J. Perceval	...	15 15 0
John Barnett, jun.	...	10 10 0	Raynham W. Stewart	...	15 15 0
Charles Belton	...	10 10 0	James Terry	...	125 0 0
Robert Berridge	...	10 10 0	Alfred Williams	...	10 10 0
Edgar Bowyer	...	52 10 0	William J. Crutch	...	15 15 0
C. W. Carrell	...	10 10 0	R. Peter Forge	...	10 10 0
Robert Grey	...	10 10 0	J. W. H. Thompson	...	5 5 0
Richard Kempton	...	10 10 0	A. Le Grand	...	10 10 0
W. H. Kempster, M.D.	...	10 10 0	John Newton	...	10 10 0
J. H. Lane	...	23 2 0	A. H. Tattershall	...	28 15 6
W. R. Palmer	...	36 15 0	J. H. McQueen	...	43 1 0
E. L. P. Valeriani	...	10 10 0	John Dorton	...	10 10 0
William Clarke	...	23 1 0	Rev. J. H. Rose	...	31 10 0
John A. Farnfield	...	10 10 0	George Read	...	10 10 0
Charles F. Matier	...	52 10 0	Asher Barfield	...	10 10 0
H. B. Marshall, J.P.	...	26 5 0	G. H. Grimwood	...	11 11 0
H. B. Marshall, jun., B.A.	...		G. F. Cook	...	

LONDON.		£ s. d.
Bro. E. St. Clair	...	10 10 0
Matthew Mildred	...	10 10 0
Lodge		
1 Bro. H. H. Crawford	...	44 2 0
2 Edward J. V. Husey	...	22 1 0
3 John Larkin	...	21 0 0
4 Fred. I. Bennett	...	21 0 0
5 A. C. Langdale	...	44 2 0
8 Edward E. Cooper	...	17 17 0
11 Fred. C. McQueen	...	53 5 0
13 John Geo. Milbourn	...	105 0 0
14 Valentine Robinson	...	10 10 0
15 Benjamin Burton	...	59 17 0
18 Capt. Clifford Probyn	...	26 5 0
19 Henry Glenn	...	26 5 0
27 Thos. J. Maidwell	...	52 10 0
28 Henry Newland	...	36 15 0
29 Edward Terry	...	12 12 0
29 Frederick Burgess	...	24 3 0
30 Alfred Coudrey	...	57 18 6
33 A. C. Tanqueray	...	49 17 6
55 George Laker	...	42 10 6
60 Horace Slade	...	15 15 0
65 William Walker	...	114 14 0
73 Hy. Geo. Marsden	...	43 15 6
141 Chas. W. Frommholz	...	78 14 0
157 Thomas Cubitt	...	75 12 0
103 W. H. Causton	...	24 3 0
167 C. H. Fry	...	47 4 0
169 Temperance Lodge	...	60 0 0
172 C. T. Fleck	...	52 10 0
619 Charles Meierhoff	...	120 16 0
174 Charles Lacey	...	120 16 0
Chapter		
176 Comp. J. B. Sorrell	...	54 12 0
Lodge		
179 Bro. James W. Cain	...	74 11 0
181 Alfred T. Layton	...	22 1 0
Chapter		
181 Comp. E. W. Stanton	...	52 10 0
Lodge		
186 Bro. William W. Westley	...	80 17 0
197 George L. Eyles	...	28 7 0
198 Major Geo. Lambert, F.S.A.	...	10 10 0
205 R. J. Paton	...	80 0 0
228 James F. Quartley	...	53 14 6
235 E. Luxmore Marshall	...	15 15 0
259 J. C. Parkinson, J.P., D.L.	...	31 10 0
554 Hugh Cotter	...	75 0 0
733 Chas. John Biorn	...	31 10 0
749 Henry John	...	44 18 0
754 Edwin Holt	...	63 0 0
780 Charles Coombs	...	38 1 0
781 Stephen Hayward	...	225 0 0
813 L. C. Haslip	...	59 17 0
822 H. W. Chambers	...	40 8 6
861 Fred. Hallows	...	36 15 0
890 Major J. C. Gant	...	32 0 0
901 R. Pittam Stevens	...	210 0 0
902 Charles Castell	...	30 0 0
907 R. W. Duncan	...	56 3 6
907 Richard Jennings	...	56 3 6
933 William Smith	...	159 1 0
1050 Samuel Cochrane	...	86 1 6
1118 Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, M.A.	...	26 5 0
1158 James Bunker	...	52 10 0
1196 Geo. E. Fairchild	...	106 1 0
1288 R. V. Davies	...	43 1 0
1329 J. C. Bradley	...	53 0 6
1366 J. H. Gregory	...	90 3 6
1383 Jas. Herman de Ricci	...	126 1 0
1420 W. J. Kennaby	...	39 18 0
1421 Thomas S. Taylor	...	63 0 0
1441 John Abbott Taylor	...	40 8 0
1446 G. W. Perry	...	55 0 0
1471 William Shurmer	...	105 0 0
1475 John Vickery	...	23 12 6
Chapter		
1507 Comp. W. J. Ferguson	...	36 17 0
Lodge		
1602 Bro. Reuben A. Homan	...	25 19 6
Chapter		
1604 Comp. James Gibson	...	47 5 0
Lodge		
1607 Bro. R. S. Cushing	...	118 2 6
Chapter		
1642 Comp. William J. Murlis	...	63 0 0
Lodge		
1708 Bro. James C. Hayes	...	56 14 0
1716 John C. Fittam	...	31 10 0
1719 Walter King	...	38 16 6
1732 C. Sydney Mote	...	48 11 0
1791 Edward Austin	...	78 15 0
Lodge of Instruction		
1804 Bro. J. Taylor	...	40 13 6
Lodge		
1839 Bro. H. Cattermole	...	105 0 0
1900 O. Philippe	...	10 10 0
1901 Louis E. Eagle	...	136 10 0
1922 William G. Cannon	...	15 2 0
1964 John Luck	...	18 18 0
2012 F. Lawrence, M.B.	...	52 10 0
2021 Charles Kempton	...	85 0 0
2128 H. J. Giller	...	21 0 0
2192 Major W. H. Baker	...	47 14 0
2206 W. A. Scurrah	...	100 15 0
THE PROVINCES.		
BERKS AND BUCKS.		
574 Bro. Anthony Kersley	...	26 5 0
945 John T. Morland	...	62 0 0
1887 Sidney Payne	...	24 3 0
CHESHIRE.		
1045 Bro. the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton, M.P.	...	5 5 0
1357 Geo. L. Collier	...	21 0 0
1357 Alfred Hough	...	26 5 0
1505 J. H. Evans	...	10 10 0
CORNWALL.		
The Province—		
Bro. C. Truscott	...	10 10 0

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.		£ s. d.
The Province	...	911 11 6
Lodge		
129 Herbert Moser	...	75 8 6
1074 Edward Armitage	...	36 15 0
2217 T. Atkinson Argles	...	26 5 0
DERBYSHIRE.		
1179 Bro. H. F. Daykin	...	26 5 0
DEVONSHIRE.		
1402 Bro. John Chapman	...	47 5 0
DURHAM.		
The Province		
Bro. C. S. Lane	...	123 15 0
ESSEX.		
Chapter		
51 Comp. Richard Clowes	...	14 14 0
Lodge		
453 Bro. Fred. Chas. Dixie	...	63 10 6
1437 Henry Thos. Hardy	...	57 15 0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.		
82 Bro. J. Brook-Smith, M.A.	...	5 5 0
R. V. Vassar-Smith	...	31 10 0
1067 W. C. Heane	...	37 5 6
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.		
487 Bro. J. W. Boughton	...	15 15 0
2068 T. Tuffnell	...	21 0 0
HERTFORDSHIRE.		
403 Bro. Rev. C. Wigan Hervey	...	36 8 0
404 Geo. E. Lake	...	31 10 0
1395 W. H. Lewis	...	33 5 6
1580 R. H. Halford	...	23 12 0
C. E. Keyser	...	21 0 6
KENT.		
Bro. Rev. W. Hayman		
Cummings	...	21 0 0
127 F. W. Willett	...	95 0 0
709 F. Hughes-Hallett	...	63 3 0
829 W. G. Mison	...	36 15 0
913 Henry Mason	...	63 0 0
1206 R. Joyes Emmerson	...	25 4 0
1223 Philip S. Darnell	...	
Lodge and Chapter		
1414 Bro. Rev. T. S. Curteis	...	55 15 0
EAST LANCASHIRE.		
Lodge		
42 Bro. J. W. Kenyon	...	
191 Alfred B. Bennett	...	
44 N. A. Earle	...	
62 John Chadwick	...	
146 Thos. Nightingale	...	
204 William Bagnell	...	
210 James Bromley	...	
215 W. V. Stallon	...	
283 W. B. Akerman	...	
317 W. J. Cunliffe	...	
317 J. W. Edwards	...	
317 J. Wilson	...	
317 J. Garside	...	
317 J. Robinson	...	
317 V. M. Vultchoff	...	
325 John Ramsbottom	...	
325 Evan Williams	...	
346 John Dewhurst	...	
348 John Kenyon	...	2873 11 6
350 Titus Fletcher	...	
645 Max Weingenthaler	...	
815 Col. Hy. L. Ruca	...	
993 C. D. Cheetham	...	
993 John Stovold	...	
1009 George Hunt	...	
1009 George W. Wilson	...	
1009 George Everatt	...	
1052 Samuel Warburton	...	
1053 Robert Williamson	...	
1077 Joseph Bridgford	...	
1161 Arthur H. Jefferis	...	
1634 Henry Heys	...	
1697 R. Rawlinson	...	
1723 E. G. Haywood	...	
1723 Matthew Fielding	...	
1723 A. Cosgrave	...	
1773 W. Hardcastle	...	
1798 George Board	...	
1798 J. D. Bogliaco	...	
1798 L. Frankenstein	...	
WEST LANCASHIRE.		
1393 Bro. W. C. Erwin	...	21 0 0
1570 A. J. J. Bamford	...	10 10 0
1570 Robert Foote	...	
MIDDLESEX.		
1237 Bro. William Binnie	...	52 10 0
1238 Job Gillingham	...	52 10 0
1238 Eliab Rogers	...	
1326 J. C. Goslin	...	15 15 0
1326 Frederick Stanley	...	11 5 0
1567 R. H. Dillon	...	
1567 John Mason	...	154 4 6
1579 H. W. Greenwood	...	24 3 0
1597 Dr. William Cock	...	21 0 0
1733 Alfred Tucker	...	35 8 0
1897 John Weston	...	10 18 6
2183 J. Frost Creswick	...	15 15 0
MONMOUTHSHIRE.		
Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray		
457 F. Atkinson Powell	...	36 15 0
471 William Pickford	...	105 11 6
683 A. Herbert Oliver	...	73 10 0
818 John Owen Marsh	...	27 6 0
1098 John J. Williams	...	26 5 0
1258 Hartley Feather	...	5 5 0
1429 Alfred Taylor	...	68 5 0
1562 J. T. Thomas, M.D.	...	37 0 0
2186 Rev. Dan. G. Davies	...	11 0 6
Rose Croix Chapter		
34 Bro. Lt.-Col. A. T. Perkins	...	21 0 0



NORFOLK.		
Lodge	£	s. d.
190 Bro. Walter Diver ...	63	0 0
NORTH WALES.		
Lodge	£	s. d.
1849 Bro. Lt.-Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville West ...	46	4 0
NORTHS AND HUNTS.		
445 Bro. James Jenkins ...	10	10 0
NORTHUMBERLAND.		
The Province—		
Bro. B. J. Thompson ...	900	0 0
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.		
Chapter		
411 Comp. S. G. Gilbert ...	52	10 0
OXFORDSHIRE.		
340 Bro. Edward Horne ...	31	10 0
340 „ J. M. Dormor ...		
1895 „ W. A. Simmons ...	15	15 0
SHROPSHIRE.		
611 Bro. Theo. John Salwey... ..	26	5 0
SOMERSETSHIRE.		
329 Bro. S. R. Baskett ...	137	5 0
(P.P.G. Reg. Dorset) ...		
1199 „ C. L. Fry Edwards... ..		
SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION).		
THE CHAIRMAN ... ..	126	0 0
The Province—		
Bro. Marmaduke Tennant ...		
Lodge		
36 Bro. C. W. Page ...		
110 „ W. Howfield ...		
Chapter		
237 Comp. Rev. T. Walters, D.D. ...	728	10 0
SOUTH WALES (WEST DIVISION).		
The Province—		
Bro. John Andrew Jenkins ...	108	10 0

## SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Berks and Bucks ... ..	112	8	0	Northants and Hunts... ..	10	10	0
Cheshire ... ..	63	0	0	Northumberland ... ..	900	0	0
Cornwall ... ..	10	10	0	Nottinghamshire ... ..	52	10	0
Cumberland and Westmorland	1050	0	0	Oxfordshire ... ..	47	5	0
Derbyshire ... ..	26	5	0	Shropshire ... ..	26	5	0
Devonshire ... ..	47	5	0	Somersetshire ... ..	137	5	0
Durham ... ..	122	15	0	South Wales, E. Division ...	854	10	0
Essex ... ..	135	19	6	„ W. „ ... ..	108	10	0
Gloucestershire ... ..	74	0	6	Staffordshire ... ..	451	10	0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	36	15	0	Suffolk ... ..	87	1	0
Hertfordshire ... ..	145	16	0	Surrey ... ..	31	10	0
Kent ... ..	362	17	0	Sussex ... ..	94	10	0
Lancashire (East) ... ..	2373	11	6	Worcestershire... ..	31	10	0
„ (West) ... ..	31	10	0	Yorkshire (North and East)...	400	0	0
Middlesex ... ..	393	9	0	„ (West) ... ..	68	5	0
Monmouthshire ... ..	438	3	0	Guernsey ... ..			
Norfolk ... ..	63	0	0	Foreign Stations ... ..			
North Wales ... ..	46	4	0				
127 STEWARDS—LONDON ... ..	£5783	9	0				
148 STEWARDS—PROVINCES ... ..	£9334	9	6				
GRAND TOTAL ... ..	£15,117	18	6				

## ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

Having described the Festival, and recorded the subscriptions and donations, we pass to our next duty of reviewing the latter. That the Returns amount to a far higher figure than even the most sanguine well-wishers of the Institution could have foreseen, has already been noticed, as well as the fact that, as compared with the brilliant celebration of 1887, the total shows a very large decrease, amounting, indeed, in round figures, to over £4000. Nevertheless, what may be called Bro. Sir George Elliot's year will always occupy a leading place among the Benevolent Festivals, and had the lodges in the Metropolis been more numerous represented, perhaps even the grand total of last year might have been repeated. However, the result must, under any circumstances, be a subject of congratulation. The Board of Stewards consisted of 275 brethren, of whom 127 represented lodges in London, and compiled the handsome sum of £5783 9s., and the remaining 148 hailed from the Provinces, the total of their lists amounting to £9334 9s. 6d., or very nearly as much as Bro. Terry had the satisfaction of announcing at the Festival of 1887. The grand total from all sources, as announced in the Hall, was £15,081 18s. 6d., but a few additions since received have raised this to £15,117 18s. 6d.

Let us now examine carefully the two great sub-divisions of Wednesday's list. The Stewards for

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are unusually few in number, and the aggregate of their Returns not only below that of last year, which, as it was an exceptionally brilliant Festival, might well have been expected, but likewise the average of the last few Festivals, which probably would not have been the case, but for the occurrence this spring of the Centenary of the Girls' School. The London section of the Board mustered only 126 brethren and one lady, and the sum of their Returns was £5783 9s. But of these, 36 brethren and the lady were unattached, so that the representatives of lodges and chapters mustered no more than 90, of whom 85 acted on behalf of 82 lodges and a lodge of instruction, and the remaining 5 for as many Royal Arch Chapters. Now the number of lodges in the Metropolitan district is about 350, and in the course of our experience we have found that about one-third of them are represented at a Festival, while, in the case of the Benevolent Institution, it has been Bro. Terry's good fortune—in more recent years especially—to obtain Stewards from more rather than less than this average third.

STAFFORDSHIRE.		
The Province—		
Bro. Alfred B. Jones ...		
SUFFOLK.		
The Province		
Bro. John G. Oliver ...	162	15 0
Lodge		
225 Bro. George Abbott ...	57	15 0
376 „ J. Hunt ...	84	0 0
388 „ John M. Canova ...	84	0 0
1983 „ Hugh W. H. Elwes... ..	63	0 0
SURREY.		
1638 Bro. W. J. W. Bultz ...	30	7 0
1892 „ William Pile ...	31	10 0
1929 „ E. M. Lott ...	25	4 0
SUSSEX.		
1797 Bro. Walter Fitch ...	31	10 0
WORCESTERSHIRE.		
252 Bro. E. J. Chambers ...	57	15 0
2034 „ Thos. R. Arter ...	36	15 0
YORKSHIRE (N. & E.)		
The Province		
Bro. Col. R. G. Smith ...	31	10 0
YORKSHIRE (WEST).		
Lodge		
139 Bro. Alexander Tyzack ...		
139 „ John Taylor ...		
521 „ John W. Turner ...		
521 „ Jimmy Firth... ..		
750 „ Rawson Kelley ...	400	0 0
924 „ Frederick Cleaves ...		
904 „ Frederick Romain ...		
904 „ V. G. S. Dearden ...		
1513 „ T. W. Embleton ...		
1545 „ Thos. M. Holmes ...		
GUERNSEY.		
The Province		
Bro. A. C. Quick ...	68	5 0
FOREIGN.		
Bro. Lt.-Col. Aubrey W. O. Saunders, Past Dist. G.M. Malta ...		
Lodge		
1160 Bro. William Franks, P.A. Dist. Grand Sec. Bengal ...		

On this occasion the Fates and the aforesaid Girls' School Centenary have been arrayed against him, and on Wednesday the usual third turned out to be a very indifferent fourth. Nor was the paucity of the represented lodges counter-balanced by anything remarkable in the way of specially good lists, those ranging from £100 upwards being only 14 in number, whereas last year and in 1886, there were 25 three-figure lists, in 1885 as many as 32, and the previous year 21. The highest of the principal lists was that of Bro. Stephen Hayward, who acted as Steward for the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, and was successful in compiling a list of £225, the Steward for the City of London Lodge, No. 921, running him very close for first honours with a total of £210 10s. Bro. William Smith, of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, stands third with £159 1s., and Bro. L. E. Eagle, of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, next, with £136 10s. Then, all close together, come a regular contributor in the shape of the Friends in Council, No. 1383, who, by the hands of Bro. Jas. H. de Ricci, are entered for £126 1s.; the indefatigable Secretary of the Institution (Bro. Terry) who acted as Unattached Steward, and obtained £125, and Bro. Chas. Lacey, the well-known representative of an equally well known lodge—the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174—with £120 16s. Bro. R. S. Cushing, of the Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, has fully justified the title of the body he represented as regards its observance of the Masonic principle of Charity, for his canvass resulted in a return of £118 2s. 6d., while Bro. W. Walker, as Steward for the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, very closely approached him with £114 14s. Bro. G. E. Fairchild, whose name is by no means new to these lists, represented the Urban Lodge, No. 1192, very successfully, his total amounting to 101 guineas (£106 1s.), and at his heels are three brethren, who each were fortunate enough to raise lists of 100 guineas (£105), namely, Bro. J. G. Millbourn, of Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13; Bro. W. Shurmur, of the Islington Lodge, No. 1471; and Bro. H. Cattermole, of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, of the Hendon Lodge, No. 2206, which was only consecrated last year, brings up the rear with a total of £100 16s., which for a new lodge is worthy of all praise. There were other good lists ranging between £50 and £90, which will be found carefully recorded in the Returns elsewhere.

The Stewards from the

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mustered 148—two of them, however, hailing from Stations Abroad—as against 201 in 1887, 130 in 1886, 188 in 1885, and 140 in 1884; the total of the Returns being £9334 9s. 6d., as compared with £9376 14s. 6d. in 1887, £6221 7s. in 1886, £7911 3s. 8d. in 1885, and £6240 17s. in 1884. In this sub-division about the usual proportion of the provinces was represented—some of them very numerous and productively—there being 11 absentee Provinces and 34 which sent up Stewards. The former comprised the following, namely, BEDFORDSHIRE (five lodges), of which we have reason to believe we shall hear some account before the Festival season has ended; BRISTOL (eight lodges), which has usually given Bro. Terry the benefit of its assistance. It may be, however, that it is reserving itself for another occasion, and we know that it has been engaged in organising a Charitable Association of its own. CAMBRIDGESHIRE (six lodges), though but a small province, raised £537 11s. for our three Institutions last year, and £547 5s. in 1886, to say nothing of its performances in the two previous years, so that its absence from this list of Returns is not surprising. DORSETSHIRE (13 lodges) was a contributor to this Institution last year to the extent of £113, and figured to still greater advantage in 1886, when it gave upwards of £320 between the Benevolent and the Girls' School. HEREFORDSHIRE (four lodges), perhaps on account of its smallness, is more frequently absent than present on these occasions; while LEICESTERSHIRE and RUTLAND (12 lodges), having raised £250 for this Institution in 1887, will devote its attention to one or other of the Schools this year. LINCOLNSHIRE (22 lodges), plays its accustomed part as in past years; but we believe it will be represented on the occasion of the Girls' School Centenary. As for WARWICKSHIRE (31 lodges), whose Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Leigh, is Honorary Treasurer of the Girls' School Board of Stewards, we must expect to find it very strongly represented at the Festival of that Institution. Moreover, it was represented at two of the 1887 Festivals, and in previous years likewise. WILTSHIRE (10 lodges) gave the Boys' School the benefit of its services in 1887, while both the Schools had its support in 1886, and the Benevolent and Girls' the year previous, so that, in the ordinary course of things, we might have looked for it to be represented on Wednesday, but doubtless the reasons for its absence, when they appear, will be found good and sufficient. The other two absentees were JERSEY (7 lodges), and the ISLE OF MAN (6 lodges), from neither of which do we look for much in the way of support, such contributions as find their way thence to our Charities being, however, none the less welcome on this account. Here then in the provinces we have enumerated we have an aggregate of some 130 lodges, which had no part or parcel in Wednesday's proceedings, though nearly all of them show creditably and some even conspicuously in those of other celebrations of a similar character.

At the head of the list of represented provinces stands, not for the first time,

## BERKS AND BUCKS,

which has 21 lodges, and which, though it never much exceeds a certain excellent average, has acquired for itself the title of a regular as well as a generous contributor to all our Institutions alike. In 1887, certainly, as the year of the Queen's Jubilee, it distributed amongst them nearly £774, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution receiving over £218, the Girls' School over £381, and the Boys' School over £171, which was more than £200 in excess of its average for the three preceding years, but we have not heard that anyone has taken it to task severely for this excess, and possibly the worthy Secretaries of our Institutions will gladly see it repeated as often as our Berks and Bucks brethren can find the wherewith to do so. At all events, the three Stewards hailing from this province succeeded in compiling the excellent total of £112 8s. on Wednesday, the list of Bro. J. T. Morland, of the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Abingdon, amounting to £62.

Three of the 40 lodges in

## CHESHIRE

have sent up Stewards, one of them—the Cope, No. 1357, Sale—having two strings to its bow, but the total of their lists amounts only to £63. Last year its contribution to this Charity—which was the only one it assisted—was even less (£30 5s.), though the returns for the three preceding years were decidedly more favourable, being over £280 in 1886, over £387 in 1885, and £680 in 1884. This looks very much as if the province had adopted what is commonly supposed to be the Irish mode of progression, and withdrawn £1 10s., or thereabouts, from the previous year's total, for every £1 it advances. We expressed our belief in connection with the



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Festival in 1887, that Cheshire, though it has a well-organised Educational Association of its own, might still assist our principal Charities to a greater extent than it has done latterly, and we still retain that belief.

Though the list or contribution of Bro. C. Truscott, an unattached Steward, hailing from

## CORNWALL

is small—apparently his personal donation only—we are glad that so confirmed a well-wisher of our Institutions is among the Stewards, and that his province, therefore, is not unrepresented. We cannot, of course, foresee what the School Festivals, especially that of the Girls, may obtain from this quarter, but as Bro. Pearce, who did duty at all three Festivals in 1887, this quarter, with a heavy list of £368 11s. in February, raised £141 15s. for the Girls' in May, and finished up in June with £194 5s. for the Boys' School, it may be we shall find the contribution at the middle Festival for 1888 the weightiest, and those of the Benevolent and Boys' School as constituting the ends or wings of the line, the least productive. We shall not think of questioning the propriety of such an arrangement. The geographers tell us that the chief mineral resource of Cornwall is tin, and there is no doubt a good deal of this useful commodity finds its way into the coffers of our Charities, and with a fairly impartial distribution among the three.

## CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND,

with its 20 lodges, has on two occasions, during the last few years, done substantial service for the Boys' School, namely, in 1883, when Bro. G. J. McKay, Prov. G. Secretary, as its representative raised £1050, and in 1886, when Bros. McKay and Hogg, made up £500. But it has not often or to any great extent figured at Benevolent Festivals, and its 4 Stewards, of whom Bro. McKay was unattached, and the other three represented lodges Nos. 129, 1074, and 2217 respectively, must have been very welcome to Bro. Terry, especially as their lists together mount up to £1050. Last year lodge No. 129—the Union, of Kendal—sent up per Bro. Dr. Paget, the comfortable sum of £55 13s., and in 1885, Bro. McKay for the province handed in £52 10s. for the Boys' School, and Bro. Collin, as Steward for the Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington, made up a list of £50 8s. 6d. for this Institution. If we add these various sums together, we shall find that Bro. Lord Bective's province has given fully its fair share of support to our Institutions since and including the year 1883.

Only one of the 21 lodges in

## DERBYSHIRE

was represented on Wednesday, Bro. Daykin, as Steward for the Rutland Lodge, No. 1179, Ilkeston, figuring in the Returns with a list amounting to £26 5s. However, in 1887, it raised £626 0s. 6d.—£387 14s. for the Benevolent in February; £78 15s. for the Girls' in May; and £159 10s. 6d. for the Boys' in June. In 1886, its Returns were—Benevolent, £63; Girls' School, £37 10s. 6d.; and Boys' School, £76 4s. 6d.; making a total of £176 15s.; while in 1885, when Bro. the Marquis of Hartington was chairman at the Boys' Festival, its Returns reached the large figure of £1546 17s. In 1884 it raised £356 4s. for the Girls' School, and £94 10s. for the Boys', and the year previous it raised £359 and odd shillings, of which the Boys' School received close on £239, and the rest was apportioned between the Benevolent and the Girls' School.

Bro. John Chapman, Steward for the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, with a list of 45 guineas, does duty for

## DEVONSHIRE

with its half a century and upwards of lodges, but considering that Bro. Lord Ebrington, the ruler of the province, has undertaken to preside at the Boys' School Festival in June, it is not surprising that a modest list like this should be the sum total of its contributions on this occasion. Moreover, its Educational Fund is an association of recent growth, and even in a numerically strong province like this, while there may be no limit to the goodwill of the brethren, we must be careful not to strain it overmuch.

Bro. C. S. Lane, as Steward for the 32 lodges in

## DURHAM,

is entered for a list of £122 17s., and must be congratulated on the success of his labours. The sum may not be large for so strong a province, but the contributions from this quarter are given regularly, a donation of 50 guineas (£52 10s.), being voted annually, we believe, to each of the three Institutions. But this is not the full extent of its contributions, which amounted in 1887 to nearly £228, in 1886, to £236 in 1885 to £226—there being no amount entered in the Girls' School returns—and in 1884 to £452, while in 1881, when the late Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry was Chairman for the Boys' School, the total for the year was £1024. Still we should like to see larger returns from this direction, and doubtless before the year is out our wishes will be gratified.

It is long since we have seen so small a contingent of Stewards from

## ESSEX,

which, with its 25 lodges, generally makes a capital show, both as regards representatives and totals. Thus, in 1887, it had a round dozen of Stewards for the Benevolent Festival in February, and their lists just exceeded, by a few shillings, the large sum of £500. At the Girls' School Festival in May, seven Stewards raised £222 7s., and at the Boy's Festival in June, another group of seven Stewards raised £150 7s., the total for the year being £873 7s. Again—to mention only one year more—in 1886, the Benevolent received £115 5s. 6d. as the total of four Stewards' lists, while six brethren made up amongst them £245 14s. for the Institution for Girls, while another half a dozen raised £238 6s. 6d. for that for Boys, the sum of the three sets of Returns being £599 5s., or, speaking roundly, some £600. On Wednesday, the three Stewards raised amongst them £135 19s. 6d., which is certainly satisfactory for so small a number.

Three Stewards from the Province of

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

have returned amongst them a total of £74 0s. 6d., Bro. Heane's list for lodge No. 1067, absorbing half of it. Last year the Province, which, by the way, musters only 14 lodges, raised £221 11s., the Boys' School and Benevolent receiving about the same amount—£84 and £85 respectively—and the Girls' School £53 11s. As we suggested, however, in our review of the Boys' Festival in June last, it is possible that had Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., the P.G. Master, not been prevented by illness and his ministerial duties from taking his usual active part in Masonry, the returns for 1887 would have been heavier, as in the three years preceding—1884-5-6—the contributions amounted to £2240 9s., giving an average per year of £747 nearly. This, of course, is accounted for by Bro. Sir Michael having been Chairman for this Institution in 1885, when Gloucestershire backed him up gloriously with nearly £1211. However, Wednesday's total, if not as large as we have seen, is very welcome.

## HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

with a muster roll of some 45 lodges had only two of them represented, and for very small amounts, the total of the two lists being only £36 15s. But it must be remembered that its worthy chief, Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., occupied the chair at the Benevolent Festival in 1887, and that his province were so energetic and so successful in their efforts, that they put together, by means of their 29 Stewards, no less a sum than £1785 9s. 6d. It has also just started a Charitable Association, the first anniversary of which was celebrated at Southampton last autumn. Therefore, the paucity of Stewards at the Festivals which have been held since, and the limited extent of the subscriptions obtained, by them is easily explained. However, when some further time has elapsed we shall no doubt find Hants and the Isle of Wight in its old swing of regular and generous contribution.

Four of the 15 lodges in

## HERTFORDSHIRE,

which may be reckoned among the most regular supporters of Bro. Terry, sent up as many Stewards; and Bro. Keyser gave the benefit of his services unattached as well, the total of the five lists being £145 16s. 0d. Last year, its total for the three Festivals was £636 7s., of which the Benevolent obtained £396 19s.; the Girls' School £176 17s. 6d.; and the Boys' School only £32 11s. In 1886, it gave nearly £505, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution receiving £279 5s. 6d. as the lion's share, while in 1885 and 1884, its Returns reached £411 and £470 respectively, the total for these three years being within a fraction of £1387. There is evidently very little doubt about the zeal of our Herts brethren, and the very practical form which it assumes in respect of our several Institutions. Even larger provinces might with advantage take a leaf out of the book of Hertfordshire.

It has been many times announced—or at all events, we believe it is an open secret—that

## KENT

is in training to accomplish a formidable total at the Girls' School Centenary, and it seems to have struck sundry of our lodges and brethren in this popular province that they might with advantage indulge in a preliminary or trial canter just to rid themselves of the stiffness which a six or seven months' inactivity must have engendered. And, better still, this canter seems to have turned out profitably, the eight Stewards from Lord Amherst's province having compiled amongst them the very satisfactory total of £362 17s. This augurs well for the success of Kent during the present year, which, if all goes well, will probably throw into the shade its performances of 1887, though they resulted in a contribution of £1227 17s. 6d. to the Benevolent Institution, of £184 4s. 6d. to the Girls' School in May, and of £508 14s. 6d. to the Boys' School in June, giving a grand total for the year of upwards of £1920. In 1886 it raised £1725; in 1885, £1589 10s.; in 1884, £1331 13s. 6d.; and in 1883, when Bro. Lord Amherst—then Viscount Holmesdale—presided at the ever-memorable Festival of the Boys' School, when Bro. Binckes achieved his greatest triumph, its total was £2692. These be big figures, indeed, and must gladden the hearts of the Secretaries of our Institutions as well as prove the subject of just pride to all Kentish brethren.

It must be evident that the province of

## EAST LANCASHIRE

has strenuously exerted itself to redeem the promise which Bro. Terry announced at the Benevolent Festival of last year it had made—to present a worthy Jubilee offering to the Institution which takes charge of our old brethren and their widows. There were no less than 39 Stewards hailing from it on Wednesday's Board, 26 out of its 97 lodges being ably represented, and the aggregate of its returns mounted up to the very considerable sum of £2873 11s. 6d. This is almost a small Festival return by itself, and in the days before Bro. Terry was Secretary, would have been the subject of great rejoicing. But heavier figures are now required with over 400 annuitants to provide for every year, and the almost certain fact that even this formidable number will have to be increased at the earliest possible opportunity. However, East Lancashire has acquitted itself right loyally, and its members, from Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M., downwards to the youngest initiate, must be gratified with the result of Wednesday's labours, especially as it makes ample amends for the comparative smallness of its last year's contributions. Moreover, we must not forget to point out that the province has a systematic Educational and Benevolent Association for the benefit of its poorer members, which, as we had the opportunity of showing last week, does a large amount of good locally, has a considerable sum invested, and is well and economically managed. The extent of its contributions on this occasion, therefore, is all the more deserving our hearty congratulations.

Seeing that Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G. Master of

## WEST LANCASHIRE

is President of the Board of Stewards for the Girls' Centenary, and that his lodges, therefore, will direct their chief effort towards supporting him adequately, it is not surprising the array of Stewards hailing from this district should have been limited. We must bear in mind also that this province has its own Educational and other Funds, which are liberally supported, and amply furnished with invested capital. On this account, indeed, it is that the two Lancashires make less of an appearance at our central Festivals than might justly be expected from the length of their respective muster rolls. However, with every allowance for this drain on its resources for local requirements, West Lancashire, like its eastern neighbour, is regularly represented on these festive occasions. Last year it presented over £399 to the Benevolent, £136 10s. to the Girls' School, and £131 5s. to its sister Institution at Wood Green, making for the year a total of £666 15s. 6d., while for the three previous years—1886-5-4—it contributed £1844 8s., or an average per year of £614 16s., which, under the circumstances we have described, is certainly a handsome figure. The three Stewards on Wednesday made up a total of £31 10s., one list, however, being still outstanding.

## MIDDLESEX,

which can boast of 42 lodges, had nine of them represented, its contingent of Stewards, however, being a level dozen. As Bro. Sir George Elliot, previous to his appointment as Prov. G. Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, was for some time Deputy of this province, he must be much gratified at the generous manner in which it has supported his chairmanship. The Returns from the Metropolitan County amount to £393 9s., the chief item being the joint list of Bros. Dillon and Mason, of the "Elliot" Lodge, No. 1657, amounting to £154 4s. 6d. The total of its contributions in 1887 was £1265 7s., namely, Benevolent Institution, £431 17s.; Girls' School, £42 7s. 6d.; and Boys' School, £410 2s. 6d. In 1886 the general

total was not so large, being only £1034 19s., the Benevolent receiving the highest contribution, £546 4s. 6d.; the Girls' School, £174 8s. 6d.; and the Boys' School, £313 6s. In 1885 and 1884, it raised for the former year £877, and for the latter £725, while in 1883, it figured in the several Returns for £616, and in 1882, for £1212, so that from the commencement made on Wednesday we may anticipate that 1888 will compare favourably with the best of its predecessors.

#### MONMOUTHSHIRE

is but a small province with only 10 lodges, but on Wednesday it had more Stewards than lodges, and the result of their exertions was shown in the very generous aggregate of £438 3s. 0d. This is better than the best of its previous performances, and is, no doubt, to be accounted for by the fact of its neighbour South Wales East having furnished the Chairman of the day. In 1887 it benefited the Boys' School to the extent of £300, and the Girls' School with a more modest £62 10s.; in 1886 the Benevolent, with £199 10s., and the Boys' School, with £31 10s., were the recipients of its kind attentions, while in 1885 the total was £261 8s. 6d., of which the Benevolent received £200, and the Girls' School the balance. The year previous the Boys' School had the field all to itself, and received per Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M., £307 13s. This is a famous record.

The Lodge of Friendship, No. 100, Great Yarmouth, does duty for

#### NORFOLK

with its roll of 16 lodges, the list of Bro. Diver, its representative, amounting to the very respectable sum of £63. As an agricultural district, the worthy people of Norfolk may be said to have had more than their share of the recent depression, and therefore if more has not been forthcoming from its lodges, there is ample excuse for it. Last year Bro. Bridgman, as Steward for Social Lodge, No. 93, Norwich, raised £155 9s. for the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Barwell, of Union Lodge, No. 52, of Norwich, gave in a list of £52 10s. at the Girls' Festival, while at the Boys' Festival in 1886, when Bro. Lord Suffield, P.G.M., was chairman, the sum of its contributions reached £420. These are by no means bad returns from a province, which, as we have said, has been recently passing through some very hard times.

One of the 18 lodges in

#### NORTH WALES

had a Steward in the person of Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. Sackville-West, P.G.W., his list amounting to 44 guineas (£46 4s.). Last year it distributed over £410 among the three Charities, the Benevolent receiving £152 1s., the Girls' School, £155 8s., and the Boys' School, £102 18s. In 1886 its contributions were—to the Benevolent, £29 11s., to the Girls' School, £102 7s. 6d., and to the Boys' School, £87 3s., making up a total of £219 1s. 6d. This is all it has had an opportunity of doing as a separate Province, but a reference to the returns of previous years will show that before 1886 North Wales and Shropshire often entered an appearance, and to very good purpose, at these annual gatherings.

The province of

#### NORTHANTS AND HUNTS,

albeit of modest strength, showed what it can do on occasions, at the Boys' Festival of last year, when four brethren, acting for three out of its 10 lodges compiled the large total of £350. On Wednesday another of its lodges—Fidelity, No. 445, of Towcester, with which Bro. the Earl of Euston is connected—sent up as Steward Bro. the Rev. James Jenkins, who figures in the returns for £10 10s. This may only be a modest total, but we take less account of this than of the agreeable fact that under its new Prov. G. Master, Northants and Hunts appears to have thrown off its lethargy and to be taking as active an interest in the general concerns of Masonry as in the affairs of its own lodges.

#### NORTHUMBERLAND,

though having a goodly array of 21 lodges, is a rare participator in these annual celebrations, but when it does take part in them, its contribution is on a grand scale. At the Boys' Festival in 1883, Bro. B. J. Thompson, Prov. G. Secretary, compiled the handsome total of £1223 13s. In 1886, the same brother, again acting as representative of the entire province, raised £906 12s. for the Girls' School; and on Wednesday, for the third time, Bro. Thompson demonstrated his ability as a Steward by handing in a list of £900 for this Institution. These figures give a grand total of upwards of £3000, raised by one brother, and pretty impartially distributed among the three Charities. Well done Bro. Thompson! May you again act as representative of Northumbrian Freemasonry at many future gatherings of a like character!

The chapter attached to one of the 14 lodges in the province of

#### NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

sent up a representative in the person of Comp. S. G. Gilbert, whose list is returned as £52 10s. At the Boys' Festival in June last, the two Nottinghamshire Stewards made up between them £231 10s. 6d., and there were two minor returns the previous May and February, of £16 16s. in the former month, and £27 0s. 6d. in the latter. In 1886 the Benevolent and Boys' School received £176 18s. 6d., and £102 2s. respectively, and in 1885 all three participated in the receipts which totalled up to £540 7s., while the year previous the Old People and Boys' School between them were favoured with £274 5s. The agreeable feeling which the province put out on Wednesday is suggestive of some good work being accomplished during the present year, and we may be sure the two remaining Festivals will not pass without some good news at one or both from Nottinghamshire.

There are 10 lodges in the Province of

#### OXFORDSHIRE,

and two of them sent up Stewards, the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford, which heads the roll, having two representatives, whose joint list amounted to 30 guineas (£31 10s.), while the total for the Province was £47 5s. In June, 1887, the Returns from five Stewards amounted to £86 13s. 6d., while in May the total from the same number was £101 14s. 6d., and in February three Stewards compiled £72 18s. 6d., the whole year producing £271 6s. 6d., as compared with £279 in 1886, £208 in 1885, and £293 in 1884. Here the contributions are regularly forthcoming, if they are not large in amount, and we doubt not the Province will acquit itself as honourably in 1888 as it has in preceding years.

#### SHROPSHIRE,

which, like North Wales, has been a separate Province only since the autumn of 1885, has a roll of 11 lodges, of which the Lodge of the Marches, No. 611, Ludlow, figures for 25 guineas (£26 5s.). But in May, 1887, Bro. Sir O. Wakeman, Bart., P.G.M., presided as Chairman at the

Girls' School Festival, and Shropshire then achieved a brilliant thing by compiling the large total of £1022 17s., a sum almost unprecedented for so small a province in our Festival annals. We cannot in reason expect much for the present from a quarter which has put forth its utmost strength so recently, though we dare say we have not heard the last of Shropshire during the current year in respect of its contributions to our Charities. In cases of this kind, the old French proverb about eating being provocative of appetite is conspicuously true, for the more our lodges and provinces raise for charitable purposes, the more they seem capable of raising.

Two of Wednesday's Stewards hailed from

#### SOMERSETSHIRE,

which, with 25 lodges on its roll, and the Pro Grand Master and his Deputy, Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D., to regulate and direct its energies, may always be reckoned upon for contributions. On this occasion Bro. Baskett raised £137 5s., the list of the other Steward being still outstanding. In June last three Stewards compiled a total of £420; in the previous May two brethren were almost as successful, the sum of their lists being £400 6s., and in February a single Steward returned £132 8s., the total for the year being £952 14s. In 1886 it raised £639 11s.; in 1885, £517 18s.; and in 1884, £640 14s., the total for the four years—from 1884 to 1887, both inclusive—being £2720 17s., giving an average of £680 per year. We congratulate our Somersetshire brethren on so admirable a record, and we dare say we shall have reason to show that it has been well maintained during the current year.

There can be no question that the CHAIRMAN'S Province of

#### SOUTH WALES, EASTERN DIVISION,

has greatly distinguished itself by the loyal and generous support it has given to its respected ruler, Bro. Sir George Elliot. Its roll of lodges musters 16, and the total of its contributions on Wednesday was £854 10s. We fully expected that South Wales East would bestir itself on this occasion. The Chairmanship at one of our Masonic Festivals is a rôle not lightly to be undertaken, for it entails a considerable amount of responsibility. But as it is a difficult part to play, so is it likewise an honourable one, and when the G. Master of a Province occupies the position, a certain portion of the honour due to him is reflected on the lodges under his control. The lodges in this part of South Wales appear to have recognised this, and by the course they pursued on Wednesday have brought credit upon themselves as well as upon their chief. As for the amount of their contributions, it is needless to say it eclipses all they have done in past years. In 1887 they raised nearly £262, in 1886, £265, in 1885, £460, and in 1884, £300; the total for the quadrennial period being within a fraction of £1228. But if the amount was large, the contingent of Stewards was small, eight of the 16 lodges and a chapter being specially represented, and Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M., taking charge of the Province generally. Thus, as all had a part in the labour, so all have a share in the credit which has resulted, the CHAIRMAN'S personal donation of £126 helping materially to swell the returns from the province.

#### SOUTH WALES, WESTERN DIVISION,

with its small array of 10 lodges, played the part of a kindly neighbour, and gave its services likewise, Bro. J. Andrew Jenkins, who bravely upheld the fair fame of his province, returning the goodly total of £108 10s. This division of South Wales had no share in the Festivals of last year, but it figured at that of the Boys' School in June, 1866, with a list of 200 guineas (£210); at that of the R.M.B.I. in 1885, with one of £90; at those of the Girls' School with £262 10s., and Boys' School with £10 10s., in 1884; at the Boys' Festival of 1883 with £350; and at the Benevolent Festival in 1882, when its then Prov. G. Master, the late Bro. Col. Lloyd-Phillips, was in the chair, with upwards of £350. Thus, if the support given by this Province is only occasional, it is, generally speaking, substantial.

As Bro. A. B. Jones, representing the Province of

#### STAFFORDSHIRE.

has been unable to return his list, we are unable to say more as to the work done by its 29 lodges, than that it has invariably been most creditable to the brethren and most serviceable to our Institutions. Last year, for instance, it distributed nearly £700 among them, the Girls' School faring the best and receiving £320 5s., while the Boys' School obtained £245 14s., and the Old People £132 6s. In 1886, the total was only £577 10s., but in 1885 it was again but little short of £700—the exact figures being £695 2s.—and in 1884 it reached £646 6s. From the experience of these four years, we are justified in believing that Staffordshire will continue its energetic support of our Institutions.

Bro. Lord Henniker, Prov. G. Master of

#### SUFFOLK,

must be very proud of the 21 lodges under his authority, and the brethren belonging to them. The five Stewards, of Wednesday made up amongst them a total of £451 10s., or rather more than an average of £90 per Steward, the list of Bro. Oliver, who did duty for the unrepresented portion of the Province, amounting to £162 15s., while Bro. Hunt, of No. 376, handed in one of £84, and Bro. Canova a like amount as representative of Nos. 388 and 1983. Last year the total for the three Festivals was close on £795; in 1886 it was £553; in 1885 over £691; and in 1884 over £627; so that Suffolk's aggregate for the last 13 Festivals is £3117 10s. 6d., giving an average of very nearly £240 per Festival, a well-sustained course of subscriptions, with which the whole of the Craft, as well as our Suffolk friends, have great reason to be gratified.

It is possible that

#### SURREY,

with its roll of 32 lodges, may be reserving itself for the Girls' Centenary, or for some heavy work in connection with the Boys' School Festival in June. If so, its small array of three Stewards for as many lodges, and the modest aggregate of £87 1s., is easily explained. Last year, the Province raised nearly £800, of which the Benevolent received £370, the Girls' School £269, and the Boys' School £158. The year previous, the return just exceeded £1829, this large amount being accounted for by Bro. General Brownrigg, P.G.M., having been Chairman for the Girls' Institution, when his lodges raised amongst them nearly £1346. The figures in previous years have been on a similar scale, so that Surrey is justified in having claimed for itself a little breathing time, and, indeed, must be congratulated on having preferred to figure for comparatively a small total rather than not at all.

The 27 lodges in

#### SUSSEX,

whether taken individually or collectively, do good work, and though Bro.

Fitch's list as Steward for the South Devon Lodge, No. 1791, Hurstpierpoint, amounting to £31 10s. is not large, it may be taken, as the straw which indicates the direction of the wind, to show that in 1888 as in past years, under the Duke of Connaught as under his respected predecessor, this admirable Province will do its duty towards our Institutions with its wonted loyalty. Last year it gave £317 2s.; in 1886, £542 10s.; and in 1887, £1923 10s.; that being the year in which its late ruler, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, acted as Chairman for the Girls' School. Consequently, as the total for the last three years amounted to £2783, we shall have faith in Sussex maintaining, if not exceeding its average.

A brace of Stewards for as many lodges entered an appearance for

#### WORCESTERSHIRE

on this occasion, the sum of their lists being £94 10s. But no doubt the Province will maintain, and, it may be, even exceed, its average, which for some years past has been an excellent one. In 1887, for instance, it raised over £280, all three Institutions receiving a share; but the Girls' School the major portion. In 1886 the total was over £413, in 1885 nearly £397, and the preceding year upwards of £426, the four years—from 1884 to 1887, both inclusive—yielding over £1517, or upwards of £379 per year.

Bro. Col. Smith's list of 30 guineas (£31 10s.) is the only return from

#### NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

But as it raised, in round figures, £296 for the Boys' School in June last, and was represented at the two previous anniversaries in 1887, we are not seriously exercised at the smallness of Wednesday's figure. A Province with 29 lodges, which has averaged something like £532 per year for the last five years, needs no encouragement to perform its duty. It will do it in its own fashion, but we may be certain it will do it well and thoroughly.

It is something to find that, after the tremendous efforts of the Jubilee year, so strong a Province as

#### WEST YORKSHIRE,

with close on 70 lodges, can compile a total of £400. The returns at the Benevolent Festival in February, 1887, amounted to £750, at that of the Girls' School in the May following to £350, and at that of the Boys' School in June last, when Bro. Tew, the G.M. of the Province, generously helped Bro. Binckes out of a grave difficulty by giving his services as Chairman at a few days' notice, to £600. Thus the total for the year in respect of ordinary subscriptions was £1700, which is possibly somewhat below the average. But then, by way of commemorating the Queen's Jubilee, the Province purchased two Perpetual Presentations to the Widow's Fund of the Benevolent Institution, and the purchase money, amounting to £2100, has already been paid over, so that West Yorkshire raised the immense sum of £3800 in 1887, and still follows up its beneficent work by finding a further £400 for this present Festival. It is clear that Bro. Tew's Masonic subjects have a will and a way in these matters, and we shall not be surprised if the two remaining Festivals of the year are not at least as successful as we have known them in the past.

Guernsey is included in the

#### CHANNEL ISLANDS,

as grouped together in our Calendar, but without any provincial organisation such as Jersey, which is geographically a Channel Island, has; and Bro. Quick, by his useful list of £68 5s., has shown, as other Stewards from the same quarter have shown before him, that our Channel Islands brethren are by no means oblivious of the claims of our Institutions to their support. In 1886, Bro. Hedges received contributions amounting to £63 from the same quarter towards the aid of the Girls' School, while Bro. Binckes was more fortunate still, as the Guernsey list at the Boys' Stewards' Festival was £110 5s. In 1885, Bro. Terry had help from both Jersey and Guernsey, and we believe we are right in saying that the Boys' School will be favoured in June next with such aid as Jersey may be able to afford. Thus, whether we group them geographically or Masonically, we find the Channel Islands ready to fulfil their duty.

### OLD LISTS OF LODGES.

By BRO. JNO. LANE.

It is, I think, generally understood that for information in relation to the Old Lodges and their places of meeting reliance must be placed, to a very large extent, on the Engraved Lists issued under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, from 1723 to 1778, when these invaluable records were superseded by the printed Calendars commenced in 1775.

Unfortunately for several years during the earlier part of this long period (more than half-a-century), there do not appear to be any Lists now existing, although it is evident that frequently two and sometimes three different editions were issued in a single year.

The years for which no Engraved Lists are now known are as follows: 1723 [the list in the Grand Lodge dated 1723, being one of 1724], 1726, 1727, 1728, 1730, 1731, 1732, 1733, 1735, 1742, 1743, 1746, 1747, 1748, and 1749. From 1750 to the end of the series there is no year without one or more lists now existing, although in some of these years we have evidence of an edition of the List not at present available.

Quite recently there has come into my possession a printed List of lodges published in Prichard's "Masonry Dissected," 12th edition. It contains lodges down to 25th October, 1745, numbered therein consecutively to 158, the real number, however, of the last lodge being 197, the discrepancy arising on account of the omission of all the lodges that had been erased down to the 3rd April, 1747.

This List has hitherto been considered to be of the year 1745, from the date of its last recorded lodge. A careful comparison of it, however, with the Engraved List of 1745, and also with an analysis of the lodges made by me from the Grand Lodge minutes some years since, proves without a doubt that it is a transcript of an Engraved List of 1747, and is consequently of some interest, as being the only one so far known for that year, or in fact between 1745 and 1750.

In proof of the importance of some of these printed Lists, I may cite the case of an old lodge at Chester, No. 32, of 1724, originally at the "Spread Eagle, Castle-street, Chester." It removed in 1740 to a new place of meeting, as evidenced by the Engraved List of that year, but its place of meeting has been more or less a puzzle. Of all former interpretations of the sign as engraved in the List, none appeared to me to be altogether satisfactory.

In one it was designated "Crown, Clasped Hands, and Rose, Bridges-street, Chester," but this was obviously too long and cumbersome for general use to designate a tavern. The sign itself, as engraved, is curious, consisting of two hands clasping each other, surmounted by a Crown, and supported, or partly encircled, by a Rose and Thistle growing on one stem. These emblems seemed to me to indicate some kind of "union," and, after considerable research (in which I received valuable assistance from Bro. J. C. Robinson, of Chester), it was found in one of the views of "Ancient Chester," published in 1880, but taken 60 years previously, that on the east side of Bridge-street was a quaint old structure, having the inscription on the front "UNION ARMS." This was my authority for so designating the place of meeting of this early lodge in "Masonic Records" (p. 20). Now, it is satisfactory to note that in the printed list in this 12th edition of "Masonry Dissected" my interpretation of the sign representing the place of meeting of the lodge was substantially correct, for it is therein described as meeting at "The UNION, Bridges-street, Chester."

There are lists of lodges printed in many of the editions of "Masonry Dissected," as well as in other works of a similar nature. These lists are in some case, as in that noted above, of more than ordinary value, and I am very desirous of obtaining as complete an account of them as possible.

I, therefore, subjoin a catalogue of all the works, of which at present I have knowledge, containing lodge lists, and shall be very glad to have, or to hear of, any additions thereto. Those marked \* I have in my possession, and am desirous of either borrowing or purchasing the others. I shall esteem it a personal favour if any brother will kindly assist me in obtaining either of them, or will inform me where they may be seen.

Title.	Publisher, &c.	Date of Issue.	Date of List.
*Pocket Companion...	E. Rider, Dublin...	1751	1733
" " " " " " " "	E. Rider, London ...	1735	1734
" " " " " " " "	E. Rider, London ...	1736	1734
" " " " " " " "	J. Torbuck, London ...	1736	1734
" " " " " " " "	E. Rider, London ...	1735	1734
" " " " " " " "	J. and P. Wilson, Ayr...	1792	1737
" " " " " " " "	Glasgow ...	1771	1737
" " " " " " " "	W. Cheyne, Edinburgh...	1752	1737
" " " " " " " "	Smith, London ...	1738	1737
" " " " " " " "	J. Reid, Leith ...	1754	—
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CLARE, MARTIN.—An English Mason of the last century, and a Fellow of the Royal Society. He is understood to have revised the old lectures in 1732, which, however, we are told were superseded by those of Dunckerley in 1770, and which, modified in some respects by Preston, were finally settled in 1813, as we have them now, by Dr. Hemming. The Athol Masons probably cling to the older forms of Anderson and Désaguliers, who, according to some Masonic traditions, had arranged the lectures before Clare. Martin Clare was J.G.W. of England in 1735, and D.G.M. in 1741. He translated into English, it is averred by Mackey, the "Relation Apologétique et Historique de la Société des Francs Maçons," which appeared in Dublin in 1738, "par J.G.D.M., F.M., chez Patrice O'Donoko," and which is most probably by Ramsay. It is said to have been burnt at Rome in 1739. Kloss mentions an edition published at "Londres," 1749. Martin Clare's translation of Ramsay's work, if it be the same, appears in the "Pocket Companion," 1754, printed it is said, at Frankfurt, 1748. In 1735 he delivered an address before Grand Lodge, which was much read in England, and translated into more than one foreign language. This also appears in the "Pocket Companion" of 1754, and is annexed, it is stated, to the foregoing "Apology for the Free and Accepted Masons," etc., and translated into French and German. Lenning, and the "Handbuck," curiously enough, do not mention Martin Clare. So much for Masonic fame!—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.



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The following communications were either received too  
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SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1888.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of  
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of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free  
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off or be forgotten. What is necessary in order to raise a  
permanent income is some abiding law which shall fix the  
contribution at so much and remain in force, not a mere  
bye-law which may be unnoticed or rescinded at any  
moment. The "Ancients" established such a law when  
they ordained that their lodges should contribute a certain  
sum for every new made Mason, the London lodges so  
much, and the country and foreign lodges so much, towards  
the support of their Institution for clothing and educating  
Freemasons' sons—now our Boys' School. The "Moderns"  
fought shy of adopting this plan, though some of their  
lodges did, and, after the Union, United Grand Lodge  
adopted the "Ancient" law in this matter, and divided the  
proceeds of the tax equally between the two Schools. In  
1838, this was commuted into a fixed annual payment of  
£150 to each, and from then till now this amount has  
remained at precisely the same figure.

As to Bro. Vallentine's remarks with reference to my  
suggestion that Grand Lodge should increase its grant to  
each School from £150 to £1000 a year, and my omission  
of the Benevolent Institution, had he read my letter care-  
fully he would have seen the reason of this. Grand Lodge  
gives the Benevolent Institution £1600 a year—£800 to  
each Fund—but only £150 a year to each School. Its pre-  
sent grant to the R.M.B.I. has been increased from what it  
was originally, but the Schools receive each £150 a year,  
just as they did 50 years ago. Had there been no com-  
mutation in 1838, our Schools would have been receiving a  
larger permanent income from their Grand Lodge grant; as  
it is, Grand Lodge is some hundreds of pounds sterling in  
pocket by the change made in 1838, and while on the sub-  
ject of improving the permanent incomes of our Charities,  
I thought I might as well offer this suggestion in the case  
of two of them. But even if my suggestion were acted  
upon, the Benevolent Institution would be receiving £1600  
a year—which is little enough, as we all know—while the  
Schools would have only £1000 each—that is, from the  
funds of Grand Lodge.—Fraternally yours,

"Q."

### THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I hope that many like myself will be disposed to  
adopt the excellent suggestion of "P. Prov. S.G.W." by  
sending a guinea to Bro. Terry for his list, and I should like  
further to suggest that the compliment to our worthy brother  
would be increased if, instead of taking votes for our  
donations, we agreed that the sums so contributed should  
go as a donation as permanent Life-Governorship for the  
chair which he fills.

I trust Bro. Terry may find old friends enough to make  
the lodge a Patron of the Institution. May I further add  
that although the Festival will be over before your next  
issue, there can be no objection to Bro. Terry's list being  
"enlarged" with this object.—Yours fraternally,  
25th February.

P.A.G.D.C.

### FOLGER'S HISTORY OF THE A. AND A. RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall be obliged if you, or some of your numerous  
readers, can tell me whether there has been a more recent  
edition of Dr. R. B. Folger's "History of the Ancient and  
Accepted Scottish Rite" than the one published about 1862.  
If so, where can it be obtained, &c.?

I shall also be thankful for information as to the Ancient  
Templar Encampments at York, Bristol, Manchester, and  
Nottingham. Is it possible to get a history of any of  
them?—With fraternal wishes, yours faithfully,

BARRY CHARTRES.

February 18th.

[Our correspondent covers a good deal of ground in his  
enquiries, but we will do our best to answer his letter. There  
is a later edition published of Dr. Folger's "History of the  
Ancient and Accepted Rite" (we believe), by the  
Masonic Publishing Company, New York. Information  
as to York Knight Templary may be obtained from Bro.  
W. J. Hughan's "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," 1871  
—now out of print—but an American edition is published,  
and several pamphlets by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who has  
made that subject his special study. The only account now  
to be had respecting Bristol Knight Templary, is to be  
found in Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite of  
Freemasonry," 1878, and in reference to that Degree at  
Manchester, &c., the best work—we might say the only  
one—is by Bro. John Yarker, entitled "Scientific and  
Religious Mysteries, Gnosis, Secret Schools, Rosicrucianism,  
and Freemasonry," 1872.—Ed. F.M.]

### THE SILVER WEDDING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am sure it would be great satisfaction to the  
majority of Freemasons if some information would be given  
as to what proceedings have been taken in respect of the  
presentation of the address and the gift, and of what the  
gift will consist of, for which Grand Lodge has granted  
£500.

I think it would also be a gracious act, on behalf of our M.W.G.M., to dispense some Grand Lodge honours on this auspicious occasion, as was done at the celebration of the Jubilee; no doubt if such would be hinted to H.R.H. he would act with his accustomed liberal Masonic spirit, and such an act would find general rejoicing. Such occasions do not frequently happen.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
FAIRPLAY, P.M.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At the last Quarterly Communication it was resolved that the Grand Lodge should present a suitable gift to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and an address of congratulation to our M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, on their Silver Wedding. The auspicious event is now approaching, but the Craft has heard nothing more about it. The next Quarterly Communication is on the 7th March; the presentation must take place not later than the 9th of the same month.

In my humble opinion, the Craft in general ought to be informed of what the gift will consist, even perhaps Grand Lodge members might be allowed to see the same, before presentation. And who are the brethren selected to the honour of being deputed to make the presentation.—I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
AN OLD P.M.

February 13th.

#### WHO IS THE OLDEST FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My grandfather, Bro. Thomas Howell, of St. David's, Kent-road, Southsea, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Lodge of Harmony (then No. 575, and meeting at Gosport, Hants) on the 20th day of May, 1826, and was exalted into the Holy Royal Arch on the 20th day of October, 1828. It is believed by many Masons that he is the oldest Freemason in this province, if not in England.

Perhaps some of your readers can give the names, residence, and date of initiation of some brother who was initiated before the 20th day of May, 1826, and who is still living.—Yours fraternally,  
February 27th.

ALEXANDER HOWELL.



#### CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX, 1888.

Bro. Henry Lovegrove, F.S.I., &c., is the editor of this, the official Calendar for Middlesex, and issues it in an attractive form. This year there is a portrait of the esteemed D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A. G.D.C., with biographies of that brother and of the editor, whose portrait appeared last year. This is a feature which might well be followed in other provinces, the illustrations adding much to the interest and value of these capital annuals. There are 39 lodges and 13 chapters working in Middlesex. The oldest lodge only dates from 1825, and the senior chapter from 1828; but there are few provinces in a more vigorous and active state, and though "Antiquity's pride is not on their side," the members unite most heartily in supporting their respected Prov. G.M., Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the founder, so to speak, of the province. We notice that in this issue there is not the customary rolls of Grand Officers, in Craft, Arch, and Mark; and we are very sorry to observe that the editor has been refused information by Secretaries in more than one instance. A poor return for his onerous duties.

#### THE LANCASTER MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1888.

Bro. Henry Longman is again to the fore, and is determined that Lancaster shall be well represented, whatever may be done else by his province. There is not a better Directory of the kind published, for it is carefully edited, well arranged in a compact form, and neatly printed, this time also being much enlarged. We are exceedingly pleased to see that our reviews of the Lancaster Calendar for 1887, and the "History of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 281," have been republished in the present issue, the editorial note being added that "The above quotations from the *Freemason* are given as they touch on subjects very interesting to Lancaster Masons, and we think not generally known by them." The "Masonic Notes," ranging from 1789 to 1887, are capitally compiled, and of considerable interest, especially to brethren belonging to No. 281, which, all being well, will celebrate its centenary in 1889, and be then entitled to the coveted Centenary Jewel and Warrant. Brethren who would like copies, on sending to Bro. H. Longman, will be gratified to receive one by return of post, simply for asking, so long as the edition lasts. We should suggest, however, that where possible, those who would like copies should either send one of their calendars, or of their lodge by-laws, so as to reciprocate the compliment.

#### THE CANADIAN FREEMASONS' POCKET BOOK FOR THE YEAR, 1888.

This handsomely printed volume is correctly described as "A complete Directory," and being compiled from official sources, may be relied upon to the fullest extent. Bro. Geo. J. Bennett, P.G.R. of Canada (Ontario), is the editor, as formerly, and does his work so thoroughly that there seems nothing to be desired, so far as our researches have extended, considerably over 200 pages being literally crowded with Masonic matter of a most interesting and useful character. Save the "Cosmo" in England, and the noted German Calendar, we are not aware of any other such exhaustive publications, and we hope that the members of Bro. Bennett's Grand Lodge will exhibit their appreciation of his great labours, in the only practical manner that he at all events will value, viz., by purchasing the edition within a few weeks. None but those who have engaged in similar duties can adequately estimate what is

involved in such a publication. In March last we wrote a friendly notice of the issue for 1887, and all we said then we are prepared to say over again, and even more. The only objection we had then was to the portrait of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, else typographically, then as now, the Calendar and Pocket Book was all that could possibly be desired. In the Dominion of Canada there are as follows: 1. Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario), 357 lodges and 78 chapters. 2. Grand Lodge of Quebec, 59 lodges and 10 chapters. 3. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, 68 lodges and 12 chapters. 4. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, 32 lodges and seven chapters. 5. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, 37 lodges. 6. Grand Lodge of Prince Edward's Island, 11 lodges. 7. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, eight lodges. 8. Newfoundland, under England and Scotland, seven lodges, making a total of 583, including those in Quebec and Nova Scotia, on the English register. Possibly about 30,000 members in all. Not only does Bro. Bennett give the roll of Grand Officers, and all Committee's of these bodies, including the Grand Representatives, but all the executive officers are also particularized from the origin of each of the Grand Lodges named! Then again, the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, United States, and others are carefully described, the details being those that would naturally be looked for by our Canadian Brethren. The "Hautes Grades" are also duly cared for, the particulars being as full with respect to these bodies as in relation to the Craft. Masonic meetings in Canadian and other cities make up most useful tables, additional to those under the lists of lodges under each Grand Lodge, those for Kingston being new this year! The cities selected are Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, Halifax, Kingston, Quebec, Winnipeg, London, Ottawa, and St. John, New Brunswick for Canada; and Boston, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, New York, Oswego, Philadelphia, Rochester, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C. for the United States. The editor is most impartial in his labours, the English lodges in Montreal, &c., receives the same attention as the others. The issue for 1887 contained a capital roll of "Imperial honours borne by Canadians," but it is omitted in the edition for 1888. Bro. Bennett, in a graceful manner (for he does not forget us in England) acknowledges that to Bro. George Kenning's "Cosmopolitan Calendar," and other publications, the editor is indebted for much valuable information.

THE NEWSPAPER PRESS DIRECTORY AND ADVERTISERS' GUIDE, 1888. Forty-third annual issue. C. Mitchell and Co., Advertising Contractors, 12 and 13, Red Lion Court, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

It is difficult to say anything that has not been said already, either in our own columns or elsewhere as to the merits of a directory which has reached its 43rd year of publication, and has been made more and more complete and accurate with each fresh annual issue. However, we find that the portion relating to magazines and periodicals has been largely added to, that the section dealing with India, Australian, and Colonial papers generally has been revised, that the special articles on "India and the Colonies" have been brought to date, and that Mr. Finlason has contributed a paper which clearly illustrates the working of the "Newspapers Libel Act, 1881." As regards the mass of particulars relating to newspapers and the various kinds of periodicals which has been brought together within the limits of this Directory, there is little doubt as to its value and comprehensiveness, and still less as to its being trustworthy. Messrs. C. Mitchell and Co., the publishers and the editor are to be congratulated both on the matter contained in the "Newspaper Press Directory" and the admirable manner it has been arranged and classified.

#### MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DAY. BRO. HERBERT BARRAUD.

Bro. Herbert Barraud, through Messrs. Bentley, has just published the first number of a work which bids fair to become very popular. There is not only room for, but really a want of, such a publication as "Men and Women of the Day." In Part I. Bro. Barraud issues a most modest preface, wherein he says he does not consider he has arrived at perfection, but with time, and the care he intends to give to his new venture, it will gradually become better and better. The three photographs now appearing are those of Bro. the Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire; Miss Mary Anderson in costume as "Rosalind;" and that ecclesiastic—dear to all Englishmen whatever their creed may be—Cardinal John Henry Newman. We showed the portrait of Bro. the Marquis of Hartington to an M.P., who has sat for many years in the House beside the great politician, and he said he had never seen so excellent a likeness. We recommend those Derbyshire lodges which do not already possess a picture of their Provincial Grand Master to get this beautiful photograph and hang it up in the lodge room after being framed. We do not think the publisher could have done better than choose for his first "Women of the Day," the distinguished American actress, who, since her coming to our shores three years ago has won all hearts, both as an actress and as a lady, and has well earned the title of "Our Mary." The portrait of the Cardinal is a recent one, and shows every line in his splendid face. We suppose that few hymns are more popular amongst all denominations than Newman's "Lead, kindly light," written in the Bay of Biscay, when every one on board was expecting the vessel to be dashed to pieces in the storm, and during its fury John Henry Newman went below to his cabin and wrote those verses which have endeared him to all English-speaking folk. The photographs, which are of a large size in permanent chemicals, are accompanied by a short and well written biography. Bro. Barraud promises to issue pictures of persons distinguished in Literature, Science, Art, Politics, the Church, the Bar, the Stage, the Army, the Navy, the leaders of Fashion, &c. Amongst these will be some of the chiefs of our Masonic Fraternity. Bro. Barraud modestly states he will not be above suggestions; we therefore offer a few. First, we think it will be well if the photos are detached, for in the first number the biographical notice of the Marquis of Hartington is joined to the portrait of Miss Anderson, and her biography is attached to Dr. Newman's picture. Secondly, we think he might with advantage give a photo of any public person who may have died recently, and who would, had they lived, in all probability have been included. The portrait, say, of the late Sir

Robert Carden would just now be of much interest, and his face was a particularly good subject for photography. At the end of each year a title page and index will be issued for binding purposes, which will make this work of art of immense value as a book of reference. It only requires to be made known in order to render "Men and Women of the Day" the great success it deserves and ought to be. In future numbers we are promised portraits of Lords Tennyson and Cross, Mr. Ruskin, Professor Tyndall, Sir James Paget, Sir Wm. Gull, Mr. Chamberlain, the Bishop of Ripon, Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie, Bro. Irving, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. John Bright, Mr. George Cross, Mr. William Barrett, Bro. and Mrs. Kendal, Miss Ellen Terry, Mr. Frederick Harrison, and Mr. Herbert Spencer. We believe that no one who commences to take in this monthly work will ever cease to subscribe, so valuable will "Men and Women of the Day" become.



#### Craft Masonry.

ROYAL SOMERSET HOUSE AND INVERNESS LODGE (No. 4).—This lodge, acting by Imperial Constitution, held its annual installation meeting on Monday, when Bro. Dr. Geo. Weldon, G. Steward, late S.W. of the lodge, and who had been unanimously elected to the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Dr. Mackintosh, P.G.S., in a most solemn and impressive manner. The progress of the ceremony was marked by the programme of anthems and hymns, as arranged by Bro. F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey, P.M. and Secretary of the lodge, the performance being under the direction of Bro. W. Stevenson Hoyte, P.G. Org. Surrey, and Organist of the lodge. The performers were Bros. Stedman, Bevan, Fryer, and J. A. Brown. If, where all the singing was good, one piece may be selected as especially pleasing—Handel's "Angel of Charity," to the beautiful words of Thomas Moore, may be said to have been the most striking, and was beautifully sung by Bro. Bevan. The Anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is" (Clarke Whitfield), sung by all the musical brethren above-named, was also a fine performance. All the brethren present were requested to join in the opening and closing hymns, which they did with good effect. After the three addresses to the Master, the Wardens, and the lay brethren had been delivered by the Installing Master, the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. G. Pollard, S.W.; J. Hughes, J.W.; Rev. G. Weldon, Chap.; Hall, Treas.; F. West, P.G.D., D.P. G.M. Surrey, Sec.; H. de Stern, S.D.; G. Sturt, J.D.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, I.G.; Dr. Mackintosh, P.G.S., D.C.; F. T. Bennett, Stwd.; W. S. Hoyte, P.G. Org. Surrey, Org.; and Freeman, Tyler. The W.M. next presented the I.P.M. with a jewel, which he said he handed to him in the name of the lodge to mark the appreciation of the brethren of the services rendered during the past year. He trusted that he would live to wear it and to value it, not for its intrinsic value, but because it was something to be handed down as an heirloom to show that he had been the W.M. of the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. The I.P.M., in reply, said that he was exceedingly obliged to the brethren for that jewel. It was a thing he had coveted for the last two or three and twenty years. His services during the past year had been somewhat poorly performed, but what he had done with his best endeavours had been kindly received by the brethren. Although he now retired to the position of a Past Master he should always have at heart the welfare of that his mother lodge. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Mackintosh the jewel to which he was entitled as one of the brethren who represented the lodge at the meeting at the Royal Albert Hall, on the occasion of the celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee, and expressed the hope that Bro. Mackintosh might live many years to wear it with the many other jewels he had earned. Bro. Mackintosh, in reply, thanked the brethren for that further compliment they had paid him. He felt that it was the office and not the officer that merited the jewel, but as he was the fortunate officer entitled to receive the jewel at the hands of such a distinguished lodge, he heartily thanked them for it. Bro. Hall moved, and Bro. Mackintosh seconded, that Bro. Pollard, S.W., should serve as Grand Steward for the coming year. Bro. Pollard having accepted the conditions imposed by the by-laws on those accepting the office of Grand Steward, the W.M. declared him duly appointed to the office; and Bro. Pollard acknowledged the honour that had been done him, saying that if he followed the example of his predecessors he could not go wrong.

There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren of the lodge and their numerous guests subsequently dined together at the adjoining tavern. After the cloth had been removed, the usual list of loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair and heartily honoured by all present.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the Chairman remarked that during the 50 years of her Majesty's reign 1800 lodges had sprung into existence.

In giving out the toast of "The M.W. the Grand Master" he said that during the 20 years since the Prince of Wales entered the Craft he had been employed in showing the world the good of Freemasonry.

The next toast was to "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." That, the W.M. said, was always an important toast, and although the lodge itself had always a noble array of Grand Officers on that occasion, with their visitors they had 33 Grand Officers present. Among their guests were Bros. Fenn, Philbrick, Shadwell H. Clerke, Col. Peters, Matier, Broadley, Bowyer, Zacharie, Lister, Harding, Lake, and others. They were glad to give them a hearty welcome. Having so many they could not, as they would wish, hear them all in reply, and he should couple with the toast the names of Bros. Philbrick and Fenn.

Bro. Philbrick, in reply, said gratitude demanded that he should at once respond for this toast so kindly given, and politeness demanded that he should not detain them long. The W.M., whose will was law, had forbore to call upon his father who must rejoice to see him in that position, and



had instead called upon his father's junior to respond for that toast. They all felt equally interested in the progress of the Craft, but they felt especially interested in the continued well-being of the old lodges of which the Royal Somerset House and Inverness was one of the chief. He would say that notwithstanding the great spread and increase of the Order it must be remembered that it was the stability of its foundations to which they must really look, and however great might be the increase, if it were to be a sound increase it must be from having sure and stable foundations. Again, they must look to the old lodges preserving the traditions of the Craft. Those who belonged to a distinguished lodge of that kind were well fitted to hold themselves as examples in the Craft. Long might that lodge continue in its prosperity; the Grand Officers ventured to look for its having a happy and prosperous year. In conclusion he said that jubilee year was memorable by the entrance of one of the brethren (Bro. West) into Grand Lodge. Long might they be privileged to re-echo the prayer which, on behalf of the Grand Officers, he made that the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge might continue second to none in the Craft.

Bro. Fenn said though he highly appreciated being called on to respond for "The Grand Officers," he did feel it rather hard to have to respond after Bro. Philbrick, a practised orator, who invariably exhausted every subject on which he dilated. Fortunately on this occasion he seemed to have forgotten the object of the toast, for he did not appear to have alluded to the Grand Officers at all. He (Bro. Fenn) might therefore be permitted to say that wherever he went the names of the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Lathom were sure of a hearty welcome. In respect to the Present and Past Grand Officers, his interest in the toast was to a certain extent limited, but in a lodge which could boast perhaps some of the greatest Grand Officers, he had but to mention the name of his very dear friend, Bro. McIntyre, who rendered essential service to the Craft for 25 years, and who he believed was President of the Board of General Purposes when he (Bro. Fenn) first joined it. And there was Bro. Roxburgh and a number of such Grand Officers—with such names upon their rolls the brethren of the lodge must be able to appreciate the services of the Grand Officers. He was perhaps speaking with reference to the executive officers in particular, because he stood at that moment between two (Bros. Philbrick and Col. Clerke) who were most actively engaged in the Craft. Bro. Fenn went on to describe how heavy were the duties of the Grand Secretary, and concluded by thanking the brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers for the compliment that had been paid them.

Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke said he had been honoured by being permitted to propose the next toast. It was one which was generally given by the I.P.M., but owing to the courtesy of that brother he had been deputed to propose it in his place. It was a toast which they were all used to at that period of the evening. He had to ask them to drink the health of the distinguished brother who had been elected to preside over that lodge. Even in the youngest lodges it was an object of ambition to be appointed to the chair, but what must it be in Lodge No. 4, whose origin they knew not. When a brother was appointed to that distinguished position it was a proud moment for himself. Those worthy brethren who had been from time to time elected to the chair of the lodge had been fully impressed with the dignity of that position, because they had one and all performed the duties of their office with dignity. Year after year this distinguished old lodge had had brethren in the chair who had performed the duties of Master with the greatest proficiency. And now they had a brother who after a few years had succeeded to the chair which had been occupied by his father. A worthy father had been succeeded by a worthy son, who was initiated in the lodge and had now, at a comparatively early age, succeeded to the chair. All must join in congratulating him on that event and must congratulate the father on witnessing his son's installation. They would all join with him in wishing Bro. Dr. Weldon in his year of office every possible success.

The W.M., in reply, said he most heartily thanked the brethren for the kind and cordial manner in which that toast had been received by them, and he thanked the Grand Secretary for the manner in which he had proposed it. He owned that he felt proud of having attained the dignity of the chair. From his valued friend, Bro. Past Master Mackintosh, he had had the privilege of receiving the benefit of initiation in the same solemn and impressive manner as that in which he had rendered the installation ceremony, and he took that opportunity of thanking Bro. Mackintosh for the many kindnesses he had shown him. During his year of office he should do his best to further the interests of Masonry in general, and that lodge in particular, in doing which he should claim the assistance of the brethren.

"The Visitors" toast was responded to by Bro. Col. Peters and Bro. Broadley; that of "The Past Masters" by Bro. Hughes, I.P.M.; Bro. Mackintosh, Installing Master, and Bro. Weldon, sen.; Bro. Hall and Bro. West responded to "The Treasurer and Secretary's" toast; and Bro. Pollard, S.W., for "The Working Officers."

The proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast.

Among the visitors present there were Bros. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. B.; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; I. Zacharie, Prov. G.M. California; G. D. Lister, P.P.G.S. of W. Surrey; Geo. C. Harding, P.P.G. D.C.; Geo. E. Lake, Prov. G.S. Herts; Edward Swanborough, P.M. 1319; E. A. Baylis, 259; M. Slaughter, 404; R. G. Salmond, 162; John Stedman, 1765; James A. Brown, 1672; A. Lawrence Fryer, 1624; C. E. Wilson, W.M. 99; Arthur Sturt, 1328; A. Dawson Clarke, 1718; Edgar F. Weldon, 14; John S. Cousins, 227; J. S. Archer, 1494; F. Bevan, 1706; E. Durrant, 276; A. J. R. Tindall; Walter Jackson, 10; H. J. Norris, John Butler, 34; R. W. Brown, 179; J. Smithers, 58; R. H. Griffith, 2000; E. Humphreys, 99; Clifford Probyn, 18; C. W. Stephens, 14; and E. C. Massey.

During the evening the company were entertained with a selection of vocal and instrumental music, performed by the following artists, under the direction of Bro. Stedman, at the request of Bro. Hoyte, Organist of the lodge:—Mdlle. Buziau, Bros. J. A. Brown, A. L. Fryer, Frederick Bevan, Bro. Stedman's choir boys; Madame Teresa Liebe, solo violin; and Mr. Augustus Toop, pianist and accompanist.

#### CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—

A meeting was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday, the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. R. Pittam Stevens, W.M.; Dan Hughes, I.P.M.; Hoddinott, S.W.; Haylock, J.W.; John Hughes, P.M.; Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex, Sec.; A. Prince, S.D.; Rubardt, J.D.; E. Venner, I.G.; Fimister, Org.; Eade and Gillard, Stewards; Woodstock, Tyler; A. Ginger, P.M.; David Hughes, P.M.; Dharty, Lines, Tuck, Yardley, Lawson, Fratt, Thompson, Bona, Ross, Hatton, English, Whitnall, South, Vinall, Toll, Taylor, Hayden, Reynolds, Rogers, Clinch, Whur, Parsons, Fielder, Barwell, and Watkins. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Lott, P.G.O.; C. R. Williams, I.P.M.; C. F. Williams, Stwd.; and H. V. Lloyd, of 72; W. Burton, J.W. 733; Richardson, 511; Barnard, 1305; and F. A. Williams, 339 (S.C.).

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read. Messrs. H. Beveridge and G. Pavely, having been balloted for and approved, were initiated, after which Bros. Toll, Lines, and Bona were passed. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, 10 guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, thus completing 100 guineas.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The Worshipful Master, in returning thanks to the toast of his health, said he hoped to take up 200 guineas on his list as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He also congratulated the members on the success of the annual ball, which was held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 5th ult., and at which there were upwards of 250 ladies and gentlemen present.

The enjoyment of the members was greatly enhanced by the musical abilities of Bros. Bona and Dr. Lott, Bro. Bona giving a magnificent pianoforte solo blind-folded. Bros. South and Prince also delighted the brethren with some capital songs.

#### BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—Bro. Castell,

W.M., had another busy evening on Monday, the 27th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., and gave further proof of his proficiency in the art. His officers were Bros. Cross, S.W.; W. Smith, J.W.; Beddells, S.D.; White, J.D.; and Stafford, I.G. Those important functionaries, the Secretary, Bro. Jefferys, P.M., and Treasurer, Bro. G. Gabb, P.M., were also at their table, and together did much to relieve the members of the lodge—in a way well understood—and benefited the treasury at the same time. The working of the officers was closely watched by the visitors, who included Bros. Louis Beck, P.P.G.O. Middx.; Lestocq, W.M. 1319; G. Powell, P.M. 1185; Morgan, P.M.; W. Drewett, W.M. 889; Ferguson, P.M. 1793; J. W. Thomas, P.M. 98; Williams, P.M. 173; and P. A. Hornburgh, of Christiana, who was admitted as a casual visitor after due trial. The P.M.'s of the lodge were strongly represented, not one, we heard, being absent. The ceremonies were the raising of Bro. Sprinks, passing of Bros. Pillinger, Leary, and Larter, and initiation of Mr. W. R. Gadd, a nominee of the W.M. Bro. E. Floyd was re-elected a member of the lodge, and received a most cordial greeting. Each ceremony was impressively rendered, and the initiate, at the proper time, spoke in most feeling terms of the thoughts that filled his mind while being admitted to the ancient mysteries and privileges. It may here be mentioned that Bro. Gadd's father, still living, has been in the Craft 52 years; all his brothers are also in the Order, and he remarked that his introduction into Masonry that night had caused much rejoicing among others, as well as to himself.

After labour came welcome refreshment, and the well-known hospitality of this lodge was enjoyed by a large party. At this period of the evening tact and attention to duty were displayed by Bro. Cutbill, Steward, who seemed to take his refreshment in a perpendicular attitude. The customary toasts were proposed by the W.M.

In giving that of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Jefferys, P.M., referred to the illness which kept Bro. Castell from taking the chair at the time of his election, and congratulated him upon his restoration to health so as to be with them and show his ability to rule and govern the lodge.

The Worshipful Master cordially thanked Bro. Jefferys for his kind remarks, and expressed his gratitude at being able to return among them and carry out his duties in a way which he trusted gave satisfaction to all.

In proposing "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master especially referred to the presence of their Norwegian brother.

Bro. P. A. Hornburgh made an eloquent reply in his own tongue—at least, the gestures implied eloquence.

Bro. Thomas, P.P.G.O. Staffordshire, congratulated the lodge on its roll of membership, which he saw embraced a Prince and a Noble. Its number, too, was a happy one. Nine was a mystic number, and if from it were taken the last figure (2), they had left that quantity which represented a perfect lodge.

The able services rendered by the Secretary and Treasurer were warmly acknowledged.

Bro. Gabb informed the brethren that he had had a "good night." The members were paying up their subscriptions well, and he believed the lodge would at the end of the year be one of the best lodges in London. He thanked the brethren for the confidence reposed in him by electing him to the office of Treasurer, and hoped they would never regret it.

In giving "The Officers," the Worshipful Master mentioned the Board of Benevolence, and impressed upon those who might succeed him in the chair the necessity of a regular attendance thereat.

Excellent music was given during the evening, with an exhibition of the power of steam!

#### LOYALTY AND CHARITY LODGE (No. 1584).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult. at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when there were present Bros. W. H. Seymour Cutler, W.M.; Herbert S. Stower, S.W.; F. T. Reade, J.W.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; William Dodd, Sec.; Walter G. Walford, M.D., S.D.; Henry Pigeon, J.D.; Tom Drew-Bear, P.M.; J. Peeke Richards, P.M.; W. E. Jameson, P.M.; Alfred Lightbody, D.C.; E. P. Seaton, Edward Frampton, T. Bourchier-Chilcott, and others.

After the minutes were approved, the W.M. elect, Bro. Herbert S. Stower, was duly installed by the retiring Master, Bro. Seymour Cutler, who performed the ceremony in a very perfect manner. The newly-installed Master then appointed his officers. There being no other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, when ample justice was done to an excellent dinner, enlivened by the usual toasts and the harmony of several brethren, notably of Bros. Strong, 1706; Hodson, 409; and Pigeon. Bro. Pendlebury recited "The Merchant of Venice," which, being very long, he divided, and promised to finish at the next meeting. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Newington, 49; R. Loveland Loveland, P.P.S.G.W. Hants and I. of W.; Otto Gossett, jun., 166; H. Curtis, 1150; J. C. Coombs, W.M. 780; and A. Simner, I.P.M. 177.

#### NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—

The installation meeting of this progressive and successful lodge took place at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on the 10th ult., when there were present Bros. Carlo Grassi, W.M.; G. P. Bertini, I.P.M.; F. W. Cash, S.W.; J. D. Graham, J.W.; J. H. Meyer, S.D.; C. N. McIntire North, I.G.; T. Grumman, P.M.; Rev. Jas. W. Sturdie, P.M.; W. Cowley, P.M.; J. Faulkner, J. L. Calsi, R. Borrett, W. Avenell, James Rowe, H. Cherssea, F. Mesham, A. Brune, A. Sammuell, L. G. Mella, C. Cuffanti, A. Cogliati, J. B. Rouard, H. M. Makeham, A. Perri, Edmund Fry, Henry Workham, W. Waters, and others. Visitors: Bros. John A. Burton, P.M. 1924; J. W. Baker, P.M. and Treas. 1967; J. G. Millbourn, P.M. 13; A. Saily, P. Seltembre, R. Gooding, M.D., 1, P.G.D.; G. Reynolds, S.W. 1614, Sec. 2191; Ernest Von Butten, sen., 1601; J. D. Long, 147; J. Vickory, J. Woodward, I.G. 1614, Stwd. 2191; E. J. B. Bumstead, P.M. 548; R. Mackway, Org. 1987; M. S. Rubinstein, 1614; and many others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read, which showed a good balance, and was unanimously adopted, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Carlo Grassi, W.M., for the efficient and careful manner in which he had managed the affairs of the lodge during his year of office. Bro. T. Grumman having introduced Bro. F. W. Cash, S.W., as the W.M. elect, he was installed. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers in a very clear manner as follows for the ensuing year: Bros. C. Grassi, I.P.M.; James D. Graham, S.W.; John H. Meyer, J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; Thomas Grumman, P.M., Sec.; C. Niven McIntire North, S.D.; Edmund Fry, J.D.; L. Mella, I.G.; the Rev. J. W. Sturdie, Chap.; W. Cowley, P.M., D.C.; L. Calsi, Org.; G. P. Bertini, P.M., and H. W. P. Makeham, Stwds.; R. Borrett, A.D.C.; and J. W. Rowe, Tyler. Bro. W. Cowley delivered the charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren in a most admirable manner, at which the brethren expressed themselves much delighted. Bro. E. H. Thiellay proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Ernest Smith, P.M., their late Secretary, for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office since his appointment, which was seconded by Bro. T. Grumman, and carried unanimously.

After the W.M. had received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, the lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. C. H. Boney, the obliging host of the Portland Hotel, whose genial face is well known.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in grand style, and, in reply to that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past,"

Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., said it had fallen to his lot to respond for the Grand Officers, not only in that district, but in others also, and he was afraid he could make no excuses. He felt he was replying for noblemen and gentlemen who always did their duty, and what they had done in the past they would continue to do in the future. Those services were loyal, and he felt proud to be in the position of a Grand Officer, and to be with the New Cross Lodge to return thanks for them, and he was sure had more been present they would agree with him that the lodge was very successful. The Grand Officers' duties were arduous. Charity was their watchword, and they distributed all funds most carefully and thoughtfully. He was pleased to see their present W.M. on the dais. From the M.M. to the W.M. and to Grand Lodge had been his steps, and it was the same to all. Grand Lodge received all hard working Masons, and there was no difference between them. The clothing of Grand Officers made no difference, and every officer who wears the same guards the interest of Masonry. The little work he had seen done in the lodge was done well, and he could assure them that if invited again he should be only too pleased to come amongst them. He thanked them all most heartily for the kind manner in which the toast had been given and received.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he was sure it would be received with acclamation and be unanimous and cheering. Their W.M. he had known for many years. They were almost initiated together, but he was sorry the W.M. was bashful. He would have the support of all, and he hoped he would have a good year of office. He felt sure that every brother would do all the good he could both for the W.M. and the New Cross Lodge. The officers who had been appointed that night would do their work seriously. He (the I.P.M.) considered that any brother who took up office ought to endeavour to do his best. Unity is strength, and in the officers that should be so, and they should take office solemn and seriously. He wished their W.M. a happy year of office. As for himself, he felt while in the chair it had been the happiest year of his life, and he hoped that all the brethren connected with the New Cross Lodge would do their best for the welfare of the lodge.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and also the brethren for the warm manner in which his health had been drunk. He thanked them all, and felt that they had placed him in a position that required care, thought, and judgment. He felt sure that he should have the valuable assistance of the I.P.M., who had worked wonders for the lodge. He had worked hard, and brought success to the New Cross Lodge. It was now his pleasing duty, by the cordial vote of the lodge, to pin a handsome P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) on the I.P.M.'s breast. The I.P.M. was worthy of it, and he hoped he would be spared many years

to wear the same as a memento of their high esteem, and to be with them and help on the success of the lodge.

The I.P.M., in reply, said he hardly knew how to express himself in words sufficiently serious to thank them for the handsome jewel, which he should always wear in happy remembrances of that evening, also of those during his year of office. The gift of the jewel showed the approval of the brethren that he had conducted the affairs of the lodge to their satisfaction. He had made it exclusively his duty to do his best for the New Cross Lodge, and he felt that every brother connected with the lodge ought to do the same. He was glad he had been so successful financially, and he hoped their W.M. would have as successful a year as he had had—viz., nine initiates. Every Mason should have the welfare of his lodge at heart, and when his time came to go into the chair, he would feel that he had done his duty. Financially they were never better off, for now they were out of trouble and had a good balance, and he trusted all future Masters would bear in mind that it was honourable to a lodge to be free. He had endeavoured to follow in the footsteps of their worthy P.M., Bro. G. P. Bertini, and keep expenses down, and get out of difficulties, for it was an honour to themselves and a credit to the Craft. Philanthropy and Charity they could now take in hand, and would be enabled to do something which must be a pleasure to all. He thanked them all most sincerely for not only drinking his health that evening so heartily, but also for the kind manner in which his health had always been drunk during his year of office, and he wished them all well, and success to the New Cross Lodge, with health to their W.M., and plenty of work for him to do.

The W.M. then said he had now a most important toast to propose, and that was "The Health of the Visitors." They were pleased to see them, and hoped they had been made comfortable, and had had a pleasant evening. They were all welcome, and the New Cross Lodge gave them a hearty one, and he trusted he should have the pleasure of seeing them again. There were so many visitors that it would be impossible for all to respond, as trains would not wait to take them to London, but would call upon Bros. Dr. Milner, P.M., Bumstead, and Milbourn to reply.

Bro. Dr. Milner, P.M., said he was assured that the visiting brethren had all enjoyed themselves much. He had known their worthy W.M. in private life many years, he congratulated him upon being W.M. of the New Cross Lodge, and he wished him a happy year of office.

Bro. E. J. B. Bumstead, P.M. 548, said it afforded him much pleasure to respond. All the visitors, he felt sure, had enjoyed themselves. The brethren had good reason to be proud of their W.M. He had worked hard, and no doubt would follow the good example of their I.P.M. It had been his privilege to visit the lodge before, and he must congratulate the lodge on its prosperity and financial state. He wished their W.M. a good and prosperous year of office, and thanked him also for the kind manner in which he had received him.

Bro. J. G. Millbourn, W.M. 13, said no words of his could say what pleasure it had given him to be with them that evening. It was his first visit and he hoped it would not be his last. If the Fourth Degree was a sample of their work, all their work must be done well. He felt that their lodge must be a prosperous one, and he thanked them all for the kind reception they had given to the visitors.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the next toast on the list, that of "The Installing Master," said it must be a bumper. He had performed his task well, and he was sure it was to the satisfaction of all present. Bro. Cowley, P.M., was an old P.M., and had worked hard and well, and had the interest of the lodge at heart.

Bro. W. Cowley, P.M., in responding, thanked all present for the kind manner in which his health had been drunk. It was most gratifying. He would always do his duty, no matter in what office he was placed. The P.M.'s had done their duty well, not forgetting Bro. G. P. Bertini. But he did hope, now that the chair was occupied by one of their own nationality the W.M. would install his successor. There was a great excuse for two previous P.M.'s, who belonged to a nation where the voice was lovely, but to have asked them to install their successors would have been wrong. They would have done it, no doubt, and it was their wish, but the brethren present would agree with him it would have been a most difficult and trying task. All the P.M.'s present wished the W.M. a most successful year of office, with good health.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," said that the lodge was indebted to the services of both. Their Treasurer was well known to all, also their new Secretary, and he felt sure both would do their duty to the best of their abilities. Bro. Treasurer always looked well after the cash and the Secretary would warm well to his work. He would ask the brethren to drink their health in a bumper.

Bro. E. H. Thielay, P.M., Treas., said he thanked all the brethren most sincerely for the kind and cordial manner in which his health had been proposed and drunk. He could assure the brethren of the New Cross Lodge it was a great pleasure to him to know and feel that the lodge was in such a prosperous condition. Great credit was due both to Bros. Grassi and G. P. Bertini for the great interest they had always taken in the lodge. Both had worked well to economise, and he wished the lodge every success, and that he might have always a good balance in hand at the end of the session.

Bro. Thos. Grumant, P.M., Sec., assured the brethren he would do all in his power to perform the duties of Secretary to their satisfaction, and hoped to have the confidence of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Officers," said he felt that he had good ones, and he hoped to meet them at the lodge of instruction, so that they might be together, and work to the satisfaction of the members of the lodge. Anything they had to say he felt the brethren would be glad to hear.

Bro. J. D. Graham, S.W., assured the W.M. he would do all in his power to assist him. He had known the W.M. many years, they frequently worked in lodges of instruction, and trusted still to meet him with the other officers, so that they might work well in harmony. He thanked the W.M. for having placed him in such a high position, and he wished the W.M. a successful year of office.

Bro. John H. Meyer, J.W., endorsed all that their S.W. had said. He would still persevere and do his work, not only to the satisfaction of the W.M., but also to the brethren of the lodge.

Both Bros. S.D. and J.D. replied, also Bro. S. G. Mella,

I.G., who assured the brethren he felt the responsibility of his office, and now they would find him a careful and serious worker.

The Tyler's toast brought this most enjoyable evening to a close, and the brethren present all expressed themselves highly delighted with the musical and vocal abilities of Bro. G. P. Bertini, R. Mackway, Li Calsi, Samuelli, C. Grassi, Danbiero, Rubinstein, Meyer, and others, not forgetting Bro. B. Bumstead with his recitation of "The Farm Ship." In fact, the whole meeting was a great success, an one to be well remembered. The banner of the W.M., which was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, was of blue silk, and was an interesting feature of the proceedings. It was beautifully embroidered with the emblazoned armorial bearings and antique shield—the crest of the ancestors of the W.M. It was his gift to the lodge. The New Cross Lodge met for the first time at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, and all the brethren present expressed themselves delighted with the comfort and accommodation of their new quarters.

**CHISWICK LODGE.**—(No. 2012).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Monday, the 13th ult., Bro. Frederick Lawrance, W.M., being in the chair, and the brethren present included Bros. W. A. Dowling, as S.W.; John Brown, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treasurer; George Gardner, P.M., Sec.; C. F. Hughes, I.G.; C. Hopkins and B. Kenyon, Stwds.; F. D. Smith, Org.; Rowe, Tyler; Carew Packer, H. Clerk, J. Brill, G. Sales, W. C. Dickey, T. Hoodless, J. Hawes, Alfred Skinner, G. Johnson, J. Elly, George Collier, H. Price, W. Ritchie, R. Milbourn, and B. Hardy. The visitors were Bros. Rev. Peek, W.M. 555, Prov. G. Chap. Suffolk; Kenneth Montgomery, P.M. 255, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Harvey Moor, W.M. 255; Jones, P.M. 92; H. Perks, P.M. 209; H. C. Waters, 15; F. Lea, 2090; W. Anderson, 146; J. T. Grover, 1585; R. Kerr, 697; C. T. Cowley, 2030; Alfred Lowe, 1791; and J. T. King, 195.

Lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for the candidates for initiation and as joining members successively, and proving favourable, Messrs. Edward Wavell and G. Hylton Johnson were impressively initiated by Bro. Gardner, P.M. Bro. H. Clerke was afterwards raised to the degree of M.M. by Bro. H. Price, P.M. 177.

Letters of apology for non-attendance from Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., S.W., and others, having been read, and a sum of £10 10s. voted by the lodge to the Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Lawrance, W.M., as Steward, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in that admirable style for which Bro. Brill is noted, a most enjoyable evening being the result.

We heartily congratulate this young lodge on the progress it has made, and the admirable character it has already obtained. It has generously supported the Charities, and as young and worthy recruits are received into the lodge, we have no doubt it will make itself still more conspicuous and establish for itself a still higher reputation.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.**—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street. There was a good attendance as usual of members and visitors. Bro. E. Shewbrooks, W.M., presided, and was supported and assisted by the following: Bros. W. M. Pybus, I.P.M.; A. Rhagg, P.M., D.C.; John Wood, P.M.; J. G. Smith, P.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; W. Dalrymple, S.W.; Wm. Brown, J.W.; Rev. Wm. Bowker, Chap.; W. F. Raeburn, Sec.; T. R. Jobson, as S.D.; Wm. Richardson, J.D.; M. R. Wright, as I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; E. Carr, Stwd.; and J. Curry, Tyler. Amongst those present were Bros. T. L. Hall, G. Craighall, T. Wright, W. Stafford, C. Green, A. Simpson, W. J. Jobson, W. J. Campbell, W. H. Knowles, Wm. Douglass, R. S. Bagnall, Geo. Hibberd, J. C. Gardner, Jos. Ivison, J. T. Harrison, P.M., G. C. Potts, R. C. Tate, A. Dodds, T. Thompson, J. G. Greener, W.M. 424; T. A. Moffitt, S.W. 424; R. Stewart, 424; W. Vincent, S.D. 424; W. Salmon, 1643; A. T. Aitchison, W.M. 24; R. Hopper, 24; J. Spearman, P.M. 481, W.M. 1712; Jos. Cook, P.M. 481; W. Gibson, 1342; W. L. Debenham, 1342; A. Hepburn, W.M. 1676; F. Blencowe, P.M. 1676; A. Scott, J.W. 1676; W. Henry, I.G. 1676; G. Richardson, 1676; Wm. Mathieson, 481; J. S. Beswick, 1356; R. H. Holme, 1676; G. R. Harbottle, J.W. 406; and others.

Mr. Michael Francis Kelly was balloted for and elected for initiation. Bros. G. Hibberd, W. H. Knowles, Wm. Douglass, and R. S. Bagnall were afterwards advanced as F.C.'s. The election of officers was then taken, with the following result: Bros. Wm. Dalrymple, S.W., as W.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; R. Ferry, Org.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler.

Other formal business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board.

**SELBY.**—St. Germain's Lodge (No. 566).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, The Crescent, on Friday, the 24th ult. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The former included Bros. W. N. Cheesman, W.M.; T. G. P. Barlow, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Dunn, P.M., as J.W.; T. Cheese, B.A., Chap.; G. W. Hudson, Treas.; W. Rawling, P.P.G.O., Sec.; S. Webber, as S.D.; C. Turner, J.D.; F. H. Mould, Org.; E. Townend, Steward; T. M. Weddall, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Staniland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Hodgson, and W. Wilkinson. Visitors: Bros. T. W. Tew, Prov. Grand Master; H. H. Warburton, P.M. 163, P.P.S.G.D. East Lanc.; J. Bedford, P.M. 304, P.P.G.D.; Jos. Rickard, W.M. 304; T. Stott, W.M. 337; R. Briggs, W.M. 630; W. B. Dyson, W.M. 1611; T. W. Tanner, I.P.M. 337; Wm. Brown, I.P.M. 1611; C. Shaw, P.M. 337; A. Walsgrove, P.M. 725; J. W. Tanner, S.W. 337; S. J. Dalton, S.W. 1611, P.P.G. Steward; V. N. Shaw, J.D. 630; C. A. Cheesman, J.D. 2078; W. Lackenty, J.W. 1611; J. Millington, Steward 1221; F. W. Halliwell, Steward 1611; J. Turner, 1221; S. J. Scott, 1611; J. E. Cheesman, 2078; and others.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and Bro. T. G. P. Barlow

having been presented as W.M. elect, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was installed into the chair by Bro. Staniland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The following officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. C. Turner, S.W.; G. W. Hudson, J.W.; T. Cheese, B.A., Chap.; W. N. Cheesman, I.P.M., Treas.; W. Rawling, P.P.G.O., Sec.; R. Hodgson, S.D.; H. Eggleshaw, J.D.; W. Staniland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D. of C.; F. H. Mould, Org.; J. F. Watson and W. Wilkinson, Stewards; E. Townend, I.G.; Rev. H. Greeves, P.M., P.S.G.W., Charity Steward; and J. Pearson, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Staniland, performed the ceremony in a very impressive and efficient manner. The working tools in the three Degrees were presented and explained by Bro. Cheesman, I.P.M. After the completion of the business, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet at the Londesbro' Arms Hotel, that gave complete satisfaction to all, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with songs and glees, which were given in a manner that thoroughly delighted all present, by Bros. J. W. Tanner, C. Shaw, H. Eggleshaw, T. W. Tanner, and W. Rawling, Bro. F. H. Mould presiding at the pianoforte.

**FILEY.**—Royal Lodge (No. 648).—The annual installation ceremony in connection with this lodge took place on the 13th ult., at the Crescent Hotel. Bro. E. Harland was installed into the W.M.'s chair, and he appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. W. S. Meek, I.P.M.; Dobson, Treas.; Budd, Sec.; H. A. Williamson, D.C.; V. Fowler, P.M., Chap.; Rowe, S.W.; Robson, J.W.; Dr. Malvin, S.D.; Barnett, J.D.; Delderfield, I.G.; Cholmley and Lott, Stwds.; and Jefferson, Tyler.

**DERBY.**—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 8th ult., when there were present Bros. A. Woodiwiss, W.M.; Edgar Horne, P.G. Reg., I.P.M.; J. W. Brigg, S.W.; Severn Taylor, J.W.; Rev. Thomas Orrell, Chap.; W. H. Wright, Sec.; J. Walker, S.D.; G. Sutherland, J.D.; J. Jones, D. of C.; W. Forman, Org.; G. Tarver and G. H. Ward, Stwds.; T. Day, Tyler; T. R. Gee, P.M.; W. Cooper, P.M.; Thomas Cox, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; J. Bland, P.M.; C. Webster, P.M.; J. Copestick, P.M.; R. G. Sanderson, P.M.; T. C. Wigg, P.M.; A. Smith, W. Knight, J. A. Linacre, F. Ball, J. V. Woodward, J. Melrose, A. Tyler, W. Lynch, S. Tinkler, J. Machin, W. W. Haywood, W. Walkerdine, and J. E. Kaye. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Marsden, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Coulson, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W.; S. Steele, P.M. 802, P.P.G.P.; J. Monck, W.M. 802; G. Johnson, W.M. 1083; E. C. Owston, 422; R. Woods, 925; and W. H. Wheeldon, 253.

Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, when the choice of the brethren fell upon the S.W., Bro. J. Whittaker Brigg, P.P.G.O., who suitably thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him. Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., P.P.G.R., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. T. Day, Tyler. Mr. Ottewell, who was proposed at the last meeting as a candidate for Freemasonry, was elected, and with Mr. Arnold, previously elected, was duly initiated by the W.M. The charge was afterwards given to them, in an admirable manner, by the J.W., Bro. Severn Taylor. The usual Anniversary Banquet Committee was arranged, and the W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the numerous visitors, lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards met for refreshment in the Lower Hall, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**WINDSOR.**—Windsor Castle Lodge (No. 771).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 14th ult., at the Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Ingram was then passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Page, S.W., was presented for installation, which ceremony was performed in a masterly manner by the W.M., Bro. H. D. Marshall, P.S.G.D., who, although only a young Mason, is astonishingly perfect in the ritual, and very impressive in his manner. The newly-installed W.M., then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. D. Marshall, I.P.M.; W. G. Nottage, S.W.; L. Nixon, J.W.; J. Goddard, P.M., Treas.; E. Grisbrook, P.M., Sec.; A. Roberts, S.D.; W. A. Hart, J.D.; T. Walford, I.G.; W. S. Cantrell, P.M., D.C.; H. Whale, A.D.C.; and W. F. Summers, J. Harding, and W. H. Gardiner, Stwds. The W.M. then presented to the I.P.M. the P.M.'s jewel voted by the lodge at its last meeting. The I.P.M., having presented to the lodge a new set of Wands and a St. John's Column (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), a hearty vote of thanks for the handsome gift was carried unanimously.

Among the numerous visitors were Bros. Rushton, P.M., W.M. 8; Hanks, W.M. 414; Creed, W.M.; Bower, W.M. 1894; Turner, Capt. Haynes, Woodbridge, Copland, Kendrick, Eisenmann, Hills, Bell, and others.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, the tables being handsomely decorated by flowers kindly sent by Bro. Ashby.

The usual toasts followed, the W.M. being commendably brief but pertinent in his speeches.

We cannot close this report without mentioning that any brother who might have an opportunity of visiting this lodge will be greatly struck by its beautiful and symbolical arrangement, it being fitted up as a miniature temple. The working of the lodge is also always conducted in a perfect and excellent manner, and, from our knowledge of the present W.M., we feel sure that for the ensuing twelve months the ceremonies will be carried out effectively and brilliantly.

**ALFRETON.**—Royal Alfred Lodge (No. 1028).—The 23rd anniversary of the above lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, the 28th ult. There was a numerous gathering of brethren, and Bro. Holland Rowbottom, S.W., was installed as the W.M. by Bro. R. Knowles, the retiring W. Master. The W. Master appointed his officers as follows,



and invested those present with the insignia of their office: Bros. Knowles, I.P.M.; W. D. Cupit, S.W.; G. Wild, J.W.; W. Wilson, P.M., Treasurer; J. H. Coope, Secretary; T. Hardstaff, S.D.; J. T. Shardlow, J.D.; T. E. Briddon, I.G.; W. B. Taylor, Organist; and G. Bunting, Tyler.

The brethren, to the number of about 40, subsequently sat down to their annual banquet at the George Hotel. The following were present: Bros. Holland Rowbottom, W.M.; R. Knowles, I.P.M.; H. Cupit, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Rowbottom, P.M.; F. Loverock, P.M.; G. B. Sharp, P.M.; W. D. Cupit, S.W.; G. Wild, J.W.; J. H. Coope, Sec.; T. Hardstaff, S.D.; J. T. Shardlow, I.D.; T. E. Briddon, I.G.; W. B. Taylor, Organist; J. Shaw, J. Hollingworth, J. Stuart, A. C. Brentnall, W. Peel, E. R. Leacroft, A. H. Welbourne, J. Lee, F. G. Pogmore, add G. Bunting, Tyler. The visitors, who included brethren from Derby, Belper, Matlock, Langley Mill, Ripley, and Swadlincote, were Bros. Douglas Upton, P.M. 1324; P. J. G. W.; G. R. Turner, P.M. 586; Severn, P.M. 1324; Edward J. H. Hoskyns, I.P.M. 787, P.G.S.B.; Joseph Pym, P.M. 787, P.P.S.G.D.; T. S. Farr, 787; J. Clark, P.M. 1324, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Cook, J.W. 1324; W. Abbott, 1324; F. Tarr, 1324; W. J. Cooper, 1324; F. G. Clarke, 1324; H. B. Boag, W.M. 1495; John Dawes, J.W. 1495; and Thomas Stacey, J.W. 1739.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, a Past Master's jewel, suitably engraved (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), was presented to Bro. Knowles, the retiring W.M., by Bro. Cupit, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., on behalf of the members of the lodge.

Bro. Cupit said the memento was a slight recognition on the part of the members of the able administration of Bro. Knowles during his year of office. During this period Bro. Knowles has ably performed no less than 19 ceremonies.

**DOVER.**—Corinthian Lodge (No. 1208).—On Monday, the 20th ult., the annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Snargate-street, when Bro. John James Wright was elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, the impressive ceremony being performed in an able manner by Bro. E. A. Marsh, I.P.M., to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for his services. Subsequently a Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented to Bro. Marsh for the efficient performance of the duties of the chair during his year of office. The following brethren are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. E. A. Marsh, I.P.M.; C. L. Adams, S.W.; W. W. Burkett, J.W.; C. C. Walter, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Smeeth, P.M., Sec.; W. O. Kennett, P.M., D.C.; P. O. Potter, P.M., Org.; T. Stanger, S.D.; J. B. Baker, J.D.; T. H. Binfield, I.G.; and G. Willson, Tyler.

The following brethren were amongst those present, and subsequently attended at the banquet: Bros. J. S. Huntley, W.M. 1096; G. Band, P.M. 1096, P.P.A.G.P.; P. A. Frost, W.M. 784; W. W. Burkett, J.W. 1208; T. Stanger, S.D. 1208; W. O. Kennett, I.P.M. 1208; J. Plant, 31, P.G.O.; J. Higgins, 972; T. H. Binfield, I.G. 1208; J. B. Baker, J.D. 1208; H. H. Goodwin, 129; F. H. Cozens, Org. 907; C. Kingsmill, W.M. 125; C. Sims, 1208; W. Cessford, P.M. 199, P.P.G.P.; G. R. Walters, P.M. 199; G. H. Carrier, 1208; C. C. Walter, P.M. and Treas. 1208; J. Wood, 199; H. M. Baker, P.M. 1208, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Bussey, W.M. 199; G. Spicer, 1208; G. F. A. Smythe, W.M. 2195; Jas. Horn, 199; J. Hopper, 199; C. Bendle and W. Mayes, 1208; G. R. Igglesden, P.M. 1208; E. Bacon, Sec. 2195; E. T. B. Allen, P.M. 784; J. G. Povey, P.M. 199; G. Church, J.W. 199; E. Souter, R. Quin, E. Pont, and others.

In the evening the brethren, under the presidency of the newly-elected W.M., sat down in the salon adjoining the lodge to a banquet.

The room had been very tastefully decorated, the illumination being confined to lamps of the latest improved patterns which gave the place a very artistic and chaste appearance. Fairy lights and epergnes were distributed about the tables. The dinner was supplied by Mr. Dartnall, of Snargate-street, whose catering as usual was deservedly praised.

The following toast list was gone through in the course of the evening: "The Queen and the Craft;" "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers," proposed by the chairman. "The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Earl Amherst, Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by Bro. Cessford, and replied to by Bro. Plant. "The Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. J. J. Wright," proposed by Bro. Marsh, I.P.M. "The Visitors," proposed by the chairman, and replied to by Bro. Huntley. "The Installing Officer, Bro. Marsh, I.P.M.," proposed by Bro. Potter, P.M. "The Worshipful Masters of the local Military and Peace and Harmony Lodges," proposed by the chairman, and replied to by Bros. Bussey, W.M. 199, and Symthe, W.M. 2195. "The Past Masters of the Corinthian Lodge," proposed by Bro. Prescott, and replied to by Bro. G. R. Igglesden. "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. Bussey, and replied to by Bro. C. Adams. "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. W. O. Kennett, and replied to by Bro. Prescott. "The Treasurer," proposed by the chairman, and replied to by Bro. C. C. Walter.

Several telegrams and letters of regret were received from brethren at a distance, who were unable, owing to the severe weather, to take part in the proceedings. Amongst them was a telegram from Earl Amherst stating that but for the severe weather he intended to have been present. A capital programme of glees and songs was rendered during the evening by Bros. Plant, Kennett, Igglesden, Higgins, and Cozens.

**MILLOM.**—Whitwell Lodge (No. 1390).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the lodge room, Salthouse-road. Present: Bros. R. A. Mitchell, W.M.; J. J. Cain, S.W.; John Atkinson, J.W.; G. Hill, P.M., Treas.; Henry Frankland Fox, Sec.; J. E. Maddern, S.D., and D.C.; John Bowness, J.D.; J. E. Howarth, I.G.; J. C. Fox and J. Young, Stwds.; T. G.

Lewthwaite, Tyler; J. Mills, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; and E. E. Atkinson, P.M.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular lodge were read, confirmed, and signed. The Secretary reported that there was a small balance from the Masonic ball. It was proposed that it be added to the Educational Fund. The lodge of instruction, which is held every Tuesday night, is fairly attended, the P.M.'s being particularly attentive and most assiduous in their efforts to help the brethren to be as efficient as possible. Tuesday, 28th ult., Bro. John Atkinson acted as W.M., and opened and closed the lodge in the three Degrees, and also put the questions in the three Degrees in a very creditable manner.

#### CATFORD.—Ravensbourne Lodge (No. 1601).

A meeting was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Board of Works Offices, when there were present Bros. A. Thompson, W.M.; G. W. Murnane, S.W.; J. A. P. Inguldbay, J.W.; W. G. Lemon, P.M., Treas.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., P.A.G.D. of C., Sec.; H. D. Grazebrook, S.D.; E. J. B. Wright, J.D.; H. T. Bonner, I.G.; E. Van Putten and S. Redale, D.S., Stwds.; H. Shaw, Tyler; A. G. Hennell, I.P.M.; J. Carline, P.M.; Francis Burdett, P.M.; B. Horton, H. B. Hennell, H. Visger, R. D. Heckels, R. Todd, and A. Willis. Visitors: Bros. Willis, T. E. Lemon, 859, and 2033; and George H. Kenning, 60.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. D. Heckels was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. Bros. A. Willis and R. Todd were passed to the Second Degree by the I.P.M. The ballot being taken, and proving unanimous, Mr. E. H. Selby was impressively initiated by the W.M. Bro. H. E. Joyce, 507, was duly elected a re-joining member. Bro. Murnane, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. W. G. Lemon, P.M., re-elected Treas.; and Bro. Shaw re-elected Tyler. £5 was voted to the W.M.'s list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Girls, and £5 was voted to a distressed brother. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren sat down to a well-served dinner. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D. of C., replying for the "Grand Officers."

Bro. Hennell, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." and Bro. George H. Kenning sang "Here's a Health unto his Majesty." The W.M. briefly returned thanks.

"The Initiate" was proposed by the W.M., and Bro. Murnane, S.W., sang "Sally in our Alley." Bro. Selby returned thanks.

Bro. W. G. Lemon, Treas., proposed "The Health of the Visitors" in a very humorous speech, which was loudly applauded, and coupled Bro. George H. Kenning's name with the toast.

Bro. George H. Kenning asked the W.M.'s indulgence to be allowed to sing a song, owing to his being unaccustomed to public speaking, which was granted, and he sang "Simon, the Cellarer." Bros. Willis and T. E. Lemon returned thanks.

Bro. Samuel Redale, D.S., proposed "The P.M.'s," and Bro. Hennell, I.P.M., returned thanks.

The brethren separated at a late hour after spending a most enjoyable evening.

#### WORSLEY.—Worsley Lodge (No. 1814).—The

installation of Bro. J. Partington took place at the Court House on Monday, the 19th ult. Present: Bros. W. B. Upjohn, W.M.; J. Partington, S.W.; W. A. Rothwell, J.W.; J. Roscoe, Treas.; W. Smith, M.D., Sec.; S. Hayes, S.D.; G. Beddoe, J.D.; W. Riddell, Tyler; R. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Wm. Bowden, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; N. Hartley Hacking, P.M.; Dr. W. Y. Martin, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; S. Wallwork, P.M.; T. Wilson, P.M.; T. Hardy, G. A. Batley, J. Wareing, T. B. Sherwood, S. Wheeler, and J. McDowall. Visitors: Bros. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd. East Lanc.; E. L. Littler, P.G.P. West Lanc.; H. Walsley, P.M. 317; A. Baynton, I.P.M. 1213; J. M. Simpson, J.D. 1387; J. Chadderton, W.M. 2216; G. A. Mort, 1354; W. Colbert, 269; J. Wilson, S. B. Price, W. E. Simpson, R. Thomson, and W. H. Worthington, of 1387; Thos. Bell, P.M. 1213; R. L. McMillan, 163; Isaac Whittaker, P.M. 350; and R. Dottie, P.M. 993.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Duncan Macpherson, and, being declared favourable, he was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Dr. W. Y. Martin, P.M., P.G. Stwd., took the chair of K.S. for the purpose of installing Bro. Partington W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, which he did in a highly creditable manner. The W.M. appointed his officers, and they were invested by Bros. Williams, P.M.; Upjohn, P.M.; and Wallwork, P.M., as follows: Bros. W. A. Rothwell, S.W.; S. Hayes, J.W.; J. Wallwork, P.M., Treas.; T. B. Sherwood, Sec.; G. Beddows, S.D.; Dr. Smith, J.D.; W. H. Wilson, P.M., D.C.; F. Hardy, I.G.; G. Batley, Wheeler, and Rushton, Stewards; and W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler. The working tools were presented by Bros. E. L. Littler, P.M., P.G.P. West Lanc. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. R. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; to the Wardens by Bro. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd. East Lanc.; and to the brethren by Bro. T. Wilson, P.M.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Bridgewater Hotel, and partook of a capital tea "à la fourchette," on the conclusion of which they returned to the Court House, and assembled at the social board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

The Worshipful Master proposed the preliminary toasts, and in response to that of "The Prov. Grand Officers" Bros. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd., and E. L. Littler, P.M. 1730, replied.

Bro. Thos. Wilson, P.M., proposed, in eulogistic terms, "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Duncan Macpherson," which was heartily drunk, and responded to in suitable terms.

Bro. R. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, was one of the first members of the lodge, and would have been installed long before but for a protracted illness. The members were exceedingly pleased to see him amongst them again, and hoped he would enjoy a happy and prosperous year of office.

The toast was drunk with great heartiness, and Bro. Partington replied in appropriate language, after which he proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and presented him, in the name of the lodge, with a handsomely chased gold square and problem (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester).

Bro. Upjohn returned thanks for the jewel and the hearty manner in which the brethren had received the toast.

Other toasts, including "The Installing Master," "The Visitors," &c., were proposed and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Songs and recitations were rendered by Bros. Mort, Pennington, Wallwork, Littler, Dottie, and Lisenden.

#### WILLESDEN.—Wharton Lodge (No. 2045).

The installation of Bro. Wm. Thomas as W.M. of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the White Hart Hotel, in the presence of probably the largest assembly of brethren ever seen in the locality, many of those present being P.M.'s of some distinction in the Craft. The ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner by the out-going W.M., Bro. Stroud. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers in a manner that was highly creditable to him, and which would have entirely put in the shade many a much older and experienced Mason, and which drew forth the unanimous and enthusiastic approval of the brethren present. The officers were as follows: Bros. Stroud, I.P.M.; Bride, S.W.; Hargrave, J.W.; Side, P.M., W.M. 1364, Treas.; Dr. Gawith, Sec.; Salmon, S.D.; Mostyn, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Palmer, D.C.; and Townsend, Stwd.; the Treasurer and Secretary being, of course, re-elected. Several propositions for initiation and joining members were afterwards made. During the inside working of the ceremony a little incident, perfectly unique in the history of the Craft, occurred. When the Installing Master was deeply engaged in a solemn portion of the same, and made a momentary pause, and all was calm and quiet, suddenly the notes of the cuckoo broke forth upon the silence, to the utter astonishment and amusement of the brethren on discovering that the sound proceeded, not from the living bird of the air, but from an old-fashioned clock hanging on the wall when striking the hour. Even the serious countenance of the W.M. was observed endeavouring to suppress a smile; but unsuccessfully.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a magnificent banquet, in a large room elegantly decorated with drapery and the choicest of hothouse flowers, which was served up in a manner that might be imitated with very great advantage to the Craft by some of our large London hotels.

The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and received in a truly fraternal manner by all present, the toast of the evening, as a matter of course, being "The W.M." The proposer, the I.P.M., said that he was highly gratified at being able to hand over his chair to a Master who would, he was certain, not only maintain the reputation of the lodge pure and unsullied, but by his ability and Masonic knowledge add additional lustre to that high office.

The W.M., setting the excellent example of short speeches, replied in very appropriate and suitable terms, assuring the brethren that all they expected of him, both in and out of the lodge, he intended to perform to the best of his ability, to their entire satisfaction, he hoped, and in the interests of the lodge and Craft generally.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by several P.M.'s. Bro. George J. Dawson, P.M. 1853, said he felt honoured at being invited by the W.M. to be present, as he had enjoyed the distinguished privilege of having passed and raised the W.M., whom he was delighted to find had made such great and rapid progress in the Craft as to entitle him to hold the proud position in which he was then placed, and which from his well known geniality and generosity, together with his great Masonic industry and knowledge, he would certainly fill with positive credit to himself, and to the delight and satisfaction of every member of the lodge, of which he would surely prove to be one of its best and most perfect W.M.'s. In referring to the "cuckoo" incident already mentioned, Bro. Dawson said he thought that the early arrival of that harbinger of spring, introducing his welcome wild wood notes so long before his accustomed time, was a special favour conferred upon the W.M., and might be looked upon as a good omen for his year of office.

Among the numerous visitors were Bros. Stevens, W.M. 901; Chandler, P.M. 1656; Walker, P.M. 733; Idiens, P.M. 925; David Hughes, P.M. 901; Smith, P.M. 1348; Soper, P.M. 157; Daniel Hughes, P.M. 901; John Hughes, P.M. 901; Lichtnitz, P.M. 1891; Kirkaldy, P.M. 1321; Ginger, P.M. 901; Heald, P.M. 165; Dawson, P.M. 1863; Webster, P.M. 1637; Frye, 1642; Davis, 167; Vale, 901; Crane, 1744; Potter, 1321; Fitzgerald, 2168; Bowman, 874; Kent, 1321; Cummings, 2168; Prince, 901; Mason, 1328; Hutley, 1608; Yardly, 901; Thomas, 1853; Duke, 733; Shires, 733; Stevens, 733; Hofman, 1853; Ross, 1744; Crook, 1637; Price, 1608; Kift, 1791; Collins, 25; and R. Grice. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Jas. Kift, and the singing generally gave the utmost satisfaction. A variety was given to the musical portion of the entertainment by a recital by Bro. George J. Dawson, in his usual effective manner, of Hood's beautiful and well-known poem, "The Bridge of Sighs," which was most enthusiastically received. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening and Masonic entertainment to a happy termination.

#### LEICESTER.—Lodge of the Golden Fleece

(No. 2081).—The third installation of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 20th ult. The lodge having been opened, the D.P.G.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., accompanied by his officers, was received with due honours. After the preliminary business, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. L. West, P.M. 445, was presented and installed into the chair of K.S. The ceremony of installation and the various charges were duly performed and given in an admirable manner by Bro. M. J. Walker, P.M. 1265, P.P.J.G.W., and Bro. Watson, P.M. 2081 and 1391, P.P.J.G.D. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers: Bros. W. H. Lead, I.P.M.; Geo. Jessop, W.M. 2028, S.W.; J. Kidney, J.W.; Rev. W. R. Hurd, Chap.; A. Chamberlin, P.M. 1391, Treas.; J. B. Waring, Sec.; J. G. Parr, S.D.; W. H. Swinger, J.D.; H. T. Hincks, D.C.; W. H. Barrow, F.C.O., Mus. Bac., P.P.G. Org.,



Org.; A. Wright, I.G.; and F. Shaw and W. H. Staynes, Stewards. It was regretted that Bro. W. H. Lead, I.P.M., was unavoidably absent, owing to a family bereavement, and the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to that esteemed brother was deferred to some future occasion.

After the transaction of further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a most excellent banquet at the Hall. The enjoyment of the proceedings after dinner was greatly enhanced by the rendering of some admirable music by Bros. H. Nicholson, 523; A. Page, 1391; W. H. Barrow, and others.

Amongst the large gathering of brethren of the lodge, sister lodges of the province, and others were Bros. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M.; T. Shepperd, P.M. 523, P.P.G.R.; T. Wright, P.M. 1391, P.P.G.R. (Mayor of Leicester); F. J. Baines, P.M. 523, P.P.S.G.W.; E. P. Steeds, P.M., Prov. G.R.; J. Vaughan, P.M. 86; T. A. Wykes, P.M. 523; F. G. Boden, W.M. 779; T. F. Corcoran, W.M. 1007; J. H. Marshall, P.M. 1007; T. Colman, W.M. 1265; S. Knight, W.M. 1391; George, P.M. 884; S. A. Maris, W. H. Noble, S. Wand, 279; Bream, Steward; E. Dutton, C. D. Price, T. B. Neale, G. Brocklebank, I.G. 523; A. B. Starkey, S.W.; A. Ferguson, 1391; A. Green, T. Peachey, H. Goodacre Marriott, D.C. 2028; Fox, Birch, E. Sharrow, A. E. Adams, C. Sharrow, T. Edmonds, A. C. Jahn, G. S. Catton, J.D. 50; W. Shelton, E. L. Miles, and W. C. Maris.

**BRIGHTON.**—Earl of Sussex Lodge (No. 2201).—The fourth meeting of the above newly-established lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, on Saturday, the 24th ult., when a large number of visitors attended to do honour to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., who is the W.M. He was well supported by his officers, Bros. the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., P.G. Stwd., S.W.; R. Clowes, P.P.G.W. Essex, J.W.; W. H. Hallett, P.P.G.W., Treas.; V. P. Freeman, J.G.D., Prov. G. Sec., Sec.; Major-General Barnett Ford, P.D.G.D. Bengal, S.D.; Major Mortimer Hancock, Prov. G. Stwd., J.D.; Capt. H. Kembell-Cook, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Dr. H. E. Price, Prov. J.G.W., I.G.; A. King, Mus. Bac., Oxon, P.P.G. Org., Org.; C. W. Hudson, P.P.G.W., Stwd.; H. H. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler; Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, P.P.G.W., acting as P.M. The other members of the lodge present were Bros. E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Pidcock, P.G. Reg.; Lockwood Hawken, P.G. Stwd.; P. Saillard, J. P. Slingsby Roberts, and J. P. Knight. The following visitors attended, viz.: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Rudolph S. G. Glover, P.D.G.D. of C.; W. Kuhe, P.G. Org.; Rowland Plumbe, P.G. Stwd.; Geo. Hughes, P.G. Stwd.; C. F. Lewis, P.S.G.W.; Rev. F. J. Greenfield, P.G. Chap.; W. N. Roe, P.P.G. Org.; W. W. D'Albiac, W.M. 1466; C. J. Heald, W.M. 1636; Edmund Yates, W.M. 778; J. Sutherland, M.P., Lodge of Antiquity; E. M. Todd, 271; Gresham Bacon, 271; W. Carter Morrison, 416; Basil A. F. Grieve, 859; H. Anscombe, S.W. 1821; and M. Leleu, 1821. The chief business of the evening consisted in the raising of Bro. J. P. Knight, son of the late respected Mr. J. P. Knight, General Manager of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, which was carried out in an excellent manner by the Worshipful Master, assisted by Bro. J. H. Matthews, who gave the traditional history, and Bro. the Rev. F. J. Greenfield, who delivered the charge. Several minor matters were then taken into consideration, and the W.M. informed the brethren that he had prepared an address of congratulation to be sent from the province to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his silver wedding. He also announced that arrangements had been made to hold an "At Home" at the Royal Pavilion, on Friday, the 9th inst., to further celebrate the auspicious event, and that a dispensation would be granted to wear Masonic clothing on the occasion. After that the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was served, supplied by Bro. D. Mutton, and duly appreciated.

The usual loyal toasts having been given by the Worshipful Master, and heartily responded to, Bro. the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, S.W., proposed "The Health of the Grand Officers," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton and J. C. Parkinson, facetiously remarking that he was sorry not to add the name of Bro. Edmund Yates, who looked like a Grand Officer at all events.

The brethren named having responded, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," for which Bros. C. F. Lewis and H. E. Price, replied.

"The Health of the W.M." was next proposed by Bro. Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, and duly acknowledged by the W.M., who stated he was proud to see such a splendid assembly.

Bro. E. Letchworth proposed "The Visitors," of whom there were 19, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Edmund Yates and T. Sutherland, M.P., who both congratulated the lodge on the excellence of the working, while Bro. Yates contributed much to the amusement of the brethren by his clever and pithy remarks, not forgetting to give Bro. Marriott an amusing repartee.

The toast of "The Officers" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, and replied to by the S.W. and J.W., when the Tyler's toast brought the banquet to a close.

The musical programme was carried out, under the direction of Bro. A. King, Mus. Bac., by Miss Minnie and Amy Freeman, Bros. R. Clowes, J. A. Slingsby Roberts, and B. A. F. Grieve. Bro. Kuhe was good enough to play, and delighted the brethren by his magnificent rendering of Liszt's Rhapsodie Hongroise, No. 2, and added considerably to the pleasures of the entertainment.

The Queen held the first Drawing Room of the season at Buckingham Palace, on Friday, the 24th ult. The Princess of Wales and Princess Louise of Wales, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duchess of Albany, the Duke of Cambridge, and Prince Christian were present, and among the officers of State and of the Household in attendance on her Majesty were Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe (Lord Steward), the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), the Duke of Portland (Master of the Horse), and Lord Arthur Hill, M.P. (Treasurer of the Household).

## INSTRUCTION.

**PERCY LODGE (No. 198).**—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a large gathering of enthusiastic brethren at the weekly meeting of this excellent lodge of instruction on the 18th ult., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. The work, consisting of the Third ceremony, was admirably gone through by the following officers: Bros. L. Solomon, W.M.; Stallard, S.W.; Yates, J.W.; Ashton, S.D.; Witte, J.D.; and Brown, I.G., under the able guidance of Bro. I. P. Cohen, Preceptor. An additional attraction was the expectation of hearing a lecture from Bro. Sadler, the Grand Tyler, who had selected that day for the fulfilment of a promise, made some months ago, in response to an invitation from the lodge, to deliver a lecture on the tracing board. After a brief interval for refreshment, the lodge was called to labour in the First Degree, and the W.M. requested the attention of the brethren for Bro. Sadler, P.M., who, after a most instructive address, having reference chiefly to the origin and use of tracing boards in Masonry, and the value and importance of symbolic teaching generally, proceeded to explain the various emblems on the lodge board. For upwards of an hour the lecturer was listened to with the greatest possible interest and attention, although the latter part of his subject was evidently familiar to many of those who were present. Bros. Cohen, Galer, Fenner, Solomon, Larkin, Hurdell, and Hodges rendered material assistance by giving the various definitions and illustrations which occur in the course of the lecture, a mode of proceeding which, we venture to think, is preferable to the whole of the work being done by one person. At the conclusion of the lecture, Bro. I. P. Cohen said that Bro. Sadler being already an honorary member of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, he was prevented from asking the brethren to confer that distinction upon him, but was obliged to be content with moving that their best thanks be given, and recorded on the minutes, for the able, impressive, and instructive way in which he had entertained them that evening, which, being duly seconded, we need hardly say was carried unanimously. Bro. Sadler briefly responded. Several new members were then proposed, and, after the lodge was closed, many of the brethren offered their thanks personally to Bro. Sadler for his very interesting lecture.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, 24th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammer-smith. Present: Bros. W. G. Coat, W.M.; C. Hopkins, S.W.; T. Stonnill, J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec.; D. Stroud, S.D.; and E. Fox, I.G.

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. Fox being the candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Secretary. The usual formalities being observed, Bro. Hopkins was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed.

**UPTON LODGE (No. 1227).**—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., in the commodious lodge room, which was kindly placed at their disposal by Mr. Glover, the genial manager of the hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. I. P. Cohen, who was ably supported by Bros. H. J. Kirk, S.W.; R. W. Galer, J.W.; A. W. Fenner, I.P.M.; C. J. Free, W.M. of the parent lodge, Treas.; W. Hayward, Sec.; Richardson, S.D.; and G. H. Clark, I.G. There was a good attendance of brethren, among whom we may mention Bros. C. Giesecke, C. Schmidt, A. Taylor, T. Taylor, J. A. Powell, A. Cohen, A. J. Dixie, F. Ashton, J. Brown, B. Dancyer, A. Dancyer, H. G. Yates, L. Simmons, B. J. W. Loue, H. E. Case, L. Da Costa, Franchlin, J. Joseph, Ansell, Phillips, Grosse, J. Lichten, S. Lichten, S. Lichten, Thompson, Flack, Whitby, Garritt, L. Solomon, S. Toye, Kramm, and others.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree, when the following brethren assisted the W.M. to work the Fifteen Sections: First Lecture—Bros. H. G. Yates, L. Da Costa, L. Simmons, B. J. W. Loue, A. J. Dixie, H. E. Case, and Richardson; Second Lecture—Bros. J. Brown, Richardson, L. Solomon, H. J. Kirk, and A. W. Fenner; and Third Lecture—Bros. R. W. Galer, A. J. Dixie, and J. A. Powell; at the conclusion of which several brethren were proposed and elected members. On the proposition of Bro. Fenner (the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction), a very cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. I. P. Cohen for the excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties as W.M.; also to the Wardens; to which was added the distinctive honour of honorary membership of the lodge to each of those brethren, for which they returned thanks in a very graceful manner, and all expressed the hope that they might have the pleasure of assisting the Upton Lodge of Instruction on future occasions. The W.M. then proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to those brethren who had so ably assisted him in working the Sections, which was carried unanimously. Bro. J. A. Powell responded for the brethren in a very excellent manner, after which some routine business was transacted, and the lodge was closed, after a very pleasant and instructive evening.

The lodge meets every Monday evening throughout the year at 8 p.m., and the Executive—Bros. Fenner, Free, and Hayward—will be glad to welcome any brother who is in want of instruction.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leicester-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; J. R. Allman, S.W. 1425, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, 1767, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1425, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; R. E. Cursons, S.D.; W. Deane, J.D.; J. Stagg, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; J. Corrie, S. Barrow, and J. Smith. Bro. H. W. Eastwood, 733, was a visitor.

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. Corrie being candidate. The 1st and 4th Sections were worked by Bro. Read, and the 3rd by Bro. Cursons, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Eastwood was elected a member. Bro. Allman was elected W.M. for the next meeting. On the proposal of Bro. Dehane, the sum of £10 10s. out of the funds of the lodge of instruction was voted to the R.M.B.I. to go on Bro. Read's list. The brethren also expressed the hope that all endeavours would be made by the members of the lodge of instruction to secure Bro. Barfield's election as Grand Treasurer. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. Church, W.M.; Kilsby, S.W.; Cox, J.W.; Noakes, S.D.; Loomes, J.D.; Duncan, I.G.; Hancock, Preceptor; Reynolds, acting Sec.; Petch, Scarlett, Simmonds, and Clarke.

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. Scarlett candidate. Lodge called off and on. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Simmonds offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge closed in the Third Degree, and afterwards in the Second Degree. Bro. Kilsby was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. W. Hancock, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Petch, was unanimously voted to Bro. Church, W.M., to be recorded on the minutes, for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. G. H. Reynolds, W.M.; F. W. Cash, S.W.; J. D. Graham, J.W.; J. G. Wynn, S.D.; W. Hancock, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, I.G.; W. Brindley, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas., and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Honeyball, G. N. Haseldine, J. H. Meyer, J. Grey, H. Martin, A. Clark, C. A. Iiter, G. P. Bertini, G. S. Peachey, R. E. Cursons, and G. Grooves.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Hancock 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. R. E. Cursons offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree; he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the F.C. Degree. Lodge closed down. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Brindley proposed that Bro. F. W. Cash 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. G. Reynolds, Sec., in the name of the members of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, presented Bro. G. P. Bertini, manager of the Criterion, with an illuminated vote of thanks for the kindness and courtesy he had always shown towards them since they had met at the Criterion on Thursday evenings. Bro. G. P. Bertini, in a few kind words, thanked the brethren for the handsome present, which he should always value. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Keene, W.M.; R. H. Williams, S.W.; Clare, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; Werkes, S.D.; Dresden, J.D.; and Read, P.M., Preceptor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. R. H. Williams 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 23rd ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. H. Moss, W.M.; Jennings, S.W.; Cross, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. B. Johnston, S.D.; Ridgley, J.D.; Martineau, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; John Davies, Preceptor; S. Cochran, P.M.; T. Wood, P.M.; Cubitt, P.M.; Purdue, P.M.; Higginson, Arnott, Burbrook, Augsburg, L. Cox, F. Craggs, Mander, and Cotton. Bro. E. Moore, 1671, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. and brethren requested Bro. J. Davies, Preceptor, to occupy the chair, and that brother having done so, the lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of passing was to be rehearsed. Bro. Higginson answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Moss candidate. A ballot for lodge attendances of the brethren took place, which resulted in favour of Bro. G. B. Johnston. Bro. E. Moore was elected a joining member. Bro. Jennings 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 27th ult. Present: Bros. J. Collings, P.M., W.M.; J. Davies, S.W.; S. Cochran, P.M., J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., as I.P.M.; H. Harris, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; D. S. Long, S.D.; G. Swann, J.D.; Worth, I.G.; H. Purdue, P.M.; E. Austin, P.M.; Wood, P.M.; King, P.M.; J. W. Morley, W. C. Williams, Gilbert, I. Cox, Woodard, Cotton, Foyers, Hunt, Barnikel, Moss, H. F. Williams, Skar, W. E. Purdue, Higginson, W. E. Smith, Stonnill, and Craib.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. The Sections of the Lecture were worked by the following brethren: Bros. G. E. Higginson, D. S. Long, H. F. Williams, J. Davies, and F. Craggs. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the Sections in that Lecture were worked by Bros. H. F. Williams, H. Purdue, P.M., and D. S. Long. Votes of thanks were given and recorded to the W.M., S.W., J.W., and Section workers. Bro. J. Davies was elected W.M. for next meeting. The lodge will in future be opened at 8 o'clock, instead of 7-45 as heretofore.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 25th ult. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; E. Aslett, S.W.; R. H. Wimpey, J.W.; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; C. Hopkins, S.D.; J. Wood, J.D.; J. Sims, P.M., I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; W. Cartnol, P.M.; F. Craggs, J. Brown, J. Worth, and D. Cartnol, P.M. Victoria Lodge.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Hopkins worked the 3rd Section of the Lecture, under the direction of the W.M. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. Gardner, P.M., who opened the lodge in the Third Degree. The W.M., returning to the chair, resumed the lodge to the Second Degree. Bro. J. Worth offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Worth being candidate. The W.M. rendered the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the W.M. was elected for next meeting. Bro. D. Cartnol, P.M. Victoria Lodge, British Columbia, was elected a member of the lodge. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

**THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Piper, W.M.; Harvey, S.W.; Evans, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., acting Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Coleman, S.D.; Blades, J.D.; Hume, I.G.; Badderley, and Hobbs.

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. Badderley being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Gibson. Bro. Hobbs, 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. Hobbs being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. re-occupied the chair. Bro. Badderley was unanimously elected a joining member. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted, to be recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had worked the initiation ceremony. 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 27th ult. Present: Bros. J. Wright, W.M.; Partridge, S.W.; Steele, J.W.; Gibbs, S.D.; Folkard, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Esling, Hudson, Hale, Phillips, Wood, Kerry, Livett, Beavin, Green, Russell, and Sandals.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing being announced, Bro. Wood offered himself as candidate, and, having answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Wood as candidate. Bro. Wright vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Westley, who resumed the lodge to the First Degree, and worked the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Phillips as candidate. Bro. Wright took the chair, and resumed the lodge to the Second Degree. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and then closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Partridge, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Partridge thanked the brethren, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third

time, and the Secretary announced that the Benevolent Association was in full working order, and he hoped those who had not yet enrolled themselves members would seriously consider the advisability of so doing. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**QUEEN'S (WESTMINSTER) AND ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE.**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Monday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. H. Bell, 1287, W.M.; L. Gunzell, 2021, S.W.; W. Bellerby, 2021, J.W.; Raymond, 1305, S.D.; F. W. Kingdon, 2221, J.D.; J. S. Kinston, 1420, I.G.; W. F. W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287, Preceptor; C. P. Bellerby, W.M. 2021, Sec.; R. J. Harnell, 2021, Asst. Sec.; E. H. Bellerby, 2021, J. Sec.; T. O'Shannon, 957; F. Buxton, 1891; F. C. Walters, 2021; F. A. Foes, 1512; H. Von Joel, P.M. 957; G. J. Artaud, 1305; C. Kempton, P.M. 1287; W. J. Rowe, 2021; and Reed, 1910; C. Prendergast, 1901.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the read and confirmed. Bro. E. H. Bellerby having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the lecture was worked by the Preceptor. The lodge resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. G. J. Reed, having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. The lodge resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. On rising for the first time, Bro. F. A. Foes, 1512, was elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. L. Gunzell, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the following by-law be added to those already in force:—"That in order to afford the members of this lodge an opportunity of becoming Life-Subscribers or Life-Governors of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, when the surplus funds in the hands of the Treasurer shall amount to the sum of five guineas, and that no part thereof shall be required for any other urgent Masonic purpose, the same shall be appropriated by ballot amongst the members (honorary or otherwise) who may have attended two-fifths of the meetings of the lodge preceding the day of the ballot, and during the time the said sum of five guineas has been accruing, and the Treasurer shall, after such ballot, pay the said sum of five guineas to such of the Institutions and in such name as the member who is successful in the ballot shall direct. That any member who obtains a ballot shall not be eligible to participate until after one other ballot has been taken." Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

### Royal Arch.

#### WEST SMITHFIELD CHAPTER (No. 1623).

—This prosperous chapter met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 23rd ult. Among those present were Comps. H. Forss, M.E.Z.; E. Mallett, H.; C. Patrick, J.; E. Roberts, S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, P.Z., Treas.; Phillips, P.Z.; Van Ralte, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S. Middx., P.Z. (Hon. member); W. H. Hilton; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken, Bros. K. A. Wassenaar, 917, and J. Whiteman, 87, were impressively exalted to the Third Degree of R.A.M.; Comp. E. Mallett was installed as M.E.Z., and Comp. C. Patrick, as H., by the M.E.Z. Comp. Brickdale, J. elect was unavoidably absent. The ceremony was ably performed. The following investments then took place: Comps. E. Roberts, S.E.; A. D. J. Hamilton, as S.N.; W. Hale-Hilton, as P.S.; K. A. Wassenaar, as 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Whiteman, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and H. J. Lardner, Treas. The Audit Committee having made their report, the chapter was closed.

The usual toasts followed. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was flatteringly proposed by Comp. Van Ralte. He felt confident that under the M.E.Z.'s rule the chapter would flourish.

The M.E.Z. having replied, then gave "The Second Principal." Comp. Patrick having replied in a few well chosen sentences, the toast of "The Exaltees" followed. In giving the toast, the M.E.Z. congratulated the chapter upon the advent of two such worthy Masons. He hoped that the exaltees would never regret the step that they had taken by entering the portals of Royal Arch Masonry.

Comps. Wassenaar and Whiteman having replied, the toast of "The Treasurer and S.E." came next. The M.E.Z. in warm terms eulogised the great services of Comp. Lardner, both as a Treasurer and clever worker. He also spoke in terms of commendation of Comp. Roberts. The companions having responded, "The Officers" and "The Honorary Member" followed. Comp. Hilton responded for the former toast, and Comp. Walls for the latter. Comp. E. Roberts rendered great service by his admirable vocalisation. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

**BURY.**—Unanimity Chapter (No. 42).—A meeting of this centenary chapter was held at the Derby Hotel, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when there were present Comps. the Rev. W. R. Clayton, M.E.Z.; J. Halliwell, P.P.G. St. Br., as H.; R. W. Pickering, J.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.D.D.C. Eng., P.G.H.; W. Bulmer, P.Z., P.G., 2nd Asst. Soj., S.E.; W. Hutchinson, P.Z.; J. Mellor, S.N.; T. Pollitt, P.S.; W. Openshaw, P.G.O.; J. T. Newbold; Sergeant-Major Vines; and others.

The chapter was opened, and after the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and confirmed, Comp. Sillitoe installed Com. Pickering in the chair of H., the latter companion being too unwell to attend the previous installation meeting. Three brethren were proposed as candidates for exaltation, after which the chapter was closed.

The companions adjourned to a capital dinner, under the presidency of the genial M.E.Z., and a very pleasant evening followed.

**HEREFORD.**—Palladian Chapter (No. 120).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, on the 20th ult. There were present Comps. John Marchant, M.E.Z.; W. Rowe, H.; Chas. Roates, S.N.; A. S. Townsend, P.S.; J. A. White, A.S.; O. Shelland, P.Z., Treas.; J. E. S. Hewett, P.Z.; Thos. Smith, P.Z.; E. V. Gunnell, B. Cullwick, F. R. Tidd-Pratt, Rev. T. G. Baillie, and J. G. Yates. Visitors: Comps. Capt. G. Homfray, P.G.S.B., P.G.H., D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire, and Thos. Handford.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. Rowe was installed M.E.Z. by Comp. Hewett. Comp. Rev. R. Evans, the H. elect, was unavoidably absent. Comp. Thos. Smith installed Comp. Townsend as J. The following officers were then invested: Comps. John Marchant, I.P.Z.;

Chas. Roate, P.S.; J. A. White, S.E.; W. Parlyby, S.N.; O. Shelland, P.Z., Treas.; B. Cullwick, 1st A.S.; J. G. Yates, 2nd A.S.; and A. Stephens, Janitor. During the evening a handsome P.Z. jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, London) was presented to Comp. Marchant.

Other business having been transacted, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, admirably served by Mrs. Mackay, the manageress of the hotel. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and an agreeable evening was spent.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—Northampton Chapter (No. 360).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Buildings, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. Comp. the Earl of Euston, Grand Superintendent designate, was present, and also Comps. Butler Wilkins, Deputy Grand Superintendent; Rev. Dr. Sanders, P.Z., Prov. G.J., G.C. England; J. U. Stanton, P.Z., Prov. G. Treas.; G. Ellard, P.Z., Prov. G.D.C., S.E.; G. Cotton, P.Z.; H. Brown, P.Z.; G. H. Percival, J. J. Hart, T. Emery, T. P. Dorman, A. Cockerill, F. Wetherell, T. Franks, J. Curral, A. Jones, and others.

After the usual preliminary business, Comp. Wilkins proceeded to the installation of Comps. Percival, as Z.; Hart, as H.; and Brook Sampson, J.; the ceremonies being performed in his usual impressive manner. Comp. Ellard was elected S.E.; Comps. R. Croft, S.N.; T. P. Dorman, Treas.; T. Emery, P.S.; Rev. S. W. Wigg, 1st Asst. Soj.; and A. Cockerill, 2nd Asst. Soj.

At the conclusion of the other business of the chapter, a very interesting ceremony took place. This was the presentation of a Bible to each of four young sons of Masons. The Earl of Euston expressed the pleasure it gave him to attend on the occasion to make the presentation. The incident arose from the lads taking part in the procession of Freemasons when H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, assisted by a good number of Officers of Grand Lodge and the Masons of Norths and Hunts, laid the chief corner-stone of the new Jubilee Wing of the Northampton General Infirmary, in October last, with full Masonic ceremonies.

The boys were prettily dressed in sailors' dresses, with the "Bacchante" on their caps, and each wore a neat blue Masonic sash, and having been photographed and coloured, a copy was sent in handsome case to his Royal Highness and also to the Earl of Euston, who expressed the pleasure it gave him to accept them as a memento of the occasion. It was also thought desirable to further commemorate the event by the presentation above referred to. The Bibles were a superior edition; large size octavo, very finely printed, also containing concordance and voluminous appendix. They were specially bound in purple morocco, and each had Masonic emblems, with the names of each youth on one side in gilt letters. The following was also printed on the inside cover of each Bible: "Presented to (here the name was printed) by the Freemasons of the Province of Norths and Hunts, on the occasion of his assisting to carry a Volume of the Sacred Law at the ceremony of laying with Masonic rites the chief corner stone of the Jubilee Wing of the Northampton General Infirmary by H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales. October 18th, 1887."

The youths were Percy Lionel Gold, Arthur Lewis Ains, Joseph Whitmore Jeffery, and Christopher Croft. Each Bible had the autographs of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor and the Earl of Euston. The Bible carried in the procession was a very old one, bearing the date 1578, and was lent by Comp. J. U. Stanton.

#### BUXTON.—Phoenix Chapter of St. Ann (No. 1235).

—The annual convocation and installation of Principals of the above chapter was held on the 23rd ult., at the Court House. Present: Comps. Geo. Swedley, Z.; T. E. Jones, H.; J. E. Harrison, J.; W. Cartwright, P.Z., P.A.G.S., Scribe E.; J. H. Arme, Scribe N.; R. H. Lomas, P.S.; Jos. Gladwin, 1st A.S.; Jos. Heathcote, 2nd A.S.; W. Boughen, P.Z., P.P.G.R., Treas.; John Perkins, Janitor; E. C. Milligan, P.Z.; J. H. Lawson, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; Jas. Whitehead, P.Z., P.A.G.S.; and Isaiah Hall. Visitors: Comps. Sir John Smith, P.Z. 253, P.P.G.J.; W. H. Vaughan, P.Z., P.P.P.G.S. Cheshire; A. Schofield, P.Z. 1324; H. Cupit, P.Z. 1324; Jos. Harrison, 289. The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Bro. Hon. C. W. Trollope, a candidate for exaltation, and proved unanimous in his favour. The Treasurer's statement of accounts was next considered, which showed a substantial balance in hand after paying off all liabilities and a donation of 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The accounts were adopted and passed. Comp. Milligan, P.Z., drew attention to the large amount of distress existing amongst the poor in Buxton, owing to the severity of the weather, and proposed that two guineas be given to the relief fund which was about to be formed. Comp. Jones seconded this, and it was unanimously agreed to. The 1st Principal's chair was then taken by Comp. W. Cartwright, P.Z., P.A.G.S., the Installing Principal, who addressed and duly obligated the Principals elect, and afterwards, in a Conclave of Installed Principals, installed them in their respective chairs, namely, Comp. T. E. Jones, Z.; Comp. J. E. Harrison, H.; and J. H. Orme, J. The newly-installed Principals were proclaimed and saluted. The following were invested officers for the ensuing year: Comps. W. Cartwright, P.Z., Scribe E. (6th year); R. H. Lomas, Scribe N.; Jos. Gladwin, P.S.; Jos. Heathcote, 1st A.S.; Isaiah Hall, 2nd A.S.; W. Boughen, P.Z., Treas. (7th year); and Jno. Perkins, Janitor. The investiture of officers and the addresses to Principals, officers, and companions were performed by Comp. W. H. Vaughan, P.Z., 287, P.P.P.G.S. On the motion of Comp. Jones, seconded by Comp. Harrison, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Cartwright, P.Z., for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Principal. A similar compliment was paid to Comp. Vaughan, P.Z. The companions adjourned for luncheon to the George Hotel, and later on partook of a joint banquet at the same place with the brethren of the Craft lodge. The usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

### INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, M.E.Z.; John Davies, 733, H.; G. March, 3, J.; H. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, S.N.; W. C. Williams, P.S. 733, P.S.; J. Smith, 2nd A.S. 890, 1st A.S.; S. Cochran, P.Z. 3; and J. J. Cattle, P.Z. 180.

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 communication was read from Comp. H. Sadler, Grand Janitor, consenting to give his lecture on the Banners on an evening to be arranged by the companions, who then agreed that Friday, 6th of April, would be most suitable, and that companions be invited to attend on that occasion. A letter from Comp. Capt. Nicols was also read. The officers were appointed for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. J. Davies as Z. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

### Mark Masonry.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—York Lodge (No. 334).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on Wednesday, the 15th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Edward Hills, P.G.D.C., assisted by Bros. E. H. Jennings, S.W.; C. A. Vinter, J.W.; W. J. Pashler, M.O.; J. E. L. Whitehead, S.O.; G. McCallum, R. of M., acting as J.O.; Oliver Papworth, Sec.; M. Purchas, S.D.; G. Tindall, J.D.; M. Fawcett, I.G.; R. Hills, Stwd.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Andrew H. Moyes, I.P.M., P.P.J.G.O., J.G.D.; J. Dempster, G. R. Barnes, and T. Best. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Green, W.M. 112; and J. R. Roxburgh, 112.

A ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. J. F. Miller and A. W. Bishop, of 441, as candidates for advancement, and they were both unanimously elected. Bro. A. W. Bishop, being present, was advanced by the W.M. to a certain point, when his advancement was completed by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., who took the chair at the particular request of the W.M. On the W.M. resuming his chair, Bro. E. H. Jennings, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. E. J. Mortlock was again unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. G. McCallum and W. Purchas were elected Auditors.

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

**ASHBOURNE.**—Dove Valley Lodge (No. 353).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. A. Stubbs, P.P.G.R. Notts, W.M.; J. Howell, P.G.J.O., I.P.M., and Sec.; G. M. Bond, P.P.G.I.G., S.W.; P. R. Littleton, M.O.; W. H. Tutt, P.G. Org., S.O.; J. R. Rigby, Prov. Asst. G.D.C., J.O.; H. Brambles, R. of M. P. Wallis, P.G.D. Eng., P.P.S.G.W.; and R. Brown, Tyler.

Bro. W. Prince, J.W., who was unavoidably absent, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Bond, the S.W., not being eligible this year, not being an Installed Master of the Craft. Bro. J. H. Cooke was re-elected Treasurer. The ballot was then taken for Bros. J. T. Marple, W. Davenport, A. M. Wither, and T. O. Farmer, all of 850, and being favourable, they were duly advanced by the W.M., Bro. A. Stubbs, the charge being delivered by Bro. P. Wallis.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Green Swan Hotel, where an excellent repast was provided, and the usual loyal and patriotic toasts duly honoured.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—Royal Kent Chapter (No. 8).—This Chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Henry Maddison, 30°, assisted by his officers, on Friday, the 24th ultimo, at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street. Ill. Bro. C. Fendelow, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector General West-Central District; Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I.G. of the North-East District, were received under an arch of steel and saluted in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. Col. J. Monks, 30°, presented E. and P. Bro. W. Logan, M.W.S. elect to the M.W.S. for installation, which was ably performed by Ill. Bro. H. Maddison, 30°, placing his successor on the throne. The following officers were then brought up to the M.W.S., who addressed each on the duties of their respective offices, viz.: E. and P. Bros. H. Hotham, High Prelate; S. Ball, 1st General; W. F. Carmon, 2nd General; C. D. H. Drury, M.D., Recorder; M. H. Dodd, Grand Marshal; Ill. Bro. T. J. Armstrong, 30°, Raphael; E. and P. Bros. E. Merston, D.C.; J. Usher, Herald and Organist; J. J. Forster, Captain of the Guard; and W. Kennedy, Outer Guard. E. and P. Bro. Carmon was re-elected Treasurer. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, delivered the charge to the officers and brethren. A cordial vote of thanks were unanimously passed to Ill. Bros. Fendelow and Banister for coming so far at this inclement season of the year to attend the meeting. Ill. Bro. Rev. T. Rundell, 30°, 49, proposed "Hearty good wishes" from his chapter. The business of the chapter being finished and the recorded minutes read, the chapter was closed. The Ill. brethren retired under an arch of Steel.

The banquet was held in the dining room of the hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., having on his right Ill. Bros. C. J. Banister, the Inspector General of the District; C. Fendelow, S.G.I.G., I.G. of the West Central District; Rev. Thos. Randall, 30°; Thos. J. Armstrong, 30°; E. and P. Bro. Dr. Drury, and others; and on his left E. and P. Bro. Hy. Hotham, H.P.; Ill. Bros. Col. James Monks, 30°; Hy. Maddison, 30°; Thos. Ness, 30°; and others. The vice-chair being filled by E. and P. Bro. Seymour Ball, 1st General. The loyal toasts were proposed from the chair, and full justice done to each.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the S.C.," and also "The Health of their dear and valued friend, Ill. Bro. Banister, 33°," and "Ill. Bro. Chas. Fendelow, 33°." The toasts were received most cordially, and responded to by each illustrious brother Masonically, giving the brethren excellent advice.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister proposed every good wish and happiness to "Their M.W.S., Bro. Logan," trusting that he might have other candidates to perfect besides the one he had proposed in the chapter for the next meeting.



Bro. Logan was heartily received, and made an excellent speech, afterwards proposing "The Health of the P.M. W.S., Ill. Bro. H. Maddison," who responded in a humorous speech.

The M.W.S. proposed several other toasts, which were duly responded to; between each song were given by Bros. Hy. Maddison, Ness, Seymour, Bell, Accles, and others, and Bro. Accles gave several accounts of his travels in China, India, and America.

A very happy evening was spent by the brethren, which is always so at these charming gatherings.

**BOLTON.**—St. Peter's Chapter (No. 31).—This chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Institute-street, on the 25th ult. Ill. Bro. James D. Murray, 30°, presided, assisted by his officers. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, I.G. North-Eastern District, was received under an arch of steel and saluted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several letters apologising for inability to attend were received and read. Four out of the five candidates for perfection came up for the Degree. E. and P. Bro. Nicholl was elected M.W.S., and Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank re-elected Treasurer. Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, on behalf of Ill. Bro. C. N. Beswick Royds, 33°, I.G. North-Western District, presented the chapter with his banner. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, late I.G. of the North, and now I.G. North-East District, presented his banner to the chapter. Ill. Bro. Thompson, 30°, presented his banner to the chapter. A vote of thanks was most cordially recorded on the minutes to the illustrious brethren for their handsome presents.

The chapter was then closed. The banquet was held in the dining hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S. After grace, the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. J. D. Murray, 30°, proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts in very suitable terms.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister responded to the toast of "The Supreme Council and Himself," thanking them most kindly, and recommending all that were able to visit the headquarters at 33, Golden-square, also congratulating the brethren, and particularly Ill. Bro. Brockbank, 32°, who had superintended the arrangement of their beautiful hall, and the different rooms in the building, which reflected the greatest credit on the good taste of that illustrious brother. Bro. Banister finished a neat speech by proposing "The Health of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Murray," who returned thanks in most suitable terms, afterwards proposing "The Health of the Members of the 32° and 31°," which was responded to by Ill. Bro. Brockbank in an excellent speech.

Ill. Bro. Thompson, 31°, also returned thanks for that Degree.

The M.W.S. elect returned thanks for his health.

E. and P. Bro. T. Morris, P.M.W.S., returned thanks for "The P.M.W.S.'s of the Chapter."

The candidates each returned thanks for their health, which had been so kindly proposed, and promised to do all they could for the benefit of the chapter.

Between each toast some excellent songs were given, and the last toast brought one of the most delightful evenings to a close that has been spent, which was greatly enhanced by being in such a charming building, every appointment being to the satisfaction of all present.

The hall is beautifully decorated with flags and banners, also with a handsome portrait, in oils, of Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, full  $\frac{3}{4}$  size, in the clothing of a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, and various other portraits.

**DARLINGTON.**—St. Cuthbert's Chapter (No. 96).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. John James Wilkes, 30°, assisted by his officers, at the Masonic Hall, Archer-street, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector General of the North-Eastern District was received under an arch of steel.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. Thos. Ness, 30°, was elected M.W.S. Ill. Bro. Hy. Maddison, 30°, re-elected Treasurer. Two candidates were proposed for perfection. Business of the chapter being ended, and the minutes read, the chapter was closed.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°; Ill. Bro. H. Maddison, 30°; Ill. Bro. R. A. Luck, 30°; Ill. Bro. Thos. Ness, 30°; and the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. J. J. Wilkes, 30°; retired under an arch of steel.

### Royal and Select Masters.

**GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL** (No. 1).—This council met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. T. Cubitt, T.I.M.; T. Poore, P.T.I.M., as D.M.; Captain J. E. Anderson, P.T.I.M.; George Kenning, T. Clark, Catterson, McDowall, N. Prower, M.A., Roy, H. Harris, T. C. Walls, P.T.I.M., Recorder; Baron de Ferreries, Robinson, Mills, and others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Claridge, and it proving to be unanimous, he was most impressively admitted, received, and greeted as M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M. by Bro. Poore. Bro. G. Graveley was unanimously elected T.I.M.; Bro. F. Davison, Treasurer; and Bro. Mills, Sentinel. It was moved by Bro. Walls, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the sum of five guineas be voted to the "Poore Testimonial Fund." A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. T. Cubitt, as T.I.M. during the past year, a vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. F. Davison for the great domestic loss he had recently suffered by the demise of Mrs. Davison.

Numerous apologies for non-attendance having been read, the council was closed in the Degree of Select Master, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine, under the genial presidency of the T.I.M. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., left Devonshire House, Piccadilly, on the 23rd ult., for Holker Hall, the Duke of Devonshire's seat, near Milnthorpe, to enjoy a few days' rest.

Bro. Fred. McCall Chambers (No. 1638) announces his Annual Grand Evening Concert and Entertainment at the Eagle Assembly Rooms, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. The entertainment will commence at 8.0 p.m.; carriages may be ordered for 11.0 p.m.

### Order of the Secret Monitor.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE HORATIO SHIRLEY CONCLAVE, No. 5.

The consecration of the above conclave of this Degree took place on the 22nd ult., at 8a, Red Lion-square, at the Masonic Hall. There were present amongst the Grand Officers Bros. Dr. I. Zacharie, Supreme Grand Ruler, and Head of the Order; J. Lewis Thomas, Deputy Ruler; C. F. Matier, W. G. Lemon, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., M.A., Magnus Ohren, A. M. Broadley, Lennox Browne, F. H. Gottlieb, S.R. 4; Major George Lambert, C. Belton, E. Bowyer, W. J. Spratling, Grand Recorder, B.Sc.

The conclave being duly opened, the following members were inducted in a most impressive manner by Bro. W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., Grand Recorder, viz., Bros. J. J. Pakes, John Read, E. Storr, C. B. Cooper, F. H. Weiss, W. Weiss, J. J. Thomas, T. P. Dorman, D. Stroud, H. Tipper, G. V. A. Scholfield, J. Stephens, H. P. Hay, F. Weiss, J. F. Wight, A. J. Potter, T. G. Robinson, E. J. Mills, and A. Walkley.

All these members having been duly inducted, Bro. C. F. Matier consecrated the new conclave in that impressive manner in which this highly distinguished Mason always performs all the Masonic ceremonies. The consecration having taken place, all but Grand Officers retired from the conclave.

Several Grand Officers were then given past rank, and Bro. Horatio Henry Shirley, a well-known zealous Mason, was installed as first Supreme Ruler of this conclave named after him. The brethren being re-admitted, and having saluted the new Supreme Ruler, Bro. Shirley appointed his officers as under, viz.: Bros. George Kenning, Councillor; E. C. Mulvey, Guide; Major P. J. Dunbar, Treas.; J. J. Pakes, Sec.; John Read, Org.; Edwin Storr, Stwd.; C. B. Cooper, Chaplain and 1st Visiting Deacon; F. H. Weiss, 2nd Visiting Deacon; W. Weiss, 3rd Visiting Deacon; J. J. Thomas, 4th Visiting Deacon; J. P. Dorman, D. of C.; J. Stroud, Guard; H. Tipper, Asst. Stwd.; and G. V. A. Scholfield, Asst. D. of C.

Besides these are lay members, viz.: Bros. G. Pragnell, J. Stephens, F. C. James, H. P. Hay, A. J. Potter, T. G. Robinson, J. A. Robinson, J. F. Wight, F. Weiss, and E. J. Mills. Bro. A. Walkley was appointed Sentinel. Bro. A. M. Broadley delivered the oration after the consecration in masterly style, and Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., M.A., Grand Chancellor of the Order, after the installation, gave a most impressive address, expatiating on the origin, tenets, and duties of the Order.

The conclave was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Duke's Room, Holborn Restaurant, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, served in Bro. T. J. Hamp's best style. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts a most enjoyable evening was spent. Bro. John Read, Org., assisted by his amiable and accomplished wife and others discoursed sweet music. Miss Carrie Blackwell gave some charming songs. Bros. T. G. Robinson, J. Stephens, and John Read also obligingly favoured the company with some songs.

In replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., delivered one of those effective speeches for which he is so celebrated, in which he almost surpassed himself. All the brethren present appeared delighted with the Degree and the entertainment, and one and all expressed a hope that the Horatio Shirley Conclave might flourish under the rule of the much respected brother whose name it bears.

All the Grand Officers were invited, but unfortunately Bros. General Randolph, C.B., Hugh Sandeman, Sir Robt. Harley, K.C.B., G.C.M.G., General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., and J. Tilton were unavoidably prevented from being present, and also three members of the Horatio Shirley Conclave, viz.: Bros. G. Pragnell, F. C. James, and J. A. Robinson, who will be inducted next meeting, on third Wednesday in May.

### Jamaica.

#### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

The half-yearly communication of the above District Grand Lodge, working under the English Constitution, was held on the 27th January last, at the Friendly Lodge, Kingston, Bro. J. C. MacGlashan, D.G.M., presiding. There was an unusually large attendance of brethren. Among those present we observed the following members of District Grand Lodge, being Installed Masters: Bros. H. Garsia, R. S. Haughton, T. N. Augilar, C. L. Campbell, J. S. Campbell, G. DeMercado, G. M. Duff, W. Duff, C. M. Kerr, W. B. Gray, W. C. Hastings, Dr. I. W. Anderson, J. Harris, A. H. Jones, J. McLean, W. L. Mudon, C. W. Tait, J. E. Lyons, A. C. Sinclair, R. A. Holwell, E. X. Leon, J. Maynier, D. J. Motta, G. Myers, W. D. Smedmore, B. Stines, jun., B. Bolton, J. M. Simpson, C. M. Sherlock, W. Feurtado, E. J. Andrews, C. T. Burton, C. A. Solomon, A. E. Langley, M. Delgado, C. A. Smith, and H. Priest.

There were also the following brethren members of Grand Lodge not installed Masters: Bros. Rev. G. C. Linton, Rev. R. Harding, H. E. Davis, J. E. Owen, H. Ford, Rev. C. H. Davis, S. Curphy, F. Briscoe, jun., J. Brandon, J. H. Phillips, G. E. Bourke, with two visitors, Bro. Captain Garnet, of the District Grand Lodge of Gibraltar, and Bro. E. Ledward, of the Kingston Lodge.

The representatives of the various lodges having been ranged under the banners of the respective lodges, the Grand Lodge entered in procession and the business of the evening was proceeded with.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER delivered an address, in which he carefully reviewed the progress of Masonic work in the district during the half year, and impressed upon the brethren the great need of harmony and cordial co-operation for the advancement of the Craft. Referring to the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, he reported that the loyal address of the Grand Lodge on the occasion had been graciously accepted by her Majesty, who was the Patron of our Order. The Grand Lodge of England had desired him to select a brother who should be the recipient of the Jubilee honour. It afforded him pleasure to select Bro. Henry Garsia, the senior Past Master of the oldest lodge in the district, upon whom he would confer the rank of Past Deputy District Grand Master. This announcement

was received with great marks of approval by the brethren. Allertouching on various other matters, the D.G.M. referred to the alarm that was felt throughout the country at the period of last communication at the threatened approach of cholera in our neighbourhood, and pointed out how grateful the brethren should be to the Great Architect of the Universe for having mercifully spared our country from so direful an affliction.

The business on the agenda paper having been got through, the brethren were called upon to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year. Two brethren were nominated, Bro. E. X. Leon and Bro. J. Harris, the retiring incumbent of office. On a show of hands Bro. Leon was elected by a large majority.

The D.G.M. stated that on his appointment to office he had formed the determination to conduct the business of the District in person for a time at least. On account of residing some distance from town, and as it might be inconvenient at times to reach him in cases of emergency, he had resolved to appoint a Deputy. His choice had fallen upon Bro. Haughton, who, apart from being his personal friend, was a brother of a good Masonic record. The announcement was received with applause.

The officers of the administration were installed as follows:—

Bro. R. S. Haughton, 354	...	D.D.G.M.
George M. Duff, 207	...	D.S.G.W.
John McLean, 1771	...	D.J.G.W.
Rev. R. Harding, 1933	...	D.G. Chap.
E. X. Leon, 207	...	D.G. Treas.
W. B. Gray, 1771	...	D.G. Reg.
I. W. Anderson, M.D., 1771	...	D.G.P.G.B.P.
W. Duff, 207	...	D.G. Sec.
G. P. Myers, 914	...	D.S.G.D.
C. L. Campbell, 1933	...	D.J.G.D.
G. DeMercado, 239	...	D.G.S. of W.
D. I. Motia, 239	...	D.G.D.C.
H. Priest 354	...	D.A.G.D.C.
W. D. Smedmore, 914	...	D.G. Swd. Er.
I. M. Simpson, 207	...	D.G. Std. Br.
J. S. Campbell, 914	...	D.A.G. Std. Br.
B. Bolton, 1836	...	D.G. Org.
R. A. W. Holwell	...	D.A.G. Sec.
E. J. Andrews, 1933	...	D.G.P.
J. E. Lyons, 239	...	D.A.G.P.
C. M. Sherlock, 207	...	
C. A. Solomon, 239	...	
A. E. Langley, 207	...	D.G. Stwds.
C. A. Smith, 1873	...	
Dr. J. H. Peck, 1933	...	
George Magnus	...	D.G. Tyler.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The Annual Festival of this renowned lodge of instruction took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 24th ult., when the late Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, presided. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, as usual on these occasions, was the working Master, and the work of the evening was the Second Lecture. The following brethren assisted Bro. Fenn to work the various Sections:—

1st Section by Bro. C. E. Cassal, J.D.	1415, 1974.
2nd " " J. J. Black, I.P.M. and Sec.	1564.
3rd " " W. S. Lee, I.P.M., 1763, and P.M.	1201.
4th " " C. W. A. Trollope, P.M.	1826.
5th " " J. E. Terry, S.W.	1964.

Criticism would be superfluous; all that can be said of the work is that it was perfect. At the close of the work, Sir REGINALD HANSON proposed a cordial vote of thanks to those brethren who had assisted the W.M. in working the Sections of the Second Lecture. It had been a matter of great pleasure and instruction to those present to hear this working of the Sections, and he was sure that his proposition would be received with unanimity by all the brethren present.

Bro. SIMPSON, P.G. Chap., seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. FENN, in reply, said that it was usual for the Master in the chair to return thanks for this vote. He could hardly understand why, he thought that the brethren who had assisted him in the Lecture were really the working officers. Those brethren must be greatly gratified by the praise that had been bestowed upon them. Their only object was to give satisfaction to their audience.

A considerable number of proposals for membership were given in by visiting brethren, and the lodge was then closed down in the Three Degrees, and the brethren then adjourned to the adjoining tavern, where an excellent supper was provided, at which Sir Reginald Hanson presided.

After supper the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured by the company present. After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been drunk, the CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales," who he said was at present away taking a little relaxation, which from time to time became necessary, because from having occupied the position of Lord Mayor he could appreciate the strain caused by constant association with a great variety of events; and therefore he looked upon the Prince of Wales in this respect as a sort of perpetual Lord Mayor, the difference between them being that the Lord Mayor during his year of office never got a holiday. Their thanks were certainly due to the Grand Master who had done so much for Freemasonry in following in the footsteps of his ancestors.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He had some difficulty in speaking of the Grand Officers because he was a Past Grand Officer himself, though he had never been a present Grand Officer. He would associate the name of Bro. Simpson, Past G. Chap., with that toast, not only in his capacity of Chaplain, but also as a worthy Mason.

Bro. SIMPSON, P.G. Chap., in replying, said that amidst the natural modesty which their Worshipful Master in the chair had exhibited in reference to his position, and amidst the efficiency he found around him, in the midst of admirable Grand Officers, who were far more worthy to address them than he (Bro. Simpson) was, he felt a difficulty in returning thanks for this toast. At the same time he begged to return the grateful thanks of the Grand



Officers for the compliment which had been paid them; he would venture one name in connection with this toast, which had already been mentioned by the Chairman, namely, the Earl of Carnarvon. It was only yesterday that he (Bro. Simpson) heard from his son, who was a Mason in Sydney, that the reception of the Earl of Carnarvon was something most enthusiastic, and that he received, at the hands of the Sydney brethren, that tribute of respect which the Masonry of England had always paid him. Brotherly love was the brightest jewel in the Freemason's crown; next came that admirable Charity—relief to the poor and needy—but next to that come the truth which distinguished their Order. And he was sure they would agree with him that if they wished to see these qualities set out in their perfection they must go to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, to which they had had the pleasure to be invited that evening. He was sure that every Mason in the lodge that evening would appreciate the mathematical truth, the moral truth, and above all the religious truth which was enshrined in those beautiful sections, and would go away with the happy and blissful reflection that a true Mason ought to be not only a true Mason, but a true man, living not only for the present but for that which is to come.

Bro. S. POPE, P.G.D., said he was allowed the privilege and pleasure of proposing "The Health of the Acting Master, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson," who, as the brethren had seen, added to his many claims upon the confidence and admiration of his fellow citizens, the qualification of being a consistent and appreciative Mason. He (Bro. Pope) sometimes thought that St. Paul, learned as he was in the traditions of his people, must have had Masonry in his mind when he laid down as one of the cardinal rules of life, ministering to the necessities of the brethren given to hospitality. He was aware that St. Paul used the word "saints" where he (Bro. Pope) had used the word "brethren," and he was afraid that in these modern times the two words might not be so perfectly synonymous as they were in the early days of Christianity, but accepting the doctrine in the Masonic sense, no man had more worthily discharged his Masonic duties than Sir R. Hanson. He had administered his office as Chief Magistrate of the City of London, ministering on all occasions to the necessities of others, and dispensing a traditional, but not less splendid hospitality in a manner to shed lustre on the office which he held. No man therefore could more fitly hold the position of Chairman of the Festival of the Education Lodge of Improvement, and he asked them, as an excellent Lord Mayor, as an excellent Mason, and as a fit and proper Chairman, to drink his very good health.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, said that he was very much obliged to Bro. Pope for the flattering terms in which he had proposed his health, though he did draw a very marked distinction between the positions of a saint and a brother, leaving it to be inferred that their Chairman was very much better as a brother than as a saint. He knew Bro. Pope meant well, and therefore he would pass that by. He felt it to be a very great privilege to be sitting in the chair of this meeting, of what Bro. Pope had called by a slip of the tongue an "Education" lodge of Masonry. Considering the number of distinguished Masons who had had the honour of being asked, and had consented to occupy the chair at the Festival, he had felt great pleasure when he was invited to preside. He was not very much in a condition that evening to take the chair at any meeting, but he resolved that if he could get there even if he had to come in a sleigh, he would not be deprived of the pleasure. He was much obliged to them for the reception the toast had met with. So much for himself. He had now much pleasure in proposing a toast—he might say the toast of the evening—namely "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement." He was not going to enlarge very much on the history of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, partly because he did not know much about it, and partly because he should be taking a good deal out of the hands of the brother who would reply to the toast. Some 70 or 80 years ago, after the Union, it was felt that the rituals should be unified, and this Emulation Lodge was started some 65 years ago for the instruction and improvement of brethren. It was essential, in an Institution like Freemasonry, that there should be some body to which they could look to see exactly how the ritual should be worked, for the instruction of those who would convey the knowledge of Masonry not only to the provinces, but to every part of the world. The Emulation Lodge had been such a body, and had done its work very well. He thought that Emulation was better than Education. They had seen the result of Emulation that evening. It was by coming to that lodge and emulating each other that they were able to become such good Masons. They had had very great pleasure of listening to the Sections of the Second Lecture, and he had had the privilege of thanking them, but he might say that their proficiency was amazing to him, and they were all indebted to those five brethren. He should couple with the toast the name of Bro. Fenn, whose name was associated as a member with a great number of lodges—either as an honorary or a working member—a great many of which were represented at that meeting. He wished Bro. Fenn very good health, and coupled that with prosperity to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

Bro. FENN, in reply to this toast, said that it was usual for the brother whose name was connected with that toast to give a brief account of the origin of the lodge, and the object for which it was established. At the Union of the two Grand Lodges, in 1813, it was found that the so-called Modern Masons had lost, or allowed to fall into disuse, much of the ancient ritual. The Lodge of Reconciliation was therefore formed under the authority of the United Grand Lodge to arrange a ritual which might be adopted by all the lodges under the United Grand Lodge of England. Dr. Hemming was appointed the first Master of the lodge, and under him the work made considerable progress, but he was struck with mental incapacity, which made him incapable of continuing the work, which was then entrusted to Dr. Williams. Under him a great deal of the ritual which had been compiled under Dr. Hemming was simplified, shorn of a redundancy of words, completed, and afterwards adopted by the United Grand Lodge in 1816. In 1823 that Emulation Lodge of Improvement was formed by some expert brethren who had learned their Masonry in the Lodge of Reconciliation under Dr. Williams. It was established for teaching the ritual as it was ordered to be adopted by the Grand Lodge a few years before, and as a means of preserving in its purity the authorized ritual, and transmitting it to all time by oral tradition from generation to generation. At the first meeting

of that lodge there were present a large number of members of the Grand Stewards' Lodge who considered themselves the custodians of the pure ritual, the then Grand Secretary, Bro. Harper, who had acted as Secretary to the Lodge of Reconciliation, and many other distinguished Masons who expressed their unanimous approval of the proceedings. Bro. Peter Gilkes was the first president. Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson (whose son he believed was present that night) succeeded Bro. Peter Gilkes. He had the benefit of personal instruction from Bro. Peter Gilkes and from Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson. The late Bro. John Hervey, Bro. Murton, and Bro. Richards and he (Bro. Fenn) learned the ritual by personal instruction. He thought, therefore, as this tradition had only passed through three generations after Bro. Dr. Williams, namely Bros. Gilkes, Stephen Barton Wilson, and themselves, the Emulation Lodge could claim that their ritual was the actual ritual that was ordered to be adopted by the United Grand Lodge in 1816. He had had an opportunity of hearing many versions of the ceremonies in London and in the provinces; and he had no hesitation in saying that in terseness and correctness of diction, none of those versions would bear any comparison with the work that was taught in that lodge. There was one matter which had given very considerable anxiety to the Committee of the Emulation Lodge, which was that, although they met in very goodly numbers there seemed to be an unaccountable disinclination in those who attended, to work the lectures. He could not understand that at all. Bro. Murton would bear him out when he said that in their early days they used to work the Five Sections in one evening, but now, there was the difficulty in finding brethren capable or, if capable, willing to work three. It used to be their ambition to prepare for this Festival and to make their mark in Masonry by distinguishing themselves before the august assembly of Grand Officers who honor them with their countenance on these occasions. Even he, that evening, while he was listening to those well remembered sections, felt a twinge of his old ambition; like an old hunter who—set aside as unfit for work—feels his energies revive and snorts and paws the ground at the cry of the hounds. It crossed his mind that nothing would give him (Bro. Fenn) greater pleasure than to recite once again that beautiful description of the six periods of the Creation before a brilliant assembly like the present. On looking round the table he thought he could name not a few brethren who now wore the purple, who would not be ashamed to admit that they owed to those public nights their first mark in Masonry. He himself was proud to acknowledge that to these occasions he owed his first distinction, and consequently the many honours which, whether deservedly or not, had been so liberally bestowed upon him during his Masonic career. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement had now altered their time of meeting from seven o'clock to six; and he hoped that that alteration would give some facilities to those who wished to attain proficiency in the lectures. He hoped that the 50 members who had joined them that evening would avail themselves during the coming year of the opportunity of distinguishing themselves which the lodge afforded, and that at the next meeting there might be a new team of workers, capable and desirous of emulating the eloquence of those brethren who had so kindly given their services that evening. Bro. Fenn concluded by thanking the R.W. Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, on the part of the Committee, for his good wishes for the success of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and assured him that nothing should be wanting on the part of the Committee to secure the continuance of that success and prosperity, which no one present could desire more earnestly than the Committee themselves.

Bro. H. J. P. DUMAS proposed the toast "Prosperity to the Lodge of Unions, 256," under whose sanction the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was held.

Bro. HESELTINE, on behalf of the Lodge of Unions, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received, and mentioned that this was a remarkable year in that lodge, as they were celebrating the Masonic Jubilee of Bro. Green, the father of the lodge, whose 50 years of Masonic labour had just been acknowledged by the Grand Lodge by a bestowal of the purple and an invitation to enter that august assembly.

"Prosperity to the Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. WOODALL, and acknowledged by Bro. TERRY, the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution.

The following Grand Officers were present: Bros. T. Fenn, P.G.D., Treas.; C. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; G. Kelly, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Lucking, P.G.P.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Terry, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; W. H. Perryman, G.P.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Swd. Br.; H. Bué, P.G. Std. Br.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; G. Haldane, P.G.S.B.; J. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Clutton, P.G.P.; H. J. Dumas, P.G.D.; R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Sir R. Hanson, P.G.W.; W. E. Stewart, P.A.G.D.C.; J. L. Mathers, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; F. West, P.G.D.; S. Pope, P.G.D.; and W. Bywater, G.S.B. The following members were Stewards on the occasion: Bros. G. Kennaby, J. W. Gaze, T. W. Ockenden, W. G. Kentish, W. Serjeant Lee, Henri Bué, J. J. Black, R. C. Sudlow, E. B. Holloway, J. W. Lightbody, E. T. Smith, E. W. Bewland, D. Carpmal, E. P. Debenham, T. H. Edmonds, H. J. Wicks, J. E. Terry, H. T. S. Wellcome, A. Gibbings, Lennox Browne, A. Snell, H. J. Pritchard, and E. M. Money. The following is a list of other members present: Bros. T. B. Lodge, W. J. Finch, G. Stacey, H. Horndle, H. W. Green, W. Hancock, T. Bramell, W. Haubart, F. A. Abraham, H. Guy, H. T. Sykes, J. Tongue, F. J. Sykes, N. Goodwin, H. W. Brooks, A. T. Trehearne, William Scott, William Haseltine, S. G. Glanville, Chas. Belton, H. J. Bertram, Geo. Powell, C. H. Mapleton, Eugène Monteuuis, Thomas Clubb, R. Marsden, G. H. Bishop, J. H. Howes, C. Butler, C. M. Matthews, John D. Abbott, Arthur Brewin, T. C. White, W. Rowley, F. W. Price, C. A. Trollope, Martin Southwell, C. R. Cooper, F. H. Laws, E. E. Berlandina, W. P. Parker, W. H. Kirby, Arthur Baume, Thos. Cohu, C. E. Cassal, G. Hogdon, H. C. S. Dumas, R. W. F. Seton, T. H. Gardiner, I. T. Rushton, J. Glenn, C. F. Monckton, G. Titus Barham, James Gallahar, J. Lancaster, E. L. Balcombe, Septimus Croft, A. F. Menden, W. Lincoln, A. Lacoste, A. A. Richards, F. W. Smith, B. Whitehead, W. Cooke, Corrie Jackson, E. H. Thiellay, F. R. B. Hart, S. B. Wilson, J. Dale, T. E. Fenn, W. Robinson, G. S. Ceswick, A. Sauve, W. J. Kennaby, Geo. F. Marshall,

Gilbert Bauer, F. W. Hunt, J. H. Lanes, G. H. Smallpeice, J. W. W. Roy, A. Stewart Brown, F. R. Spaul and A. C. Spaul. The following were visitors: Bros. E. Beranger, L. Mallett, T. Adams, S. Alderson, T. E. Marshall, H. S. Cluse, S. E. Williams, F. L. Toms, W. J. Fisher, H. Chapman, Oswald Farr, John R. Pilling, Bernard Drake, D. Varrall, William Senia, J. S. Frye, J. J. Chapman, R. B. White, A. E. Goodchild, W. Saegert, R. Goff, T. Aitken, H. C. Monro, G. Young, J. Elliot, G. C. Herbert, W. Noemer, G. S. Peachey, J. H. Stevenson, R. H. Stimpson, J. Motion, A. H. Jakins, T. H. Wrangham, W. E. Chapman, R. G. Chilton, S. B. Pemberton, W. Winnett, G. L. Wood, T. Griffiths, Geo. D. Harrison, H. Dickey, W. F. Bertram, J. F. Jago, G. G. Forster, A. M. Catling, A. W. Ramsay, F. Granville, John Read, Dr. Jagrelski, J. A. Evans, W. E. Slater, G. Reynolds, F. M. Noakes, A. Browne, G. de H. Vaizay, J. H. W. Davies, E. S. Dashwood, E. Ansted, J. H. Proff, J. H. G. Buckley, P. Soman, T. H. Dolbey, A. Garrock, W. Taylor, C. Osmond, Harold Francis, Henry Chapman, W. J. Dyer, F. G. Ivey, T. Hastings Miller, J. T. Salmon, T. G. Barratt, H. R. Spooner, J. Herron, J. B. Bongour, John L. Langlois, W. Belchamber, C. E. Layton, E. B. Fanser, Ernest Clarke, Walter Waller, W. Kent, H. W. Marshall, Frank Osborne, E. J. Mills, J. B. Wright, E. Antoin, R. J. Morley, W. Toms, J. Chapman, Rev. R. F. Hosken, E. C. Wills, W. Nuttall, D. T. Barker, J. Lapsey, J. Oppenheim, Dr. F. Ernest Pocock, W. Baker, H. S. Trehearne, Chas. W. Stephens, M. W. Staples, R. Tucker, and E. C. Massey.

#### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE IVY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1441.

The first annual supper of this lodge took place at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., on Thursday, the 16th ult. Bro. Bircham Cooper, I.P.M. 1441, presided, ably assisted by Bro. Higerty, F.M. 1044 and 1714, P.P. G.S., Asst. Preceptor, as Vice-Chairman.

After the "inner" requirements had been satisfied with viands of the best quality, the CHAIRMAN gave the toast of "The Queen and Craft," which having been responded to in the usual loyal and patriotic manner observed among Masons, he then proposed the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and Past and Present Grand Officers," which, needless to say, was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. HIGERTY responded on behalf of the Grand Officers, Past and Present.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the toast of the evening, "The Ivy Lodge of Instruction." He was pleased to occupy the position he did that evening, and congratulated the brethren on the success of the first year's working. That time last year Bro. George presented him with a petition signed by upwards of 50 brethren, showing the necessity of a lodge of instruction in that neighbourhood. He felt very pleased that he was able to grant a warrant, and to find so good a balance in hand after its first year, which to a considerable extent was due to the many presents the brethren had made to the lodge. He mentioned Bros. Gill, Beddoes, Wright, Higerty, George, Cowley, Edwards, Collick, Squires, and others, in particular. He concluded by mentioning that at their first meeting 16 members joined, which number had since increased to 32, and trusted that number would be considerably increased during the present year.

Bro. HIGERTY gave the toast of "The Chairman."

The CHAIRMAN duly responded.

The toasts of "The Preceptor and Treasurer, Bro. Cooper," "The Assistant Preceptor, Bro. Higerty," and "The Secretary, Bro. George," were well received, and duly responded to.

The toast of "The Ivy Lodge" and a vote of thanks to the chair ended a very pleasant evening.

#### THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE BALL.

The members of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, following an agreeable custom which has of recent years become very popular in the Craft, held a ball at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. When the idea was started a short time ago, it was but natural that Bro. Berther, who is a member of the lodge, should be the leading spirit in the movement, and it was also certain that under his experienced management it would develop into an unqualified success. An excellent Board of Stewards was formed under the presidency, Bro. Edmund B. Cox, W.M., with Bro. C. H. Radclyffe as Hon. Sec., and, thanks to the excellent arrangements made, the members and their friends—to the number of over 250—spent a most enjoyable time and had the gratification of unanimously pronouncing the ball one of the most successful of the season. The Great Hall was gaily decorated with flags and banners, and the musicians' platform tastefully adorned with flowers and ferns. The brethren, in accordance with a dispensation obtained from H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., appeared in Masonic clothing and jewels, and their regalia, combined with the varied hues of the ladies' dresses, gave the hall a very bright and animated appearance—which can only be compared to a great kaleidoscope. Owing to an unfortunate accident which recently occurred to the W.M., Bro. Cox, he was prevented from participating in the enjoyment provided, but by his geniality and affability he materially contributed to the good feeling which prevailed. Dancing commenced shortly after half-past nine o'clock to the strains of Mr. Pritchard's band, which played an excellent selection of music in an admirable manner, and was continued with great spirit until shortly after midnight. An adjournment was then made to the supper rooms where a repast was served, which fully maintained the reputation the proprietors have so deservedly gained. The wines were the noted brands of Pénet et Fils, G. H. Mumm, and Duminy. Ample justice having been done to the good fare provided, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER briefly proposed "The Queen."

Bro. SHAND, Sec., then said it was his privilege to submit a toast which would be heartily received. It was the usual custom to drink the health of the presiding officer or chairman, and that night they had their W.M., Bro. Cox, in the chair, whose health he now desired to propose. There were many ladies present, and he would like to arouse their curiosity—not, however, that he should tell them any

important secrets. Their W.M. was present under peculiar circumstances. Bro. Cox had been working with energy for the success of their ball, but unfortunately met with an accident of a very serious kind. He was still suffering from the results of that accident, and was with them that evening under very trying conditions. The least they could do was to drink his health and wish him a speedy recovery, for he had concerned himself about every detail in the arrangements for the night, and was so anxious for a successful issue that he had come among them an invalid. Before they rose and drank to the health of Bro. Cox, he wished to add another word. Their W.M. had his wife with him, who had been nursing him in order that he might be present, and, like a good wife, she had succeeded. They would therefore include Mrs. Cox in the toast.

Bro. E. B. Cox, Worshipful Master, thanked the company for the manner in which the toast had been recognised, and also expressed his thanks to the Secretary for his kind words of sympathy in reference to the accident he had received. He sincerely hoped that all present had enjoyed themselves, and trusted that would not be their last lodge ball. He was sure it would not be if they were as well supported in the future as they had been on the present occasion.

"The Ladies and Visitors" was next given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who remarked that it was a pleasing duty to propose that toast, as they could not possibly have a ball without the ladies. If the members had a ball to themselves he did not know who would do the dancing. He would tell those visitors who were not Masons that one of the tenets of the Order was to be happy ourselves and to communicate happiness to others. It was on that principle that they ventured to undertake the ball, and from the smiling faces he saw around him he thought they had succeeded in communicating happiness. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Berther and Mr. Saunders, to respond respectively for the ladies and the visitors.

Bro. BERTHER and Mr. SAUNDERS responded. The former thanked the brethren very sincerely for the courtesy and kindness shown the ladies, who, he had no doubt, would be pleased to go down at once to the ball room to re-commence the dancing.

The suggestion of Bro. Berther was at once acted upon, and dancing was sustained with unabated vigour until a late hour in the morning. The company then separated, expressing themselves in warm terms of commendation at the admirable arrangements made for their comfort, and re-echoing the hope expressed by the W.M. that this would not be the last ball given by the City of Westminster Lodge.

The large company present included Bro. E. B. Cox, W.M., and Mrs. Cox; Bro. Hill, S.W., and Mrs. Hill; Bros. Brunder, J.W.; Shand, P.M., Sec.; Eastgate, P.M.; Bro. and Mrs. Millis; Bros. Neat and Hewitt; Bro. and Mrs. Ferris; Bro. Marks; Bro. and Mrs. Berther; Bros. Clarke, Emanuel, Beach, Piccidillo, and Dennis; Bro. and Mrs. Radclyffe; Bro. Le Clere, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bro. J., Mrs., and Misses Diprose; Bro. and Mrs. T. Diprose; Bro. and Mrs. Coombes; Bro. and Mrs. Morgan; Bro. and Mrs. V. Lerner; Bro. and Mrs. Valeriani; Bro. Kirby, Miss Alice Pritchard, Miss Estelle Tuck, Bro. and Mrs. Jackson; Bro. and Mrs. Lusty; Bro. Madell, Bro. and Mrs. Kelly; Mrs. Pailthorpe, Bro. and Mrs. King; Bro. Hatton, Bro. and Mrs. Duke; Bro. and Mrs. Batchelor; Bro., Mrs., and Miss Land; Bro. and Mrs. Buret; Bro. J. Kay and Mrs. Herman; and many others too numerous to mention.

#### MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

The annual report of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, just published, is of a highly satisfactory nature, showing that the "pet Charity" of the province is doing a work worthy of the highest commendation and most cordial approval. The Honorary Secretaries (Bros. G. Broadbridge and R. Martin, whose zeal and self-sacrificing labours command universal admiration) say in their report for the year:—

"Your Committee, in presenting their report, have again the gratification of announcing another year of continued prosperity and usefulness, with a still increasing interest and regard by the brethren of the province for this favourite Charity. The income from donations and subscriptions for the year 1887 amounted to £1514 19s. 2d.; included in this amount is £125 19s. 2d. paid since the Treasurer's accounts were made up. The annual festival and ball produced £265 11s. 4d. The interest on invested capital and cash in banker's hands yielded £750 11s. 8d. A sum of £41 8s. 6d. was received for returned income tax, and £60 was received from the Court of Chancery on account of one of the boys on the combined fund towards his maintenance, making the total income from all sources £2632 10s. 8d., being the largest sum received in any one year in the history of the Institution, the increase in donations and subscriptions over the previous year being £463 3s. 7d. This large increase is to be attributed to the special efforts made in several lodges to celebrate the Jubilee year of the Patroness of our Order, and for which we express our grateful thanks. You will note with pleasure in the lists a reduced number of lodges with the words "No return" against the names. Still, the number is more than it should be, and we should like the unspeakable pleasure of announcing in the next report that every lodge had sent a list, however small. During the year 183 children received the benefits of the Educational Fund, at an outlay of £1138 0s. 4d. Twenty children were on the combined fund, the fund which provides for the children's maintenance, in addition to clothing and education; the outlay under this head, reckoning the annual value of the presentations to public schools, was £616 8s. 3d., and the sum of £42 10s. was paid for the advancement in life of eight children. The Treasurer's statement shows £1635 8s. 7d. paid on behalf of the children on the foundation, but to this must be added £161 10s., the proportionate annual value of presentations, making the total outlay for 1887 £1799 18s. 7d., being the largest sum yet expended in any one year. The expenses of administration, including the cost of printing and distributing the reports and the purchase of a fireproof deed box, was only £77 9s. 8d.; this, we think you will agree, is a pleasing feature in the accounts. During the year five rights of presentation to public institutions were purchased

at a cost of £1575, and an agreement had been entered into for another, on payment of £350. These rights of presentation secure to the Committee the privilege for 21 years of having a child who is on the combined fund in the respective schools, where they are entirely educated, clothed, and maintained. By this arrangement the cost per child under three of the presentations is £25 per annum, and as to other two only £18 15s. This economic plan enabled your committee during the past year to declare several vacancies on the combined fund, which, but for this scheme, they otherwise could not have done, the amount set apart for the purposes of this particular fund being limited by a special resolution of the Court of Governors to a fixed sum per annum. Fifty-six children were elected on the foundation during the year, being all applicants duly qualified; seven of them being placed on the combined fund. Twenty-six children ceased to be on the foundation. In the majority of cases letters of thanks have been received from the children or friends, acknowledging the favours conferred upon them by the Institution. At the close of the year 203 children remained on the foundation, and during the ensuing year 27 children will have attained the age when they cease to be entitled to the benefits of the Institution; but at the March Court of Governors, 19 children will come up for election on the Educational Fund and one for the combined, so that we may conclude the expenditure for the year 1888 will equal, if not exceed, the large expenditure of the past year. We have had to record during the past year the loss by death of one of our Vice-Presidents, and a larger number than usual of Life-Governors; among the latter was our esteemed brother, Dr. S. J. M'Gorge, who for so many years acted as one of the honorary medical officers. To the donors and subscribers who have so nobly supported the Institution during the past year, and to those brethren particularly who have, by their efforts as Charity Stewards in their respective lodges, contributed in no small degree in obtaining the splendid results disclosed in the printed lists, our warmest thanks are tendered, and we ask, on behalf of the helpless little ones, deprived of the fostering hand of paternal tenderness, a continuance of these efforts and of that fraternal feeling in favour of this Institution. Doing this, we may delight ourselves with the reflection of a venerable patriarch:— 'When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, then it gave witness to me; because I delivered the poor that cried and the fatherless and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.'

From the statement of the Honorary Treasurer (Bro. J. T. Callow), it appears that the total value of the invested funds of the Institution on 31st December last was £203,344 13s. 8d., including five rights of presentation to certain public schools for 21 years.

The final meeting of the Committee of the ball which took place in January in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution has been held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when it was reported that the gross receipts from the ball amounted to £392 15s. 6d., the expenditure to £184 6s. 3d., leaving a balance of £208 9s. 3d. to be paid to the above-named Institution.

The accounts were passed, and the ballot was taken for Life Governorships amongst the Stewards, when the following were elected: Bros. G. Banner, W. E. Coxon, T. J. Jarman, M. Hart, S. Jude, H. H. Smith, J. Kelly, T. Sowden, T. Wood, J. G. Hallwood, and R. H. Leake.

Cordial votes of thanks were given to the executive officers, the services of the Honorary Secretary, Bro. Leake, being especially recognised.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has consented to become President of the London General Committee of the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1889, his lordship having previously received an intimation from our Foreign Office to the effect that his presidency would in no way affect the position taken up by the British Government towards the Exhibition.

It is officially announced that the Queen will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, on Friday next, the 9th inst., and that on Wednesday, the 7th inst., the Prince of Wales will, by the Queen's command, hold a Levée at St. James's Palace, at which presentations to his Royal Highness will be deemed equivalent to presentations to her Majesty.

Mrs. Garfield, widow of the late Bro. President Garfield of the United States, who had been staying for some months at Bournemouth with her son, left last week for New York by a steamer of the North German Line.

The Queen invested his Highness Bro. the Maharajah of Kuch-Bihar with the distinction of a Grand Cross of the Star of India. His Highness was introduced by the Secretary of State for India, and Bro. Sir A. Woods, Registrar of the Order, was in attendance, and carried the insignia of the Order on a cushion.

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

#### The Craft Abroad.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS. The annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held in the Masonic Hall, Boston, on the 27th December, last, the chair being occupied by Bro. Richard M. Field, Dep. G.M., and the attendance of Grand Officers and brethren being very numerous. After the usual preliminaries, the Grand Master elect, Bro. Henry Endicott was duly installed in office, the ceremony being carried out by Bro. William Parkinson, Past G.M. The principle Grand Officers were afterwards installed by Bro. Endicott, who also made the usual appointments, the following being the list of the Grand Officers for the year 1888, namely: Bros. Samuel Wells, Dep. G.M.; James M. Gleason, S.G.W.; Dana J. Flanders, J.G.W.; John Carr, Grand Treasurer; Sarens D. Nickerson, Past G.M. Recording G. Sec.; Benj. A. Gould, L.L.D., Corresponding G. Sec.; Rev. Charles H. Leonard, D.D., and Rev. Fielder Israel, G. Chaps.; George H. Rhodes, G. Marshal, Chas. M. Avery, W. F. Andrews, and Charles S. Robertson, G. Lecturers; Charles H. Norris, S.G.D.; Joseph B. Mason, J.G.D.; and Chas. W. Parmenter, S.G. Stwds; Chas. E. Gifford, H. W. Gore, and F. A. Bradford, J.G. Swards; M. Williams, G.S.B.; Z. L. Bicknell, G. Std. Br.; John G. Thorngood, and F. W. Dallinger, G. Pursuivants; W. H. Gerrish, G. Organist; and Henry G. Parker, Tyler. The brethren adjourned to banquet, and G. Lodge was closed in ample form about 10 p.m.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. FRANCIS BUCKLAND.

On Saturday last, the mortal remains of Bro. Francis Buckland were consigned to the earth at the Cemetery, Kingston-on-Thames. Deceased was initiated in the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, nearly 30 years since, and joined the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, when he took up his abode at Kingston-on-Thames, now 20 years gone. He passed the chair in that lodge, was P.Z. of the chapter affiliated therewith, and received the purple of the province as P.S.G.D. Bro. Buckland became one of the founders of the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638, held at first at Thames Ditton in the summer months, but removed later on to Kingston. In that he also filled the chair, and for several years much of the work both in the Dobie and Brownrigg Lodges was done by him. He was very accurate in the ritual, and his easy address and impressiveness of delivery were remarkable. His last working in lodge was in 1886, when he installed Bro. J. Drewett—whom he introduced into Masonry—in the chair of K.S. in the Brownrigg Lodge, a ceremony which he did with some difficulty, owing to his state of health. His re-appearance in lodge was most gratifying to every member, and when, on his removal to Southsea for his health's sake, he resigned membership, he was elected an honorary member—a compliment he highly valued. Since Christmas last Bro. Buckland had been pretty much confined to his room, and the malady from which he suffered—cellular dropsy—increased to such a degree that his case was hopeless. In his last days he was much cheered by visits from several brethren from Kingston, one of whom was with him till the end came, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at 6 a.m. He was sensible to the last, and often spoke with gratitude of the fraternal bonds which bound him to so many. By Bro. Buckland's wish he was laid to rest at Kingston, and on the day above named the rites of the Church were performed in the presence of a gathering of nearly 70 friends, of whom the greater part by far were known to be Masons by apparel and significant emblem. There was a profusion of flowers on the coffin when borne to the cemetery, but all were then removed, and the only floral device afterwards seen on it was that offered by the Brownrigg Lodge—a beautiful arrangement of white flowers set in acacia, which was placed in position by Bro. Geo. Moorman, W.M. Bro. Buckland was held in high esteem as a Mason and as a professional man. In every act and deed he practised the golden rule, and never forgot to be a gentleman in the fullest meaning of the word.

#### WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.30, Pantomime, PUSS IN BOOTS.  
Morning Performances Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, at 1.30.  
ADELPHI THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8, THE BELLS OF HASLEMERE; at 7.15, Farce.  
ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.30, A SCRAP OF PAPER; at 7.55, OLD CRONIES.  
VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.  
Closed. Re-open shortly with JOSEPH'S SWEETHEART.  
GAIETY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8, FRANKENSTEIN; at 7.15, LOT 49.  
OLYMPIC THEATRE.  
Closed. Re-open Thursday next with CHRISTINA.  
COMEDY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 9, THE ARABIAN NIGHTS; at 8, SUNSET.  
PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.30, DOROTHY; at 7.45, JUBILATION.  
STRAND THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.30, KATTI; at 7.45, THROUGH THE FIRE.  
SAVOY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 9, H.M.S. PINAFORE; at 8, MRS. JARRAMIE'S GENIE.  
TOOLE'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.30, WAITING CONSENT; at 8.15, A RED RAG; at 9.0, DOT.  
ROYALTY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.30, French Plays.  
AVENUE THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.15, THE OLD GUARD; at 7.30, A CUP OF TEA.  
TERRY'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8, A SHOWER OF BLACKS; at 8.45, THE WOMAN HATER.  
SURREY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.30, IN THE RANKS.





**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**—The whole of the pupils of this Institution, accompanied by the head master, the teachers, and several members of the House Committee, were present last week by the invitation of Bro. Augustus Harris, at the 100th performance of "Puss in Boots."

The members of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, announce a Ball, on Tuesday next, in connection with the lodge.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany has graciously consented to distribute the prizes to the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps. The ceremony will take place at the Guildhall on the 17th inst.

The Prefect of Genoa gave a grand banquet on the 23rd ult. to Bro. Admiral Sir William Hewitt, V.C., K.C.B., and the principal officers of the British Channel Squadron, which left the port the day following.

It is understood that Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., will be chairman of the Royal Commission which is to be appointed to investigate the alleged charges of irregularity against the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Bro. Lord and Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox entertained the Duke of Cambridge at dinner at their residence in Pont-street, on Tuesday evening, Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke being among the guests invited to meet his Royal Highness.

Bro. Major-Gen. Sir D. C. Drury-Lowe, K.C.B., presided at the second meeting, on the 23rd ult., of the Aldershot Military Society, when the Rev. E. Warre, D.D., Head Master of Eton, delivered a lecture on "The History of Tactics," and was cordially thanked for his interesting address.

The Queen and Court returned to Windsor Castle from Buckingham Palace on Saturday last, but they will return to town towards the latter end of next week on account of the Drawing Room which is to be held on Friday next.

Bro. Hyde Clarke, Treasurer, presided at the annual meeting, held on Saturday last at the offices of the Society of Arts, Adelphi, of the Newspaper Press Fund. It was announced that Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., H.M.'s Solicitor General, would preside at the next anniversary dinner. On a motion for the adoption of the report, the meeting was adjourned for a month.

Many of the friends of Bro. J. H. Clynds, (one of the Bob Brierley's of the Olympic Theatre) will be sorry to hear that he has lately been suffering from a most severe indisposition. He had complained of not feeling well for some little time past, and on Tuesday, the 14th of February, he felt unable to attend Sir John Gorst's Installation at the Drury Lane Lodge, and telegraphed his apologies, but on the following day his medical advisers found him so seriously ill that they at once ordered his immediate and complete suspension from all business. Bro. Clynds is now, however, on a fair way to recovery, and hopes soon to be at work again.

A lodge of instruction has been formed in connection with the Hendon Lodge, No. 2206. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., the popular W.M. of 2206, P.M. 2048, &c., is the Preceptor; Bro. A. J. Hearn, D.C. 2206, and Fraser, J.W. 2206, are respectively Treasurer and Secretary; and Bro. E. W. Wheeler, Org. 2206, has kindly consented to undertake the same duties in the lodge of instruction; he will be assisted in the vocal parts by Bros. F. Hearne, Hudson, Dobbs, and Easun. The lodge meets at 8 15 o'clock on Wednesday evenings at the lodge room, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon (train from St. Pancras at 7.20 p.m.). A Charity Association has been formed in connection with the lodge of instruction, and is, we are happy to say, making rapid progress. Brethren are cordially invited to pay this lodge a visit.

**ACACIA LODGE, No. 1309.**—The audit meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the offices of the Treasurer, Bro. John Proffitt, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M., &c. The audit passed off satisfactorily; there being good balances in hands of the lodge and benevolent funds. The auditors afterwards dined at the Holborn Restaurant to the number of 13, amongst whom were Bros. Harding, W.M.; Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; C. L. Smiles, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M.; R. P. Tebb, P.P.S.G.W. Middx., P.M.; J. Davies, P.M., Sec.; J. Proffitt, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M.; T. Noton, P.M.; and Dr. Surney, P.M., and others. The installation meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd, at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, Middlesex.

Bro. "Ariel" writes to the *Norwich Argus*: Freemasonry, from various causes, does not flourish in this district. Trade is extremely bad, and farming, on which it mainly depends, is simply in a ruinous state, and we cannot hope for things like West York and Lancashire; but surely, with H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. of England in our midst, something could be done by provincial rulers to fan more life into the ancient Order hereabouts. Norfolk, I regret to learn, is about to lose its G.S., an officer whose duties, from apathy in other quarters, are peculiarly arduous, and the R.W.P.G.M., Lord Suffield, will find a difficulty in replacing Bro. J. B. Aldis. I have watched his career during the five years he has held the appointment, and all brethren, from the early initiate to the veteran of 33, will agree that he was made for the position. Bro. Aldis announced his retirement at the last meeting of the Perseverance Lodge, where, under the gavel of Bro. Jas. Hyde, W.M., some excellent working took place, and a most enjoyable evening afterwards passed at the social board. A ball, to follow that organised by Bro. Bond for the 14th inst., was also mooted, and in the hands of such men as Bros. George Baxter, P.P.S.G.W., and A. King, P.P.G. Stwd., our lady friends may depend on getting a modicum of saltatorial pleasure from Freemasonry if they cannot peep into its mysteries, and this, I feel sure, must be more to their taste.

Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, has succeeded the Earl of Waldegrave as Lord-in-Waiting to the Queen.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough has forwarded a second subscription of £100 to the Clergy Distress Fund.

The annual meeting of the Albert Hall Corporation was held on Monday afternoon, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, among others, being present. The report for the past year was submitted and adopted.

Prince George of Wales left Malta per P. and O. steamer Sulej for London, on Monday, in order to be present at the silver wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Mercers' Company have voted a sum of 100 guineas towards the erection of workshops in connection with Bro. the Rev. Dr. Stainer's Homes for Deaf and Dumb Children in the Pentonville-road.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, has consented to preside at the 57th anniversary dinner of the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall-yard, which will take place this day (Friday).

Bro. Lord Herschell presided at a meeting, held at the Board of Trade on Saturday last, of the Committee appointed to consider the working of the Trade Marks and Designs portions of the Patents, &c., Act of 1883, with a view to the consideration of their final report.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Lord Maghera-morne, who was taken suddenly ill on the 24th ult., with a severe chill, was better the following day, and that the medical report as to his lordship's condition has since been favourable.

The Prince of Wales, after visiting the Crown Prince of Germany at San Remo, returned to Cannes. On his return homewards his Royal Highness made a brief visit to Bro. Sir Frederick Johnstone, Bart., at Monte Carlo, and was expected to arrive in London either the 1st or 2nd instant.

As the State carriage of Bro. the Lord Mayor was entering the courtyard of the Central Criminal Court at the Old Bailey, on Monday, one of the springs snapped, and the body of the vehicle was suddenly thrown on one side, to the discomfort of his lordship. Fortunately, no harm was done.

Bro. the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe (Lord Steward) and Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., had the honour of being included in the Royal dinner party at Windsor Castle, on Monday. Previous to dinner, the latter was introduced and kissed hands on appointment as H.M.'s Minister at the Court of Teheran.

The second Annual Ball of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321, was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday evening, the 23rd ult. Great praise was due to the Committee for their exertions to make the ball a success. Nearly 200 ladies and gentlemen attended. Dancing commenced at 9 p.m. to the strains of Busby's band, and kept up with great spirit to 4 a.m., with the exception of the interval for supper. The supper programme was very ably carried out under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. R. Bayell, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. Englefield, I.P.M.; Forrest, P.M.; Hunter, P.M.; Kirkaldy, P.M.; Esling, S.W.; Price, J.W.; Potter, S.D.; Kent, I.G.; also Bros. Matthews and Mulford, the last named being the indefatigable M.C. At the conclusion of the supper the W.M. gave one or two appropriate toasts and the company returned to the ball-room to finish their enjoyment.

The danger of railway ventilators was exemplified in a case heard on Thursday in the Clerkenwell Police-court. A cab horse bolted in Euston-road, and came into collision with a pony and trap. The pony was so much injured that it had to be shot, and the owner sued the cab company for damages, but as it was shown that the cab-horse had been frightened into bolting by an outburst of smoke and steam from a railway ventilator, a verdict was given for the defendants. The judge said he was surprised when he saw it argued in the House of Lords that these "blowholes" were in no way dangerous. His own opinion on the subject was such that he invariably cautioned his friends who had to drive past these railway ventilators.

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. G. P. BERTINI.**—At the meeting of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, on the 23rd ult., and which is held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, every Thursday evening, Bro. G. P. Bertini was presented with an illuminated vote of thanks in a frame of oak and gold, from the members of the lodge of instruction. The vote of thanks was an extract from the minutes of the 12th January, viz.: "It was proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, that a cordial vote of thanks be given to Bro. G. P. Bertini, manager of the Criterion, Piccadilly, for the great kindness and courtesy he has always shewn towards the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge for several years past. That Bro. G. Reynolds, the Secretary, be ordered to enter the vote on the minutes, and that he be requested to communicate the result to Bro. G. P. Bertini, with the hearty and fraternal greetings of the lodge. The proposition was seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, and carried unanimously." The Secretary, with a few appropriate words, handed the testimonial to Bro. G. P. Bertini, saying that he hoped that he would be spared many years, and when looking at the little present it would remind him that he had all the good wishes of the brethren, for his health and prosperity. Bro. G. P. Bertini, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, thanked the brethren for their kindness and thoughtfulness, and said he should always prize the gift, not only for the taste displayed in the illumination of the words, but also for their kind expressions therein. It was the first he had ever received.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza, the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the engorged air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of escaping from suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which the health of so many is seriously and permanently injured in most countries.—Adv't.

The date of the Festival of the Girls' School has not been finally settled, but it will be announced as early as possible.

Bro. Renals, the newly-elected Alderman for the Ward of Aldersgate, was entertained at a complimentary dinner at the Hotel Metropole, on Thursday, the 23rd ult.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington presided at a meeting on Wednesday, in the Conference Room of the House of Commons, of the Executive of the National Association for the promotion of Technical Education.

Lady Watkin, wife of Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., has forwarded a cheque for £100 to the Mayor of Hythe for distribution among the poor of that borough.

Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., presided at a meeting on Wednesday of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the Civil Service Establishments.

Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Wolseley and Bro. Sir Michael and Lady Hicks-Beach arrived at Windsor Castle on Wednesday, and had the honour of dining with the Queen and Royal Family.

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

The Trinity Corporation have just entered into a contract with Sir W. A. Rose and Co., of Upper Thames-street and Bankside, for the supply of colza oil for use in English Lighthouses during the present year.—*Public Ledger.*

Bro. John Larkin presided at the 53rd Annual Festival of the Fishmongers and Poulterers' Benevolent Institution at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday. There was a numerous company, and subscriptions were announced amounting to over £600, the Chairman heading the list with £100.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by her daughters the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, honoured Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom at dinner on Tuesday evening at the Royal House, Olympia, Kensington, and afterwards witnessed the Paris Hippodrome performance.

A Committee has been formed of local brethren, meeting at a lodge of instruction, held under the authority of the Hervey Lodge, No. 1692, for the purpose of arranging a banquet for Freemasons, to celebrate the Silver Wedding of his Royal Highness the Grand Master, to be held at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley, on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 7 o'clock precisely. The Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst, has been asked to preside.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting at the Mansion House, on Tuesday, of the Mansion House Committee of the Police Convalescent Fund, and Metropolitan and City Police Testimonial, when it was decided to hand over the amount collected to the Commissioners of Police for the maintenance of the Convalescent Home at Dover, which has been presented as a free gift to the said Commissioners, which will be under the same management as the Police Orphanage.

Bro. Lord Wantage presided at the general meeting, held at the Royal United Service Institution on Tuesday, of the National Rifle Association. There was a large attendance, and it was announced that the annual meeting of the Association at Wimbledon, as far as present appearances went, would no longer take place there. The Duke of Cambridge subsequently arrived and occupied the chair, which was vacated by Bro. Lord Wantage. The annual report was adopted, and his Royal Highness was unanimously re-elected President of the Association.

Count Herbert Bismarck, on arriving in Dublin, on Wednesday, was met at Westland-row Station by the Lord Lieutenant, whose guest he will be during his sojourn. In the afternoon, Count Bismarck, accompanied by Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, visited the Masonic Female Orphan School, where the children, numbering upwards of 60, sang "God save the Queen," and cheers were given for the Emperor of Germany. The Count expressed his gratification with the appearance and admirable discipline of the children, and, having signed his name in the visitors' book, promised to mention to the Emperor of Germany the greeting with which his Imperial Majesty's name was received. On Wednesday night Count Bismarck was present at the Drawing Room held by Lord and Lady Londonderry.

**CHURCH EMIGRATION SOCIETY** (9, Victoria Chambers, Westminster).—The protected party of Single Girls—for whom employment has been provided in Australia by the Society's correspondents, to which they are sent out under care of a Matron—assembled on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Emigrants' Home, Blackwall, where excellent arrangements had been made for their reception. A service was held after tea, and an impressive address delivered by the Hon. Secretary of the Society, Bro. Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, who, with the Secretary, Bro. Major C. A. Cooper, superintended the embarkation of the party the following morning on board the steamship Orient, at Tilbury, and proceeded with them as far as Plymouth. The Orient Company has met the Society in a most liberal manner, giving them the exclusive use of the deck-house (the best part of the ship, so cool for the Red Sea and Tropics). A great and welcome addition to the enjoyment of the voyage has been, in the kindest spirit, made by Bro. G. C. Finnis (of the eminent house of Finnis, Fisher, and Co., Billiter-avenue), who sent on board a separate box of luxuries for each member of the party, his thoughtfulness extending from preserves and condensed milk to eau de cologne. There were also at Blackwall and on board to see that every detail had been attended to Miss C. E. Denison, the indefatigable Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' Committee and Miss Cooper, Assistant Secretary, besides Mrs. General Lester, Miss Stuart, and other members of the Council and different Committees. Bro. Major Cooper earnestly appeals for subscriptions to assist in enlarging the field of the Society's operations, and will be happy to give information to intending emigrants.



## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, March 10, 1888.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

## 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.

## 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, MARCH 5.

Grand Conclave, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, at 5.  
Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.  
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.  
" 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.  
" 256, Union, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park.  
Chap. 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.  
" 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., Kensington.  
Mark 5, Mallet and Chisel, 8A, Red Lion-square.  
" 139, Panmure, 8A, Red Lion-square.  
Rose Croix 107, Shadwell Clerke, 8A, Red Lion-square.  
Red Cross Premier Conclave, 16A, Great Queen-st., W.C., 4.30.  
" 148, Invicta, King William IV., Greenwich.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.  
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.  
Hammersmith, The Baths, Blacks-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.  
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W., 7.  
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.  
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., 8.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.  
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.  
St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. [E.C., 7.  
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, 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.  
D. M. Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 6.

Colonial Board at 4.  
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.  
" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle.  
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.  
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.  
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel.  
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-road.  
" 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-street, Regent-street.  
" 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, Woolwich.  
" 1662, Beaconsfield Chequers, Walthamstow.  
" 1693, Kingsland, Railway Hot., Highbury.  
" 2032, Richmond, Station Hot., Richmond.  
" 2150, Tivoli, Tivoli Restaurant, Strand.  
" 2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.  
Chap. 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton 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.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-st., Cheapside, at 7.  
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hot., Croydon, at 7.45.  
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
Emulation, Bull Hot., Dartford, 8.30.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.

Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, 8.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
Mount Edgumbe, 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, MARCH 7.

GRAND LODGE, at 7.  
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney.  
" 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel.  
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.  
" 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tavern.

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Burgoynne, 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.  
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.  
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 Face 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-sp., at 8.  
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.  
" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle.  
" 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.  
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern.  
" 800, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.  
" 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.  
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.  
" 1457, Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton.  
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
" 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.  
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.  
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road.  
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Face Stag, East Finchley.  
" 1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1981, Arnold, Bell Hotel, East Molesey.  
" 1987, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 2000, Earl of Mornington, 8A, Red Lion-square.  
" 2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.  
" 2168, Derby Alcroft, Athenæum, Camden-road.  
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.

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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.  
Creation, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.  
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., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.30.

Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.  
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.  
North London Chapter, Northampton House, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 9.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle.  
" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.  
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.  
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.  
" 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.  
" 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern.  
" 2000, Earl of Mornington, 8A, Red Lion-square.  
" 2157, St. Mark's College, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.  
Mark 144, Grosvenor, Café Royal, Regent-street.  
" 198, Croydon, 105, High-street, Croydon.  
K.T. D., Mount Calvary, Inns of Court Hotel.

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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.  
Royal Savoy, Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 10.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.  
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.  
" 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.  
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane.  
" 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
" 2029, King Solomon, 8A, Red Lion-square.  
Chap. 1423, Era, The Albany, Twickenham.  
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane.

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