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The Annual Festival of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday was, as usual, a great success. In the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master and Pro Grand Master—the latter of whom has not yet returned from his trip to the Antipodes—the chair was taken by Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, Deputy G.M., and from the generous reception accorded to the several brethren on whom the Prince of WALES had been pleased to confer the distinction of the purple of Grand Lodge, the selection made by his Royal Highness would appear to have given very general satisfaction. At the banquet which followed, Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, Prov. Grand Master of Northants and Hunts, presided, and here again the Grand Feast, as it was wont to be called, passed off amid great rejoicing, and closed in perfect harmony, the outgoing Grand Stewards, who had done their duty so admirably, being deservedly thanked for the completeness and liberality of their arrangements.

The Annual Elections of the R.M.B.I.

THE lists of candidates for the Male and Widows' Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are always mournful reading, as the brief particulars furnished in respect of the brethren or widows of brethren who offer themselves for election to the benefits of the Charity disclose almost invariably reverses of fortune, which would be serious enough in any circumstances, but which, in the case of persons who are well advanced in years, and in most instances incapacitated from work as well as aged, are most deplorable. For the annual Election on the 18th May next the lists are exceptionally heavy, notwithstanding the successive augmentations which have been made during the past few years on both Funds, while the vacancies to be filled, including both the immediate and the deferred, are scanty in number, if not quite so scanty as they were last year. For the Male Fund, including the three deferred, there are 16 vacancies, and the number will be increased by the day of election owing to the further deaths that have occurred and may occur since the February meeting of the Committee of Management. On the other hand, there are as many as 67 candidates, of whom 30 remain from last year, and 37 are cases that have been approved since. Of the old applicants, one has been on the list since November, 1881, one since June, 1882, one since December, 1883, three since the year 1884, 11 since 1885, and the remaining 13 since 1886. Several of these have many hundreds of votes already standing to their credit, No. 6 being thus fortunate to the extent of 571 votes; No. 9 having 1844 votes; No. 12, 765 votes; No. 13, 560 votes; No. 15, 1153 votes; No. 16, 1462 votes; No. 17, 1876 votes; No. 21, 1703 votes; No. 22, 943 votes; No. 25, 1374 votes; No. 26, 1012 votes; and Nos. 29 and 30, 612 and 614 votes respectively. These, of course, will have a better chance of success in proportion to their present strength, provided only their friends and supporters bestir themselves and are able to obtain a sufficient supply of the further help that is necessary. As regards the distribution of candidates, we find that London has 26 candidates, of whom 12 were on the list in 1887, and 14 are new candidates. North and East Yorkshire has five candidates, four of whom were on the list last year, while East Lancashire has four candidates, who are all applicants for the first time. Devonshire, Hants and the Isle of Wight, and Kent, send up each three cases, one of the Devonshire and two of the Hants brethren being of old standing. Berks and Bucks, Middlesex, Northumberland, Suffolk, and West Yorkshire have each two candidates, all but three of them being applicants for the first time; while the remaining 13 cases hail from the following 13 Provinces, namely: Bedfordshire, Cheshire, Cornwall, Dorsetshire, Durham, Gloucestershire, Lancashire West, Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire, South Wales East Division, Surrey, Sussex, and Warwickshire. Only in a very few instances have the brethren who are seeking election as annuitants been subscribing members of a lodge or lodges for less than 10 years, while, on the other hand, there are several who have subscribed for 30 or even 40 years and upwards. Some of them also have won fame in their lodges or provinces, and some, in the days of their affluence, supported or acted as Stewards for our Institutions. The list of Widows is slightly less formidable, being 64 strong as against 67 in the case of the Male candidates, but the proportion of candidates to vacancies is, unfortunately, more than double what it is for

the Male election, there being only 7 annuities available, including the three deferred, though, as in the case of the Male Fund, the number will be increased, no doubt, before the day appointed for the ballot comes round. Of these 64 Widows, two have been on the list since 1880, and unless their friends exert themselves more than they have done in the past, there would seem to be a very fair chance of their remaining on the list for some years longer, No. 1, hailing from Sleaford, in Lincolnshire, having only 49 votes to her credit, and No. 2, whose husband was a member of a London lodge, having only 29 votes. The next five in order have been candidates since 1882, and, with the exception of No. 6, whose husband was an East Lancashire brother, and who has only 37 votes brought forward, have each a fair tale of votes to their credit. The next five widows have been candidates since 1883, but only one—No. 11—stands at all well, the others having each less than 100 votes to the good. Of the seven who follow, and have been on the list since 1884, No. 13 has 554 votes to the good; No. 14, 791 votes; and No. 16, 395 votes. Of the six whose petitions were accepted in 1885, No. 24 has 792 votes to her credit; while of the remaining eight who were candidates last year, only one—No. 27, with 659 votes—has over 300 votes to count towards the approaching contest. The above make up a list of 33 candidates, and the remaining 31 are applicants for the first time. London furnishes 19 towards the general total, and the Provinces 45, the latter being thus distributed, namely: Devonshire, six candidates; Hants and the Isle of Wight, Kent, and West Yorkshire, five each; Cumberland and Westmorland, Durham, Lancashire East, Lancashire West, and Lincolnshire, each two; and the remaining 14 from 13 provinces, with the widow of a brother who belonged to both London and Provincial lodges, the 13 provinces being Berks and Bucks, Bristol, Cornwall, Essex, Middlesex, Norths and Hunts, Somersetshire, South Wales (East Division), Staffordshire, Sussex, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and North and East Yorkshire. Here, also, we find that in many cases the husbands of these old ladies did their duty successfully in their lodges and provinces, while several did excellent service as contributors to, or Stewards for, our Charities; and if we note that some were subscribing brethren for only a few years, there were others who subscribed for 30 and even 40 years and upwards. However, the claims of all the candidates, both men and widows, have been narrowly inquired into and approved by the Committee of Management, and, as all have been found worthy after passing this ordeal, it now rests with the electors to determine by their votes on the day of election who shall be the fortunate men and women chosen to fill the available vacancies on the respective Funds.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

The annual Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. A Grand Lodge was held an hour previously for the installation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the investiture of Grand Officers for the year. At the Grand Lodge the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, presided, and he was supported by Lord Kensington, acting as Deputy Grand Master; the Earl of Euston, as Past Grand Master; Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, as S.G.W.; and Sir Reginald Hanson, as J.G.W. A large number of Grand Officers and other brethren were also present.

Grand Lodge having been opened, and the minutes, so far as related to the election of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, of the March meeting read, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was declared by Sir Albert W. Woods, C.B. (Garter), P.G.W., G.D.C., to be installed M.W.G.M. for the year ensuing, and he was proclaimed in the usual way. The Earl of Carnarvon was similarly declared and proclaimed as M.W. Pro Grand Master. The Earl of Lathom was re-appointed R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and proclaimed and saluted.

The remaining Grand Offices were filled as follows, and the brethren appointed were invested—

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| Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) ... | ... | S.G.W. |
| Gen. Lord John Taylour ... | ... | J.G.W. |
| Rev. Richard Williams Massy Pope ... | ... | G. Chaplains. |
| Rev. John Augustus Lloyd ... | ... | |
| Edmund N. Asher Barfield ... | ... | G. Treasurer. |
| F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. ... | ... | G. Registrar. |
| Thomas Fenn ... | ... | Pres. B. of G.P. |
| Col. Shadwell H. Clerke ... | ... | G. Secretary. |
| Dr. E. E. Wendt ... | ... | G. Sec. for G. Cor. |
| Robert Grey ... | ... | Pres. B. of Ben. |
| Gabriel Prior Goldney ... | ... | S.G.D. |
| Edmund Ashworth ... | ... | S.G.D. |
| Sir Richard Howard ... | ... | J.G.D. |
| Robert Berridge ... | ... | J.G.D. |
| Lieut.-Col. Robert William Edis ... | ... | G. Supt. of Wrks. |
| Sir Albert W. Woods, C.B. (Garter) ... | ... | G.D. of C. |
| Col. John Davis ... | ... | D.G.D. of C. |
| William Henry Spaul ... | ... | A.G.D. of C. |
| Herbert Jordan Adams ... | ... | G. Swd. Br. |
| John L. Stothert ... | ... | G. Std. Br. |
| Michael C. Peck ... | ... | G. Std. Br. |
| W. A. Barrett ... | ... | G. Organist. |
| A. A. Pendlebury ... | ... | A.G. Secretary. |
| Walter Hopekirk ... | ... | G. Purst. |
| T. W. Whitmarsh ... | ... | A.G. Purst. |
| Henry Sadler ... | ... | G. Tyler. |

The GRAND SECRETARY then read the following list of Grand Stewards for the ensuing year: Bros. John Johnsson, 259; Francis Tagart, 2; A. G. Medwin, M.D., 1; H. Emaus Pollard, 4; Alex. Finlay, 5; James Harvey Brand, 6; John Pullman, 8; Gordon Smith, 14; The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Polydore de Keyser, 21; George Simonds, 23; A. E. Cumberbatch, 26; John William Green, 29; Hubert Spencer Clutton, 46; T. G. Robinson, 58; A. J. Altman, 60; Sydney Claris, 91; C. H. Shoppee, 99; John L. A. Monckton, M.A., 197.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, presided over by the Past Grand Stewards, of whom the following is the list: Bros. Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., President; E. Gordon Brown, Secretary; Wm. Harry Rylands, Treasurer; George Weldon, Col. Thos. T. Powell, Charles Critchett, Sylvanus Goring Glanville, Stanley Robt. Val Robinson, Arthur Hill, Richd. Clowser, Daniel Breay Ledsam, Jno. Andrew Wilson, Sir Geo. Dashwood T. Goldie, K.C. M.G.; Edwin Farley, James Moon, Wm. Jas. Parker, Arthur Jas. Laurence, and G. Lancelot Eyles.

After dinner, at which the Earl of Euston presided, grace having been sung by the musical artists, the customary list of toasts was gone through.

Lord EUSTON, in giving the first toast, that of "The Queen and the Craft," said the toast commended itself to every Mason without any words from him. It was the toast of her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen of England and Empress of India, who had shown herself a good Patroness of the Craft, one of the most gracious Queens that had ever reigned over England, one of the best of wives and of mothers that had ever lived. He did not think he could put the toast in any stronger terms.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Lord EUSTON then said that the next toast also needed very little comment from his lips, as the Masons of England in Grand Lodge assembled had unanimously re-elected the Prince of Wales as their Grand Master for the present year. He asked the brethren most cordially and heartily to drink "The Grand Master's Health," for he had the interest of the Craft at heart, and left his other duties to be present with the brethren whenever it was possible for him to do so.

After the toast had been duly honoured,

Lord EUSTON proposed "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom." Both these noblemen were well known to all the brethren, and they would be eager and willing to do good for the Craft—coming to Grand Lodge in London, as well as attending Masonic meetings in the provinces, with which they were more immediately connected, and elsewhere, wherever any great Masonic functions required their assistance.

Bro. Lord EUSTON, after this toast had been honoured, proposed "The Provincial and District Grand Masters, Present and Past." The brethren who had worked hard in the Craft knew very well how much the Order owed to those who had gone before them in the past, for they always came forward in the present and helped and assisted those who were working upwards, and who had their hearts and souls in the work of Masonry, and carrying it on in the way it should be carried on to keep it in the front rank as the greatest and highest Institution—viz., a Charitable Institution—before any other Institution in the whole world. (Cheers.) The Provincial and District G.M.'s helped this end in a marked and distinguishing manner, and among those brethren none were more remarkable than the brother whose name he was going to associate with the toast, Bro. Thomas W. Tew, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, who ought to have occupied the high position of President of that dinner which he (Lord Euston) was then occupying. Every one knew the good work Bro. Tew was doing, and they all wished him a continuance of health and strength to go on doing the grand work he and his province were now doing and had been doing for many years past.

Bro. THOS. W. TEW, R.W. Prov. G.M., West Yorks, in responding, said that the Provincial and District Grand Masters felt highly complimented by the manner in which the noble Chairman had introduced the toast, and by the cordial reception it had met with at the hands of the brethren. He thanked the noble Chairman for the kind way in which he had associated him with the Province of West Yorks. That Province was ever anxious to show its loyalty to Grand Lodge of England, and to be first and foremost on every possible occasion in every good and charitable work. It was ever a privilege to be present on the recurrence of this annual loyal and most interesting occasion.

Bro. H. D. SANDEMAN, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, said he had been entrusted with the next toast, and he felt it a great privilege to have been so entrusted. The toast was one that by some unfortunate mistake and error had been omitted from the printed list of toasts; but the brethren would all agree that they could not pass their evening with satisfaction to themselves, or with the feeling that they had done their duty, if they did not drink in a bumper the health of the noble brother who occupied the Chair. The Chairman was a young Mason, but if that was a defect it would decrease day by day, and the brethren would hope that it would continue to decrease for a great many years. But if the Chairman was a young Mason, he was at any rate an active one, a useful Mason, a hearty Mason, one who had the best interests of the Craft at heart, and who had during that evening struck the very keynote of a Mason's duty by saying he was always ready to come to the front whenever he was wanted.

Bro. Lord EUSTON, after the toast had been most heartily received, said that as long as he lived he should stick to Masonry, and as long as he had strength, when he was wanted to aid the cause of Masonry, so far as lay in his power, he should do so. He was a believer in Masonry, a thorough brother, and he hoped that every one who entered the Order would be able to say as much. Masonry was a grand combination. It brought a great many people together, taught them all, from the highest to the lowest, that they could do something to relieve distress; they met on a general platform and discussed views of things in general; and if all bodies were only as loyal as the Craft there would be much more loyalty in the world.

Bro. Lord EUSTON, in giving the toast of "The Grand Wardens and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he was sure the brethren would drink it with enthusiasm. From ancient days all men had been ambitious; they wanted to get to the top of the tree. If any man said he did not he should tell him either that he did not believe him or that his heart and soul were not in the cause. He was sure the Grand Master had made that year, as he always did, a strictly just and able selection, and it was not the province of the brethren, even if he had not, to find fault.

Bro. Gen. Lord JOHN TAYLOUR, J.G.W., in replying, regretted the absence from the dinner table of the Lord Chancellor, S.G.W. He thanked all the brethren present for the way in which they had received the toast.

Bro. Lord EUSTON said he need not dilate on the next toast, as the subject of it was close and dear to the heart of every Mason—it was Charity. That year was the centenary of one of the Masonic Institutions, and, if rumour was right, there would be a collection the like of which had not been known in the past, and he thought it probable there would not be until the Boys' School Centenary came on. In asking the brethren to drink "Success to the Masonic Charities" he would couple with it the name of Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Girls' School. They all had the Charities at heart; some had the Boys' School more at heart than the Girls', and some had the Benevolent Institution; but, whatever they were, brethren should have them all at heart, and not make a speciality of the Centenary of any of them more than of the others. If one Institution was a little down, let the others help it. A great deal of sentiment was excited by what a girl could do. Well, she must be brought up, and so must the boy. It was expected that £40,000 would be collected at the Centenary of the Girls' School. He hoped it would be so, and that, as Masonry progressed, the Boys' Centenary would realise £50,000 or £60,000. All the brethren were well acquainted with the Masonic Institutions, and therefore he would say no more about them.

Bro. HEDGES tendered the most hearty thanks of the Masonic Institutions for the hearty way in which Lord Euston had proposed the toast. The brethren were now fully in the festival season. The Benevolent Institution had just celebrated a most successful festival, realising the glorious sum of £15,000. The Boys' School were anxiously looking forward to theirs, and he was sure they would all join with him in wishing that the success of the Boys' School might be not one whit below that of the Benevolent Institution. As the Chairman had alluded particularly to the Girls' School, he would mention that the Prince of Wales would preside at the Centenary Festival of that Institution, which would be celebrated at the Royal Albert Hall, a building which was now famous in the annals of Freemasonry, and he was sure it was destined to be more famous. He was glad to be able to report that the list of Stewards was far in excess of anything on record. It now numbered 1140 brethren, and the list was graced with the names of 14 Provincial Grand Masters, a number which he was sure would yet be increased. The Grand Officers had come forward nobly, and if he might judge from the experience of the past few days, they still intended to come forward. He thought they had every reason to look forward to a most successful Festival. The Chairman had said the result was expected to be £40,000. Well, the nearer they approached that sum the better it would be; but they must guard against anticipating too high an amount. It would be hardly fair to the Stewards, when there were so many competing, to expect they could all bring in large lists; therefore, they must not expect too much; but he was quite sure each would try to make his list the highest. He hoped the total amount would be unprecedented; but they would all join with him in hoping that, whatever might be the amount, it would be exceeded in the future when the other Institutions celebrated a like Festival.

Bro. Lord EUSTON next proposed "The Ladies" in a humorous speech.

Bro. G. P. GOLDNEY, S.G.D., responded, and said the brethren would best show their appreciation of the ladies by joining them as quickly as possible in the concert room.

Bro. Lord EUSTON next proposed "The Grand Stewards," who had managed the whole of the present Festival, and given such an excellent dinner, and arranged everything in the most perfect order. There had been no hitch, no bustle, no hurry. For himself, and speaking he was sure for the rest of the brethren, he could not thank the Grand Stewards enough. All the brethren had enjoyed themselves most heartily, and the most fraternal thanks were due to the Grand Stewards, and especially the Treasurer and Secretary.

Bro. Sir L. DARELL replied, and said if the brethren had been satisfied with the arrangements made by the Grand Stewards, the Board of Grand Stewards were amply repaid for any efforts they had made to conduce to the success of that great Festival. It often happened, as it happened on that occasion, that the man who appeared most prominently before the brethren was not the one who had borne the burden and heat of the day. It was the Secretary of the Board who had done the work, and carried out every detail of the Festival, which they were good enough to say had proved such a success. The way the brethren had acknowledged his endeavours he was sure would be very gratifying to the Secretary. He would also mention the name of Bro. Rylands, the Treasurer. As far as that brother's work had gone it had been a labour of love.

The brethren then adjourned to the Temple, where a beautiful vocal and instrumental concert was given, under the direction of Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, Past Grand Organist, and Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Past Grand Organist, who were assisted by Madame Lenthal-Swifte, Madame Worrell, Miss Kate Flinn, Miss Minnie Kirton, Miss Eliza Thomas, Bro. Alfred Kenningham, Bro. John Probert, Bro. Robert De Lacy, and Bro. Egbert Roberts. Bro. Carl Oberthur performed on the harp, and Bro. Henry Parker, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, and Bro. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Past Grand Organist, on the pianofortes, which were supplied by Messrs. Erard.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

THE GRAND WARDENS.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord HALSBURY, Lord High Chancellor of England, upon whom the Grand Master has been pleased to bestow the office of Senior Grand Warden, has been prevented, by stress of his other occupations, both legal and political, from taking an active part in the duties of Freemasonry. In fact, his record may almost be summed up in the statement that he was initiated in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, on the 18th February, 1881, that he joined the Dunheved Lodge, No. 789, Launceston, in October, 1884, and that he is still a subscribing member of both lodges.

On the other hand, Bro. Major-General Lord JOHN TAYLOUR, who succeeds Bro. General Viscount Wolseley in the chair of Junior Grand Warden, has, like his brother, the Marquis of Headfort, who is S.G.W. of Ireland, and his nephew, Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, taken a great interest in the business of the Craft, and has won distinction both at home and abroad. He was initiated in the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, Sydney, N.S.W., on 3rd January, 1862, and was installed W.M. in December, 1866. He was appointed Dist. G.S.B. N.S.W., in 1863, and three years later Dist. S.G. Warden. On returning to England, he still continued his Masonic pursuits, and joined and remained a member of the Fenwick Lodge, No. 1389,

and having been elected to the chair of Master in 1877, was the same year appointed Prov. S.G. Warden of East Lancashire. In the meantime, however, he had become a joining member of the Travellers Lodge, No. 1253, Manchester; the St. George's Lodge, No. 32, Liverpool; the Egerton Lodge, No. 1392—of which he was installed W.M. in 1872—and the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 64, Manchester. He was exalted in the Social Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 62, Manchester, and was installed in the chair of Z. in 1878, when he was also honoured by appointment as Prov. G. Scribe N. East Lancashire. He was perfected Rose Croix in the Palatine Chapter, No. 7, Manchester, and has had the 31^o in the system of the Ancient and Accepted Rite conferred upon him. He is a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, for which he has served four Stewardships, and is a Life-Governor and Past Steward of the Girls' School and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. His record, indeed, is a true one, both as regards his work in lodge and chapter, and the assistance he has rendered our several Institutions.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. Sir R. NICHOLAS HOWARD fully deserves the honour conferred upon him. He hails from Dorsetshire, and although there are several bright Masonic stars in that part of England, he will compare with most of them in brilliancy and length of service. He was initiated in all Souls Lodge, No. 170, Weymouth, 1857, and is now father and senior Past Master of the lodge. He occupies precisely the same relations towards the Portland Lodge, No. 1037, Portland, of which he was one of the founders and first Worshipful Master, while in the Prov. G. Lodge he was Prov. G. Deacon in 1859, Prov. G. Reg. in 1865, Prov. S.G. Warden in 1872, and Prov. G. Secretary from 1876 to 1882. He is a P.Z. of All Souls Chapter, No. 170, and the Portland, No. 1037, and has been successively Prov. G. Reg., Prov. G. Asst. Soj., Prov. G. Pr. Soj., and Prov. G.J. and H. respectively. In the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in All Souls Lodge, No. 126, Weymouth, and of which he is a Past Master, he is Dep. Prov. G. Mark Master of Dorsetshire, and had the rank and privileges of a G.M.O. of the Mark G. Lodge of England and Wales conferred upon him at the time of the Jubilee. He is a Past E. Preceptor of the All Souls Preceptory, Weymouth, and Past M.W.S. of the Weymouth Chapter of Rose Croix, and has taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He is a Vice-President of the Dorset Masonic Charity, a Vice-President, and has been twice Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, a Vice-President, and twice Steward for the Boys' School, and Life Governor, and has served two Stewardships for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The selection of so distinguished a Mason for the honours of the purple is amply justified by such a record.

Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE for many years past has been one of the most conspicuous brethren in Metropolitan circles, nor is he by any means unknown and undistinguished in the ranks of provincial Masonry. He was initiated in 1866 in the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, and 10 years later did it yeoman service, both as W.M. and as its representative on the Board of Grand Stewards. Two years later he became a member of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and having joined the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester, in 1880, had himself enrolled a member of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham. He was also for some time member of the Annesley Lodge, No. 1435, Nottingham; the Felix Lodge, No. 1494, Hampton Court; and the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719. He was exalted in the Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, in 1872, and was installed in the chair of First Principal in 1879. In 1885, he was appointed G. Supt. of Works in the Prov. Grand Lodge and G.D.C. in the Prov. Grand Chapter of Nottinghamshire. In the Mark Degree he has equally distinguished himself, and besides being a P.M. of sundry lodges, is a P.G.M.O. of the Grand Lodge, and for the last 10 years has been its G.D.C. He is a Royal and Select Master, being a Past T.I.M. of the Constantine Council, No. 2, and G.D. of C. in the Grand Council of the Order; while in the Allied Masonic Degrees he was founder and first W.M. of the Rose and Lily Council, No. 15, and is D.G.M. of the Grand Council. He is a member of the St. Andrew's Conclave of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, and in the Ancient and Accepted Rite system he has been perfected Rose Croix, was a founder of the Adoniram Chapter, No. 101, of that Degree, in 1886, and has taken the 30°. In the Order of the Temple, he is G. Std. Br. of the National Great Priory of England and Wales in 1887. As regards our Institutions, his support has been most valuable. He is a Vice-Patron and member of the Audit Committee of the Girls' School, for which he has served 10 Stewardships, a Vice-Patron and eight times Steward for the Boys' School, and has served five Stewardships for and is Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; while in the Mark Benevolent Fund he has constituted himself a Vice-President, and has served some half a dozen Stewardships. It would be difficult to find a better or more serviceable record than this.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Col. JOHN DAVIS was initiated in St. Mungo Lodge, Glasgow, ranking as No. 27 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1858. On the 13th February, 1863, he was accepted a member of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, and was installed W. Master in 1877. In 1884 he joined the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, and was one of the founders of the Huguenot Lodge, No. 2140. He was exalted in the year of his Mastership of the Britannic Lodge, in the St. James's Chapter, No. 2, and was M.E.Z. in the year 1883-4. He is also a Rose Croix Mason, having been perfected in the Orpheus Chapter, No. 79, of that Degree. He has served one Stewardship for, and has qualified as Life Governor of each of our three Charities.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. W. H. SPAULL was initiated on the 1st March, 1865, in the Welchpool Lodge, No. 998, Welchpool, and the year following helped to found the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 1124, Oswestry, of which, in 1870, he served as W. Master. He was appointed Prov. G. Secretary of North Wales and Salop in 1872, and on the dissolution of the province in 1885, on the death of the late Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., and the constitution of North Wales and Shropshire as two separate and distinct provinces, Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., who had been Sir Williams-Wynn's Deputy, and knew, therefore, the value of Bro. Spaul's services, appointed him as Prov. G. Secretary of Shropshire. He played a conspicuous part in connection with the Girls' School Festival last year, when Bro. Sir O. Wakeman, his P.G.M., presided as Chairman, and for his long and valuable services as Prov. G. Secretary he was rewarded by his chief with the brevet rank of

Bro. EDMUND ASHWORTH obtained his first insight into the mysteries of Freemasonry in the Social Lodge, No. 62, Manchester, in the year 1868,

Prov. S.G. Warden in connection with the Jubilee celebration of Queen Victoria. He is a Life Governor of all three Institutions, and has served four Stewardships for the Girls' School, three for the Boys' School, and one for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. HERBERT J. ADAMS was initiated in the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, attached to the Honourable Artillery Company in London, in 1863, and was installed W.M. in 1869. In 1877 he joined the St. James's Lodge, No. 1579, Enfield, and holds the office of Treasurer. In 1884 Bro. Sir F. Burdett invested him with the collar of Prov. J.G. Warden of Middlesex, while quite recently he has assisted in founding the Cordwainers' Ward Lodge, No. 2241. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Enoch Chapter, No. 11, and was installed in the chair of First Principal in 1877. The same year he was a founder and first H. of the Enfield Chapter, No. 1237, Enfield, and in 1878 was installed M.E.Z., being about the same time appointed Prov. G.S.B. in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex. He was also a founder and first M.E.Z. of the Fitzroy Chapter, No. 569, and is now Scribe E. of Chapter No. 1237, as well as Treasurer and M.E.Z. of Chapter No. 11. He is a Vice-Patron of all three Institutions, and has served as Festival Steward twice for the Girls' School, twice for the Boys' School, and twice for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. JOHN L. STOTHERT was initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, Bath, in the year 1858, and six years later occupied the chair of W.M. He is a joining member of the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 335, Corsham, Wilts, and in 1866 and 1868 was successively Prov. G. Registrar and Prov. S.G. Warden of Somersetshire. He represents his lodge on the Charity Organisation Committee of Somersetshire, and is a Life Governor of and once Steward for the Benevolent Institution; has qualified as Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, and acted first as Steward at one of its Festivals, and has served two Stewardships for the Girls' School, for which he has constituted both himself and his daughter Vice-Patrons.

Bro. M. C. PECK has seen much active service as a Mason, having been initiated in the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, Hull, as far back as 1859. In 1861 he was appointed its Secretary, and was annually re-appointed till last year, when after 26 years' diligent discharge of the duties he resigned his office into other hands, and accepted the less onerous but equally responsible position of Treasurer, being at the same time one of the Trustees of the lodge as well as of its Benevolent and Building Funds. In 1864 he was founder and first W.M. of the Sykes Lodge, No. 1040, Driffield, and ten years later he assisted in the foundation of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea. He is also a joining member of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, and Master for the second time of the Humber Installed Masters Lodge of Instruction, besides being honorary member of several of the lodges in North and East Yorkshire. In 1862 he was invested Prov. G. Supt. of Works North and East Yorkshire, and in 1866 the late Earl of Zetland appointed him to the arduous office of Prov. G. Secretary, an office which he has continued to hold ever since, and still holds, to the very great benefit of the Craft in the province. Indeed, in 1881 his valuable services were recognised by the brethren, who presented him with a valuable testimonial of silver plate, while last year the present Earl of Zetland still more conspicuously confirmed the approval of the brethren by conferring on him the rank of a Past Prov. S.G. Warden in connection with the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. He was exalted in 1861, and was installed M.E.Z. of the Minerva Chapter, No. 250, in 1867. He is a subscribing member of the Humber and Kingston Chapters, and honorary member of several others, and since 1867 has held the office of Prov. G. Scribe E., concurrently with that of Prov. G. Secretary. He was advanced in 1861, and was installed W.M. of the Minerva Mark Lodge, No. 12, in 1866. He was installed E.C. of the Ancient York Conclave of Redemption of the Order of the Temple in 1868, having been Prov. G. Chancellor of Yorkshire in 1864. He was perfected Rose Croix in the Ancient York Chapter of Redemption in 1863, and was installed M.W.S. in 1882, having in the meantime received the 30° in 1870. He is a Life-Governor of all our Charities, and has twice served as Steward for the Boys' School. Lastly, he has done good service to Masonic literature by editing and publishing the best English edition of Mackey's "Lexicon of Freemasonry," besides many lectures and orations on Masonry.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. W. A. BARRETT, who succeeds Bro. Sir. A. Sullivan as Grand Organist, has distinguished himself in all the various branches of Masonry in which he has graduated. He was initiated in the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford, in the year 1864, and within 12 months was invested as its Inner Guard, while in 1865 and 1866 he was appointed successively Prov. G. Steward and Prov. G. Organist of Oxfordshire. For many years we hear nothing of his proceedings in Craft Masonry, but in 1877 he re-appears on the scene as a founder and first W.M. of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, and three years later we find him again in the same two-fold capacity of a founder and first W.M. of the Eurydice Lodge, No. 1920, the Secretaryship of which latter lodge he has held continuously since his retirement from the chair. In 1884 he was Prov. G. Registrar of Surrey. He is also a R.A. Mason, having been exalted in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, and is a founder and first Z. of the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, and a P.Z. of the St. Peter Chapter, Westminster, No. 1537. But he was by no means idle in the interval between these two more active parts of his Masonic connection. Having been advanced in the University Mark Lodge in 1865, he was appointed G. Organist of the Mark Grand Lodge the year following, and besides being founder and first Master of the Menatschim Mark Lodge, is a Royal Ark Mariner. He was also the first M.P.S. of the Villiers Conclave of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, and Viceroy for Middlesex in 1867; was installed K.T. in the Grove Encampment, Ewell, in 1868, and founder and first E.P. of the Blondel Preceptory in 1877. He was founder and first M.W.S. of the Orpheus Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, in the A. and A. Rite, and received the 30° in 1879. In his profession he holds high rank, being a Mus. Bac. Oxon., a Vicar Choral of St. Paul's Cathedral, H.M. Assistant-Inspector of Music in Training Colleges, Editor of the *Musical Times* and Musical Editor of the *Morning Post*, besides being the author of several valuable contributions to musical literature. Lastly, he has supported our Charitable Institutions, being a Life Governor of the Boys' School and an occasional contributor to the Benevolent Institution, and having served the office of Steward at one of the Girls' School Festivals. The record is in all respects one of which Bro. Barrett has every reason to be proud.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. WALTER HOPEKIRK, of whose career we gave a detailed account last year when he was appointed Assistant Grand Pursuivant, has been promoted to the office of Grand Pursuivant.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. T. W. WHITMARSH has seen some 21 years' service as a Mason, but has contented himself with fulfilling the duties required of him in one lodge and chapter. Thus he was initiated in the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150, in 1867, and served as W. Master in 1876; and he was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Stability Chapter, No. 217, in 1873, and was installed in the chair of Z. in 1883.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held at the Wakefield Town Hall, on the 11th inst. There was a very large attendance, about 330 Masons being present, of whom upwards of 90 were Present or Past Prov. Grand Officers. All the principal rooms at the Town Hall had been engaged for the occasion from the Corporation, and they were set apart for the comfort and convenience of the members of the Craft. Excellent arrangements for the gathering had been made by the Masters of the three Wakefield lodges—Bros. Fred Lee, Fred Simpson, and Ellis Pickersgill—and other brethren, and much credit is due to them for the admirable manner in which they had attended to every little detail, with a view to promote the comfort and convenience of the visitors. The Council Chamber, in which the meeting was held, had been arranged in accordance with Masonic requirements, the dais, or platform, the avenue up the centre of the room, and the corridors of the building being carpeted with crimson cloth by Bro. W. H. Kingswell. A number of beautiful silk banners belonging to various lodges and also the Provincial Grand Lodge banner were displayed in the Chamber. A collection of choice healthy plants enlivened the corridors, banqueting hall, &c. Bro. Alderman Henry Lee, the Mayor, who wore his beautiful chain of office, offered a warm welcome to the visitors, and his Worship and his son entertained the distinguished visitors in the Mayor's parlour. The lodge was opened in the Council Chamber at 1.45 by the Masters of the three Wakefield Lodges, Bro. Fred Lee being the W.M., Bro. Pickersgill, S.W., and Bro. Simpson, J.W. At two o'clock the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.M. 910, Past G.D. of England, and his Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Hy. Smith, P.M. 387, Past G.D. of England, entered the Council Chamber, together with the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers, and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened. The officers were saluted, the roll of lodges was called over by Bro. Ibberson, P.G. Reg., and the roll of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers was called. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Heckmondwike on the 5th October, were taken as read.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER then delivered a long and interesting address. (Pressure on our space compels us to hold this address over till our next issue.)

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, of Leeds, the Chairman of the Charity Committee, read the report, which showed that 2000 guineas had been raised for the Queen's Jubilee presentations, and that there was a balance of £41 5s. 6d. in the bank.

Bro. W. WATSON made a statement as to the formation of a Masonic Library and Museum at Wakefield, and exhorted all Masons to do what they could to obtain contributions towards it.

On the motion of Bro. the Rev. Dr. SMYTH, G. Chap. of England, a resolution was passed voting nearly £50 for the purchase of books, furniture, and fittings for the proposed new library.

The next business was the election of Treasurer for the province. The appointment, which is held for one year, is the only office of the Provincial Grand Lodge which is in the gift of the brethren, and it may be mentioned that it is 45 years since a Wakefield Mason held the distinguished office.

Bro. FOURNESS, the retiring Treasurer, proposed Bro. Henry Oxley, Past Master of the Wakefield Lodge, No. 495, as Treasurer for the ensuing year. He said that Bro. Oxley was known throughout the whole province, and wherever known was esteemed, and in every way he was well qualified for the office. Bro. Fourness concluded his remarks, amidst applause, by formally proposing Bro. Oxley as his successor.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. CHARLESWORTH, J.P., P. Prov. G.W., as a Past Master of the Wakefield Lodge, seconded the nomination, and in very eulogistic terms spoke of the great services Bro. Oxley had rendered to the Craft, and alluded to the active part he took in the erection of the new Masonic Hall in Wakefield, and in raising the chief part of the funds for that purpose. He said the appointment of Bro. Oxley would not only be an honour to that brother and to his lodge, but also to the town of Wakefield. After making some further remarks, he concluded by saying that, from his own personal knowledge of Bro. Oxley, he could speak in the highest terms of his undoubted ability, uprightness of character, and irreproachable integrity.

Bro. Col. HARTLEY, J.P., P.P.S.G.W., also a P.M. of the Wakefield Lodge, warmly supported the proposition, and added that the election of Bro. Oxley would be regarded as a great compliment to the brethren of Wakefield.

Bro. C. L. MASON, P.P.G. Treas., expressed, on behalf of the Leeds brethren, their hearty concurrence in the appointment. He commented on the fact that Bro. Oxley, as Charity Steward of his lodge, had collected on behalf of the Masonic Charities upwards of £400 during the last three years; and that for the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School he had secured no less than 16 Stewards from the brethren of his lodge—the largest number from any lodge in the province. Such a magnificent result spoke volumes for his zeal and popularity.

Bro. W. H. GILL, J.P., P.P.S.G.W., said that he was not a member of the same lodge as Bro. Oxley, but, as "father" of another Wakefield Lodge (Sincerity, 1019), it gave him the greatest pleasure to support the nomination, and if Bro. Oxley were appointed it would be regarded with the greatest satisfaction by the brethren of his own lodge.

This proposition was put to the meeting and carried unanimously, amidst enthusiastic applause.

Bro. OXLEY expressed his thanks for the high and distinguished honour conferred upon him.

The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed as follows:—

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| Bro. Capt. Edward Parker, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| C. W. Keighley, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " Rev. Richard Collins | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chaps. |
| " Rev. A. Bain Coombe | ... | ... | |
| " Aulay Macaulay, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " John E. Wordsworth, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " Edwin Dean, M.D., P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " John W. Turner, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " Lewis Buckley Brierley, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " Arthur Alfred Stott, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " Edmund Lord, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " Charles Howroyd, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. D.G.D.C. |
| " Francis Smith, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " Thomas Davis, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
| " Wm. Asquith, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " Robert Riley, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " Max Blume | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " Wm. Brewin Alderson, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Sec. |
| " Frederick Whiteley, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " Frederick W. Turner, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Purst. |
| " Alfred Williamson, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " John Dyson, P.M. | ... | ... | |
| " Wm. Fitton, P.M. | ... | ... | |
| " John R. Welsman, P.M. | ... | ... | |
| " John Hodgson Rayner, P.M. | ... | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " Alfred Stott, P.M. | ... | ... | |
| " Samuel Barrand | ... | ... | |
| " Thomas Leighton | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Tyler. |

Three petitions for relief were considered, and grants made. Invitations for the October meeting were received from Keighley, Halifax, and Sheffield. After some other formal business had been dealt with, the meeting closed with the recessional hymn, "Hail, Masonry sublime," which was sung to the tune of the National Anthem.

After the meeting 105 of the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall upstairs, where a most sumptuous dinner was provided by Mrs. Senior. The tables were most tastefully laid, and presented an exceedingly attractive appearance. A well prepared dinner was served up in first-class style, "à la Russe," there being a good staff of experienced attendants. The proceedings at the dinner, which occupied from five o'clock until nearly nine o'clock, were of an exceedingly enjoyable character. After dinner a number of toasts were heartily drunk and selections of vocal music were given by Messrs. Rickard (bass) and Buckland (tenor), whose charming songs and duets were highly appreciated. Bro. Herr Max Blume, Prov. G. Org., presided at the piano, and his truly marvellous performances on that instrument created much surprise and gave the most unbounded satisfaction. Altogether the proceedings in connection with the annual meeting were a success in every sense of the word.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

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

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But while the character of the School was being improved thus steadily but surely, the scheme of education enlarged by the engagement of a Drawing Mistress for higher class drawing, and the children encouraged in their studies by the regular award and public distribution of prizes,* the Governors found themselves seriously hampered in their plans for augmenting the number of girls on the establishment by their inability—for the time being, at all events,—to buy more land. But this was not an insuperable difficulty to the fulfilment of their projects, and in 1866 it was determined, after consultation with Bro. S. B. Wilson,† to re-arrange and extend the existing premises, the tender of Messrs. Myers and Son for the new work amounting to £2889 being accepted in September of that year, about which time also the offices of the Institution were moved into Freemasons' Hall. The boldness of this policy had a most excellent effect on the Craft, for at the Festival in May, 1867, when Bro. the Earl of Limerick presided as Chairman, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Earl De Grey and Ripon, D.G.M., and P.G.M. West Yorkshire, the amount of subscriptions was announced as £6000, the Board of Stewards being 132 in number, of whom the 40 from West Yorkshire raised £2000, and 25 from East Lancashire £1100, this being the first occasion on which the Provinces played a conspicuous part in these celebrations, though it was by no means the first time a distinguished Provincial brother had occupied the chair. In 1868 the House Committee resolved that the children should not attend the Festival, and though some demur was made by the Stewards, the Committee remained firm, and their attendance has since and very properly been dispensed with. About the same time a Committee, consisting of Bros. Sheen, Norris, Empson, and Nunn, was appointed to revise the Laws and assimilate them as closely as possible in things essential to those of the Boys' School, and the work having been carried out and approved, it was arranged that the new Code should come into operation on the 1st January, 1869. In the February following, an honorarium was voted to Miss Davis for the extra trouble she had

* The first mention of a distribution of prizes at the School premises occurs in the Minutes of a Special House Committee on the 30th April, 1861, when it is recorded that the Stewards for that year's Festival visited the Institution with their friends. On this occasion also we read for the first time of a medal for Good Conduct—awarded by the suffrages of the children—being given to Kate Pollard. In April, 1866, our worthy Bro. William Paas presented a gold medal for General Proficiency. In 1867 Bro. W. Winn gave 100 guineas to found a Canonbury Prize.

† Son of the before-mentioned Bro. S. B. Wilson, who died in the earlier half of 1866.

taken in preparing six of the girls for the Cambridge Local Examinations, and in recognition of the success which had attended her labours,—three of the children having passed with honours, while the remaining three satisfied the examiners. At the April Quarterly Court, Bro. S. Tomkins, G. Treasurer, was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Institution in place of Bro. B. B. Cabbell, who had resigned a few months previously on the ground of ill-health, and to whom a vote of thanks was unanimously passed for the manner in which he had discharged his duties during his protracted tenure of the office,* while in the month of October Miss Jarwood, who had been connected with the School as pupil, apprentice, Assistant Matron, and Matron for 50 years, not only received the congratulations of the Governors, but was likewise presented by them with a cheque for 50 guineas in commemoration of so interesting an anniversary.

At a Special General Court held on the 30th December, 1869, the right of Perpetual Presentation was established, the principal conditions being the payment to the Institution in one sum of 1000 guineas (£1050), that no votes be exercised in virtue of such payment, and that the children should be duly qualified, as in ordinary cases.† The qualifications of candidates were more clearly defined, the privileges of Vice-President were carefully revised, and on the motion of Bro. J. C. Parkinson at a Special Court in May, 1871, the rank of Vice-Patron was instituted, the qualification being the payment of a further 50 guineas over and above the 50 guineas necessary to confer the rank and privileges of a Vice-President. It was also in the same month of May, 1871, that Past G. Master the Prince of Wales, who had been initiated into Freemasonry in Sweden towards the close of 1868, presided at the Festival of the Institution, the number of brethren—161—who served as Stewards being unprecedentedly large, though the total of subscriptions—£5200—had been exceeded at the Festival of 1867. The month following, in consequence of the difficulties which had been caused by an outbreak of scarlet fever in December, 1870, but which, thanks to the skill and energy of the honorary medical officer—Bro. Howell—and the Matron, had been promptly and successfully met, it was resolved to build a separate Infirmary, and Bro. S. B. Wilson was called upon to furnish plans for its erection. On the 21st March, 1872, the first bricks of the new structure were laid by Mrs. Crick, Miss Jarwood, Miss Davis, and others, and on the 18th April, Bro. W. Winn laid the first stone; and so rapidly was the work pressed forward that on the occasion of the Stewards' visit in May, 1873, Lady Skelmersdale—now Countess of Lathom—opened the building, the key with which the formal ceremony was carried out being handed to her ladyship by Bro. Winn, whose repeated benefactions to the School had justly brought him into considerable eminence.

While these arrangements and the erection of the new Infirmary were in progress, Bro. Howell, who generously refused all pecuniary reward for his services, was presented with a testimonial of plate, and a substantial increase was made to the Matron's salary. The number of girls was also increased, firstly in October, 1871, to 106, and then in April, 1872, to 112, and the price to be paid for admission raised to 150 guineas; but in the interval between the two augmentations the Secretary, Bro. E. H. Patten, P.G.S.B., was struck with paralysis, and it becoming at once evident that he would be unable to resume his duties, they were temporarily discharged by Bro. Lane, the Clerk, and after the customary routine, a new Secretary was elected in November, 1872, in the person of Bro. R. Wentworth Little, to whom a commencing salary of £250 a year was assigned, while a pension of £200 a year for life was granted to Bro. Patten, who, both as Secretary and for a long term of years previously, had made himself conspicuous by his zealous and affectionate interest in the Institution. The month following, Bro. Lane, who had been chosen Collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, vacated the Clerkship, and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges was elected to succeed him early in 1873, so that ample time was allowed to the new Secretary and his new subordinate to prepare for the next Anniversary Festival, which had now become the great event of the year, and which, when it was held in May, 1873, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, yielded by the aid of 145 Stewards no less than £7448. A success so gratifying brought with it firstly a gratuity to Bro. Little, and then, as he pursued his work at the same high-pressure rate, a substantial increase of salary; and as it was followed up in May, 1874, when the late Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Prov. G.M. Staffordshire, presided, and the returns from 190 Stewards amounted to £8022, the Governors felt themselves justified in augmenting the number of children, firstly from 112 to 120, then from 120 to 134, from 134 to 145, and in December, 1874, from 145 to 148, the last addition being made at the Quarterly Court in April, 1875. Of course, these successive augmentations could not have been made without a corresponding enlargement of the premises, and the additional space was chiefly obtained by extending the wings of the main building. While, however, this was in progress, the Marquis of Ripon retired from Freemasonry, resigning his various offices in connection with its Charities, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on election as Grand Master, became likewise President of the Institution.

(To be continued.)

* In March, 1870, the General Committee purchased a portrait in oils of Bro. Cabbell by Bro. S. Rosenthal for 120 guineas, of which the artist at once returned 50 guineas to the Institution as a benefaction by Mrs. Rosenthal.

† A similar right was established by the Governors of the Boys' School in January, 1870.

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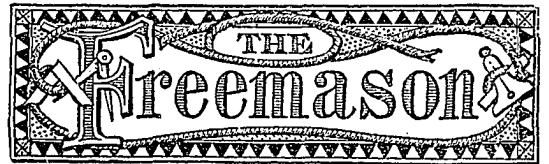
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Dear Sir and Brother,
 This being the year of the Centennial Exhibition in Melbourne, when many brethren will be visiting Australia from all parts of the world, on behalf of my colleagues, the Committee of the Melbourne Masonic Club, I take the opportunity—if you will kindly permit me—to say that we shall be most happy to enrol Masons as honorary members during the period of their stay in the colonies.

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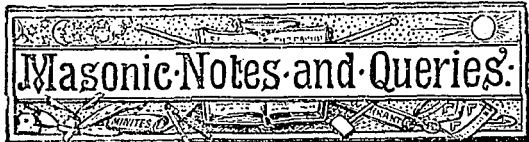
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different months of the year, save that of July, such a compilation is especially useful. The "Centenary Jewel Warrants" are duly entered for 48, Gateshead (1867), 97, Sunderland (1864), 111, Darlington (1861), 124, Durham (1863), and 240, Shields (1880). Bro. Hudson has overlooked the Centenary Jewel Warrant of the "Concord" R.A. Chapter, No. 124, Durham, whose History has been so ably written by Bro. W. Logan, of that city. It was granted in 1887, and as only nine other chapters in England have so far obtained the coveted distinction, the honourable position is well worthy of being chronicled. The "Vigilance" Chapter, No. 111, Darlington, chartered on March 2nd, 1788, apparently has its centenary due this year. As our Comp. Dr. Drury is the Scribe E., that matter is not likely to be neglected, if the evidence of continuity is preserved. Another of last century is No. 97, Sunderland, dating from 1797. The Province of Northumberland and Durham, for the Mark, is under the genial rule of the Rev. Canon Tristram, who has for his Deputy, the zealous and efficient Craftsman, Bro. T. Y. Strachan, of Newcastle, and Bro. J. S. Wilson is the Prov. G. Sec. We should like to refer to the Educational Fund for the Province, and other matters, but we have arrived "at the end of our tether," and reluctantly let our pen dry.



771] "ATHOLL" GRAND LODGE SEALS.

I am exceedingly pleased to find that the several contributions by Bro. J. Ramsden Riley and myself, relative to the seals of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, have been followed by the able and instructive article by Bro. Henry Sadler in last week's *Freemason*. The plate in "Masonic Facts and Fictions" is of use in many ways, and especially in relation to the "Antient," or "Atholl," Masons. A great deal more is involved in the enquiry as to the exact period of origin of the seal, with the regular arms, than appears on the surface. If, as Bro. Sadler supposes, that the only seal used by the "Ancients" prior to Kirk's of 1775 was my No. 1 (768, *Notes and Queries*), it is very singular, to say the least. The regular "arms of ye most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons" are duly inserted in the "Ahiman Rezon" for 1764, so that the old seal (square and compasses, flaming sword and legends "Virtue and Silence," &c.), if continued to 1775, must have been used even during the period of the "arms" being well known to that body. I am surprised to hear that the seal as given in the "History of No. 63, London," is incorrect, for, had it been accurate and of the year 1775, my anticipations as to the arms being officially used on a seal prior to 1775 would have been verified. As it is now, that fancy is dispelled after Bro. Sadler's careful examination. There is, however, one other seal—of 1759—attached to the charter of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, which has the arms depicted with legend, &c., either as my No. 3 or No. 4 possibly. Will Bro. Sadler kindly obtain a sight of this valuable document, and report as to the seal itself, and period of its fixture? If post 1775 its interest is but slight compared to what it would be if used before that year. Bro. Riley has seen very many "Atholl" certificates, and yet not one of the legends on the seals ended with the word "Institutions," but all have "Institution." On the other hand, Bro. Sadler refers to "at least half a dozen" with the word "Institutions," so that Bro. Riley's challenge is disposed of. I am unable to accept the explanation offered by the latter brother as to the use and meaning of these two words, for clearly such an interpretation is foreign to the evident intentions of the "Ancients," and the seals with either of these words appears to have been indifferently employed on Craft certificates and warrants. "Institutions" is to be found on the seal attached (in tin case) to the warrant of No. 246, Cheltenham (of 1813), and we know that the original seal—thus used so near the "Union" was by Kirk in A.D. 1775. Bro. Sadler mentions that 13 "Ancient" warrants out of 21 which he examined had "Institutions" as the final word of the legend, the majority being those of Kirk's. Of 46 Craft certificates, however, he only reports six as bearing the Kirk seal, the others having "Institution" for the completion of legend. Only one, be it noted, was earlier than 1798, so that the large number of the other kind may be due to the employment of the new seal of 1792, and to the possibility of the Kirk die being kept for the presentation medal referred to in the "Ancients" records. Bro. Riley's view that the seal of 1775 was mainly used for Royal Arch certificates may certainly apply to the last decade of the 18th century on to the blessed union. In favour of this belief may be cited the fact, noted by Bro. Sadler, that only one out of 14 Royal Arch certificates was sealed by other than the one alluded to, Kirk's, of 1775; mine of 1799 making another (See No. 3) in favour of the large majority. Moreover, out of 50 Craft certificates seen by Bro. Riley, not one has the word "Institutions" on the seals. It was but natural, therefore, for our friend to consider that the word in the singular denoted the lodge, &c., the plural form signifying the chapter. It is proved now, however, that such was not really the case, whatever the evidence in that direction had indicated, as traced by Bro. Riley. I am still somewhat disinclined to give up the notion that a seal, having the arms of the "Ancients," was used prior to 1775, but the fancy has been well nigh dispelled through the destructive criticism of the plate in history of the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, London. If Bro. Sadler is able to say no more for the seal on the warrant of No. 1, London, my anticipations will have received their *quietus*, though the feeling of wonderment will still remain; the original seal being such an undignified official instrument of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, which long before 1775 had assumed the character of an energetic and prosperous rival to the regular Grand Lodge. Brethren interested should kindly examine any old "Atholl" warrants, or certificates, and report their date and particulars as to the seals, say in the "Notes and Queries" department (which some of us wish was more patronized) thus adding to our increasing store of facts, and enabling us to be assured of the true condition of matters. I am not aware that the "Atholl" Grand Chapter ever issued a separate Royal Arch warrant to work that Degree, at all events, not in this country; but there is no

lack of Royal Arch certificates, mostly, however, of comparatively recent date. It is curious to note the difference in the first portion of the legends on the two seals referred to by Bros. Riley and Sadler, as also by myself. Kirk's has "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons," whereas the other (say of 1792) reads "Grand Lodge in London of Free and Accepted Masons."

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Bro. Sadler's article in the *Freemason* of the 21st inst., like others of his which preceded it on kindred subjects, is most valuable; not for any special erudition he displays on seals, but for the evidence published from Grand Lodge archives. The impartial spirit in which he has from time to time responded (and in this case without being asked), to the demand for "light" on the latter, merits the warm appreciation of every true Masonic student. Not long ago "darkness reigned supreme" with regard to the records in Grand Lodge; even in a superficial degree only a few attained any knowledge of them, and that knowledge had to be acquired under great difficulties—the expenditure of time, labour, often some irritability, and, when long journeys had to be taken, money also. To Bro. Sadler we owe already the advantage of having had a strong light thrown on the Grand Lodge minutes, both of the "Moderns" and "Ancients," and I have no doubt we may safely credit him with the removal of many a cobweb at Freemasons' Hall. To do this, great personal sacrifices must have been made by him; and it is no less certain now than when he made those sacrifices, that their recognition could only be expected from a comparatively small community. I feel it my duty to mention these facts, because the certainty I refer to is very rarely sufficient to keep up the interest Bro. Sadler has manifested, and which I, as a Masonic student, am proud to acknowledge. Bro. Sadler judges of Masonic students no doubt fairly as he has found them, and so far as his knowledge and experience enables him, which is surely all that can be expected. I know from personal experience how ready he is to assist them; but his evident abhorrence of "fictions" calls forth my admiration. Such a brother has no risk to run in making statements from Grand Lodge records, and it can only be by entering upon less clearly-defined ground that he is likely to be misled or mislead. But even gross errors may be pardoned in one actuated by so resolute a determination to unveil the "facts" and put down "fictions." It is the confidence which this character inspires that gives real value to Bro. Sadler's articles. He says he differs from me on minor details concerning Atholl seals; but I can thank him for that difference, because I appreciate his candour and his zeal. I do not see how the plate of seals in "Facts and Fictions" can be regarded by any one as "a collection of seals in general;" but wish Bro. Sadler to clearly understand I had not even an idea that Bro. Hughan's article was written for the purpose he mentions, or the point Institution *v.* Institutions would not have been raised by me on any part of it. The statement regarding St. Mary's Lodge warrant seemed strange to me, and I merely sought information. Moreover, I expressly desired my valued friend, Bro. Hughan, to avoid reference to any author's work, as being quite outside the simple question at issue. That question has been settled by Bro. Sadler, who, after personal examination, confirms the opinion I expressed (*Notes and Queries* 769) that the seal of St. Mary's warrant would be found *not* to be as stated by Bro. Hughan. This, therefore, being the root of the controversy, I might very well say no more; however, like Bro. Sadler, I, too, am interested in the "mutual instruction" by which, as he truly states, "we are enabled to save those who follow us much valuable time and labour." Although we find it necessary, for many and various purposes (seals among the rest), to go to Grand Lodge for occasional information, yet it cannot furnish the means of acquiring the best experience of seals. Neither can it be the depository of an extraordinary number of certificates and warrants for obvious reasons; the principal one being that (speaking generally) only those returned are in its custody. These form an insignificant proportion of those issued, and, unfortunately, even of such as perhaps ought to have been returned, comparatively few are there. No doubt to many this little controversy will have the appearance of "much ado about nothing." To me it is the final settlement of an opinion I have maintained at least seven years. I repeat, after 17 years' study and experience of Masonic seals, that I have never seen an Atholl Craft certificate bearing Kirk's seal (a) *i.e.*, with the legend "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons according to the Old Institutions." I have met with it on Arch certificates only. The difference "in London" is sufficient to establish which of the two seals with similar "Arms" is not Kirk's—the legion round the other (b) being "Grand Lodge in London of Free and Accepted Masons according to the Old Institution." And although the lower part of a seal may not be sufficiently clear to make it indisputable as regards "Institution" or "Institutions," there is no difficulty in recognising either by the legend alone, because the two extra words in one of them, (b) *within the same space*, necessarily crowd it. "Kirk F" sometimes decides for the other, but, being just below the centre, is in most cases obliterated, along with the lower portion of the "Arms," by pressure or friction. It is a common experience to find the legend quite distinct, and all within it much defaced. Bro. Sadler confirms my experience, admitting that a "much larger number" bear the seal I contend for (b) as the true Craft seal; and agrees also that it was originally intended for Atholl Craft certificates. I never stated that I had seen it on Arch certificates, and never did. I state (N. and Q. 769) that I have seen Kirk's seal on Arch certificates. There is a typographical error in said *Notes and Queries* which may have caused Bro. Sadler's misapprehension—in the sixth line from the bottom read "Institution." Bearing in mind what I have already pointed out as to the small proportion of the issued certificates in Grand Lodge custody (there are, however, more Atholl certificates than I thought) I note Bro. Sadler states that 40 out of 46 Craft certificates bear "Institution," and the remaining six have Kirk's seal with "Institutions." Also, out of 14 Arch certificates, 13 have Kirk's seal (same precisely as he declares is on six of the Craft certificates), and one has the Grand Chapter seal, which latter is, of course, a distinct seal, and outside the present question. Now, it requires no skill in "old seals and documents" to see that this evidence establishes my claim, which is just what Bro. Hughan has done. He writes to me confidently on the

30th March that he can "entirely clear up Institutions," and that he "has a Seal on Certificate with 'Institutions.'" The latter I asked for, and, with his usual kindness, received in due course both a Craft and an Arch Certificate; that is to say, certificates bearing both the seals referred to. They are probably among the most valuable Atholl certificates in existence, being those of B. Plummer, whose signature appears on so many certificates of later date; but *both prove my statements!* Is it likely that so well-qualified an Atholl Mason as Plummer would fail to observe whether the seals on his certificates were right or wrong? This Craft certificate bears the legend "Grand Lodge in London of Free and Accepted Masons according to the Old Institution" (b), and his Arch Certificate has Kirk's seal, with "in London" left out, and "Institutions" (a), both agreeing with my own experience as stated. The seal No. 2 named by Bro. Hughan never existed, and his No. 5 I long since dubbed "Jack's variety." I trust a better-qualified brother will take up the other points of Bro. Sadler's article, as I really have not time to devote to it just now. Besides a very heavy Masonic correspondence to attend to, all the spare moments I have at liberty are devoted to the re-arranging of a collection of seals for presentation to our West Riding Museum and Library. Masonic seals are an interesting study; but whether it continues to be neglected or not, I should like our province to possess the finest collection in the world. I shall not rest satisfied until I have inspected the six certificates referred to by Bro. Sadler. I accept nobody's ipse-dixit in these matters.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.



Craft Masonry.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Tuesday, 17th inst., when Bro. A. G. Boswell, who had been unanimously elected, was installed into the chair of K.S., Bro. H. E. Frances, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, being the Installing Officer. This fact being stated, it is unnecessary to add that the ceremony was performed with the effective precision which is characteristic of all Masonic work performed by Bro. Frances. It is sufficient, therefore, to say that the lodge was opened by the outgoing Worshipful Master, Bro. H. J. Pain, who confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting, received the report of the Audit Committee, and transacted other ordinary lodge business. He then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Frances, who proceeded with the installation ceremony, and, after concluding it, delivered the three well-known addresses to the Master, the Wardens, and the other brethren of the lodge. Bro. Boswell, the new Master, then invested Bro. Pain with the collar of I.P.M., and also the officers, elected or appointed, who are to assist him during the ensuing 12 months, the list being as follows: Bros. G. Myers, S.W.; R. J. Cullen, J.W.; H. E. Frances, P.M., P.S.G.D., Sec.; R. R. Templeman, P.M., D.C.; H. Tyrer, S.D.; J. Pollard, J.D.; and A. Bowers, I.G. Bro. James Pain, P.M., re-elected Treasurer of the lodge, was not invested, as, in consequence of business abroad, he was unable to be present. Bro. Parkinson, re-elected Tyler of the lodge, was also invested.

Bro. Boswell then, in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. Pain with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which he said all would agree Bro. Pain well deserved, for though he had been unavoidably absent from some of their meetings, when he was present he had done his work admirably and had proved himself a thoroughly good Mason. Bro. Pain, in thanking the lodge for this mark of their appreciation, said that during the remainder of his life, and connection with the lodge, his services should always be at their disposal. A grant of five guineas from the lodge fund was then made in favour of the Boys' School, to be added to the list of their Steward, Bro. Frances, at the next Festival.

The lodge was then closed, and subsequently the members of the lodge and their guests dined together in another room in the same building. Among the visitors present were Bros. H. Humfress, P.M. 733; J. C. Conway, I.G. 1891; A. le Claire, 1803; R. J. Pugh, 2147; W. W. Westley, W.M. 186; P. Scarr, S.W. 1891; C. G. Scott, W.M. 452; E. Storr, P.M. 167; J. Youlden, P.M. 1891; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; R. C. Jones, S.W. 1686; C. Colman, A.D.C. 1425; J. J. Thomas, S.W. 753; T. Colman, W.M. 1265; W. J. Mason, J.W. 2246; W. Chappell, 1425; G. R. Newman, 1590; E. Minns, J.D. 1892; W. G. Cannon, P.M. 1539; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; and E. C. Massey.

At the conclusion of the feast the usual list of loyal and Masonic toasts was dealt with, commencing with "The Queen and the Craft," and including the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, a comprehensive toast to the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past; all of which were appropriately proposed by the W.M. and cordially received by the brethren present.

Bro. Pain, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the new W.M.," said that he was sure the Stockwell Lodge was very fortunate in having such a Master as Bro. Boswell, and that it was a great thing for the lodge that the sons of the Past Masters were coming forward so well, and in their turn succeeding to the Master's chair. Bro. Boswell had passed through every office in the lodge, and had performed the duties of each position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the members of the lodge, who were delighted to congratulate him on having reached the highest honour the lodge could bestow on any of its members. He hoped that the initiates would be very numerous during Bro. Boswell's reign, and that the funds of the lodge would increase in proportion. He was sure that in drinking their Master's health they would join with him in wishing Bro. Boswell a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Boswell said he returned Bro. Pain and the members of the lodge his most sincere thanks for the very kind manner in which his health had been proposed by the one, and for the hearty manner in which it had been received by all present. He was initiated eight years ago, and had, as had been said, passed through every office and performed every kind of Masonic duty in the lodge; and it was now

very proud moment for him to find himself in the position of W.M. In one respect the brethren had elected a very bad Master; as he knew himself to be a very indifferent president at a banquet table; because he was no orator, and could not do justice to the toasts which it was part of his duty to propose. Words entirely failed him to express his feelings on the present occasion, and he could therefore only in a homely way thank the brethren for the honour that had been done him in the way that toast had been proposed and received. He should like to have a successful year of office, and hoped that the brethren would bring forward candidates of the right sort; give him plenty of work to do; and otherwise heartily support him throughout his year of office.

A number of other toasts were proposed and cordially drunk.

The toast of "The Visitors" was enthusiastically received; and Bros. Colman, Westley, Stephens, Thomas, and Scott returned thanks.

The I.P.M., Bro. Pain, and Bro. Frances replied for their individual toasts.

The Immediate Past Master proposed "The Health of Bro. Moss, P.M.," who, during the unavoidable absence of Bro. Pain had occupied the chair and performed his duties, and on behalf of the brethren of the lodge asked Bro. Moss to accept a small token of their regard, which consisted of an illuminated testimonial and a photographic album, which it was intended should be furnished with the portraits of all the members of the lodge.

Bro. Moss thanked the members of the lodge for the token of respect with which they had honoured him. It had evidently been kept a dead secret, for it had come upon him as a most complete surprise. It had given him a great deal of pleasure during Bro. Pain's unavoidable absence to perform the duties of W.M. He had always had the interests of the Stockwell Lodge at heart, and trusted that he should never in any degree swerve from his allegiance to it.

Bros. Templeman and Moss responded for "The Past Masters," after which "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary," and "The S.W. and the other Officers of the Lodge" received attention ere the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

UPPER NORWOOD (No. 1586).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., and was honoured by the presence of Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, W. Hopekirk, Assist. Grand Purst., and F. Campion, P.P.S.G.W. Derby. The following were present: Bros. J. Bowyer, W.M.; F. Bullock, W.M. elect, S.W.; G. H. Finch, J.W.; E. Kidman, P.M.; J. A. Stock, P.M., Sec.; J. D. Arnold, J.D.; J. Southwell, D.C.; A. C. Wood, I.G.; R. Lillico, Stwd.; G. Swan, Tyler; J. C. Lerner, I.P.M.; J. Hammond, P.M.; W. J. Miller, P.M.; F. Dusterwald, J. Pike, C. Gurr, J. Brunner, W. J. Cheffins, D. Jones, J. Brennan, G. B. Kemp, M. Greive, H. H. Jones, W. H. Izod, T. May, and T. Pilkington. Visitors: W. Poole, Treas. 1572; E. G. Walden, Sec. 1915; G. S. Graham, P.M. 1851; H. S. Hunter, P.M. 1321; P. Brearey, P.M. 26; A. Moore, 91; N. Carman, P.M. 548; J. Barnett, J.D. 2192; G. Treves, P.M. 720; R. Mills, 583; E. Chamberlain, W.M. 87; F. W. Rouse, 95; H. D. Mitten, P.M. 765; and S. Moss, 1681.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. J. Bowyer, proceeded to pass Bro. Kemp, after which Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., installed Bro. F. Bullock, as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of which, being so ably done, gave great pleasure to the brethren present. Bro. F. Bullock, W.M., then followed by investing his officers in a most creditable manner, appointing Bros. G. H. Finch, S.W.; J. J. Arnold, J.W.; J. Southwell, S.D.; A. C. Wood, J.D.; R. Lillico, I.G.; T. May, Stwd.; T. Pilkington, Org.; Bro. E. Kidman was re-appointed as Treas., and Bro. J. A. Stock as Sec.

The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. D. Jones, after which followed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts. During the evening there were two pleasant duties performed—the presentation of a Jubilee medal to Bro. W. J. Miller, P.M., for having fulfilled the duties of Secretary for several years; and a Past Master's jewel to Bro. John Bowyer.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when Bro. W. F. Mimms was installed W.M. by Bro. Coleman, the retiring Master. There were present Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C. (Hon. Mem.); C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P. (Hon. Mem.); W. Coleman, W.M.; H. Folsom, I.P.M.; W. F. Mimms, S.W.; H. Harvey, J.W.; T. H. Meredith, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Scott, Sec.; C. F. Luckhurst, S.D.; J. Glover, J.D.; G. Holland, I.G.; G. Musson and F. W. Ogg, Stwds.; W. Taylor, D.C.; G. C. Young, Org.; J. Lachland, Tyler; F. J. Wray, P.M.; G. Boulton, P.M.; Capt. F. Butterworth, P.M.; W. Brindley, P.M.; J. Gibson, P.M.; and about seventy-five other members of the lodge. There were also present twenty-seven visitors from other lodges, viz.: Bros. W. Snodin, P.M. 157; J. Hamblin, 177; W. Groves, P.M. 749; A. Bulow, 619; G. Cook, 820; A. Boulton, P.M. 857; H. Rogers, 898; Edwards, 1305; H. Bond, P.M. 1314; M. Bristow, 1348; C. Morris, 1368; G. W. Hatch, 1539; H. Dockrill, 1567; R. Bowins, 1567; W. Unwin, 1614; H. Dickson, I.P.M. 1614; W. Vincent, P.M. 1624; C. Taylor, P.M. 1624; E. A. Baderley, 1624; J. Grist, 1624; A. Thomas, 1744; W. R. Arnold, J.W. 1789; H. P. Davis, 1789; J. Willis, 1828; A. R. Polley, 1828; G. Holden, 2096; and G. Herschhorn, 2096.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. S. Cameron, a candidate for joining, also for Messrs. J. W. Burgess, W. E. Thorburn, and Sergeant F. K. Sutton, candidates for initiation. The ballot being unanimous in their favour, Messrs. Burgess, Thorburn, and Sutton were duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. W. W. Girling and V. P. Cummin were then passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. H. W. Floyd raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The minutes of the Committee of Reference were then submitted for confirmation, and

Bro. Capt. F. Butterworth, P.M., in moving the adoption of the report, dwelt particularly on that part of it in which the lodge was recommended to grant a purse of 40 sovereigns from its funds to its Secretary, and said he had the great pleasure of proposing that the sum of £40 be presented to Bro. R. J. Scott, who had held the position of Secretary of that lodge since its formation, as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by all its members. The lodge had now a membership of 180 brethren, and under those circumstances the amount of the proposed grant could not be thought excessive, when the immense quantity of work connected with so large a lodge was considered. In addition to the actual work, there was also the expense to which the Secretary was put, owing to the lodge meeting eight times a year and his living at a considerable distance from it. Every P.M. of the lodge could bear testimony to the unvarying courtesy and unsailing accuracy with which Bro. Scott carried out the duties of his important office, and in token of the high esteem in which they all held him, they (the P.M.'s) intended to present him with a Secretary's jewel. He therefore most strongly recommended that the report should be adopted by the lodge, and particularly that part of it in relation to the Secretary. The report was unanimously agreed to. A Board of Installed Masters was then constituted, and Bro. W. F. Mimms, S.W., was presented and duly installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Coleman, who at the conclusion received a well-merited ovation for the perfect and impressive manner in which he performed the ceremony. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Coleman, I.P.M.; H. Harvey, S.W.; C. F. Luckhurst, J.W.; T. H. Meredith, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Scott, Sec.; J. Glover, S.D.; G. Holland, J.D.; G. Musson, I.G.; F. W. Ogg, D.C.; M. Leslie and T. Sims, Stwds.; G. C. Young, Org.; and J. Lachland, Tyler. In investing Bro. Scott as Secretary the W.M. said his zeal, courtesy, and the efficient manner he had performed the duties of his office had been so great that the brethren, to show their appreciation, had presented him with a purse of £40, which he had great pleasure in placing in his hands. The P.M.'s and himself had also the pleasure to present him with that jewel, which he trusted he would live many years to wear. Bro. F. J. Wray, P.M., performed the onerous duties of D. of C. in an efficient manner. The Reference Committee having been appointed, notices of motion to be submitted for the approval of the lodge at its next meeting were made severally by Bros. T. H. Meredith, P.M., and H. Folsom, P.M. Three candidates for initiation were duly proposed and seconded, and "Hearty good wishes" were given from the various visitors.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown room, where an excellent banquet and dessert had been prepared by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. The Worshipful Master, in brief but appropriate terms, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C., responded in eloquent terms to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.C., also replied.

The I.P.M., Bro. W. Coleman, in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said that the brethren were doubtless aware that in taking possession of the gavel it was for the purpose of proposing a toast which was always received in the Wanderers Lodge in the heartiest possible manner, viz., that of the Worshipful Master. He felt very great pleasure and pride in proposing the toast, not only from the personal friendship he had for Bro. Mimms, but from a full conviction that he was worthy of the honour which had been conferred on him; his ability to carry out the duties of his high station, the zeal and efficient manner in which the duties of the office already held by him had been performed, and the ability with which he was able to render the ceremonies were well known to the brethren, and he would therefore content himself with congratulating the W.M. in the name of the brethren, wishing him health and strength to carry out the duties of his trust, and a pleasant and successful year of office.

The W.M., in reply, said that for many years he had been a Wanderer, and on finally settling in London some 10 years ago, he naturally looked for a resting place, which he found in the lodge in which he had that day been placed in the proud position of Master. He promised to follow, as far as in him lay, the steps of his predecessors, who had proved themselves worthy of the honour conferred upon them.

In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," the W.M. said the brethren well knew the admirable manner in which Bro. Coleman had performed the duties of his office, and that in installing him that evening he had even excelled himself. He had much pleasure in presenting him, on behalf of the lodge, with a P.M.'s jewel, with collar and pendant.

The I.P.M., in reply, said he thanked the W.M. for the very kind and flattering manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which it had been received by them. During his year of office he had endeavoured to perform the duties of W.M. to the best of his ability, and to maintain the very high reputation which the Wanderers Lodge so deservedly held; he had followed, as far as possible, in the footsteps of those who had so eminently preceded him. It was a source of great satisfaction to him to think that what he had done had met with the approval of the brethren. He begged to thank Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., for the flattering manner in which he had spoken of the way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. It had afforded him great pleasure to think the ceremony had been rendered in a manner alike creditable to himself and the lodge to which he belonged. He thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel which had been presented to him, which he would ever wear with pride and affection, and he assured them it would be his constant endeavour to promote the prosperity of the Wanderers Lodge to the best of his ability.

The toast of "The Initiate" was then given, and suitably responded to by the brethren initiated that afternoon.

Bros. W. Vincent, P.M. 1624; H. Bond, P.M. 1314; A. Boulton, P.M. 857; and W. R. Arnold, J.W. 1789, replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

The toast of "The P.M.'s" was briefly responded to by Bros. F. J. Wray and H. Folsom.

Bro. Meredith responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary and the other Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. Scott also replied, and said that he took that opportunity to offer his sincere thanks for the handsome present

which the lodge had with such unanimity been pleased to make to him that evening. He also thanked the P.M.'s for the jewel which they had presented him with. He assured the brethren that if it had not been for the hearty co-operation of the various Masters of the lodge since its formation, he could not possibly have performed his arduous duties to the satisfaction of the lodge or himself. He could truthfully state that it would be impossible to have had a better succession of Masters to carry out the administrative work of the lodge, and, seeing that every brother holding an official position in the lodge had endeavoured to do his work to the best of his ability, he (Bro. Scott) had tried to perform the clerical work appertaining to the office he had the honour to be entrusted with for such a lengthened period in such a manner as to meet with the approbation of the members of the lodge. He thanked the brethren for the kind and cordial manner in which they had received the recommendation of the Committee of Reference, and stated that so long as he held his present office he would do his best to perform the work to the satisfaction of the lodge as well as Grand Lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).

This lodge held its last meeting of the session on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., when there were present Bros. Bowers Solomon, W.M.; Geo. Reynolds, S.W.; S. Hewett, J.W.; J. W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; G. H. Foan, D. of C.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; T. H. Dickson, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; G. Coleman, P.M.; S. Isaacs, W. R. Faulks, R. Sparrow, W. Humphrey, W. Honeyball, J. Woodward, A. L. Bullen, C. J. Shannon, J. W. Belsham, W. Green, A. Packham, J. Pullen, W. Carille, A. Freeman, G. Reid, J. Brodrick, W. H. Cousins, J. C. Citron, F. Bassett, J. Bellamy, and J. Potter, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. E. Gommer, 946; W. Hancock, 1056 and 2191; A. Trewinnard, P.M. 228; R. E. Cursons, J.D. 1681; T. C. Seary, 1987; T. A. Fleck, 172; G. Bailey, 879; and F. M. Noakes, 2148.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Honeyball, Humphrey, and Sparrow were raised to the Degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. G. Coleman.

All Masonic business being ended, and the W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini.

Ample justice having been done to an excellent menu, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. G. Coleman, P.M., in his usual felicitous manner.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received the toast, and trusted that his health would permit him to carry out his duties during the remainder of his year of office to their satisfaction.

Bro. G. Coleman, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said they had not so many there that night as usual—why he could not say; they were always pleased to see them, and whenever they came they would accord them the usual hearty welcome for which the Covent Garden Lodge had been so famous. He would call upon Bros. Hancock and Trewinnard to reply.

Bro. Hancock, in reply, said he always felt proud at being called upon to respond for the visitors in that lodge, as he met so many of his friends who belonged to the Anglo-American Lodge, but he felt some diffidence that night in consequence of the presence of Bro. Trewinnard, from whom he had received much of his Masonic knowledge, and he was sure they would much rather hear what he had to say than listen to him. He thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which the visitors were always received, and assured them that he always looked forward with pleasure to their meetings, at which he was, through their kindness, so constant a visitor.

Bro. Trewinnard thanked the brethren for their very kind reception. He should have liked to have said a lot, but as he came rather late he would not trespass on their patience. It afforded him a great deal of pleasure to be there and hear the kind words which had been spoken of him; he always tried to do his best, and if, as had been said, he had assisted any one in their Masonic knowledge he was only too pleased.

In reply to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Bourne, P.M., Sec., thanked the brethren for the very hearty way in which that toast had been drunk on that as on previous occasions. Their lodge, considering the time it had been established, was second to none, and he assured them that they had not been idle, for he was sure they all well knew how anxious they were at all times to do all that laid in their power to promote the best interests of the lodge, and were always willing to render any assistance that might be required of them. On behalf of the Past Masters he begged to thank them.

In proposing the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," Bro. G. Coleman said they had a good working set of officers, which augured well for the future, as he felt sure that when their time came to fill the chair the lodge would lose none of the prestige which it had gained in the past.

Bro. G. Reynolds, S.W., in reply, thanked the W.M. for the kind terms in which he had proposed the health of the officers, and also to the kind allusions he had made as to the manner in which they had performed their several duties. He could assure the W.M. the officers would do all in their power to support him while occupying the chair, and he hoped those who followed would be animated by the same desire. Their visitors always thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the lodge was growing fast. They had a large number of members belonging to the lodge who were staunch and true, and kept well within its walls. He hoped the health of the W.M. would improve, and that he would have health and strength always to take an interest in the lodge for many years to come. They did not meet again for over six months, but when they came again together the officers hoped to meet them all in good health.

The Senior and Junior Deacons having briefly responded, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Bros. J. Solomon, Org. 1319; W. Honeyball, H. Solomon, and others contributed to the pleasures of the evening by an exhibition of their musical abilities, and Bro. Bertram by an amusing entertainment.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE (No. 2191).

The first meeting of the second session of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., when the interest taken in its proceedings was evinced by an unusually large attendance of Grand Officers and other distinguished visitors. The members present included Bros. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., W.M.; Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; Adolphus Clark, S.W.; F. Kedge, J.W.; Jno. B. Cumming, Treas.; George Reynolds, Secretary; W. Hancock, acting as S.D.; J. J. Woolley, J.D.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; H. W. Schartau, Org.; J. Skinner, Stwd.; R. Potter, Tyler; F. H. Gottlieb, P.G.S.B., P.D.D.G.M. E. Archipelago; Theo. H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York City; I. Zacharie, M.D.; J. J. Wedgwood, M.D.; Chas. Corby, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; Gen. John C. Graves, P.D. G.M. New York; W. M. Bywater, P.G. Swd. Br.; A. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G. D.C.; W. R. Woodman, M.D., P.G. Swd. Br.; Samuel Pope, O.C., P.S.G.D.; Geo. Cooper, S.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Col. J. Peters, P.G.S.B.; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B.; Richard Eve, G. Treas.; J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. B.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; Arthur Hill, P.G. Stwd.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. B.; Charles Belton, P.S.G.W. Surrey; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; J. H. Clark, 1227; Hy. Nuding, W.M. 1924; E. van Patten, 1601; E. J. D. Bromley, I.G. 179; A. Hamilton, W.M. 917; D. Hersch, 917; Wm. Masters, W.M. 2128; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; E. St. Clair, W.M. 2060; T. C. Seary, 1987; T. Bull, P.M. 145; C. F. Doane, 603, New York; J. C. Carpenter, 1716; W. J. Bush, 1716; W. J. Spratling, Sec. 2033; E. Stimson, 2182; R. A. Bush, 2165; J. Hampton, S.W. 145; H. Steinway, 145; A. G. Wulff, 1361; D. T. J. Lyle, J.W. 1563; P. Soman, P.P.G. Stwd. Norfolk; J. J. Berry, P.M., Treas. 554; F. Hurdle, 548; H. T. Chapman, 1964; Jno. Chapman, 1964; Chas. J. Shoppee, 2120; J. J. Richardson, 898; W. H. Chapman, 73; Hy. Cox, W.M. 145; G. W. Rotherham, 1962; T. J. Cocks, 2030; Chas. Lambert, 198; F. Bennett, P.M., 33; S. E. Southgate, S.D. 700; F. J. Day, 1227; A. Miller, 1361; J. Berther, 1563; J. Cockburn, 1817; C. P. Weadon, 1472; A. J. Dotttridge, P.M. 182; F. H. Horscroft, 211; H. J. Parkin, 1319; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the meeting held in October last were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's Report, showing the funds to be in a satisfactory condition, was received and adopted. The brethren present were then ranged in order to receive Bro. Gen. John C. Graves, P.D.G.M. State of New York, a Commissioner of Masonic Appeals, who was saluted on entering the lodge. The W. Master, in the name of the lodge, extended to Bro. Gen. Graves a very cordial welcome, and remarked that by receiving such a distinguished visitor from America they were carrying into effect the object for which the lodge was formed and consecrated. Bro. Gen. Graves briefly returned thanks for the welcome and kindly greeting. Messrs. Alfred Barnard and Charles O. Burgess having been successfully balloted for, were regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bros. J. H. Scott, 1673; H. T. Clark, 1563; Hurst Daniel, 1056; J. Schuller, 1969; W. S. Lincoln, 534; and P. D. Rees, 766. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Bros. Sir Somers Vine, Sir Bruce M. Seton, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, J. H. Meyer, J. W. Woodall, P.G.T., Consul-Gen. T. M. Waller, G. Cumberpatch, and many others. A sum of 10 guineas was voted to the R.M.I. for Girls, and a similar sum to the R.M.I. for Boys, to be placed on the lists of Bros. Tilton and Major Lambert, respectively, who were nominated to represent the lodge. The next business on the agenda was to consider a proposed alteration of the by-laws respecting foreign brethren becoming members of the lodge. The W.M. having explained the circumstances under which the alteration became desirable, on the motion of the W.M. a committee was formed to deal with the question, consisting of the W.M., two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and Bros. Tilton and Lambert. Bro. Major Lambert proposed that an emblazoned vote of thanks should be sent to Bro. Shryock for his kind gift to the members of century jewels of the Maryland Grand Lodge. Bro. Cumming, Treas., seconded the motion, observing that on his recent visit to America he was entertained most hospitably, as representing the Anglo-American Lodge, by Bro. Shryock and other brethren. The proposition was carried unanimously. The Worshipful Master next proposed that the honorary membership of the lodge should be conferred on their distinguished visitor, Bro. General Graves, and that it should be indicated by presenting him with the lodge jewel. This proposition was seconded by Bro. Major Lambert, and unanimously carried. Bro. Gen. Graves said it was with very great pleasure that he accepted that great honour, for it was an honour rarely given in the State of New York, and he therefore appreciated it most highly. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Meyer, returning thanks for the honorary membership conferred upon him, and for the lodge jewel, and also for the Jubilee jewel sent by Bro. Major Lambert. He trusted he should be able to show his worthiness to wear them, and that he would be enabled to welcome the members of the lodge in the Masonic Temple should any or all of them visit Philadelphia. On the motion of Bro. Major Lambert, a vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. for his kind present of banners for the use of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

Letters of regret for unavoidable absence were read from Bros. Sir Charles Warren, Sir John Gorst, Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, Sir John B. Monckton, W. J. Hughan, H. D. Sandeman, A. M. Broadley, Augustus Harris, and others.

The brethren then adjourned to the Victoria hall, where an excellent banquet was admirably served. After dessert, "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were cordially given and heartily received.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. expressed the pleasure the members felt at seeing such a large number of Grand Officers present. The Earl of Carnarvon had done good service to the Craft by his exertions in Australia, and the other Grand Officers carried out their duties in the particular offices to which they had been called. He coupled with the toast the names of two distinguished Grand Officers, Bros. Saunders, D.G.M. Madras, and S. Pope, O.C., P.G.D.

Bro. A. M. Saunders, D.G.M. Madras, returned thanks

for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He felt that the magnitude of the toasts was only equalled by the magnitude of the hospitality they had received. The Grand Officers rejoiced at the progress made by this lodge, and hoped it would ever be actuated by the principles in which it had been founded. Whilst the Earl of Carnarvon had been rendering good service abroad, they must not forget the working of the Deputy G.M. at home, assisted by the other Grand Officers. The Officers of Grand Lodge would all do justice to the admirable wisdom of their selection, and the brethren generally would be glad to welcome them at the forthcoming Grand Festival.

Bro. S. Pope, O.C., P.G.D., also replied. He said it was recorded as an historical incident in political life that when Mr. Burke stood for Bristol in connection with a local magnate, he made a brilliant and appropriate oration. His colleague took a discreet course and declared "To all that Mr. Burke has said, I say ditto." He (Bro. Pope) did not know that he had much more to say than "ditto," for he must declare that the W.M. had to a certain extent closed his mouth, by previously telling him he would be called upon to respond for the visitors. During such intervals as the banquet allowed he had been preparing himself to return thanks for that toast, and would no doubt have made an appropriate and humorous speech. He, however, knew nothing humorous of the Grand Officers, but agreed entirely with Bro. Saunders that it was their desire to assist in the progress of the Craft. The Grand Officers, as far as he knew them, were a genial and friendly set of fellows, as those who associated with them knew, and they were actuated by one motive—to conduce to the good of the Craft and the progress of Freemasonry. The difficulties they had to encounter were many. They had to dine at 5 o'clock before the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge. The marvel was that the business of Grand Lodge was so well conducted, for anything more unlikely to conduce to clearness of intellect, robustness of virtue, or any of the qualifications necessary to guide Grand Lodge to a virtuous course, he did not know. However, on the whole they satisfied the requirements of their brother Masons. They were entirely delighted with the hospitality of the Anglo-American Lodge, for if there was one thing that lay at the heart of a Grand Officer more than another it was the hospitality which prevails throughout the entire Masonic world, without distinction of nation, race, or colour. The fact that in that lodge they met Grand Masters from the sister Continent, and mixed with distinguished Masons from the other side of the Atlantic, was significant of the union between the stars and stripes, and showed them they were one in Freemasonry.

"The President of the United States" was next given by the Worshipful Master. He said it was the custom in their lodge to show respect to the chief Magistrate of the United States. The American brethren were brought up with the same feelings of loyalty to the constituted authorities as they were, and although the former had a fresh king every four years, during his reign there was as much loyalty shown as to the Queen. He did not care whether a man in America was Republican or Democrat, as soon as there was a President elected, that man sunk his principles and was loyal and faithful to the President. With regard to America they must remember that the United States as a separate independent territory was but 100 years old. The first lodge was established by Bro. D. Cox, who was Master of the three States of Pennsylvania, New York, and Maryland. They had now in America 8000 lodges, 58 Grand Lodges, and about 550,000 Masons, whilst in the jurisdiction of Great Britain there were but 2200 lodges. With due respect to the constituted authorities, he gave them the health of the President of the United States.

Bro. Theodore H. Tilton proposed "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States and Dominion of Canada, with the Health of Bro. Gen. John C. Graves, P.D.G.M. 25th Masonic Dist., State of New York." He said that through the courtesy of the W.M. he had the honour of proposing that toast. He was pleased to say the Grand Lodge of England was in Masonic relations with every lodge on the American Continent with the exception of two, and that the W.M. in the chair had the honour of representing, as the Grand Representative in the English Grand Lodge, one third of those Grand Lodges. In the formation and consecration of the Anglo-American Lodge one of the first principles and one of the first ideas, which they had since justified, was to bring together the brethren of the American Continent, and to receive in the lodge distinguished Masons from different American jurisdictions who happened to be passing through London. He could say, without fear of contradiction, that since its formation more distinguished Masons had been received in their lodge than had visited the combined lodges in the district of London during the past 20 years. Scarcely a meeting occurred but they had one or more distinguished American brethren present, and that night was no exception to the rule, for they had a distinguished Mason from New York State—Bro. Gen. John C. Graves. That distinguished brother was an enthusiastic Mason, and he would justify that assertion by telling them that since he was qualified to attend Grand Lodge 26 years ago, he had not failed on one occasion to attend its meetings. Bro. Gen. Graves left New York on a tour of the Continent, and would leave here in time to be present at the Grand Lodge of New York on the 1st June. He had great pleasure in presenting Bro. Gen. Graves to the brethren, and asking them most cordially and most heartily to drink his health, coupled with the toast of the Sister Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada.

Bro. Gen. John C. Graves, P.D.G.M. State of New York, said there were occasions when individuals felt the want of the power of expressing their feelings in a way that would amuse. The W.M. had remarked that brevity was the soul of wit, and although he had probably used that expression a great number of times, it was true each time he said it. If they would allow brevity to take the place of wit, he should like to say there were two peculiarities that evening. For the first time in his life he had attended a Masonic body composed, as the principles of their Fraternity had always taught, of a cosmopolitan kind. For the first time he had attended a Masonic body not entirely consisting of the residents and natives of the country in which it was held. He thought it was one of the best and most auspicious events in that Masonic era that in Europe the Masons of any particular country should have associated themselves with the Masons of the other Continent in the formation of a Masonic lodge. The

influence of the lodge and the action it had taken had had a wonderful effect on the brethren on the other side. He earnestly wished the Anglo-American Lodge "God speed," and he knew it would have all the prosperity it deserved and merited. The other point that was peculiar was that he was called upon to respond to a toast which included his neighbours—the Canadas. It was very appropriate that that duty was assigned to him, for he came from a city which was divided from Canada only by the flowing waters of the Niagara. The intercourse of his fellow-citizens with them was delightful, and if the brethren present had not met any of them, they had missed a treat. He thought he could be corroborated in this by the W.M., who was "a sort of an American." Their Masonic relations had always been most cordial, for they visited each other, which was a source of great pleasure. The condition of the Craft in Canada was as good as it was in America. They were all striving with the same end, which, he was glad to say, the Masons in this country were rapidly reaching—devotion to good morals, fraternity to social fellowship. He had been away from home eight months, and it was six months since he had met English-speaking friends. He had crossed the Channel to join them that night, and it had been a source of great delight to him to be present. He had found that where Masonry existed and prospered, the country also prospered, the state of morals was good, and the safety and well-being of the community was assured. It was a blessed thing there was an Anglo-Saxon race. He wished to propose as a sentiment the accomplished "W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge," and hoped all present would join in heartily drinking his health.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., W.M., in returning thanks, said their distinguished visitor, whom they were proud of having brought from the other side of the Channel, had spoken of the close connection of his State and Canada. He (the W.M.) was a Canadian Mason, which showed the universality of Masonry. He was initiated in 1852, or nearly 36 years ago. It was a great thing for their lodge that they were enabled to receive such distinguished visitors as Bro. Graves, for it gave them a *raison d'être*. Bro. Graves represented the State of Florida in the United States, and he (the W.M.) also represented that State in the Grand Lodge of this country. As in days gone by the lodges took their names from the signs of the houses where they met, so their lodge might be called the Criterion. He thanked them very much for the manner in which his health had now and always been proposed and received.

"The Initiates" were next given, and having been received with musical honours and suitably responded to, the W.M. gave "The Visitors." He said the hospitality the members were delighted to show had been taken advantage of to a greater extent than usual that night, which was owing to the presence of Bro. General Graves, and also to the fact that the brethren had returned eager to resume their duties after a long interval. He was delighted to see so many distinguished visitors. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Doane, from the United States, Bro. Shoppee, W.M. of the Huguenot Lodge, and Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.

Bro. C. F. Doane, Astor Lodge, No. 603, New York City, having returned thanks, expressed his concurrence with the sentiments expressed by Bro. Graves. He had no doubt that lodge would cement the bonds of Masonic friendship between English and American brethren.

Bro. Shoppee, W.M. Huguenot Lodge, said he felt it a great honour, as representing the French element, to be called upon to respond, and return thanks for the hospitality they had received.

Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott replied in an amusing speech. Bro. F. Binckes, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in response to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," said if it were not for the presence of the two brethren from the United States he would simply content himself by thanking the W.M. and brethren for the reception given the toast. He would take the opportunity of inviting Bro. General Graves to make himself practically acquainted with the working of the Institutions by a personal visit. The next Festival was the Centenary of the Girls' School, and he should be sorry to say one word to weaken the support which would be extended to the distinguished Steward representing the lodge—Bro. Tilton. That Festival was an ensured success, and he would ask them by every persuasive word he could use to support Bro. Major Lambert, I.P.M., who is a Steward for the Boys' School—the one Institution that must of necessity suffer from the great Centenary of the Girls' School. The Benevolent Institution had had its Festival, and had done well. It was with melancholy feelings he thought of what must be the fate of the Boys' School Anniversary. If Major Lambert could enlist the support of this lodge he would be doing a great and noble and he would say a holy work. He wished their brethren from America to understand that there were 250 daughters of Masons in the Girls' School, and 260 sons in the Boys' School. He hoped Bro. Graves would pay them a visit, and take back to America a report of the work that was being done, and that brother would not only be delighted but astonished. He was glad of the honour of trying to impress upon this exceptional lodge what should be the highest duty—that of supporting the great Institutions. He hoped that, uniting as they did the two English-speaking races of the world, they could bind together the sympathies of their English and American brethren.

Bro. J. Terry, Sec. R.M. Ben. Inst., also replied, and re-echoed the wish expressed by Bro. Binckes, that the American visitors would visit the Masonic Institutions.

"The Joining Members" was next given, and ably responded to by Bro. Lincoln.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" was proposed by Bro. Major George Lambert, I.P.M., who remarked that they had a good friend in their Treasurer, Bro. Cumming, and it was creditable to their lodge that he was an American merchant in London. Bro. Cumming would no doubt continue to discharge his duties with zeal and fidelity. In the Treasurer's absence his duties had been performed by their worthy Secretary, Bro. George Reynolds. He was not at all sure whether the great success achieved by the lodge did not most entirely lay upon the shoulders of Bro. Reynolds, who, although he had had to visit Portugal on his important business, had not thought it derogatory to his position as a public officer to discharge the important duties of Secretary. Bro. Reynolds discharged those duties well, and he, as the I.P.M., could bear testimony to that fact, for they were specially indebted to him for the prosperity of the lodge. Bro. A. Clark, the S.W., he was pleased to say, was an American living in this country, whom they

hoped would achieve the chair, and who would no doubt do justice to the position. In the J.W., as in the other officers, they possessed a good working Mason, who would do credit to the lodge.

Bro. George Reynolds, Secretary, in the absence of Bro. Cumming, Treas., who was unfortunately obliged to leave on account of ill-health, returned thanks for the kind manner in which the name of that brother had been mentioned. It would no doubt interest the brethren to know that the Treasurer and Secretary worked most harmoniously together. Speaking of the Anglo-American Lodge, he might say that it had that night cut its second tooth. They had had a most successful evening, and he trusted the arrangements had been to the satisfaction of all. As a young lodge they were in a very prosperous state, and he was sure the speeches they had heard from the brethren assembled round the festive board testified that it was working in a sincere and faithful manner to cement the good feeling between the two countries. He could speak from experience of the grand reception he received as a young Mason across the Atlantic and of the kindness extended to him by American Masons. He should make it his duty to give all the strength he possessed to make the Anglo-American Lodge a success, and thanked the W.M. and other brethren for the kind support he had received. He hoped the lodge would continue to do good work, and that they would have the pleasure and gratification of receiving a great number of Masons from the other side of the water, and also Grand Officers of this country. He returned sincere thanks for the kind manner in which his name had been included in the toast by the I.P.M., who had been a neighbour of his for 35 years, and whose friendship he highly prized.

Bros. A. Clark, S.W., and Kedg, J.W., also replied. The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings. Under the direction of Bro. Schartau, Organist, an excellent selection of music was admirably rendered, which considerably enhanced the enjoyment of all present.

The Menu card was specially designed and produced at the Freemason Printing Works, and was very effective. In the centre was a facsimile of the Founder's Jewel, surrounded by the English and American flags.

HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 57).—Last year's chieftainship of the above lodge was fittingly crowned at Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, on Monday, the 9th instant, by the presentation to Bro. Edward Corris, the I.P.M., of marks of esteem, which, though very valuable in themselves, were altogether inadequate in betokening the great measure of popularity achieved by Bro. Corris during his year of office in King Solomon's chair. There was a large gathering of the members of the lodge on the occasion. Bro. Clark, the esteemed W.M., was in the presidential chair, and supporting him were Bros. E. Corris, I.P.M.; the Mayor of Hull (Alderman H. Toozes, P.M.); R. Hodgson, P.M.; J. D. O'Donoghue, P.M., Chap.; G. Wilson, P.M.; R. T. Vivian, P.M.; J. Walton, P.M.; M. Haberland, P.M.; A. King, P.M.; and R. Raynor, P.M. 1270. Among the officers of the lodge also present were Bros. T. G. Vivian, S.W.; J. Matthews, J.W.; J. Thyer, Sec.; Henderson, J.D.; and R. McLeavy, D.C. The visiting brethren included Bros. F. Blackburn, W.M., and H. Hollis, 250; J. Mackail, P.M. 2134; J. Campbell Thompson, and F. Bishop, 1010; J. Fox, 1605; Col. H. F. Pudsey, W.M. 1010; and J. Chappell, W.M. 1605. The lodge having been duly opened, the W.M. called upon Bro. Tesseymen to perform the important duty of the evening.

Bro. W. Tesseymen, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, expressed the deep regret of Bro. Alderman Seaton, P.M., at being unable to be present with the brethren that evening, and proceeding with the task assigned to him, said he thanked them for another mark of their kindness in asking him to undertake the duty of expressing their feelings on that interesting and gratifying occasion. He felt it an honour in being permitted to represent them. At the same time he was sensible of his inability to command language sufficiently expressive to convey to the brother whom they had met to honour the regard they had for his virtues, or to duly recognise their appreciation of his sterling qualities. Their presence there, called for the special purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. Edward Corris, I.P.M., was in itself an evidence more than any words of his could testify. Before proceeding to discharge that important duty, he asked their indulgence whilst he detailed some prominent characteristics of the rulers of that lodge who had received at their hands some special mark of their favour during the two and twenty years of his own membership. Let them unroll the scroll and go back to the year 1866. The W.M. for the time was Bro. Martin Kemp, whose year of office was beset with exceptionally difficult matters connected with the building of the lodge that had arisen prior to his accession, and which had become intricate, requiring no ordinary ability to command. At the termination of his year of office he had, with the assistance of his officers, extricated the lodge from its difficulties, and performed all the duties of lodge government in a most admirable manner. The Master who succeeded Bro. Kemp, and who in many ways had made his mark, and given them that marble pedestal, and fulfilled the office of Almoner for many years, was Bro. Wm. Day Keyworth. Following him came a true friend of the widow and the fatherless, for Bro. John Walker had in his day a more than provincial reputation for charitable work. The next Master, a strict disciplinarian, was Bro. John Wilson, who had one of the characteristics belonging to seafaring brethren, inasmuch as he was never backward in acts of benevolence. After a very successful year he handed the gavel to William Needler, one of the most loveable and kindly disposed Masters they had known. He, after a year of gentle ruling, left the chair to his successor with the lodge so peaceful and the members so harmonious, that the ruling became in 1871 a labour of love to the brother who had then the honour of addressing them. The next elect was Bro. R. Thos. Vivian, who ruled with dignity and continued prosperity during his term of office. He was followed by John Hudson, whose judgment seldom erred, and who having fulfilled all their expectations, made way for his successor, Bro. H. Preston, a Master always jovial, pleasant, and happy, who succeeded in making the year memorable for enjoyment. He gave place to Bro. J. West, a man of considerable business tact, who introduced perhaps a larger number of members than any previous Master, and skilfully managed the affairs of the lodge. His successor, Bro. A. Wheatly Ansell, maintained the character of his lodge for hospitality and good work. Then the chair was

filled by Bro. F. Summers, a Master indefatigable in the work of restoration and re-decoration, expending about £300 for that purpose during his year. He made room for Bro. Thomas Thompson, whose energy was seen in every department of his duties, and left an indelible impression on the minds of the brethren so that on the retirement of the lodge Treasurer in 1881, he was elected to that office, which honourable position he holds to that day. Bro. Henry Toozes, in 1879, took possession of the warrant, and ruled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. Toozes held at the present time the exalted position of Mayor and Alderman of that borough. Next in succession reigned a brother upon whose shoulders the mantle of Bro. Dr. Hay had fallen, whose proficiency in Masonic ritual had not been excelled in their time, and who continued to support the best interests of the Humber Lodge. He referred to Bro. Geo. Wilson. Bro. Morris Haberland, who came next, possessed the virtue called patience, for he managed his work so admirably that before his year was over he had succeeded in making rough places smooth, and left the chair to be peacefully occupied by an earnest and sincere brother, Bro. Richard Beevers, whose guiding stars were truth and duty. Following him they found a willing worker in Bro. Andrew King, who was and is ever ready to devote his time and use his utmost exertions for the benefit of his lodge. The duties of Master were next filled by Bro. Robert Hodgson. No brother had done more to bring the accounts of the lodge to their present satisfactory condition than he. After a successful year of his office the lot fell upon Bro. John Walton, an energetic worker, who sedulously applied himself to perform every necessary lodge duty. After him they had the good fortune to elect a brother who ruled with firmness, and ruled well. Indeed, the government of their brother, Bro. J. D. O'Donoghue commanded admiration. Before contemplating the next W.M., he referred to the five Past Masters whose brilliant Masonic qualities were so bright as to present them as special cases for admiration. Four of these, viz., Bros. Dr. J. P. Bell, M. C. Peck, Dr. W. B. Hay, and M. W. Clarke, had joined the great majority in the Grand Lodge above. Each ended his career in Masonic harness, and died deeply regretted. The last and not least of the five was Bro. John Love Seaton, who was still working with them. He was W.M. in 1852, and had worthily filled the office of Treasurer of the Benevolent and Pension Fund and Trustee, and it was their earnest prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe might continue his valuable life. He would then proceed to the pleasing duty for which they had assembled, which was chiefly to express their meed of praise to Bro. Edward Corris, who, on his first introduction, won their hearts, and whose conduct had increased their admiration which had ripened into love. The refined and manly deportment in the chair, the faultless delivery of ritual, the dignified and graceful communications with his brethren, the exemplification of those Masonic teachings, brotherly love, relief, and truth, the ready response to the call of the fatherless, all these and the constant use of those talents with which God had blest him, stamped him as one who would live long in their hearts, so long as life would last. Bro. Tesseymen, then, on behalf of the members of the Humber Lodge, presented to Bro. Corris a magnificent jewell gold hunting watch and a very beautiful P.M.'s jewel as a mark of esteem and regard, as will be seen by the following inscription on the watch: "Presented to Bro. Edward Corris by the members of the Humber, No. 57, as a token of esteem and in recognition of the unvarying courtesy displayed by him in the discharge of his duties as Worshipful Master in the year 1887." The presentation was made in terms befitting the ceremony, the eulogistic references being repeatedly applauded.

Bro. E. Corris, I.P.M., on rising to acknowledge the compliment, was received with great applause. He said it would be idle on his part if he were to attempt to deny that he was very deeply gratified by this expression of their feeling towards him. It was often said by those who were placed in circumstances perhaps somewhat similar to what he was then in that their words must be words of apology because they were unable to do justice to their feelings. And it was often said by those who listened to them that perhaps in three cases out of four such apologies were not true, and that perhaps in nine out of ten they were not believed by those who heard them. Well, they had been so extremely kind to him so far that he would just ask them to stretch their kindness one little bit further, and to believe that the apology which he uttered for his being unable to describe his feelings to them must be true to the extent of one-fourth, and he trusted that it would also be in the one-tenth that he was to be believed. There were those in this world who, standing on a somewhat lofty pedestal, professed that they were indifferent to the blandishments of friends or to the taunts of enemies. He was not one of those stoical individuals. He confessed that the kind words of those he respected, and who were dear to him came very dear to his heart, and fell like drops of rain on a thirsty soil. He deeply appreciated their kindness in presenting him with such tokens of their esteem. They would remind him of the time he had enjoyed in the Humber Lodge, and would be a stimulus to him to do the very utmost he could for the cause of Masonry and for the Humber Lodge. That he did not look forward to with any apprehension, because he did love Masonry, and if a man was to be an active Mason, he must continue in communication with his lodge, and not allow himself to rust. That was not his mother lodge, but he had received such exceptional kindness ever since he became a member of it, that the memory of his mother lodge had gone quite away, and that the affection he entertained for his adopted lodge was uppermost in his mind. He warmly thanked the Wardens and the other officers who co-operated with him so heartily during his year's Mastership, and concluded by wishing a successful year to Bro. Clark, and prosperity to the Humber Lodge.

On the motion of Bro. Solomon Cohen, seconded by Bro. Clark, W.M., Bro. Tesseymen was cordially thanked for his most interesting address. Bro. Tesseymen having acknowledged the vote, the lodge was closed. A complimentary banquet to Bro. E. Corris followed.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,

The Worshipful Master, in a few well-chosen words, proposed the toast of the evening—"Our Worthy Guest"—which was drank most heartily.

Bro. E. Corris, I.P.M., whose rising was greeted with loud applause, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in entertaining him at the banquet, and said that he was one of those supposed to have a somewhat

poetical idea of Masonry, and which was not supposed to be capable of being carried out in practical life. He held that the adverse reflections that were sometimes cast in Masonry were due entirely to their own shortcomings, and not to any fault of their Order. He called upon all members, as living links in the great Masonic chain, to endeavour, as far as possible, to carry out the principles and precepts laid down in the ritual. That would create a more generous confidence in each other; a more tender consideration towards the frailties of others, and, at the same time, remind them of their common humanity, as well as their fraternal union. Such a confidence would doubtless help to eliminate any jealous feelings, any insinuations, or captious objections which might otherwise mar the harmony of the proceedings, or cloud the genial atmosphere, which should surround the working of Masons as naturally as light comes from the sun. He urged the brethren that, while admiring the brilliant records of the lodge in the past, to act in the present, so as to carry forward and hand over to their successors, undimmed and unsullied, their enviable reputation. They must not forget that each had separate responsibilities, and while they might be swayed by different tempers and dispositions, acted on by hopes and fears, tried by various forces of circumstances, they had one common bond of union and mutual strength. The lodges under their magnificent system would come as an oasis in the journey of life as half-way house between earth and heaven, and by living as far as possible up to its spirit, they would have that happiness which no other human organisation could give, and no other code of morals, save and except that which is divine, could furnish. He eulogised the Humber Lodge in its character, especially calculated to develop that which is true and good. He paid a tribute of respect to the veterans of the lodge, and especially to its Past Masters, and trusted that their counsel and advice would be asked for as freely and unreservedly as he knew. It would be freely and unreservedly given, and hoped that the value of their experience would ever be duly appreciated by the brethren. It was said the days of chivalry were past, but he held that there were yet hearts as true, lives as noble, and motives as pure as ever were in days of yore, and that in loyalty to the Crown, and in a desire to further the best interests of humanity, the annals of the Masonic Order, which were so extensive, would furnish as conspicuous and bright a roll as ever adorned any order of knighthood, and which in its efforts for the promotion of human happiness was not excelled by any. In conclusion, while they were so often reminded of the brevity of life, the necessity of doing good, he felt that he could not better sum up than by quoting those beautiful words in the installation charge. "May Freemasonry flourish through every part of the globe, and become influential in diffusing the light of wisdom, the strength of reason, dispensing the beauties of virtue, and lessening the aggregate of human misery and vice, and may it remain till time shall be no more, firm in rectitude may it rise superior to all opposition, like the bleak mountain, that bares its breast with dignified composure to every tempest, and fearlessly presents its bosom to the midnight storm." Could more magnificent conceptions be clothed in language more poetical? Such was their faith and hope, in such faith he trusted they might all live, in such faith he prayed might they all die.

Songs and recitations were given by many of the brethren, and one of the most enjoyable evenings that the brethren of the Humber Lodge have ever had was brought to a close with the parting toast.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Albany Hotel, when there were present: Bros. W. H. Matthews, W.M.; G. S. Elliott, I.P.M.; Dr. Wm. Faulkner, S.W., W.M. elect; Wm. Beaton, J.W.; John Faulkner, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; E. W. Devereux, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; A. E. Carter, J.D.; F. Tallack, D.C.; D. Hart-Davis, I.G.; H. F. Tallack, Org.; J. M. Tallack, Stwd.; G. L. Wingate, P.M.; J. Beresford Ryley, M.D., P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; E. H. Thielay, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Jenkins, P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.M., P.P.G.R.; and C. Neisan. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Brett, 181; J. H. Schilling, 94; and A. R. Rogers, P.M. 1690.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Faulkner, Treas., installed his brother, Bro. Dr. Wm. Faulkner as W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was performed to the admiration of all present. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. William Beaton, S.W.; C. Neisan, J.W.; A. E. Carter, S.D.; D. Hart-Davis, J.D.; F. Tallack, I.G.; J. W. Tallack, D.C.; H. F. Tallack, Stwd.; and John Gilbert, Tyler. Propositions for joining and initiations were given. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, and a Past Master's jewel voted to Bro. W. H. Matthews for services rendered to the lodge during the past year as W.M.

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

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge No. 1611.—On Monday, the 9th instant, the members of this lodge had a high time of enjoyment in extending the hand of hospitality to the brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge, at Leeds. Some weeks ago the W.M. and members of 1611, to the number of between 20 and 30 visited the Philanthropic Lodge by special invitation, and were well entertained, and the Leeds brethren accordingly paid their return visit to York on the 9th instant. The Leeds party embraced the following members of 304: Bros. J. Rickard, W.M.; J. Brownfoot, I.P.M.; W. H. Hewson, S.W.; W. Cockerlyne, J.W.; W. F. Tomlinson, P.M.; R. Craig, P.M.; T. Myers, P.M.; G. Hill, P.M.; S. T. Oates, P.M.; S. Shaw, J. K. Blakey, C. Croysdale, W. Neill, S. Barrand, J. Barraclough, J. L. Butler, W. Braithwaite, as well as Bros. R. Abbott, Treasurer of 2069; Major Mc-Gachen, P.M. 236; and N. Scott, 346.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. B. Dyson, who was supported by Bro. W. Brown, I.P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; J. T. Sellar, P.M.; G. Balford, P.M. and Treas.; S. J. Dalton, S.W.; W. Lackenby, J.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; G. Lamb, S.D.; W. Storey, J.D.; G. Chapman, D.C.; F. W. Halliwell, Stwd.; W. S. Child, Org.; G. H. Shonksmith, I.G.; S. J. Scott, J. Shaw, A. Archer, F. H. Vaughan, M. Cooper G. G. Pook, S. Tindall, W. A. A. Coates, J. R. Jackson, T. Milner, J. Horner, J. S. Spetch, and R. Ware.

The visitors were received and welcomed, and the W.M. then proceeded to initiate a candidate, the I.P.M. giving the charge. Bro. Whythead presented, on behalf of Bro.

W. J. Hughan, an engraved portrait of Bro. Francis Drake, Grand Master at York in 1761, and observed that it was an interesting coincidence that the Bible then opened on the pedestal was the identical Volume which Drake himself had used "at the house of Mr. Heward in Lendal," when he revived the ancient Grand Lodge at York in 1731. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hughan for his interesting gift.

After the close of the lodge the Eboracums entertained their numerous visitors at supper, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, interspersed with music.

KINGSTON - ON - THAMES.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on the 18th inst., and again the W.M., Bro. Geo. Moorman, had a busy time, three hours and a quarter being fully occupied in the work. This consisted of the raising of Bro. Robinson, the passing of Bros. Mills, Burall, Lancaster, and Townsend; and the initiation of Messrs. Mayhew, Mabey, Martin, Bayley, and Creak. With the assistance of his officers, the W.M. got through the several ceremonies in a most efficient manner.

Modest refreshment was partaken of after lodge was closed, and at that time Bro. A. Laurence, P.M. and Sec., informed the brethren of the result of the Boys' election on the previous Monday, when the son of the late Secretary of the Brownrigg Lodge was placed ninth on the list of elected candidates. Bro. Laurence thanked the brethren who had got votes together for the purpose, but expressed his great surprise at having less than 20 handed to him on the day of election as the contribution of the Province of Surrey, which was understood and announced to have taken the case up. This he mentioned chiefly to show the want of proper organisation for charitable purposes in the province.

After the lodge was closed, it was reported to the brethren that Bro. Thomas Montague, S.D., had suffered a great bereavement in the death of his wife, and the Secretary was asked to convey to that brother an expression of the sympathy of the members present.

LANDPORT.—St. Clair Lodge (No. 2074).—The installation of Bro. C. Vaughan Birch as W.M. of the above lodge, in succession to Bro. W. Dart, P.M., P.P.G.P., took place on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road. There was a large gathering of Present and Past Masters and members of neighbouring lodges. The ceremony was impressively performed by the retiring W.M., who, at its close, received a cordial vote of thanks for his services. The newly-installed W.M., having taken the chair, appointed and invested his officers of follows: Bros. W. Dart, I.P.M.; F. H. Woodrow, S.W.; J. S. Wickens, J.W.; W. C. Webb, Treas.; Herbert Bundy, Sec.; J. Brickwood, D. of C.; E. Borrmann, S.D.; E. Hopkins, J.D.; A. Marsh, I.G.; C. R. J. Gibbs, Org.; J. G. Harris and H. R. E. Woodthorpe, Stwds.; and T. Ryan, Tyler. The W.M. said it was customary on these occasions to present the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, but as Bro. Dart already possessed that decoration it had been determined to ask his acceptance of a suit of Provincial Grand Lodge regalia for himself and a silver tea service for Mrs. Dart. He paid Bro. Dart a very high compliment for the manner in which he had discharged his duties, not only in connection with the Mastership, but in connection with the lodge from the date of its foundation. Bro. Dart suitably acknowledged the presentation, and proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Treasurer, Bro. Harry Kimber, which was carried unanimously.

The recherché banquet which followed was admirably served by Bro. Pearce, Steward of the Freemasons' Club, and was attended by all who took part in the ceremonies of the day.

The formal Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. proposed "The W.M.," whom he had known for more than a quarter of a century, and whom he had always held in high esteem and regard. When he (Bro. Dart) took steps to secure the foundation of that lodge he had received the most valuable assistance from Bro. Birch, who was in every way entitled to the great honour which the brethren had bestowed upon him by placing him in the chair of K.S.

The toast having been enthusiastically received, the W. Master responded, and alluded to the singular unanimity which existed in the St. Clair Lodge from the date of its constitution down to the present. That highly satisfactory state of things he trusted would long continue, and, as far as he was concerned, it would be his study to discharge his duties in such a manner as to afford satisfaction to the brethren and to redound to the credit of the lodge. He proposed "The Health of the I.P.M."

The I.P.M., in responding, dwelt upon the great progress which the lodge had made during the three years it had been in existence. Commencing with 29 members, the lodge now numbered 129, and there were signs of great prosperity on every hand. The lodge had Life Governorships in two of the great Masonic Charities, and he hoped that in the coming year they would have a third.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. John Brickwood, P.M. Bro. the Rev. H. Mason, Chaplain, proposed "The Charities," which was acknowledged by Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.M.

"The Visitors," proposed by the S.W., was acknowledged by Bros. the Rev. J. H. Anderson and Dr. Griffiths. The W.M. proposed "The W.M.'s of Neighbouring Lodges," to which Bro. Major Campbell, W.M. 257, and the W.M. of 1958, replied.

The proceedings were agreeably interspersed by several excellent songs.

MANCHESTER.—Talbot Lodge (No. 2231).—A meeting was held at the Talbot House School, Old Trafford, on Friday, the 21st inst. There were present Bros. J. E. Boden, W.M.; H. Leathley, S.W.; F. E. Goodacre, J.W.; J. W. Leathley, Treas.; A. Shirley, Sec.; C. Martyne, S.D.; F. Batty, J.D.; G. Allin, Org.; J. Coxon, I.G.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng.; Prov. G. Sec.; R. S. Stringleman, Geo. R. Lloyd, J. Bingham, J. Roberts, F. W. F. Brindle, C. Mackay, E. Faulkner, W. Lowsby, S. Cobb, and W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. H. Martyne, 1387, and G. S. Smith, P.M. 1134.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The

ballot was then taken for Mr. Jas. Renshaw, which proved to be favourable, after which he was initiated. There were also two passings and one raising, all the ceremonies being performed by Bro. J. E. Boden, W.M., in a most competent manner; in fact, considering the youth of the lodge, the whole of the officers did their work remarkably well, and we sincerely wish them a continue of the success with which they have commenced.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

We are pleased to say the pressure of business was so great, that the W.M. had to call a lodge of emergency for the following day, of which due notice had been given.

INSTRUCTION.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, on Friday, the 13th inst. Present: Bros. Vickery, W.M.; G. Deaton, S.W.; Poulton, J.W.; Deaton, Sec.; Bullen, S.D.; Blundell, J.D.; Blum, I.G.; Baker, Preceptor; Thomson, Wingham, and others.

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. Blum, having offered himself as candidate, was questioned. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed by Bro. Baker, and seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Vickery for the excellent manner in which he had occupied the chair for the first time in this lodge—carried unanimously. It was also proposed by Bro. Baker, and seconded, that Bro. G. Deaton, be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 23rd inst., when there were present Bros. T. Caseley, 1693, W.M.; H. Halliday, 2168, S.W.; J. B. Smith, 813, J.W.; A. Giddings, 1194, S.D.; W. Eaton, 788, J.D.; H. Bangs, 2246, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 2246, Preceptor; T. H. Recknell, P.M. 212, Treas.; C. A. Itter, 2246, Sec.; W. H. Dean, P.M. 417, P.P.G.D. Dorset; C. W. Rex, 2202; S. Lichenfeld, 1017; T. Goldfinch, 1604; W. T. Grey, 1489; J. Mason, J.W. 2246; J. H. Sharp, 1437; and J. Clampitt, 2202.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Goldfinch acting as candidate. Bro. S. Lichenfeld answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Lichenfeld acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. R. Dillon, W.M.; A. E. Hubert, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M.; Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; S. J. Humfress, S.D.; S. J. Boreham, J.D.; K. T. Redfern, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; E. White, and J. W. Mantelov.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. White candidate. Bro. White having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Mantelov having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Boreham was elected a joining member. Bro. Hubert was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight, and appointed the officers in rotation. The Auditors' report and balance-sheet were received and adopted, and directed to be entered on the minutes. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

CLAPTON LODGE (No. 1365).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, and was the occasion of the annual working of the Fifteen Sections, under the presidency of Bro. Draper, W.M. The other officers were Bros. Forss, S.W.; Margetts, J.W.; Bunker, S.D.; Cordell, J.D.; Hopwood, I.G.; and Church, Sec. The W.M. opened the lodge in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were duly confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree, when the following brethren assisted the W.M. in working the seven Sections of the First Lecture:—1st Section—Bro. Hopwood; 2nd—Bro. Pinder; 3rd—Bro. Weston; 4th—Bro. Margetts; 5th—Bro. Gush; 6th—Bro. Pinder; 7th—Bro. Richardson. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the five Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren:—1st Section—Bro. Church; 2nd—Bro. Case; 3rd—Bro. Gush; 4th—Bro. Forss; 5th—Bro. Jeffrey. The W.M. then resumed the lodge to the Third Degree, and worked the three Sections of the Third Lecture, assisted the following brethren:—1st Section—Bro. Bunker; 2nd—Bro. Dignan; 3rd—Bro. Richardson. The W.M. resumed the lodge to the First Degree, when Bro. Finch, Treas., proposed, and Bro. Bunker seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Draper, W.M., for the very efficient and able manner in which he had worked the Fifteen Sections; this was carried unanimously. Bro. Finch also proposed, and Bro. Church seconded, that Bro. Draper, W.M., be elected an honorary member for the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge; this was also carried. The W.M. returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed, and Bro. Finch seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to those brethren who had assisted him in working the Fifteen Sections; this was also carried, and Bro. Forss responded on behalf of the brethren. On the proposition of Bro. Church, seconded by Bro. Finch, the following brethren were unanimously elected members: Bros. Beresford, Harriss, A. Stanger, Brown, Weston, Case, Thompson, and Beasley. The lodge votes for the Old People were then handed to the W.M., and the brethren present voted them to be given to Bro. Finch on behalf of Bro. John Daniel Taylor, No. 12 on the list, a founder and P.M. of the mother lodge. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

The brethren present were Bros. Beresford, Harriss, Pinder, Church, Draper, C. Stanger, A. Stanger, Hopwood, Margetts, Campbell, Carroll, Haden, Finch, Bunker, Clark, Eastwood, Sawyer, Duncan, Clack, Brown, Austin, Cordell, Berry, Weston, Gush, Richardson, Charig, Diamond, Case, Thompson, Beasley, Jeffrey, Fairclough, Forss, Cattlin, Sanson, Dignan, Seigenberg, and Shuter.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington. Present: Bros. J. Stagg, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511 and 1767, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. Corrie, S.D.; J. R. Allman, W.M. elect 1425, J.D.; A. C. Biddle, I.G.; J. Smith, Stwd.; and many others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Corrie being candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren.

Bro. Allman, at the request of the W.M., invested the officers: Bro. Allman was elected W.M. for next meeting, being officers' night. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried to Bro. Stagg, to be entered on the minutes, for so ably presiding as W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction, which compliment Bro. Stagg acknowledged in very suitable terms. The R.M.B.I. votes belonging to the lodge—viz., four men and ten women—were unanimously presented to Bro. Read. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Boro', when there were present Bros. J. G. Milbourn, W.M.; E. C. Talbot, S.W.; W. Belchamber, J.W.; Borrett, S.D.; Lazarus, J.D.; Eedle, I.G.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; Fredk. Croaker, Treas.; Fred Williams, Hon. Sec.; J. Hattersley, D. Cowie, A. Wingham, Cope, Stockwell, W. Steele, S. Renaut, W. Roots, N. Bate, Wright, Dale, Cooper, Chapman, Ladd, Fullick, Wilkinson, W. W. Block, Stamp, Lewis, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Sections were worked by Bros. Borrett, W. Wingham, Lazarus, Bate, Talbot, Belchamber, and Dale. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the Sections were worked by Bros. Chapman, Bate, Talbot, and Belchamber. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the Sections were worked by Bros. Roots, Eedle, and Stamp. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time. It was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Williams, Sec., that Bro. J. G. Milbourn, W.M. 13, become a honorary member of the lodge of instruction for so ably occupying the chair and working the Fifteen Sections—carried unanimously. Bro. Milbourn returned thanks. Bros. Borrett, Talbot, Lazarus, Dale, Cope, and Lewis were unanimously elected joining members. The brethren returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second and third times. It was proposed by Bro. Hattersley, and seconded by Bro. Williams, that the best thanks of the meeting be recorded on the minutes to the workers of the various Sections for the excellent manner in which they had been rendered. Bro. Talbot returned thanks. A letter from the Perfect Ashlar Lodge was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kensington. Present: Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; Swan, S.W.; Hubbard, J.W.; R. H. Williams, Treas., S.D.; Keene, J.D.; Neville, I.G.; and Cochrane, acting P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Neville being candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Child, P.M., W.M.; Moss, S.W.; Stonnill, J.W.; Austin, P.M.; Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Cross, S.D.; Johnston, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; Purdue, P.M.; Cochrane, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Spiegel, P.M.; L. Cox, Higginson, Woodard, Wiles, Arnott, Hagan, Craggs, Nash, Head, Cavers, Sansom, and Cotton.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising was to be rehearsed. Bro. Wiles having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony completed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was closed in the Third and second Degrees. The and Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Spiegel, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Moss was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A letter of sympathy and condolence was ordered to be written to Bro. Cavers upon the death of his mother. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 23rd inst. Present: Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M., S.W.; G. Swan, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; H. Harris, P.M., Treas., as S.D.; C. Woods, J.D.; J. Sims, P.M., I.G.; H. Purdue, P.M.; C. Dopson, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; and P. Skar.

The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees, Bro. W. C. Williams rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. S. Cochrane acting as W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the ceremony was continued, and on the re-admission of the brethren who had retired the ceremony was completed. The addresses at the termination were delivered in a masterly manner. The lodge was resumed to the Second and First Degrees respectively during the performance. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. P. Skar offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by Bro. S. Cochrane, Bro. Skar being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The next meeting will be the Preceptor's night, when Bro. R. H. Williams will occupy the position of W.M. by desire.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. J. Sims, P.M., W.M.; J. Wood, P.M., S.W.; Lingley, J.W.; Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; Gardner, P.M., Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; E. D. Aslett, S.D.; D. S. Long, J.D.; C. Woodard, I.G.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; F. Wilkins, H. Clack, E. Arldge, and W. W. Williams.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Williams, offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by Bro. J. Sims, P.M., in a very efficient manner. Lodge was closed in the First Degree, and rose for the first and second times, and Bro. J. J. Wood, P.M., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Mann, W.M.; Hobbs, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Hume, S.D.; Molony, J.D.; Robinson, I.G.; Brandon, P.M.; Coleman, P.M.; Haynes, Hayler, Blades, Badderly, Nice, Stutfield, Piper, Holland, Roberts, Wray, and Edwards.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stutfield being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Roberts, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hobbs was unanimously elected W.M. for the 4th prox. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Charitable Association was afterwards held, the ballots for which proved favourable to Bros. Haynes, Boulton, and Gibson.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Pooley, W.M.; Hudson, S.W.; Steele, J.W.; West, S.D.; Folkard, J.D.; Salter, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Estlin, Farbridge, Hill, Grecu, Russell, Winny, Coc, and Harvey.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Andrews and Westley respectively, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Winny as candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Poole for the very creditable manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony and fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in his Masonic career. Bro. Poole returned thanks, and promised to do his best to improve, so that when next elected he might give more complete satisfaction. Bro. Hudson, S.W., was elected W.M. for Monday, the 7th prox., next Monday being Preceptor's night. The W.M. elect returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the balance-sheet of the supper was received and adopted, showing a balance to the lodge funds of 14s. 6d. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

CARDIFF.—St. John's Chapter (No. 36).—On Monday, the 16th instant, the installation ceremony of the above chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, Working-street. There were present Comps. G. Thomas, Z.; F. P. Adey, H.; T. Matthews, P.G.S.N., J.; T. Hodges, P.Z.; S. Cooper, P.G.S.E., P.G.J.; J. Munday, S.N.; Sydney Colman, P.S.; A. H. Roberts, J. F. McClure, S. Lewis, M. E. Donovan, R. D. Page, G. Clarrey, H. N. Davies, W. Anstice, L. Jones, and E. Dawson. Visitors: Comps. H. White, J., Sir George Elliot Chapter; Thos. Evans, A.S.; A. P. Fabian, H., St. Woollos Chapter; J. H. Taylor, Virtue and Hope Chapter; J. Hurman, Tenant Chapter; R. C. Roper, S.N., Tenant Chapter; S. D. Churchill, E.C.; W. G. John, H. Tenant Chapter; F. G. Hodges, Treas.; W. R. Corfield, H. P. Roberts, J. Thomas, St. Woollos; and Amos. Jenkins, Janitor. The installation ceremony was very ably performed by Comp. S. Cooper. The following Principals were installed: Comps. F. P. Adey, M.E.Z.; J. Munday, H.; and S. Coleman, J.; after which the M.E.Z. appointed the following officers: Comps. S. Cooper, S.E., Treas.; Varsopolo, S.N.; A. H. Roberts, P.S.; G. Clary, A.S.; Ivor Roberts, 2nd A.S.; and Jenkins, Janitor. The companions subsequently dined at the Royal Hotel, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

HULL.—Minerva Chapter (No. 250).—At a meeting of this chapter, held Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, when there were present Comps. Thomas Oates, Z.; W. C. Whiteside, H.; Walter Reynolds, as J.; the whole of the other officers, and several members of the chapter. Visitors: Comps. Col. R. G. Smith, P.Z.; Edward Kipps, P.Z.; Thomas Thompson, P.Z.; Thomas Hewson, P.Z.; B. S. Oates, H. L. Hogg, W. B. Hutton, P. D. Wing, W. Fowler Sutton, and others.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. G. Wallis was exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Masons by the M.E.Z., the part of P.S. being ably taken by Comp. L. F. Stephenson. The M.E.Z. then presented to the chapter a portrait of the late Dr. J. P. Bell, J.P., the gift of the artist, Bro. Benjamin Hudson, whose works are so well known and so highly appreciated. The picture, which is one of his best productions, is of life size, and represents the late distinguished Freemason in his official robes as the Grand Superintendent of the Province of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire. Bro. Hudson has attained considerable fame as a limner of Masonic celebrities by his happy knack of always obtaining a most striking and truthful likeness, and his correctness in every detail of Masonic clothing and jewels. The Minerva Lodge are the fortunate possessors of five Masonic portraits by this celebrated artist.

The customary banquet followed the closing of the chapter, the chair being occupied by the First Principal, Comp. Thomas Oates, the Prov. Assistant G. Sec. A most agreeable evening was spent, in the course of which a brief biographical sketch of the late Grand Superintendent was given by Comp. M. C. Peck, the Prov. G. Scribe E. It was announced that the G. Superintendent, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zeland, would hold a Prov. Grand Chapter at Scarborough on Wednesday, May 9th, on the invitation of the Old Globe and Denison Chapters.

MARYPORT.—Nicholson Chapter (No. 371).
—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street, on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., when the Principals and officers for the ensuing year were installed and invested as follows: Comps. Andrew Walter, M.E.Z.; Robert Brown, H.; Edward B. Penrice, J.; J. Dickinson, Scribe E.; J. Abbott, Scribe N.; P. de E. Collin, Treasurer; J. C. Thompson, Prin. Soj.; G. Scott, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Gibson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Eden, Steward; and J. Messenger, Janitor. The M.E.Z. was placed in the chair by Comp. James Gardiner, P.Z. Comp. Brown being installed in the chair of H., and Comp. E. B. Penrice in the chair of J. by Comp. Walter, M.E.Z., who also delivered the usual addresses in a very perfect manner.

Other business having been transacted, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to the refreshment room. The usual Royal Arch toasts were received by the companions in a truly Masonic spirit, after which the Janitor's toast closed a successful and thoroughly enjoyable evening.

BUXTON.—Phoenix Chapter of St. Ann (No. 1235).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Court House. Present: Comps. T. E. Jones, M.E.Z.; J. E. Harrison, H.; W. Cartwright P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; S.E.; R. H. Lomas, S.N.; Joseph Heathcott, A. Soj.; J. Perkins, Janitor; E. C. Mulligan P.Z.; J. H. Lawson, P.Z, P.P.G.P.S.; Geo. Smedley P.Z.; and others.

The chapter was opened by the Principals, Comp. J. H. Lawson, P.Z., acting as J. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last convocation, Bro. Hon. Chas. Wm. Trollope, 1495, was admitted and exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by the M.E.Z. The lectures of the three chairs—historical, symbolical and mystical—were given by Comp. W. Cartwright, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.

The companions afterwards adjourned to the St. Ann's Hotel, where an excellent dinner was spread and heartily enjoyed. A pleasant evening was spent, and the companions separated.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This prosperous chapter met at the Albany Hotel, on the 18th inst. Among those present were Comps. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G.J., M.E.Z.; Smiles, P.P.G.R., H.; the Rev. R. F. Hosken, M.A., J.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S., P.Z., S.E.; Bunn, J. K. Cama; and Comp. J. T. Briggs, P.P.G.P.S., P.Z. 177, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Coombes, 1503, and it proved to be unanimous, but he was not in attendance. The M.E.Z. then installed Comp. Smiles as First Principal, and Comp. Briggs installed Comp. the Rev. R. F. Hosken as Second Principal. Comp. Dunkley, J. elect, was absent. The following are the officers for the year ensuing: Comps. Walls, S.E.; Gurney, S.N.; E. Jenkins, P.S.; Lambert, 1st Asst. Soj.; H. Jenkins, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Bunn, D.C.; W. Taylor, P.Z., Treas.; and Harrison, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of Comp. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, as Steward. Comp. Walls gave a notice of motion—"That the sum of five guineas be voted from the alms box to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, per Comp. E. W. Jenkins as Steward." A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. J. T. Briggs for his services that day. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., G.S.; R. H. Thrupp, P.G.H.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.E.; W. Taylor, P.Z.; Dunkley, J. elect; Gurney, Jenkins, Lambert, and others.

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

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—
This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 17th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. O. Harding, M.A., W.M.; F. H. Clemow, S.W., W.M.; elect; W. W. Codd, J.W.; N. Prower, M.A., M.O.; T. R. Richnell, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Treas.; A. Tisley, P.A.G.D.C., P.M., Sec.; C. Chaffourier, J.D.; A. W. Richards, I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.M.; F. Farrington, P.M.; W. E. Farrington, P.M. Bros. T. Poore, P.G.I.G.; and F. W. Driver, M.A., P.G.S., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. Poore impressively installed Bro. F. H. Clemow as W.M. for the year ensuing. The following appointments and investments then took place: Bro. Bodd, S.W.; N. Prower, J.W.; J. Harris, M.O.; C. H. Chaffourier, S.O.; A. W. Richards, J.O.; T. R. Ricknell, Treas.; T. C. Walls, Sec.; and Goddard, Tyler. The other appointments were postponed. Bro. T. Poore was unanimously elected an honorary member.

The lodge was then closed, and an Ark Mariners lodge opened. Among those present were Bros. A. Tisley, W.C.N.; T. O. Harding, M.A., J.; T. R. Richnell, S.; F. Farrington, S.D.; W. E. Farrington, J.D.; Codd, Guardar; and T. C. Walls, P.G.C., P.W.C.N. Bro. T. Poore was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. W. Driver, P.G.S., was duly elevated to this Degree, by Bro. T. Poore, who subsequently installed Bro. T. O. Harding as W.C.N. The following appointments then took place: Brcs. Richnell, J.; F. Farrington, S.; W. E. Farrington, S.D.; W. W. Codd, J.D.; F. H. Clemow, Guard; and T. C. Walls, Scribe. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. T. Poore for his valuable services, and he was also elected as an honorary member. A vote of thanks was also unanimously passed to Bro. Alfred Tisley, P.W.C.N.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned. The usual banquet followed, at which members of both Degrees sat down. Bro. F. H. Clemow presided, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

BARNESLEY.—Portal Lodge (No. 127).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M. Bro. J. H. Gratton, having opened the lodge, Bro. C. W. Fincken was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. John Shaw, P.M., P.P.G.D. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. F. Seward, S.W.; B. Smith, J.W.; W. Senior, M.O.; Alderson, S.O.; Lingard, J.O.; W. R. Massie, P.M., P.G.M.O. Chap.; D.C.; J. H. Gratton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. J. Massie, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; T. W. Embleton, Reg.; E. Billington, P.G. Stwd., S.D.; John Sutton, J.D.; F. C. Browne, I.G.; and Rogers, Tyler. The Treasurer's report showing that the lodge was in a healthy condition was read and adopted. Amongst the visitors present were Bro. Garnett, Past G. D. England; H. France, P.P.S.G.W., T. E. Barker, W.M. 53; Myers, W.M. 111; A. Fitzpatrick, W.M. Old York (T.I.); and others.

After the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a goodly repast was served, and the usual Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of the W.M.

COLCHESTER.—Constantine Lodge (No. 145).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., when Bro. J. T. Bailey, S.W., was installed as W.M. in a most able manner by Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M., P.G. Chap. Eng., P.P.S.G.O. East Anglia. At the close of the ceremony the following were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Clowes, P.G.M.O., I.P.M.; G. A. Eustace, S.W.; W. Sowman, J.W.; R. D. Poppleton, M.O.; A. H. Bowles, S.O.; Frank Quilter, J.O.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M., P.G.C. Eng., P.P.S.G.O. East Anglia, Chap. J. P. Lewin, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Eng., P.P.J.G.W., Treas. T. J. Ralling, P.M., P.G.D. Eng., P.P.S.G.O., Sec.; T. Rix, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Reg.; George Harrison, S.D. H. J. Skingley, J.D.; Rev. W. Morgan Jones, P.G.C. D.C.; J. J. C. Turner, Org.; J. G. Renshaw, P.P.G.

Stwd., I.G.; J. Ashdown and S. D. C. Ablitt, Stewards; S. Munson, Tyler; and Arthur Wright, Asst. Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Crate, who, in responding, said it was always a pleasure, as he felt it to be a duty, to do anything he could for Masonry generally, and particularly his mother lodge. Feeling allusion was made to the loss the lodge had sustained since the last meeting in the death of Bro. T. Eustace, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., and the W.M. directed that the lodge should be put in mourning for the next three months as a mark of respect for his memory.

Letters of regret at their inability to attend were read from Bros. Lord Henniker, R.W.P.G.M.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M.; N. Tracy, P.G. Sec.; and several other distinguished brethren.

Thirty brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, a sumptuous repast being well served by the host—Mr. Coupe.

The usual Mark toasts were duly honoured, and the pleasure of the brethren was greatly enhanced by a musical programme, rendered by Bros. H. Taylor, Theo. Distin, G. F. Smith, E. W. Collins, Richard Clowes, and John J. C. Turner.

Amongst the brethren present, besides those already mentioned, were Bros. A. Welch, P.M.; G. W. Pascall, Treas., and F. P. Suthery, Sec., of 342; W. H. Wykes, J. E. Matthews, A. Tyler, A. Gosling, M. A. McInerny, and others.

WOOLWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The election meeting of the above prosperous lodge, which is by far the strongest in the Province of Kent, numbering some 55 members, took place on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. E. Palmer, W.M., P.P.G.I.G., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Capt. W. A. Weston, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Moulds, P.P.G.I.G., S.W.; T. Ovenden, P.J.G.D., J.W.; G. Kennedy, P.P.G.R., M.O. and Sec.; J. Whiteheart, P.P.G.I.G., S.O.; C. Jolly, P.P.G.O., J.O.; D. Deeves, P.P.G.S.B. Natal, R. of M.; E. West, P.M., P.G.Stwd., J.D.; W. J. Akers, I.G.; F. Reed, Stwd., A. Walklin, Tyler (Acting); W. S. Gates, T. Hosgood, W. R. Arnold, C. Clapham, and W. Murphy.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Lieut.-Col. C. E. Vansittart, 1536; T. B. Lintott, 114; and Quartermaster R. F. Rankin, 1536. The result proved unanimous, and Bro. Vansittart being in attendance was duly advanced to the Degree of a M.M.M., and Bro. Moulds, S.W., was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Coupland was re-elected Treasurer.

The Tyler was re-elected, and after a P.M.'s jewel had been voted to Bro. Palmer the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Earl of Chatham Arms, where refreshments were partaken of, and a few short hours spent in toast and harmony.

BUXTON.—Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 246).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Court House on Tuesday, the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Boughen, Prov. Asst. G.D.C., W.M.; E. C. Milligan, P.G.I.G. Eng., P.P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; E. Horne, P.M., Prov. J.G.D., S.W.; Percy Wallis, P.G.D. Eng., P.P.S.G.W., as J.W.; J. E. Harrison, P.P.G. Stwd., M.O.; G. Smedley, S.O.; J. E. Sutton, J.O.; J. H. Orme, Sec.; J. Gladwin, as S.D.; J. Perkins, Tyler; J. O. Manton, P.M., P.P.G.O.; and J. H. Lawson, P.M., P.P.G.R. Visitors: Bros. Thomas Cox, D.F.G.M.; J. C. Webb, W.M. 339; J. Bland, W.M. 302; and J. Fisher, S.O. 339.

The lodge having been opened, the Dep. Prov. G.M. was duly saluted, after which the ballot was taken for Bro. Abraham Brown, Sec. 1688, who was elected, and was then introduced and advanced by the W.M. to the Degree of M.M.M. Grand Lodge certificate was delivered to Bro. the Hon. C. W. Trollope. Bro. Edgar Horne, P.M., was elected W.M.; Bro. Milligan, P.M., re-elected Treas.; Bro. J. Perkins, re-elected Tyler; and two brethren elected Auditors.

Apologies having been received from absent officers, and all business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Old Hall Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served by Bro. Lawson, and an enjoyable evening spent.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF NORTHUMBER.
LAND, DURHAM, AND BERWICK-ON-
TWEED.

In the unavoidable absence of the V.E. Prov. Prior Sir Knight Charles James Banister, Past Grand Captain of England, &c., &c., the Prov. Priory was opened by Sir Knight Robert Allan Luck, P.G.S.B. of E., Prov. Sub. Prior, assisted by the Prov. Great Officers and officers, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The V.E. Prov. Prior of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Leicestershire, Sir Knight Charles Fendelow, was received under an arch of steel and saluted.

The minutes of the last Provincial Priory were read and confirmed.

The roll of preceptories was called, and the E. Preceptor of each gave a very satisfactory report of their respective preceptories.

The Prov. Treasurer, Sir Knight C. R. Fry, presented his balance sheet, which was passed, with a vote of thanks to him.

The Prov. Sub. Prior, Sir Knight LUCK, gave an address to the members, stating the illness of the Prov. Prior at the last moment prevented his being present, and in felling terms expressed his regret, which was shared by all the knights, and he informed the members of the Prov. Priory that their chief had deputed him to preside and invest the Prov. Officers for the ensuing year.

Sir Knight Henry Maddison was obligated and invested
Prov. Sub-Prior and placed on the right of the throne.

The following officers were then appointed:—

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| Sir Knt. Rev. Canon Tristram | ... Prelate. |
| " T. M. Watson | ... Chancellor. |
| " J. J. Wilkes | ... Constable. |
| " Thos. Ness | ... Marshal. |
| " C. R. Fry (re-elected) | ... Treasurer. |
| " S. Wilson | ... Registrar. |
| " T. M. Barron | ... Sub-Marshal. |
| " T. L. Armstrong | ... Herald. |
| " E. Cowper | ... Standard Bearer. |
| " John Burns | ... Aid-de-Camp. |
| " W. Logan | ... Sword Bearer. |
| " J. Pearson | ... Captain of Guard. |
| " Wm. Kennedy | ... 1st Equerry. |
| " Thos. Prince | ... 2nd Equerry. |

The Committee's late members were re-appointed. The alms were collected and the Provincial Priory was closed. The acting Prov. Prior, the V.E. Prov. Prior of Stafford, Warwick, and Leicestershire, and the great officers retired under an arch of steel.

The banquet was held in the dining hall under the presidency of the Prov. Treasurer, Sir Knight C. R. Fry, who proposed the loyal toasts in his usual happy and impressive manner.

Great regret was expressed for the absence of their old and valued friend, Sir Knight Henry Hotham, through illness, who had so recently passed his jubilee as a Knight Templar.

Letters of apology, through inability to accept kind invitations, from Prov. Prior was received, from V.E. Prov. Priors of East Anglia, West Yorkshire, and Lancashire, and from Sir Knight John Woodall Woodall, Prov. Sub-Prior of North and East Yorkshire.

The Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, and a truly happy evening was spent. Between 30 and 40 stayed for the banquet.

NEWTON ABBOTT.—Royal Sussex Preceptory (No. 25).—The annual installation meeting of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 19th instant. The E.P., Frater W. Bennett-Maye, having installed Comp. John Taylor, 328, as a Knight Templar and a Knight of Malta. The E.P. elect, Frater Fred. C. Frost, was obligated and installed Preceptor for the ensuing year by the retiring Preceptor, assisted by Frater W. Vicary, Preceptor, Past Sub-Prior of Devon; W. Bradnee, Preceptor; E. Aitkin-Davies, Preceptor, P.P.V.C.; P. B. Clemens, Preceptor, P.P.C.L.; and W. Taylor, Preceptor, P.P.W.R. The E.P. was then installed Prior of Malta. The following are the officers appointed: Frater John Lane (the well-known Masonic writer), Constable; G. J. Pepperill, Marshal; W. A. Hill, Sub-Marshal; W. Vicary, P.P.S.P., Treasurer; W. Bennett-Maye, Registrar; W. Bradnee, Chaplain; J. Taylor, C.L.; and J. Hayward, Equerry.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. R. Grey, President, P.G.D., presided. The Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, Bros. J. Brett, P.G.P., and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., occupied their respective chairs. There were also present Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, W. Lee, Raynham W. Stewart, W. P. Brown, Hy. Garrod, David D. Mercer, G. P. Britten, A. C. Woodward, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Charles Dairy, George A. Cundy, J. B. Grieve, Walter Hopekirk, J. A. Farnfield, Fredk. Mead, W. H. Perryman, R. J. Taylor, C. E. Haslip, J. G. Dale, W. Carter, John H. Gregory, W. J. Fitch, John Rogers, William Curey, R. Brutain, John S. Terry, G. Ward Verry, John Porter, Charles Allan, Henry Nuding, Henry W. Green, James Smith, Arthur E. Gladwell, Robt. V. Vadd, A. W. G. Weeks, G. T. Wehlen, Robert Eales, Robert Peacock, John Miles, H. Massey, J. A. Cammell, Thos. Wm. Richardson, D. Moss, C. Jolly, Henry Baldwin, W. W. Hubbert, Edward Wits, George R. Langley, H. Hooper, H. G. Gush, Frank Herold, Thomas Berg, Frederick Perl, James P. Allen, W. A. Scurrah, Wm. Purcell, E. Walker, D. R. Still, G. W. Hatch, James A. Clarkson, J. L. Cogan, W. H. Myers, T. R. Beaufort, and H. Sadler, G.T.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the March meeting to the amount of £270. There were 53 new cases on the list qualified by lodges in the London district, and Battle, Deal, Port of Spain, Trinidad, Batley, Dover, Ivybridge, Warwick, Hampton, Margate, Sunderland, Chislehurst, St. Vincent, Farningdon, Devonport, Melbourne, Hitchin, Peru, Jersey, Callington, Swansea, East Dereham, Bermuda, Hereford, Withington, Coleshill, Boston, Manchester, South Shields, Malta, Spalding, Romford, and Gibraltar.

In the course of a sitting which did not terminate till half-past ten o'clock two of these cases were dismissed, six were deferred, and in another the petitioning brother died the night before. The remaining cases were relieved with a total of £1075. There were two recommendations to Grand Lodge for £100 each, and two for £50 each; five recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and four for £30 each. Sixteen grants of £20 each were made, three of £15 each, seven of £10 each, and four of £5 each.

Jamaica.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. GARSIA.

At the last half-yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge, the Jubilee honour intended for this district was announced in the appointment of Bro. Henry Garsia to the rank of a P.D.D.G.M., the R.W. Dist. Grand Master declaring at the time that he was actuated in thus filling up an appointment left to his discretion by the fact that Bro. Garsia was the oldest surviving P.M. of the oldest lodge in the district. In recognition of the honour thus done to their lodge, the members of the Royal at their next meeting passed a resolution of thanks to the D.G.M. and appointed a Committee to prepare an address of congratulation to Bro. Garsia.

At the ordinary meeting of the lodge on Monday, the 5th ult., there was a large number of brethren present, consisting not only of P.M.'s and members of the Royal, but also W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and brethren representing almost every lodge in the district. At the conclusion of the ordin-

ary business, the address was presented to Bro. Garsia as follows:

"Royal Lodge, No. 207, District No. 1, Kingston, Jamaica, 5th March, 1888.
"W. Bro. Henry Garsia, Senior Past Master Royal Lodge, No. 207, District No. 1, and Past Deputy District Grand Master Jamaica.
"Wor Sir and Brother,

"The brethren of the Royal Lodge desire to tender to you this expression of the satisfaction shared by them all at the high honour which has been conferred on you by the District Grand Master in appointing you to the position of Past Deputy District Grand Master, in commemoration of the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Patroness of our Order.

"While we thus offer you our heartfelt congratulations that such a signal mark of favour has been conferred on you personally by the District Grand Master, we are proud to know that he was influenced by the circumstance of your being the senior Past Master of the oldest lodge in the district, as well as by the desire to recognise your Masonic worth and the past services rendered by you to the Craft in this Island.

"In the year 1894 the Royal Lodge will celebrate its centenary, and we sincerely trust that you may be able to take part in that ceremony and unite with the brethren, then mercifully spared to rejoice that the lodge has so long existed to promote the best interests of our Order.

"With the prayer that T.G.A.O.T.U. may bountifully bless you and the members of your family.

"We remain, yours fraternally,
"J. E. LANLEY, W.M.; E. X. LEON, P.M.; W. DUFF, P.M.; J. W. SIMPSON, P.M.; C. T. BURTON, P.M.; G. EUSTACE BURKE, S.W.; T. BRISCOE, jun., J.W.; A. R. BOGLE, Treas.; W. B. HYLTON, S.D.; H. D. BOGLE, Sec.; Committee on behalf of the brethren of the Royal Lodge, No. 207, District No. 1."

Bro. GARSIA made the following reply—To the W.M., officers, and Members of the Royal Lodge. Sir and Brethren,—It is with much pleasure I receive your address of congratulation on the occasion of the rank of Past Deputy District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of this Island being conferred on me by the R.W. the District Grand Master, for which I beg to tender you my very sincere thanks. It is, I think, natural for one, singled out for special recognition to be gratified, but on the occasion of my appointment to the rank, the pleasure is enhanced, seeing that such appointment is conferred on me as the Senior Past Master of this the oldest lodge in the Province, in honour of the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty sanctioned by his Royal Highness the W.M., the Grand Master of England. When I look round and see so many new faces, I am reminded of many of my fellow workers who have rested from labour, and of the uncertainty of life, but if, in the exercise of the ever wise discretion of T.G.A.O.T.U., I shall be here when the centenary of our lodge arrives it will afford me no little pleasure to join my brethren in such rejoicings as may be decided on to celebrate the event.

Accept my very heartfelt thanks for the offer of a prayer for blessings on behalf of my family and myself, and believe me ever to be—Yours very fraternally,

H. GARSIA, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to a well spread banquet at which there was a copious flow of champagne.

The toast of the evening was proposed in a brilliant speech by Bro. W. ANDREWS, to which Bro. GARSIA made an eloquent and feeling reply.

The other speakers being Bros. C. L. CAMPBELL, who proposed the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Langley," and "Bro. A. E. BOURKE," who proposed that of "The Newly-initiated Candidates."

The brethren separated after spending an exceedingly happy evening.

New Zealand.

WESTLAND.—Pacific Lodge (No. 1229, E.C.).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Hokitika, when there were present Bros. J. J. Clark, W.M.; Jas. Bevan, P.M., acting S.W.; D. S. Rowcliffe, J.W.; C. F. G. Robeck, Treas.; J. J. Williams, P.M., Sec.; R. Gosson, Org.; J. Weber, S.D.; T. H. Colman, J.D.; C. Johnson, acting I.G.; L. Northcroft, D.G. Stwd.; John Bevan, R.W.D.G.M., P.M.; J. R. Hudson, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.; F. Eisfelder, P.M.; G. Benning, P.M.; M. Pollock, P.M.; H. Hyams, P.M.; W. H. Purnell, P.M.; and a good attendance of members. Visitors: Bros. P. G. Norman, C. E. Emerson, W. Goodrick, 1689 (E.C.); H. S. Andrews, R.W.M. 467 (S.C.); D. J. Evans, D.M. 467 (S.C.); J. J. Breeze, P.M. 467 (S.C.); H. A. Andrews, 467 (S.C.); and H. J. Thompson, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous regular monthly meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. P. M. E. Gibbons, 1689 (E.C.), was balloted for and declared elected. The balance sheet and Auditor's report were received and laid on the table for perusal. The ceremony of installation was very impressively performed by Bro. John Bevan, R.W.D.G.M. Bro. J. J. Williams, P.M., Sec., W.M. elect, was presented, and installed in K.S.'s chair, after which the officers were invested by Bro. J. R. Hudson, P.D.D.G.M., viz.: Bros. D. S. Rowcliffe, S.W.; J. Weber, J.W.; C. F. G. Robeck, Treas.; F. Eisfelder, P.M., Sec.; R. Gosson, Org.; T. H. Colman, S.D.; J. Montague, I.G.; and H. J. Thompson, Tyler. The address to the W.M. and officers was very eloquently delivered by the Installing Master. The R.W.D.G.M. then, on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. W. H. Purnell with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and in doing so alluded to the unvarying kindness and urbanity of the recipient who possessed the esteem of his brethren. Bro. Purnell responded, and said that he was at a loss to find words to adequately thank the brethren for their good feeling towards him in presenting him with so beautiful a jewel. According to a unanimous vote of the lodge, a letter of congratulation to Bro. J. R. Hudson, P.M., was read, on his receiving the well deserved Jubilee honour, viz., P.D.D.G.M., from the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. John Bevan. Bro. Hudson responded in suitable terms, and said he was always happy at Masonic work. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from sister lodges and others, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed, catered by Host Hudson in an excellent manner.

The brethren having discoursed the good things, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of English Masons," and "The G.M.'s of the Irish and Scotch Constitutions." The next toast was that of "The R.W.D.G.M. of Westland," which was responded to in appropriate terms by him, after which he gave the toast of "The W.M." in an eulogistic manner.

Bro. Williams responded, and said that he was very proud of the honour to preside over his mother lodge, and then proposed "The Officers of the D.G. Lodge of Westland, Past and Present," coupled with the name of Bro. J. R. Hudson, P.D.D.G.M.

"The newly-installed Officers" was proposed, and the S.W. and J.W. replied.

"The P.M.'s of the Lodge" was proposed and responded to, also several other toasts.

The toasts were interspersed with songs given by various brethren, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Tyler's toast closed a successful meeting.

Royal Ark Mariners.

CONSECRATION OF THE EGYPT LODGE, No. 311.

The ceremony of consecrating the above lodge took place at the new Masonic Hall, Cairo, on Thursday, the 29th ult. It was rendered specially interesting from the fact that this is the first Royal Ark Mariners Lodge ever established in Egypt. The following brethren were present: Bros. Captain G. Williams Freeman, D.P.G.M.M., North Africa; Surgeon-Major N. McCreery, W.M. 1068; Surgeon-Major O. G. Wood, Rev. G. N. Godwin, A. Bishop, A. J. Hamilton, W. Hayes, A. Mortimer, A. J. Large, J. Hornstein, S. Mousally, H. J. Scott, and G. Charman.

Bro. Captain G. Williams Freeman performed the ceremonies of elevation and consecration in a most effective and efficient manner. The Consecrating Officer opened a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, and having elevated Bro. S. Mousally, proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, the following brethren assisting in bearing the elements of consecration: Bros. Rev. G. N. Godwin, the corn; Surgeon-Major O. G. Wood, the wine; A. J. Hamilton, the oil; and W. Hayes, the salt; whilst Bro. G. H. Charman acted as D.C.; and Bro. Large presided at the organ. Bro. Scott, acting as Scribe, read the charter of the new lodge, which named Bro. Williams Freeman as first W.C.N. The elements having been applied, the lodge was declared dedicated, consecrated, and constituted to the ancient and honourable Order of Royal Ark Mariners, &c.

Bro. Capt. G. Williams Freeman, who had previously been installed as W.C.N. at the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Surgeon-Major N. McCreery, J.; A. J. Hamilton, S.; Rev. G. N. Godwin, Chap.; H. J. Scott, Scribe; A. Bishop, S.D.; W. Hayes, J.D. and Stwd.; A. J. Large, Org.; and E. Mansfield, Guardian. Bro. A. Mortimer was unanimously elected Treasurer, and duly invested with the collar of that office. With "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards embarked on a steam-launch—kindly placed at their disposal by Bro. A. Rostovitz Bey—and proceeded by the river Nile to the "Barrage," partaking on the way of a capital cold lunch, which was followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. On arrival at the "Barrage" the brethren went ashore and inspected the extensive and interesting works and repairs now in progress. The return journey was agreeably enlivened by vocal and instrumental music, Cairo being reached about 8 p.m., and a very pleasant and enjoyable trip thus came to an end only too soon, one and all having enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

CONSECRATION OF THE KINTORE LODGE.

In connection with the Kintore Lodge of Mark Masters, 333, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was consecrated on Friday, the 20th inst., with all the rites and ceremonies peculiar to this Degree.

Prior to the grand function of the evening, the W.C.N. designate of the lodge, Bro. B. R. Bryant, 18°, P.G. Std. Br., P.C.N., &c., elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners some dozen duly qualified brethren, mostly belonging to the Kintore Lodge, 333. Amongst those for elevation were Bros. the Rev. G. W. Weldon, G. Chap. (Craft), 13; the Rev. A. W. Oxford, Bon Accord (T.I.); F. T. Bennett, 5; and the following members of 333: Bros. P. Dakers, W.M.; Lieut.-Col. C. H. Nevill, P.P. G.S. Middlesex and Surrey, J.W.; W. Lucas, D.C.; J. H. Cureton, S.D.; J. T. N. Callaway, Sec.; S. Hill, Org.; W. G. Temple, Dr. S. G. Milner, and Harry Dakers.

The W.C.N. was most ably and efficiently assisted in his work by Bro. V. T. Murché, P.C.N. 22, who occupied the chair of S., and Bro. R. J. Voisey, P.C.N. 22, who occupied that of J., Bro. W. Vincent, P.G.I.C., &c., acting as D.C. The names of these brethren alone will be sufficient guarantee that the working was in the highest degree perfect in every point; in fact, those well qualified to judge testified to the ceremony never having been more impressively performed. On the conclusion of this portion of the business, the chair of W.C.N. was occupied by Bro. C. F. Matier, 32°, P.G.W., &c., who appointed as his principal acting Consecrating Officers Bros. T. Poore, P.C.N., &c., and W. Vincent, as S. and J. respectively; R. Berridge, P.G.M.O., as D.C.; and E. J. Mills, A.G. I.G., as I.G.

The lodge being duly prepared, the consecration was proceeded with, no detail of the grandly solemn ritual being omitted, Bro. the Rev. G. W. WELDON delivering a most impressive oration.

The brethren below the rank of W.C.N. then retired from the lodge whilst the installation of the W.C.N. was proceeded with. On their return, the customary formalities were gone through, after which the W.C.N. appointed as his principal officers for the ensuing year Bros. J. H.

Hastie, P.C.N., as S.; the Rev. G. W. Weldon, G. Chap. (Craft), J.; P. Dakers, Treas.; G. H. Newington Bridges, P.C.N. 22, S.D.; J. T. N. Callaway, Scribe; and J. Whiteman, Warder; the appointment of the various other officers being deferred to the next regular meeting.

The lodge was afterwards closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where dinner was served in the usual good style peculiar to this establishment.

After a sumptuous repast, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, after which music and harmony enlivened the remainder of the evening, until the appearance of the Tyler for the last toast brought to a close the celebration of one of the happiest and most successful events in the annals of Mark Masonry.

AN INTERESTING MASONIC CELEBRATION.

The Masonic Hall, Institute-street, Bolton, was, on the 11th instant, the scene of a distinguished gathering, on the attainment by Bro. John Morris, P.P.G.S. of W., of his Masonic majority. There was a large attendance of brethren of Lodge 146, with which Bro. Morris has been connected during the whole of the 21 years, and additional éclat was given to the occasion by the presence of the Recorder of Bolton, Bro. S. Pope, a Past Officer of Grand Lodge. The following visitors were present: Bros. S. Pope, P.M. 1610, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W., &c.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br.; E. G. Harwood, P.M. 1723, P.P.J.G.W.; J. W. Taylor, P.M. 221, 1723, 64, P.P.S. G.D. East Lanes; H. Greenwood, P.P.G.P.; J. Alcock, 348, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Barrett, P.M. 1723; and J. Walker, P.M. 221. The office bearers of the Lodge of Antiquity present were Bros. J. T. Voce, W.M.; T. Nightingale, I.P.M.; W. Downs, S.W.; C. B. Wingfield, J.W.; W. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; J. Whitaker, S.D.; R. Johnson, J.D.; J. Morris, D. of C., P.P.G. S. of W.; J. Binns, Org.; F. M. Milner, I.G.; E. Gee and H. Walker, Stwds.; T. Higson, P.G.T. East Lanes; H. Ainsworth, P.M.; J. Dooley, P.M.; R. Horridge, P.M.; Broughton, P.M.; and J. F. Skelton, P.M.

At the conclusion of the Masonic business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, and "The Health of the Past Members of Grand Lodge" was cordially drunk, Bro. POPE and other brethren responding.

"The Health of Bro. Morris" was enthusiastically drunk, and, having been feelingly responded to, the remainder of the evening was harmoniously spent.

Bro. Morris officiated as D. of C. in his usual style, assisted by Bro. J. F. Skelton.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE HYDE PARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

This lodge of instruction held its annual supper on Monday last, at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. With Bros. George Read, P.M., as W.M.; Dr. Ingleby Mackenzie, P.M., as S.W.; and W. H. Chalfont, P.M., as J.W., the success of the gathering was assured before the evening was far advanced. The brethren, to the number of 35, sat down to a very substantial and well-served repast, which did credit to the ability of Bro. Smith, the genial proprietor of the establishment, to cater for a large number of guests.

After grace, the toast list was vigorously attacked by the W.M., who, in happy terms, proposed the usual loyal toasts.

"Success to the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction" was ably proposed by the S.W., and responded to by the W.M., as the oldest member of the Hyde Park Lodge present.

The toast of "The Executive" called for special mention of the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. H. Dehane, P.M., whose soul is in his work, and who is certainly deserving of all the praise bestowed upon him.

"Success to the Mother Lodge" was proposed by Bro. STAGG, and responded to by the W.M.

"The Host" was responded to by Bro. SMITH in very felicitous terms.

Bro. M. S. Rubinstein presided at the pianoforte, and under his direction a capital programme served to render the harmony of the meeting complete.

The following brethren were also present: Bros. H. E. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; J. T. Michelburg, P.M.; D. Gellion, P.M.; J. Stephens, P.M.; J. W. Cuff, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; C. Hunt, P.M.; R. P. J. Laundy, J. C. Conway, J. Bennett, J. Stagg, J. Corrie, N. Ipyer, O. W. Battley, H. Yates, M. S. Rubinstein, W. G. Coleman, H. Guntrip, W. Chapple, H. Moss, R. Alexander, M. Moses, A. Le Clair, W. Seaman, J. Davies, W. Death, S. Barrow, W. Nuttall, J. Smith, S. Stretch, jun., and W. C. Edwards, Friendship Lodge, U.S.A.

NORTH-WEST LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE.—Extract from *Kentish Town Magazine*, for April, 1886.—"The above-named Institute, under the special patronage of the Clergy, Medical Men, Gentlemen and Ladies of the N. and N.W. districts, affords in its daily and extensive practice, wondrous exemplification of the great progress that has been made in the science of dentistry during quite modern days, and also proves indisputably the great boon which the above-named Institute confers daily upon numerous sufferers. Defective teeth and gums are well known to be the foundation of the most painful complaints that afflict mankind, and that the several ailments of the month need the skilled attention of eminent scientists, if they are to be cured, or even alleviated, and in order that such skilled attention might be within the reach of all grades, the NORTH-WEST LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE was established. Situated at 80, Fortess-road, Junction-road, Kentish Town, under the superintendence of Mr. A. W. FURBER, L.D.S., Royal College of Surgeons of England, assisted by a staff of skilled and qualified gentlemen, this Institute supplies artificial teeth; latest scientific improvements; extracts teeth, and performs all other necessary operations painlessly, and our largely-populated suburbs that would not seek the aid of hospitals and Charities in the Metropolis. We may add that Mr. A. W. FURBER, L.D.S., R.C.S.E., has had 20 years' experience in eminently fitted for the position that he holds, where he has earned the golden opinions of all who have consulted him. Mr. FURBER early practice to serve the poor, during which period his well-tutored suffering patients."—Fees at this Institute are moderate, and free to the Unemployed."

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

In answer to the address voted by the Knights of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, the following reply has been received:—

"Sandringham, Norfolk,
"April 21st, 1888.

"Sir,

"I am desired by the Prince and Princess of Wales to acknowledge the receipt of a fraternal address from the members of the Masonic and Military Orders of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine K.H.S., and St. John the Evangelist, and in reply, to express their Royal Highnesses thanks for the kind congratulations and good wishes contained therein.—I am, Sir, "Your obedient Servant,

"(Signed) FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

"C. F. Hogard, Esq."

A DAY WITH THE R.W.P.G.M. OF EAST LANCASHIRE—COL. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE.

The Arthur Sullivan Lodge, No. 2156, now in the second year of its existence, and composed principally of professional musicians, has on several occasions had the honour of supplying the vocal and instrumental musical talent at meetings and banquets over which our R.W. Prov. Grand Master has presided. So highly has he appreciated the ability displayed by our musical brethren that he conceived the happy idea of having a "musical at home." With this view he issued a general invitation to the members of the lodge to pay him a visit, and Wednesday, the 18th inst., was fixed for the event.

Special railway arrangements having been made, the following brethren mustered at the Lancashire and Yorkshire terminus at 10.15 a.m., viz., Bros. A. H. Williams, W.M.; N. Dumville, I.P.M.; A. Avison, S.W.; F. W. Lean, J.W.; E. W. Irving, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; Ben Brierley, ("Ab o' the Yate") Sec.; F. Gordon, S.D.; O. Gagg, I.G.; C. Turner, P.M., D.C.; W. O. Pettitt, Org.; Seymour Jackson and J. Whittaker, Stwds.; C. Blacow, J. Hulme, J. Mort, J. Dawson, P.M.; Tyler; W. Dumville, P.M.; Robert Chadwick, P.M.; T. Southern, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Goldthorpe, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; M. Stafford, P.M.; W. Garside, P.M.; W. Ollier, P.M.; J. J. Lambert, P.M., P.G. Reg. W. Lancashire; J. Hancock, P.M.; J. Lord, E. Simmons, R. Morley, Yates, J. Goss, W. H. Murphy, J. E. Ashton, J. Grimshaw, and A. S. Kinnell. Leaving Manchester in special saloons at 10.30, we arrived at Rose Grove a little after noon, where omnibuses were awaiting us. Half an hour's drive through country roads and well-wooded park and grounds brought us to Huntroyde, the ancient seat of the Starkie family, a stone over one of the entrances bearing the inscription E.S. 1573. Dismounting from our conveyances, we were ushered into the statuary gallery, where we were met by our kind host, supported by Bro. J. H. Siltoe, who was acting as Masonic aide-de-camp for the day; also Bros. Edmund Ashworth, Abraham Clegg, W. H. Cunliffe, J. W. Abbott, and James Newton, with Mr. Edmund Starkie (the Colonel's son and heir) and Mr. Howson (Col. Starkie's agent).

After depositing our great coats and hats we were permitted to inspect the many objects of interest, such as beautiful statuary antique bedsteads (one dated 1614), guns, swords, &c., with which this old mansion is so plentifully stored; and at one o'clock prompt the "gong" sounded forth the welcome call to luncheon. This substantial meal, which was presided over by our genial host, having been dispatched with the relish of proverbial hungry hunters, we started on our peregrinations, under the guidance of Mr. Howson and the aide-de-camp, most of the brethren indulging in the fragrant weed. We first visited the rose garden and terrace, situated within a belt of magnificent trees, through which runs a rippling stream, crossed at intervals by rustic bridges. Before leaving this interesting spot we were joined by the gallant colonel, who accompanied us through the extensive gardens in which are placed the greenhouses and vineries. Our first visit was to the house which contains the "Hampton Court vine," an immense plant which was brought to Huntroyde more than 100 years ago, and which annually produces an enormous crop. Then we passed through the "bloom-house," which is stocked with camellias, azaleas, acacias, roses, and other beautiful specimens in full bloom; then the orchid houses, wherein our friend "Ab o' the Yate" observed that "we were having a cheap Turkish bath;" and afterwards to the peach-houses. The rain, which had been threatening for some time, now commenced to fall, and the glee party were summoned to while away the time. "Foresters, sound the cheerful horn," was admirably sung, and "Hail, smiling morn," was commenced. The morn was not then smiling, but we had "hail" in abundance, which had a noisy accompaniment on the grass as if in answer to the song, and the Pendle Hills, which were visible a short time before, instead of being "tipped with gold" were entirely enveloped in a black cloud.

However, the storm soon passed away, and, following our worthy host, we found ourselves in the vicinity of the stables, much to the delight of the few "horsey ones" of our party. The hunting stud is one of the finest in the country, and when one of the horses was stripped and led out of his box, the least experienced in horseflesh could not fail to see that a grand specimen stood before him.

After looking through the stables, "to the dogs" was the next order, and making our way up a grassy slope for about half-a-mile we arrived at the kennels, and were led into a large shed known as "the puppies' ball room," having been erected for the exercise of the juvenile canines. About 40 dogs were brought out for inspection, and afterwards put in various parts of the shed which had been partitioned off with wire. Amongst the black and tan Gordon setters were several grand dogs which reminded one of the kennels of a certain well-known Surrey divine, who some years since held first place in this class on the show bench. The black and white and the lemon and white setters bore evidence that they were not far removed from the renowned kennels of Sir Richard Garth and the late Mr. Laverack, and a splendid group of liver and white and mottled pointers were sufficient in themselves to constitute a capital dog show. An amusing incident now

occurred, which shows that some music hath charms even to soothe a kennel of dogs. One of our brethren suggested a glee, and "Comrades in arms" was tried, but the dogs would have none of it, and howled it down before half-a-dozen bars had been sung. "Let's try something in another key," suggested one of the singers, and when "Who will o'er the downs" was commenced, the dogs stood in groups, their eyes fixed steadily on the singers, and not so much as a tail was wagged, or the slightest sound heard during the whole glee. One old pointer stood with his tail and nose outstretched and his fore-leg raised just as he would when setting a covey of partridges in a turnip field.

The aide-de-camp was seen to consult his time-piece, and "back to the Hall" was the order given. There we found that the photographer from Padiham had arrived, and much jocularly was indulged in while arranging the various groups for the first picture. This having been accomplished, we had to group afresh for the second. At this moment "Old Sol" sent forth some of his brightest rays, and the venerable artist was unable to proceed, for, said he, "you'll have all the shade to the one side." Many suggestions were made to overcome this difficulty, such as recommending him (the artist) "to put his hat over the sun" or, "go up to the top of a neighbouring tree and open out his umbrella," but a friendly cloud soon came to our aid, and the second picture was manipulated.

The "Pendle Valley fresh air sauce" had so sharpened our appetites that the sound of the first dinner gong was a welcome one to all of us, and we again placed ourselves in the hands of the aide-de-camp, who conducted us to a new wing in the building, where several rooms had been converted into temporary lavatories. After performing our ablutions we returned to the gallery, when the second gong summoned us to the banquet room, which had been gaily adorned with banners, &c. Our worthy host presided, supported on his right by Bros. Ashworth, Clegg, and Siltoe, and on his left by Bro. Williams, W.M.; Mr. Edmund Starkie, and Bros. Cunliffe and Newton. Mr. Howson occupied the vice-chair.

The menu was exceedingly choice, containing everything in season, while to say that the wines were selected from the Huntroyde cellars is sufficient guarantee of their great excellency.

As previously arranged, the toasts were few and brief. "The Health of our Worthy Host" was proposed by the W.M., and, as may be imagined, was drunk with vociferous demonstrations of cordiality and enthusiasm.

This was followed by a specially adapted version of "The fine old English gentleman."

"The Health of the W.M. and Brethren of 2156" was proposed by the CHAIRMAN.

The toast of "Mrs. Starkie and the rest of the Family" was proposed, and received with great enthusiasm, and was responded to by Mr. EDMUND STARKIE in a maiden speech, which shows that he possesses great fluency and more than ordinary ability.

During the evening the glee party, consisting of 16 of the "creme de la creme" of male vocalists in and around Manchester, sang several glees and part songs, and solos were splendidly rendered by Bros. Seymour Jackson, C. Blacow, A. S. Kinnell, F. Gordon, J. Whittaker, N. Dumville, and C. Turner; and, at the request of Mr. Edmund Starkie, the inimitable banjoist and comic singer, Bro. Murphy, sang, with banjo accompaniment, "Ballyhooley" and "Father o' Flynn" in a manner which created roars of laughter. "Ab o' th' Yate" recited one of his own pieces in the Lancashire dialect, and at 8.30 the party commenced to prepare for their journey home; but before this was done all present expressed their hearty thanks to their worthy chief for the princely manner in which he had entertained them, everyone agreeing that it had been one of the most enjoyable, and would ever remain a red-letter day in the annals of the Arthur Sullivan Lodge.

Obituary.

BRO. G. SAVILLE.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of Bro. George Saville, the master of Buckland Schools, which event occurred very suddenly on Saturday morning at his residence, the School House. The deceased had for 15 years been the master of Buckland Boys' Schools. The funeral of the deceased took place on Tuesday afternoon at Buckland Churchyard. Amongst those present were W. Mannering, Esq., and Bro. J. V. Bussey, W.M., representing the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, the deceased having been a member of that lodge 12 years. Bro. Saville was initiated on December 4, 1876, by Bro. J. Bordeaux, W.M., P.P.S.G.D.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

HARRIS.—On the 23rd inst., at Tilford House, Twickenham, the wife of E. Harris, of a daughter.

MANDER.—On the 24th inst., at Liverpool-street, City, the wife of T. R. Mander, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BONNER—DILLON.—On the 19th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Folkestone, Charles Edward, son of C. F. Bonner, of Ayscoughfee Hall, Spalding, to Grace Minnie, daughter of Col. R. Dillon, of Westbourne Gardens, Folkestone.

MATSON—GREEN.—On the 23rd inst., at St. Paul's, Clacton-on-Sea, M. Matson, of St. Osyth, to Emily Florence, daughter of the late W. G. Green, of Manningtree, Essex.

DEATHS.

THOMAS.—On the 11th inst., after a long and painful illness, Mary Wright, the beloved sister of Bro. R. Palmer Thomas, I.P.M. Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, and J. Mozart Chapter.

ATKINSON.—On the 23rd inst., at 18, Elsham-road, Kensington, Mary Elizabeth, wife of J. Priestman Atkinson.

BEETON.—On the 23rd inst., at Clifton-hill, St. John's Wood, T. Beeton, aged 75.



The Prince of Wales arrived at Marlborough House from Sandringham on Monday afternoon, and in the evening was present in the House of Lords.

Bro. Admiral Sir J. E. Commerell, V.C., G.C.B., has accepted the position of trustee to the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society, in place of Admiral Sir A. C. Cooper Key, deceased.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint, under her Royal sign manual, Bro. the Earl of Hopetoun to be her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

It is expected that her Majesty will reach Windsor Castle, after her visit to the continent, this day (Friday), the State apartments having been closed to the general public since the 20th inst.

Bros. Viscount Ebrington, Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Sir W. Pearce, Major-General Goldsworthy, and others were present at the Right Hon. the Speaker's fifth full-dress Parliamentary dinner on Wednesday.

Bro. Lord Robartes presided at the Festival dinner at the Hôtel Métropole, on Wednesday, in aid of the North London Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, the subscriptions and donations amounting to about £1,400.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough presided at the annual dinner held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday, in connection with the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street, the subscriptions being announced as amounting to £2465.

The Duke of Cambridge, and Bros. Lord Alcester, Justice Matthew, Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood, Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., and John Aird, M.P., were among the guests at the Court dinner of the Fishmongers' Company, on Wednesday evening.

Early in May a grand Masonic banquet will be given in Dublin. The Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master for Ireland, will preside, and afterwards a ball, organised by the Duchess of Abercorn and a committee of Irish ladies, will be held in support of the funds of the Masonic Charities.

Several of the brethren of the province of Bristol have been interesting themselves for some months past in the formation of a new lodge. We understand that permission has been granted, and that the consecration will take place in the latter part of next month. It is understood that the new lodge will be named after the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the annual dinner, held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday, the 19th inst., in aid of the funds of the City Orthopaedic Hospital, the subscriptions during the evening amounting to about £1,000. Owing to his horses falling in Queen Victoria-street, his lordship was compelled to take a cab, and consequently was somewhat late in reaching the place appointed for the festival.

Under the auspices of the members of Perseverance Lodge, No. 573, a concert was given on the 12th inst., in the Drill Hall, Halesowen, on behalf of the Masonic Charities. There was a large and fashionable attendance, and an excellent programme was provided. Bro. W. B. Williamson, of Worcester, gave readings, Bro. Firench Davis rendered harp and violin solos, and a number of ladies and gentlemen contributed songs. The proceeds are likely to be very satisfactory.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner at the Mansion House, on Wednesday evening, the members of the Consular Body located in London. The guests included Bro. the Baron H. de Worms and the Baroness de Worms, Bro. the Earl of Onslow and the Countess of Onslow, Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., Bro. Sir F. B. and Lady Alston, Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Lady Ellis, Bro. Waller, Consul-General for the United States, and the Consular representatives of the other States that have commercial relations with this country.

The will and codicil of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, late of 264, Goswell-road, and 59, Highbury New Park, who died on March 16th last, were proved on April 18th by Mrs. Rachael Elizabeth Bowyer, the widow, Bro. Edgar Henry Bowyer and Bro. George William Bowyer, the sons, the executors, the value of the personal estate exceeding £19,000. The testator bequeathes £300 to his wife, certain property at Kingsland upon trust for his daughter, Beatrice Rachel, for life, and at her death between all his sons, and subject thereto he leaves all his property to his wife.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Mark Master, has granted a warrant of constitution for the establishment of a new lodge of Mark Master Masons to be formed at Crowle, Isle of Axholme, Lincolnshire, to be called the St. Oswald's Lodge. Bro. Thomas Stanforth, of Crowle, at present J.W. in the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 172, Gainsboro', is the W.M. designate; Bros. Brunzee and Delanoy, of Crowle, and Doncaster, of the same lodge, are the Wardens designate.

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AT CATERHAM.—The members of the Caterham Amateur Dramatic Club gave performances at the Public Hall, on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday last week, to excellent houses. The piece selected was "Helping Hands," by the late Tom Taylor. The performance was highly spoken of by the local press, and amongst those specially selected for commendation was Bro. H. D. Sandeman, who undertook the part of Lorentz Hartmann, a blind violinist; his assumption of the part being described as as sound a piece of acting as any in the play. He gave a perfect picture of the broken down old man, and the tableaux in which he discovers the loss of his "videll" (fiddle) was an excellent bit of acting. Bro. Sandeman in his time has played many parts, and we congratulate him on achieving success in this, as he has in the line more nearly connected with the Freemason.

Bro. G. H. Kenning was elected a member of the Thames Valley Lodge, at the last meeting, on the 7th instant.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., presided at a large meeting of small traders, held in Exeter Hall, on Tuesday evening, in order to protest against the proposed Compulsory Closing Bill.

Bro. the Earl of Dunraven presided at a further meeting, held on Tuesday, of the Select Committee of the House of Lords, appointed to inquire into the Sweating system in force in the East of London.

Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie has announced his intention to take legal proceedings against certain newspapers which have calumniated him on account of his professional treatment of the Emperor Frederic.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the 82nd Anniversary Festival held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday evening in aid of the funds of the Society of Friends of Foreigners in Distress, the amount of subscriptions announced being £2233.

The Princess Christian will give a Concert at the Slough Public Hall to-morrow (Saturday) evening in aid of Lady Roberts's Homes in the Hills for Soldiers' Nurses, which had been postponed in consequence of the death of the Emperor William.

A complimentary benefit Matinée to Miss Leigh Murray, the well-known and highly respected actress, will take place at the Haymarket Theatre, on Wednesday, the 9th prox., when Bros. Henry Irving, J. L. Toole, Hare, and other popular artistes will appear.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, in the new Masonic room at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Saturday, the 5th May, Bro. H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541, in the chair; Bro. T. S. Hodges, S.D. 1695, S.W.; and Bro. H. Hill, P.M. 1305, Preceptor. The lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. precisely.

Bro. Alderman Stone presided at a Court of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy, held at the Corporation House, Bloomsbury-place, on Saturday last, when grants were made to the amount of £2740 to 75 clergymen whose incomes have suffered disastrously by the recent diminution in the value of the tithes. The 234th Anniversary Festival of this Corporation is announced to be held on Wednesday next, the 2nd inst.

The 324th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth was celebrated in Stratford-on-Avon on Monday, the town being gay with flags and banners of all descriptions, while the usual dramatic performances, which included "A Midsummer Night's Dream," took place in the Memorial Theatre in the evening. The annual meeting of Shakespeare's Birthplace Trustees and other bodies will take place on Saturday next, when it is expected that Bro. Henry Irving will be present.

A series of grand fêtes will be given at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor on the 14th, 15th, and 16th May prox., to which his lordship has invited the members of the Communal Councils of Brussels and Termonde—his native town—the Generals in command of the Civic Guard at Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent, and Liege, the burgomasters and aldermen of the provincial capitals of Belgium, and the burgomasters of the chief towns of arrondissements.

Bros. the Earl of Jersey, General Viscount Wolseley, Viscount Bury, Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., E. Lawson, and others were present at the banquet given at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday evening to Bro. Sir John Pender, in recognition of his important services in connection with submarine telegraphy. Sir John was, in the course of the proceedings, presented with a portrait of himself by Professor Herkomer as a gift to Lady Pender.

The History of the Lodge "Canongate Kilwinning," No. 2, Scotland, founded by the "Mother Lodge Kilwinning" (Ayrshire), at Edinburgh, A.D. 1677, may be expected early in May. The work is rapidly nearing completion, and in the hands of the competent Craftsman, Bro. Allan Mackenzie (one of its respected P.M.'s) full justice will doubtless be done to this very old and distinguished lodge. We understand that no list of subscribers will be published, and that no further additions can be received to the names of those brethren who intended to patronise this important undertaking, save at a considerable increase in price, the cost of production being a heavy item, as might have been expected, considering the aims and intentions of the historian, who is determined that No. 2, Scotland, shall not suffer in comparison with those of other lodge histories.

THE CANCER HOSPITAL (FREE), FULHAM ROAD, BROMPTON, S.W.—We desire to draw the attention of our readers to the claims on their sympathy and support of this excellent institution, which was founded specially for the treatment of the poor afflicted with this terrible disease, who are admitted free, from all parts of the United Kingdom, without requiring letters of recommendation. During the year 1887 there were 703 new cases admitted as in-patients, and 1012 as out-patients, and the number of attendances in the out-patient department shows a large increase over previous years. The nature of the disease requires a most generous diet, as well as a treatment of the most expensive kind; and to meet the growing demand upon their resources the committee urgently appeal for increased funds to enable them to satisfactorily cope with their liabilities. The ordinary expenditure of the hospital is some £3000 a year more than the reliable income, and to meet this deficit new annual subscriptions and donations are earnestly solicited, and will be thankfully received by the Bankers, Messrs. Coutts and Co., 59, Strand; or by the Secretary, Mr. W. H. Hughes, at the hospital, Fulham-road, S.W.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Rheumatic gout are the most dreaded of all diseases, because their victims know they are safe at no season and at no age secure. Holloway's Ointment after fomentation of the painful parts, gives greater relief than any other application; but it must be diligently used to obtain this desirable result. It has been highly commended by rheumatic subjects of all ages and of both sexes, for rendering their attacks less frequent and less vigorous, and for repressing the sour perspirations and soothing the nerves. In many cases Holloway's Ointment and Pills have proved the greatest blessings in removing rheumatism and rheumatic gout which has assailed persons previously and at the prime of life.—ADVT.

We note that Bro. Vivant Benoist, of 19, Wardour-street, has gained the grand award at the Universal Food and Cooking Exhibition now being held at Knightsbridge.

Bro. Major George Lambert, Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, will preside at the Fifty-fifth Anniversary Festival of the Goldsmiths' Benevolent Festival on the 5th of May, at the Holborn Restaurant.

A marriage is announced between Mr. Dale, West Lodge, Darlington, High-Sheriff of Durham, and Miss Milbank, eldest daughter of Bro. Sir Frederick and Lady Milbank, of Bedale and Barnard Castle.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the Countess of Carnarvon are expected to arrive at their residence in Portman-square from their trip to Australia about the middle of next week.

Bro. Lord and Lady Henniker, and the Hon. Miss Henniker, have arrived at 12, Upper Belgrave-street, and Bro. Sir C. B. Graves Sawle, Bart., and Lady Graves-Sawle, at their residence in Eaton-place for the season.

The April Session of the Central Criminal Court was opened at the Old Bailey on Monday by Bro. the Lord Mayor. Bros. Aldermen Sir H. E. Knight, Sir H. A. Isaacs, and Evans, and Bros. Sheriffs Higgs and Davis, and Under-Sheriffs Rose-Innes and Beard, and others, being also present.

At the annual festival held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Friday, the 20th instant, in aid of the funds of the United Kingdom Railway Officers and Servants' Associations, subscriptions amounting to about £2700 were announced.

Princess Christian performed the opening ceremony in connection with the Working Lads' Institute, Whitechapel, on Saturday last, a vote of thanks being passed by acclamation to her Royal Highness for her valuable assistance on the occasion.

On Monday Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., presided at another meeting of the Royal Commission of enquiry into the Civil Service Establishments, two lower division clerks from the Post Office, and two of the same rank from the Inland Revenue being evidence.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will formally open the Glasgow Exhibition on Tuesday, the 8th proximo. The arrangements are already well advanced, and the attractions, which will include the Queen's Jubilee presents, will be very numerous. The whole area covered by the buildings is 14 acres, while the Great Hall is imposing in appearance, and is capable of accommodating fully 3000 persons.

The annual supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 19th inst., and passed off most satisfactorily, there being a large attendance, an excellent bill of fare, and some good speeches and songs. We regret we are obliged to hold over our report till next week.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Mecklenburgh-Schwerin, visited the 35th Annual Exhibition of Pictures by Foreign Artists at the French Gallery, Pall Mall, on Wednesday afternoon, and afterwards inspected the 24th annual exhibition at McLean's Gallery in the Haymarket.

On Wednesday, the 2nd prox., the brethren of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 164, intend celebrating an incident almost unique in the Masonic annals of the province, viz., the completion by Bro. Wm. Pile (on whom the R.W. Prov. G.M. has been pleased to confer as a Jubilee honour the rank of P.P.G. Std. Br.), of a period of 50 years membership of this lodge, during which time he has filled the various offices and been most punctual in his attendance. It is proposed to present this much respected brother with a collar and apron subscribed for by members of the lodge, and also to unveil his portrait which will hang on the walls of the lodge as a memento.

The Queen visited Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, British Ambassador in Berlin, and the Lady Ermytrude Malet, at the British Embassy and stayed to afternoon tea, having previously received Prince Von Bismarck at Charlottenburg. On leaving the British Embassy, Her Majesty visited the English Church of St. George. In the evening a grand banquet was given at the Palace at Charlottenburg, at which the Empress Victoria presided, and at which there were present among the illustrious and distinguished guests, Her Majesty, the Crown Prince and Princess William, Prince Henry of Prussia, the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe-Meiningen, the Hereditary Grand Duke of Hesse, Prince Von Bismarck, Count Von Moltke, Bro. Sir E. B. and Lady Malet, the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie.

MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT AT KIDDERMINSTER.—An entertainment of a dramatic and musical character took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, in support of the efforts being made in the province to commemorate the Centenary of the Girls' School. Bro. Ald. W. B. Williamson, J.P., ex-Mayor of the city of Worcester, kindly read portions of the play of "Hamlet," and Bros. J. Fitzgerald, A. Cotton, D. McKay, S. Taylor, and others sang several Shakespearian glees and songs. All the tickets were disposed of at 2s. each, and the attendance, especially of ladies, was good, although some of the brethren who had hoped to be present were prevented by other engagements. The first part of the programme comprised the platform scene at Elsinore, the ghost scene, and the grave-diggers' scene from "Hamlet," which Bro. Williamson gave with remarkable elocutionary power. Both his fine sonorous voice and his histrionic ability were displayed with admirable effect, and the grave-diggers' scene especially received warm and critical praise. In the second part Bro. Williamson recited with excellent spirit Macaulay's stirring lay of "Horatius," a remarkable effort of memory. Similar entertainments, which, like the one above-noticed, were initiated by Bro. Williamson, took place at Stourport, Halesowen, and Dudley during the same week. It may be added that Bro. Williamson has received a letter from Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Grand Master of the province, expressing hearty appreciation of his desire to stimulate the interest of the Province in the Centenary, as well as of the practical steps he has taken in furtherance thereof.