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A SPECIAL Court of Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday), at 5 p.m., when a serious attempt will be made to reverse the decision of the General Committee at their meeting on the 3rd instant when they refused to sanction any further inquiry into the case of the boy WILLIAM GIDEON MOTION. We earnestly hope, therefore, that all Governors who can spare time will make a point of attending, even at the sacrifice of their own convenience, and giving their loyal support to the House and General Committees in their dutiful endeavours to carry on, as they have done heretofore, the government of the Institution in a manner calculated to promote its interests and redound to its credit, as well as to that of the general body of English Freemasons.

WE gather from the voting papers just issued for the Spring Election of children into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls that the number of candidates is 42, while the number of vacancies to be filled is 11. This is a substantial increase as compared with the last October election when there was a list of 29 candidates and 16 vacancies. The increase, however, is not surprising when we call to mind that, to mark the year of the QUEEN'S Jubilee, the Quarterly Court in April, 1887, determined on placing all the candidates in the School. As regards the list for election on the 14th April prox., an examination into its details will show that 13 of the children hail from London and 29 from the Provinces or Foreign parts. Devonshire and Kent send three each, and Cumberland and Westmoreland and the Eastern Division of Lancashire two each, while Berks and Bucks, Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Dorsetshire, Essex, Hants and Isle of Wight, Nottinghamshire, Somersetshire, Suffolk, Warwickshire, West Yorkshire, Jersey, and Victoria send each one. As regards the remaining six children, the interest in their candidature is shared between two Provinces, a Province and district abroad, or London and a Province. Two of the children have actually, and a third virtually, lost both parents, and there are three who have both parents living, though in the case of the child CAMPBELL, standing ninth on the list, her father is described as insane; the other 36 are fatherless. In respect of ten of the children, the fathers in their fortunate days gave of their means towards the support of one or more of our Institutions, while in a large majority of instances they had been subscribing members of one or more lodges for upwards of ten years. Two of the candidates—namely, KATE LILIAN BONING, No. 13 on the list, who obtained 487 votes last October, and MELINDA A. MARIE—have only this one chance of success, as they will attain the age of 11 years in the course of a few months, and will, consequently, be disqualified after this trial. But we have noticed with considerable pleasure that as a rule the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution somehow contrive to secure the election of children who are thus circumstanced, so that, though it is impossible for the friends and supporters of candidates who do not succeed at once to avoid a feeling of disappointment when they find their election delayed, they have fair grounds for believing that the mere delay of their hopes will never amount to absolute rejection. Of the 13 children who were candidates for the first time in October last, both LILY MARTIN, who stands No. 11, and MAUD M. FREEMAN, No. 3, have already 1619 votes and 1605 votes respectively to their credit, so that if their friends bestir themselves there should be no difficulty about securing their election this time. No. 2, RUBY R. WEBSTER, also stands well with 844 votes to the good, while the remainder of the 13 have votes ranging from 106, in the case of the girl CAMPBELL, No. 9, to 487 brought forward by BONING. However, only about one in

four can be elected on this occasion, and the contest, therefore, will be a keen one; but so long as the two children, who will be disqualified after this trial, are among the successful, the result in all other respects may be said to be of personal and private, rather than of general interest. Only let the fortunate ones do their duty when they have been admitted into the Institution and in their after career, and none of us will ever have cause to regret that they have been successful.

THE Spring Election of children into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place on Monday, the 16th April proximo—not, as has been erroneously announced in

some quarters, on Friday, the 27th April—when 15 boys will be chosen by ballot from an approved list of 65, of whom 38 have been candidates at one or more previous elections, and the remaining 27 are new cases. Of the former, the boy JOSEPH WOOD has already made five attempts, and in the course of his trials has accumulated the respectable total of 928 votes, while No. 2 has stood four ballots and brings forward 752 votes to this election. Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, have had three trials, but only the boy GREEN (No. 4) can have received much in the way of support. Nos. 7—13, both inclusive, were on the list at both elections in 1887, CABLE, at No. 7, having to his credit 2089 votes, LE GROS, at No. 10, 1680 votes, and BALL, at No. 11, 1417 votes; and the remaining 25, from No. 14 to No. 38, both inclusive, stood the election in October last, the result in several cases being very satisfactory, GALLOTT (No. 14) having 1467 votes to his credit for the coming trial, STAFF (No. 15), 877 votes, CHEEK (No. 19), 2129 votes, DAVEY (No. 25), 1622 votes, BROWN (No. 27), 1914 votes, MOSSOP (No. 29), 2145 votes, and CHINNECK (No. 32), 912 votes. As regards the distribution of the candidates, 18 of them hail from London, 36 from Provinces or districts abroad, and 11 are from two or more Provinces or districts, or are partly of London and partly of provincial origin. Of the 36 provincial, West Yorkshire furnishes 4, Norfolk 3, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Durham, Essex, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Kent, Somersetshire, and Jersey, 2 each, and Cornwall, Devon, Gloucestershire, Lancashire East, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Northants and Hunts, Oxfordshire, South Wales (East Div.), Staffordshire, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Cape of Good Hope, and King William's Town, one each. Five of the children have lost both parents, and eight have both parents living, while 50 are fatherless, and two motherless. In the case of several of the children, the father attained high rank in lodge or province, while in 20 cases he contributed towards or acted as Steward for one or more of our Charitable Institutions. Two boys, CROMPTON (No. 33) and WAKEFIELD (No. 37), will have their names removed from the list under the operation of Law 53, should they fail to obtain election at this ballot, and as the claims of both to be received as candidates have been recognised, we trust those Governors whose votes are not already pledged will lend them a helping hand, so that their disappointment at the failure of their hopes in October last may not be converted into loss of all hope. We remark also that four of the boys—Nos. 44, 48, 56, and 62—have sisters in the Girls' School, but in all other respects, save that, as there is a formidable list of 65 applicants—of whom only 15 can be elected—the contest must be a very keen one, the voting papers exhibit no special features of interest to the general body of electors. As in the case of the Girls' School election, we must hope that the successful children will so conduct themselves in the School and in after life as to reflect credit on the Institution and the Governors and subscribers by whose votes they may be elected.

LAST week we gave a list of the children of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls who were candidates at the Cambridge Middle Class Examination and that of the College of Preceptors in December last, and though the result is not as brilliant as it was in 1886, it is nevertheless one on which we may venture to congratulate the Committees and Miss DAVIS and her able staff of assistants. Of the 18 girls who were candidates at the former examination, 15 satisfied the examiners, while of the 31 who entered for the latter, only three failed in passing the ordeal. Last year several were awarded honours as well, but it cannot be expected that all candidates shall be equally successful. We know that the girls and their instructors have done all in their power to

deserve success, and they have, in the great majority of cases, achieved it, though to a less conspicuous degree than at the examinations immediately preceding. Let us hope that next year there will be a return of that better fortune which has generally attended the candidates from our Girls' Institution at these examinations.

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It is difficult as yet to realise the full extent of the loss which the late Bro. Edgar Bowyer, English Freemasonry has sustained by the death, on Friday, the 16th instant, of Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, Past G. Std. Bearer. The sad event has come upon us so unexpectedly that we can hardly bring ourselves to understand that we shall never again exchange the customary greetings with one whose presence in our midst had become so familiar, and who was so earnest and thorough in the performance of every Masonic duty that was required of him or which fortune placed in his way. Bro. EDGAR BOWYER was indeed a solid and substantial pillar of our State, which it will be difficult to replace. In the work of lodge and chapter, at the meetings of the various Committees of our Institutions, and last, but not least, at the social board, when men lay themselves out to please and be pleased, Bro. BOWYER was equally at home and his presence equally welcome. Our Boys and Girls will miss his kindly face, our Old Folk at Croydon in particular will mourn his loss, for he was one of their kindest and firmest friends, and never missed the opportunity of doing all in his power to make them happy. Such brethren as these, who place their means and abilities at the disposal of the Craft, are, happily, not rare amongst us, but they are by no means numerous, and when one is taken away it is not easy to find another who shall worthily occupy his vacant seat. But if we cannot greet him as we did but yesterday, we can and shall always revere his memory as that of a brother who was always planning something for the good of Masonry, and never spared himself when he saw a chance of doing others a kindness. May the G.A.O.T.U. sustain his widow and children in the midst of their terrible bereavement!

CONSECRATION OF THE CYCLIST LODGE, No. 2246.

The roll of lodges in the Province of Surrey was increased on Saturday, the 10th inst., by the consecration of the Cyclist Lodge, No. 2246, at its future home, the Castle Hotel, East Molesey. Among the petitioners were several Masons well known for the excellent services they have rendered to the Craft, and, this being the case, it was but natural that the inaugural meeting should be characterised by a success which augurs well for the new lodge. The founders exercised a wise discretion in selecting Bro. E. C. Mulvey to preside over them as their first W.M., he being well known for his energetic action in connection with Metropolitan Masonry. Bro. Mulvey is S.W. 179, J.W. 788, S.W. 2202, a member of the Rose Croix, and also belongs to the recently constituted Horatio Shirley Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor. The consecration ceremony was performed by Bro. Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., Prov. G.M., who was assisted by Bros. Charles Belton, Vice-President of Board of General Purposes, as S.W.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas. (one of the founders), as J.W.; Rev. G. P. Merrick, P.P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Fred. West, Dep. Prov. G.M.; and Charles Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec. Bro. W. H. Dean, P.P.S.G.D. Dorset, officiated as D.C.; and Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Sec. 1642, kindly acted as I.G.

The founders present were Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M. designate; H. Holmes, Prov. Asst. G. Sec. Herts, S.W. designate; W. J. Mason, J.W. designate; Dr. N. Goodchild, Charles Sheppard, G. R. Wickens, P.M.; J. K. R. Cama, F. J. Holden, C. H. O. Walker, H. Gardner, C. A. Itter, T. Clark, P.M.; and H. F. Bangs.

The visitors present included—

Bros. E. C. Greenwood, P.P.G. Stwd.; A. Greenwood, Sec. 410; W. H. Dean, P.M. 417, 1900, P.P.S.G.D. Dorset; M. H. Embley, 2002; W. F. Mulvey, P.M. 1220; P. B. Jeejeebhoy, 1189; Jas. Kew, P.M. 179; E. J. Gittins, J.W. 179; Geo. Davis, P.M. 167 and 1642; W. Thomas, W.M. 2045; T. Casely, S.W. 1693; F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656; Geo. English, 991; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; F. C. Frye, P.M. 1642; A. Clark, S.W. 2191, P.M. 1227; M. J. R. Dundas, 1361; H. H. Shirley, 1491; M. Clark, 28; M. Christian, P.M. 860; S. J. Parkhouse, P.M. and Sec. 1642; George Gregory, P.M. 1538, P.P.G.S. Middx.; R. Trume, 1642; J. Mayo, E. W. Scattergood, W.M. 753; G. Moorman, S.W. 1981; H. J. Shelley, J.W. 1981; F. C. Wake, W.M. 1981, P.M. 185; A. H. Bowers, J.D. 1638; R. H. Hatton, 1642; W. Tomson, 1524; J. Kift, 1791; R. F. Potter, P.M. 749; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Middx.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., Treas. 1512, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; T. Moreton, P.M. 410, Prov. S.G.D.; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the Prov. G.M. intimated to the brethren the purpose for which they had assembled, and called on the CHAPLAIN, who offered prayer. The Petition and Warrant were then read by the Prov. G. Sec., and the founders, having been arranged in order, signified their approval in Masonic form of the officers named in the warrant.

Bro. Rev. G. P. MERRICK, P.P.G. Chap., then delivered an excellent oration. Taking the title of the lodge as the foundation for his remarks, Bro. Merrick drew the attention of the brethren to the special Masonic significations of a "Cycle," and the lessons to be deduced therefrom. His remarks, which were listened to intently by all present, were subsequently heartily commended for their eloquence and application.

The ceremony was then resumed, and the new lodge solemnly consecrated according to ancient form.

The Prov. G.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Fred. West, Dep. Prov. G.M., who installed Bro. E. C. Mulvey into the chair of K.S. as the first W. Master.

Bro. Dr. N. Goodchild having been unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Rowland Sheppard elected Tyler, the officers were invested as follows: Bros. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; H. Holmes, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; Rev. G. P. Merrick, Chap.; C. Sheppard, Sec.; C. A. Itter, S.D.; T. Clark, J.D.; H. F. Bangs, I.G.; C. R. Wickens and O. Enderlein, Stwds.; H. Gardner, D.C.; C. H. O. Walker, A.D.C.; J. K. R. Cama, Org.; and W. Brewer, Asst. Org.

The usual addresses were then delivered by the INSTALLING MASTER, Bro. West, after which a Committee was appointed to frame the by-laws, and several propositions for initiation and joining were received.

The W. MASTER said he had a pleasing duty to perform in asking the Prov. G. Master to accept a founders' jewel of the lodge. If Bro. Gen. Brownrigg would honour the members by wearing it, they would be proud of the distinction.

The PROV. G. MASTER said he accepted the jewel with pleasure, and thanked them for the compliment paid him. He should always value it, and hoped to wear it in the Cyclist Lodge on many occasions in the future. There was one word he wished to add, and that was with regard to the clothing of the brethren. He wished them to remember that at day meetings over which he presided he should always attend in morning dress.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said that another pleasing duty was to propose that the Consecrating Officers should be elected honorary members, and he was sure that the excellent manner in which the ceremony had been performed had been a treat for the brethren to witness.

This proposition having been seconded by Bro. MASON, J.W., was carried unanimously. The PROV. GRAND MASTER briefly returned thanks. A similar honour was, on the motion of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, conferred upon Bros. W. H. Dean and S. H. Parkhouse, who officiated respectively as D.C. and I.G.

Letters of regret having been read from the Grand Secretary, Bro. Jas. Terry, and others, and all business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet served under the superintendence of the host, Bro. Mayo, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with the customary heartiness.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said the first toast he had to propose was "The Queen and the Craft." All Masons were loyal subjects, and received that toast with the utmost enthusiasm, and the present occasion would be no exception to the rule.

In giving "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. remarked that, as the brethren were aware, his Royal Highness was celebrating his Silver Wedding that day, and they would therefore receive the toast with more enthusiasm than usual.

"The Grand Officers" was next given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who observed that those brethren who had the pleasure of attending Grand Lodge had heard the admirable manner in which those distinguished officers performed their work. There were present that day Bros. Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M.; F. West, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Belton, Vice-President Board of General Purposes; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; and R. H. Thrupp, Dep. Prov. G.M. Middx. He regretted that the three first named brethren had been unable to remain with them, but he should couple with the toast the names of Bros. Cama and Thrupp.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, P.A.G.D.C., in reply, said there was one trait in the Grand Officers, and that was modesty. The brethren would see it exemplified in the lodge that evening by Bro. Cama, the P.G. Treasurer, upon whose shoulders the response should fall. He (Bro. Thrupp) was but the lamb that should lie in the lion's stomach. However, as Bro. Cama had desired him to reply, and as he had, ever since his connection with Masonry, always been told that obedience was the first law, he would endeavour to respond to the toast which had been so well and ably proposed by the W.M. and so heartily received by the brethren. The Grand Officers had a great duty to perform, both with regard to the Craft and themselves. They endeavoured to the best of their ability to discharge their duty by promoting the interests of the brethren and the prosperity of the Craft, and by preserving the ancient landmarks of the Order. He was convinced that if the brethren looked round upon the Grand Officers they would find that, as a body, and in their individual capacity, they were doing their best to discharge their duties, and he was sure that the kind acknowledgments they invariably received, showed that the brethren appreciated the duties they perform and the manner in which they are performed. The Grand Officers were only too pleased when they merited the approbation of the brethren. On behalf of that body he thanked them very much for the kind way in which the toast of their health had been received that evening. There was one word he should like to add. Most of the brethren present were aware that his province was only the other side of the water. Some might say that seeing a consecration of a prosperous lodge within 50 yards of Middlesex he might feel jealous. In Middlesex they had good lodges meeting in the Mitre Hotel, and they therefore feared no rivalry in Surrey. He was convinced that the Surrey brethren were trying to carry out the true principles of the Order, and if the Middlesex brethren could help them in any way they would only be too proud to render assistance. In conclusion, he thanked them for the kind reception accorded him.

Bro. D. P. CAMA, P.G. Treasurer, also replied, and said that in his country and religion he was taught to honour him to whom honour was due. Whenever he met Bro. Thrupp his conscience would not permit him to return thanks for the Grand Officers, for that brother was one of the first brethren who brought him to his present position. That being the case, although the Englishmen were his conquerors, he would be the last man to fail to give honour where honour was due. He thanked them for the high office he held, and for the kindness he had received from the friends he saw around him. The founders of the Cyclist Lodge had been kind enough to give him the position of I.P.M., for which he thanked them, and he assured them that while his body and soul kept company he would endeavour to promote the prestige of the lodge.

In proposing "The Prov. Grand Master and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said they had seen their Prov. Grand Master that day, and had seen how well he had conducted the ceremony of consecration. Those who had had an opportunity of seeing the quality of the Prov. Grand Officers had been pleased with the result. He would ask the brethren to heartily drink the toast, including with it the names of Bros. the Rev. G. P. Merrick and Charles Greenwood.

Bro. Rev. G. P. MERRICK, P.P.G. Chap., said he had been quite taken back by being coupled with the toast of the Grand Officers of the province. The first thing he wished to say was that he appreciated the honour paid him by electing him as their Chaplain. If at any future time the W.M.

should require his assistance, it would afford him great pleasure to obey any commands he might receive from the chair. As far as his presence that evening was concerned, he assured them it was quite unexpected on his part, and found him rather unprepared. He believed that some other brother should have occupied his position, and therefore he had been pleased to help them in the time of need. If he had rendered them any service, and if he had afforded them anything like instruction, he had been fully honoured in the choice that had fallen upon him. If he were lengthy in his remarks, and seeing the exceptional circumstances under which he had come among them, he would appear not to have appreciated their kindness. He should always remember their kindness, and hoped they accepted him as one who was inclined to render them a service.

Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD, Prov. G. Secretary, also responded, and said he considered it rather too bad of Bro. Merrick to reply for himself and not include the other Prov. G. Officers. He was quite sure, however, that it was an oversight, and no doubt if they gave Bro. Merrick another opportunity he would do justice to the toast. Under these circumstances it had fallen upon his shoulders to respond for the Prov. G. Officers. Bro. Thrupp had said that one of the peculiar traits in the Grand Officers was modesty, and he (Bro. Greenwood) ventured to think that no brother present would cavil at his statement when he said that one of his peculiar traits was modesty too. He was but a Prov. G. Officer, and in trying to follow in the footsteps of the Grand Officers he was imbued with one idea, and with a sense of modesty he was now addressing the brethren. The Prov. G. Master and other distinguished Prov. G. Officers had been present, but they had all faded away like a beautiful dream, and he was left like the last rose of summer. The brethren would pardon him if he failed in the duty which the absence of those Prov. G. Officers imposed upon him. The officers of Prov. G. Lodge endeavoured to satisfactorily carry out the various duties thrust upon them, and he was sure they were all ready to do anything they were called upon to do. They were chosen from the cream of the Past Masters in the province, and as the province increased, as it had lately very largely done, there was of course a larger ground for selection, but the number of Prov. G. Officers did not increase in the same proportion. There were fewer offices in the Prov. G. Lodge than there were lodges in the province, and it therefore became very difficult to pick the best brethren for provincial honours. He thought, however, that the Prov. G. Master made selections which gave satisfaction to the brethren generally. He was glad to see the province had made such good progress. He was a young Mason, but in 12 years he had been present at 15 consecrations, and they now numbered 34 lodges, which was a good increase on the number in existence when he joined the province. If they went on increasing they would reach the magnitude of their sister province—Middlesex. Bro. Thrupp, the Dep. Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, had spoken of rivalry, but there was nothing in Masonry to which that word could be applied. Surrey tried to emulate, not to rival, Middlesex. They felt no heartburns if the sister province surpassed them in numbers or in work. They extended to every brother in that province the right hand of fellowship, and were only too glad to welcome them, and more especially to have with them, as they had that evening, the Dep. Prov. G.M. of Middlesex. So far as he (Bro. Greenwood) was concerned, he had always received the heartiest welcome in Middlesex, where, as in Surrey, they were working for the mutual benefit of the Craft. The Prov. G. Officers of Surrey welcomed the birth of the Cyclist Lodge, and they felt sure that it would progress and be an ornament to the Craft generally, and to the province in particular. The new lodge was fathered by several eminent Masons, including Bro. Cama, whose name in Charity and in Masonry was a word to revere and respect. The W. Master was a Mason than whom none could be more zealous, and the other founders were men who had done, and would continue to do, good suit and service to the Craft. The Cyclist Lodge was an accession to Masonry of which, as a province, they were proud. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been given and received.

Bro. THRUPP, D.P.G.M. Middx., said he had a toast to propose which they might fairly say was the toast of the evening. It was "The Health of the W.M." He had not had the privilege of knowing Bro. Mulvey, W. Master, very long, but what he had seen of that brother had convinced him that he was an earnest, zealous Mason, who had the tenets and principles at heart, and who was willing to promulgate them to the utmost of his power. He considered the founders had made a good choice in selecting Bro. Mulvey as their first W.M., and he would impress upon them the fact that to attain the success they desired they must give him their loyal and hearty support. He was speaking as an old Mason and as an old D.P.G. Master when he said that if a W.M. did not get the support of the officers and brethren, the lodge would not succeed. He felt convinced that the brethren of the Cyclist Lodge were disposed to give the W.M. that support which was necessary, and which he deserved. He asked the brethren to join with him in drinking the health of Bro. Mulvey, W.M., and, in his person, success to the Cyclist Lodge.

Bro. E. C. MULVEY, W.M., sincerely thanked Bro. Thrupp and the brethren for the kindness with which the toast had been proposed and received. The founders had that evening conferred an honour upon him for which he had been striving four years. During his short connection with Masonry he had worked hard, and had endeavoured to attain the position which, by their favour, he had reached that evening. It was his privilege to belong to four lodges, in three of which he was a Warden. He tendered his hearty thanks for the kind manner in which he had been received, and for the support extended to him.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. thanked those brethren who had attended that evening to support him. The founders had been pleased to see them present, and extended to them a fraternal welcome, at the same time expressing a wish that their visit would be repeated. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Greenwood, Sec. Grove Lodge; Dean, P.P.G.D. Dorset; Mulvey, Jeejeebhoy, and Shirley.

Bro. GREENWOOD, Sec. 410, on behalf of the visitors, returned thanks for the kind and cordial reception they had received. The ceremonies had afforded considerable instruction to the young Masons, who wished the W. Master a prosperous year of office and the lodge every success.

Bro. DEAN, P.P.G.D. Dorset, replied, and expressed the gratification it had afforded him to be present and to assist in the work as Director of Ceremonies.

Bros. MULVEY, JEEJEEBHOY, SHIRLEY, and DAVIS, P.M., also responded.

"The Masonic Charities" was the next toast proposed by the W.M., who observed that Charity was the predominating feature of Masonry. There were several brethren present that evening who had worked hard in that good cause. Firstly, there was the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. Cama, who

had done more for Charity than any other brother. There was also present Bro. Parkhouse, who was ever ready to assist to the utmost of his power in the cause of Charity. Bro. C. A. Itter, S.D., would represent the lodge at the Festival of the Girls' School, and would, no doubt, be well supported.

Bro. S. H. PARKHOUSE, P.M., Sec. 1642, in reply, said he should have preferred to have heard Bro. Cama respond, for his heart and soul were in Charity. That virtue was one of the greatest pillars of the Order, and the P.G. Treasurer had been one of its staunchest supporters. He did not know why he should be called upon to respond, except that, like Bro. Cama, his whole heart and soul were in the good work. It was true he warmly took up the case of Bro. Cama, for he considered that as that brother was such a noble supporter of the Charities he deserved the Grand Treasurership. The same feeling had actuated him the preceding Wednesday when he warmly espoused Bro. Barfield's claims to that office. As Masonry grew it was necessary that the subscriptions to the Charities should increase in proportion. There was no doubt that the first Festival that year had been a good success, but as they increased the obligations of the Institutions, it was necessary they should rally round the Stewards in their various lodges, and give them the largest amount of support of which they were capable. Referring again to Bro. Cama, he could tell them he had given them as much as £800 in one year. He could tell the brethren a little secret. Quite recently Bro. Cama gave him a cheque for 100 guineas to pay into the Girls' Schools for 10 different lodges and chapters to which he belonged. If Bro. Cama were not present he could tell them many more interesting facts. He wished to thank the W.M. and brethren for electing him an honorary member of the lodge. He should never forget their kindness, but should always do what he could to further its progress.

Bro. ITTER, S.D., having responded, and appealed to the brethren to support his Stewardship,

Bro. CAMA, P.G. Treas., replied. He said the Cyclist Lodge was not included in the 100 guineas mentioned by Bro. Parkhouse, as he was simply waiting to see it consecrated. He would be happy, however, to make that lodge a Life Governor of the Girls' Institution, like the others, for he was firmly convinced it would be a happy and prosperous lodge.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was duly honoured, and appropriately responded to by Bro. Dr. GOODCHILD, Treasurer, and Bro. SHEPPARD, Secretary.

Bros. HOLMES, S.W., and MASON, J.W., replied for "The Officers," thanking the W.M. for his kind allusions to them, and assuring him of their active support.

Bro. C. GREENWOOD, Prov. G. Sec., said that before the brethren separated he wished to bring to their notice the existence of a Charity Committee for the province. The object of that Committee was to select from amongst the candidates seeking admission to the various Institutions cases which more especially deserved the support of the province. By this means the province would be enabled to vote solid. They were aware that a large number of votes were lost through indiscriminate voting, whereas if they selected a worthy candidate for the consideration of the province, and the province voted solid for that candidate, they would secure his or her election. The W.M.'s, Wardens, and Secretaries of the lodges formed the Committee, which met every afternoon of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge at 33, Golden-square, at 3.30 o'clock. He was glad to say the lodges had fallen in with the idea, and had sent up a large number of votes to assist their object. He hoped other lodges would follow the example, resting sure that the votes would be well and faithfully applied for the chosen candidates, who were all Surrey cases. For the next election the Boys' case was Cable, and the Girls', Astington.

The W.M. having endorsed these remarks, and expressed his intention of serving as Steward for the Girls' Festival, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which were throughout of a very successful and enjoyable nature.

Bro. Kift conducted the musical arrangements with his accustomed ability.

CONSECRATION OF THE DE-LA-POLE MARK LODGE, No. 372, SEATON.

A new Mark Lodge, De-la-Pole, No. 372, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday afternoon, the 7th inst. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. Charles Spence Bate, F.R.S., D.P.G.M., assisted by Bros. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31°, P.M. and Chap. 35°, P.G. Chap. England; and Henry Stocker, 18°, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec. In addition to the above named, the Board of Installed Masters included Bros. John Lane, 18°, P.G.M.O. England; Samuel Jones, 31°, P.G.D. England; E. T. Fulford, P.G. Stwd. England; J. Jerman, P.M.; and S. Toms, P.M. Previous to the consecration the following brethren were advanced to the Degree: Bros. Hy. Ford, A. W. Oakley, John I. Scarbrough, J.P., Geo. J. Oldridge, William Adams, and Frederick Magor Portlock Dadson, all of 1181; Albert Pryer Reece, 494; and Thomas Henry Perry, 1181, as serving brother.

The ceremony of consecration was then gone through, and reflected great credit on Bros. Spence Bate, Lemon, and Stocker. This over, Bro. John Stocker, P.M. 15, P.S.G.W., was installed as W.M.

The following brethren were appointed and invested for the year ensuing: Bros. Samuel Jones, 31°, P.G.D. England, I.P.M.; John Sackville Swann, S.W.; Geo. Evans, J.W.; Henry Ford, M.O.; Alfred W. Oakley, S.O.; William Adams, J.O.; George Evans, Treas.; Frederick Magor Portlock Dadson, Sec. and Reg. of Mks.; John Impey Scarbrough, S.D.; George S. Oldridge, Org.; Albert Pryer Reece, I.G.; and Thomas Henry Perry, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a well-served banquet at the Beach Hotel.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, SOUTH AMERICA.

At the regular meeting of this District Grand Lodge held on Monday, the 23rd of January, in the City of Buenos Ayres, there was a large attendance of members, and, as it was an eventful occasion on account of the installation of District Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and other high officers of the Argentine Grand Lodge attended as visitors, to show their cordial feeling.

The following officers were present;

Bros. George J. Ryan, D.D.G.M., D.G.M. designate, an D.G.M.; Anthony M. Bell, P.D.D.G.M., as D.D.G.M.; Ferdinand J. Morphy, D.S.G.W.; W. T. Livingston, D.J.G.W.; Rev. A. G. Lennox Robertson, D.G. Chap.; J. Mc Kiddie, D.G. Reg.; C. Trevor Mold, D.G. Sec.; Charles F. Ackerley, D.S.G.D.; E. J. Klix, D.J.G.D.;

William E. Hunter, D.G.D.C.; J. Colpas Clark, D.G. Std. B.; W. J. Hodge, D.G. Std. B.; W. F. B. Fowler, acting D.G. Org.; Reginald Mold, D. Asst. G. Sec.; George Nelson, D.G.P.; Frederick Coulon, D. Asst. G.P.; M. Hade and E. H. Oylor, D.G. Stwds.; and C. Buchter, D.G. Tyler.

After the Deputy Grand Lodge had been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The acting D.G.M., Bro. Ryan, stated that an important communication had been received from the G. Sec., which must necessarily take precedence of all other business. He then requested the D.G. Reg., Bro. J. McKiddie, to take the post of D.S.G.W., and Bro. Ferdinand J. Morphy, D.S.G.W., to occupy the chair of D.G.M., after which Bro. Ryan retired, accompanied by Bro. Anthony M. Bell, P.D.D.G.M.

Bro. MORPHY, acting D.G.M., then informed the Deputy Grand Lodge that the special business now before it was the installation of Bro. George John Ryan as D.G.M., to which post he had recently been appointed by the M.W.G.M., and that Bro. Bell, P.D.D.G.M., had requested the speaker, as the next in rank, to perform the ceremony.

The notification from the Grand Secretary having been read, the R.W.D.G.M. designate, Bro. George John Ryan, was announced, and, after his patent had been examined and found in order, he was admitted, duly installed, and saluted according to ancient custom.

Bro. Ryan also presented his patent whereby he was nominated representative of the M.W.G.M. and the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of the Argentine Republic, after which he addressed the brethren, expressing how deeply he felt the honours conferred upon him by the M.W.G.M., and stating his intention to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, whose management of the district had given such universal satisfaction. He also assured the deputation from the Argentine Grand Lodge of his friendly and fraternal feeling towards them.

A letter, dated 5th November, 1887, from the D.D.G.M. in charge of the district addressed to the D.G. Secretary, Bro. Charles Trevor Mold, was read, advising the latter that, in conformity with the circular from the Grand Lodge, dated 8th September, 1887, the rank of P.D.S.G.W., was conferred upon him.

The Committee appointed to procure a presentation jewel for the P.D.G. Treas., Bro. James T. Ramsay, reported that the same had been received from England; but Bro. Ramsay being absent, owing to illness, the presentation had to be postponed for another occasion.

The formal business of the lodge was then transacted.

The Committees appointed last July reported that a tombstone had been erected over the grave of the late D.G.M., Bro. Richard Briscoe Masfield, in the British Cemetery, and also pointed to the life-sized oil painting of the same brother, which was then hanging in the lodge room.

Bro. MATIENZO, Dep. G.M. of the Argentine Grand Lodge, rose and stated the pleasure he had experienced in witnessing the installation ceremony. On behalf of the Argentine Grand Lodge, he referred to the treaty existing between the two Grand Lodges, and assured the D.G.M. of their firm intention to respect the terms of the same, in spite of a clause which had, in error, crept in their Book of Constitutions antagonistic to the treaty. He considered that treaties with foreign bodies should overrule all other laws.

After congratulatory speeches from various other brethren, the District Grand Lodge was closed.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

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

(Continued from page 165).

FROM THE JUBILEE FESTIVAL, 1838, TO THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW SCHOOL HOUSE, 1852.

The Institution entered on the second half-century of its career under the most favourable conditions. It had succeeded in firmly establishing itself in the good opinion of the brethren, and its position, financially, was sound. It had few, if any, external difficulties to contend with, and consequently it was free to devote the best part of its energies to improving its interior economy. During the brief Secretaryship of Bro. J. B. Gore, who was appointed successor to Bro. Hope, and entered on the duties of his office when the Jubilee Festival had been held, things went smoothly on the whole, the chief difficulty, which, however, was eventually overcome, being the periodical adjustment of the accounts. All moneys were properly received and paid in to the bankers, and all payments were duly authorised and vouched, but neither the new nor the late Secretary would appear to have been a master of the art of account keeping, and the Audit Committee were unable to make much out of the memoranda supplied to them, especially in respect of the Festival Returns, which were not so accurately kept as they should have been. With this exception, the business of the Institution was conducted in the ordinary fashion, the regular routine of duty being but seldom varied. At the Quarterly Court, on the 12th July, 1838, Bro. McCullen succeeded in carrying a motion for the adoption of a kind of multiple cumulative system of voting * at the election of children, which it was arranged should not be acted upon till after the 1st January, 1839. On the 30th August, 1838, the children were entertained at a Jubilee dinner, the House Committee and many friends of the Institution being present and helping to promote the festivity of the occasion. In November following, Bro. W. R. G. Key presented a picture representing one of the School Festivals, and the Secretary was directed to acknowledge the receipt and express to that brother the thanks of the authorities for his gift. In December, Bro. Bladen Ruspini applied to the House Committee "that his child Agnes," whose time in the School had expired, "might be allowed to remain until he had heard from a relative in India," and at the Quarterly Court in January, 1839, it was arranged that his daughter should remain an inmate of the establishment at the discretion of the House Committee. The same

* "That each subscriber, who, by the present plan of Election is entitled to one or more votes for each candidate to be admitted shall be entitled to as many votes as there are vacancies to be filled up for every single subscription, and so on in proportion to every vote allowed by the present plan, which votes may be given to one child or divided at pleasure; and that the Secretary be required to place the number of votes each subscriber is entitled to on the balloting paper previously to issuing the same." Mins. 12 July, 1838.

month the House Committee received a letter written by a Mr. Peppin on behalf of the mother and relatives of a girl who had died in the School some time previously, which, as it speaks so eloquently of the kindness shown to the children by the Matron and her assistants, we take the liberty of quoting in full.

"To the gentlemen of the House Committee of the Royal Freemasons' School—

"I am requested by the mother and relatives of the late Emma Wilson Andrews, who died in your invaluable Institution on the 1st November last, to return you, the Governors and Medical Gentlemen, their grateful and heartfelt thanks for the comforts supplied and kindness shown to their child during her long illness, but more particularly they wish that the conduct of your excellent Matron, Mrs. Crook, Miss Jarwood, and every other person belonging to the Establishment, should be brought to your particular notice. During the protracted illness of the child the solicitude and kindness of Mrs. Crook (supplying the place of a mother on her death-bed), and the very great attention of Miss Jarwood, and every other person, was such as can never be effaced from their memories.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,
(Signed) THOMAS PEPPIN.

2, St. Michael's Alley, Jan. 23, 1839.

On the 5th February a Special House Committee was held, and Bro. B. Bond Cabbell attended, and presented each of the children with a Jubilee Medal, Mrs. Crook, Miss Buck (Deputy Matron), and Miss Jarwood receiving gold medals commemorative of the event, while Letitia Jane Andrews, sister of the deceased girl just referred to, read an address appropriate to the occasion, and was awarded the medal intended for her late sister.

At the Quarterly Court in April, Bro. Ramsbottom, M.P., who, through some misunderstanding, was not proposed for re-election as Treasurer, was succeeded in that office by Bro. B. Bond Cabbell, while the vacancies in the Trusteeship caused by the deaths of the Earl of Zetland, Pro G.M., and Bro. W. Williams, M.P., were filled by the appointment of Bros. Ramsbottom and Cabbell. In the August following, a number of the children who were ill were sent to Margate in the care of Miss Jarwood, and remained till their health was thoroughly re-established, a like practice being adopted in subsequent years, whenever it was found that any of the children were sickly, and it was considered a change of air would restore them to health. In February, 1840, "the Matron presented for the inspection of the House Committee a very handsome sampler worked by the children in commemoration of the Jubilee of the Charity, and it was resolved unanimously that a handsome frame, with plated glass, be provided for the same, and that it be placed in a conspicuous situation in the school room."

Occasionally we obtain glimpses into what is passing elsewhere, either in the world outside Masonry—as in the minutes of the General Committee of the 31st of May, 1838, when a memorial to the Houses of Lords and Commons praying for a cheaper postage—the present system of penny postage, inaugurated by the late Rowland Hill in 1840, was the result of this and similar appeals to the legislature—was presented and signed by the Chairman of the day; or in connection with other Masonic events, which do not always redound to the credit of our Society—as in the minutes of the House Committee on the 21st May, 1840, when attention was called to the fact that three of its members—Bros. Dr. Crnefix, Wood, and J. L. Stevens—who were under suspension from their Masonic rights and privileges, but had appealed against such suspension, had been prevented by the Board of Stewards from attending the Festival of the Charity. On this a resolution was passed to the effect "That such inconsistency was unnecessary and un-Masonic, and calculated to greatly injure the interests of the Charity. And that the Secretary be directed to write to the Secretary and members of the Board of Stewards, enclosing a Copy of this Resolution to be laid before such Board."

In July, 1840, a further tribute was paid to the excellence of the School by a visiting brother, who, after being shown over the establishment by the Matron, made the following entry in the Visiting Book:—

Charles Shackleford Robinson of Reading—In passing thro' life I never felt more pleasure than in witnessing the comfort and happiness which prevails among the poor children in this Asylum. This, indeed, is REAL MASONRY. I wish also to acknowledge the kindness of the Lady who conducts the Establishment, who showed great zeal in showing me over the Establishment. At her request, but against my own wishes, I record that I left £5 0s. 0d. for the poor children to enjoy when they have an holiday.

Sometimes the minutes contain references to the Masonic Press, which, for reasons it would not be difficult to furnish, does not appear to have been in great favour in those days. Thus we read under date of the 31st December, 1840, that "The Editor of a Periodical called the *Monthly Masonic Magazine* having requested the Secretary should report to him such of the proceedings as might be proper to be known, the Secretary was desired to reply stating it was not the practice of the Charity to give the information required." Again, on 8th April, 1841, it was moved, seconded, and carried at the Quarterly General Court, "That no advertisements be inserted for the future of meetings of this Charity either in the *Freemasons' Quarterly* or *Monthly Magazine*."

Shortly after the last of the above entries, the minutes become more engrossing. On the 12th May, 1841, a special General Court was held under circumstances of great provocation, a Bro. Rowe having given great offence to the Governors by soliciting votes for twin-sisters Lacey, in whom he took great interest, and using the name of the Dowager Queen Adelaide, Patroness of the Institution, without warrant, as an incentive to voters to give him their support. Bro. Rowe was severely taken to task for his very grave indiscretion,

and the election, which had been already postponed from the usual date till the 13th May in consequence of the proxies having been sent out too late, was put off till the 3rd June, and ultimately did not take place at all, while the names of the twins were removed from the list by order of a Special Court held on the 23rd September. In the meantime the Honorary Secretary (Bro. Gore) was called upon, at a meeting of the Audit Committee held on the 26th May, to offer explanations as to the subscriptions at the recent Festival of the Institution, and having to a certain met the wishes of the brethren, he left the room ostensibly to obtain some memoranda and never returned. Thereupon his papers were impounded, and at the General Committee the day following Bro. Gore tendered his resignation, and the Audit Committee first of all, and then at the General Committee in June, Bro. S. C. Norris, was asked and undertook the duties of the office till a successor could be appointed. At the Quarterly meeting in July, after Bro. the Rev. W. Rodber had announced on behalf of the Board of Grand Stewards the gift of a die for a medal to be given annually to the girl who had most distinguished herself in her studies, and by her good conduct, and when it had been arranged that the Treasurer should repay £500 on account of the loan advanced by G. Lodge, Bro. R. Hervé Giraud tendered his services as honorary solicitor to the Institution, and, the offer having been accepted, was charged with the duty of unravelling the complications in connection with Bro. Gore's account and obtaining a settlement. To this task Bro. Giraud assiduously addressed himself, and at length, after several interviews with Bro. Gore, who gave him every assistance in his power, Bro. Giraud found himself in a position to announce, at a Special Court on the 3rd February, 1842, that he had been able to prepare a statement of account which was in all respects satisfactory, and that Bro. Gore, who he acknowledged had behaved throughout most honourably, had handed him a cheque for the amount which had been ascertained to be due from him to the Institution. He also explained that the difficulties which had arisen had not been due to any desire or intention on the part of Bro. Gore to act improperly, but to an ignorance of account-keeping which he said was by no means uncommon among professional men. Thus, what appeared to be at first sight a most unpromising task was brought to a conclusion, which was both fortunate for the School and honourable to Bro. Gore.

Bro. S. C. Norris, during the brief period he had acted as Secretary, busied himself in setting right the accounts and returns, and was honoured with a vote of thanks for his services, so that Bro. Francis Crew, who was elected on the 29th July, 1841, to the vacant office by 122 votes over Bro. E. H. Patten, his only competitor, for whom 86 votes were cast, was able to start fairly on his duties, and from this time forward the post of Secretary has been filled by a succession of able brethren, of whom it is impossible to speak otherwise than in terms of unqualified praise. About the same time a new Collector in the person of Bro. John Nicholl was appointed in place of Beckford, dismissed, and this change also proved a great benefit to the Charity. There are also a few other circumstances of sufficient interest to be noticed. For instance, in the minutes of the House Committee Meeting of the 19th August, 1841, we read that "Mr. Longfield, the Treasurer of the Masonic Female Orphan School, in Dublin, attended," and "applied for permission to be informed of the General Management of this Institution, and to have the loan of one of the Dresses as a pattern for the children of that establishment, which was granted." At the Quarterly Court, on the 14th April, 1842, it was resolved that the Treasurer should repay the balance of £500 still due to Grand Lodge, while in the minutes of the General Committee, in May, there is entered a resolution by Bro. Baumer which had been passed at a Special Court, on the 3rd February, but not minuted, and therefore not confirmed, to the effect "That no child shall be placed on the election List by the General Court, who has a sister in the School, unless there be more vacancies than candidates." At the Quarterly Court, on 12 January, 1843, the very gratifying announcement was made that Grand Lodge, at the instance of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, M.W. G.M., had voted a sum of £500 from its fund of General Purposes "to the Royal Freemasons' School to be invested in the public funds in the names of Trustees towards the formation of a separate fund to be applied exclusively for the purpose of upholding, repairing, improving, and maintaining the School House and Building of the Institution," and on learning this, the Court unanimously resolved "That the most respectful thanks of this Court be presented to Prince Augustus Frederick Duke of Sussex, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of England, &c., &c., &c., for the condescending and kind interest for this Institution manifested in the recommendation to the Grand Lodge of the liberal grant of £500 in aid of the fund for upholding, repairing, and maintaining the School House and Buildings of the Institution;" a resolution of thanks to the United Grand Lodge in somewhat similar terms being also passed.

The proposal of this grant was one of the latest official acts of His Royal Highness as Grand Master. On the 27th April, 1843, the General Committee was informed of the Duke's death a few days previously, and the necessary arrangements having been made for putting the children in mourning, and a sum of money having been voted for the same purpose to the Matron and her assistants, the minutes record as follows:—

This Committee has with unfeigned regret to record in its minutes the demise on the 21st inst. of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of our Order, the Vice-Patron and President of this Institution, His Royal Highness Prince Augustus Frederick Duke of Sussex, Earl of Inverness, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c.

His Royal Highness condescended to be the President of this Institution for a period of nearly thirty years; and to his influential public protection, his un-

ceasing exertions for its well being, added to his liberal contributions, may be mainly attributed its present efficient state. Death has, however, bereaved the children of a noble friend and the Institution of a munificent protector, and the loss of such a valuable Patron and worthy Brother cannot but be sincerely and deeply lamented by every individual connected with this Charity.

This Committee hope that the recollection of His Royal Highness's devoted advocacy will be imitated by the Craft generally, that the merit, worth, and example of the late Royal President will stimulate every member of the Order to equally generous exertions for the present and future well being of this Institution, so that the children now mourning the loss of their illustrious friend will throughout their lives bless the head of that good Prince "now in coldness laid," and his memory for the state of comfort in which he left them.

May the great example he has set not be lost upon the Fraternity, and may our exertions individually be equally unceasing, and our united advocacy as beneficial in order that the donations and annual contributions from the many shall sustain in its present useful, efficient, and advantageous state this excellent Institution!

In due course the deceased Duke was succeeded by the Earl of Zetland, who was elected in his stead in the July following a Trustee, and who, on being chosen M.W.G.M., became *ex-officio* President of the Institution.

In the course of the year 1843 the girls Agnes and Jessie Ruspini, who, in consideration of their having no home, and being the grandchildren of the founders of the Institution, had been allowed to remain as inmates long after their appointed time had expired, were provided with occupations—the younger, Jessie, as a domestic servant in the country, and the older, Agnes, as an apprentice to a dress-maker, their half brother contributing the sum of £20 towards the premium payable for the latter. What the subsequent fortunes of Jessie Ruspini were does not appear, but Agnes Ruspini re-appeared at the end of her apprenticeship, and after being again an inmate of the Institution was ultimately placed in service with a lady in Kent.

(To be continued.)

GRAND LODGE SEALS.

Bro. Gould's colossal History of Freemasonry has dealt ably and well with the subject of Masonic seals, the plates relating to that important department being most valuable and interesting. Several of the seals have been reproduced in Bro. Sadler's "Masonic Facts and Fictions," and others have been added, so as to form an artistic combination on one plate, of official seal used by certain Grand Lodges in England and Ireland. There are nine in all thus represented.

1. "Grand Lodge of Masons, London," was used by the "Moderns" down to the end of 1813, but exactly when the motto "Relief and Truth" was adopted, no one as yet seems to know. In 1732-3, the motto of the same Grand Lodge, as shown on the seal attached to warrants of several provincial lodges was "In the beginning was the word" (in Greek).

2. Grand Chapter, "Moderns" 1769-1817. Possibly this seal represented the obverse of the Royal Arch jewel, for on a certificate I have of 1812, the impressed seal is this, but on the right side (of spectator) is the reverse, printed, having the legend around, "Honor, Fidelitas, Benevolentia Deo Regi Fratribus," and on the sides of the two triangles, making the six pointed star, the words "Wisdom, Strength, Beauty, Peace, Concord, and Truth."

3. Grand Lodge, "Ancients," 1775-1813. Bro. Sadler gives the minute from the records, in which "Mr. Kirk, a person of eminence in that branch," is alluded to, who evidently was instructed to cut the die, as on the seal still preserved his name occurs as "Kirk, F." Singular to state, I have a bronze medal, believed to be unique, having the arms and Kirk's name, exactly as the seal, and appears to have been struck from the identical die. On reverse there is a wreath, which leads me to infer it was intended as a presentation medal. No. 6, Bro. Sadler gives from a drawing by * Bro. W. H. Rylands (the others to No. 9 being by the same gifted Craftsman) and dates it "1760-1775." The motto "Virtue and Silence," with the title "Grand Lodge, London," enclose square and compasses, above being a sword. This seal is on warrant of No. 89, granted to Pennsylvania (U.S.A.), in 1764; but according to the excellent reproduction of the warrant of "St. Mary's Lodge," No. 63, of 1757 (then and now bearing the number 63!) in the history of that lodge, the arms were the same as those of 1775, only the legend was as follows: "Grand Lodge in London of Free and Accepted Masons according to the old Institutions." I have an original "Ancient" warrant of 1764, but though the two ribbons remain, the seal has departed.

7 and 8 Ireland. The seal as of 1735, is on a warrant of 1731, owned by Bro. Gould, and shown at Plymouth Exhibition lately. The one of 1781 was not used from 1781 invariably, as on a certificate in my collection, the arms (seal) is quite different and the motto is "Silentio Virtuti et Amore," the date being November 8th, 1792.

9. Seal of the "United Grand Lodge" of England from 1813 completes the series, others given being for the two Grand Chapters and the United Grand Chapter. The seals open up a very interesting field of enquiry about which I hope to say a few words farther on.

W. J. HUGHAN.

* Bro. Rylands also prepared the sketches for the seals in Bro. Gould's history.

GENTLEMAN MASONS.—Mackey alludes to some old Masonic expressions, which would seem to denote a difference between gentlemen and operative Masons, the former learning "secrecy, morality, and good fellowship," the latter to "hew, square, mould stone, lay a chisel, and raise a perpendicular." If this does not represent, as we fancy it does, the teaching of speculative Masons, superadded to that of the original operative brethren, and an innocent attempt to combine the two, we utterly disavow it as in any way representing true Masonic principles; indeed, we consider it subversive of our great and distinguishing characteristics. There is no caste in Freemasonry. In Scotland the term "Gentleman Mason" was in the 17th and 18th centuries used to distinguish the non-operative from the operative members of lodges. In some instances, while the reception and advancement of operatives and non-operatives in Speculative Masonry were alike, the purely speculative, the Gentleman Mason, could not as a rule be elected to the Mastership of a lodge. This distinction was not wholly abolished at the beginning of the present century. "Geomatic" was a common expression among Freemasons in Scotland a century and a half ago, as applied to Gentleman Masons in contradistinction to the term "Domestic,"—i.e., practical stonemasons.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

St. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

CHIEF PATRONESS:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PATRON AND PRESIDENT:

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c.,
M.W.G.M.

GRAND PATRONESS:

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

FOUNDED 1788.

CENTENARY FESTIVAL, 1888.

FRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS:

The Right Hon. The EARL OF LATHOM, D.G.M.,
Prov. G.M. Lancashire, Western Division.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Sec.

5, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1888.

Your Vote and Interest are earnestly requested on behalf of

FRANCES NORAH WELLS,

No. on List 37.

Daughter of the late Bro. GEORGE WELLS, who was initiated in the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, in 1862, joined the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, and subsequently the Oak Lodge, No. 190, of which he was Senior Warden at the time of his death, and was also exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter, United Pilgrims, No. 507, to which he subscribed for nine years.

He was a Subscribing Member of the Order over 20 years, and a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, to whose funds he was a frequent contributor.

He was in an extensive way of business as a Screw Pile Engineer and Contractor, but, in consequence of heavy losses on some large contracts, and a long continued illness, had to dispose of his business, leaving his widow without means.

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NOTICE.

In consequence of Friday next being Good Friday, the "Freemason" will be published on the morning of Thursday, 29th inst., instead of Friday, as usual.



SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1888.

Reviews.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF
HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT, 1888.

This year's issue is the largest and most valuable of the series, extending to 162 pages of closely printed matter, and containing a vast number of very interesting particulars. The able and painstaking editors are Bros. Edgar Goble (Prov. G. Sec.) and the Rev. A. A. Headley, (Prov. Assist. G. Sec., &c.); who are to be congratulated on the completion of their arduous labours. The rolls of the lodges and chapters, with their numbers, days and places of meeting, dates of warrants, &c., enable one at a glance to note the main features of the 46 lodges, and the 21 chapters which comprise the province, as well as the lists of Mark lodges, K.T. preceptories, and Rose Croix chapters. The senior lodge is No. 35, "Medina," Cowes, the next in age being No. 76, Winchester. Several bear date of the last century, besides. The oldest R.A. chapter is the Royal Gloucester, No. 130, Southampton, of A.D. 1784, which is the only chapter with a centenary jewel warrant in the province, and one of nine for all England. It would not be amiss another time to give a list of the centenary lodges in the province, whose members have the privilege of wearing distinctive jewels in commemoration of the antiquity of their respective lodges. They are as follows: No. 35, Cowes; No. 76, Winchester; No. 130, Southampton; No. 132, Ringwood; No. 195, Bournemouth; and No. 257, Portsmouth. Only one, however, (No. 76) has a jewel of special design, the others being the ordinary pattern. The list of extinct Hampshire lodges, compiled by Bro. John Lane, from his "Masonic Records, 1717—1886," is both valuable and interesting, and occupies five pages of the Calendar. All the towns are given from 1833, which have received the Prov. Grand Lodge, and from 1846 for the Prov. Grand Chapter. The present Prov. G.M. is the eighth for Hants and the fifth for the Isle of Wight, the former province having been formed in 1767, and the latter continued distinct from 1812 to 1863. The rolls of Provincial Officers for the Craft, &c., are most exhaustive, extending over a period of 50 years, and cannot fail to prove most useful for reference from time to time. There is no lack of information respecting the *personnel* of the lodges, chapters, &c., and plenty of particulars as to the local and central Masonic Charities, proving that the province, under its popular Ruler and zealous Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, is doing well, and is in a most efficient condition.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF
WILTSHIRE, 1888.

This compact and carefully edited Calendar, by Bro. W. Nott, is practically the edition of 1887, with the necessary alterations and additions. In other words, the zealous editor cannot well improve on the method adopted, the arrangement being as near perfection as possible, unless indeed, its pages were to be much extended, and then its handy size, for reference, would be seriously affected. A new lodge is noted for the first time, viz., No. 2227, Westbury, and named the "White Horse." Bro. John Lane, in his "Masonic Records," states that a lodge was held at the Crown Inn, Westbury, for a few years, from 1812, but was removed to *Melksham* in 1819, *Box* in 1829, *Moncton Farleigh* in 1840, and finally to *Corsham* in 1860, where it is still located. There are now 11 lodges and six chapters in Wilts, but only one Mark lodge. The "Masonic Charities" are always most heartily supported by the Wiltshire brethren, the Prov. G. Charity Secretary whose services have been placed so cheerfully and fraternally at the disposal of the province for many years, being the editor of the Calendar. The local Benevolent Fund has not been used for the year, no claim having been made. The tables, statistical and personal, are not only numerous, but accurate and exhaustive compilations.

The annual general meeting of the Institute of Auctioneers and Surveyors of the United Kingdom will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday next, the 28th inst., at 3 p.m. In the evening the annual dinner will take place at the Holborn Restaurant at 5 p.m. for 5.30 p.m.

We beg to state that there is now on view at the Studios, Finchley New-road, Hampstead, the marble effigy and cenotaph which is to be erected in Worcester Cathedral to the memory of the late Right Hon. the Earl of Dudley. The work is by Bro. James Forsyth, sculptor, and is well worth a visit from lovers and admirers of art.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

765] STILL ANOTHER OLD MS.

The indefatigable Secretary of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, London, has announced the existence of another MS. of the Masonic "Old Charges," the latest discovered being of the year 1677, and certainly of exceptional value. The fortunate owner is Bro. F. Stanley, of No. 127, Margate. Its name, of course, will be the "Stanley MS.," for of its origin and early custody we know nothing, but Bro. Stanley has in the most fraternal manner given every facility for its examination and reproduction, &c., in due course, and hence several of us now are in possession of exact copies of the parchment roll. With the approval of Bro. R. F. Gould, our esteemed W.M. 2076, the MS. will be numbered 19a *pro tem.*, thus immediately following the "Melrose MS., No. 2," in the list given in his "History of Freemasonry," and also noted by me in the Christmas *Freemason* for 1887. We shall have to agree to an entirely fresh enumeration of these "Old Charges" ere long, several having been traced quite lately, and as respects the chronological arrangement it is susceptible of improvement. The "Stanley MS.," as regards the text proper, agrees mainly with the "Colne MS., No. 1" (22a, Gould), which I gave in the Christmas *Freemason*, 1887. Many of the peculiar readings, variations, and substitutions are to be found in both MSS., and beyond question, these rolls may be referred to the same original, notwithstanding the noteworthy differences in the two copies. Bro. Speth coincides with my opinion after a careful examination of each roll. Dr. Begemann, in his able classification, puts the "Colne MS." (1 and 2), amongst the "Sundry forms" of the *Grand Lodge MS. family*; and hence we may place the Stanley MS. in the same category, only it is a more important document than the majority of that Class. The more I examine into the arrangement suggested by Dr. Begemann, the more I am disposed to accept that diligent student's method, subject to modifications, which, however, do not really affect the general plan, for the *Families of MSS.* are thus systematically grouped, and easily recognised, all later discoveries being at once duly and orderly classified. Singular to state, however, the "Stanley MS." does not contain the "Apprentice Charges," as the "Colne MS." It is possible that the former was used at the reception of *speculatives*, the later being employed or read only when *operatives* were made Masons. At all events, whilst agreeing together in relation to the ordinary version of the "Old Charges," the "Colne" version, having the "Apprentice Charges," has an advantage in that respect over its superior in point of age and value. The special importance of the "Stanley MS." is due to the rhyme inserted after the MS. proper, which Bro. Speth refers to 1713-4 (circa). If that is a correct estimate of the curious addition by another hand, the singular "prophecy," to say the least is most remarkable. Unless the evidence of the date is of a convincing character, I cannot see my way clear to adopt Bro. Speth's opinion, so, for the present, I shall await a further examination of that portion, but else, accept with pleasure, his belief in the roll being of the year it is dated.

W. J. HUGHAN.

REPORTS LATELY ON MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

KENT LODGE (No. 15).—The 130th annual installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when Bro. W. J. Towers was installed in the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months in accordance with the usual rites and customs. The installation ceremony was impressively performed in the presence of an Installed Band of 38 P.M.'s by Bro. E. A. Wells—a P.M. of the lodge, who attended specially from Portsmouth for the purpose. The W.M. appointed the following members of the lodge as his officers: Bros. Grimmett, S.W.; J. M. Coltrell, J.W.; Dr. Sleeman, Treas.; Dr. Dukes, Hon. Sec.; G. Devey, S.D.; Buckeridge, J.D.; and Clapp, I.G.; and invested the retiring W.M. with an elegant P.M.'s jewel as a token of respect and esteem.

In the evening the banquet was held in the Venetian Saloon of the Holborn Restaurant, and was attended by 121 brethren, among whom were many distinguished members of the Craft. The W.M. proved himself a genial President, and owing to the length of the programme the speeches were brief but to the point.

Bro. Dr. Paul, P.G.D.C., responded for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Grummett for "The 86 Visitors," and Bro. Grimmett, S.W., for "The Officers."

The selection of music performed by Madame Helen Heath, Miss Helen Winn, Bro. F. Bevan, and Bro. Arthur Thompson, was under the able direction of Bro. G. F. Smith, jun., P.G.O. Essex, the present W.M. of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, and gave universal satisfaction.

During dinner the string band of the Holborn Restaurant attended in the room and played selections, and solos were contributed in the course of the evening by Mr. Lindley (bassoon), and Mr. Saunders (violin). Mr. G. W. Todd, the well-known elocutionist, also favoured the company with recitations.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—This lodge—which so worthily represents the great city whose name it bears—held the last meeting of the winter session, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday, the 19th inst. There was a large attendance of members, including Bros. Pittam Stevens, W.M.; Daniel Hughes, I.P.M.; J. P. Hoddinott, S.W.; W. R. Haylock, J.W.; Jno. Hughes, P.M.; Treas.; Chas. Beaumont, P.M.; Sec.; G. M. Gross, D.C.; E. Venner, I.G.; J. E. Fimister, Org.; A. Eade and R. Gillard, Stds.; H. Harbord, P.M.; A. Ginger, P.M.; David Hughes, P.M.; G. A. Conolly, P.M.; H. McClelland, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. W. Huzon, 1257; W.

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As usual there was a large amount of work on the agenda paper, enabling the W.M. and officers to show how thoroughly conversant they are with the ritual of the Three Degrees. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, also a vote of 10 guineas extra to the R.M. Benevolent Institution in order to complete the Vice-Presidentship of 100 guineas. Mr. Alfred Head, having been successfully balloted for, was initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. Beveridge and Pavely were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Toll and Lines raised to the Degree of Master Mason. The whole of the ceremonies were worked with a smoothness and regularity that constant practice alone could attain, the Third Degree being especially marked for the very impressive rendering. Ten guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund to the widow of a deceased brother, and the Secretary also instructed to send a letter of condolence. Several propositions having been received for initiation and joining, and other routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

An adjournment was then made to the banquet-room where an excellent repast was admirably served.

After dessert, the usual toasts were duly honoured. "The Health of the W. Master" was proposed by Bro. Daniel Hughes, I.P.M., who remarked that he had had the pleasure on one or two previous occasions of referring to the good qualities of Bro. Pittam Stevens, W.M., which were, moreover, well known to the brethren. Their W.M. had, however, shown two qualities that evening which were not known to them before. The first was the splendid manner in which he had worked the various ceremonies. There had been a good many W.M.'s in that lodge who had tried, as Bro. Pittam Stevens had tried, to carry out the ritual in a perfect and effective manner, but it had never before been rendered so effectively. He congratulated the members most heartily on possessing such a W. Master. He congratulated himself more in particular, for being the I.P.M., the perfection of the W.M. rendered his duties very light, and his position almost a sinecure. The second quality possessed by the present occupant of the chair was one that would touch every Mason's heart. It was his energetic exertions in the cause of Charity. At the recent Festival of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, Bro. Stevens, W.M., took up the magnificent amount of £210, being £56 more than had ever been taken up from that lodge. The list taken up was second in the list of London lodges, being but £15 short of the total of the first. If the members had but known their W. Master was so near to the head of the list, they would have taken care that he should have been first. The brethren present would heartily drink to the health of the W. Master.

Bro. R. Pittam Stevens, W.M., said he was sure the I.P.M. had proposed the toast in terms far too flattering. He had only done what every P.M. had done, and that was to endeavour to do credit to the lodge, and every officer following him would be animated with the same spirit. He had been supported that night, in the unavoidable absence of the two Deacons, by two brethren who had performed the duties in a highly creditable manner, and to whom he tendered sincere thanks. With reference to the amount he took up at the recent Festival, he could assure them that he certainly took a great interest in the Charities, and was therefore very pleased to be second on the list of London lodges. He thanked them heartily for the support he had received. He belonged to a small club, to which he was especially indebted for assistance—the Logic Club—and he only wished that such clubs were more numerous, for by their aid it was rendered comparatively easy to take up Life Subscriberships or Life Governorships of the various Institutions. As far as the work was concerned, his only wish was to carry out the ritual in the way in which it had been carried out by previous Masters. He hoped that by thus emulating his predecessors he would be received at the end of his year in the same kindly way as they had received him that evening.

"The Initiate" was given and suitably responded to by Bro. Head, after which the Worshipful Master proposed "The I.P.M.," and said that Bro. Daniel Hughes was a brother of whom they were justly proud. The manner in which the duties of the chair had been carried out by him last year was second to none in completeness and impressiveness, and was a great treat for the brethren to listen to. The members hoped their I.P.M. would be spared for many years to assist them as he had in the past.

Bro. Daniel Hughes, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been given and received. As he had previously told them, he should always endeavour to make the working of the lodge as perfect as possible. It was a matter of great anxiety to him that he should finish his year of office properly, and it must necessarily be an anxiety to any brother who occupied the chair. There was not only the ritual to study, but also the various arrangements to make for the comfort of the members, and a large amount of time was thus taken up. He tried his best to finish up well, and installed his successor as well as he could, considering he was suffering severely from ill-health. To brethren who had Masonry at heart it was a matter of mutual enjoyment and instruction, and they eagerly looked forward to the meetings. He again thanked them for their kindness, and from the remarks made he believed he had given satisfaction to the brethren by his efforts to perform the duties of the chair in a creditable manner.

Bro. Beard, Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex, returned sincere thanks for the reception accorded the toast of "The Visitors." Owing to the very severe weather he had felt inclined to shrink from coming to town in response to the kind invitation of the S.W., but he was very pleased he had faced the elements, and had the opportunity of witnessing the splendid working. He congratulated the lodge on the very efficient officers it possessed, and, on behalf of the visitors, tendered sincere thanks for the profuse hospitality they had received.

"The Past Masters" and "The Treasurer and Secretary" were duly honoured, Bros. Chas. Beaumont, P.M., Sec., and J. Hughes, P.M., Treas., responding in appropriate terms to the latter.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a successful meeting.

Under the able directions of Bro. Fimister, Organist, an excellent selection of music was rendered.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when the following brethren were present: Bros. John Petch, W.M.; H. Hunt, S.W.; S. Napper, J.W.; E. Bowyer, P.M.; P.G.S.B., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; Scarlett, S.D.; Harding, J.D.; Tyrrell, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, D.C.; Loomes, Stwd.; Couchman, Tyler; D. P. Holness, P.M.; Halestrap, P.M.; Cobb, Jarvis, W. T. Baker, A. Cox, Stevenson, Faber, Snook, W. Brookman, Fearnhead, Ritchie, Simmonds, Sheldrake, Beer, Ganter, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. Hallows, P.M. 816; W. D. Church, J.D. 1365; R. Brookman, 1426; and Stafford Trego, Org. 1839.

The business of the evening was the raising of Bros. Stevenson and Faber, which ceremony was performed by the W.M. in a most excellent manner. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Benjamin Bridgwater, John Gravatt, and Charles Hiller, which having proved unanimous in each case, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry.

The routine business of the lodge having been transacted it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

Bro. D. P. Holness, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and complimented him upon his working of the ceremonies, and the successful beginning he had made of his year of office.

Bro. Halestrap, P.M., favoured the brethren with a song. The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren for the manner in which the toast of his health had been received.

The W.M. proposed "The Initiates," which toast was heartily received, and replied to by the newly-made brethren respectively.

Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Telegrams were received by the W.M. from Bros. Rawson Kelley and Macauley, West Yorks.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly. There were present Bros. J. Jacobs, P.M., acting as W.M. in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Bowers Solomon, the W.M.; G. Reynolds, Sec. 2191, S.W.; G. Coleman, P.M., acting as J.W.; C. Ralph, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; J. Woodward, I.G.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; Foam, W. A. Dowling, J. W. Belsham, W. A. Faulkes, and S. Isaacs. Visitors: Bros. G. Gardner, P.M. 2012; and F. M. Noakes, 2148.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. W. Honeyball, W. Humphrey, and R. Sparrow who were initiated at the last regular meeting held on the 14th ult., were then passed to the Second Degree in a most clear and impressive manner. The following motion, notice of which had been given at the previous meeting, was proposed by Bro. G. Coleman, and having been duly seconded, was carried unanimously: "That the December meeting of this lodge be discontinued, that the election for Worshipful Master shall take place in November, and that the by-laws be altered accordingly." Several communications having been disposed of the lodge was closed.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The March meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There were present Bros. Edward Anderton, W.M.; Alderman Renals, J.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Sec.; Hudson, S.D.; F. Crookford, J.D.; M. R. Webb, I.G.; John Larkin and George Rawlinson, Stewards; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.M., P.G.D.; George Kenning, P.M.; W. H. Froom, P.M.; Fuller, Saillard, Shotton, and Kift.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bro. Alderman Renals being unanimously elected. The brethren dined together under the gavel of Bro. Edward Anderton.

ALLIANCE LODGE.—(No. 1827).—This lodge on Tuesday evening entertained Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Major and Sheriff Davies, Sheriff Higgs, and a large and distinguished company, including a large number of Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Squire, C.C., and the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and other distinguished guests were received with Masonic honours in the body of the lodge.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren of the lodge and their numerous guests adjourned to the banquet-room, all the arrangements of which were placed under the able management of Bro. Wright, P.M., D.C. of the lodge. The President's place was of course occupied by Bro. H. Squire, C.C., the W.M. of the lodge, who had Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor on his right, the I.P.M. (ex officio) occupying the seat on his left, and Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., occupying the next seat. The S.W., Bro. H. Clarke, C.C., took the end of the right-hand table; the J.W., Bro. J. P. Godfrey, took care of the left-hand table; and the Secretary, Bro. J. E. Turner, faced the W.M. at the centre of the table. There were also present: Bros. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., P.P.G.P., &c.; Rev. G. W. Weldon, M.A., G. Chap.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., P.G.D.; Alderman Saunders, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. R. W. Ellis, G.S. of W.; J. Perkins, C.C., I.P.M.; R. Eve, G. Treas.; Dr. E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., G.S.G.C.; G. Cooper, S.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; P. de L. Long, P.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, J.G.D.; J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G.S.; G. Beech, G.S.B.; Under-Sheriff Beard, C.C.; C. D. Milner, C.C.; A. J. Altman, C.C.; C. W. Bowley, E. A. Baylis, D.G.D.C.; W. M. Bywater, G.S.B.; W. H. Perryman, G.P.; W. Hopekirk, A.G.P.; Ex-Sheriff Clarke, A. Peebles, R.V. Barrow Emanuel, M.A.; G. N. Johnson, C.C., P.G.S.; H. Wright, P.M.; T. D. Sewell, P.G.S.; Major Joseph F. Hill, F. C. Hill, J. Jeyson, E. F. Fitch, Philip Waterlow, E. Clarke, Alderman Renals, G. Burt, R. Berry, C.C.; J. E. Walford, C.C.; T. Roderick, (Secondary); George Kenning, A. M. Broadley, P. Dep. D.G.M. Malta; W. T. Roberts, W. Westcott, Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs,

E. G. Man, J. B. Glenn, H. P. Squires, J. W. (son of the W.M.); T. Vincent, P.M.; H. H. Crawford, Rev. W.M.; J. H. Smith, A. Stirling, V. Dunfee, F. Green, C.C.; J. T. Howe, P.G.P.; F. E. Hafely (Requib P.G.D.); A. J. Newton, R. C. Halse, C.C.; Lodge, 690, N.Y.; E. T. R. Wilde, W. E. Bush, R. J. Pawley, P.G.D.; J. E. T. R. Whiddington, H. F. O. Timme, J. W. Hughes, and C. A. Jewson, P.G.D.

In proposing the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," the Chairman said that it was a toast which on all those occasions was always hailed with satisfaction and loyalty. They were aware that recently her Majesty had been much exercised in mind with regard to the event which had taken place in Germany, where her son-in-law had now become emperor of that great nation. The present Emperor of Germany was a very excellent and much-beloved Mason; in his country he was called Masonic Protector, and he evinced great interest in the Masonry of this country. The Queen also had had three sons who were all Masons, and, therefore, it was likely, as it was the fact, that she took a great interest—as much interest as a lady could—in the Masonic body in this country. He therefore gave them "The Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Craft."

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and the Master proceeded to propose "The Health of the M.W. the G. Master, the Prince of Wales," in doing which he said that that was a toast that came very closely home to all Masons of that country as one which was never made without being immediately recognised as one of the most pleasing toasts that it was possible for any Mason to propose. It was quite unnecessary to remind them, being honoured as they were by the presence of so many Grand Officers, of the many good qualities of the Grand Master. He was speaking at a period especially interesting of the Prince's life, this being the year of the Silver Wedding of the Grand Master and the amiable Princess of Wales. He had been very much gratified by being allowed to attend the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs last week to Marlborough House, when they went to convey the congratulations of the City of London to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their Silver Wedding; and he also reminded the brethren that it was only last year that the brethren had assembled to the number of about 6000 at Albert Hall in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, which the Prince declared to be the most interesting assembly of Masons at which he had been present, with the exception of the occasion when he had been installed as Grand Master of English Freemasons.

The toast of "The Grand Officers Present and Past" was replied to by Bro. the Rev. G. W. Weldon, G. Chap., who said that he could not say that he was unaccustomed to public speaking, but he must say that he was quite unprepared on that occasion. At the same time he was obliged to obey when called upon to speak, and he hoped he could very briefly express the feeling of those whose health had just been drunk, by returning thanks to the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed that toast. As regarded the beneficial influence of Freemasonry he was persuaded that there was no other system which had the same power of welding together people belonging to different classes, and so long as Freemasonry extended its creed throughout the world, the further it penetrated the greater would be its power, and in spite of the efforts of Socialists there was a loyalty and he might say a religion about Freemasonry which would prove a bulwark to the public order of the State, and a safeguard to the liberties of the people.

Bro. Eve, Grand Treasurer, also responded for that toast.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Lord Mayor," said that they never met in the city, whether at a Masonic or any other social gathering, without recognising the head and monarch of their city—the Lord Mayor. And when, as in the present instance, they had a lord mayor who trod in the steps of his illustrious predecessors, and when they remembered that he was the 690th lord mayor, many as had been the talented men who had occupied that position, history furnished them with no mention of any lord mayor who had fulfilled his duties more zealously, or kindly, or more hospitably, or more to the satisfaction of the citizens than the present Lord Mayor, the Right Hon. Polydore de Keyser. In the Masonic world the brethren knew that the Lord Mayor took and felt a great interest. He was the Master of the lodge which he so well represented, and considering his position, it was only surprising that he could still devote time to Masonry. It had been the custom, the Master said, ever since the Alliance Lodge had been established, that when the Lord Mayor for the year was a member of the Masonic body, for the lodge to have the honour of entertaining him. It was difficult for him, in the presence of the Lord Mayor, to say as much as he would have liked to do about him, but he was quite sure that the brethren would join him most sincerely in drinking to the health of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, trusting that he might be spared with health and strength to go through his arduous duties which he had commenced with such credit and renown to himself.

The Lord Mayor, in reply, said that he was almost overpowered at the very kind reception which those present had given to the toast which had just been proposed by their good Master. He believed from what he had heard of the lodge that every member of the Corporation, and certainly the Lord Mayor, ought to belong to that lodge, and he hoped that the lodge would give him the opportunity of becoming a member of it, and that in that manner he might make up for what he believed to be a want in his education as a Mason. Although he was Master of his lodge this year, he was not a young Mason; he had been one for 25 years, and entirely adopted and was inspired by those principles which had been enunciated by their Grand Chaplain. As his mind travelled over another world, which he would call human nature, he could tell them the reasons why he was attracted to Freemasonry were to be found in that known and wide spirit of tolerance and those generous ideas which he found prevailing in Masonry and the absence of that prejudice, which was the curse of society and the curse of humanity, and since he had heard of the opposition he incurred before he attained the high position which he now occupied, still stronger would be his adherence to those great principles he had referred to. The W.M. had been good enough to express the hope that he (the Lord Mayor) would carry out the traditions of the office he now held. He had not yet given proof of that, as unfortunately circumstances had pre-

vented his entertaining his friends. The entertainments at the Mansion house had unfortunately necessarily been postponed, but he hoped that he should be able to show that he did not mean that the traditions of the Mansion House for hospitality to the citizens should not suffer during his term of office. He hoped to give a Masonic banquet when he should hope to have the honour of receiving the Present and Past Grand Officers to prove that the Mansion House and the Lord Mayor were to accord that hospitality which he believed to be one of the most important functions of the Mansion House. He thanked them for having for the second time in the last ten years invited him to visit that lodge; he thanked them not only as a Mason, but as Lord Mayor, for their kind reception, and desired to express his gratification at the honour they had paid him.

"The Health of the Master of the Lodge" was proposed by the Lord Mayor, and

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that he was quite overcome by the very kind and flattering expressions which the abundant kindness and goodness of heart of the Lord Mayor had led him to use in proposing that toast. His lordship had truly said that he (the W.M.) took a great interest in the Masonic duties that had fallen upon him. It had been his pleasure to fulfil to the best of his ability every duty which he had undertaken, and if he should have been so fortunate as to have met with the approbation of the brethren of the lodge, he felt it as one of the most satisfactory preferences to which he had been able to acquire. He thanked his lordship very sincerely for that very strong mark of his lordship's kindness. He had, as his lordship had said, to associate with him upon the floor of the Court of Common Council, and he had watched, as every member of the Corporation had done, with interest and affection, his career, and therefore it was with very great satisfaction indeed that he felt that his lordship's sincere remarks had been so kindly received, and which were deeply gratifying to himself.

"The Health of the Sheriffs" was then proposed by the Master, and

Bro. Major Davies, in replying, asked to be allowed to become a member of the lodge, but said that he should not be satisfied if admitted until he occupied the position of its Master.

Bro. Sheriff Higgs also responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. Dr. Egan, A. M. Broadley, and Hafeley (of New York).

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton replied for "The P.M.'s of the Lodge."

Bro. J. Marcham was toastmaster.

HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. J. W. Hartley, W.M., occupied the chair, and the members present were Bros. Hooper, S.W. and W.M. elect; Hakim, J.W.; Darch, S.D.; France, J.D.; Mordey, I.G.; Phillips, Sec.; Hopekirk, Treas.; Hammond, P.M.; Stokes, I.P.M.; Andrews, Steward; Arter, Org.; the total number present, including visitors, numbering about 45.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Baldock was raised to the Third Degree and Bro. Keeble passed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, the W.M. installing his successor in such a manner that, on the motion of Bro. Hammond, seconded by Bro. Hopekirk, a special vote of thanks was accorded to him. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hakim, S.W.; Darch, J.W.; Mordey, S.D.; Forster, J.D.; Andrews, I.G.; Hopekirk, Treas.; Hartley, I.P.M. and Sec.; Phillips and France, Stewards; Lawson, D.C.; Worstencroft, Asst. Sec.; Arter and Baldock, Organists; and Sheppard, Tyler. Bro. Hooper, W.M., was appointed a Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School, and £10 10s. was voted to his list. Bro. Hartley, I.P.M., was presented with a jewel (manufactured specially for the lodge by Bro. George Kenning) and also a P.M.'s collar, in recognition of his services as a founder and fifth W.M. of the lodge.

At the banquet which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, that for "The Visitors" being acknowledged by Bros. Tarr and Ayling.

The musical portion of the evening was very ably rendered by Bros. Cranch, Sarjeant, Arter, and others.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—The last regular meeting of the season of this lodge was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Lawrence W.M.; W. A. Dowling, acting S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., Treas.; George Gardner, P.M., Sec.; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; F. Walden, J.D.; C. F. Hughes, I.G.; J. Rowling, D.C.; F. D. Smith, Org.; B. Kenyon, Asst. Stwd.; G. W. Rowe, Tyler; H. Price, W. Ritchie, A. W. Smith, J. T. Benson, R. N. Stollerey, F. W. Wheeler, E. Wavell, G. K. Johnson, J. Ellis, J. Brill, G. Sales, N. Deities, John Inder, H. Clerke, W. C. Dickey, C. Packer, R. Milbourne, W. Clowes, W. H. Ellis, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Ballot was taken for a joining brother, which proved in his favour. Bros. Wavell and Johnson were passed to the Degree of F.C., the W.M. giving the lecture at the tracing board in a very excellent manner. Apologies were read for non-attendance from Bros. Harvey, I.P.M., Lord George Hamilton, M.P., S.W., and others. It was announced that the recent ball had been an immense success.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. Lawrence Mather, A.G.D.C.; H. Dickey, I.P.M. 1744; C. Kilpin Page, S.W. 591; W. J. Porter, S.W. 1793; R. Parr, 193; T. S. Thornton, 2090; and H. B. Inder, 1288.

"Hearty good wishes" were offered, received, and acknowledged. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the banqueting-room to, as usual, a sumptuous repast.

After the usual toasts were given, that of "The Visitors" being responded to by the whole of them, songs and recitations being interspersed, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close at an early hour.

HENDON LODGE.—(No. 2206).—A meeting of this flourishing young lodge was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at the Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M. 2048, W.M.; J. Thom, S.W.; Fraser, J.W.; Lewis, S.D.; A. A. Nottingham, J.D.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Scurrah, Sec.; A. J. Hearne, D.C.; Langley, I.G.; E. W. Wheeler, Org.; Whiting, Tyler; and several brethren and visitors, among the latter being Bros. Binckes, P.G.S.B. Eng.; Knight, I.P.M. 1507; Lister, W.M. 1745; Axford, P.P.G.D.C., W.M. 1949; Holmes, 1314; J. C. Smith, P.M. 1744; and Emblin, S.W. 147.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting, and the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Hearn, Hudson, Dobbs, and Easun, were duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed in the W.M.'s well-known excellent style. Bros. Elliott and Williams were passed to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Beresford, H. Bloxham, and T. S. Anderson, and proved unanimously in favour of those gentlemen. The latter candidate being in attendance, was duly initiated into the ancient mysteries of the Craft. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting table, where an excellent repast had been prepared by Bro. W. P. Warner, the host. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were severally given.

Bro. Binckes, P.G.S.B. England, replied for "The Grand Officers," his remarks being most enthusiastically received by the brethren.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, Treasurer and acting I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master" in very felicitous term.

The toast was most heartily responded to by the brethren.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he had to thank the brethren very sincerely for the kind manner in which they had received and responded to that toast. He then alluded in a very feeling manner to the principles of the Craft, illustrating his speech by allegorical references, and concluded by saying he looked forward to the time—perhaps far distant—when all men would be united in the bond of brotherly affection, and he had no doubt that that time would arrive, and the brotherly love that had been disseminated by the Order to which they were proud to belong would bear good fruit, and that all men would be united in friendly harmony, strengthened by the ties of brotherly affection as taught in their noble Fraternity. The W.M., continuing, said he was happy to say that their lodge had been formed in perfect harmony, and he had no doubt that it would prosper, and that the time would come when No. 2206 would be found in the front rank of lodges.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Initiate," who responded in very happy terms, and expressed the pleasure he felt in being admitted a member of the ancient Fraternity, adding, that as a "hewer of wood and a drawer of water," he would do his best to carry out the principles of the Craft.

"The Visitors" was duly responded to.

"The Charities" was responded to by Bro. Binckes, P.G.S.B., in a very fine speech which elicited warm applause from the brethren.

Other toasts followed. The brethren separated at an early hour.

This meeting was undoubtedly the most successful one since the consecration of the lodge in July last. The ceremonies were carried out in superb style by the W.M., who was most ably supported by the officers, the beautiful ritual being rendered more solemn and effective by the united efforts of Bros. Wheeler, Org.; Hearn, Hudson, Dobbs, and Easun, the vocalists.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of the above grand old lodge took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street. Bro. J. G. Milbourne, W. Master, occupied the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bros. A. Cleal, I.P.M.; G. Davies, P.M.; H. S. Syer, P.M.; R. A. Smith, P.M.; T. Hosgood, P.M.; W. Akers, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); W. Tailby, S.W.; H. Grice, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; J. Bell, S.D.; L. Chasteaneuf, J.D.; J. Gould, W.M. 1685; R. J. Naylor, W.M.; J. Warren, P.M.; W. Webber, J.W.; S. Southgate, S.D.; H. Porter, and C. Cox, of 700; W. G. Lloyd, S.D.; J. Stratton, and W. Ledger, of 913; E. C. Talbot, 65; Quarter-master Rankin, 1536; F. Reeve, 1472; W. Gower, and others, to the number of 78.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. Templeman, and, proving unanimous, he, with Mr. B. D. Marner, already balloted for, were initiated, and Bro. Curtis was raised. The charge to the initiates and the traditional history in the raising were eloquently recited by the W.M., who is simply perfection in his working, and is admirably seconded by his officers. The W. Master thanked the brethren for their support of his Stewardship for the Old People, which enabled him to take up the handsome sum of over 100 guineas, and trusted that the lodge would every year be represented by a Steward at either of the Charities.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured.

Bro. Cleal proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing said their W.M. had done enough work during the present month to try the nerves of the stoutest Mason. He had done them the honour to stand Steward at the late Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and had been very successful in that. He had presided at the working of the Fifteen Sections at Sidcup last week, and had been busy at the Leopold Lodge of Instruction at Blackwall, and other places, and he was sure that nothing gave their W.M. greater pleasure than in communicating his great Masonic knowledge to any one of the brethren who desired or aspired to office. He asked the brethren to support their W.M. by attending the lodge, for in no other way could they reward him, or do anything that would give him greater satisfaction. He called upon them to drink the toast in bumpers, and they did.

The W.M., in response, thanked Bro. Cleal for the complimentary terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their hearty reception of it. It was a very pleasing thing to be Master of one's mother lodge, and those who achieved the position had to work hard to get it. It was now getting toward the half of his year of

office, which he certainly looked upon as the proudest of his life, for he had been admirably supported by the whole of his officers and the brethren generally. They in that lodge were one chain in brotherly love and union, and if the links of that chain only kept together in harmony, he could see even a better prospect before them than they even now had. That lodge room was, as every lodge should be, a trying place for the brethren to meet and be happy, and if that principle were carried out, nothing could ever shake the foundations of the lodge or mar its prosperity. He again thanked them for their handsome support of his Stewardship, and hoped to see the lodge one day a Vice-Patron of all the Charities.

The "Past Masters" having been toasted, "The Initiates," were honoured, and both having returned thanks, the toast of "The Visitors" was received with applause, and in response,

Bro. Naylor thanked the W.M. and brethren for their reception of the toast, which, if not a "Nelson" fire, yet certainly had somewhat of the "Up Guards and at 'em" style about it. He hoped to see a number of the Waterloos at the Nelson the following week, and promised them all a hearty and cordial reception.

Several other toasts followed, and the singing and reciting were excellent.

NEATH.—Cambrian Lodge (No. 364).—The installation of Bro. E. Grant as W.M. of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when, although the weather was very stormy, a large number of influential brethren were present, amongst whom were Bros. Tennant, D.P.G.M.; Rev. D. Walters, P.M. 1573, Prov. G. Chap.; J. Buckley Wilson, N. Leitch, R. Parry, J. C. Sladen, J. Hughes, F. Lewis, H. F. Clarke, J. M. Smith, W. J. K. Jackson, J. M. Jones, H. Macey, G. Palmer, C. Kappel, J. B. Davies, J. T. Davies, J. D. Porter, J. D. Llewellyn, D. P. Reynolds, H. Stone, O. H. Thomas, and others.

The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bros. R. A. Browning, P.M., P.A.G.S., and G. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. D. L. Davies, I.P.M.; A. Burnett, S.W.; A. George, J.W.; W. Whittington, Treas.; A. F. Mills, Chap.; W. Hopkins, Sec.; S. Phillips, S.D.; D. G. Thomas, J.D.; J. E. Griffiths, I.G.; J. S. Church, Org.; F. J. Kerr, D.C.; M. Whittington and W. Bedford, Stewards; and T. Wall, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where the hostess had prepared a capital dinner.

BANBURY.—Cherwell Lodge (No. 599).—The 37th anniversary festival of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 27th ult., upon which occasion the W.M.'s chair was taken by Bro. J. S. Palmer, P.M., M.E.Z., P.P.J.G.W., P.G. 1st Asst. Soj., whose thorough knowledge of Masonry, and whose great services to the Craft justly entitle him to the highest honour that it is in the power of a Provincial Grand Master to bestow. The ordinary business having been disposed of, two brethren were passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed in an exceedingly able manner by the W.M. Master, assisted by the officers of the lodge. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. R. Cooper, Prov. G.D., was then presented, the ceremony of installation being performed in a masterly and impressive manner by Bro. Palmer, who was highly complimented by several distinguished brethren from London and the neighbouring Province of Warwickshire. Bro. Wells, P.M., presided at the harmonium. The officers for the year were invested by the W.M. as follows: Bros. L. M. Wynne, P.P.G.S. of W., I.P.M.; W. E. Wood, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; C. F. Edmunds, J.W.; Rev. W. A. Marshall, Chap.; J. S. Palmer, P.P.G.W., &c., Treas.; E. J. Hartley, P.P.G.W., &c., Sec.; W. J. Johnson, S.D.; W. Strange, J.D.; R. C. Humphrey, D. of C.; S. Hood, A.D. of C.; T. H. Huscroft, Org.; M. Nathan, I.G.; W. Forrester and J. M. Wilks, Stewards; and T. Moss, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, and sat down to an excellent banquet. The chair was taken by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. W. R. Cooper, who was supported by Bros. J. Boddington, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Warwickshire; E. Cotton, P.M. 382; J. S. Cranmer, 2133; F. P. Cash, 1719; J. S. Palmer, P.M.; John Potts, P.M.; E. J. Hartley, P.M.; W. A. Samman, P.M.; J. S. Wells, P.M.; and the officers and many brethren of the lodge.

The toasts were those of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, G. Master," "Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; and the Officers of the Grand Lodge," "Rt. Hon. the Earl of Jersey, Prov. Grand Master; Reg. Bird, M.A., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," which was replied to by Bro. W. E. Wood, Prov. Grand Steward; "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. J. S. Palmer, and responded to by Bro. W. R. Cooper; "The Immediate Past Master," replied to by Bro. E. J. Hartley; "The Installing Master," responded to by Bro. J. S. Palmer; "The Visitors," replied to by Bros. J. Boddington, E. Cotton, J. S. Cranmer, F. P. Cash, and Morris, who expressed their gratification at the exceedingly pleasant evening they had spent; they also spoke in enthusiastic terms of the work, and said that in the whole range of their Masonic experience they had never seen the ceremonies more ably performed. Such a compliment must have given great pleasure not only to the W.M. and officers, but to every member of the Cherwell Lodge. "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bros. W. E. Wood and C. F. Edmunds responded.

Bro. J. S. Wells presided at the piano, glees and songs being sung at intervals throughout the evening by Bros. G. E. Sykes, C. Windsor, C. F. Edmunds, W. J. Johnson, J. S. Wells, W. Page, and other brethren. There is, fortunately, no lack of musical talent in the lodge, and the excellent singing always adds very much to the charm of these meetings.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, and put a finish to one of the most enjoyable gatherings that the members of the Cherwell Lodge ever held.

BIRKENHEAD.—Combermere Lodge (No. 605).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 15th instant, at the Queen's Hotel. There was a large attendance of members and friends to witness the ceremony of installation, which was performed

in a very impressive manner by Bro. G. Grant, I.P.M. Amongst those present were Bros. Brown, P.P.G.D.C.; F. K. Stevenson, P.P.G.S.B.; T. C. Thorburn, P.P.G.S. of W.; S. Jones, P.P.J.G.D.; L. Ellis, P.P.S.G.D.; F. Thompson, P.P.J.G.D., &c.; and the following W.M.'s and P.M.'s and brethren from other lodges: His Worship the Mayor of Warrington, Bro. Sutton, P.M. 148; Bros. R. L. Andrew, W.M. 1289; A. A. Gass, P.M. 477; R. Jones, P.M. 1276; C. F. Dean, P.M. 1289 and 2042; W. Thorne, G. J. Leeming, J. Lee, P.P.G.S.; and others.

The chair was occupied by Bro. G. Grant, W.M., supported by Bros. Clarke, I.P.M.; J. Sillitoe, P.P.J.G.D., P.M. and Treas.; M. M'Nerney, P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Simon, P.M., P.P.G.T., and Sec.; T. Shaw, P.M.; A. E. Coveney, P.M.; O. Jones, P.M.; and Hon. H. Holbrook, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. &c. Bro. J. Gamlin was installed W.M., and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. Grant, I.P.M.; P. Duff, S.W.; C. Roberts, J.W.; J. R. Simm, Sec.; J. Sillitoe, Treas.; O. Jones, D.C.; A. Moore, S.D.; R. H. Middleton, J.D.; J. Kemp, I.G.; R. Watt and J. Frazer, Stwds.; and N. Peacock, Org. The Treasurer's statement showed the very satisfactory balance of £47. The P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Grant was presented by Bro. M'Nerney, on behalf of the lodge, with a feeling allusion to the good fellowship and happiness which had prevailed throughout the past year. Bro. Shaw moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the worthy Treasurer, who for 18 years had so well and thoroughly performed his duties, and that the lodge take steps to present him with a mark of their esteem. The vote was passed with acclamation.

The excellent banquet was served by Bro. de Board, and the usual toasts were fully honoured. The musical portion of the evening was given by Bros. Kirkham, Edwards, Higinbottom, Forrester, C. Roberts, and S. Proudman.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The anniversary of the above lodge took place on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street. This lodge is one of the largest and most prosperous lodges in England, and is the strongest in the Province of Derbyshire. The attendance was very numerous, brethren coming from different parts of the shire, not merely out of compliment to the new Worshipful Master, Bro. J. W. Brigg, but in recognition of the valuable and conscientious labours of his predecessor, Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss. The ceremony of installation was admirably rendered by Bro. Woodiwiss, Bro. J. Bland, P.P.J.G.D., efficiently acting as Director of Ceremonies. The new Master subsequently invested and appointed his officers in the following order: Bros. Woodiwiss, I.P.M.; Severn Taylor, S.W.; John Walker, J.W.; the Rev. Thomas Orrell, Chaplain; W. Whittaker, P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; W. H. Wright, Sec.; George Sutherland, S.D.; John Jones, J.D.; W. Todd, D.C.; Wm. Forman, Org.; G. Tarver, I.G.; G. H. Ward and A. Smith, Stewards; and Thomas Day, Tyler. In presenting the retiring Master with a handsome jewel in recognition of his services, Bro. Brigg bore testimony to the zeal, geniality, and ability with which Bro. Woodiwiss had discharged the duties of the chair; and at the banquet subsequently held in the large dining room, Bro. T. Gee supplemented these remarks by remarking, amid the cheers of the brethren, that the past year had been one of the happiest and most prosperous in the history of the lodge.

The banquet was partaken of by about a hundred brethren. The proceedings throughout were of a very hearty and enjoyable character, the musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. W. L. Dodd, P.P.G. Org., being very much appreciated.

WEST DERBY.—Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The excellent installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., at Rawlinson's Hotel, and it clearly indicated that prominent success continues to attend the existence of this branch of the Masonic Order. The chair at the opening of the interesting proceedings was taken by Bro. T. A. Withey, the retiring W.M., and, besides a full complement of P.M.'s, Senior and Junior officers, and numerous private members, there were present the following visitors: Bros. John Houlding, P.P.G.R.; R. Martin, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Foote, P.P.G. Treas.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; H. H. Smith, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Page, I.P.M. 292; C. Wadsworth, P.M. 202; W. Hughes, P.M., Treas. 292; T. F. Foulkes, P.M. 292; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.D.; O. W. Sanderson, I.P.M. 1609; Barry Stuart, 1609; W. Oliver, P.M. 220; and others.

After some preliminary business, Bro. S. Haden Jones was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most admirably performed by Bro. J. J. Ramsay, P.M., P.G.P., to whom a cordial vote of thanks was given at the close of the business proceedings. The following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. A. Withey, I.P.M.; J. F. Booth, S.W.; A. Harrison, J.W.; W. S. Vines, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas. (re-elected for the 18th time); T. S. Ramsay, Sec.; William Pearson, S.D.; John Leach, J.D.; James Oakes, I.G.; G. R. Jones and J. E. Galloway, Stwds.; J. J. Ramsay, P.M., P.G.P., D.C.; and Bro. Robinson was re-elected Tyler.

An excellent dinner was subsequently served by Mrs. Rawlinson, and a pleasant evening was spent. In the course of the proceedings Bro. Withey, I.P.M., was presented with an artistic P.M.'s jewel, and he was also the recipient of an elegant silver salver for Mrs. Withey, the gift of the members of the lodge.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—A meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, King-street, when there were present Bros. J. Browne, W.M.; H. Bouchier, S.W.; H. Riddlesworth, J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; W. Rigby, Sec.; A. Craston, as S.D.; R. P. White, J.D.; G. L. Campbell, D.C.; T. Knowles, I.G.; C. A. Cronshaw, Steward; W. Swallow, Tyler; W. Johnson, P.M.; Seddon, P.M.; Crossley, P.M.; R. Betley, P.M.; L. R. Rowbottom, P.M.; and Leyland, W.M. 178. Visitors: Bros. J. Smith, Margeson, T. P. Simpson, and J. Brindle, P.M., of 178; and Allen.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., assisted by his officers, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate the Rev. T. Tebbs, after which Bro. William Johnson, P.M.,

took the chair, and initiated the Rev. Enoch Franks. Notice of motion was given by Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and Charity Representative—"That the sum of 20 guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge to the Girls' School." The lodge was then closed.

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when there were present with others Bros. I. Prust, W.M.; T. W. Morgan, P.M.; S.W.; T. H. Wills, J.W.; J. W. McKellar, S.D.; T. J. Crossman, J.D.; S. Wills, D.C.; C. P. Waite, I.G.; W. Hersey and J. Taylor, Stwds.; J. Newton, Tyler; W. J. Hugan, P.S.G.D. England, &c.; J. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Dodge, P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; F. Hex, I.P.M., Sec.; B. Knight, P.M.; Guy, W. Hill, V. Lauzel, F. C. White, W. H. Snell, J. J. Hardiman, J. R. Risdon, W. Winget, G. West, J. D. Beer, W. Worth, T. Johnson, R. H. L. Holman, W. Taylor, P.M. 328; R. L. Mugford, W.M. 328; and J. Beer and Dr. Willard, Stwds. 328.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., when the minutes were read and confirmed. Before proceeding with the formal business on the agenda paper, the W.M. intimated that Bro. C. P. Waite, I.G., who was about to leave Torquay, would be presented with a token of the brethren's regard and esteem, and called upon Bro. W. J. Hugan, P.G.D. England, &c., to make the presentation.

Bro. Hugan, in the course of a happy speech, expressed the esteem in which the brethren held their courteous and genial brother, and expressed the hope that his new sphere would be a successful one, so much so, as the Jordan Lodge regretted to lose him. He (Bro. Hugan) hoped he would soon make a fortune and then come and settle down in that beautiful Torquay, and work again in the Jordan Lodge. In asking Bro. Waite's acceptance of such valuable works as Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records," and the "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry" by Albert G. Mackay, with addendums by Charles McClenachan, together with a beautifully framed list of the subscribers, he hoped they would be handed down as heir-looms to generations yet unborn. The framed list was headed "Presented with two valuable Masonic works to Bro. Charles Percy Waite (on the occasion of his leaving Torquay) by the members of the Jordan Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1402, Torquay, with their sincere wishes for his future welfare.—March 13th, A.D. 1888, A.L. 5888."

Bro. Waite replied with feeling; being so completely taken by surprise he could only say "Thanks."

The ballot was then taken for Messrs. C. H. S. J. Hill and Robert Pickard, which was in favour of both candidates, who, being present, were initiated according to ancient custom by Bro. B. Knight, P.M., in a very able and efficient manner. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren to the number of 32 then partook of refreshments provided by Bro. W. Taylor, whose catering gave great satisfaction. After ample justice had been done to the good things and the cloth removed, the W.M. proposed the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," followed by "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," both of which were received with due honours.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," also "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bros. J. Dodge and J. Lane responded.

Bro. J. Dodge proposed in appropriate terms "The Health of the W.M."

The Worshipful Master responded in graceful language, and said he loved Masonry and endeavoured to carry out its grand principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth in every day life.

Other toasts followed, and altogether the proceedings were of a most enjoyable nature, a particularly pleasant evening being spent, of which those present will long retain the happiest recollection. The lodge is in a most flourishing condition.

CUCKFIELD.—Ockenden Lodge (No. 1465).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 13th inst., at the Talbot Hotel. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. F. F. J. Greenfield, Prov. G. Chap. The members present included Bros. W. Hurst Wright, S.W.; J. C. Couldwell, J.W.; C. Bampfyld Warre, Prov. S.G. Deacon, P.M.; Dr. C. Braid, P.M.; Lewis Weedon, P.M.; R. Fitzmaurice, C. E. Saunders, W. Howe, E. A. Riches, and G. Bunting, Tyler. The following visitors attended: Bros. Dr. C. F. Lewis, P.M. 2187, P.S.G.W.; Dr. H. E. Price, P.M. 1466, Prov. J.G.W.; Dr. MacQueen, P.M. 916; R. E. Stuckey, W.M. 916; W. W. D'Albiac, W.M. 1466; C. J. Heald, W.M. 1636; J. C. Buckwell, J.W. 2187; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Sec. 1466; J. Sayers, 1636; Shaw, 10; Parkis, 720; and McKenzie, 1947.

After the formal business had been transacted, Bro. W. Hurst Wright was installed in the chair by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. F. F. J. Greenfield, who performed the ceremony in a faultless manner, the addresses being given by Bros. C. B. Warre, Dr. Braid, and Lewis Weedon. The newly-installed W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. J. C. Couldwell, S.W.; R. Fitzmaurice, J.W.; C. E. Saunders, S.D.; W. Howe, J.D.; E. Alban, I.G.; and G. Bunting, Tyler. Those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices. The Treasurer, Bro. Dr. T. Spry Byass, P.P.G.D., was unavoidably absent.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren proceeded to the banquet, which was supplied by Bro. J. Sayers in his usual admirable manner, and duly appreciated.

The customary loyal toasts having been given, "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master" (who was unable to be present) and "Provincial Grand Officers" was given, and responded to by Bros. Dr. C. F. Lewis, Prov. S.G.W., and Dr. H. E. Price, Prov. J.G.W.

The toast of "The W.M." was well received, and in response Bro. Wright stated that nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the prosperity of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors," who, as usual at the banquet of this lodge, far exceeded in numbers that of the members, was responded to by Bros. W. W. D'Albiac, W.M. 1466, and C. J. Heald, W.M. 1636.

The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Initiate," and the Tyler's toast.

The musical entertainment was furnished by Miss Minnie Freeman, Bro. J. P. S. Roberts, and Bro. Saunders, whose pleasing songs were accompanied by the W.M.; Miss Gates contributing well-played violin solos to accompaniments by Miss Ethel Savery; the latter lady also rendering a pianoforte solo in good style.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This very prosperous lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Lion Hotel, on the 15th inst. It met at five o'clock especially to consider the following notice of motion given at the last meeting: "We, the undersigned, being members of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, in open lodge assembled this 16th day of February, 1888, give notice of motion 'That the lodge be removed from the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, to the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Wick, or such other place as may be decided upon.' We respectfully beg that the Worshipful Master, under clause 167 of the Work of Constitutions, will convene a special meeting to consider and finally decide the question." Then followed 17 signatures. Among the members present were Bros. Eales, W.M.; Ransford, S.W.; Jessett, P.M., P.P.G. G.B., Treas., acting J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P., P.P.G. S.B., Sec.; E. Clark, S.D.; Scholding, J.D.; J. W. Clarke, acting I.G.; W. Fisher, P.M., D.C.; A. Bushell, Assist. Stwd.; J. Smith, A.D.C.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Spearing, P.M.; Hopkins, Robinson, Proctor, G. J. Tagg, C. Davis, Bates, Moss, Cronin, Sanders, Masters, Foes, C. Wheatley, Trotter, F. Scott, Murphey, Conway, and others.

The portion of the minutes of the 16th February, 1888, referring to the removal of the lodge, having been read, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously "That the lodge be removed to the Greyhound Hotel, in the parish of Hampton Wick, as the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, the present meeting place, is far too small for the requirements of the Hemming Lodge, which now numbers over 50 members."

At six o'clock the lodge was afterwards re-opened in the presence of the same brethren, and the minutes of the 16th February last, and the minutes of the special meeting, were read and confirmed. The announcement of the death of Bro. Farwood was received with regret, and a petition on behalf of his widow and children duly recommended and signed. Other minor business in connection with the lodge having been satisfactorily disposed of, the lodge was formally closed, and adjourned till the third Thursday in October next.

Refreshment followed labour, and a few toasts were given and responded to.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate. Present: Bros. W. B. Dyson, W.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., as S.W.; W. Lackenby, J.W.; Wm. Brown, I.P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; G. Sec.; G. Lamb, S.D.; F. W. Halliwell, as J.D.; G. Chapman, D.C.; P. Pearson and W. Sharp, Stwds.; W. S. Child, Org.; J. H. Shonksmith, I.G.; J. Hall, Tyler; G. H. Hebblethwaite, J. Horner, G. G. Pook, F. H. Vaughan, J. D. Irving, W. Blenkin, W. Ream, T. Milner, J. Smith, A. Archer, J. Scott, and others. Two candidates were balloted for and accepted. Bro. Tindale was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., the I.P.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the lodge an engraving of Bro. B. Frodsham, the first Master of the lodge held at the Punch Bowl Inn at York in 1761, and the First Principal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter at York in 1762. The name of a candidate for initiation was proposed, and the lodge was closed with "Hearty good wishes." The brethren afterwards supped together and spent an agreeable evening.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This lodge met at the Rose and Crown Hotel, on the 12th inst. Among those present we noticed Bros. T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D., P.M., W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G. S.B., P.M., S.W., W.M. elect; Featherstone, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas., acting J.W.; W. T. Peat, Sec.; Drummond, S.D.; Dare, J.D.; Sapworth, I.G.; Page, P.M., Org.; Grant, D.C.; Bond and Spooner, Stwds.; J. Piller, P.M.; F. Chandler, P.M.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.M., P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec. Middx.; and J. Baldwin, P.P.G.D. (Hon. Members); and others. Among the visitors were Bros. R. Forge, P.P.G.D.C.; E. H. Thielay, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; J. C. Jessett, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; F. Hunt, P.P.G.O. Surrey; Whitehead, W.M. 1425; Eales, W.M. 1512; Cousins, P.M. 209; H. Wheatley, P.M. 1512; Marvin, P.M. 1768; Gaze, J.W. 1768; Harling, 975; Ballard, 1326; Sturgeon, 1768; Gates, 1793; and Covell, 2032.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Suggett was impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., who also gave with his accustomed skill the traditional history and the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. T. C. Walls, W.M. elect, having been presented, was installed in the chair of K.S. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Piller, P.M., as S.W.; Featherstone, P.M., as J.W.; and F. Chandler, P.M., as I.G. The following investments then took place: Bros. Drummond, S.W.; Dare, J.W.; Featherstone, Treas.; Peat, Sec.; Sapworth, S.D.; Grant, J.D.; Bond, I.G.; Page, Org.; Spooner, D.C.; Ireland and Hunt, Stwds.; and Gilbert, Tyler. The Installing Master then gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and lodge in a manner that left but little to be desired. A vote of thanks was voted to him and carried by acclamation. The W.M. then presented Bro. Ockenden with a jewel. In the course of his remarks he congratulated the I.P.M. on having so successfully carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year, and also for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Officer. The W.M. regretted that the time-piece which the lodge had presented to Mrs. Ockenden in recognition of her husband's services as Secretary, was not in the lodge room, but he felt confident that she appreciated the compliment which the brethren had paid her. The I.P.M. having replied, letters from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, P.D.G.M. Middx.; H. Buss, P.A. G. Sec.; W. Fisher, P.M.; H. Jones, P.M.; W. Spearing, P.M., and others, pleading inability to attend were read. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned

to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were given. Bro. Woodward responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." Having dealt with the toast, he interpolated other matter. He particularly congratulated the lodge upon its sound position. They had that day seen installed into the chair a W.M. who had filled that distinguished position in six other lodges, and whose varied experience in all matters Masonic would tend to advance the working and welfare of the lodge. Having also spoken of the excellent way in which the I.P.M. had done his work, he concluded his long and eloquent speech by expressing a hope that notwithstanding the work entailed upon him as Secretary of a province numbering 53 lodges and chapters, was necessarily great, he should speedily visit them again.

Bro. Baldwin responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers" in a neat speech.

Bro. Ockenden then proposed "The Health of the W.M." in flattering terms. He spoke of Bro. Walls' services as a founder of the lodge, and as one who in the long period of 11 years was scarcely ever absent from its meetings. Their W.M. was held in high estimation, not only in Craft Masonry but in every working degree in the Metropolis. His services in Middlesex in particular had been exceptionally good. In conclusion he trusted that the bond of friendship which had existed between him and their W.M. for 13 years would be still further cemented.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Forge, in reply, expressed a regret that, from unavoidable circumstances, he had been compelled to resign his membership of the lodge. He had greatly enjoyed his visit that day to the lodge, more especially as he had seen his old friend and fellow worker in other Masonic fields installed into the chair of K.S. with so much impressiveness by Bro. Ockenden.

Bros. Jessett, Eales, and Wheatley also spoke in very laudatory terms of the working, and congratulated the members of the lodge upon having a brother at their head who had done so much for Masonry generally.

In giving the toasts of "The Installing Officer, Past Masters, and Treasurer and Secretary," the Worshipful Master expressed his regret that time prevented him from giving those three important toasts separately. In Bro. Ockenden they had a brother whose Masonic knowledge was of no mean order. He (the I.P.M.) was an active member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and he (the W.M.) was truly sorry that others did not emulate his bright example. Bro. Ockenden was a founder of No. 1656, Secretary for nine years, a S.W. one year, and, lastly, had brought his career to a climax by serving as W.M. They had all seen how well he had performed his duties, and therefore comment on his (the W.M.'s) part was superfluous. In conclusion, he remarked that he had restored Bro. Ockenden to Masonic light in No. 1512 in 1874, and had had the pleasure of his intimacy ever since. In speaking of Bros. Piller and Chandler as Past Masters, he said that he was pleased to be associated with two such worthy brethren. Of Bro. Featherstone, as Treasurer, and Bro. Peat, as Secretary, he could have said a great deal, had time permitted. They both had done well, especially the latter, whom he hoped to see some day W.M. of that lodge.

Bro. Ockenden, in a modest speech, thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the great warmth with which they had received the toast of his health. He was deeply touched by the kindly allusions to his wife, and he should convey to her the substance of the W.M.'s remarks. Although he had left the chair, he should continue to give as much time to the lodge as the exigencies of his business would permit.

Bros. Chandler, Featherstone, and Peat having briefly replied, "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Drummond, Dare, Sapworth, Grant, and Bond terminated the proceedings.

Especially thanks were due to Bros. Hunt, Page, Grant, Smith, and Sturgeon for their instrumental and vocal selections.

RETFORD.—Vernon Lodge (No. 1802).—The annual installation of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., when there were several visitors from Doncaster, Worksop, Wath, Lincolnshire, and London. Bro. W. G. Morton was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. the Rev. O. C. Cockrum, M.A., LL.D., P.P.G.C. The other officers were Bros. R. B. E. Oyle, S.W.; J. Walker, S.D.; E. Piggott, J.D.; J. A. H. Hirst, Treas.; W. J. Lazenby, Sec.; and P. Tomlinson, I.G.

NEWMARKET.—Etheldreda Lodge (No. 2107).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which was consecrated August, 1885, was held on the 15th instant, at the White Hart Hotel, and was largely attended by brethren from the district, including the D.P.G.M. of Cambridge, Bro. A. H. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br. England; Bros. O. Papworth, W.M. 88; E. Armitage, W.M. 859; T. Nicholls, P.M.; W. I. Pashler, I.P.M.; J. V. Pryor, S.W.; and W. Purchas, J.W., of 88; and others.

The lodge having been opened by Bro. E. Hills, W.M., and the ceremony of initiation having taken place, Bro. T. Jennings, jun., P.G.D.C., was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. B. Chennell, P.M., who discharged the duties in a most efficient manner. At the close of this ceremony the newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. E. Hills, P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; W. Hutchinson, S.W.; G. Tindall, P.M. 242, J.W.; Rev. J. Imrie, M.A., P.G.C., Chap.; T. M. Clark, Treas.; T. Ennion, Sec.; W. B. Sheppard, S.D.; G. Simpson, J.D.; B. Chennell, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., D.C.; J. Turner, Org.; A. H. Ruston, I.G.; T. Ennion, Stwd.; and G. Pilbrow, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and guests, numbering 51 in all, adjourned to banquet.

MANCHESTER.—Arthur Sullivan Lodge (No. 2156).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Old Boar's Head, Corporation-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. A. H. Williams, who is in Spain on business, the chair was occupied by Bro. Nathaniel Dunville, I.P.M. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Dunville, acting S.W.; F. W. Lean, J.W.; E. W. Irving, W.M. 1170, P.G. Std., Treas.; B. Brierley, Sec.; F. Gordon, S.D.; J. Gagg, J.D.; O. Gagg, I.G.; C. Turner, P.M. 1011, D.C.; J. Dawson, P.M., Tyler; J. J. Lam-

bert, P.M. 1387, P.G. Reg. West Lancs.; J. E. Ashton, Sec. 1147; Seymour Jackson, Cuthbert Blacow, J. Whittaker, A. S. Kinnell, T. Matthews, Hume, Sedgwick, Howarth, J. E. Ashton, Sec. 1147; Goss and Thornhill. Visitors: Bros. Henry Crosby, P.M. 1598, P.P.G.P.; T. Mottershead, P.M. 1011; A. Grice, W.M. 992; Dan-kerley, J.D. 1147; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Std.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Warberton was a candidate for raising but preferred waiting the return of the W.M., Bro. A. H. Williams. A gentleman should also have been initiated, but owing to ill health was unable to be present. A letter was read by the Treasurer, Bro. E. W. Irving, Prov. G. Std., from the P.G.M., Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, inviting the members of the lodge to spend a day at his residence at Huntroyde. Great satisfaction and pleasure was evinced by all the members present, at the honour thus offered them by the P.G.M., and after some discussion, a committee, consisting of the officers, was appointed to make arrangements for the departure to and from the gallant Colonel's residence, and subsequently to make him acquainted therewith. A sum of 25 guineas that had previously been forwarded to Bro. Terry on behalf of the R.M.B. Institution, was, on the motion of Bro. E. W. Irving, Treas., P.G. Std., seconded by Bro. T. W. Lean, J.W., voted from the lodge and Charity funds combined, and there being no further business the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to one of those capital teas "a la fourchette" for which Mrs. Stopford, the genial hostess, is renowned.

After tea the usual preliminary toasts, that of "The W.M., Bro. Williams," was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. E. W. Irving, who wished him every prosperity in his travels and a safe journey home.

The brethren, to a man, thoroughly reciprocated these sincere wishes, and drank heartily to the toast.

A feature in the evening's enjoyment was a masterly performance on the violin by Bro. Hume, who played a selection from *Trovatore*, accompanied by Bro. J. Howarth.

Bro. Fred. Gordon, the talented bass singer, also delighted his hearers with "Rocked in the cradle of the deep," and Bros. C. Turner, N. Dumville, J. Whittaker, and A. S. Kennell sang a gle.

The proceedings, as is usual with members of the musical profession, terminated at an early hour.

MANCHESTER.—Ardwick Lodge (No. 2185).

—The first annual festival of this lodge was held at the Midland Hotel on the 12th inst. The members present were Bros. Joseph T. Richardson, P.S.G.D., W.M.; Wm. Hoyland, P.M. 1083, S.W.; S. Chesters-Thompson, J.W.; J. Wilkinson, Treas.; S. A. Andrew, P.M. 1011, Sec.; G. E. Wand, S.D.; W. Fitzgerald, J.D.; E. Latton, I.G.; W. Dawson, P.M. 1083, Org.; J. Rogers, P.M. 1219; U. Watmough, P.M. 1126; John Hayes, P.M.; Geo. Siddale, R. Booth, T. N. Cairns, J.W. 1166; A. Taylor, Stephen Chesters, J. L. Kilditch, J. W. Atkinson, R. W. Atkinson, C. Swainson, W. Goss, E. Lorne, W. Deans, and J. C. Brown. Visitors: Bros. Julius Arensberg, P.M. 1161, P.P.G. Purst.; Robt. Caldwell, P.M. 2150, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Abbott, P.M. 1030, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Williamson, P.M. 1055, P.A.G. Purst.; J. D. Kershaw, P.M. 815; S. H. Hassall, P.M. 1011; W. T. A. Allett, W.M., and R. Dottie, P.M., of 993; Chas. Turner, P.M. 1011; Geo. Kirkham, 1083; G. Howard, 1077; N. Dunville, P.M. 2156, P.G.S.; and W. Corbett, P.M. 249.

The W.M. elect, Bro. S. A. Andrew, P.M. 1011, was presented by Bro. Hoyland, P.M., to the I.P.M., Bro. Richardson, Prov. S.G.D., and in due course was placed in the chair of K.S., after which Bro. Andrew proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. S. Chesters-Thompson, S.W.; Fitzgerald, J.W.; Wand, Treas.; Watmough, P.M., Sec.; Sutton, S.D.; Booth, J.D.; Wilkinson, I.G.; and Dawson, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and brethren were given by Bro. Hoyland, P.M., in a most impressive manner. In one portion of the ceremony the I.P.M., Bro. Richardson, had to be assisted by Bro. Abbott, P.M. 1030, P.P.A.G.D.C.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given and received, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was supplied and put on the tables in a creditable manner by the worthy host, Bro. T. M. Cairns, J.W. 1166.

After the removal of the cloth the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were given and received in musical form with extra enthusiasm. Bro. Arensberg, P.P.G.P., responded for "The P.G. Officers, Present and Past."

The toast of the evening, that of "The W.M., Bro. Andrew," was proposed by the I.P.M.

Bro. Richardson, P.M., in feeling terms said that those brethren who knew Bro. Andrew personally, knew him to be one who had the tenets and principles of Masonry at heart, and that a better or truer man he had not had the pleasure to instal in the chair. Bro. Richardson, P.M., concluded by asking the brethren to pledge themselves to support so good a man and true, by drinking to the toast with musical honours, which was done by the musical brethren in "Here's to his health in a song."

Bro. Andrew, W.M., in responding, said that he thanked the brethren for the proud position in which they had placed him, and Bro. Richardson for the too eulogistic terms in which he had proposed the toast of his health. He would do his utmost to make the Ardwick Lodge a prosperous and harmonious one during his year of office, and claimed the help of the brethren to that end. As one of the founders of the lodge along with Bro. Richardson, I.P.M., &c., and others, he trusted that his interests would not suffer in his hands, but that he might hand to his successor a pure unsullied, and good record of his Master-ship.

Bro. Andrew proposed "The Health of the I.P.M." in terms not unduly flattering, considering the services rendered and the years he had devoted to our noble Order.

The I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast, and thanking Bro. Andrew, W.M., for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received the toast of his health, said that he had been a Mason for 25 years, and during that period had been four times W.M. of various lodges, and had been one of the founders of some of them, one being the Ardwick Lodge. As the W.M. of that lodge he had striven to do his duty, and he would do it in the future as in the past, so that he might carry ever with him the "gratifying testimony of a good conscience."

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was given by Bro. S. Chesters-Thompson, J.P., S.W., in an eloquent speech. Welcoming with loving hearts and open hands all true brethren who visited them, he asked them to come to the Ardwick Lodge again and again, and not be satisfied with one visit, and the more frequently they came the more welcome they would be. For his own part he was sorry that he had not joined the Order earlier in life. He was only a young Mason, and considered that if he had been one of them many years ago he would not have had to regret the want of years of happiness which might have been added to his life.

The visiting brethren replied in fraternal terms.

The remaining toasts, "That of the Installing Master," &c., were given and received in a hearty manner.

The musical brethren, Bros. Turner, P.M. 1011; Dunville, P.M. 2156, P.G.S.; Hoyland, P.M. 1083; and C. Howard contributed materially to the enjoyment of the evening, and Bro. Dottie, P.M. 993, rendered valuable assistance by giving some most laughable recitations. The brethren separated at a comparatively early hour.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Penrose, W.M.; Leng, S.W.; Dandridge, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Faulkner, S.D.; Whitley, J.D.; Vornberger, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; J. J. Pitt, P.M.; Hunt, Wright, Jenkins, Priest, Trinder, J. J. Faulkner, Pitt, Prior, and Dealer.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wright personating candidate. The lodge was then called off, and, on resuming, was opened in the Second Degree. The usual questions leading to the Third Degree were well answered by Bro. Priest. The lodge was advanced to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bros. A. T. Dealer, 871, and J. J. Faulkner, 1507, were elected members. Bro. Leng, S.W., was elected W.M. for the second Thursday in April, and, all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1435).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. O. W. Battley, W.M.; J. Stagg, S.W.; J. Corrie, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. R. Allman, W.M. elect 1425, S.D.; H. Moss, J.D.; J. C. Conway, I.G.; J. H. Taylor, Stwd.; E. F. Ferris, W.M. 1543; Dr. Ingleby Mackenzie, P.M. 372, 30° (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; W. Seaman, W. G. Parnell, W. G. Coleman, and H. Guntrip. Visitors: Bros. A. C. Biddle and P. G. C. Shaw, of 166.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Ferris and Shaw candidates respectively. Bro. Stagg was elected W.M. for April 16th, in consequence of the W.M. (Bro. G. Read) having been appointed to preside on the occasion of the Fifteen Sections on 26th inst, and 9th April. Bros. Biddle and Shaw were elected members. It was agreed that the lodge of instruction supper should take place shortly, and a Committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. A. Cox, W.M.; H. Hunt, S.W.; G. Reynolds, J.W.; Hancock, Preceptor; Petch, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; Scarlett, S.D.; Sheffield, J.D.; Duncan, I.G.; Hiller, Stevenson, Boyden, Hill, and Kilsby.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Hiller being the candidate, the W.M. giving the charge in a very impressive manner. Bro. Hiller answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Boyden being the candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree, and afterwards in the Second Degree. Bro. Hill was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Hunt was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Boro', when there were present Bros. F. Eddle, W.M.; A. Austin, S.W.; T. Ladds, J.W.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; Fred H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; F. Croaker, Treas.; W. Steele, S.D.; S. Renault, J.D.; Wright, I.G.; W. Roots, H. J. Chapman, G. A. Ball, Holliday, J. Hattersley, E. Fullick, and C. R. Williams.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Roots having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, with Bro. Roots as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, with Bros. Holliday and Hattersley candidates. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the first Tuesday in April—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed his officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and 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 19th inst. Present: Bros. W. Hancock, W.M.; R. J. Harnell, S.W.; F. M. Noakes, J.W.; J. Rayner, S.D.; J. G. Wynn, J.D.; J. Woodward, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; C. A. Iiter, W. Honeyball, S. Johnson, E. D. F. Rymer, W. Brindley, R. E. Cursons, E. Nice, C. Corby, A. E. Gladwell, J. Laurence, J. Greenway, C. Grassi, J. Martin, A. Clark, and A. Cogliati.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and then resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. Honeyball having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. E. Nice offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree; having been duly questioned and entrusted, he retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M., with the traditional history. Lodge closed in the Third and Second Degrees. On rising for the first time, Bro. S. Johnson, W.M. elect 1297, was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. R. J. Harnell 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, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Keene, W.M.; Hubbard, S.W.; Dresden, J.W.; R. H. Williams, S.D.; Clare, J.D.; Turner, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; and Cochrane.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation

was rehearsed, Bro. Clare being candidate. Bro. Clare, having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. R. H. Williams, who gave the Lecture on the tracing board. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Hubbard 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 15th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Hagan, W.M.; Josey, P.M., S.W.; Burton, P.M., J.W.; Austin, P.M., Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Johnston, S.D.; Woodard, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; Briethart, P.M.; Wood, P.M.; Child, P.M.; Stonnill, Arnott, Martineau, Woods, and Cross.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Colwill candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Arnott candidate. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Josey, P.M., 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 19th inst. Present: Bros. J. W. Morley, W.M.; J. Sims, P.M., S.W.; Skar, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. Worth, S.D.; R. H. Williams, P.M., J.D.; Fayers, I.G.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; J. L. King, P.M.; W. C. Williams, J. Davies, and Boulton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cochrane being the candidate. Bro. J. Davies having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree in a satisfactory manner, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. J. Davies being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. P. Skar was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when it is hoped that all members of the mother lodge will honour him with their presence. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 19th inst. Present: Bros. D. Stroud, P.M., W.M.; G. Gardner, P.M., S.W.; D. S. Long, J.W.; Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; J. H. Wood, P.M., S.D.; J. Sims, P.M., J.D.; F. Wilkins, I.G.; Craggs, Wimpey, Cartnol, W. W. Williams, and Cotton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Sims, P.M., offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Ayling, who resumed the lodge to the Second Degree, and proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of installation, Bro. D. Stroud being W.M. elect. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers. Bro. Ayling, installing Master, gave the usual charges in a grand and impressive manner. Bro. G. Gardner was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 16th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Hume, W.M.; Mann, S.W.; Roberts, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; Hayler, I.G.; Coleman, Purnell, Schmidt, Dr. Harper, Moloney, and Edwards.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Schmidt, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Schmidt being the candidate. Bro. Purnell, 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 was rehearsed, Bro. Purnell being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bros. Dr. Harper, 7, and Moloney, 60 (I.C.), were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Mann was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Steele, W.M.; Folkard, S.W.; Wood, J.W.; Russell, S.D.; Sandals, J.D.; Gibbs, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Boulton, Gill, Poole, Wright, Green, Esling, Shannaw, Hawkey, Browne, B. Perkins, Templeman, Hill, and Coc.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Esling being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Steele. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation was very ably worked by Bro. Boulton, with Bro. Gill as W.M. elect. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and all below the rank of Installed Masters having withdrawn, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the work rehearsed in its entirety, Bro. Gill appointing and investing his officers, and Bro. Boulton giving the charges in a very satisfactory manner. Bro. Steele resumed the chair, and rose for the first time, when Bro. Hawkey was elected a joining member, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Boulton for his rendering of the installation ceremony. Bro. Folkard was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Folkard returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Benevolent Association in connection with the lodge afterwards took place, and two ballots were taken, resulting in favour of Bros. Gibbs and Folkard.

DARTFORD.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 299).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. Chas. Hind, W.M.; T. Wills, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks., S.W.; C. D. Mears, J.W.; Wm. Greig, W.M. 299, acting Preceptor; C. Hind, Sec.; E. T. Lancaster, S.D.; C. C. Potter, P.M. 1343, P.G.S.B. Essex, J.D.; F. Barton, I.G.; Carter, Tyler; and Noah Martin, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.

Lodge opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Jones offering himself as a candidate for raising, he was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Hind then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Potter, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge resumed to the Second and then the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when it was proposed by the S.W., and seconded by Bro. Jones, that the J.W. occupy the chair at the next meeting—carried. Bro. Mears returned thanks. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

TORQUAY.—JORDAN LODGE (No. 1402).—The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Risdon, as W.M.; W. Hersey, as S.W.; W. Hill, J.W.; J. Dodge, Preceptor; S. Wills, S.D.; V. Lauzell, J.D.; W. Winget, I.G.; J. Newton, Tyler; West, W. H. Snell, Gny, T. Crossman, T. Prust, and others.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. West acting as candidate, he was asked the necessary questions previous to passing. The ceremony of passing was then worked by Bro. Risdon as far as the O.B. Bro. Prust completing the ceremony. The Lecture on the second tracing board was given by Bro. J. Taylor. Letters of apology from several brethren were read, the usual questions asked, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

HASTINGS.—Emulation Chapter (No. 40).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Castle Hotel on Monday last, when Comp. Rossiter, P.Z., in the absence of the M.E.Z., presided. The wretched weather prevented a large attendance of companions. Comp. H. Russell was elected M.E.Z.; Comps. Hennah, P.Z., H.; P. S. Markwick, J.; Pearce, S.E.; Jordan, S.N.; Rossiter, P.Z., Treas.; Foster, jun., Duke, P.Z.; Rossiter, P.Z.; and Hughes, Stewards. £1 is. was voted to the Masonic Boys' School, to be placed on Comp. Pearce's list. The M.E.Z. elect proposed Comp. C. E. Botley as a joining member. A letter from Comp. Dawes, P.Z., relative to the audit of accounts, was referred to that Committee.

HERTFORD.—Hertford Chapter (No. 403).—The installation meeting was held, by dispensation from the Grand Superintendent, on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Council Chamber, when there were present Comps. A. C. Spaul, P.Z.; as M.E.Z.; F. R. Spaul, Z. 382, as H.; John Read, P.Z. 720, as J.; T. S. Carter, P.Z., P. Prov. G.H., Treas.; Cocks, P.Z., P.P.G.J., S.E.; Andrews, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., P.S.; C. B. Cooper, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. Wright, Janitor; J. Shilcock, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; W. P. Willson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; J. Hunt, Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; Rev. Philip Deedes, John Perrott, 1385, P.P.G. Soj.; and W. H. Morris.

The chapter was opened by the Principals, and after the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and confirmed, the Principals were installed as follows: Comps. J. Shilcock, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., M.E.Z.; J. Hunt, Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj., H.; and Rev. Philip Deedes, J. The M.E.Z. appointed the following officers, and invested the Treasurer and Janitor: Comps. T. S. Carter, P.Z., P.P.G.H., Treas.; Cocks, P.Z., P.P.G.J., S.E.; Andrews, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., P.S.; C. B. Cooper, 1st Asst. Soj.; and T. Wright, Janitor. A ballot was taken for Bros. the Rev. William Mills, Chaplain 403; Rev. Geo. Lilling, 2086; Geo. Smith Ward, 2086; and Seymour Peel Nash, 2086, which resulted in their favour, and these brethren were then exalted to the Sublime Degree of the Royal Arch. A proposition for a joining member was received. The sum of five guineas was voted in aid of the funds of the Girls' School. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to dinner, an agreeable evening being spent.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Chapter of Truth (No. 521).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street. The chapter was opened by Comp. J. W. Turner, P.Z., P.P.G. Swd. Br., as Z., assisted by Comps. W. H. Jessop, H., and Henry Shaw, P.Z., as J. The minutes of last convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. George Marshall, P.Z., P.P.G. Treasurer, officiating as Z., the ballots were taken for Principals and officers with the following result: Comps. W. H. Jessop, Z.; J. B. Matthewman, H.; John Shoesmith, J.; G. Marshall, P.Z., Treas.; J. W. Turner, P.Z., S.E.; A. Armitage, P.S.; W. E. Jowitt, S.N.; and Geo. Hardy, Janitor.

We look forward with a great amount of pleasure at the election of Third Principal, P.S., and S.N., and, knowing their proficiency in working in the Craft, we anticipate equal zeal and perfection in the ritual that they have displayed in their position as W.M.'s in the Craft. This chapter has for some time been very indifferently worked, but it has a brighter future before it, and we trust as it gains in proficiency it will also increase in numbers. Business concluded, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to supper.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—At the convocation held on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., a hearty vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, and honorary membership were conferred on Comp. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, as a mark of appreciation of his valuable services as one of the Committee of Preceptors of the chapter of improvement. Comp. Dean, in thanking the companions, said he valued the compliment just paid to him immensely, more particularly as the honorary membership had not been conferred on any single companion since the foundation of the chapter of improvement, and felt sure he would not have been so honoured if the companions had not thought he deserved it. His absence from London would be temporary (only for a few months), and on his return he should be very pleased to take up his executive duties again with Comps. Capt. A. Nicols and Dehane, and hoped they would have a pleasant and instructive evening on the 6th April, on the occasion of Comp. Sadler giving his lecture on the R.A. banners.

Knights Templar.

STONEHOUSE.—Loyal Brunswick Preceptory (No. 24).—A convocation of this preceptory was held on the 15th inst., at the Masonic Chapter room, St. George's Hall. E. Sir Knight J. H. Keats, the Eminent Preceptor, presided, and there were present Sir Knights H. J. Waring, P.E.C.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31°, P.E.P., Prior of Devon; J. Du Pre, P.E.C., P.P.G. Almoner; J. B. Gover, P.E.C. Loyal Veterans, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Griffin, P.E.P. Loyal Veterans, Prov. Vice-Chancellor; J. D. Clemens, P.E.C. Sussex, Prov. Captain of Lines; J. D. Cobbledick, P.E.P. Holy Cross, P.P.G.S. Br.; R. Lavers, P.E.P. Holy Cross, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Jew, P.E.C., P.P.G.T.; Dr. E. B. Thompson, P.E.P. Holy Cross, P.P.G. 1st Std. Br.; George R. Barrett, P.E.P. Holy Cross; J. M. Hifley, P.E.P. Loyal Veterans, P.P.G. Prelate; T. S. Bayly, P.E.P., P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.E.C. Loyal Veterans, P.P.G. Vice-Chancellor; D. Cross, Reg. Loyal Brunswick; and Geo. Dunsterville, South Africa. The following companions were installed as Knights Templars: Sir Knights Francis Crouch Elliot, 1205; Frank R. Thomas, 189; and J. R. Wilson, 70.

The ceremony was most impressively performed by Sir Knights Keats, Lemon, and Gover. Sir Knight J. H. Keats, the retiring Eminent Preceptor, was again installed as E.P. for the year ensuing. He appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.E.P., 31°, Prov. Grand Prior, Prelate; D. Cross, Constable; T. W. Coffin, Marshal; Frank R. Thomas,

Sub-Marshal; T. S. Bayly, P.E.C., P.P.G.T., Treas.; Francis Crouch, Reg.; J. R. Wilson, Captain of the Conlines; and J. Gidley, Equerry. The business of the conlines being closed, the Grand Prior of Devon, the E.P., and officers left the lodge under an arch of arms.

The knights then adjourned to the new Masonic Hall in Princes-square, where they sat down to an admirably served repast, and in the course of the evening a special vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Symons, the Club Steward, for his excellent catering. Sir Knight J. H. Keats presided.

The usual Masonic toasts having been honoured, Sir Knight H. J. Waring, P.E.P. (the Mayor of Plymouth), in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said, in the course of an interesting speech, that he joined that preceptory in 1849, when it met in the Royal Hotel, and Sir George McGrath was then Eminent Preceptor. The preceptory was removed to St. George's Hall, and the preceptory dwindled down until, in 1856, Captain Jewis and himself were the "last of the Mohicans." That was the first time he had entered a Masonic lodge for the past 24 or 25 years, and he most unexpectedly found himself in the encampment in which he was installed nearly 40 years ago. It was quite by accident that he met ex-Preceptor Lenon, who kindly invited him to attend that evening. He was pleased to see how admirably the encampment was worked; indeed, it was quite refreshing, because it brought back many pleasant reminiscences of the past, when he took a great delight in Freemasonry. He remembered quite well the grandfather of Sir Knight Frank R. Thomas, who had been installed that day, the late Sir Knight Jenkin Thomas, of Loyal Brunswick convocation, who was an old and valued friend of his, and an excellent man. He had enjoyed many an evening with Sir Knight Jenkin Thomas. Were he a younger man and had more time at his disposal he should be very pleased to again rejoin his old encampment, but he did not like to undertake anything he could not thoroughly carry out. His public position necessitated great self-sacrifice for the good and benefit of society and societies in Plymouth, but he did not regret that as long as it was for the good of the town and he had health and strength to carry out the duties.

"The Health of the Mayor" was subsequently most enthusiastically received, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—On the 13th instant the annual meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, when the conclave was opened by E. Fra. W. H. Cowper, Preceptor. After some preliminary business the chair was taken by E. Fra. T. B. Whytehead, who proceeded to instal the E.P. elect, Fra. W. Brown, after which the outgoing Preceptor invested E. Fra. Brown with the two honorary jewels presented by the American Pilgrims in 1876 and 1887. The officers were appointed as follows: Fras. J. T. Seller, Constable; Major McGachen, Marshal; T. B. Whytehead, P. Registrar; W. B. Dyson, Sub-Marshal; M. F. W. Williamson, 1st Herald; A. Harris, 2nd Herald; W. P. Cochrane, Standard Bearer; and others. A number of apologies from absent fratres were read. The report of the Auditors showed a very small deficiency, which, considering the abnormally heavy expenses of the year, was regarded as a matter for congratulation.

The alms were collected and the conclave dissolved, after which the E.P. presided at dinner supported by his fratres.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

MARYPORT.—W. M. Sewell Council (No. 11).—The quarterly meeting of the above council was held on Monday, the 12th inst., Bro. Col F. R. Sewell, P.G.D. of Eng., W.M., in the chair, supported by his officers, viz.: Bros. J. Nicholson, I.P.M.; G. Dalrymple, S.W.; J. Gardiner, J.W.; P. de E. Collin, P.J.G.W. of Eng., Treas.; E. D. Penrice, Sec.; J. Dickinson, S.D.; J. Paterson, J.D.; J. Eden, I.G.; J. Messenger, Tyler; T. Mandl, J. Kendall, R. Brown, J. Abbott, and others. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for the W.M. and Treasurer, when Bro. G. Dalrymple was elected W.M., and Bro. P. de E. Collin, Treasurer. Bro. J. Messenger was, on the motion of Bro. Col. Sewell, seconded by Bro. J. Nicholson, unanimously elected Tyler. Three candidates were proposed for the H.P. Degree, and the council was then closed.

Ireland.

DUBLIN.—Lodge of Israel (No. 126).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Shelbourne Hotel, after which the installation dinner took place, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. D. W. Davies, the vice-chairs being occupied by Bros. J. J. Irwin, S.W., and A. Gordon, M.D., J.W. Bro. J. G. Talbot, the Director of Ceremonies, was indefatigable in his efforts to successfully carry out the arrangements for the occasion, the preliminaries of which were most efficiently looked after by Bro. R. Stuart, the Secretary of the lodge.

The catering was of an admirable character, and a very pleasing musical programme was also arranged for the evening. In this Bros. Chas. W. Kelly, J. F. Jones, John Weldon, C. F. Phillips, and other musical brethren took a prominent part.

After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Past and Present Grand Officers of Ireland," was responded to by Bro. Rev. Benjamin Gibson, one of the Grand Chaplains, and Bro. C. F. Phillips, Past Grand Organist.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. R. J. Wright, P.P.J.G.W. of Armagh; Bro. F. H. Wayland, Prov. G. Sec. Wicklow and Wexford; and Bro. Thomas Battersby, Prov. G. Swd. Br. of Meath.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. R. Sexton, J.P.; Dr. Jacob, and M. Dockrell, J.P.

One of the most pleasing features of the evening was the presentation of a beautifully illuminated address to Bro. T. G. Phillips, P.M. (who has been Treasurer of the lodge for several years), in recognition of the great services he has rendered No. 126.

Bro. Phillips, in acknowledging the great compliment

that had been paid him (in presenting him with the address and making him an honorary member of the lodge), referred to the fact that the Lodge of Israel was the only private lodge in Dublin of which the late Duke of Leinster, Grand Master, was an honorary member.

The Worshipful Master, at another stage of the proceedings, announced that the following telegram had been received from the Prince of Wales, in reply to one congratulating him on his Silver Wedding:—"To the Lodge of Israel, No. 126, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin.—In the name of the Princess of Wales, as well as in my own, I thank you for your kind fraternal congratulations.—ALBERT EDWARD."

The reading of the telegram was received with loud applause.

Over fifty brethren sat down to dinner.

MASONIC BALL IN NORWICH.

A ball was held on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, 47, St. Giles-street, given by the W.M. of Social Lodge, No. 93 (Bro. C. F. Bond), to the members and their wives. Invitations were also issued to some brethren of other lodges in the city, as well as to some private friends, upwards of 120 being present. By permission of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., the brethren present wore Masonic clothing and jewels. In order to accommodate such a large number of guests, Messrs. Holborn and Co., of Norwich, erected on the lawn at the rear a prettily decorated ball-room, with refreshment buffet, which was connected with the hall by covered ways. The ball-room, which was entered from the reception-room by a broad flight of steps, was 80 feet long by 23 feet wide. Dancing was commenced at 9 o'clock to the strains of Campling's quadrille band, and continued till 12, when the company adjourned to supper. Previous to its conclusion Bro. LADELL, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. C. F. Bond," with the warmest thanks of all for his liberality in providing such an entertainment.

The toast was received with musical honours, and Bro. Bond feelingly responded.

Dancing was shortly after resumed, and continued until an early hour in the morning. During the evening light refreshments, ices, &c., were liberally supplied at the refreshment buffet adjoining the ball-room. Bro. G. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., most efficiently carried out his duties as M.C., being ably assisted by Bros. Bridgman, P.M., D. of C. 93, and P.P.G.R.; Jewson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Ladell, P.M., Treas. 93, P.P.G.D. of C.; and Cunnell, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.

AN INTERESTING AND UNIQUE CEREMONY.

A meeting of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 206, was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday, the 8th instant, when Bros. Herron and Kilgour were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, and Bro. Burgess was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. When the usual Business of the lodge had been completed, the S.D., Bro. E. H. MARQUIS, asked leave of Bro. E. Squirell, P.M., who was in the Master's chair during the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. A. Britton, to make a statement. Leave having been accorded to him, Bro. Marquis said that he had an announcement to make which he was sure would prove of the greatest interest to the brethren. During his present visit to Morocco, in the autumn, he attended the Al-Moghreb Al-Aksa Lodge, No. 18, G.R.M., Tangier; he being a member, and his brethren of that native lodge had been very pleased with the happy account which he was pleased to be able to make to them concerning the condition and government of the mother lodge, the Friendship, No. 206. He told them how he had the honour of serving under a pleasant and popular Master, whose guidance had been of much benefit to his mother lodge, and such as had caused them to look upon his year of office as marking an era in the lodge's history, and in placing his name prominently upon the roll of worthy and Worshipful Masters who had held that high position during the career of the lodge, which extended over 115 years. Bro. Marquis proceeded to say that so pleasant were the brethren of the Al-Moghreb Al-Aksa Lodge, that they then determined to open lodge to present, through him, to Bro. W. H. Arber, the then Master of his mother lodge, the Friendship, with a jewel of their lodge, having a special bar attached, inscribed as a token of their esteem and brotherly regard. Bro. Marquis then stated that the jewel with the special bar had been engraved and had just reached his hand, in London, together with a very charming letter accompanying it. He then handed them to the Worshipful Master for his inspection, after reading the letter to the lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then deputed Bro. Marquis to present them, and attach the jewel to the breast of Bro. W. H. Arber, I.P.M., who was the W.M. when Bro. Marquis made his visit to Morocco last autumn.

Bro. W. H. ARBER, P.M., acknowledged the honour, and said he was sure he was only echoing the sentiments of the whole lodge when he thanked Bro. Marquis for the great distinction which had been, through him, conferred upon the lodge in general, and himself in particular. It was, he said, a source of great gratification that they should have for one of their rising officers a brother so mindful of them and so zealous of his mother lodge's reputation, that he should think and work for them when he was so far distant from them, and in such an excellent manner that the high appreciation of his words and actions should receive such practical and graceful recognition at the hands of their brethren of the Al-Moghreb Al-Aksa Lodge of Morocco. It was, continued Bro. Arber, by such acts as these that the brotherly love existing in the Craft was further cemented and more firmly gripped, and served further to prove that amongst the thousands who range under the banner of Freemasonry, whether among English-speaking peoples or amongst those of foreign claims, their hearts beat in unison and acted as one. With the W.M.'s permission he would acknowledge the gift in the name of the lodge, and would confer with Bro. Rumsey, P.M., their worthy Secretary, as to the best manner of carrying this into effect. In conclusion, he begged Bro. Marquis would, by word of mouth, when next he went to Morocco, express their esteem and affection for the brethren of the Al-Moghreb Al-Aksa

Lodge, with the sincere wish that the cordial relations existing between them and the brethren of the Friendship Lodge might be further knitted together by a visit from any of them when occasion presented itself.

The jewel is a very handsome specimen, in silver, of Arab native workmanship, being composed of a bold square and compasses, enclosing a star and crescent, dependent from a green ribbon—the native colour—the special bar being engraved on each side with Bro. William Henry Arber's name, lodge and number, with some few well-chosen expressions of fraternal greeting, one side of the broad flat silver bar being engraved in English and the reverse in Arabic characters, the jewel being quite unique.

The following is a copy of the accompanying letter, to which is affixed the stamp of the lodge seal:—

"Al-Moghreb Al-Aksa Lodge, No. 18,

"G.R.M., Tangier.

"Secretary's Office,

"23rd January, 1888.

"Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother,

"This lodge having unanimously resolved to confer upon you the distinction of its jewel, I have much pleasure in informing you that Bro. Ernest Marquis, a member of this lodge and of the Friendship, has been deputed to present it towards your worshipful self.

"May the G.A.O.T.U. preserve you many years, and that the relations thus commenced between the two lodges may be further cemented for the honour of our Order is the prayer of,

"Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother,

"On behalf of the Lodge,

(Signed) "L. A. COBEY, D.D.G.M.

[SEAL] "ABM. S. ELAZOR, Secretary.

"To Worshipful Bro. William Henry Arber,

W.M. Lodge of Friendship, No. 206, London."

The following is the list of brethren present: Bros. Amos Britton, W.M.; S. Gammon, P.M., S.W. (pro tem.); Wm. Steel, J.W.; J. L. Anderson, P.M., Treas.; A. R. Rumsey, P.M., Sec.; E. H. Marquis, S.D.; W. H. Arber, I.P.M.; H. M. Collier, P.M.; E. Squirell, P.M., Steward; J. M. Collins, R. J. Hamill, James Herron, F. N. Voules, J. Kilgour, C. Venning Burgess, and C. H. Barrett. Visitor: Bro. E. Clements, 1816.

THE ROYAL SILVER WEDDING.—A MASONIC "AT HOME."

On Friday, the 8th instant, the Brighton and Sussex Masons celebrated, in anticipation, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales by a grand gathering at the Pavilion. More than one reason combined to induce the Masonic bodies to signalise an event of which the town at large takes no special cognizance. To start with, the Prince of Wales is the chief of the Brotherhood, being the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. Added to that is the important fact that the County Masons can boast of a close alliance with Royalty, the Duke of Connaught having not so very long since honoured the Craft by accepting the position of Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. As is well remembered, the installation ceremony brought to Brighton not only the Duke of Connaught but the Heir Apparent himself; and, with the recollection of that brilliant gathering fresh in their memories, it is not surprising that the Brighton and Sussex Masons felt unable to allow so interesting an event as his Royal Highness's Silver Wedding to pass by without recognition. It was decided that the celebration should take the form of an "At Home" at the Pavilion, and that the gathering should not be restricted to Masons, but should be thrown open also to their friends. The co-operation of the Masters of lodges throughout the county having been obtained, a strong Committee was formed, with the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex (Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., &c.) as President, and Bros. W. Marchant, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Botting, P.M.; and R. Willard, W.M., as Honorary Secretaries.

The Committee consisted of the following: Bros. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M., &c., W.M.; V. P. Freeman, J.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; C. F. Lewis, Prov. S.G.W.; H. E. Price, Prov. J.G.W.; Thos. Billing, W.M.; Henry Beaumont, W.M.; W. Seymour Burrows, W.M.; Richard Willard, W.M.; W. W. D'Albiac, W.M.; C. J. Heald, W.M.; R. H. Pearce, W.M.; J. Eberall, W.M.; A. King, Z. 271; J. Ridge, Z. 311; Thos. Hardy, Z. 811; W. Marchant, P.M.; A. J. Hawkes, P.M.; and W. Botting, P.M.

The Committee as well as the Honorary Secretaries devoted themselves sedulously to bringing the project to a satisfactory issue; and the result of their labours was witnessed in a highly successful gathering, participated in by over 500 guests, not a few of whom came from different parts of the county. By dispensation, brethren were permitted to wear the Masonic clothing, and, combined with the varied toilettes of the ladies, their regalia helped to make up a scene that was as picturesque as it was animated.

The guests began to arrive soon after half-past seven, and were received in the corridor by the Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Mrs. Gerard Ford, who were supported by the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Miss Martin), the Committee, and several of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master's personal friends, including Bro. Major-General Barnett Ford, P.D.G.M. of Bengal, Mr. W. Strang Steel, Mr. J. Strang Steel and party, the Misses Margaret and Emma Ford, and Mrs. Amherst Tyssen.

The corridor was elegantly if not profusely decorated, the chief ornament being the sumptuous banner which Bro. Gerard Ford presented to the recently-formed Earl of Sussex Lodge, founded in honour of the Duke of Connaught, who is also the Earl of Sussex. The banner, which hung from the top of the mirror over the central mantelpiece, is of violet satin, and has the Royal Arms and Masonic emblems embroidered upon it in high relief, in coloured silks and gold thread. A handsomer or richer piece of art work of the kind is rarely seen, and throughout the evening it attracted marked attention. Hanging where it did, it was seen to conspicuous advantage, for it was suspended over a beautiful bed of flowers placed upon the mantelpiece by Mr. W. Balchin—a bed made up of choice red and white azaleas, orchids, echeveria, white double primulas, and stately arums, set off with palms and maiden-hair ferns. Flanking the Earl of Sussex banner were a couple of Masonic flags; whilst round the cupola of the corridor were hung the

handsome banners of the following lodges: Royal Brunswick, Lodge of Union, St. Cecilia, Yarborough, Royal York, Abbey, Ockenden, Standford, Mid-Sussex, Hova Ecclesia, Royal Clarence, and South Saxon. The other parts of the corridor Messrs. Hannington and Sons had hung with green and gold eastern tapestry and Roman satin curtains of distinct colours, edged with lace, and they had also given the place an elegant appearance by the introduction of a number of lounges, rich Indian screens, ornamental tea-tables bearing large brass urns containing palms, statuettes on pedestals, and massive mirrors, some in brass and others in crystal frames. Plants in painted pots set off the other mantelpieces; whilst the northern staircases were blocked up with draped mirrors, with an arrangement of plants at the foot.

Almost as soon as they arrived, the guests had the choice of dancing in the music room, waltzing in the saloon, or listening to an excellent concert in the banquet room. The concert was sustained by Miss Helen L. Marchant, Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Florence Henderson, Miss Maud Boni, Miss Louie Miles, Mr. V. Montague, Mr. F. Clements, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Broadbridge, Mr. Oswald Yorke, and Mr. W. M. Quirke, and at the close the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" were sung. The concert lasted until half past ten o'clock, when that room was also cleared for dancing; Mr. Devin supplying the music, as in the other rooms. In the two drawing-rooms Mr. E. Booth dispensed light refreshments, whilst the gentlemen found that the Masonic rooms upstairs had been set apart for smoking. All tastes were thus provided for, and in doing honour to the Prince and Princess of Wales the Masons and their friends contrived to spend together a few very pleasant hours.

KAISER WILLIAM AND FREEMASONRY.

The late Emperor of Germany was initiated into Freemasonry in 1840, shortly before his father's death. A special lodge was convened for the purpose, presided over by the three Berlin Grand Lodges, in accordance with the wishes of Frederick William III. (his father), who had for long been a member of the Craft, having been admitted in 1814 in Paris. William I. assumed the Protectorate of the Masonic lodges in the Prussian Monarchy, the title being continued down to his decease. His son, Prince Frederick William, lately the Crown Prince and now the Emperor, was appointed Deputy-Protector, having been initiated by William I. (then the Crown Prince) in 1853 in the Royal Palace, at which representatives attended from the three Grand Lodges. The gavel used by his Imperial Highness on that occasion formerly belonged to Frederick the Great, who became a member of the "mystic tie" in 1738. According to Speth's "Royal Freemasons," every King of Prussia, with the exception of Frederick William IV., had been a Freemason, from Frederick the Great until now, and as regards Emperors of Germany the Fraternity can point to Franz I. of Lorraine and Austria, 1745-1765, William I., and now Frederick III., both Kings of Prussia. A medal was struck in silver and bronze to commemorate the initiation of the late Emperor on 22nd May, 1840, and two others about the same period were also circulated in the same metals in celebration of the centenary of the Masonic reception of Frederick the Great, one of which by Pfeuffer is of most suggestive design.—*Western Morning News*.

PRESENTATION TO THE LADY MAYORESS.

Recognising the fact that a livery company cannot often point to a Lord Mayor as one of its members, the energetic Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company (Mr. Knapton Abel) determined, soon after Bro. Alderman De Keyser's election to the civic chair, to signalise the event by presenting a souvenir to the Lady Mayoress. After much cogitation with his brethren of the Court, a fire-screen, to be worked by the followers of the art, was agreed upon, and Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, a Past Master of the Company, was entrusted with its execution. Monday last being selected for the formal presentation, the members of the Court assembled at the Mansion House in the afternoon, those present including, in addition to the Master, Bros. Major and Sheriff Davies, J.P., Sheriff Higgs, H. W. Johnson, George Kenning, Dr. Rance, Colonel T. Davies Sewell, J. Bishop, H. Stewart, G. Lindo, C.C., D. H. Jacobs, G. Davenport, D. Welby, J. R. Brown, H. D. Davis, Alderman Tyler, and Alderman Knill.

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress received the deputation in the drawing-room. The fire-screen having been brought in, was unveiled and its points explained by the Master. Both his lordship and the Lady Mayoress appeared highly pleased with the gift, and her ladyship, after carefully examining the design of the work, testified to her appreciation of the same by remarking that it was "beautiful" and "so elegant."

Mr. Knapton Abel, officiating as the spokesman of the little party, next proceeded to read an address, which at the outset bore testimony to the fact that when the alderman was elected to the high and important office of Lord Mayor the event was looked upon with general satisfaction by his colleagues of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company. It was determined, the address continued, to take the opportunity of fittingly marking the occasion by asking her ladyship to accept a piece of work symbolical of the handicraft the Company was identified with. A fire-screen had accordingly been prepared, bearing the arms of the City of London and of the Company worked in gold and silver wire. This, the Court hoped and trusted, her ladyship would do them the honour to accept. The admirable and courteous manner in which the Lord Mayor had already filled the position of Chief Magistrate of the City of London, and the very amiable manner in which the Lady Mayoress had assisted him in the discharge of the multifarious duties that devolved upon him, were so well known and appreciated that no comment was needed. The members of the Court, in conclusion, expressed the earnest desire, which they were sure would be shared in by the citizens in general, that both health and happiness might be continued to them both, not only during the remainder of their tenure at the Mansion House, but for many years to come. They further trusted that in years to come this small souvenir of their presence at the Mansion House would bring back to the memory of both his lordship and the Lady Mayoress some pleasing recollections.

The LORD MAYOR, in returning thanks on behalf of her ladyship, remarked that the screen was a splendid work of art, and it only showed how the City companies could encourage the different industries they represented by causing to be produced such specimens as the one now before them. They could not encourage the art of the gold and silver wyre drawing more than by enabling the workmen to produce such works of art. But the Lady Mayoress and himself valued the work for another reason than that it was simply a work of art, as it was a proof to them both that they possessed the confidence and enjoyed the friendship of their fellow-citizens, whom they were willing to serve during their year of office. Unfortunately, they had not up till now been able to do what they desired, for all present would be aware of the fact that his year of office had been so far one of mourning more than anything else. For the fourth time he had been obliged to put off banquets and the various entertainments which it had been his intention to offer to his friends. They hoped and trusted, however, that now they would be able to begin to do the work, and thus prove to the citizens that in electing him to the mayoralty of London they had elected one who would try, as his predecessors had done, to do honour to that high position. He thanked them very sincerely for that mark of their affection, and he could assure them her ladyship would highly appreciate it. It would be one of the things her ladyship would take home with her, and for many years he hoped it would be before them both, to serve to bring to their memory the kindness of the members of the Court of the Company. They would never forget their friends of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, and the screen would be a souvenir to them both of their year of office. It would be pleasing to them, and he hoped and trusted it would be pleasing to those also whom he represented. In conclusion, he wished prosperity to the Company to which he had the honour to belong. Might it long continue to do good, not only in dispensing Charities, but also in helping the trade whom it represented. He hoped and trusted that works of art like the one the Company had presented would very soon be seen all over the country—though at the same time he did not believe they would be able to excel it. Again he begged to thank them most sincerely for their gift.

Refreshments were then introduced, and his LORDSHIP proposed "Prosperity to the Company," coupled with the name of the Master, Mr. Knapton Abel. The toast having been cordially drunk, his LORDSHIP reminded those present that on the succeeding Friday they would have to sing "Le Roi est mort; Vive le Roi!" They had drunk the health of the present Master, and he therefore asked them to drink now to the welfare of the gentleman whom they were to instal in office on Friday.

Mr. STEWART briefly thanked his lordship, and the deputation then withdrew.

The screen presented to the Lady Mayoress is elaborately embroidered in gold and silver. In the centre are the arms of the City, with supporters in high relief. At the base of the screen is a representation of the sword and mace, above the arms being shown the exact fac-simile of the Mayor's badge and chain worked in heraldic colours. In the top corners of the screen the monograms of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress are displayed, whilst at the corresponding corners at the base are the arms of the Company and the Master's worked in correct colours. On the reverse of the screen the following inscription is worked in gold wire: "Presented to the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. De Keyser) by the Court of the Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, during the Mayoralty of the Right Honourable Polydore De Keyser, member of the Court of the Company.—James Knapton Abel, Master; Horace Frederick Stewart, William Hays, David Evans, J.P., Alderman Gabriel Lindo, C.C., Wardens; Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L., Clerk."—*City Press*.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, occupied the President's chair. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, was in the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, in the chair of Junior Vice-President. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary; Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Secretary; Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. W. H. Lee were in attendance from Grand Secretary's Department.

There were also present Bros. A. C. Woodward, W. P. Brown, D. D. Mercer, F. R. Spaul, H. Garrod, T. B. Grieve, W. H. Perryman, G. P. Britten, W. A. Scurrah, C. Dairy, G. A. Cundy, W. Hopekirk, G. Read, F. Binckes, S. C. Haslip, J. Dew, J. J. Pakes, T. J. Cusworth, H. Massey, E. G. Johnson, J. Miles, W. W. Westley, J. Morrell, F. G. Baker, J. Clarkson, J. G. Dall, J. J. Berry, J. L. Anderson, G. Kearney, C. Sweeting, C. T. Lewis, W. Smith, W. Masters, A. B. Bennett, C. J. Fry, W. Baker, W. H. Wyon, G. R. Langley, H. Hooper, N. B. Headon, R. C. Wiles, W. Carey, W. F. Fendrick, W. Jaques, G. Hockley, H. Hall, G. Powell, W. Harding, W. J. Kenaby, W. Wingham, H. E. Frances, H. Hernemann, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at last meeting to the extent of £350. They afterwards took up the new list, consisting of 43 cases, which came through lodges in the London district, and in Battle, Sevenoaks, Torquay, Nantwich, Driffield, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Deal, Preston, Bradford, Morpeth, Port of Spain (Trinidad), York, Selby, Plymouth, Derby, Halifax (Nova Scotia), Pennsylvania (U.S.A.), Basingstoke, Meerut, Mauritius, and one from a lodge in Ireland. Three of these were dismissed, and five were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £585.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CHARITIES.

On Friday, the 16th inst., a meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Fund—the first meeting held since the adoption of the new by-laws—took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope street. As the benefits of the Charity have been greatly extended by the improved scheme now in force, the whole of the applications made by distressed Freemasons for the annuity benefits of the Charity were granted.

A meeting of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution was also held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday,

the 14th inst., when three out of five candidates were elected. This Charity is instituted for the purpose of granting annuities to the widows of deceased Freemasons, and the lodges with which the late husbands of the successful candidates were formerly connected were the Everton Lodge, No. 823, the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, and the Lodge of Light, No. 148.



In "The Don," Bro. J. L. Toole's new play, by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Merivale, this popular actor, although departing to a considerable extent from the lines on which he has worked for so many years, has nevertheless found that which fits him like a glove. In motive it is not unlike "The Woman Hater," Bro. Terry's farcical comedy. The various characters of the college don are admirably shown. Some years before the story opens Mr. Milliken, M.A., has loved, but not won, but this has made him loyal in his affections to one woman. His friends look upon him as a confirmed bachelor, but Mrs. Sparkle, sister of his friend Mr. Pappendick, returns to England a widow, and on Commemoration Day meets her brother and her old admirer. The sight of her rekindles the old love in his heart. Mrs. Sparkle has two nieces, Kitty and Dora. Dora, although a girl at school, has married secretly young Mr. Milliken, nephew of and with the same name as the college tutor. Returning one night to his rooms in St. Mark's College, Camford, with some fellow undergrads, young Milliken finds his pretty little wife in his room—she has passed the gyp by borrowing a cap and gown of a graduate. Some good sport goes on betwixt the new comer and the undergrads. In the midst of their revelries the Don enters, and proceeds to take down the names of the young gentlemen who are making such a disturbance at night. Dora's sex is now discovered, but learning that if she declares herself the wife of young Milliken he will be imprisoned for marrying her—a Ward in Chancery—and hearing some one approach, she flings herself into the arms of the old Don for protection, declaring she has come to meet him. The person who enters and witnesses the scene is Mrs. Kimbo, landlady of the Ball and Mitre, and a former housekeeper of the tutor. She has erroneously conceived the idea that old Mr. Milliken means to marry her. Mrs. Kimbo is therefore furious at seeing the young lady in his arms. It is of no use; the law is set in motion. The officers of the law go to arrest Mr. Horace Josiah Milliken, but, of course, take the tutor instead of the nephew. As soon, however, as Milliken the younger hears of the trouble his uncle is in on his account he gives himself up. Mrs. Sparkle is so delighted to find the Don is unblameable that she determines to accept his offer, and also reveals that at the time of her niece's marriage to young Milliken she had not been made a Ward of Chancery, so Horace is released. Bro. Toole has a part such as he delights in. We like him far better as the college don than in his recent characters as butlers and other menials. Bro. F. W. Gardiner, as the nephew, takes ample care of the part. He has some good lines, which he makes the best use of. Miss Marie Linden is Dora, and, of course, impersonates the part prettily. Miss Violet Vanbrugh is the niece Kitty, and plays very neatly; but why does she imitate Miss Ellen Terry in every detail; the resemblance in appearance, but not in acting, is most noticeable. We believe the young lady is a goddaughter of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who, with her husband, occupied a box on the first night, and evidently was much interested in the young lady. Miss Kate Phillips is the widow, Mrs. Sparkle, and played her part in a most delicious manner. Miss Emily Thorne, as Mrs. Kimbo, was splendidly got up, and scored more than once when it was difficult to have scored at all. Mr. John Billington has the most unsatisfactory part to play, but does the best he can with it. "The Don" will be sure to be played for a good number of nights.

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Mr. Robert Buchanan, encouraged by the success which attended his adaptation of Tom Fielding's "Sophia," has turned his attention to another of that author's works, for which of course he has to pay no fees. The result is an even bigger success than his late work. "Joseph's Sweetheart," the new play so called, is taken from "Joseph Andrews," which must be taken also from a chapter in Genesis, for the similarity is very striking of a rich lady making love to her footman, as did Potiphar in old times, and when he spurns her attentions she denounces him as having tried to wrong her. Mr. Buchanan has written an epilogue, which is spoken by Miss Vane before the curtain rises. The adapter modestly assures the public that whatever is unpalatable in the play is his work, and whatever is good is Fielding's. The public can judge for themselves if they will read the book, and they will learn that the language of the original would be entirely unsuited to the stage of the present day. Mr. Buchanan has eliminated all that is coarse, and has given us a most beautiful comedy drama which is bound to fill Bro. Thomas Thorne's coffers, and will be another of the long runs for which the Vaudeville is famous. We should say "Joseph's Sweetheart" will play as long, if not longer, than did "Sophia," which ran over a year. The representation of last century's life and character was received with unbounded enthusiasm. The tale is soon told. Lady Booby loves her footman, Joseph, who is engaged to Fanny Gradwill. As he will not give up his country swain to become the husband of a rich lady of fashion, Lady Booby dismisses him and tries to ruin him and his sweetheart. She assists Lord Fellamar in capturing Fanny and trying to affect her ruin. Parson Adams aids the two young people, for which he is discharged from his curacy, Lady Booby having been the means of his getting it, but Sir George Wilson befriends him, and it turns out that Joseph is the long lost and only child of Sir George Wilson, who had been kidnapped by the gipsies. When he knows his rightful social position he remains true to his sweetheart, and after reassuring her and fighting a duel with Lord Fellamar, he marries Fanny, and receives the blessing of his father and of Parson Adams, and the apologies of Lord Fellamar, who denounces the dreadful woman, Lady Booby. Bro. Thomas Thorne acts in a somewhat new character as Parson Adams, and acquits

On the 13th inst., the remains of Bro. J. Johnston, the oldest Freemason in the West of Scotland, were interred in Barrhead Churchyard with full Masonic honours. Born in Perth, he has been resident in Barrhead for nearly half-a-century, and would have, had he lived, reached the advanced age of 92 by next June. Initiated as a Freemason in Pollokshaws some 50 years ago, he has maintained his connection with Freemasonry since, occupying in the local lodge for many years the office of Outer Guard, and he was looked upon as the oldest within the Order in that part. Highly respected and esteemed by all classes, rich and poor alike, his presence will be missed. The rendering of his favourite Jacobite songs was at all times appreciated. His memory was keen and retentive, and his faculties to the last unimpaired. Strange to say, his widow, who survives him, is in her 90th year, being only two years his junior.



A Special Court of Governors and subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 5 p.m., when the business to be discussed will relate to the case of the boy William Gideon Motion.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., addressed a large political gathering at the Drill Hall, Carlisle, on Wednesday evening.

The Court of Common Council have made a donation of 25 guineas to the Parkes Museum, Margaret-street, to assist in its work of practical teaching and demonstrating sanitary science.

Bro. Lord Herschell presided on Wednesday at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Imperial Institute. Bro. Sir F. Abel, C.B., Secretary, and Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, Assistant Secretary, were in attendance.

Bro. R. J. Voisey, P.M., P.Z., Sec. 1963, &c., will work the Sixth Section (First Lecture), when the 15 Sections are rehearsed, at the Rose Lodge of Instruction, at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on the 29th inst.

Bros. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., and F. W. McLean, M.P., were among the members who attended the meeting of the Royal Commission on Market Rights and Tolls on the 15th instant.

The Blackburn Town Council met on Wednesday, and voted the sum of £3000 towards the reception of the Prince and Princess of Wales on the 9th May on the occasion of their visit to lay the foundation stone of a new Technical School.

The 18th annual grand ball in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, of which her Majesty the Queen is Patron, will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 19th April next, under the distinguished patronage of Bro. the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, Bros. Sheriffs Davies and Higgs, and Bros. Under-Sheriffs Rose-Innes and Beard.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council at the Foreign Office on the 15th inst. When the Council was over, Bro. Lord Ashbourne transacted business at the Irish Office and then left for Dublin by the mail train from Euston terminus.

Col. Aldworth, a descendant of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, of the county of Cork, the only lady Freemason ever enrolled, has had, with his wife, Lady Mary Aldworth, sister of the Earl of Bandon, an audience at Stockholm with the King of Sweden, who is himself a Freemason. The King was presented with a memoir of Mrs. Aldworth.

Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, the newly-appointed Governor-General of Canada, was the principal guest at the annual banquet at Willis's Rooms, on Wednesday, of the Imperial Federation League, Bros. Sir Charles Mills, Sir Charles Warren, Sir Henry Doulton, Story-Maskelyne, M.P., and others being among the principal guests.

Bros. the Earl of Milltown, the Earl of Onslow, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and the Earl of Hopetoun are among the members of the House of Lords who have been nominated to serve on the Select Committee to enquire into the powers possessed by Poor Law Guardians, and their adequacy to cope with distress in London and other populous places.

The Subscribers' List of the Girls' and Boys' Schools for the current year have been issued. They appear to contain the usual necessary information about votes, and the particulars have evidently been compiled with great care. The Girls' School List is embellished with two illustrations of the School at St. John's Hill, and the building erected in 1795 in St. George's Fields by the Institution.

The brethren of St. Kew Lodge, at Weston-super-Mare, as a suitable memorial to their late Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. R. Duckworth, have resolved to endow that office with a vote for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, considering it appropriate to the memory of one who had devoted his life to education. Such endowment has now been duly recorded, and the vote is registered as "St. Kew, 1222, in memoriam, Rev. R. Duckworth, Chaplain, 1834 and 1885."

An artistically designed and magnificently illuminated address has been prepared for the Worshipful Masters, officers, and brethren of the Scarborough and Filey Lodges for presentation to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, congratulating them upon the event of their Silver Wedding. The address is signed by the following Worshipful Masters: Bros. J. S. Kitching, Old Globe Lodge; J. Raven, Denison Lodge; J. Bowes, Leopold Lodge; and E. Harland, of the Royal Lodge, Filey.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach continues to suffer much inconvenience from his eyes. He is unable to sustain the glare of the House of Commons when the gas is lit, and it is now a common thing to see the right hon. gentleman sitting in the shadow of the reporters' gallery behind the Speaker's chair. We mention this distressing subject in conjunction with an impression that is gaining in force daily, that Sir Michael may have to exchange the Board of Trade for some less exacting department.

The Prince of Wales, Prince Albert Victor of Wales, and the Crown Prince of Denmark arrived at Marlborough House from Berlin on Tuesday morning, having been delayed on their journey by the weather. Subsequently the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by their sons and daughters and the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark, visited the Empress of Austria at Claridge's Hotel. Later in the day the Prince visited the Queen at Windsor.

The festival dinner of the Royal Blind Pension Society has been postponed till the 14th May next, when the chair will be taken by Bro. Lord Brassey.

The Empress of Austria, accompanied by her daughter, the Archduchess Marie Valérie, arrived at Claridge's Hotel on Saturday last, attended by a numerous suite.

Since the departure of the Court, workmen have been employed in erecting the platform in the Prince Consort's Memorial Chapel, Windsor Castle, which will be opened to the public on Monday next.

The Queen held a Council at Windsor Castle on Saturday last, Bro. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain) being present. Bro. the Earl of Limerick was the Lord-in-Waiting in attendance.

On Tuesday afternoon the Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Denmark, visited the Scandinavian Sailors' Home, which was recently opened by Prince Oscar of Sweden and Norway.

A special meeting of the Newspaper Press Fund was held at the rooms of the Society of Arts on Saturday evening last. Bro. Sir A. Borthwick, M.P., occupied the chair, and certain alterations in the by-laws were passed.

Bros. Lord George Hamilton, Lord Charles Beresford, T. Sutherland, and Sir E. Reed have been appointed to serve on the Select Committee of the House of Commons on the Navy Estimates.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington presided at a meeting of his political supporters at Devonshire House on Friday, the 16th inst., among those present being Bros. M. H. Story-Maskelyne, Sir W. Crossman, Viscount Ebrington, and R. Jasper More.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, our new Minister to the Shah of Persia, has already arrived at Constantinople, and expects to arrive at Teheran on the 12th April. His excellency is accompanied by Colonel Stewart, who has been appointed H.M. Consul at Resht.

Bro. Lord and Lady Charles Beresford and Bro. Sir Michael and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach dined with the Earl and Countess of Cadogan on Saturday last, when the French Ambassador and Madame Waddington and the Prime Minister and the Lady Gwendolen Cecil were also present as guests.

The Queen and Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg attended a special service in the private chapel at Windsor Castle on the 16th inst., in memory of the late Emperor William of Germany. There was also a special service of a funeral character the same day and for the same purpose in Westminster Abbey.

The annual festival of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick was celebrated at the First Avenue Hotel, on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Lord Macnaghten, the subscriptions and donations, which included £100 from her Majesty, £50 from the Lord Lieutenant, and £10 from the Irish Secretary, amounting to about £700.

The Prince of Wales left Marlborough House yesterday (Thursday), and travelled by the two o'clock train from Euston to Croxteth Park, Liverpool, where a distinguished party has been invited to meet his Royal Highness, who will remain the guest of the Earl of Sefton until Saturday. The Prince of Wales will be present at the race for the Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree.

Bros. the Marquis of Carmarthen, Sir B. Samuelson, Sir A. Orr-Ewing, Baron Dimsdale, T. Sutherland, Agg-Gardner, Staveley Hill, and Firth were included among the guests at the Speaker's fourth full dress Parliamentary dinner on Wednesday. A Levée, which was largely attended, followed the banquet.

Bro. the Earl of Wharfedale presided at a complimentary dinner given to Sir Coutts Lindsay by the Committee of the Grosvenor Gallery on Wednesday evening. Bros. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, Viscount Bury, Lord Wantage, S. B. Bancroft, Augustus Harris, E. Lawson, J. C. Parkinson, and Edmund Yates being among the guests.

Sunday last was the 40th anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, who was born on the 18th March, 1848, and married the Marquis of Lorne on 21st March, 1871. The bells of St. George's Chapel and Windsor Parish Church rang out merrily in honour of the occasion, but it being Sunday, the usual salute was postponed till the following day.

The marriage of Prince Oscar of Sweden and Norway and Mdlle. Ebba Munck was celebrated in St. Stephen's Church, Bournemouth, on Friday, the 16th inst., in the presence of the Queen of Sweden and Norway, the Duchess of Albany, and the Crown Princess of Denmark, the service being conducted in Swedish according to the rites of the Church of that country. In the afternoon the Prince and his bride left for Bonchurch, Isle of Wight, to spend the honeymoon.

Four folio editions of Shakespeare were among the books put up to auction on the 15th inst. at the sale of the Aylesford Library, and realized high prices. The first by Isaac Jaggard and Edward Blount, 1623, realised £200, and the second, printed by T. Cotes for R. Allot, 1632, was knocked down to Mr. Nattali for Bro. Henry Irving for £140. This latter had been in the possession of Lewis Theobald, editor of Shakespeare, and at his death passed into the hands of Osborne, the bookseller, who presented it to Dr. Samuel Johnson. The third copy, of 1664, was secured by Mr. Quaritch for £93, and the fourth, by Dr. Shont, 1685, by Mr. Bain for £29. The second folio contained many MS. notes by Theobald and Dr. Johnson.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Greatest Wonder of Modern Times.—They correct biliousness, prevent flatulency, cleanse the liver, purify the system, renovate debilitated functions, strengthen the stomach, increase the appetite, invigorate the nerves, promote health, and re-instate the weak in an arduous and vivacious life never before experienced. The sale of these Pills throughout the globe astonishes everybody, and convinces the most sceptical that Holloway's Pills transcend all other medicines for the removal of disease of every description. They are indeed a blessing to the afflicted, and a boon to those who suffer from any disorder, internal or external. Thousands of persons have testified that by their use alone they have been restored to health after all other means had proved unsuccessful.—ADVT.

The Goldsmiths' Company have voted a grant of £50 towards the funds of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital.

The Committee of the National Industrial Home for Crippled Boys, Kensington, have received a bequest of £300 (less legacy duty) from the executor of the late Mr. Henry Quinn.

Bro. the Marquis of Waterford, who has been seriously indisposed for the last two years, was able to attend the House of Lords on Tuesday, and took the oaths and his seat accordingly.

The brethren ranging under the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469, Spalding, have passed a congratulatory resolution to the M.W.G.M., on his Royal Highness's Silver Wedding.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught were represented at the funeral of his late Majesty the Emperor of Germany at Berlin on the 16th instant by Col. Egeron, who has since returned to England.

Prince George of Wales was presented on Tuesday afternoon with the freedom of the Mercers' Company, and afterwards lunched in Mercers' Hall with the Master and Wardens of the Company.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Swd. Br., rehearsed the consecration and installation ceremonies at the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839, at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, on Tuesday last.

The marriage of Mr. E. C. Macnaghten with the Honourable Gwen E. V. Abbott, youngest daughter of the late R.W. Bro. Lord Tenterden, P.G.M. Essex, was celebrated at St. George's, Hanover-square, on Tuesday.

The Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, left Windsor Castle on Wednesday afternoon for Portsmouth, where her Majesty embarked on the Royal yacht, the Victoria and Albert, for Cherbourg, en route for Florence.

By command of the Queen, the Prince of Wales held a Levée at St. James's Palace on Wednesday—postponed from Saturday last—on behalf of her Majesty, when a large number of presentations were made. The Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, the Crown Prince of Denmark, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duke of Teck were included in the Royal circle.

We beg to announce that Lipton's Great Butter and Ham Market, at 68, Westbourne-grove, W., will be opened to the public this day (Friday), on which occasion, what is claimed to be the largest cheese in the world, weighing 5284 lbs, and made from the milk of 4100 cows, will be exhibited in the window.

An inquiry will shortly be instituted by a Joint Committee of the two Houses of Parliament into the present system of Private Bill Legislation, and the House of Lords will be represented by Bros. Earl Bathurst, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and Lord Monk-Bretton, Lord Colville of Culross, and Bros. Lord Stalbridge and Lord Kensington.

The Gæthe Society of New York gave a brilliant reception to Bro. Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry at the Madison-square Theatre, on Friday, the 16th inst., those present including representatives of the best social and intellectual circles in New York. The President of the Society delivered an address, to which Bro. Henry Irving replied, the enthusiasm during the whole of the proceedings being very great.

The Councils of Royal and Select Masters appear to be numerous in the United States, and the membership very considerable. In Indiana there are 41 councils, with a membership of 1765; in Maine there are 13 councils and 1031 members; in Michigan, 44 councils and 2143 members; in Minnesota, 6 councils and 444 members; in Missouri, 9 councils and 345 members; in New Hampshire, 10 councils and 955 members; in New Jersey, 7 councils and 382 members; and in Vermont, 18 councils, 853 members.

We regret to announce the death on the 14th inst. of Mr. James Hogg, at his residence, Crescent-road, St. John's, Kent, aged 82 years. The deceased was for a long period a printer and publisher of some celebrity, the *Instructor*, a journal which was continued in three series for 15 years, and which received the patronage of the Queen, having been started by him, while other works which appeared under his wing were "London Society," "Men who have Risen" (for young people), &c. Mr. James Hogg was the father of Bro. John Hogg, 13, Paternoster-row, publisher.

We learn that the new novel, "Mr. Barnes of New York," will be given away—as extra gratis supplements—with Nos. 235 and 236 of *Cassell's Saturday Journal*, published on March 27 and April 4 respectively. In No. 235 (which will form the first number of a new volume) two new serial stories will be commenced, viz., "Lady Biddy Fane," a tale of adventure, by Frank Barrett, illustrated by J. Finnemore, and "An American Penman" (from the Diary of Inspector Byrnes, Chief of the New York Detective Force), by Julian Hawthorne.

The remains of Bro. William Thomas Clarkson, P.M. of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, and a Past M.E.Z. of the chapter, were on the 13th inst., interred in Whiby Cemetery with Masonic honours, the W.M. and many of the P.M.'s attending to pay a last tribute of respect to a very accomplished Craftsman. The bearers were eight Past Masters. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Wm. Andrew, M.A., canon of Peterborough. The deceased was also an official of Whiby Court Leet, which was represented on this melancholy occasion.

Information has been received at Thirsk of the reception which the late vicar (now Bishop Camidge) has met at the hands of the Freemasons of Australia. The brethren of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 1846, (E.C.), and of the Caledonia Lodge, when it became known that the new bishop was an enthusiastic Mason, met in the Oddfellows Hall, in the city of Bathurst, and presented Bishop Camidge, as P.P.G. Chap. Yorks, with an address of welcome, in which they trusted that he might find as warm a fraternal friendship existing there as in his far away Yorkshire home. The address was beautifully illuminated and framed, and in his acceptance of the address Bishop Camidge suitably responded.