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The Moveable
Mark Grand
Lodge.

THE Moveable Mark Grand Lodge at Cheltenham on Tuesday was very fully attended, probably owing to the business to be transacted being of a somewhat weightier character than usual.

There was, in the first place, the installation of that highly esteemed and popular brother, the Baron DE FERRIERES, as Prov. G. Master of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, and the Cheltonians as well as the rest of our Mark brethren in those parts were naturally anxious to do him honour, to whom honour was so deservedly due. Then, having welcomed the coming, it remained for the G. and Prov. G. Mark Lodges to speed the parting, guest in the person of Bro. J. WALKER, M.A., the retiring Prov. G. Mark Master, to whom an illuminated address and collar and jewel were presented, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Degree in Gloucestershire, first of all as Prov. D.G.M.M.M. for some years, and afterwards, during the last three years, as Prov. G.M.M.M. Lastly, Bro. the Marquess of HERTFORD, D.G.M., who presided in Grand Lodge, availed himself of the opportunity afforded by the Movable G. Lodge to propose a resolution of sympathy with the Dowager Empress Victoria of Germany on her late terrible bereavement—a resolution which, it is needless to say, met with the unanimous and respectful approval of all the brethren present. The full account we publish elsewhere in our columns shows how successful were all the arrangements for the meeting and entertainment of the Grand Officers and members of the Mark Grand Lodge, and how thoroughly all who attended must have enjoyed themselves.

The Prov. G.
Lodge of
Kent.

THE circumstances under which the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent recently held its annual meeting at Sittingbourne under the banner of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1273, appear to have been of a more than usually gratifying character. There always is a large attendance of the Grand Officers and brethren of the province on these occasions. The Prov. G. Master, Earl AMHERST, always experiences—as he so well deserves—a most enthusiastic reception, and the speeches that are delivered always have in them the true ring of loyalty and sincerity, with just such an evidence of self-laudation as men who have successfully endeavoured to do their duty are justified in furnishing. But though this annual meeting is one of the most conspicuous events of the Masonic year, and though the record of what passes at it is always worth taking to heart, we doubt if so successful a gathering has ever yet been held even in this important Province of Kent; or if there has been one as successful, there has certainly never been one which has been more so. Our Kentish brethren on these occasions always dispatch the business they have to transact with singular promptitude. They have a kind of Provincial Committee or Board, which meets about a month in advance of Prov. G. Lodge and carefully considers the various matters which it will be necessary to submit for the approval of the Prov. G. Lodge. This Committee or Board consists of the best men in the province, men who have been elected to serve on it as the representatives of its private lodges because they are thoroughly conversant with all its affairs, and it invariably and very properly happens that whatever this body recommends for adoption is adopted. The result is that the brethren have ample time to learn to know each other, and to strengthen or promote that feeling of good-fellowship which is so important an element in our Masonic system. Thus, at Sittingbourne, the unprecedented success of the past year furnished an ample theme for the speakers to dilate upon, and the audience they addressed must have been only too delighted to hear of the splendid return of upwards of £3000 from Kent at the Girls' School Centenary Festival being largely in excess of any other Provincial Return; of the steady progress and flourishing condition of the 57 lodges on the roll, which alone had rendered so large a Return possible; and of the cordial and fraternal relations which had always existed between the Prov. G. Master and the lodges and brethren he presided over. Bro. EASTES, the D.P.G.M., was loudly applauded when he showed how the province had gone on increasing from 17 lodges, with a membership of 810 brethren in 1860, when Lord AMHERST was first appointed Prov. G.M., to 38 lodges with a membership of 1770 brethren in 1874, and thence to a roll of 57 lodges with 3100

in 1888. Kent has at all times been a leading Province, but its influence was never so great as it has been under the presidency of its present P.G. Master, and we must all most earnestly pray that his lordship may continue at his post for many years, to the enhancement of his own fame and the benefit of the Craft at large. We must also congratulate the Prov. Grand Officers, and especially Bro. EASTES, D.P.G.M., and the brethren generally on the handsome manner in which they have discharged their duties and the generous support they have so loyally given to his lordship during the 28 years he has ruled over them, and we have every confidence that the duties of Freemasonry will continue to be as diligently discharged by the brethren throughout the province as ever.

The
Canadian
Craftsman.

We are not by any means disconcerted by the numerous errors which are alleged against us by the *Canadian Craftsman* in its issue for May last. We are sensible we have under-estimated its obtuseness, and we think it very likely our meaning would have been more obvious if we had expressed it in the simpler language which a pedagogue uses when teaching a backward child. But our remarks—which the *Craftsman* so sharply condemns—were intended principally for the *New Zealand Freemason*, which, though it differs with us in some matters of opinion and is wrong in some of its matters of fact, appears to be a generally well-informed paper, and we did not, therefore, consider it necessary to explain the words and phrases we used as we went along. However, in spite of our Canadian contemporary's allegations of error against us, we abide by our opinions on the subject of concurrent jurisdiction in the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, or rather in those Colonies and Dependencies where independent Grand Lodges do not exist. We repeat the remark we made in the "precious paragraph," which the *Craftsman* has stigmatised as containing so many errors, namely, that "concurrent jurisdiction does not mean 'the system by which the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and all other Grand Lodges have full right to establish lodges at will,' the only Grand Lodges which have authority to do this being that of the Mother Country," and we illustrate our meaning by adding that a United States Grand Lodge "could not warrant a lodge in New Zealand or any other English Colony, nor could the Grand Lodge of Canada grant warrants for lodges outside the limits of its own jurisdiction." There is nothing contrary to this in the "Ancient Charges," which were compiled long before questions of jurisdiction—concurrent or otherwise—were heard of, in the "Constitutions" with which we are acquainted, or in "The Masonic writings of PRESTON, GOULD, HUGHAN, and others," so far as we have studied them. It is perfectly true that, speaking strictly, we should have used the term, "British Colony," instead of "English Colony," but a journal which professes to be so well informed as the *Craftsman*, should have known that the words "English" and "British" are used interchangeably in the old country. But, substituting "British" for "English," our remark as above is absolutely true in the case of all those Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, where independent Grand Lodges do not exist; nor is there anything to be found in the "Ancient Charges and Constitutions," or, in the works of "PRESTON, GOULD, HUGHAN, and others," which would justify a United States Grand Lodge—or the Grand Lodge of Canada, in setting up lodges outside their respective jurisdictions, unless, of course, they could do so without infringing the jurisdictional rights of other Grand Lodges. We are not aware that the Grand Lodge of Canada violated the rights of any other Grand Lodge, when it warranted lodges "in the formerly unoccupied territory of Manitoba," or that there is anything illegal—according to our ideas of legality—in its having "lodges of its obedience in several of the North-west territories of the Dominion." Having once recognised the Masonic independence of Canada, we, in England, consider it—except as regards the lodges which have always preferred to remain in their old allegiance to our Grand Lodge—as being as much outside the limits of our jurisdiction as the Grand Lodges of New York and Pennsylvania. The independent Grand Lodges in British North America must settle their own boundaries amongst themselves, and we shall respect them, however, they may be settled, just as we look to their respecting the rights of the lodges still remaining to us from the days when the whole of their territory was included in the Masonic jurisdiction of the old country. It is also desirable we should point out that we should be only making confusion still worse confounded than it is now by these questions of jurisdiction if we conceded to the independent lodges already established in British Colonies, and recognised by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, the right to warrant lodges, indiscriminately, in other parts of the British Empire which may be, Masonically speaking, "unoccupied territory." It is no concern of ours—indeed it strikes us as being only just and proper—when the Grand Lodge of Canada grants a warrant of constitution for a new lodge "in the North-Western Territories of the Dominion," provided, of course, that in

so doing, it does not infringe the rights of the other Grand Lodges in British North America; but we should consider it an invasion of our rights, if it warranted a lodge in some other British Colony or dependency, and we should so consider it on the grounds set forth by the *Craftsman* itself, namely, that "the exercise of this right," of chartering private lodges, "is with propriety restricted to the 'unoccupied' territories belonging to the country within whose domain the chartering Grand Lodge is situated"—or to exterior countries within whose limits a Grand Lodge does not exist. It cannot be said of a British Colony or Dependency (say) in the Pacific, either that it belongs to the Dominion of Canada, though equally with the said Dominion it forms part of the British Empire, or that it is an "exterior" or foreign country. There is good reason for the Grand Lodges of the Mother Country issuing warrants for new lodges in British Colonies and Dependencies, because, politically, the latter are included in the former, but nothing could justify one colony in claiming or exercising Masonic jurisdiction over a sister colony. We have a very great respect for the independent Grand Lodges in British North America, but they must understand that they do not occupy quite the same position relatively towards other colonies and dependencies of the British Crown as do the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Memorial Hall, Stanmore, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M., R.W. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. There was a good attendance of brethren, including

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M.; E. Y. Jolliffe, Prov. S.G.W.; E. E. Cooper, Prov. J.G.W.; J. Lindsay, D.D., Prov. G. Chap.; J. F. Hepburn, Prov. G. Treas.; P. A. Scantlebury, Prov. G. Reg.; J. F. H. Woodward, Prov. G. Sec.; J. T. Briggs, Prov. S.G.D.; H. Jones, Prov. J.G.D.; John Etherington, Prov. J.G.D.; W. Iron, Prov. G.S. of W.; W. R. Strutt, Prov. G.D.C.; W. H. Lee, Prov. A.G. Sec.; E. E. Blunt, Prov. G. Stwd.; W. Maple, Prov. G. Stwd.; H. F. Bing, Prov. G. Stwd.; G. Gregory, Prov. G. Stwd.; R. Roy, Prov. G. Stwd.; W. Crossland, Prov. G. Stwd.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., P.P.G.S.B.; A. Bryant, P.P.J.G.W.; Hugh M. Gordon, P.P.J.G.D.; H. W. Roberts, P.P.J.G.W.; R. H. Williams, P.P.G.D.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B.; C. A. Walter, P.P.G.D.; J. Beresford Ryley, P.P.G.D.; J. Osborn, P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. Larcomb, P.P.G.D.C.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W.; B. H. Paul, P.P.G.S.; K. R. Montgomery, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Tickle, P.P.G. Reg.; F. Honeywill, P.P.G. Org.; W. G. Kentish, P.M. 1293; J. M. Jefferson, S.W. 1637; J. Woodmason, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656; J. Finch, S.W. 1793; Jno. Weston, I.P.M. 1897; John Adams, W.M. 1191; Jackson Gawith, P.M. 708; C. J. Shoppee, P.M. 382; C. W. Baker, J.W. 1326; A. Bryant, 1237; J. J. Robinson, W.M. 788; T. H. Nott, P.M. 783; J. K. R. Cama, D.C. 2105; C. E. Keyser, P.M. 1549; W. Seward, jun., W.M. 1612; C. Parsons, W.M. 1637; H. Smyth, S.W. 1238; W. T. Peat, Sec. 1556; H. Sapsworth, S.D. 1656; J. Hooke, P.M. 2087; E. Monson, jun., P.M. 1191; T. Barlow, W.M. 2087; H. C. Hart, S.W. 2087; H. Jordan, S.W. 1310; L. G. Robbirs, Sec. 708; C. Buck, P.M. 1702; D. Stroud, P.M. 1637; C. T. Talman, S.W. 1519; E. Bamford, P.M. 1549; E. W. Warner, P.M. 1763; A. S. Burn, S.W. 2183; W. J. Spratling, P.M. 1293; W. Beavis, W.M. 1310; J. D. E. Barr, W.M. 1293; W. H. Causton, P.M. 865; Oscar J. Von Holtorp, W.M. 1897; E. Dalzell, P.M. 1549; W. Wright, Org. 1897; N. Goodchild, S.D. 1637; E. C. Mulvey, S.W. 788; C. Gowan, 1549; W. C. Williams, I.P.M. 865; G. Swane, J.W. 865; J. F. Creswick, P.M., Sec. 2183; E. C. Talbot, D.C. 1310; E. T. Lynn, P.M. 1310; J. Baillie, J.W. 1637; A. Lingard, P.M. 1691; G. Whitaker, P.M. 1460; J. W. J. Oswald, W.M. 1415; Jas. Taplin, W.M. 382; C. Rose, 382; J. Draper, J.W. 1702; G. S. Elliott, P.M. 1423; Hugh Wilson, S.W. 1293; Chas. Veal, P.S.G.W. Surrey, Sec. 1549; F. G. Mitchey, 1326; H. Dewson, S.D. 1310; and W. W. Lee, 1897. Also the following visitors: Bros. W. J. Mason, J.W. 2240; N. J. Goodchild, J.W. 2202; G. W. Andrews, 2021; Walter Taylor, 1981; and J. Rogers, W.M. 1984.

The Prov. G. Lodge having been opened, the roll of lodges in the province was called, the large majority being duly represented.

The minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge were read and confirmed, and the reports of the Audit and Charity Committees received and adopted.

The Prov. GRAND MASTER said they were all very satisfied with the manner in which the duties of Prov. G. Treasurer had been carried out during the past year by Bro. J. F. Hepburn, and also with the state of the financial affairs of Prov. G. Lodge. He was about to propose for election to that office a brother whom he was sure would perform the duties quite as satisfactorily as his predecessor had done. He believed Bro. Spratling was well known to the brethren present, and he had much pleasure in proposing him for election as Prov. G. Treasurer.

The proposition having been seconded by Bro. HEPBURN, Prov. Grand Treasurer, was carried unanimously.

The Prov. GRAND MASTER, in re-appointing Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp as Dep. Prov. G.M., paid a high tribute of praise to the services rendered by that brother, who had not only relieved him of great responsibility, but was enthusiastically beloved by all in the province.

The Prov. G. Officers were appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. Col. Blunt	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. C. Walls	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Dr. Lindsay	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Evan Jones	...	...	...
" Spratling	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Sweetland	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Woodward	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Maple	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. P. Bing	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. Gregory	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" R. Roy	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. J. Shoppee	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. S. Elliott	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. H. Nott	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" A. W. Warner	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. J. Perks	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. C. Williams	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Seward, jun.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. Dalzell	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Lee	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Beavis	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. Chandler	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.

Bro. Edmund Yates, 733	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Dr. J. W. Oswald, 1415	...	...	...
" A. Lingard, 1691	...	...	...
" Dr. H. W. Seager, 2183	...	...	...
" E. Monson, jun., 1194	...	...	...
" C. S. Buck, 1702	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Gilbert	...	...	...

The Prov. GRAND MASTER in investing Bro. T. C. Walls as Prov. J.G.W., said that that brother had already served the office of Prov. G.S.B., but he had worked so hard in the province for several years past that he felt he could do no other than reward his excellent services by promoting him to a higher office. He should not regard this as a precedent for the future, but it afforded him great pleasure to invest Bro. Walls as Prov. J.G.W., and was confident the appointment would meet with the approbation of the brethren.

On the motion of the Prov. GRAND MASTER, £15 15s. was voted to each of the Masonic Institutions.

The Prov. Grand Wardens and Bro. Maple, Prov. S.G.D., were elected members of the Audit Committee, and Bros. J. Tickle, W. A. Scurrah, and W. H. Lee re-elected to the Charity Committee.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hepburn for his services as Prov. G. Treasurer during the past year.

The Secretaries of lodges in the province were urged by the Prov. GRAND MASTER to send in returns of their respective lodges as complete as possible to Bro. Henry Lovegrove, and thus assist in the compilation of the completeness of the Provincial Calendar compiled by that brother.

The Prov. GRAND SECRETARY having announced the receipt of several letters and telegrams from brethren expressing regret for non-attendance, and other routine business having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren then went in procession to the parish church, where a short service was held and an excellent sermon preached by Bro. Rev. John Lindsay, D.D., Prov. G. Chap., who took for his text St. Peter 1, chap. 2, verse 17: "Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King." A collection was made for the Parochial Schools, which resulted in a total of £6 1s. 2d.

The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent repast at the Abercorn Hotel, catered for by the worthy host, Bro. Veal.

The usual toasts were afterwards duly honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been given, the Prov. G. MASTER gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," remarking that H.R.H. had now presided over them for a considerable number of years, and the longer he presided the more he became endeared to them. They had seen H.R.H. performing his duty as M.W.G.M., with other brethren of the Royal blood filling the Wardens' chairs. He had the pleasure of seeing H.R.H. installed, and of seeing him preside over the largest body of Masons ever gathered together. He also had the gratification of seeing H.R.H. announce the largest sum ever collected for a Charitable Institution. He was confident their M.W.G.M. would continue to do all he could for Masonry while he lived, and that he would be in the future, as he is now, beloved by every member of the Order.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the Prov. GRAND MASTER said the brethren had had many opportunities of seeing the members of that body amongst them. The Prov. G.M. was very often in G. Lodge, and was at all times ready to assist them with his good advice; and not only did he do his duty in that capacity but was also the Prov. G.M. of a large province. The manner in which he filled those two offices would entitle him to the regard of all. Lord Lathom was ever anxious to fulfil his duties as Dep. G.M., and was the Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, where he could perform the ceremonies as well as any Mason. He was a brother whom they looked up to as one of the most able and proficient Masons, as all who had connection with him could testify. The Grand Officers were spread over the country, and were doing their work in a way that was creditable in every respect. In giving the toast he (the Prov. G.M.) should couple with it the name of Bro. Woodward, P.G.S.B.

Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B., in reply, said the brethren were well aware of the thunderstorms they had experienced lately, and he could assure them that when the Prov. G.M. coupled his name with the toast it came upon him like a thunderclap. He had not long been entrusted with Grand Office, and was so connected with the Province of Middlesex that he felt out of his element when associated with anything else. On behalf of the Grand Officers he returned sincere thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, D.P.G.M., said he considered they had not arrived at the toast of the evening until they came to "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, Col. Sir Francis Burdett." They had welcomed, after a few months' absence, one whom they all loved and respected; but had their Prov. Grand Master been unable to be present that evening, he could have said behind his back what might sound flattering before his face. They could not but praise a Prov. Grand Master who had done so much in the past, and he hoped would do as much in the future, for the Province of Middlesex. He would not detain them with words, for they all knew the merits of their Prov. Grand Master, whose health he asked them to drink.

Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G.M., said he felt diffidence in responding to the toast, for he felt he hardly deserved the kind terms used by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. He had certainly had a great deal of experience in that province, which he could look back upon with a great deal of pleasure. It was about 20 years ago that he was first appointed Prov. Grand Master, when he was proud to preside over four or five lodges. They could, therefore, imagine his gratification and pride at seeing the province increase year by year, not only progressing in numbers but in the working. He now considered the Province of Middlesex one of the leading provinces in England. There were larger and more extended provinces, but he did not believe, from all he had heard, that there was any province in England that had more influence or greater power in Masonry than the Province of Middlesex. He felt great pride and had much gratification in expressing the pleasure it afforded him to preside over what he considered one of the first provinces under the English Constitution. From the commencement of his Masonic career the affection and regard between the brethren and himself had increased year by year. He trusted the province would long continue to hold its present high position, and that when he had passed away the brethren would have a kindly recollection of one who had always felt the deepest affection for, and taken the greatest interest in, the Province of Middlesex.

The PROV. G. MASTER, in proposing "The Deputy Prov. G.M. and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers," said that although he had had pleasure in presenting other toasts, he felt the greatest pleasure in proposing this one, which was deserving the highest honour. They had a Dep. Prov. G.M. who had served them for a considerable length of time zealously and well, who was always ready to exert himself in every possible way, and who was conversant with all the duties in a lodge from I.G. to W.M. There was not a brother in any lodge in the province who could perform those duties better than their Deputy Prov. G.M. He trusted the Prov. G. Officers would support him in the future as they had in the past. They had always pulled harmoniously together, and he hoped they would continue to do so, and to work for the benefit and prosperity of the province.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPE, Dep. Prov. G.M., in reply, returned thanks for the reception accorded the toast. He was sure that with such an example at the head of the province it would ill become any Prov. G. Officer to do aught but his best to support him in carrying on the work. He was but expressing the wish of every brother when he said they trusted it would be in the very far future before their Prov. G.M. was severed from the province. Might it be many, many years before they ceased to be reigned over by Sir Francis Burdett! So long as he reigned over them, so long would those whom he appointed to office support him in carrying out the well ruling and governing of the province.

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

An excellent programme of music was arranged for the occasion by Bro. A. J. Eyre, P.G. Org. Middx., who was, unfortunately, unable to be present. However, the programme was admirably carried out by Bros. Herbert Schartau (who also presided at the pianoforte), E. Dalzell, Prov. G. Org., H. Taylor, and H. Horscroft.

CONSECRATION OF THE CATOR LODGE, No. 2266.

The consecration ceremony of this new lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Beckenham, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The Consecrating Officer, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., was assisted by Bros. J. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey, acting as S.G.W.; D. Rose, P.M., acting as J.G.W.; Rev. G. Weldon, P.G.C., acting as G. Chap.; Fred. Hilton, P.M., P.Z., acting as G.D.C.; and Bale, P.M., acting as G.I.G.

The founders are Bros. James Hill, P.M., W.M. designate; J. E. Fox, P.M., S.W. designate; R. C. Davis, J.W. designate; W. H. Hornsby, C. W. Gribble, J. W. Newell, C. R. Scriven, J. C. Osterstock, H. Line, and L. V. D. Anley.

The visitors present were:

Bros. A. Rosenthal, P.M. 1673; W. J. Hewett, W. S. Renly, 1319; V. T. Murché, P.M. 1963, Sec. 1641; R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1329, P.Z., A.G.I.G. (Mark); Hon. H. W. Venn, 2165; A. J. Shore, I.G. 1658; Hy. Sadler, G. Tyler; C. Gooding 1329; Arthur Philbrick, R. S. Archbold, P.M. 2047; R. J. Vincent, P.M. 1963; Geo. Gill, W.M. 1963; G. Schofield, W.M. 2047; G. Smith, jun., W.M. 2182; G. Powell, P.M. 1185; M.E.Z.; G. Carlton, 87; M. Rock, 2147; T. Lansbury, A. C. Payle, 829; W. Jeffrey, S.D. 1622; R. Bukitt, S.D. 1692; J. Fryer, 1791; J. King, W.M. 1692; J. Howard, J.W.; Elverston, J.W. 1314; J. Sanders, Sec. 1692; J. H. Haworth, 1201; J. Cox, P.M. 1658; S. Bowen, 1851; C. Woods, 1869; and others.

After entering in procession the Consecrating Officer took the chair and appointed his officers (pro. tem.) The lodge was opened, a hymn sung, and the Consecrating Officer explained to the brethren the object of the meeting.

After the usual formalities the following oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. G. WELDON, P.G.C.:

Consecrating Master and brethren,—It is unnecessary that I should occupy your attention for more than a few minutes while in compliance with the request of the Consecrating Master I put before you a few salient points connected with the nature and the principles of Freemasonry. Each new lodge that is enrolled amongst those already established affords an additional evidence of the fact that the advantages of Freemasonry are clearly recognised by those brethren who have practical experience with its moral and social power amongst men. Exposed as we all are to the ever-shifting changes and chances of this mortal life, it is a very great source of strength and comfort to meet congenial minds imbued with a fellow feeling for their fellow creatures in hours of gladness as well as grief—men who know how by personal experience to rejoice with them that do rejoice, and to weep with them that weep. The finest sentiment outside the pages of the Sacred Law that ever fell from the tongue of any human being is that which has conferred earthly immortality upon the great pagan poet of antiquity, when he made one of the principal actors in a play inscribed to the people of Athens in the public theatre exclaim "I am man, and I think nothing that belongs to my fellow-man foreign to me." No wonder that the whole assembly, as if struck by the instinct of a common humanity, rose to its feet, and for several minutes gave vent to loud and prolonged applause. It is indeed a noble sentiment, and in no other community on earth does it receive a more practical illustration than among Freemasons. We do no pause to enquire what party of political representatives a brother Mason belongs, or to what particular administration of religion he has subscribed his name. It is enough for us to know in the truest and best sense that he is a man and a brother. The tear of sympathy is shed over his sorrows, and the principles and precepts of Freemasonry would be very little better than a cold and formal system of proverbial philosophy if living examples taken from among the brethren of the Craft were wanting as practical illustrations of the moral lessons conveyed by our Masonic precepts. We point the world to our Charities. We ask where there are such annual returns for girls, and boys, and old men and women as we can hold up to mankind in token that our love for the brethren is not in word only, but in deed and in truth. We do more than that. We fearlessly assert that the distinctions of rank and riches, which in the world outside our lines are separated from each other by impassable barriers, are in Masonry brought together, face to face, heart to heart, man to man. The chasm which so completely separates the members of the non-Masonic world from each other is successfully bridged over in our Society by the only method which can unite all sorts and conditions of men. That method is the power of brotherly love. The reasonableness of this is transparent. We are each of us so constituted in our moral nature that there are soft spots within us; and the moment they are touched by the magic spell of sympathy, we yield at once to the gentle influences of its all-conquering sway. Freemasonry does not aim at removing human distinctions in race, religion, or politics, but it supplies a bond of union stronger than all differences which ordinarily tend to keep men apart from each other. No other society at present in the world has succeeded in accomplishing this happy result. The history of Masonry has enthroned the names and memory of men whose points of divergence in politics and in religion, though wide as possible, yet have consented to subordinate their private and personal feelings to the ennobling principle of humanity. Such is the inherent virtue of human goodness that it possesses a magnetic power to attract men to each other when they come within the limits of its electrical affinities. This is the real secret of Masonic success. The outer world of the inquisitive are desirous to know our secrets. What are our signs? what are our words? If they but knew these they think they would have discovered the foundation on which our mystic Temple has been raised. We may tell the anxious enquirer after the secret mysteries of our Order that our Society does not depend for its time-honoured influence in the world—for its power among men—upon any mere cut and dried technicalities. They say, "Are you not known to each other by the shake of the hand?" Yes, to some extent that is true. But it is only a small part of our mutual recognition. It is the hand with the heart in it that reveals the true Mason. It is the

word fresh from the soul, and beaming on the countenance, and so impressed upon our character as to be "one with our feelings and our powers, and rather part of us than ours." It is this that excites the sympathy of our fellow men. It is this that extends Freemasonry over the face of the earth, and by the consecration of another lodge marks the increased and increasing influence of the power of genuine human love.

The ceremony of consecration was very ably carried out, and then Bro. James Hill, P.M., was installed into the chair of W.M. by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec. The W.M. invested his officers in the following order: Bros. J. Fox, P.M., S.W.; R. C. Davis, J.W.; J. W. Newell, Sec. (pro tem.); C. W. Gribble, S.D.; J. C. Osterstock, J.D.; and C. Scriven, I.G., leaving the remaining offices to be filled at the next meeting.

After the customary addresses had been delivered by the GRAND SECRETARY, the W.M. made him a present of a founder's jewel, as a memento of the day's proceedings.

Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE accepted the same, and briefly replied.

(The jewel, which was much admired, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.)

On the proposition of the W.M., Bro. HILL, P.M., seconded by the S.W., Bro. Fox, P.M., the Consecrating Officers—Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; West, D.P.G.M. Surrey; Rev. G. Weldon, P.G.C.; D. Rose, P.M.; Hilton, P.M.; and Bale, P.M., Treas. 87—were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge.

The brethren appreciated the honour very much; and the GRAND SECRETARY expressed a hope that he might occasionally be able to avail himself of the opportunity thus given him of visiting the lodge.

The W. MASTER presented the founder's jewel to each of the founders, remarking that he hoped it would be a mark of that love of heart, purity of mind, and rectitude of conduct which should actuate every member of the Cator Lodge.

A list of the names of eight joining members and 16 candidates for initiation having been received, the lodge was closed.

After the banquet, which was excellently served by Bro. W. H. Hornsby,

The W. MASTER gave "The Queen and the Craft," which, he said, was always well received among Masons. Every one loved the Queen, and sympathised with her in the great trial that had lately fallen upon her. She had their sympathy, and they looked forward to the time when she should have brighter days.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and said that all Masons knew the great interest his Royal Highness took in Masonic ceremonies and secrets. He had presided over the Grand Lodge with great success in the past, and they hoped he might long be spared to carry on the good work.

The toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M., R.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given. The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said that all the Grand Officers were not only good and worthy members of the Grand Lodge, but they were also sympathetic and kind to those who came to them for advice. He had been much in contact with them of late, with regard to the business of the formation of the Cator Lodge, and had always been exceedingly well received. As they had not much time to spare he would, however, be brief in praising them.

In reply, Bro. Rev. G. WELDON, P.G.C., said that the Grand Officers present were represented by the mystic number three. As for that lodge there were no Past Grand Officers, and he should not reply on their behalf. Thus he was relieved of much responsibility. He would, however, speak of the present. They were very happy now, and he hoped they might long enjoy that happiness. Dr. Brenton said that although he felt very dull at the beginning of a Masonic dinner, the electrical affinities of such a meeting made him feel truly happy. He related a curious incident which he had met with in China. Whenever a Chinaman passed a happy day he marked it down with red chalk. On passing through a cemetery he noticed the tombstone of a man who had died, upwards of 80 years of age. Upon reading the inscription, however, he found the following: "Aged 12 years and four months." He inquired how that could be, and was informed that, after the man's death, his relatives had carefully totalled the number of days marked with red chalk, to the exclusion of all others, and thus found that he had spent 12 years and four months of happy days. This they considered his true age. Bro. Weldon advised all present to make a good mark beside the day now spent, and in thanking them, trusted all would have need of plenty of red chalk.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said that without their aid there would have been no Cator Lodge held on that day. He trusted that the lodge would fulfil all the wishes of those who had shown so much kindness in coming to consecrate it. He was sorry that instead of three Grand Officers there were not ten times three present.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., thanked the brethren for the kind fraternal reception of the toast. It had given him great pleasure to come to help to start the new work. He was more or less accustomed to the ceremony, and found that the more times he took part in it the more he liked it and the easier it became. The Grand Officers present were not numerous, for unfortunately Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., and F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R., were unavoidably absent. They had been, however, very ably assisted by good and worthy brethren in Bros. D. Rose, as J.W.; F. Hilton, as D.C.; and Bale, as I.G. These brethren had undertaken to serve at a moment's notice, and had done their work in a very able and praiseworthy manner. His two colleagues and himself had been very fortunate in being thus supported. He again thanked the brethren, and proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said that Bro. Hill had not entered Masonry very young, but he had, like many others, made up for this by the zeal and energy he had thrown into the work. He had come to the front rapidly, and he believed deservedly, being a P.M. of a lodge, and was now working on fast in a chapter. The duty of first Master of a lodge was very onerous, for nothing must be rushed through, and great care would be always required to make things go respectably and quietly. He congratulated the founders upon their selection, and believed they would never regret it.

In reply Bro. HILL, P.M., W.M., said he felt like a father did on the birth of a new child. His responsibility was as great as that of a father, for as W.M. he would have to direct and train the young lodge until it got a firm footing. The first three or four years would settle the future of a lodge. He told the Indian legend of the boy and the fly which daily settled on his plate. This fly grew and grew till it became a monster and destroyed the boy. It would be as necessary to keep out any sign of ill-will from the lodge, or a similar result might be expected. The members must not forget that Charity was the very foundation of Masonry, and he

trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would so prosper them that they might be well represented at the annual Festivals. Each one must put his own shoulder to the wheel, and not trust to any one else. Then the work would be well done. He admonished the members to be very punctual at the lodge meetings. That would make it easy to get away early, and so please their wives. Late hours were very injurious to the cause of Masonry.

In proposing "The Visitors" the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said they would always be welcomed at the Cator Lodge. He had met visitors from all parts of the world. A brother from Central Africa had described how lodges were held there. They had a very worthy visitor from Western Australia, Bro. the Hon. H. Venn. He also coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Hilton, Rose, and Bale.

In reply, Bro. the Hon. H. VENN said that he could not understand why he had been given the precedence in replying, but he was glad to be able to thank them that day. He was only a young Mason, but he could tell them that, thanks to English capital and English blood, they were enabled to hold their lodges in Western Australia in a manner very similar to the way in which they were held in London. When he returned he hoped to be able to tell the West Australian brethren, and especially those of his own lodge, No. 2165, how well and kindly he had been received by the brethren and the Grand Secretary. He should be glad to meet any of them in West Australia, and would promise them the same hospitality as he had received.

Bro. DAVID ROSE, P.M., appreciated the honour that had been bestowed upon him that day. He always tried to do his duty wherever he was, and advised all those who wished to become good officers to perfect themselves in some lodge of instruction.

Bro. FRED. HILTON, P.M., P.Z., expressed his pleasure in having been able to assist in the ceremony of that day. He considered the lodge was a new stone set rolling, which would gather unto itself friends, and display new beauties as it proceeded on its course.

Bro. BALE also replied.

Bros. ARCHBOLD, P.M., and SCHOFIELD, W.M. Beckenham Lodge, wished the new lodge prosperity.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The Officers," impressing upon them the duty of perfecting themselves in the ritual.

The S.W., J.W., SEC., S.D., and J.D. replied, after which the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

The musical arrangements of the banquet were under the direction of the W.M. of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, and songs were sung by Bros. Vincent, Voisey, Gooding, and Powell. The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.

On Tuesday, the 10th instant, the annual meeting of the above Royal Arch Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, and was attended by a large number of Principals and officers of the various chapters in the province. The Grand Superintendent (Comp. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.) presided. The chapter had been previously opened by Comps. J. Horsley, P.P.G.H., as Z.; W. Coxon, P.P.G.J., as H.; and W. Brignal, P.P.G.R., as J.

Among the officers and others present were—

Comps. R. Hudson, P.G. Std. Br. Enz, P.G.S.E.; Babington Boulton, P.G. Treas.; R. B. Reed, P.G.S.N.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D. of C.; F. H. Bennett, P.G. Reg.; J. Mitchinson, P.G.P.S.; A. McDougal, P.A.G.S.; J. Barker, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Hudson, P.A.G.D. of C.; J. R. Pattison, P. Asst. G.S.E.; J. Curry, P.G. Janitor; C. S. Lane, P.P.G.S.B.; J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.J.; T. Bradley, P.P.G.S.N.; J. Laidler, P.P.G.P.S.; M. Coibitt, P.P.G.P.S.; W. Brandt, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Fenny, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Henderson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Hudson, P.P.G.D. of C.; G. W. Richardson, P.P.G.O.; G. Porteous, P.P.G.O.; John Wood, P.Z. 48; W. Logan, H. 124; C. D. Hill-Drury, S.E. 111; G. Lazenby, Z. 509; C. Spencer, P.Z. 509; J. Sinclair, H. 764; J. Metcalfe, Z. 531; T. J. Johnson, P.Z. 531; H. B. Olsen, J. 764; J. F. Hiller, Z.; Dr. L. Booth, J. 1334; S. F. Bousfield, Z. 111; Rev. R. H. Yeld, J. 80; L. B. Davies, 80; R. W. Halfnight, Z. 80; H. Golder, Z. 1119; J. C. Moor, P.Z.; E. Sutherst, Z.; T. G. Garrick, H.; W. Dawson, J. 94; H. E. O. Müller, P.Z. 111; H. Macdonnell, P.Z. 509; J. G. Kitley, P.Z. 97; C. M. Wake, S.E. 97; R. F. Cook, P.Z. 48 and 424; J. G. Smith, 48 and 424; George Robson, Z. 240; John Duckett, H. 48; John Sewell, Z. 124; W. A. Malcolm, P.Z. 124; Thomas Bell, Rev. J. Lawson, J. 124; D. Whithead, Thomas Coulson, P.P.G.S.B.; and others.

The Prov. G. Treasurer, Comp. B. BOULTON, read his financial statement, which showed a balance of over £33. after payment of all accounts. It was agreed that ten guineas be donated to the Royal Masonic Boys' School, ten guineas to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, and £6 16s. to the Durham Masonic Education Fund.

Comp. R. W. Halfnight, Z. 80, was unanimously elected P.G. Treasurer; and Comps. J. G. Smith and George Porteous were elected as Auditors. The roll of chapters was called, and presented a very satisfactory report.

The absence of Comps. the Rev. Canon Tristram, P.G.H., and R. Luck, P.G.J., was explained by letter.

The Grand Superintendent, Comp. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, expressed his satisfaction with the reports they had heard from the different chapters. From the figures it appeared that their numbers stood well, and financially they were in a very satisfactory state. He then touched upon matters affecting various chapters, and concluded by expressing his good wishes for their success in the coming year.

He afterwards proceeded to appoint the officers of Prov. Grand Chapter for the year as follows:

Comp. Babington Boulton, P.P.G.T., P.Z. 111	...	Prov. G.H.
" John James Clay, P.P.G.D.C., P.Z. 94	...	Prov. G.J.
" R. Hudson, P.Z. 80	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" R. F. Cook, P.Z. 48	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. W. Halfnight, Z. 80	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. C. Moor, P.Z. 94	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. J. Johnson, P.Z. 531	...	Prov. G. Soj.
" H. E. O. Müller, P.Z. 111	...	Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.
" C. Spencer, P.Z. 509	...	Prov. 2nd A.G. Soj.
" W. Mayson, P.Z. 764	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" George Robson, Z. 240	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Logan, H. 124	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. F. Hiller, I.P.Z. 1334	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" James Hudson, 80	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. R. Pattison, Z. 97	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" J. Curry, 48	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The chapter was then closed.

MOVEABLE GRAND MARK LODGE.

Moveable Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Tuesday, when Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, S.G.W. of the province, and a P.G.M.O. Eng., was installed as Prov. G.M.M. of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. The meeting of Grand Lodge was held under the banner of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. Prov. Grand Lodge met at 3.30. Bro. J. Walker, M.A., Prov. G.M.M., presided; the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present being— Bros. W. Forth, D.P.G.M.M.; Baron De Ferrieres, Prov. S.G.W.; O. Shellard (Mayor of Hereford), Prov. J.G.W.; J. Shaw Carleton, Prov. G.M.O.; T. Milligan, Prov. S.G.O.; H. Clark, Prov. J.G.O.; Rev. P. Hattersley Smith, Prov. G. Chap.; W. L. Bain, Prov. G. Treas.; G. Norman, Prov. G. Sec.; W. R. Porcher, Prov. S.G.D.; T. Blinkhorn, Prov. J.G.D.; T. E. Gandy, Prov. G. Org.; and J. Marchant, Prov. G. Purst.

There was a very large attendance of brethren of the province. After the transaction of some formal business, Grand Lodge was received and constituted as follows:

Bros. Hon. the Marquess of Hertford, R.W.D.G.M., in the chair; Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.M.M., acting D.G.M.; Mortimer Heath, P.G. Chap.; Prov. G.M. Dorset, acting S.G.W.; Col. Bramble, D. Prov. G.M. Bristol, acting J.G.W.; Sir Richard N. Howard, P.G.M.O., D. Prov. G.M. Dorset, acting G.M.O.; General Randolph, S.G.O.; Pierpont Harris, P.S.G.D., acting J.G.D.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, Grand Chap.; Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Sec.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Swd., P.S.G.D., acting S.G.D.; R. Young, G. Norman, Prov. G. Sec. Gloucestershire and Hereford; and W. B. Williamson, acting J.G.D.'s; Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.D. of C.; Naysmith, acting G.S.B.; Briggs, G. Std. Br.; R. J. Voisey, G.I.G.; and A. Walkley, G. Tyler. The other Grand Officers present were Bros. Homfray, Prov. G.M. of Monmouth; J. Walker, M.A., Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.M.O., Prov. G.M. designate; Watkins, P.G. Std. Br.; W. J. Thompson, P.G. Std. Br.; T. H. Smith, P.G.S., D. Prov. G.M. Warwick; and others.

The Marquess of Hertford having opened Grand Lodge, the Baron de Ferrieres, who had in the meantime retired, was announced, and his patent of appointment from the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was read by the Grand Secretary, Bro. BINCKES. The Prov. G.M. designate, was then invested and inducted to the chair with the ceremonial usual on such occasions, admirably conducted by Bro. Berridge, the G.D. of C. The Prov. G.M. then proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:

Bro. H. Jeffs, P.G.I.G.	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" O. Shellard, P.M. 243	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Balcomb, P.M. 10	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. R. Porcher, Chap. 10	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. Marchant, P.M. 243	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Dr. Gregory, Treas. 10	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Dr. Lynes, P.M. 340	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. L. Bain, P.M. 10	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Davies, P.M. 243	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Norman, J.G.D.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. Coldwell, I.P.M. 243	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. Lea, W.M. 218	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Forth, P.D.P.G.M.	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. C. Ferris, P.M. 218	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" T. E. Gandy, 10	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. R. Felton, P.P.G.M.O.	...	...	Prov. G. Swd.
" J. L. Butler, 10	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" H. Phillips	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers having been made, the Prov. G.M., on behalf of Provincial Grand Lodge, presented to Bro. Walker an illuminated address and a collar and jewel, subscribed for by members of the province, in testimony, as expressed by the terms of the address, of their appreciation of the services he had rendered during the nine years—six as Deputy and three as Prov. G.M.—he had ruled over the Order in Gloucestershire. The presentation of a collar and jewel of office was also made to Bro. Forth, as Deputy.

Grand Lodge was then resumed, and after some formal business, the Most Noble the Marquess of HERTFORD, from the chair, remarked that that was the first occasion of the meeting of the Grand Lodge since the death of his Imperial Majesty the late Emperor of Germany, and he proposed that an address be presented through H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, expressing their sympathy with the Empress Victoria in the irreparable loss she had sustained. The vote was proposed in a speech of much feeling. The death of the late Emperor, said the Most Hon. Marquess, was a loss to the whole world, and especially affected them as men, as Englishmen, and as Masons. As men they appreciated the heroic qualities which the Emperor had shown in the lingering death he had suffered; as Englishmen they remembered his close relationship to their own beloved Queen; and as Masons, the claim the late Emperor had upon their affection was expressed in the title he bore as Protector of the Masons in Germany.

The M.W. Bro. Canon PORTAL seconded the proposal in an eloquent speech, remarking that there was no Mason in England, he believed, who had not watched the course of the terrible illness through which the Emperor had for so long struggled, hoping against hope that the life of one whose preservation appeared to be so necessary to the peace and even the liberties of Germany and of Europe, might yet be spared. They had watched his brave battle with death. They had seen with admiration the courage with which he had faced death. And they had appreciated the wily devotion of the dear Empress, their country-woman, who had given to her husband's dying hours the alleviation which unceasing care and loving sympathy could give.

The vote having been passed, Grand Lodge was closed, and the Grand Officers retired. Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, as Prov. G.M., then resumed the chair, supported by his newly-appointed officers. Such provincial business as remained to be done was transacted, its most interesting item being the formal proposal of a resolution in the terms of the address already presented to Bro. Walker.

The proposal was made by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, and seconded, in generous terms, by the Prov. S.G.W., Bro. SHELLARD (Mayor of Hereford), who especially dwelt upon the fact that during Bro. Walker's term of office Herefordshire had been united to Gloucestershire in one province.

The vote having been acknowledged by Bro. WALKER, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

Among the brethren present, in addition to those already mentioned were:

Bros. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.M. 10, P.P.S.G.W., D. Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire; General Vizard, P.P.G.S.B. Somerset; Rev. Dr. Kynaston, W.M. elect 10; F. G. Roberts, T. Cadle, Harold Lewis, S.O. 183; W. H. Onions, 121; E. G. Chance, 243; J. Davies, P.M. 243; J. Barnes, P.M. 243; G. J.

Caldwell, I.P.M. 243; J. S. Norton, J.W. 243; F. W. Fisher, 10; J. Naysmith, P.M. 218; W. Margrett, 243; C. A. Stephens, 243; T. J. Cottle, W. Heath, S.D. 10; A. Stephens, 340; J. Bubb, 10; J. L. Butler, 10; Gen. Ringer, J.W. 177; W. Powell, 10; H. J. Ferris, 218; C. Roberts, 218; A. J. Hancocks, P.M. 59; S. Davies, 109, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Hazell, 109, P.P.G.D.; T. W. Stone, W.M. 119, P.P.J.G.W. Som.; T. Steel, 10; T. A. Huband, 10; W. Newsome, W.M. 161; E. Lawrence, 10; J. Waghorne, 10; and others.

After lodge the brethren sat down to banquet in the dining room of the Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Hertford, the Provincial Wardens, Bros. Shellard and Balcomb, and Bro. Porcher, Prov. G.M.O., occupying the vice-chairs. The party was an unusually large one, but the arrangements for its accommodation were admirably superintended by the Acting Grand Steward, Bro. Felton.

The officers of Grand Lodge were the guests of the Prov. G.M.M. at the Queen's Hotel, and on Wednesday morning several of the Provincial Grand Officers breakfasted with the D.G.M.M. before his lordship left by train for London.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF EAST ANGLIA.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was held at Chelmsford on Saturday, the 23rd ult., under the banner of the Chelmer Lodge, 342. The Prov. G.M.M.M., Lord Henniker, presided, and the brethren present included—

Bros. C. F. Matier, Sec. Mark Benevolent Fund, P.G.W. Eng.; N. Tracy, P.M. 70, Prov. G. Sec., S.G.D. Eng.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 145, P.G.D. Eng.; G. Graveley, P.P.G.S.B., &c.; James P. Lewin, P.M. 342 and 145, P.P.J.G.W.; A. C. Durrant, P.M. 342, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Winniatt Smith, P.G. Org.; F. P. Sutthery, Sec. 342, P.P.S.G.D.; J. T. Bailey, W.M. 145; G. W. Pascall, Treas. 345 and 145; J. R. Jarvis, J.W. 342; F. W. Imbert-Terry, S.W. 377; Frank Quilter, J.O. 145; Andrew Durrant, D.C. 342; T. J. C. Cramphorn, 342; Saml. Baker, 342; F. H. Meggy, 377; F. C. Atkinson, J.D. 70; Geo. Gould, 70, P.G. Tyler; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the Prov. G.M.M. saluted, the reports from the various lodges in the province were made by their respective W.M.'s, and were very satisfactory.

The Prov. G. SEC. presented the report of the Board of General Purposes, which stated that the roll of members of lodges in the province showed an increase in number, and there was a balance of £25 3s. in hand, as against a balance of £18 last year. The Board recommended a grant of five guineas towards the Mark Benevolent Fund, and also suggested the appointment of an Assistant Secretary at an honorarium of £2 2s. per year.

The Prov. G. MASTER congratulated the brethren on the increase in membership, and pointed out that that increase was even larger than was indicated by the report, which only carried them up to the end of the year. The total membership was now 327, against 300 last year. Considering that the province did not cover a populous district, his lordship thought he might say the report showed that Mark Masonry was making good progress. (Applause.) With regard to the suggested appointment of an Asst. Prov. G. Secretary, he might say that some time since Bro. Tracy intimated to him that his duties in connection with Masonry made such a heavy demand upon his time that he should be obliged to relinquish some of them, and suggested that some other brother should be selected as G. Secretary of the Province of East Anglia. That was a suggestion of which no one in the province would approve—(applause)—they could not afford to lose one of the best officers the province ever had, and he was happy to state that Bro. Tracy had expressed his willingness to continue the office if the Provincial Grand Lodge adopted the suggestion of the Board of General Purposes, and appointed a brother to act as Asst. Secretary. He was sure the lodge would be unanimous in voting the small sum that was asked for—and a much larger sum if it were needed—in order to keep Bro. Tracy in the useful position he now held. (Applause.) In moving the adoption of the report, he could not help expressing his regret at the absence of his good friend and Deputy Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who had an important Masonic engagement in London, and was exceedingly sorry that he was unable to be with them. (Applause.) With regard to himself, Lord Henniker said he extremely regretted that he was unable to be at the Prov. Grand Lodge at Ipswich last year; most of his brethren knew the reason which prevented him—it was a reason which now became a very sad recollection to him—the whole of his time last year was devoted to one whom to know was to love. He was, by the Queen's gracious commands, in waiting during the whole of the summer on the late Emperor of Germany, than whom there was hardly a more earnest Mason. (Applause.) He was sure they all felt the deepest sorrow at the loss which the German Empire and the whole world had sustained by his death, and their sympathies as Mark Masons would go out very strongly from their hearts to the bereaved Empress and her sorrowing family. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, his lordship thanked the Chelmer Lodge for the way in which they had received Prov. G. Lodge, and expressed his regret that the state of his health would not permit him to take part in the festival after the closing of the lodge.

Bro. Col. C. E. Bignold, P.S.G.O., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the province; and the other officers were appointed and invested by the Prov. G.M.M. as under:

Bro. J. C. Chittock, W.M. 92	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. C. Durrant, I.P.M. 342	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. N. Green, W.M. 112	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" F. Hallows, P.M. 205	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" F. W. Imbert-Terry, S.W. 377	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. S. Maude, 105	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. G. Abbott, 317	...	...
" J. T. Bailey, W.M. 146	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" N. Tracy, P.M. 70	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. F. Crane, W.M. 317	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. L. Thornton, S.W. 112	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.

Bro. G. S. Wright, W.M. 205	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. C. Norman, 70	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" E. Sparke, Sec. 105	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Wilson Metcalfe, S.W. 342	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. H. Jennings, S.W. 334	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. C. Morant, Org. 377	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. J. Wright, S.W. 70	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" O. Papworth, Sec. 334	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" T. R. Jarvis, J.W. 342	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. W. Pascall, Treas. 342	...	...
" F. P. Sutthery, Sec. 342	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" G. Gould, Tyler 70	...	...

The PROVINCIAL SENIOR GRAND WARDEN said he was commissioned by his lodge to invite the Provincial Grand Master to hold his annual meeting for 1889 at Norwich, promising that they would do all in their power to make the meeting a success.

Bro. Lord HENNIKER said since he had had the honour to preside over that province, he had made it a rule to hold his annual meeting in rotation in the four counties of which the province was composed. Next year it would be the turn of the county of Norfolk, so that he should have great pleasure in accepting the cordial invitation of the Walpole Lodge. As regarded the date of meeting, he could not, of course, fix it positively now; but he thought that somewhere about Whitsuntide would be a more convenient time than June. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. THOMAS J. RALLING, expressing his regret that Bro. Lord Henniker was unable to stay to the banquet, said he was sure the Provincial Grand Lodge would desire, before his lordship left them, to tender him their sincere thanks for his presence, and to express the hope that he might soon be fully restored to health. (Applause.)

Bro. LEWIN, as the oldest P.M. of the Chelmer Lodge, seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried, and briefly acknowledged by his LORDSHIP.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where they dined together under the presidency of the Prov. Senior Grand Warden.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual meeting of this Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road, Portsmouth, on the 2nd inst., under the presidency of the Rev. Canon G. R. Portal, P.G.M., who was supported by the Deputy P.G.M. (Bro. R. Loveland Loveland); the Deputy P.G.M. of the Craft (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.M.O. England); Bro. Matier, Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund; and the following Present and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge—

Bros. C. W. A. Jellicoe, F. Newman, G. F. Lancaster, F. Powell, A. R. Holbrook, D. O. Hobbs, M. E. Frost, Rev. A. M. Walker, Rev. H. J. Mason, R. Dampier-Child, Gordon Miller, R. Cullingford, C. Reynolds, H. P. Holley, H. Stone, W. Green, Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.G. Chap. England; J. B. Atkinson, S. Clarke, A. Dashwood, H. Crisp, J. Conner, E. E. Street, J. C. Ains, J. W. Willmott, F. Sanders, R. J. Turney, J. Doune, Dr. F. V. Paxton, J. E. Buck, J. Westaway, H. J. Guy, and others.

Satisfactory reports were presented of the progress of Mark Masonry in the province, and it transpired that the number of advancements during the year was double that of the year preceding, and all the lodges appear to be in good working order. The Lodge of Economy at Winchester, which has been in abeyance for many years, has been resuscitated through the zeal of Bros. Loveland and Le Feuvre, the latter of whom has accepted the office of W.M. for the year. The lodge resolved unanimously again to recommend the Rev. Canon Portal to the Grand Mark Master for appointment as P.G.M.; and Bro. J. R. Rastrick was also unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer, a resolution being at the same time affirmed, thanking him for his past services and sympathising with him in his serious illness.

On the proposition of the Rev. Canon PORTAL, the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and it was agreed to place this amount on the list of Bro. Loveland, who accepted a Stewardship for the coming Festival of the Charity. Canon Portal mentioned that it had recently been decided to increase the pension for aged Mark Masons to 10s. weekly, and for widows to 8s. weekly; 26 boys and girls were now being educated from the fund.

The following were appointed as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. R. Loveland Loveland	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" G. J. Tilling	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Col. Yeatman Biggs	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. Westaway	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" S. Salter	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" F. Sanders	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. E. H. Elers	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. M. Walker	...	...
" C. Waters	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" C. W. A. Jellicoe	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. G. P. Gilbert	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. P. Holley	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. J. Van Marle	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. J. Borrow	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" N. Solomon	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" J. T. Thackara	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Leftwich	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. D. Antill, jun.	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. F. Osborne	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Commodore Markham, R.N.	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Barlow	...	...
" Burchett	...	...	G. Tyler.
" Savill	...	...
" Exell	...	...

The PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked Bro. Tilling for the zeal and attention with which he had during the past eight years carried out the duties of Prov. G. Secretary.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall. The banquet was followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the Rev. Canon Portal presiding.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND R.A. CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA. For the year ending 27th December, 1887. Philadelphia: Burk and McFitridge, 306 and 308, Chestnut-street. 1888.

This volume of about 200 pages contains the reports of the usual Quarterly Convocations held during the year, and of the Annual Convocation on the 27th December. We learn, from the particulars furnished under date the 8th December last, that the financial position of the Grand Chapter is most prosperous. The receipts, including the balance from previous year, amounted to 7095 dollars, and the expenditure to 5386 dollars, leaving a balance in hand of 1708 dollars, reducible by amounts due and payable in respect of sundry appropriations to 539 dollars, while the dues outstanding, being added thereto, show a surplus on the 27th December last, over all appropriations and expenditure, of close on 1616 dollars. The address of the Grand High Priest—Comp. M. H. Henderson—contains many points of general as well as local interest, one in particular, with which, unfortunately, some of our own lodges and chapters occasionally have practical acquaintance, being worth recounting. It seems that Comp. Henderson learned in the course of the year that a candidate for exaltation and membership in one of the subordinate chapters having been rejected, a companion, who was a friend of the applicant, openly stated that it "would be a long time before anyone else received the Degrees in that chapter," and he at once ordered the Dist. D.G.H.P. to ascertain if the facts were as reported, and, if so, to prefer charges against the companion for un-Masonic conduct, and, if convicted, to expel him. Comp. Henderson then remarks: "When a companion so far forgets his manhood and his Masonic obligations as to stoop to wholesale blackballing for no better motive than revenge, it is time he was made to understand that he cannot vent his spleen in any such unbridled manner, and that Freemasonry has a method by which she can purge herself of all such disturbers of her peace and harmony." Comp. Henderson also lays it down as his opinion that "residence does not debar a brother from applying for the Degrees where he pleases; and that whenever it can be established that a chapter has objected on account of jurisdiction only, the objection will invariably be set aside, and the enquiring chapter be authorised to proceed." At the close of his address, Comp. Henderson was re-installed G.H.P. for the ensuing year, and the rest of the Grand Officers were likewise installed and invested. A short historical sketch of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania, by Comp. Charles E. Meyer, G. Sec., follows, and the report on correspondence and statistics relating to private chapters constitute a valuable appendix.



Craft Masonry.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, the 5th instant. The members present included Bros. F. Lawrance, W.M.; J. Brown, J.W.; George Gardner, P.M., Sec.; R. H. Wimpy, S.D.; F. Walden, J.D.; J. Rowling, D.C.; C. F. Hughes, I.G.; C. Hopkins, Stwd.; N. Defries, P.M. 185; Geo. H. Johnson, A. Skinner, A. Clark, W. C. Dukey, R. Milbourne, W. Clowes, A. Mooney, Jno. Brill, W. H. Wilson, Evan Phillips, Jno. Clarke, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. C. Jefferys, P.M. 902; W. J. Dundas, 434; G. B. Carny, 1095; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; Geo. Wright, W.M. 1612; Hy. Wright, P.M. 1827; A. Love, 1791; A. Hamblin, 1637; C. Bellerby, W.M. 2021; Cox, P.M. 1305; and W. W. Lee, 1891.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Alfred Skinner was passed to the Second Degree. Ballot was then successfully taken in favour of Messrs. Edwin Stretton, Evan Phillips, Bernard F. Hartzhorne, and E. A. Fountain, as candidates for initiation, and the three last-named being in attendance, were impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Lawrance, W.M., then vacated the chair to allow Bro. N. Defries, P.M., to initiate Mr. James Clarke, the ceremony being performed in a highly creditable manner. The W.M. having again resumed the chair and delivered an ancient charge to the newly-initiated brethren, the lodge was closed.

After an excellent repast, the usual toasts were duly honoured in the customary hearty manner.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. cordially welcomed Bro. Binckes, who frequently visited them, and whom they almost considered a member of their lodge.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., in reply, said that nothing could be easier than to respond to the first portion of that toast. It was quite sufficient to mention the honoured names of the Pro' G.M. and Dep. G.M. to ensure a hearty and cordial reception. The services rendered by those two brethren in their distinguished positions were such as to commend themselves to the approbation of all the members of the Order, and when the brethren knew that they not only fulfilled their duties in assisting the M.W.G.M., but also occupied positions as Prov. G. Masters of two important provinces where Masonry was popular, nothing need be said on the part of one who responds to ensure a warm reception. When he came to the second portion of the toast—the Grand Officers—he could only say he felt highly complimented in having his name associated with it, although he had expected that on an occasion like the present, there would be those present who would do more honour to it. No one, however, could more sincerely congratulate the lodge on its prosperity than he did. He would, as the only representative of the Grand Officers present, desire to heartily congratulate the lodge on having, in so short a space of time as five years, arrived at a position which had enabled them to put forth such coincidences as he had before him. They were remarkable for the frequency of the figure 5. They had met on

the 5th July, having 5 candidates on the agenda for initiation. This was the 5th year of the existence of the lodge, which, during its career, had contributed 50 guineas to the Charities. To complete the chain of coincidences, the 50th candidate had been initiated that night, which was the 50th birthday of the worthy Secretary, Bro. George Gardner. He desired, on the part of the Grand Officers, to return their sincere thanks, and also his own, for the kind manner in which their health had been proposed, and he could assure them for his colleagues that whatever they could do to promote the interests of the Order they would always endeavour to do. They were bound to do all they could equally with those who did not hold such a position, for he could not find any difference in that respect between the brethren occupying the highest position and the initiates, for they were bound by the same obligation to promote the interests of the Craft. They should bear in mind that the solemn obligations were not merely matters of words, but embodying wholesome truths, and that the moment they entered the Order they were obliged to uphold the best interests of Freemasonry. Let them hope that all would be actuated by the desire to render Masonry what it ought to be, what it should be, and, he would go further and say, what it is—the highest organisation in the world for the promotion of human happiness and the mitigation of human misery.

"The Health of the W. Master" was next given by Bro. Geo. Gardner, P.M., Sec., who said the brethren present were well aware of the interest taken by their W.M. in the Order, and of the admirable manner in which he discharged his duties. The profession of the W.M. would not allow him to attend punctually, but he had only missed one meeting of the lodge, which was a good result, considering his professional duties. The members were pleased and proud to have such a W.M. Bro. Lawrance, W.M., was the first person he spoke to in reference to the establishment of their successful lodge, and he was therefore happy to find him placed in his present position. He was pleased, as Secretary, to assist Bro. Lawrance in carrying out the work of Masonry in the lodge. He asked the brethren to join him heartily in drinking the health of their W. Master.

Bro. F. Lawrance, W.M., said it was with great pleasure he rose to thank them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and he was especially indebted to Bro. Gardner, who had been pleased to speak of him in flattering terms. He would say that when speaking about the formation of a lodge in that neighbourhood he did not know Bro. Gardner was so ardent a Mason. It was therefore with great pleasure he found the lodge in its present condition. He was originally the Treasurer, and never intended holding any other office, but this year he found himself occupying the chair. He was pleased to hold that position, being fond of Masonry. There was a great deal in Masonry, and if they looked thoroughly into it and attended lodges regularly he was sure they could not fail to like it. The initiates would shortly be able to give their opinion of it, and he would say that if they acted up to the principles of Masonry they would be better men than they were before. He was pleased to occupy the chair of the lodge, which he hoped would go on as well as it had previously done. In conclusion, he again thanked them for the kind reception accorded the toast.

"The Initiates" was next given by the W.M., who said there were five candidates down for initiation, but one was unfortunately unable to be present. Some of the initiates that evening were known personally to him, and would, he was sure, make good Masons. He believed they had come in from a sincere desire for knowledge, and had carefully listened to the initiation ceremony. If they remained in the lodge they would learn to like and appreciate Masonry. Theirs was a young lodge, being but five years old, but they had had 50 initiates, and he trusted those initiated that evening would never regret entering the lodge.

The initiates having replied, the W.M. gave "The Visitors" in cordial terms.

Bro. H. C. Jefferys, P.M. 902, and other visiting brethren, having returned thanks, and other toasts having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a successful and enjoyable meeting.

HENDON LODGE (No. 2206).—An emergency meeting of this prosperous young lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present: Bros. W. M. Stiles, Treas., I.P.M., acting as W.M., in the absence of Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, who was attending the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting at Stanmore; J. Thom, S.W. and W.M. elect; Fraser, J.W.; A. H. Scurrah, Sec.; G. Lewis, S.D.; H. A. Nottingham, J.D.; W. W. Langley, I.G.; E. W. Wheeler, Org.; A. G. Hearne, D.C.; W. B. Parsons, A.D.C.; A. M. Parsons, Steward; Whiting, Tyler; and several other brethren and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. H. Dickey, I.P.M. 1744, and Newman, 1541.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Scurrah, who had then arrived, took his chair as W.M., and raised Bro. Stansell to the Third Degree. Bros. Henry Monson and J. Hedley Gunn were afterwards passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. H. Cronin and H. W. Lawrence, and the latter gentleman, being in attendance, was initiated. Several brethren present having expressed "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards assembled at Bro. Warner's hospitable table, the W.M. presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were severally honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Stiles, acting I.P.M., said: the W.M. much regretted being absent that night from the first part of the work, owing to his attendance at the Provincial Grand Lodge, Middlesex, but they knew that while their W.M. was absent he was on thorns to be with them, and by dint of energy and a special carriage, he arrived in time to perform the Third Degree ceremony. They were much indebted to the W.M. for what he did in connection with the foundation of the lodge, and were still further indebted to him for the excellent and praiseworthy manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. of the lodge during the past year. He had spared no pains to ensure the comfort and happiness of every one of its members. They would never get a better Master, and the future Masters would, in honour bound, feel that they must carry out their duties in the way that their first Master had carried out his. Bro. Scurrah was, without

doubt, the right man in the right place, and he had done his best to make that lodge a success; he had their heartiest thanks for the excellent work he had done.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, was most enthusiastically received. He said he had once more to thank them most heartily for the way in which they had received and honoured that toast. In one way he felt sorry that the reins of government of that lodge was going out of his hands. They had made his task such a happy one, and his officers had so well supported him in his endeavours, that he retired somewhat reluctantly from the office of their W.M. But, at the same time, he rejoiced that he was yielding his position to one who would, he was sure, endeavour to carry on that work to their satisfaction. He again thanked the brethren for their kindness to him during his year of office—kindness which he should ever remember. The Hendon Lodge and its members would always be very dear to him, and if he had occasion to choose between it and any other lodge with which he was connected, he feared that his choice would fall upon their splendid lodge.

The Initiate responded to his toast, stating that he was much impressed with the beautiful ceremony.

"The W.M. elect," "The Officers," and "The Visitors" were severally given, the W.M. thanking Bro. Wheeler, Org., and the lodge choir for their services both in the lodge and at the banquet table.

The respective toasts were honoured and responded to by Bro. Thom, W.M. elect, the J.W., and other officers. Bros. Dickey and Newman replied for the visitors.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The proceedings were enlivened by vocal and instrumental music, contributed by Bros. F. W. Hearn, Dobbs, Wheeler, Monson, W. M. Stiles, Gunn, and A. M. Parsons.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Castle Hotel. Present: Bros. T. W. Markwick, W.M.; Rev. J. Puttick, S.W.; W. S. Allen, J.W.; J. Pearce, Sec.; F. C. Edwards, S.D.; G. Randall, J.D.; R. Walmsley, I.G.; G. H. Gage, Steward; W. Leslie, Tyler; E. W. J. Hennah, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; W. H. Russell, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Gad Newbery, C. J. Ticehurst, E. J. McCormick, L. J. Jukes, and W. Cooper. Visitor: Bro. G. H. Guy, 2182.

COLCHESTER.—Angel Lodge (No. 51).—On Thursday, the 28th ult., this lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John the Baptist, and the occasion was rendered specially interesting from the fact that the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, Prov. G. Master, honoured the lodge by his presence, the first time his lordship had visited the lodge since his installation, at Colchester, in 1883, by H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. There was a large attendance of members and visitors to meet his lordship, and the whole proceedings passed with great éclat. His lordship attended the Show of the Essex Agricultural Society in the morning, and left at 2.30, reaching Colchester at 4.7. He was met at Colchester Railway Station by Bros. Henne-meyer and Welch, P.P.G. Wardens, and escorted by them to the lodge room, where he was received with the honours due to his rank.

The business of the day commenced with the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Frank Quiter, S.W., the ceremony being performed in a most able manner by the out-going W.M., Bro. George Harrison, P.M. 1828. The following were appointed and invested officers for the year ensuing: Bros. George Harrison, P.M. 1828, I.P.M.; F. Horsman, S.W.; S. D. C. Ablitt, J.W.; Rev. W. Morgan Jones, P.M. 697, P.P.G.C., Chap.; C. Cobb, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Treas.; T. J. Ralling, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec., Sec.; F. C. H. Jones, S.D.; H. E. Williams, J.D.; R. Haward Ives, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., D.C.; C. Osmond, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; Harold Francis, I.G.; G. F. Wright, Stwd.; S. Munson, Tyler; and A. Wright, Asst. Tyler. Bro. G. Harrison was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. Bro. John J. C. Turner proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the R.W.P.G.M. for his kindness in visiting the lodge, alluding to the time that his lordship was installed at Colchester, when he won the hearts of all the Masons of the Province of Essex.

Bro. Grimes seconded the motion, which was supported by Bro. Ives, and having been carried by acclamation.

Bro. Lord Brooke thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which he had been received in the Angel Lodge. He had been looking forward to the pleasure of coming, and he congratulated the lodge upon the way in which the ceremony of installation had been performed by Bro. Harrison. In his Masonic experience he had never seen it better performed than now.

The Worshipful Master proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Harrison for his services, remarking that after the commendation of the R.W.P.G.M. he need not say anything to commend it to the support of the brethren.

The S.W., Bro. Horsman, second the proposition, and it having been carried by acclamation, Bro. Harrison returned thanks. He said he had only completed his duty as W.M. by installing his successor.

Bro. Welch feelingly alluded to the sad event that took place in the lodge at the last meeting, when Bro. Frederic Wright was seized with illness during the ceremonies, and died within 24 hours. He proposed that the Secretary be instructed to communicate to Mrs. Wright and family the sincerest condolence of the lodge with them in the affliction that had befallen them. The W.M. seconded the proposal, which was unanimously carried.

The lodge was then closed, and about 60 brethren afterwards dined together at the Cups Hotel, a splendid dinner being well served by the manager, Bro. Charles Edwards, P.M. 254, P.P.A.G.D.C. Warwickshire.

In the course of the evening "The Health of the R.W. P.G.M." was proposed by the W.M., and his lordship, in responding, again spoke of the pleasure which it had given him to be present on that occasion. He was well aware of the high position the Angel Lodge held as the senior lodge of his province; and also of the continued support the members of it had given to our great Masonic Charities. He called attention to the fact that the lodge had given the light to several distinguished Masons; referring especially to Bro. John Mann, who he was glad to see present, and who he knew did good service to Masonry in the province as Secretary to one of his (Lord Brooke's) predecessors, Bro. Bagshaw. He also mentioned the name of Bro. Ralling, who was well known amongst them as a devoted Mason.

His Lordship subsequently proposed "The Health of the W.M.," wishing for Bro. Quilter a happy and successful year of office.

Later in the evening his lordship left the lodge, amidst the plaudits of the brethren, and returned to town by a train at 9 p.m.

A capital musical programme was rendered by Bros. Osmond, Turner, Sparling, Coombs, and Masters Nunn and Siggers; and Bro. Frank Smythies contributed two or three masterly solos on the violin, which were much appreciated by the brethren.

It should be mentioned that, previous to his entering the lodge, the R.W.P.G.M. was presented with a handsome button-hole bouquet by Miss Fanny Quilter, the little daughter of the W.M.

Letters of regret at their inability to attend were received from Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.M. 697, P.G.D. Eng.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.I.B.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Albert Lucking, P.G.P. Eng., P.G.D.C.; Thos. Humphreys, P.S.G.W.; G. H. Finch, P.J.G.W.; Vero W. Taylor, W.M. 2154, P.P.S.G.W.; Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276, P.G. Treas.; Richard Clowes, P.M. 150, P.P.S.G.W.; F. R. Spaul, P.P.G.R. Salop; H. C. Pratt, P.M. 1224; Thos. Moy, A. M. White, Edgar A. Hunt, Capt. Whitaker, Lieut. Eager, L. J. Watts, James Wicks, and others.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. Thos. Allinson was installed W.M. by Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., assisted by Bros. J. Barr, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and the following were invested officers for the year, viz.: Bros. T. Studholme, I.P.M.; J. Cant, S.W.; G. Starkie, J.W.; W. C. Johns, Treas.; S. Broadbent, Sec.; S. Hinde, S.D.; J. Thompson, J.D.; D. H. Cook, Org.; T. Mitchell, D.C.; H. Magean, I.G.; J. Musgrave and W. Gaffney, Stwds.; and T. Richardson, Tyler. Bro. E. Thornburrow consented to act as Almoner for another year.

With a few letters of apology for non-attendance and other business of a routine character, and "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet hall, where an excellent spread awaited them, provided by mine host and hostess of the Black Lion Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

HIGHBRIDGE.—Rural Philanthropic Lodge (No. 291).—There was a large and influential gathering of brethren, including several P.M.'s of other lodges as visitors, and not a few Prov. Grand Officers, at the Railway Hotel, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. T. Floyd Norris, the retiring S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. J. T. Dunsford. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. Eng. On the proposition of the I.P.M., Bro. Dunsford, it was unanimously resolved that a vote of condolence be forwarded by the Secretary to the widow of the late Bro. E. L. Collins, on her sudden bereavement. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. T. Dunsford, I.P.M.; Railton, S.W.; Dr. Peckett, J.W.; Rev. E. A. Sandford, Chap.; J. Burnett, P.M., Treas.; E. Fry Wade, P.M., Sec.; Dr. H. M. Kemmis, P.M., D.C.; J. B. Sincok, S.D.; J. W. Stiling, J.D.; Tyler, I.G.; H. M. Marsh, Org.; T. M. Reed and C. J. Lott, Stewards; and W. Woodward, Tyler.

The customary banquet took place under the presidency of the W.M. The dinner served by Bro. Kellaway was of a recherché description.

BRIGHTON.—Royal York Lodge (No. 315).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion. Present: Bros. G. R. Godfree, W.M.; L. R. Styer, P.M. 1847, S.W.; Jas. Terry, J.W.; J. W. Stride, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; H. Kent, P.M., Sec.; R. T. Nye, S.D.; A. S. Cooke, J.D.; H. Kent, jun., I.G.; G. H. Bioletti, Stwd.; H. H. Hughes, Tyler; James Tasker, P.M.; W. Marchant, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; T. Packham, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. Beaumont, P.M.; De Vine, John Sayer, W. Chart, B. W. Drury, A. Walter, E. White, F. Downard, G. H. Banes, and T. Tasker. Visitors: Bros. R. Clowes, P.P.J. G.W. Essex; Capt. A. Nicols, P. Dist. G.S. of Works Punjab; J. Newberry, P.M. 574; J. Hamlin, P.M.; M. Lelew, Sec.; and W. B. Shaw, P.M., of 1821; and H. Lamson, 22, Canada.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., assisted by his Wardens, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read, confirmed, and signed by the W.M., the Secretary laid before the lodge the letters and communications he had received during the past month. These disposed of, the regular work of the lodge was proceeded with. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. Kent, P.M., Sec., who passed Bro. Chart to the Second Degree, and afterwards gave the charge. The W.M. resumed the chair and initiated the candidate with much ability and care. That was the first opportunity the W.M. had had of performing the ceremony since his installation. All the more credit to him; but surely does not this point strongly to the want of a general lodge of instruction in Brighton, based and worked upon similar rules and by-laws as is the Lodge of Emulation and many other invaluable schools of instruction in London and other large towns, whose noble object is to train and qualify all aspirants to office irrespective of the individual lodge to which each may belong. Private and exclusive lodges of instruction are rather fosterers of idiosyncrasies and the faults of the mother lodge and are seldom successes. It is too late to teach a Master his work after he has been elected to the chair, for either he is too old to learn, or, feeling secure of his rank as a P.M. at the end of his year of office, he, "good easy man," prefers to sit by and listen. One candidate for initiation and one brother as a joining member were proposed, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a light refreshing supper in the adjoining salon.

At these meetings the toast list and speeches are wisely curtailed, recitations limited, and comic songs of the music-hall class tabooed. Hence harmony and sociability. Bro. W. Marchant spoke quaintly of Bro. J. W. Stride as the father of the Royal York Lodge (as Bro. Tasker had left early). How pleasing it is to see old Masters of

old lodges loving each other, as Masons all over the world only do. It seems that Bro. Stride was the first child of the lodge now living, and, excepting the presence (thank the Great Architect of the Universe) of Bro. Tasker, would be the father of it.

The few social toasts consisted of "The Newly Initiate," "The W.M.," and "The Visitors."

Bro. Capt. Nicols was requested to reply on behalf of the visitors, and remarked that to be a visitor to such an ancient and historical lodge as the Royal York, whose charter dated back to 1797, was an honour; but to be called upon to reply was an undertaking indeed. He would reserve what he should like to say regarding the history of the Royal York Lodge until a future meeting, when he would be better able to interest the members. He reminded the W.M. that no honour accrued to him as Master of the lodge unless he, by his own ability and exertions, added to the lustre with which his predecessors had adorned it. Let him take heed to his office, and emulate the bright example of those who sat upon his left. The Master in the chair showed great modesty and diffidence in depreciating his own work that evening. Had he been so sure of his failure he would have avoided the subject. He proved that he possessed that ability which all aspired to.

A few songs, artistically rendered, brought the proceedings to a close.

MARYPORT.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 371).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday evening, July 10th, the following brethren being present: Bros. Joseph Abbott, W.M., in the chair; Jos. Ward, S.W.; Jos. Kendall, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M., G.S.D., Treas.; Jos. Reed, J.D., acting as S.D.; T. Dacres, I.G.; Saml. Bettoney, Sec.; A. Walters, P.M.; James Gardiner, P.M.; John Robinson, P.M.; James Dickinson, P.M.; E. B. Penrice, P.M.; J. H. Raven, T. Boyd, Jos. W. Pattison, Stwd.; Joseph Pattinson, and James Park. After the minutes had been read and confirmed Bro. James Dickenson, P.M., assumed the chair, when Bros. James Park and Jos. Pattinson were duly and properly passed by him in a very effective manner to the degree of F.C., the working tools also being explained by the same brother. After the resolution of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, which purposes petitioning the Prov. Grand Master, Earl Bective, to allow each lodge to nominate its own members for provincial honours, had been supported unanimously by the members present, the lodge was duly closed according to ancient usages and established customs of the Order.

BINGLEY.—Scientific Lodge (No. 439).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult., the occasion being one of more than usual importance in consequence of the presentation of a bible to Wm. Albert Foulds, in commemoration of his leaving home to enter the R.M.I.B., and to show the interest the lodge had in his future welfare. This boy was the son of a highly-esteemed member of the lodge, whose death occurred somewhat prematurely during the year that he occupied the position of Senior Warden. Of the members of the lodge there were present Bros. J. P. Priestley, W.M.; J. Tillotson, S.W.; C. Bracewell, J.W.; J. L. Atherton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. West Yorks, Sec.; T. Bradley, S.D.; W. Greenwood, J.D.; Dr. Macgregor, I.G.; J. Ambler, Tyler; A. W. Ramsden, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. West Yorks; J. Newsome, P.M.; E. Hallas, P.M.; Haste, Seeger, Kershaw, Sugden, Johnson, Blagbro, Platts, Armistead, and Lishman. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Cartwright Smyth, D.D., LL.D., Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, &c.; W. Watson, P.M. 61, 2069; J. R. Oddy, P.M. 974; J. W. Monckman, P.M. 1013, P.P.G.D.C. West Yorks; J. S. Swithenbank, P.M. 1648; and others. The W.M. (Bro. Wm. Oddy), officers, and brethren of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387, were present under invitation.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Smyth entered, and was greeted with Masonic honour, which he very gracefully acknowledged. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Boyle, resulting unanimously in his favour. The W.M., Bro. Priestley, invited Bro. Smyth to initiate the candidate, to which he readily assented. It is needless to remark that the ceremony was gone through in the able and impressive manner for which the venerable brother is so much renowned. Bro. Watson explained the working tools. Bro. Smyth then delivered the charge to the newly-initiated brother, and afterwards, by particular desire, gave the lecture on the tracing board, to the edification of all present. That proved indeed an intellectual treat, and was all the more appreciated knowing how few brethren there are qualified to undertake such an arduous task. The whole ceremony had a marked effect upon the lodge generally, but especially upon Bro. Boyle, who subsequently acknowledged it in apt and well chosen remarks. Before closing and after all other necessary work had been accomplished, it was remarked that the lodge was under great obligation to Bro. Smyth, not only for the honour conferred on the lodge by his presence, but also for the very valuable assistance he had rendered. It was a great privilege to hear the initiation ceremony, charge, and lecture from the lips of so venerable, worthy, and distinguished brother, whose long experience as a Freemason, extraordinary knowledge, and sacred regard for the principles of the Order peculiarly fitted him for the discharge of such duties. When it was decided to invite Bro. Smyth to Bingley, the lodge, knowing how multifarious and onerous were his engagements, might reasonably have expected an unfavourable response, but not so; that worthy brother heartily acquiesced in the wishes of the lodge, and expressed himself ready and willing to give every assistance. No doubt he looked upon it as a matter of duty and that he might be the means of promoting the interests of the lodge. In that case the distinguished brother who fearlessly faced and had passed through the perils of the Indian Mutiny was not likely to shrink from what he regarded as his duty—he was a man of indomitable perseverance, and his energies were always directed in the way of doing good. May the G.A.O.T.U. long spare him in his sphere of usefulness. On the motion of the W.M., Bro. Priestley, seconded by Bro. Ramsden, P.M., and supported by Bro. Hallas, it was unanimously resolved that the best thanks of the lodge be tendered to Bro. Dr. Smyth for his great kindness in being present, and for the valuable assistance he had rendered and was about to render. The best thanks of the lodge were

accordingly tendered by the W.M. to Bro. Smyth, who acknowledged the compliment in the most genial manner, observing that the lodge need not feel under the slightest obligation to him, rather it was he who considered himself under an obligation to the lodge for its invitation and for the cordial reception he had received. He had great pleasure in being present and of being of some service. He would try to visit the lodge again.

The lodge was then closed. Subsequently, and without leaving the lodge, each brother still retaining his Masonic clothing, the very interesting ceremony took place of presenting a Bible to the boy—Wm. Albert Foulds.

The mother and other near relations had been invited to be present, and were accommodated with seats in the west. The boy stood before the pedestal. The scene was an imposing one, and not likely to be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

Dr. Smyth was eloquent in his remarks, first explaining the nature of the Boys' School by illustrations from a visit recently made by himself. He spoke of our Benevolent Institutions as the glory of Freemasonry, and a sufficient reply to those who stigmatise it as a Society distinguished for nothing beyond the convivial pleasures of the table, and the wearing of gaudy and pretentious regalia, whilst the accusation, formerly more common than now, that Freemasons meet for seditious and atheistical purposes, is triumphantly repelled by the fact that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales—heir to the throne of this vast realm—is the Grand Master, and that no lodge can be held without the presence of the First Great Light, the volume of the sacred law. In presenting the Bible to the lad, Dr. Smyth addressed him in the words of the time-honoured charge, and enjoined him to receive it "as the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate his actions by the Divine precepts it contained, as teaching him the duties which he owed to God, his neighbour, and himself." Lastly, and the while there was scarcely a dry eye in the room, the Doctor alluded to the solemn words, part of which were read at his father's open grave, "I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me from henceforth, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours and their works do follow them." Referring to the manner in which the latter part of that sentence had been verified in his case, his works had followed him in the esteem and respect in which his memory was held by the members of the Scientific Lodge. They had followed him in providing the means of obtaining admission for his son into the noble Institution to which he would shortly go. The Doctor, continuing, added he trusted they would further follow him in the conduct of his son as a docile pupil, a God-fearing youth, and, if spared to attain to the years of maturity, as a worthy citizen, a prosperous man, and a reverent observer of those Divine precepts contained in the Book which his father's brethren had provided for his study and an abiding sheet anchor for the rest of his days.

The Doctor resumed his seat, and, after a few moments of almost breathless silence, the party retired.

The brethren then adjourned to the supper-room, where substantial refreshment awaited them, and afterwards spent an agreeable evening.

MILLBROOK.—Meridian Lodge (No. 893).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting at their lodge room, on Monday, the 9th inst., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Duckett. The ceremony of installation was very impressively performed by Bro. J. D. Pearn, I.P.M., assisted by Bros. J. A. Bersey, P.M., and W. B. Carne, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Treas. The following were invested with collars by the W.M.: Bros. W. H. Marchant, S.W.; E. Price, J.W.; W. B. Carne, P.M., P.G. Steward, Treas. (re-elected); Bickford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; S. Stanton, S.D.; T. F. Sheer, J.D.; W. Willon, I.G.; E. B. Nicol, D.C.; G. T. Veale, Org.; Ewens and Condy, Stewards; and Fisher, Tyler.

There was a good attendance of brethren, and after the installation the brethren repaired to Bro. Bickford's, Commercial Hotel, where they held their banquet. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—After a year of almost unexampled success, Bro. C. H. Lawson, I.P.M., of the above powerful and influential lodge, on Thursday, the 5th inst., vacated the chair in favour of his successor, Bro. W. D. Keeble, S.W. and W.M. elect, in the presence, and with the assistance of over 150 brethren, of whom some 37 were Masters or Past Masters of the Craft.

The lodge was opened by the P.M., the venue being the grand hall of the new Masonic Temple, Bull Fields; Bro. Lawson, W.M., presiding. The minutes of the previous regular meeting, and also those of an emergency meeting having been confirmed, Bros. Lewis and Tucker were raised. Bro. Keeble was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and in due course and with the usual ceremonies Bro. Keeble was placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted according to ancient custom. He then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. H. Lawson, I.P.M.; B. de B. Lopez, P.G. Stwd. England, S.W.; W. G. Lloyd, J.W.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; W. Busbridge, S.D.; W. Sanders, J.D.; W. C. Taylor, I.G.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; Dr. E. Bryceson, D.C.; C. J. Clapham and J. J. Collins, Asst. D.C.'s; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.K., and D. K. Somers, Stwds.; and J. Larder, Tyler. The charges were then recited eloquently, and the ceremony was concluded, the Installing Master being congratulated on all sides for his grand working of it. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and also a handsome and valuable P.M.'s jewel, suitably engraved, and further with an especial jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), for valuable services rendered in the promotion of the grand Temple just consecrated to the meetings of the Pattison and surrounding lodges. Bro. Lawson having suitably returned thanks, some other lodge business was transacted and the lodge was closed, and the brethren went in special carriages to Gravesend, where, in the handsome saloon of the New Falcon Hotel, a superb banquet awaited them.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. Tongue, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S. G.D.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.S.G.D.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; R.

Edmonds, P.M.; E. Palmer, P.M.; F. Barry, P.M., P.P.G.D. Somerset; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); J. Widgery, P.M.; Col. Hughes, M.P., P.M.; W. Lomax, James Griffiths, W. Lock, C. Hartnup, G. Frost, W. Young, W. Sallenger, J. Topp, T. Corder, J. Hooton, R. Ginman, D. C. Capon, A. Wallis, Jas. Mitchell, D. Davis, W. Hayward, J. Frankling, Joseph Haslett, W. Harris, R. Turrell, H. Towns, W. Rahtz, H. Malings, W. Buckley, G. Laurance, F. Estler, C. Hager, A. D. Capon, W. Ledger, H. Grafton, J. Farrier, E. Lewis, A. Moore, T. Hambrook, R. Courtman, A. W. Jackson, G. H. Campbell, C. Scantlebury, G. W. Clifton, J. O. Cook, R. Saunders, W. G. Newton, W. H. Pryce, H. Steward, F. Hoar, H. Coombes, W. Murphy, R. Pollard, R. Rabson, H. G. Baker, J. Taylor, J. A. Widger, B. Hammond, W. Batchelor, E. W. Foster, J. Shelton, and J. Bull, all of the lodge. The names of the visitors included Bros. Dr. H. Penfold, P.M. 1174, P.P.G.W.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Capt. D. Deever, P.M. 1536, P.P.G.R. Natal; G. Kenneday, P.M. 1536, P.G. Swd. Br.; Quartermaster Rankin, 1536; W. Musquin, 1536; E. West, P.M. 1076, P.P.S.G.D. Herts; J. Lawson, S.D. 1789; Capt. W. Richey, P.M. 700; J. Warren, P.M. 700; R. J. Naylor, W.M. 700; J. W. Millar, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; W. Webber, J.W. 700; J. G. Milbourne, W.M. 13; Lieut. W. Tailby, S.W. and W.M. elect 13; H. Syer, P.M. 13; J. H. Roberts, P.M.; A. Mitchell, and G. Porter, of 700; S. Clarke, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Eugene Sweeney, P.M.; and F. G. Nichols, P.M. of 706; W. Doddrell, W.M. 615; J. Hearnmann, W.M. 1329; F. Snowden, W.M. 299; J. J. Wright, W.M. 1208; J. W. Bussey, I.P.M. 199; E. Lancelott, 1174; R. Roberts, P.M.; W. Hoskens, W.M. 1619; C. Skinner, Org. 20; J. W. Nash, 1050; J. Williams, P.M. 1056; and others.

The banquet, which was of the choicest, the menu card literally teeming with luxuries, was elegantly served, and, at its conclusion, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," which having been duly honoured, that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was proposed by

Bro. Jamblin, who said it afforded him a great deal of pleasure to propose the toast, mixed or mingled with a certain amount of trepidation; pleasure, in the first place, because of the many excellent services done to the Craft by their Grand Master; and trepidation, in the second, because he remembered that some two years ago he had the honour of responding to a certain toast in that room, which he must say was faithfully reported by their "jolly" Bro. Jolly; mind, after a caution to that brother that if he did not do so, he (Bro. Jamblin) would report him. Well, a very short time after that report appeared in the *Freemason* he received a most extraordinary communication from some one in Ireland—some one he presumed who had just escaped from Colney Hatch or some other asylum for lunatics. The communication contained a long rigmarole about "the beast;" he presumed the one spoken of in the Scriptures. Now, he (Bro. Jamblin) thought that the mystical number of "the beast" was 6666; but his demented correspondent averred—and in a most decided manner—that it was 913. That was the Masonic number of the Pattison Lodge, and he would now leave the members of that lodge to their own reflection. Now, he trusted Bro. Jolly, who was responsible for the publication of his speech upon that occasion, would also report what he said that night, so that, if possible, his demented correspondent in "Ould Oireland" might be put right on the matter. He then referred in glowing terms to the great services to Freemasonry rendered by their Grand Master. They were all loyal subjects—"the beast" said they were not; but he thought he might put his judgment against "the beast's" in that matter. Their Grand Master was the uncrowned king of Masonry, and he might say of England, and as such they honoured and loved him. After referring to the intense Charity of the Craft, which raised more for one Charity than was raised on any one day for the London hospitals, he asked them to drink the health of their "uncrowned king" with heartiness.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, D.G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," having been honoured, that of

"The Rt. Hon. the Earl Amherst, P.G.M. of Kent" was proposed by the W.M., who said his lordship was better known to him now than he was some eight or nine years ago, when he came to Plumstead on the occasion of the Provincial Grand Chapter being held at the Rink, and presided over them in so genial a manner. His presence on that occasion caused a great deal of pleasure, not only to the brethren, but to their belongings, amongst whom his lordship was a great favourite. Then again a very little while ago he came amongst them to lay the memorial stone of the grand building they held their lodge in that day, and made them all his debtors, and soon again he trusted to see him amongst them, for the oftener he came the more they should like him.

The toast having been drunk with cheers, the W.M. gave that of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the names of Bros. Hayes and Kenneday.

Bro. Hayes thanked them heartily for their kind reception of the toast, and expressed the pleasure he felt at serving under so excellent a Mason as Earl Amherst. They all knew how hard his lordship worked to promote the welfare of the Craft, and how well he was served by his excellent Deputy, Bro. Eastes. He kept the lodges in first-rate working trim; so far as he himself was concerned, he recognised in his appointment to office a desire on the part of his lordship and Bro. Eastes to do honour to the Pattison Lodge, especially with regard to the Temple, not for any work that he had especially done in the matter, but for good work done, or tried to be done, in years past. They must all work and wait to get honours, and he had no doubt that in time all good claims to distinction would receive recognition.

Bro. Kenneday could only say that he felt it a great honour to be Sword Bearer for the Province of Kent. It was rather an ornamental office, but whatever the duties might be he hoped he should carry them out in a manner worthy of the distinguished nobleman who had bestowed the office on him.

Bro. Lawson then proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that it was one that he felt an honour in having the opportunity of proposing to them, because their W.M. had their entire confidence, and he felt sure they were all convinced that he would do his work loyally and well, and in a manner worthy of a Master of the Pattison Lodge.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and in reply Bro.

Keeble said their I.P.M. had said many kind things of him, for which he thanked him, and them, also, for their hearty endorsement. It showed that they had faith in him, and he trusted that feeling would long continue. He trusted that he should be enabled to do his duty to their satisfaction. He was anxious on account of the difficulties before him, but he should put his hand to the plough, fully assured and supported by their brotherly love and good-fellowship. He trusted that during his year of office there would be no hitch, but that they would work amicably together for the benefit of the lodge and Freemasonry generally, and that, in the year of his office 1888-89, there would be naught but harmony. "Might virtue and goodness shine, and love abound between them."

The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer," and Bro. Lawson, who was most enthusiastically received, eloquently responded.

Bros. Melbourne, Naylor, Williams, Clark, and Spinks responded for "The Visitors."

Bro. Col. Hughes proposed "The Initiate," for which Bro. Messent responded, and Bros. Butter, Pentold, and Palmer responded for "The Past Masters."

Bro. Jolly responded for "The Masonic Press," and after "The Officers" had been toasted the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

A long programme of vocal and instrumental music was got through, the contributors being Bros. Clifton, Batchelor, Vernon Lee, S. Horton, J. Lawson, Syckelmoore, and Messrs. T. Nell, A. Collier, W. Wheeler, and the Unity Vocal Quartette. We cannot let this pass without congratulating Bro. Hubbard, the worthy proprietor of the falcon, for his splendid catering and admirable arrangements.

MALDON.—St. Peter's Lodge (No. 1024).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. Arthur Barritt, J.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Edmund Gowers, P.M., P.P.G. Org. The officers for the year were appointed as follows: Bros. W. H. De Cean, I.P.M.; J. Sadler, S.W.; W. Gower, J.W.; Rev. H. Venn Ellis, Chap.; H. J. Sansom, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treasurer; F. G. Green, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Secretary; E. Gowers, P.M., P.P.G. Organist, Organist; G. Dibben, S.D.; W. Clover, J.D.; C. R. Finch, I.G.; C. R. Gowers and F. H. Bright, and G. Huxtable, Tyler. The Secretary stated that a most kind letter had been received from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., expressing his great regret that, owing to pressing engagements in London, he was unable to be present at the meeting. Bro. H. J. Sansom, the respected Treasurer of the lodge, who was kept away by indisposition, wrote from his bed, congratulating the W.M. upon his election to office, and the lodge upon having such a Master to preside over them for the ensuing year. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Gowers for his kindness in performing the installation ceremony, and in so able a manner. Seconded by the S.W. and carried unanimously. Bro. E. Gowers returned thanks, and expressed a hope that some other brother would get up the ceremony by the time another installation meeting came round, as he had already performed the duty three or four times. Bro. Gowers then, in felicitous terms, proposed "That the hearty congratulations of the lodge be given to Bro. Thos. J. Ralling on the occasion of his promotion to Grand Lodge honours." Bro. Gowers said Bro. Ralling was well known to them, and they had frequently met him as Prov. G. Secretary, but that was the first occasion on which he had come amongst them since the Grand Master had conferred upon him the well-deserved honour of the Grand Lodge purple. They all congratulated Bro. Ralling, and their feelings were, he was sure, shared by the whole province. Bro. F. G. Green, Sec., as one who had known Bro. Ralling for many years, asked to be allowed to second the motion. Bro. Ralling expressed his thanks for the very kind vote of the brethren, and remarked that their lodge was the first lodge he visited after his appointment as Prov. G. Secretary in 1877. The election of a brother to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee then took place, and Bro. Edmund Gowers was unanimously re-elected.

The lodge was then closed, and about 40 brethren adjourned to the King's Head, where a first class banquet was well served by the hostess. The toasts were interspersed with some excellent vocal music by Bros. Osmond, E. Gowers, Coombs, F. Bird, and Masters Nunn and Siggers.

Among the brethren who attended at the festival, besides the officers already mentioned, were Bros. Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.A.G.D.C. England, Prov. G. Sec.; T. Aldham, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.P.; John Hutley, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.D.; E. Humpherys, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.R.; Francis Bird, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.P.; Charles Osmond, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Org.; J. J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Org.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Chap.; S. Shawyer, W.M. 1977; S. H. Ellis, I.P.M. 1977, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Flanders, L. Rumsey, C. W. Collins, C. R. Finch, R. Ottwell, J. H. Hawkes, and others.

POULTON.—Fidelity Lodge (No. 1256).—The installation of Bro. John Edmondson, S.W., as W.M. of the above lodge, took place at the Bull Hotel, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., and was attended by a large number of brethren.

The W.M. elect was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G. Swd. Br. of the Grand Lodge of England, and Prov. G. Secretary of West Lancashire. Bro. Goodacre performed the ceremony in a manner which proved highly interesting and instructive, not only to the large body of Past Masters assembled from the Fylde district, but also to the Provincial Officers of West and East Lancashire, and several distinguished Irish brethren present. The Past Masters present numbered 30. After the installation the officers of the lodge were duly invested with the collars of their respective offices, and each officer was addressed by Bro. Winn, P.M., Stwd. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. Halliwell, P.M.; that to the Wardens by Bro. W. Bond, P.M.; and that to the lodge generally by Bro. Winn. The following is a list of the officers: Bros. J. Edmondson, W.M.; Alfred King, I.P.M.; G. L. Seed, S.W.; W. Longbottom, J.W.; Geo. Westwell, S.D.; H. Parkinson, J.D.; J. N. Davies, P.M., Treas.; W. Riding, P.M., Sec.; W. Bond, P.M., D.C.; J. Collinge, T. Ferguson, and John Winn, P.M., Stwds.; Robt.

Roe, Org.; T. Lockwood, I.G.; and Thomason, Tyler. Among the visitors were the following distinguished brethren: Bros. Orr, P.P.G.D. West Lancashire; Ormsby, P.S.G.D.; H. Gardner, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; John Wray, P.P.G.S.B.; Adam Hall, P.P.A.G.S. West Lancashire; Halliwell, Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, Howarth, Rev. T. T. Higgins, Ireland Betley, P.M.; Harling, W.M. 1061; Windebank, P.M. 1061; Turnbull, P.M. 703; Wolstenholme, P.M. 703; and Hayes, P.M. 703. The following prominent Past Masters of the Fylde district were also present: Bros. Fielding, Hainsworth, Mahir, Holland, Moore, Hartley, Archer, Dewhurst, Sergenson, Somner, Fisher, J. Sumner, Wilkinson, Lord, Garlick, S. Hill, A. Fisher, S. Hartley, Highley, and G. Whiteside.

The banquet was thoroughly in keeping with the occasion, and reflected the highest credit on Mr. and Mrs. Catterall. The gathering furnished significant proof of the flourishing condition of Freemasonry in the metropolis of the Fylde, which seems to possess an attraction not only for Blackpudlians, but for many of the more respectable portion of the inhabitants of the rural portion of the district, as was evidenced by the brethren present from Singleton, Garstang, Larbreck, and Great Eccleston. The brethren of this lodge are evidently not unmindful of their duty to Masonic Charities in London and their own province, as during the past year they have voted no less than 35 guineas. The brethren seem bent on sending similar subscriptions to other Charities this year. In the course of the evening an interesting presentation took place, Bro. J. Winn being deputed to hand to Bro. W. Bond a valuable P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services to the lodge as W.M. He was also presented, by Bro. G. L. Seed, with the sum of five guineas to qualify him as a Life Governor of one of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Bond handed the sum over to the P.G.S. to be devoted to the West Lancashire Allpass Benevolent Institution for the Widows of Distressed Freemasons. Fidelity Lodge is in a most flourishing condition—it has 55 members—and under its highly trained and able W.M., Bro. Edmondson, it is likely to prosper still more in the future, as Bro. Edmondson is considered by all connected with Masonry in the Fylde to be thoroughly proficient in the working of the various Degrees. During the evening interesting speeches were made by distinguished brethren, but what delighted the brethren most were the recitations given by Bro. Rev. T. T. Higgins, who is at present doing duty at Blackpool for the Rev. C. H. Wainwright.

ROMFORD.—Liberty of Havering Lodge (No. 1437).—The rapid strides made by the above lodge during the last few years must be very gratifying, not only to the founders of it, many of whom still take unceasing interest in it, but to those who have, in cloud and sunshine, never lost their faith in its ultimate prosperity and success. It has so increased in numbers that it is necessary to find further accommodation; hence the fact that on Thursday, the 28th ult., the installation meeting was held at the Public Hall, by the kind permission of Bro. Davey, instead of as hitherto at the Rising Sun Hotel.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. Humphreys, P.S.G.W., and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed and cash accounts passed. The W.M. then proceeded to the ceremony of the day, and in due course Bro. T. Davey, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of K.S. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Sharpe, S.W.; G. Gilby, P.G. Steward, J.W.; F. A. White, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treasurer; H. R. Heasman, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Secretary; R. Jennings, S.D.; H. T. Hardy, J.D.; G. W. King, I.G.; J. Boreham, Org.; W. D. Child, D.C.; W. Jacobs, Asst. D.C.; J. W. Armour and J. S. Hammond, Stwds.; and A. G. Young, Tyler. The addresses were then eloquently recited by Bro. Humphreys, and the service concluded, the Installing Officer being praised on every side for his perfect working of it. He was also presented with a vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. White was re-elected representative for the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Golden Lion, Bro. Peter Reynolds's famous hostelry, to banquet.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Herts; A. J. Manning, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; R. J. Warren, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. Beeson, P.M.; W. Burroughs, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. Symons, R. Mathews, J. Wild, D. Mercer, W. H. Chalk, J. Spencer, W. G. Jackson, T. R. Coney, and T. Stafford, all of the lodge; H. Clements, P.M. 754; J. Cowell, P.M. 1017; W. Valentine, P.M. 1017; D. Legg, P.M. 1227; A. Knox, P.M. 1076; W. Temple, W.M. 1076; E. Ferris, W.M. 1543; H. Aslett, S.W. 1892; E. White, J.W. 902; E. Bithray, 15; T. Tate, 765; R. Thomson, 2048; D. Medcalf, 1327; E. Triggs, I.G. 749; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472, and others.

The banquet, which was all that could be desired, was presided over by Bro. Humphreys, owing to the unavoidable absence of the W.M., through the death of one of his children, and after the cloth was cleared he proposed the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts in a few brief but eloquent sentences. That of "The Queen and the Craft" was well received, and in putting it, the W.M. alluded to that day being the fiftieth anniversary of her Majesty's coronation, in graceful terms. In giving the toast of "The Prince of Wales, G.M. of England, and the rest of the Rulers of the Craft," the I.P.M. spoke of the great loss recently sustained to the Craft in Germany by the death of the late Emperor, who was the Grand Protector of the three Grand Lodges of that Empire, while he felt that no eulogium could do justice to the merits of those Grand Masters who presided over their own Craft at Grand Lodge.

The next toast was that of "The R.W. Bro. Lord Brooke, Prov. G.M.," and in putting it the I.P.M. said he could tell the London brethren that they looked upon their Prov. G.M. in the same manner and with the same affection that they looked up to the Prince of Wales, the G.M. of Grand Lodge. Their Prov. G.M. had fulfilled his promises to the letter, when he said that he should go among the lodges of his province and leave no stone unturned to secure their prosperity, for he was that night assisting the brethren of the Angel Lodge at Colchester in celebrating their 153rd anniversary. He had just received a telegram from the Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. Ralling, in answer to one sent from their lodge that evening to the Angel Lodge, congratulating the brethren upon their celebration. The reply was as follows: "The Angel Lodge reciprocates your good wishes, and the

P.G. Master joins in hearty greeting.—(Signed) Ralling." The message was received with cheers; and, in conclusion, the I.P.M. asked the brethren to drink the toast heartily.

The Senior Warden then proposed the toast of "Bro. Philbrick, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said he was not acquainted with the working of Provincial Grand Lodge, but he believed that among its other many duties it conferred grand honours upon distinguished Masons. There were several in that lodge who had been so honoured, and he asked the brethren therefore to drink the toast, coupled with the names of the esteemed I.P.M., and Bros. White, Manning, Heasman, Burroughs, and Gilby.

The I.P.M., in responding, said he esteemed it a great honour to have to respond to so important a toast. He had met Lord Brooke several times in the course of his duties, and found him simply indefatigable in his working for the good of the province, while in Bro. Philbrick his lordship had a most excellent lieutenant. Bro. Philbrick was most courteous; he always answered every letter addressed to him personally, while his advice was so good, and his decisions on matters touching the interest of the Craft so perfect, that they had never been disputed or abrogated. The honours were bestowed upon good Masons, and he hoped to live to see every brother of that lodge receive the collar and jewel of a Prov. Grand Officer. He thanked them heartily for their splendid reception of the toast.

The Immediate Past Master then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said they had drank that of the first Mason in England, also that of the first Mason in the Province of Essex, and now he asked them to drink that of the first Mason of that lodge. He spoke of Bro. Davey's genial spirit, and also of his self-sacrifice in withdrawing his name for the office of W.M. last year, thus allowing him (Bro. Humphreys) the opportunity of filling the chair when Provincial Grand Lodge was celebrated last year at Romford. They sympathised with Bro. Davey in his domestic affliction, but trusted time would heal the wound; indeed, "the wish was father to the thought." He congratulated the lodge upon having such an excellent Master, and asked them to drink the toast heartily.

Bro. West said he saw by the list that the next toast was that of "The Installing Officer," and he was sorry that it had not been placed in abler hands than his to propose it; but, as the oldest P.M. of the lodge, he supposed it fell to his lot to do so. Any one who had watched the career of Bro. Humphreys from the first time he took office must admit that he had done his work well, not only once, but twice, as W.M. of that lodge. It was a pleasant duty for him to show Bro. Humphreys what the brethren thought of him by presenting him with a special jewel presented by the lodge, which he now, in the name of the lodge, placed upon his bosom, and trusted that he might live many years to wear it and honour them by his presence amongst them, and then hand it down to his children from generation to generation. He had himself installed some 14 or 15 Masters, but must say that he never saw the ceremony better performed than it was that day.

The Worshipful Master, in the course of an eloquent and feeling reply, said his tongue refused to speak the sentiments of his heart; so that if he did not adequately thank them they must ascribe it not to his want of desire, but to his inability. He received the jewel with the most profound gratitude; its intrinsic value was as nothing compared with the esteem of every member of the lodge, which he fully believed from the bottom of his heart that it conveyed. He had only missed one meeting of the lodge since he was initiated by Bro. Manning, whose good working and *bonhomie* would ever remain impressed upon his mind. He trusted to be long spared to be with them, and work in the future as in the past for the benefit of Freemasonry, especially for the Liberty of Havering Lodge.

Bro. White, in replying for the toast of "The Past Masters," proposed by the S.W., said he was very pleased to be amongst the Past Masters of such a rising and prosperous lodge, and when he looked around that table and saw such a gathering as they had that evening, it made him feel that they were not only in word, but in deed, a truly happy and prosperous family. There had been one thing omitted in the lodge, and that was that the usual testimonial to the Installing Officer had not been proposed, but, he trusted, would not be forgotten. He then spoke about the Francis White Chapter attached to the lodge, and expressed his desire to see the good brethren of the lodge join it at once, and so add to its lustre.

Bro. West also responded, and the other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast. Some excellent singing and reciting enlivened the proceedings.

HALIFAX.—St. John's Lodge (No. 1736).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the St. John's Rooms, King Cross-street, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Nicholl, one of the founders of the lodge, and the investment of his officers. The lodge was opened by Bro. Richard Oates, W.M., in the presence of the members and numerous visiting brethren. The installation then took place, the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. 408, S.W. 448, P.P.G.D.C., in a most impressive manner, after which the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Richard Oates, I.P.M.; G. P. Sunderland, S.W.; John Hitchen, J.W.; C. E. Law, P.M., Treas.; R. Riley, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. Mackie, S.D.; E. Taylor, J.D.; G. Howarth, D.C.; Newton Brook, I.G.; Bailey, Org.; W. Morris, W. H. Bancroft, F. Bancroft, W. H. Sykes, and G. Hanson, Stwds.; and T. Hodgson, P.M., Tyler.

Visiting brethren: Bros. Crossley, S.W. 61; Buckley, J.W. 61; T. P. Simpson, Stwd., and T. Hunter, 178; H. Parker, W.M. 308; Greenwood, W.M. 448; Armistage, 521; Buckland, 1231; Thorpe, 1283; and G. Norman, P.P.J.G.D., P.M. 1302.

Previous to the lodge being closed, Bro. Riley, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec., on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, presented to Bro. Richard Oates, I.P.M., a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the White Swan Hotel where a banquet was served, reflecting the greatest credit on the Manager, Mr. Weston.

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

The brethren and their wives had a most enjoyable picnic to Bro. Grimmett's palace and summer gardens, Rhyll, N.W., on the following day.

SHOREHAM.—Burrell Lodge (No. 1829).—The usual monthly meeting of this strong and flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Buckingham Arms Hotel. The house is pleasantly situated, convenient to the harbour and railway, and within a short distance of the Gardens. Many of the members hail from Brighton and other stations along the line, and to these the railway is a great convenience. Shoreham is a pleasant place, with its picturesque little villages nestling in the canons and slopes of the downs, to spend a summer's afternoon about, previous to attending the lodge. The landlord, too, of the Buckingham Arms (Bro. Thorncroft) has a happy method of making visitors comfortable and contented. In the neighbourhood, also, resides in retirement a well-known figure—Bro. William Stanton—who for so many years paced up and down in front of Freemasons' Hall. His memory of old familiar faces is very acute, and nothing delights him more than to chat over bygone days. There were present at the meeting Bros. R. B. Y. Powell, W.M.; W. Swales, S.W.; R. B. Higham, J.W.; I. Packham, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., Treas.; W. Gill, Sec.; H. Packham, S.D.; T. Shrivel, as J.D.; J. Flinn, D. of C.; A. Carpenter, I.G.; J. Hughes, Steward; Wm. Stanton, Tyler; Albert Brazier, I.P.M.; Thos. Hardy, P.M., Prov. G. Purst.; John Harrison, P.M. 804, P.P.G. S. of W. Hants and the Isle of Wight; J. W. Penfold, A. Thorncroft, John B. Blaker, G. E. Barber, G. E. Pitt, G. T. Packman, W. Artis, Wm. Rastin, C. C. Crosskey, E. Lodder, W. Insall, J. Hughes, Wm. Moorcroft, J. W. Holloway, A. R. Brown, W. I. Giles, and E. A. Buchanan. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Berry, P.M. 1821; J. P. Beck, 958 (Jersey), Prov. G. Steward; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 782, 1308, and 1974, P. Dist. G.S. of W. Punjab; J. Newberry, 574; H. Geere, 1821; W. Hillman, 2187; and J. J. Miles, 1821.

The lodge was opened, there being present about 35 to 40 members and visitors. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the correspondence disposed of, the ceremony of raising (separately) Bros. Artis and Blaker was carefully and impressively performed by the W. Master. He is a worthy brother, who knows his work thoroughly, and does his duty conscientiously, but being also a man of a kind and easy disposition, the lodge over which he presides sometimes feels the "bit is loose," and the "reins somewhat slack." Several propositions were handed in, and the lodge was closed.

After a light supper, the brethren separated to their respective homes.

DARTFORD.—Walsingham Lodge (No. 2148).—Unveiling of a Portrait of the first Provincial Grand Master of Kent.—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Wilmington, when there was a numerous gathering of the brethren and visitors including several Grand and Prov. Grand Officers. Amongst those present were Bros. J. S. Eastes, Past G. Deacon, D.P.G.M.; T. Warne, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. R. Jamblin, P.P.G.C.; E. L. Walford, W.M.; W. Rowley, S.W.; D. G. Reddall, J.W.; C. L. Hoelen, Treas.; T. R. Beaufort Hinks, Sec.; G. D. Stevenson, S.D.; G. Jackson, J.D.; H. Sadler, P.M., D.C.; D. G. Imlay, I.G.; W. Royle, Tyler; F. M. Noakes, H. G. Spilling, James Corp, A. L. Gosling, J. H. Stevenson, and F. W. Blyton. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Perryman, G. Purst.; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.J.G.W. N. and E. Yorks; G. Reynolds, S.W. 1614, Sec. 2191; G. H. Reynolds, 1614, 2191; F. J. Phipps, 1950; and Blyton, sen.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Audit Committee's report was also read and agreed to.

Bro. Sadler, D.C., then rose and addressed the D.P.G.M. as follows:

W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master.—There are very few who know better than yourself how difficult it sometimes is in the formation of a new lodge for the brethren to fix upon a name appropriate to the lodge they wish to establish, and in every way acceptable. It occasionally happens, as you probably know, that, after having agreed amongst themselves as to their future title, it fails to gain the approval of the constituted authorities. The founders of the Walsingham Lodge were most fortunate in this respect. So far as I know, they never gave a thought to any other than the name they now work under, and I think I shall be perfectly safe in prophesying that they will never wish to change it. If I am not much mistaken, you, Sir, were the very first to whom I mentioned the name I thought of suggesting to my brother founders, and you were good enough to express your approval of the selection. I must, however, confess that I had then no thought beyond merely utilising the name of the first Grand Master of the Province of Kent. I knew nothing whatever about his profession, family, or career—either Masonic or otherwise—but when, on the recommendation of the P.G.M., the warrant was granted and the lodge consecrated, some of us who, I presume, have the bump of inquisitiveness rather unusually developed—I am not quite certain that there is such a bump, nor where it is situated—however, I think I may say that the founders generally had an idea that they would like to know something more about the man whose name they were endeavouring to perpetuate; and I, as Master of the lodge, considered it my duty to do my utmost to give effect to their wishes. A summary of the result of my investigations will be found recorded in the front part of our book of by-laws; and brief though it be, this information, you may readily imagine, was not obtained without the exercise of a little patience and perseverance. Fortunately, I have an exceedingly good friend in the person of Garter King-at-Arms (our Grand Director of Ceremonies), who is always most willing to help me in every possible way in matters requiring historical research. In this instance Sir Albert Woods not only took considerable trouble himself, but also had some correspondence with the Ulster King-at-Arms, in Dublin, on the subject of the Boyle and Walsingham pedigrees. The assistance afforded me by these gentlemen and other friends in the British Museum ultimately enabled me to learn all I wanted to know, and even more than I expected, for I certainly had not the least idea that a greater part of the landed property in this immediate neighbourhood was once owned by the Walsingham family. We think ourselves most fortunate in having as one of the founders in the person of our Secretary, a brother who is not only an artist of considerable repute as a portrait painter, but is also a lover of art in all its branches and belongings. Well, sir, when Bro.

Beaufort Hinks expressed a desire to paint a portrait of our distinguished namesake to be hung in our lodge room, you may be sure I was not long in coming to the conclusion that it would be no fault of mine if his wish remained ungratified. I fear that my own well established reputation for modesty, diffidence, and habitual timidity might possibly be somewhat endangered if I were to attempt to describe in detail the various efforts I have made in order to find out where a portrait of Walsingham could be obtained for the purpose we had in view. However, I shall only be doing strict justice to his descendants when I say that my enquiries were invariably received with all courtesy and kindness, and at length through the good offices of one of his great grand-daughters, the Hon. Mrs. Rannie Swinton, who kindly undertook to make enquiries amongst the other members of the family. I was introduced to a lady who has the only original portrait of Walsingham known to be in existence, and this lady (Mrs. Quin, another great grand-daughter), kindly placed at my disposal a very small miniature which, although somewhat faded, is sufficiently distinct to enable the artist to produce what I venture to think you will presently acknowledge to be a good picture and a work of art worthy of preservation. Bearing in mind the fact that Capt. Walsingham was the first chief Masonic ruler of this important province, his eminent services in a profession which has contributed more than any other to the extension and prosperity of the English speaking race, and his untimely death in the discharge of his duties, I feel that we should be wanting in respect to his memory, as well as to his surviving relatives, if we allowed this portrait, the only one of its kind in existence, to be, as it were, smuggled into its rightful home without some kind of notice or recognition from one of his official successors in the provinces over which he presided, I therefore ask you, Worshipful Sir, on behalf of the members of the Walsingham Lodge, to unveil to their view the portrait of a sailor, a soldier,* a legislator, and a good and worthy Mason. (Applause.)

Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., then stepped forward, and unveiled the portrait, which had been previously concealed by the Union Jack and white ensign. It is a faithful copy of the miniature from which it is painted, and is highly creditable to the artist, who has also painted several of the portraits which adorn the panels of the temple in Freemasons' Hall. The D.P.G.M. then resumed his place on the dais, and said he could assure them that he regretted most sincerely the Prov. Grand Master was not there to unveil that portrait, but, in his unavoidable absence, he had much pleasure in doing it. He quite understood and appreciated the reasons which prompted them in assuming the name of the first Prov. Grand Master of Kent as the name of their lodge, and he congratulated them in possessing the only known portrait of him painted by an artist, who was a member of their lodge. They might well be proud of it, and the province would value the compliment, and the high honour conferred upon them during the year in which they celebrated the third centenary of the defeat of the Spanish Armada, in which glorious victory British seamen took so prominent a part; he had very great pleasure in unveiling it.

On the motion of Bro. Sadler, seconded by Bro. Beaufort Hinks, a very hearty vote of thanks was unanimously agreed to be recorded on the minutes to Mrs. Quin for the very courteous manner in which she acceded to their request for the loan of the miniature from which the portrait is taken. After the disposition of a few minor items of business, Bro. Sadler, D.C., proceeded to install Bro. D. G. Reddall, J.W. (who was unanimously elected at the previous meeting), into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed in that faultless and masterly manner which has gained for him a reputation that is attained but by few. The D.P.G.M. delivered in a clear and forcible manner the charge. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Rowley, S.W.; G. D. Stevenson, J.W.; C. L. Hoelen, Treas.; T. R. Beaufort Hinks, Sec.; G. Jackson, S.D.; D. G. Imlay, J.D.; H. Sadler, P.M., D.C.; F. M. Noakes, I.G.; Henry G. Spilling, Steward; and W. Royle, Tyler.

Bro. Blyton having been proposed and seconded as a joining member, and a Past Master's jewel voted to Bro. Walford, I.P.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial dinner, served in an adjoining room.

After ample justice had been done to the various items, which appeared to give the brethren every satisfaction, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were given and received in real Kentish style.

Bro. Perryman, G. Purst., said he was the junior Grand Officer present, and he thanked them for the compliment in calling on him to respond for so august a body. They had many and onerous duties to perform, which he trusted they discharged to the satisfaction of the brethren. He was greatly pleased at all he had heard and seen that day, and congratulated them on their success.

The Worshipful Master then proposed, in felicitous terms, "The Health of the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Officers, present and past." He regretted that Earl Amherst was unable to be present, who, from the commencement, had taken a deep interest in the lodge. He was very pleased to see Bro. Eastes, who took a no less interest in them, and had honoured them, not only with his presence, but by performing an act which he trusted would long live in their memory, and be handed down to future members of the Walsingham Lodge. They had also Bros. Warne and Jamblin, both of which were honorary members of their lodge, and well-known to them. He asked them to drink the toast in a bumper.

Bro. Eastes, in reply, said he had very great pleasure in responding to the toast which had just been proposed, it was a great pleasure to respond for their Prov. G. Master, for a more genial and earnest Master it was impossible to find. When they had to work under a brother of that kind, it was a very easy matter, and nothing gave them greater pleasure than to do that work. The P.G.M. had asked them to raise a sum to present to the Girls' School as a sort of Jubilee offering. The money was subscribed, and it had become an accomplished fact, which was a cause of great satisfaction to their P.G.M. He was sure he would have been much disappointed if it had not succeeded, which shewed the great interest he took in all matters relating to their Order. He was proud to say that Kent sent up the largest amount of any province to the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, but he was sorry to say that

* Commodore Walsingham was also a Colonel of Marines, and M.P. for Knaresborough.

if they sent up much, they more than took it away, as they had so many urgent and pressing cases; they tried to do all they could, and hoped for better times. He had received a communication from Bro. Earl Amherst, who was very sorry he was not able to be with them. He thanked them most sincerely for their very cordial reception. He was much gratified with the progress of the Walsingham Lodge, and he hoped to have the pleasure of visiting them on some future occasion.

Bro. Warne said that with regard to the P.G. Officers who had been called on to reply, he thought they would agree with Prince Bismarck, who, when in this country, witnessed a review of our troops. After the various evolutions had been gone through, the Duke of Cambridge asked him what he thought of it. He raised his eyes to the sky and said—"thank God, there is not many of them;" for if all the P.G. Officers had attended and responded to the toast, they would have required a week's holiday. It was the first time he had been there since the consecration, and he must congratulate them on their success. He thanked them for the very kind way in which they had been received, and ventured to think that there was a grand future before them.

Bro. Rev. Jamblin said he was such a constant visitor, that there was little need for him to occupy the attention of the brethren. He thanked them for having spent a very pleasant and instructive day.

Bro. Eastes said he had asked permission of the W.M. to use his gavel. It was for the purpose of proposing "The Health of their W.M.," which he did with very great pleasure. It was a proud moment for him, and naturally so to become Master of such a lodge which numbered so many good Masons among their members. He felt very proud at being an honorary member, and at being invited to unveil that portrait. He congratulated Bros. Beaufort and Sadler on the success they had achieved, and was sure that every Mason in Kent would value it. He thought it was a happy thought to have it done on the day of installation. He was sure from what he had seen their lodge stood second to none in the province.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked Bro. Eastes for the very kind way in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received it. He felt very proud of the position in which they had placed him, and trusted his conduct would be such as to warrant their choice.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Visitor," coupling with it the name of Bro. J. S. Cumberland.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland, in reply, said it was not only a pleasure but a duty to visit other lodges, for they might think themselves possessed of a deal of knowledge and be very clever, till they saw someone else who did the work better than themselves. Dr. Oliver laid down visiting as a landmark of Masonry, and the more they mingled with each other the better it was for themselves. He complimented the W.M. on the position which he had attained, and said if it was with him (the W.M.) as it was with himself, it was the proudest moment of his life. The unveiling of the portrait of so distinguished a Mason was an exceedingly pleasant incident in the proceedings. He was a Masonic student, and he could assure them that it was things of that kind that added value to the proceedings of a lodge. He had seen various workings in lodges, but none that pleased him better than what he had seen that day. There were two things to be avoided in responding to the toast of the visitors, and that was saying too much and saying too little; and he trusted he had not erred in either direction. He thanked them, on behalf of the visitors, for the very hearty and cordial reception they had that day received.

In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master" the W.M. said, being only newly installed he was not in a position to say how it was done, but from what Bro. Sadler has done he was sure it was equal to his rendering of those ceremonies of which he was in a position to judge.

In reply Bro. Sadler said he thanked them for the very hearty way in which they had drunk his health. He could assure them that it had been a source of very great pleasure to him to assist in bringing the lodge to its present proud position. With regard to the unveiling of the picture, he had a regard for most old things and he was sure we could not improve on them. The lodge was founded on old principles and we endeavoured to act up to them by being happy ourselves and communicating happiness to others. He wished the P.G.M. had been there, but in the D.P.G.M. they had one who took a warm interest in the lodge. He wished them every success.

Bro. Beaufort Hinks, in response to the toast of "The Health of the Artist," said if it had given the brethren as much pleasure to look on the portrait as it had been to him to paint it, that was his reward.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," coupling with it the name of Bro. Walford, their Immediate Past Master, on whose breast he pinned a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted him by the lodge.

In response, Bro. Walford said it was an occasion of joy and sadness, as he had just quitted a position which had been a source of joy to him. If Napoleon was successful it was because he had good generals, and if he had achieved any measure of success, it was because he had had good officers, he trusted they would go on, and in time occupy the position he now had the honour to fill in one of the pleasantest lodges in England.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," was responded to by Bro. Rowley, S.W., and the Tyler's toast brought the most memorable and unique meeting in the history of the lodge to a close.

The speeches were interspersed with some excellent songs and recitations by Bros. Cumberland, Perryman, Sadler, Reddall, Imlay, and others.

Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie, with his son and daughter, Mr. Kenneth and Miss Ethel Mackenzie, arrived at Charing Cross Station from Paris on Monday evening.

Bros. Viscount Powerscourt, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., and V. A. Williamson, C.M.G., were among those present at the fifth meeting this season of the Fox Club, at Brooks's, on Saturday evening last.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales will be presented with the freedom of the City of York on the 27th instant, on the occasion of his Royal Highness's visit for the purpose of opening a new lock at Naburn-on-the-Ouse, near York.

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 10th instant. Present: Bros. Boyce, W.M.; F. Hill, S.W.; Pettitt, J.W.; H. Cohen, S.D.; B. Cohen, J.D.; Bate, I.G.; and Andrews, Preceptor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cohen, being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Cohen as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was given Bro. Boyce for his able work in the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. Boyce, in returning thanks, expressed the great enjoyment he had derived from that evening's work, and promised to join the lodge. Bro. Hill was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, when there were present Bros. J. Hattersley, W.M.; F. Eadie, S.W.; W. Roots, J.W.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; F. Williams, Hon. Sec.; S. Renaut, S.D.; H. J. Chapman, J.D.; Wright, I.G.; C. R. Williams, A. Austin, and H. C. Ball.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hattersley vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. R. Williams. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bros. Hattersley and Austin as candidates. Bro. C. R. Williams then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. Eadie. Bro. Austin, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Austin as candidate. Bro. Austin, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed and the traditional history given by the W.M., Bro. Austin acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Ballot was then taken for £5 ss., in the hands of the Treasurer, which proved favourable to Bro. S. Renaut. 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 the Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed his officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 5th inst. Present: Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; W. Proudfoot, S.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.W.; H. G. Marsden, S.D.; A. Bullen, J.D.; S. C. Fort, I.G.; W. Brindley, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; G. F. Swan, E. Morrison, C. O. Burgess, J. Laurence, W. Culverhouse, G. S. Russell, C. W. Phillips, C. Lambert, E. Nice, A. Clark, G. H. Reynolds, and W. Hancock.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. Morrison having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. F. Swan, acting as I.P.M., proposed that Bro. W. Proudfoot, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds read a letter from their late worthy Preceptor, Bro. W. C. Smith, thanking the brethren for the great kindness they had always shown towards him while holding the office of Preceptor, and wishing the lodge continued prosperity, and hoping "that Bro. W. Brindley, P.M., who had so frequently acted as Preceptor in his absence, would act as Preceptor, with the approbation of the brethren. He felt sure he would perform his duties to their satisfaction." Bro. G. Reynolds proposed that Bro. W. C. Smith's letter be entered on the minutes—seconded by Bro. G. F. Swan, and carried unanimously. Whereupon Bro. A. Clark proposed that Bro. W. Brindley be cordially asked to take the Preceptorship of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction—seconded by Bro. E. J. D. Bromley, and carried unanimously, the Secretary to write a letter to Bro. W. Brindley to that effect. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Holland, W.M.; Moloney, S.W.; Hobbs, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Treas. and J.D.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; and Rymer, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts being the candidate. Bro. Moloney was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. F. Hill, W.M.; Russell, S.W.; Jones, J.W.; Beaven, S.D.; Winny, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Bate, Cole, West, Hudson, Taylor, Steele, E. G. King, Wood, Cowland, Poole, Folkard, Heathcote, and Partridge.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Bate, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Wood proved his proficiency and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Wood as candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Andrews and Westley respectively, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rising for the first time, the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Russell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Russell was returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The usual collection for the Benevolent Fund resulted in £3 2s. being placed to its credit.

Royal Arch.

ALL SAINTS' CHAPTER (No. 1716).—This flourishing chapter held its usual meeting at Bow Vestry Hall, on Thursday, the 5th inst., the chair being occupied by Comp. J. House, supported by Comps. W. J. Rundell, H., and W. Bramham, J. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last convocation, and an exchange of congratulations with Comps. White and Bramham upon their recovery from their recent severe accidents, the elections for the ensuing year were proceeded with, and resulted in the election of Comps. Rundell, as M.E.Z.; Bramham, H.; Johnson, J.; Forbes, S.E.; Dr. Moore, S.N.; Harland, P.S.; Kirk, 1st Asst. Soj.; Harvey, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and White, P.Z., Treasurer. Four nominations were handed in for next convocation. Comp. Coleman proposed, in very felicitous terms, the presentation of a M.E.Z.'s jewel to Comp. House, and alluded to the admirable and

excellent manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of his high office, trusting that many companions would follow the splendid example the Z. had set, and maintain the chapter's character for hard work and excellent ritual. This having been duly seconded, was carried unanimously; and Comp. House, while thanking the companions for their kindness and ready assistance to him in his office, trusted that the ideal standard of the chapter might long flourish in East London.

The convocation was then closed, and at the subsequent proceedings, after the toasts had been duly honoured, Comps. Pritchard, Gibbs, and Harvey favoured the companions with recitations and songs.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT CHAPTER

(No. 1745).—This prosperous civic chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. J. Strugnell, M.E.Z.; J. Young, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. Lister, J. H. elect; T. Simpson, S.N., J. elect; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., S.E.; Webber, 1st Asst. Soj.; N. Prower, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. J. Young was ably installed as First Principal by the M.E.Z. Comp. Young then installed Comp. J. Lister as H., and Comp. Lardner installed Comp. T. Simpson, as J. The three ceremonies were most impressively performed. The investment of officers for the ensuing year then took place: Comps. Lardner, Treas.; Walls, S.E.; Herbert, S.N.; Webber, Prin. Soj.; N. Prower, 1st Asst. Soj.; and W. Malthouse, C.C., 2nd Asst. Soj. The election of Janitor, *vice* Comp. Parkinson, deceased, was postponed till the next meeting, the Treasurer giving a notice of motion—"That Comp. E. Mallett, M.E.Z. 1623, should be elected to that office." A Past Principal's jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning) having been presented to Comp. C. Strugnell, votes of thanks were passed to the Installing Principals, and the chapter was closed.

The usual banquet followed. A few toasts were given and harmony lent its aid to enliven the proceedings.

CAMBRIDGE.—Fidelity Chapter (No. 441).

A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when the chairs of the Principals were occupied by Comp. F. Dewberry, Z.; Comp. E. H. Jennings, H.; and Comp. Thos. Watts, J. In the unavoidable absence of Comp. H. King, through bereavement, the Principal Sojourner's work was taken by Comp. J. Stacey Youngman, P.Z., Comps. J. Bell, P.Z., and G. Cole, P.Z., were amongst those in attendance, whilst the visitors were Comps. F. Piggott, P.S. 88; and C. Colman, 946. Bro. J. R. Leach, 441, was balloted for and unanimously elected. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Comps. E. H. Jennings, Z.; T. Watts, H.; H. King, J.; A. Morrell, Scribe E.; C. A. Vinter, Scribe N.; John Fuller, Principal Soj.; J. F. Symonds, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Sheldrick, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. Vail, P.Z., Treas.; J. S. Youngman, P.Z., D.C.; C. A. Vinter, Stwd., and Unwin, Janitor. The exaltation of Bro. Leach followed, and the work of the respective chairs was well discharged. The companions afterwards adjourned to banquet.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER (No. 704).—A convocation was held at the Moorgate Hotel, Moorgate-street, on the 10th inst. Present: Comps. G. W. Knight, M.E.Z.; G. Gregory, Treas., H.; Ives, J.; Thom, S.N.; T. C. Edmonds, Preceptor, P.S.; Kew, Webb, Griffiths, Cook, and Wheeler.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Webb candidate. After rising for the first time, Comp. Edmonds proposed, and Comp. Kew seconded, that Comps. Webb, Griffiths, and Wheeler should become joining members—carried unanimously. After the dues were collected, the chapter was closed.

Companions wishing to rehearse any part of the ceremonies will be heartily welcomed at this chapter of improvement, which is opened at 8 p.m., every Tuesday, at the above address.

Knights Templar.

HAMPTON COURT.—Mount Calvary Encampment (D).—This old encampment met at the Mitre Tavern, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Sir Knights J. H. Dodson, E.C.; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C., Almoner; T. C. Walls, P.G.C. of G., P.E.C., Reg.; H. J. Lardner, Expert; C. H. Driver, P.A.G. D.C., D.C., P.E.C.; N. Prower, M.A., D.C.; W. Maple, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Letters pleading inability to attend were received from Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.P.; F. Binckes, P.E.C.; A. Williams, P.E.C.; R. Berridge, G.B.B., P.E.C.; J. Glenn, P.E.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.C.; L. Steele, Captain; J. Stohwasser, and others.

The encampment was then formally closed, and the sir knights adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was personally superintended by Bro. Sadler. Among the guests were Bros. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B.; Dodson, P.M. 860; Captain Sadler, P.M. 1670; and Wilmot, 1670. The proceedings were throughout of a most enjoyable nature, and terminated at an early hour.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).

An emergency chapter of this body was held at St. Saviourgate, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, when the chair was occupied by Fra. Wm. Brown, E. Preceptor. There were also present Frates J. T. Seller, Constable; A. H. McGachen, Marshal; T. B. Whytehead, P. Registrar; W. B. Dyson, Sub-Marshal; Geo. Simpson, P.; M. Milington, P.; C. Palliser, P.; and others. Amongst the visitors were Fras. H. E. Cousins, P. 143; and H. C. Pickersgill, 114.

Comps. Wm. N. Cheeseman, 1611; and Wm. H. Attlay, 512; were received and proclaimed members of the Order, the chair work being done by Fra. T. B. Whytehead, and that of Sub-Marshal, by Fra. Wm. Brown.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the frates met in the refectory and partook of a plain dinner, after which the usual toasts were honoured.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

DIVISIONAL CONCLAVE OF KENT.

A meeting of the Divisional Conclave of Kent took place on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, William the Fourth, East Greenwich, under the banner of the Invicta Conclave, 148, when a large number of members of the province attended, also Sir Knight Mickley, of Premier Conclave, and other visitors.

Previous to the divisional meeting, a sanctuary of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre was opened, and the Degree conferred on several sir knights, the ceremony being fully worked, according to the elaborate ritual, by Sir Knights Wood, Bateman, Weddell, and others.

The Invicta Conclave was then opened, and a brother installed as a knight of the Order by Sir Knight Bateman, P.S., at the request of the M.P.S., Sir Knight Kipps, who was suffering from sore throat. The arch of steel having been formed, the divisional officers entered, headed by Ill. Sir Knight Wood, Intendant-General of Kent, and his Deputy, Sir Knight Dr. Penfold, G.S.B. Eng.

Divisional Grand Conclave was opened in full form, and the minutes of the last Divisional Grand Conclave, held at Belvedere, were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from the Divisional Grand Treasurer, Knight Watson, forwarding Treasurer's books and a cheque for the balance, with the request that his resignation might be accepted.

The INTENDANT-GENERAL explained that he had made every effort to induce a withdrawal, but that pressure on Sir Knight W. Watson's time was severe, and he felt it would be unfair to put on further pressure.

Sir Knight BATEMAN proposed, and Sir Knight PENFOLD seconded, and it was carried by acclamation, that the resignation be accepted with regret, and that the hearty thanks of the Divisional Grand Conclave be accorded to Sir Knight Watson for his services as Treasurer since its establishment.

The INTENDANT-GENERAL then proposed, seconded by Sir Knight KIPPS, and carried unanimously, that Sir Knight Dr. Burney, Recorder 148, be appointed Divisional Grand Treasurer.

On the motion of Sir Knight Dr. PENFOLD, Deputy Intendant-General, seconded by Sir Knight LEMON, P.G. V.E., by-laws, as drafted, were read, confirmed, and adopted as the by-laws of the division.

The alms of the sir knights were collected, and cordial votes of thanks were passed to the Ill. Sir Knight Wood for designing and providing collars for the Divisional Officers, the same to be paid for as funds permitted; to the M.P.S. of Saye and Sele Conclave for loan of furniture for the meeting; and to the Invicta Conclave for entertaining Divisional Grand Conclave.

Several letters of regret for non-attendance were read; and the Intendant-General appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:

Sir Kts. Abel Penfold, M.P.S. 122...	Viceroy Eusebius.
" T. G. Green, V.E. 62 ...	Senior General,
" C. Jolly, V.E. 22 ...	Junior General.
" Rev. H. Cummings, G.H.P.	
England ...	High Prelate.
" Dr. Burney ...	Treasurer.
" Bateman, P.S., G.I.R. Eng.	Recorder.
" Dr. Weddell ...	Chamberlain.
" H. Roberts ...	Marshal.
" T. D. Hayes ...	Prefect.
" A. Holmes ...	Inspector of Regalia.
" T. Fletcher ...	1st Standard Bearer.
" G. H. Doswett ...	2nd Standard Bearer.
" T. Ovenden ...	Sword Bearer.
" W. Kipps, P.S., P.G.V.E.	Organist.
" G. Carter ...	1st Herald.
" Nash ...	2nd Herald.
" Bateman ...	D. of C.

Frater Orum was then re-elected and invested as Divisional Grand Sentinel.

Divisional Grand Conclave was then closed and the Invicta Conclave being also closed, the sir knights adjourned to an admirable repast, furnished by Bro. Burney, to which full justice was done, presided over by Ill. Sir Knight F. Wood, Intendant General.

The toasts usual to Christian Masonry were duly honoured and a very pleasant evening was spent, the musical portion being conducted by Sir Knight Kipps in his usual known efficient manner.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MANCHESTER.—Palatine Chapter (No 7).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. W. Ormerod Walker, 30°, assisted by his officers, on Wednesday, 4th inst., at the Queen's Hotel. Ill. Bros. C. N. R. Beswicke Royds, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector General North-West District, and Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector General North-East District, were received under an arch of steel and saluted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for the candidate, Bro. Myles Kennedy, which was unanimous. He was unable to be present. At the request of the M.W.S., the throne was then occupied by Ill. Bro. Beswicke Royds, 33°, and the M.W.S. elect, Bro. James William Woodall, being presented, was installed by Bro. Royds with great care and solemnity. The following officers were then appointed: E. and P. Bro. R. F. Ballantine, H.P.; Ill. Bros. J. F. Hoffgaard, 30°, 1st General; James Heeles, 30°, 2nd General; Charles Schuster, 30°, Recorder; J. McLaren, 30°, G.M.; E. and P. Bro. Nicholas Albert Earle, R.; Ill. Bro. R. McDowell Smith, 31°, D.C.; E. and P. Bros. Charles Frederick Woodall, Herald; Henry John Cutter, C. of G.; and Bro. James Sly, Equerry Without. E. and P. Bro. John H. Procter Leresche was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The balance sheet was presented by the Auditors and passed. A candidate was proposed for perfection, and the business of the chapter over it was closed. The Ill. brethren retired under an arch of steel.

The banquet, which was recheché, was presided over by the M.W.S., Bro. James William Woodall, having on his right Ill. Bros. Clement N. R. Beswicke Royds, 33°; Chas. James Banister, 33°; William Ormerod Walker, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Peter Royle, 30°, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. C. F. Woodall, G. E. Hutton, H. J. Cutter, and others; and on his left Ill. Bros. Stephen Smith, 32°, P.M.W.S.; Robert McDowell Smith, 31°, P.M.W.S.;

Thos. Chorlton, 30°; James McLaren, 30°; E. and P. Bros. Major Robt. Fred. Ballantine, N. A. Earle, Edwin Simpson, P.M.W.S.; Ill. Bro. Charles Schuster, 30°, and others. The vice chair was occupied by Ill. Bro. James Heeles, 30°.

The M.W.S. in rotation proposed "The Healths of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen;" "Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family;" "The Right Hon. Lord Lathom, M.P.S.G.C. of the Supreme Grand Council, Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, M.I.L.G.C., and the members of the Supreme Council," all of which were duly honoured.

The M.W.S. then in suitable terms proposed "The Health of the two Superintendents of the Districts of North-Western and North-Eastern, Ill. Bros. Beswicke Royds, 33°, and Banister, 33°," which was received most cordially and drunk with all the honours.

The illustrious brethren both returned thanks, and before Bro. Banister resumed his seat he asked the brethren to join him in drinking "The Health of the Members of the 32°, 31°, and 30°," telling the brethren how pleased he was to again be with them and to see their old friends all looking so well, and wishing them each and all many years to be able to meet each other in this old chapter in which he had spent so many hours for now nearly 30 years, and he hoped to be able to come and see them once a year. He (Bro. Banister) informed them that the Supreme Council was coming to Sheffield on the 20th inst. to give the 30°, and if any eligible brother wished to take the Degree he should have much pleasure in adding his recommendation to that of their illustrious Superintendent.

Ill. Bros. Royds, 33°, in an excellent speech, proposed "The Health of the M.W.S.," which was received most enthusiastically, and responded to by Bro. Woodall, M.W.S., in very happy terms, he promising to do his very best for the chapter, both in giving the beautiful ceremony and presiding at their banquets, and he looked forward to a very happy year in presiding over them, and in conclusion, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.W.S., Ill. Bro. William Ormerod Walker, 30°," which was received with acclamation and all the honours, and responded to by that Ill. brother in a truly Masonic speech.

Other toasts were proposed and duly responded to, and a most social, interesting, and enjoyable evening was spent, which is, indeed, always the case by the brethren of this Palatine Rose Croix Chapter.

Australia.

FORMATION OF A UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

A meeting of Masters and Past Masters of lodges under the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions was held on Wednesday evening, May 30th, in the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, to take into consideration the desirability of establishing a United Grand Lodge of Victoria. There was a very representative response to the circular issued by Bro. John James, P.M. 520, P.D.S.G.W. (E.C.), 133 signing their names at the doors, many also from lodges in the country districts. Bro. James was called to the chair, and before opening the proceedings announced that a number of letters and telegrams had been received from brethren expressing their sympathy with the movement.

The CHAIRMAN expressed his pleasure at seeing so large and influential an attendance of brethren for the consideration of so important a question—a question that concerned the welfare of Masonry in that colony. They were assembled together to take into consideration the desirability of forming a United Grand Lodge of Victoria. That was the object of the meeting, and he trusted that any brother who had anything to say would strictly confine himself to that question. He believed that the majority of the brethren present had made up their minds on the subject, whilst there were, perhaps, some who had not come to a decision, and there might also be a few who disapproved of the movement. To these latter he would say he respected their motives, and his only wish was that they would in time fall in with the general opinions of the brethren, and thereby ensure that perfect unanimity which was so desirable an essential for the successful carrying out of the movement. As to the desirability of the three Constitutions, as represented by the three districts in Victoria joining, there could be no argument. Their action was a desire for union, and that it was that prompted them, rather than feelings of dissatisfaction with the respective Constitutions under which they had so long worked. He himself spoke for the English Constitution, and he believed that was also the feeling of the brethren who belonged to the Irish and Scotch Constitutions. The money they sent home was not of such importance to wish for a severance from their mother country; but a higher feeling actuated them, and they had only one object—and that was to unite the three bodies into one. He took it that this movement for a Grand Lodge would commence with acknowledgment by the three Grand Lodges at home, and of that there could be no doubt, because they were proceeding, and intended to proceed, in a strictly constitutional manner. When they saw what had already taken place in one colony, and what was in progress in another colony, there was every hope that their proceedings, carried out regularly as he himself desired, would ultimately meet with recognition. He alluded to the fact that the three Constitutions in Victoria were presided over by one head; but there was a native element springing up and growing stronger every day, and it was time that they adopted government of their own. But he impressed upon the brethren that there would be no absolute severance from the old country. As most of them knew, the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England, was Grand Patron of the Order in Ireland and Scotland, and they would in time ask his Royal Highness to become Grand Patron of the Order in Victoria. As to the question of a Grand Master, he need only mention the name of Sir William Clarke, their present head, and he entertained not the slightest doubt that his election as the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria would be unanimous. In conclusion, he urged that the movement should not be unduly or hastily rushed into existence, and they must adopt legitimate and constitutional means to bring about their wishes, and by those means only could they expect recognition from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. He then moved the following resolution: "That this meeting is of opinion that it is desirable to form a United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria, and

pledges itself to use every legitimate Masonic means to accomplish that object."

Bro. J. A. CANTOR seconded the resolution, and in doing so said he represented the oldest lodge in the colony (the Australia Felix, No. 474, E.C.), which, at the end of this year, would have been in existence 50 years.

Some discussion followed, in which undue haste was deprecated, and the chairman explained that every subscribing member of the lodges would receive a circular asking his opinion. This procedure would form part of the work of the Committee subsequently to be elected. A number of brethren from country lodges intimated their instructions to assure the meeting of the deepest sympathy of their brethren in the movement, provided it was carried to an end in a constitutional and regular manner. Bro. H. R. HOGG advocated the formation of a Grand Lodge for the whole of Australia. Bro. A. ELLIS, Prov. Grand Secretary, explained that they, as Irish Masons, never had had any grievance or difficulties with the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The motion was then put and carried, with three dissentients.

Bro. C. H. BAYLEY moved, and Bro. T. SMITH next seconded, the following resolution:—"That it is the opinion of this meeting that the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria, when formed, should adopt the 'Book of Constitutions' and the mode of procedure of the Grand Lodge of England, as far as the same may be applicable, or until otherwise decided."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Bro. P. BLASHKI moved, and Bro. W. HENRY seconded, the following resolution: "That the following brethren be appointed a Committee (with power to add to their number) to carry into effect the resolutions of this meeting: English lodges (Metropolitan)—Bros. J. James (Chairman), W. F. Lamonby, W. J. Runtig, J. E. Willmott, W. T. C. Kelly, J. A. Cantor, P. Blashki, C. H. Bayley, P. Cohen, H. R. Hogg, and W. Henry. Country—Bros. C. B. Finlayson, J. N. Dunn, J. G. Sowerby, W. C. Vahland, H. Bannister, D. M. McLeod, T. Tamsell, J. H. Franklin, G. R. Rippon, G. Little, T. H. Braim, T. W. Fowler, and E. H. Warren. Irish—Bros. A. Ellis, S. Franklin, J. M'Inery, T. Smith, R. O. Thompson, and P. J. Bloomfield. Scottish—Bros. H. W. Lowry, G. F. Martin, P. Martin, J. Robertson, W. B. Lovering, and E. Evans.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings, which were, on the whole, enthusiastic and unanimous.

There are now 85 lodges in work under the English Constitution, 14 under the Irish, and 12 under the Scotch.

MASONIC LECTURE BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D., AT HULL.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., over 100 brethren assembled (by kind permission) at the Masonic Hall, Osborne-street, Hull, for the purpose of hearing a lecture delivered under the auspices of the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction, of which Bro. M. C. Peck, G. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec., is the W.M., and Bro. W. Tesseyman, P.M., P.G. Supt. of Works, the Secretary. The greatest interest had been shown in the subject announced, viz., "Sketches of British Freemasonry: a Retrospect of Five Centuries," inasmuch as the lecture was to be delivered by the eminent Masonic historian—Bro. Wm. Jas. Hughan, P.S.G.D. England, P.S.G.W. Egypt, and P.P. S.G.W. Cornwall.

Amongst the brethren present were: Bros. D. J. O'Donoghue, P.J.G.W.; Walter Reynolds, P.G. Treas.; Thos. Oates, P.A.G. Sec.; G. L. Shackles, P.P.G.D.; H. Toozes, P.P.G.D. (Mayor of Hull); M. Haberland, P.P.G.D.; A. King, P.P.G.D.; G. Wilson, P.P.G.D.; R. Hodgson, P.P.G.D.; J. Walton, P.P.G.D.; W. D. Keyworth, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Wm. Gillett, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. S. Lane, P.P.G.D. Durham; Wm. Hunt, P.P.G.D.C. Devon; Winter, P.P.G. Std. Br. Norfolk; J. Clark, W.M. 57; R. R. Hawley, W.M. 250; J. Chapell, W.M. 1605; H. Watson, 1640; M. M. Westerby, P.M. 294; J. Sugden, P.M. 1379; W. Watson, P.M. 2069; and many others.

Bro. M. C. Peck, G. Std. Br. Eng., and P.G. Sec., said: W. Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren.—In connection with the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction over which I have the honour to preside, a series of lectures have been given by eminent members of the Craft to the very great benefit and instruction of our Hull brethren, and, as we have been favoured with the consent of the most famous of all Masonic authors to deliver an address, we deemed it would be a wise course to announce a public night, open to all brethren who would honour us with their company, and, accordingly, the W. Master of the parent lodge having kindly and most readily given his permission, the present meeting of the Installed Masters' Lodge is held in the open lodge of the Institution whence it originated. These few words will explain how it is that we are here. I will now shortly state why we are assembled. We are met to-night, W. Sirs and Brethren, to welcome our distinguished brother, W. J. Hughan, P.S. G.D. England, whose Masonic lore and unceasing labours in the cause of the Craft are well-known wherever Masonry extends, and will be gratefully remembered so long as Masonry shall flourish, for its literature can never die! He was one of the first, if not the very first, to divest the history of the Order from the dust by which it had been covered for centuries, and by painful research and scholarly industry to explode many foolish and improbable notions as to its antiquity and pretensions; and thus place the literature of the Craft upon an equally respectable and reasonable footing with other subjects of archaeological inquiry. These labours have been continued, many and important works have issued from his ready pen, and multifarious are the magazine and newspaper articles by which he has added to our stores of knowledge, and proved himself a doyen amongst Masonic authors.

Bro. HUGHAN commenced by testifying to the pleasure he felt in visiting Hull, and seeing Bro. Peck and other brethren, with whom he had corresponded for many years past, and seeing again his very old friend Bro. Hunt, by whose example and life he was first induced to think of becoming a Freemason. He then proceeded to refer to the steps by which he had arrived to his present conclusions respecting Freemasonry. Its history commenced practically with the fourteenth century. There were various legends of the Craft relating to earlier periods, but they were simply legends, and too much importance had been attached to

them. There were Masonic assemblies at York, which probably included working Masons and gentlemen or speculative Masons. He instanced Elias Ashmole and others as persons of this class in the seventeenth century. He referred to the old charges, and to the rolls preserved in the British Museum and elsewhere, proving the existence of Freemasonry in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. Several examples of these interesting rolls were exhibited by Bro. Hughan. These early records proved that then Freemasonry was of a Christian character, and the meeting commenced by an invocation of the Holy Trinity. Religious and loyal men only could be Masons. Records of Scottish lodges from A.D. 1599 were noticed. The oldest Scottish charges were clearly derived from England. The secrets, signs, and words were explained, and their descent traced. It was proved that so long since as 1670 Masons' marks were selected and used by speculative brethren. The Masons' word was the subject of public legislation in Scotland in 1714. The terms cowan and eavesdropper were explained. It was not until 1717 that the Premier Grand Lodge was formed, and from that time the "Three Degrees" in Masonry have been known; the Royal Arch being instituted at a later date. There were several Grand Lodges between 1717 and 1813, when the United Grand Lodge of England was inaugurated. The United Grand Lodge of England put the religious aspect of Freemasonry on the broad basis of requiring of everyone admitted to the Order an acknowledgment of his belief in God. Hebrews were, therefore, as free to Masonry as Christians, and there were very many zealous and able Masons among the Israelites. Many Mahomedans, Hindus, and Parsees had also become Freemasons. The influence of Freemasonry, under the auspices of the Grand of England, was felt wherever British freedom and power were known, for it was a beneficent influence promotive of the peace and prosperity of the brotherhood of mankind. Its influence in India was as beneficial as it was great. Many other cognate subjects were referred to, and after speaking about an hour Bro. Hughan concluded his most able and interesting lecture, and was warmly applauded on resuming his chair.

A discussion ensued in which several brethren took part, including Bros. PECK, SHACKLES, SUGDEN, and TESSYMAN, to whom the lecturer severally replied.

A vote of thanks to Bro. Hughan was moved by Bro. HUNT, P.M., seconded by Bro. SHACKLES, P.M., and adopted by acclamation.

Thanks were also voted, on the motion of Bro. COHEN, seconded by Bro. MCLEAVY, to the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction for arranging for the visit of Bro. Hughan, which had proved such a success.

MONUMENT TO HENRY PRICE.

The *Boston (U.S.A.) Herald* publishes the following interesting account of the dedication of a monument to Henry Price, the founder of Masonry in America:—

Of the various Masonic events of the year, it may fairly be said that the most important was the dedication on the 21st ult. of a Masonic monument to the memory of Henry Price, who was the first Provincial Grand Master in North America, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, F.A.M. This monument has been erected in Townsend, Mass., where the last years of his life were spent. Henry Price removed to Townsend about 1763, and died there in 1780. His remains were buried in what is called the "old burying place," which is situated on high land about a mile from the centre of the town. For over a century the place of burial was marked by an ancient slate stone about three feet square, and which lately became much dilapidated.

Here, in this quiet spot, have rested the remains of the man who, to use his own words, was the "founder of duly constituted Masonry in America." But, though thus seemingly neglected, the memory of the man was not extinct among men and Masons, but was kept ever fresh and green in the hearts of the brethren. Some years ago the Grand Lodge learned that the headstone originally erected over the grave of Henry Price had become badly cracked, and was in danger of total destruction, and appropriated five hundred dollars for the erection of a more suitable monument. For various reasons nothing was done in the matter until this year. Under the charge of the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge a monument has been erected in the new cemetery in Townsend, upon a beautiful lot given for the purpose by the citizens of the town. The remains have been removed from the old cemetery and deposited in a vault in the foundation of the monument. The whole expense of the erection was borne by the Grand Lodge. The monument stands on a beautiful eminence, commanding a view of the homestead formerly owned by Bro. Price, and where he lived many years. The stones which stood at the head and foot of the grave in the old cemetery will be cared for by the Grand Lodge, granite bases having been prepared for their reception.

THE MONUMENT

is of hammered granite, and was designed and executed by the Smith Granite Company, of No. 3, Bromfield-street, Boston, and Westerly, R.I. Though rather plain in design, it is still a very striking and beautiful piece of work, and its simplicity is in thorough keeping with the Masonic character of the man in whose honour it is erected. The base is four feet square by one foot three inches high, and from this springs the shaft, a perfect cube, three feet six inches each way. The whole is surmounted by an apex, rising straight three inches, and then coming to a point in the form of a pyramid, one foot farther. The total height is six feet. On the face of the shaft, in raised letters, upon a polished surface, is cut this inscription:

HENRY PRICE,
Founder of
Duly Constituted Masonry
in America.

Upon the back, also finely polished, the inscription has been cut in sunken letters. It is taken from the ancient stone that has marked the last resting place of the remains of the venerable Mason for over a century, though in an abbreviated form. The inscription reads as follows:

"Born in London about 1697; removed to Boston about 1723; appointed Provincial Grand Master of New England in 1733, and in the same year a cornet in the Governor's Guards with the rank of major; removed to Townsend about 1763, and died there May 20, 1780. His life was consistent with his duty as a Mason and a man."

SKETCH OF HENRY PRICE.

Henry Price was born in London, England, about 1697, and came to New England about 1723. No trace of him can be found in Boston until 1732, when he brought suit against a debtor in the inferior court of Common Pleas in Boston, being described in the writ as Henry Price, of Boston, taylor. He probably became established in business about 1729. In 1733, Gov. Jonathan Belcher appointed him cornet in his troop of Guards, with the rank of major, and from that time he was known as Major Price. His office was that of standard bearer in the Governor's troop, to the members of which especial privileges were granted by statute, and to hold such a position in the select Body Guard of the Governor of New England of itself conferred honourable social distinction. Major Price carried on the business of tailoring until 1750, when he retired from business. His shops were located at various times, first at the sign of the Brazen Head on Cornhill, in that part now known as Washington-street, about half way between Water and State streets, and opposite Williams court; afterward at the corner of Pond and Newbury streets, now Bedford and Washington streets, where he owned a large estate, and finally on State-street, where he purchased a large estate in 1740. In 1737 he married Mary Townsend, of Boston, who died in 1751. In 1746 he purchased a large estate at Menotomy-fields, in Cambridge, in what is now the town of Arlington. Here his first wife died. In 1752 he married Mary Tilden, of Boston. Having retired from business with a competency, he continued to be a resident of Boston, passing the summer season at his country seat at Cambridge. Having rebuilt, or greatly enlarged, this country house, and increased and improved the grounds, he removed there entirely in 1755, where he lived with his family until the death of his wife and daughter in 1760. The estate was then sold, and he returned to Boston and remained a year or two, removing to Townsend about 1763. He had previously acquired a large estate in that town, principally by an execution on a debt. He represented the town in the Provincial Legislature in 1764 and 1765. In 1771 he married as his third wife Lydia Randall, of Townsend, by whom two daughters were born to him, and whose descendants are now living in that part of the state. He was a strict Episcopalian in religion, and a sympathiser with the colonists in their struggle for liberty, though his age prevented him from taking an active part in the contest. In May, 1780, while splitting rails, he was injured, from the effects of which he died May 20, 1780.

MASONIC LIFE AND CHARACTER.

July 30th, 1733, 10 Masonic brethren were convened at the house of Edward Lutwyche, "at ye sign of the Bunch of Grapes, in King-street," a tavern situated on what is now the westerly corner of State and Kilby streets. The brethren there assembled were Andrew Belcher, Thomas Kennelly, John Quane, Henry Hope, Frederick Hamilton, John McNeill, Peter Hall, Matthew Young, John Wadell, and Edward Ellis. A commission was produced at this meeting from Viscount Montague, Grand Master of England, appointing Henry Price Provincial Grand Master of New England, and authorising him to form a Provincial Grand Lodge, appoint his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, and to constitute lodges. A Provincial Grand Lodge was accordingly opened by Grand Master Price, and R.W. Bro. Andrew Belcher was appointed Deputy Grand Master, and W. Bros. Thomas Kennelly and John Quane, Grand Wardens. The first business transacted was to confer the Degree upon James Gordon, William Gordon, John Baker, Thomas Molony, Andrew Halliburton, Robert Peaslee, Samuel Pemberton, and John Gordon. The original members, with these newly made, then united in a petition to the Provincial Grand Master to be constituted into a regular lodge. This prayer was granted, and the petitioners were constituted into the first regular lodge in America. This petition was stated by the late Past Grand Master William Sewell Gardner to have been "undoubtedly the oldest Masonic document in America. There can be no doubt of its authenticity." This petition is still preserved among the archives of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The same authority says—"No man has been bold enough to deny that Henry Price organised a Provincial Grand Lodge at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, on Monday, July 30th, 1733, or that he then and there constituted the first lodge."

The original commission or deputation to Henry Price is not now in existence so far as is known, but plenty of evidence is at hand to prove conclusively that he was commissioned in 1733 by the Grand Lodge of England as the first Provincial Grand Master of America. This is proved by his own testimony and that of his contemporaries, and also by the later action of the Grand Lodge of England confirming his commission, and establishing the precedence of the Provincial Grand Lodge as 1733, the year in which it was constituted. This precedence is universally acknowledged, and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is recognised as

THE OLDEST BODY IN AMERICA.

It is supposed that Price was made a Mason prior to his removal to this country in 1723, and that he was personally acquainted with the officers of the Grand Lodge of England. It is also supposed that he returned to England in 1733—a supposition that is borne out by his letters written in 1755—and that while there he obtained this commission by his personal application.

The Provincial Grand Lodge adopted as a seal a modification of the seal of the Grand Lodge of England, with some features from the seal of Lord Montague, who was Grand Master in 1733, and as such issued the commission in 1733 to Henry Price.

From the institution of the first lodge Masonry became very popular in Massachusetts. As is stated in the Grand Lodge records for December, 1733, "Masonry caused great speculation in those days in New England to the great, vulgar, and the small." Jonathan Belcher was at this time Governor of Massachusetts. He had been made a Mason in England in 1704, and from the start gave the new Grand Lodge his countenance and support. His son, Andrew Belcher, then Register of Probate, was appointed first Deputy Grand Master. In 1734 Price's commission, which had limited his authority to New England, was extended to all North America by John Lindsay, Earl Crawford, then Grand Master of England. In the same year.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN,

who had been a Mason in England, visited Boston, and returned to Philadelphia with authority from Grand Master Price to establish a lodge in Philadelphia, which was duly constituted that same year. Benjamin Franklin was much

interested in Masonry, and it appears that in 1734 he reprinted the "Constitutions of the Freemasons, containing the history, changes, regulations, etc., of that most ancient and R.W. Fraternity, for the use of lodges." In other ways, also, he showed his zeal and devotion to the Fraternity. He was the first Grand Master of Pennsylvania under the authority granted to the brethren of that colony by Grand Master Price, and a letter from Franklin to Price, asking that the acts of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge be confirmed, was for many years preserved in Boston, until destroyed by fire. From the Grand Lodge thus established in Boston sprung lodges in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Nova Scotia, Connecticut, Virginia, and West Indies, and thus it became that Henry Price was, as he claimed to be, the "founder of duly constituted Masonry in America." After three years' service as Grand Master he resigned. He was succeeded by Robert Tomlinson, Thomas Oxnard, Jeremy Gridley, and John Rowe, all men of character and standing in the community. But Price at various times acted as Grand Master, until the breaking out of the revolutionary war suspended the meetings of the Grand Lodge. He was intimately connected with all its business, and was relied upon at all times by the brethren for advice and assistance. Under his leadership, and through his faithful and persistent labour, the Order rose from a position of comparative insignificance to one of prominence and great respectability in the province. The clergy gave the Society their sanction, and the press, even then a power in the community, spoke of it with respect.

DEDICATION OF THE MONUMENT.

A large party started from Boston for Townsend yesterday on the 9 a.m. train, via the Fitchburg railroad. The Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge and party were Bros. Henry Endicott, of Cambridge, G.M.; S. Wells, of Boston, D.G.M.; James M. Gleason, of Boston, S.G.W.; Dana J. Flanders, of Malden, J.G.W.; John Carr, of Roxbury, G. Treas.; Sereno D. Nickerson, of Boston, Recording G. Sec.; Benjamin A. Gould, of Cambridge, Corresponding G. Sec.; Rev. Fielder Israel, of Salem, G. Chap.; Charles S. Robertson, of Charlestown, G. Lecturer; George H. Rhodes, of Taunton, G. Marshal; Charles H. Norris, of Salem, S.G.D.; Joseph B. Mason, of Boston, J.G.D.; Charles E. Clifford, of Fall River, and E. G. Stevens, of Cambridge, J.G. Stewards; J. H. Upham, of Boston, and J. F. French, of Abington, G. Purses; Z. L. Bicknell, of Weymouth, G. Std. Br.; E. B. Holmes, of Boston, G.S.B.; John H. Chester, of Boston, G. Tyler; Samuel C. Lawrence, of Medford, C. C. Dane, of Newburyport; and William Parkman, of Boston, Past G.M.'s; William F. Salmon, of Lowell, of the Board of Directors; William W. Wheildon, of Concord, formerly Corresponding G. Sec.; E. D. Bancroft, of Ayer, formerly G. Lecturer. The party were joined at Charlestown by Henry Price Lodge, with a full list of officers.

Upon arriving at Ayer junction, St. Paul and Caleb Butler Lodges, of Ayer, were taken up. A special train was run for Townsend, where a procession was formed, and, headed by the Townsend band, marched to Odd Fellows' Hall, where the Grand Lodge was opened in form. The procession was formed in the following order, and marched directly to the new cemetery, distant about half a mile: Townsend band, Henry Price Lodge, of Charlestown, St. Paul Lodge, Ayer, Caleb Butler Lodge, Ayer, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and visiting brethren. There were nearly 300 Masons in the line, the display being much interfered with by the rain, which began to fall just before 12 o'clock. Upon arriving at the monument, the services were opened with a votive hymn, "Fame and Time," written for the occasion for Bro. Rev. William R. Alger. The Grand Master said that by the liberality of the citizens of the town, through its proper officers, a deed had been presented to the Grand Lodge, through W. Bro. Albert L. Fessenden, conveying to that body the plot of land upon which the Grand Lodge has erected a monument to commemorate the services to Masonry of Henry Price. Prayer was offered by Rev. Fielder Israel, Grand Chaplain, followed by the report on the examination of the structure by the proper officers; libation of corn by the J.G.W., Dana J. Flanders; libation of wine by the S.G.W., James M. Gleason; libation of oil by the Deputy Grand Master, Samuel Wells, of Boston, and invocation by the Grand Chaplain. The address of dedication was then delivered by the Most Worthy Grand Master, Henry Endicott. He said the brethren had gathered to bring a tribute of affectionate respect to a man born in a distant country, nearly two centuries ago, and, strange to say, he was neither statesman nor general. Henry Price must be considered as the type of that man who does bravely and simply his nearest duty; who does it dreaming of no reward other than of adding to the welfare of others and the approval of his own conscience. It is eminently fitting that to him whose untiring devotion brought the Order in the province from comparative insignificance into a position of honour and usefulness, the Freemasons of this commonwealth should erect a lasting memorial. Around the name of Henry Price is entwined much of what is most interesting in our Masonic history, and he is recognised as a worthy predecessor of such men as Joseph Warren, Paul Revere, and others who have rendered still more illustrious the position he filled. This hour is dedicated to thoughts of his simple manliness. Let it strengthen the resolve to hold sacred and pure the principles handed down to us through him and others like him, and thus most truly honour them, and leave to those who come after the message of loyalty to the ideal brotherhood of man. The Grand Secretary, Sereno D. Nickerson, also delivered an interesting historical address.

Proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal, the quartet sung "Old Hundred," and the Grand Chaplain pronounced the benediction. The procession was reformed, and marched back to the Oddfellows' Hall, when the Grand Lodge was closed in form. The brethren then repaired to the Town Hall, where a bountiful collation was served.

It is interesting to note that on Thursday, June 21, 1866, 22 years ago to a day, Henry Price Lodge of Charlestown went to Townsend and held services at the grave of Henry Price, then in the old burying place. An historical address was delivered by L. S. Tarbell, of Pepprell, and addresses were made by G. Washington Warren, William W. Wheildon and Charles R. Train. Of those who were present on that occasion four were with the party yesterday. These were the venerable William W. Wheildon, of Concord, formerly editor of the Bunker Hill Aurora, Charlestown; N. S. Nesmith, of the City Hospital, Boston; George E. MacKay, superintendent of Faneuil Hall market, and E. Dana Bancroft, of Ayer.]

THE CENTENARY OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We present our readers this week with a supplementary page containing the portraits of some of the brethren, whose services in connection with the recent Centenary Celebration, contributed so largely to its success. Bro. Hedges, as Secretary of the Institution and of the Executive Committee, performed his responsible and arduous duties with conscientious devotion. To Bro. Grey, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and to the Vice-Chairman, Bro. A. C. Spaul, the thanks of the whole Craft are due, no less for the sacrifice of valuable time than for the admirable manner in which every detail was carried out, while the success of the Prize day proceedings was owing in a great measure to Bro. Frank Richardson, who, assisted by Bro. J. H. Matthews, took charge of the children, and superintended the arrangements. The portraits will, we venture to think, be considered as life-like as any we have issued, and we have much satisfaction in adding them to the *Freemason* portrait gallery.

BRO. AUGUSTUS HARRIS AND THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

It will be seen by the following letter that Bro. Augustus Harris, who had announced himself as a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, has withdrawn for the present:

"Drury Lane Theatre,

"July 9th, 1888.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—It has come to the knowledge of our Brother Augustus Harris that no less than three brethren were aspirants for the office of Grand Treasurer before his candidature was announced. Under these circumstances Brother Harris, being unwilling to further divide the suffrages of Grand Lodge, has decided to defer his candidature till the election of March, 1890. He returns his sincere thanks to the great number of worthy brethren who have already promised him their support, and trusts that their kindness will be extended to him on the occasion when he will seek at the hands of the members of the Craft this signal mark of their confidence and approval.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, very fraternally yours,

"A. M. BROADLEY,

"Sec. Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127,

"P.D.D.G.M. Malta."

A PICNIC OF THE PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069, LEEDS.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., about 30 brethren of the above lodge and their friends participated in the annual summer outing. Among those who availed themselves of this pleasant interlude were the W.M., Bro. Tudor Trevor and Miss Trevor, Bros. the Rev. Dr. Smyth, P.G. Chap. England, and the Rev. Evans Bentley, and several clerical friends; Bro. Scott Young, Sec.; Bro. J. J. Fretwell, S.D., Mrs. and Miss L. Fretwell; Bro. Butterworth, I.G., and the Misses Butterworth; Bro. Bailey and Mrs. Bailey; Bro. Howarth, Bro. Smithson, who acted as Honorary Secretary, and to whom in a great measure is due the success of the occasion; Miss Smithson, Bro. Hood, Bro. Begbie Abbott, Bro. Smith, the Misses Banks, and others. The day was gloriously fine, and the party mustered in high spirits at the station, where carriages had been reserved on the North-Eastern Railway. The party on reaching at Harrogate found a few conveyances awaiting them to convey them to Knaresborough, via Plumptre Rocks. The drive was through a beautifully diversified country, bright with the hues of summer. At Plumptre some time was spent in inspecting the exquisite scenery which is to be found there, and also in wandering through the well kept gardens. On reaching Knaresborough, the grounds at Conyngnam Hall, the seat of Mr. B. T. Woodd, were visited, they having been thrown open to the visitors by their owner with characteristic courtesy. The old church was next visited and the brethren and friends enjoyed a rich musical treat through the kindness of the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, who officiated at the organ. By this time tea was ready and admirably served by the host of the Elephant and Castle.

After tea Bro. Dr. SMYTH, in felicitous terms, moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Smithson for the manner in which he had carried out the arrangements. He also spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see so many ladies present, whose kindness and vivacity so materially added to the pleasures of the day.

The W.M., Bro. TUDOR TREVOR, cordially endorsed what had been said, and heartily welcomed all those who had joined their festivities. One lady had told him that since her husband had been made a Mason he had been a better man. It was good to have the ladies in their midst occasionally, for it showed them that their husbands and brothers knew how to enjoy themselves in a rational manner. When they saw a Mason misconducting himself, he urged them to remember that it was not the system of Freemasonry that was to blame, but poor human nature. A good Mason could not be a good man in every relation in life.

Bro. SMITHSON, in a few well-chosen sentences, assured the brethren and ladies that he was amply repaid for any trouble he had been at by the evident enjoyment of all who had participated in the day's excursion.

A move was then made for the Castle, the beautiful grounds of which were much enjoyed. Afterwards an hour was spent on the river. Several of the ladies and brethren visited Holy Trinity Church, where, through the extreme courtesy and kindness of the vicar, the Rev. E. J. Ramskill, the beautiful edifice was thrown open for their inspection. The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson gave another rehearsal on the beautiful organ, and Mrs. Bailey, who possesses a rich contralto voice of great power and sweetness, materially added to the enjoyment of those who had been fortunate enough to join this section of the party. Soon afterwards the whole of the party united and left for Leeds, which was reached in safety about 10.30. Thus closed one of the happiest days in the history of the lodge, and one the memory of which will long be cherished. Both brethren and visitors were unanimous in their expressions of delight at the success of the excursion, and the hope was expressed, especially by the ladies, that no long period would be allowed to elapse ere the next picnic.

MASONIC PRESENTATION AT ILFRACOMBE.

An interesting presentation took place at the annual installation and banquet in connection with Lodge Concord, No. 1135, at Ilfracombe, on Monday, the 22nd ult. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren proceeded to the Ilfracombe Hotel, where Bro. Grover had prepared an excellent banquet in one of the large dining halls, the tables being decorated with splendid bouquets of flowers, ferns, and fruit. About 40 brethren sat down, including Bros. Roberts, Gaydon, and Dutton. The W.M. occupied the chair, and the vice-chairs were taken by Bros. Grover and Brede.

After the banquet the usual toast list was gone through. An interesting introduction was a presentation of a silver salver to Bro. S. Jones, the founder of the lodge, and one of its P.M.'s, Bro. Jones having acted that day as Installing Master of the lodge for the 21st year. The salver was a very handsome one, and was subscribed for by the W.M., P.M.'s, and officers of the lodge, and bore the following inscription:

"Presented to W. Bro. Samuel Jones, P.P.J.G.W., by the W. Master, Past Masters, and Officers of the Lodge Concord, No. 1135, as a slight recognition of his valuable services as a founder of the lodge and Installing Master for 21 consecutive years. Ilfracombe, 25th June, 1888."

The presentation was made by Bro. ST. PAUL, W.M., who referred in appropriate terms to the excellent services which Bro. Jones had rendered to the cause of Freemasonry in general, and to the Lodge Concord in particular.

Bro. JONES replied in very feeling terms, and trusted it would serve to perpetuate for many years to come with them those feelings of mutual regard and esteem which had existed between his Ilfracombe brethren and himself.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of this Institution held its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, presided, and there were present Bros. H. Maudslay, P.G.D.; A. H. Tattershall, James Brett, P.G.P.; W. B. Daniell, Hugh Cotter, William Smith, Joseph Freeman, Samuel Brooks, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. H. Perryman, G.P.; C. J. Perceval, Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; John Bulmer, Alex. Forsyth, M.D.; Maj. A. Durrant, Charles G. Hill, J. Dixon, C. F. Hogard, Geo. Mickleby, M.A.; Harry Cox, W. J. Murlis, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of two male and one widow annuitant.

The Warden's reports for the past month having been read, a vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the House Committee of the Boys' School for permitting the band of that Institution to attend at Croydon on the occasion of the recent Stewards' visit.

The report of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

An application from the widow of a late annuitant for half her husband's annuity having been granted, two petitions (one male and one widow) were considered, and the names ordered to be entered on the lists of candidates for May next.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. Wm. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., Vice-Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Henry W. Hunt, Stephen Richardson, James Stevens, John Glass, John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; Alfred Williams, Robert Berridge, S.G.D.; C. H. Webb, Geo. Mickleby, Geo. Everett, W. H. Saunders, H. Sutherland, David D. Mercer, A. E. Gladwell, W. Paas, H. Venn, James Moon; Joyce Murray, Andrew R. Motion, H. J. Strong, J. Rayner, Alfred J. Dixie, C. Weeden, H. Homewood, George Gardner, and F. Binckes, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for confirmation, the Committee took into consideration the various petitions, to the number of 17, which were laid before them, the result being the acceptance of them all, and the names of the candidates were ordered to be placed on the list for the election in October next.

The number of vacancies for October was declared at 20, to be increased to 22 if the Quarterly Court should so decide, and the list of candidates at 77.

Sundry notices of motion for the Quarterly General Court, on the 27th inst., having been handed in, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

The following is the notice of motion given by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D., Patron, on behalf of the House Committee, namely, "That, having regard to the charges recently made against the management of this Institution, without recognising in the least that such charges are in any degree well founded, this Court is of opinion that in the interests of the Institution it is desirable that an impartial investigation into its discipline and administration be forthwith undertaken, and that the Grand Registrar of the Order (V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Vice-Pat., and Dep. Prov. G. Master of Essex) be invited to associate with himself such members of the Craft, being, at least, Life Governors of the Institution, as he may think proper for the purposes of such enquiry. The result to be submitted as a report to a subsequent Quarterly General Court."

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., presided at the second meeting, at 10, Downing-street, on Monday, of the Royal Commission on National Defence, Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., being among the members present. The Commission, during a sitting of two hours, devoted itself to considering the manner in which evidence, both oral and documentary, should be taken.

AN HOUR WITH TURKEY IN LONDON.

When the day's work is over and done with, when the curtains are drawn, and the lamp is shedding a steady glow over your Lares and Penates, when all is quiet and that delicious sense of restfulness and comfort is stealing over you, then, when you watch the softly curling waves of the smoke wandering upwards from the tip of your cigarette, have you ever wondered how much of time, trouble, and care had been expended on your little Comforter, ere its two and half inches of soothing joy had found its way to your lips. Have you done so? Then your thoughts have doubtless glided away to Old Dubec, and there, on its sunny slopes, they have pictured for you the tiny Turkish farm, with its old-world labourers and its older-world tools and implements. They have painted for you the reality of the tax-driven farmer anxiously tending his delicate crop, and anon gathering it, curing it, and bartering it away to the travelling merchant for his gold. Again, you have watched it as, packed in bales or cases whose rough exterior seemed all too coarse for their precious contents, it has been lowered into the hold of some great merchantman, and again you have seen it stacked, with tons upon tons of its like, in the darksome chambers of some London bonded warehouse. And then you are lost, your reading or your fancy carry you no further, and, impatient of thought, you ask yourself the question—What comes of it afterwards? Let me tell you. If you wander away down past London's Rialto into Bishopsgate, you will find on the right hand side (and nearly opposite that interesting relic of the pre-Wren era "The Sir Paul Pindar Tavern"), an insignificant turning, with a highly significant and bellicose name. Artillery-lane glories in being the chosen abiding place of the Alexandria Cigarette Company, and it was to Artillery-lane that I one day bent my steps in order that I might satisfy my burning curiosity as to cigarette making. I had heard of the Company, I had many a time solaced a weary while with one of their cigarettes, but like Miss Bartle, "I wanted to know." My inquiries for No. 20 landed me in front of a substantial looking building, best described as the "City of London old style." I entered, and to my intense surprise my inquiry for the Manager brought forward my old friend, Bro. A. R. Carter. In two minutes I was sitting in his own chair, with a "Dragoumis" cigarette between my lips, and was listening with all my ears for the unfolding of the tale. "So you want to know all about it," said my cheery friend. "Well, your want shall be satisfied, and I shall hope to send you away contented. In the first place, I must tell you," said he, "that we only handle Turkish tobacco, and that of the finest, for the coarser sorts do not at all suit the quality of goods we like to put before our public. The tobacco comes to us direct from Turkey, and in the factory overhead every process is carried out from first to last. 'The tobacco you see here'—and he here produced what appeared to be a square cake of golden autumn leaves—"the tobacco you see here is the finest Dubec. The first process it undergoes is the careful separating, or, technically, stripping of each leaf from its fellow. Once stripped, the leaves of the inferior kinds are lightly damped to render them pliable for working, and they are then covered up with coarse cloths to allow the damp to permeate equally throughout the heap, but with the fine tobacco which we employ this is not always necessary. The next process is the cutting of the prepared leaf, which is done by hand, and the cut leaf is then well shaken out and turned about, so that each thread of tobacco, so to speak, may become separated from its fellow. It is then weighed out to the workers and converted into cigarettes. Only a maker of long experience can turn out a cigarette worthy of the name. You will notice that that which you are now smoking, although you have half finished it, is still as firm in feel as when it was first lighted, and that its end is burning as straightly and evenly as that of a well-made Havannah cigar. That, my friend, is the result of careful and expensive manipulation." Most of the so-called Egyptian cigarettes (by the same token, there is no tobacco grown in Egypt) are manufactured by a process which for want of a better name we will call 'push-work'; the paper is made into a cylinder by the simple method of rolling it on a stick and by means of a little adhesive matter joining the two edges. The tobacco is then tightly rolled in a strip of parchment, the end of the parchment is inserted in the cylinder, and the tobacco is forced out into the paper by means of a thin rod. This process is much cheaper, in that it is quicker, than that which we employ, nor does it require such skilled labour. A cigarette so manufactured generally spills half its contents either into your pocket or your mouth. And now," continued Bro. Carter, "come up stairs, and let me show you *our* process, which I may state at the same time is that of nearly all the best manufacturers." On the first floor of the factory I found a large airy room, pleasant and cleanly, with white-washed walls, and lighted with six large windows. A deliciously delicate aroma of tobacco seemed to pervade the atmosphere, while the room itself was filled with happy faces—men, girls, and boys sitting about at tables all working as if for dear life. Each table was divided into three compartments, the two end ones being occupied by men, and the middle one either by a girl or a boy. In front of each man was a little square of some kind of stiff blue paper, which was gummed to the table by the edge furthest removed from the worker. On this square was laid a cigarette paper, on that again sufficient tobacco to make a cigarette, and, then with a hey-presto flourish, a touch with a light ebony stick, dipped in starch, and the deed was done. A snip at each end by the fair damsel in the middle, and there, on my palm, lay a complete cigarette as firm and as round as a black-lead pencil. For several minutes I stood watching what seemed to me almost a feat of legerdemain, nor did I move until Bro. Carter tapped me on the shoulder, and suggested my "spying over" the rest of the house. A short run round the labelling and boxing rooms, the tobacco rooms and stock rooms, and my time was up, and I soon found myself jostled and jostling in busy Bishopsgate. I did not, however, come away empty, for, on wishing my genial friend good-bye, a box of "Dragoumis" found its way into one of my nether pockets, and I had further the satisfaction of knowing "how it was done."

BROTHER Q.

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



We hear that Bro. D. P. Cama, Past Grand Treasurer, is likely to be appointed Prov. S.G. Warden of Surrey at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of that Province.

In the Stewards' Returns at the recent Festival of the Boys' School, the list of Bro. James Lawrence, No. 1326, Middlesex, is stated at £26 5s., whereas its amount was £43 1s.

The summer entertainment to the Old Folks at Croydon will take place on Tuesday next, when we have no doubt there will be, as usual, a full attendance of the friends of the Institution, and all will be done in order to make the time pass pleasantly for the worthy inmates.

The Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland will hold its annual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street, Maryport, on Wednesday next, the 18th instant, under the banner of the Whitwell Lodge, No. 151. The banquet which follows, will take place at the Star Hotel (Bro. T. Atkinson).

We are requested to state that the South Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 858, which meets at Beaufort House on Tuesdays, is closed for the summer holidays.

The brethren in Hungary have been showing their respect for the late Emperor Frederick, Protector of Freemasons in Germany, by holding a lodge of sorrow in his honour.

Bro. W. J. Hugan, P.G.D., will give a lecture entitled "Sketches of British Freemasonry; a Retrospect of Five Centuries," in the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, on Tuesday next, the 17th inst., when Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Past G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Durham, will preside, and a large attendance of brethren may be expected.

The second and last meeting of the Coaching Club for this season was held in Hyde Park on Saturday last, and though the weather was unfavourable, as many as 22 coaches put in an appearance, those of Bros. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., and Henry Brassey being among the most noteworthy. After the usual tour of the park several of the coaches fell out, while the rest went down to Hurlingham for luncheon.

Her Majesty has made a donation of £20 to the Home for Lost Dogs. The Grocers' Company have presented £200, and the Clothworkers' Company £500 to the Polytechnic Endowment Fund.

A numerous attended meeting was held at the Schoolroom, Banstead, on Friday evening, the 6th instant, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. the Earl and Countess of Egmont, on behalf of the holders of small allotments under the system recently inaugurated on his lordship's estates.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. W. Brindley, P.M., whose appointment as Preceptor of the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, we recently had occasion to mention, has been appointed in a like capacity to the Covert Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, in succession to Bro. W. C. Smith, resigned.

The National Rose Society's annual exhibition took place on Saturday last, at the Crystal Palace, and proved to be one of the largest and finest that has been held for many years, the specimens shown being eagerly bought up by those present. In the evening the fairy ballet, "The Midsummer Night's Dream," was given on the great stage in the Palace instead of out of doors, the weather being unfavourable for the latter class of entertainment.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington presided at a meeting at the Society of Arts, Adelphi, on Saturday afternoon last of the National Association for the promotion of Technical Education, and delivered an interesting address on the subject.

The Duchess of Albany visited Croydon on Saturday afternoon last, and distributed the prizes to the children of the Warehousemen and Clerks' School, Russell Hill.

The annual exhibition of the Royal Agricultural Society commenced on Saturday last with the opening of the Implement Department, and on Monday the show of Live Stock was opened, the work of judging occupying the greater part of the day.

Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., and the Hon. Lady Ridley left town on Saturday last for Blagden, Northumberland. Bro. Lord Ashbourne, after attending the Cabinet Council held the same day at the Foreign Office, left town for Dublin by the Irish Mail. Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., has left Brussels for the Hague, his visits to these capitals being connected with the Sugar Bounties Question.

A Committee of the Ward of Farringdon Without has been formed for the purpose of taking the necessary steps to present the Lady Mayoress with a full-length portrait in oils, of Bro. the Lord Mayor, as a testimonial from his constituents, of the manner in which his lordship has discharged the duties of his office.

According to the latest arrangements, the Queen and the Court will leave Windsor Castle for Osborne on Tuesday next, the 17th inst., after which the usual autumn visit will be made to Balmoral.

A Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Montana was constituted at Helena on the 14th ult., four chartered commanderies being represented, and the sir knights assembled being under the presidency of Sir Knight Samuel Wood. The officers who had been elected and appointed, including Sir Knight A. J. Fisk, Grand Commander, and Sir Knight Cornelius Hedges, Grand Recorder, having been installed, two commanderies under dispensation were chartered, and placed on the roll as Nos. 5 and 6 respectively. Thus the new Grand Commandery starts with a roll of six subordinate commanderies and a total membership of 202 sir knights.

The installation of Frater J. W. Woodall as Provincial Prior of North and East Yorkshire in the Order of the Temple, will take place in the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, at 4.30, on Thursday, the 19th inst., when the ceremony will be performed by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior of England.

The 29th and last meeting at Wimbledon of the National Rifle Association was opened on Monday, many of the Metropolitan detachments having gone into camp on Saturday last. The contest in the first stage of the Queen's prize has been the chief event of the week.

The annual convocation of the Prov. G. Chapter (R.A.) of Kent will be held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Friday next, the 20th instant, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, M.E. Comp. Earl Amherst. A banquet will follow.

Bro. Harry Nicholls, the popular Comedian, will join the Princess's Theatre on Monday next, the 16th instant, when he will appear in his original part of Jim Farren in "The Shadows of a Great City." On the 30th instant Bro. Nicholls will appear in a new Drama which will be produced for the first time and entitled "The Still Alarm."

The Silver Fête at the Exhibition Grounds, South Kensington, was inaugurated on Wednesday, and will remain open till to-morrow (Saturday) the object being to raise the sum of £3000 in order to clear off a debt to that amount on the new out-patients' wing of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea. The bazaar stalls are placed in the Conservatory adjoining the Albert Hall, and the grounds devoted to the Anglo-Danish Exhibition will be given up for the purpose of the Fête.

Bro. Lord Wantage presided at a numerous and enthusiastic meeting held in the Umbrella Tent, Wimbledon Camp, on Wednesday, for the purpose of supporting the proposal to transfer the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association to Richmond Park. Bros. Lord Bury, Sir H. Halford, Bart., Lieut.-Col. Walrond, and others were present on the platform.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, and Lady George Hamilton visited the Royal Victoria Patriotic Asylum for Fatherless Daughters of Sailors, Soldiers, and Marines, Wandsworth Common, on Wednesday afternoon, and distributed the prizes to the children, of whom there are now 295 maintained in the Institution.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, opened an Exhibition of Coopers' Work in the building devoted to such purposes which adjoins the People's Palace, Mile End-road, his lordship being received with the usual formalities by the Master and Wardens of the Coopers' Company. The exhibits are of a high class.

Bro. J. G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., presided at the meeting of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Trustee Savings Banks on Wednesday, when Bro. Sir Rivers Wilson, Controller-General of the National Debt Office and Secretary to the National Debt Commissioners, was examined.

The Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, distributed the prizes to the successful pupils of the All Saints' Orphanage, at Lewisham, on Tuesday afternoon.

The Countesses of Yarborough, Granville, and Zetland, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Antrim, and Bro. Lord Alcester were among those present at the marriage of the eldest daughter of the Duke of Leeds with the eldest son of the late Col. W. H. Cavendish, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on Tuesday.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the British School at Athens will be held in the room of the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, on Wednesday next, the 18th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Lord Herschell. Subscribers to the Cyprus Exploration Fund will be invited to be present on the same occasion.

The Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, visited the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen's-square, Bloomsbury, on Friday, the 6th inst., which had been set apart by the management for the celebration of the Silver Wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), presided at the anniversary festival dinner held on the 5th instant, at the Hôtel Metropole, in aid of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, Bros. Lord Stalbridge, Lord Hothfield, and Sir Chas. J. Palmer being among his lordship's principal supporters. The subscriptions in the course of the evening amounted to £662.

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 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 PILLS.—The sudden changes and pervading dampness sorely impede the vital functions and conduce to ill-health. The remedy for these disasters lies in some purifying medicine, like these Pills, which is competent to grapple with the mischief at its source, and stamp it out without fretting the nerves or weakening the system. Holloway's Pills extract from the blood all noxious matters, regulate the action of every disordered organ, stimulate the liver and kidneys, and relax the bowels. In curing chest complaints these Pills are remarkably effective, especially when aided by friction of the Ointment on its walls. This double treatment will ensure a certain, steady, and beneficent progress, and sound health will soon be re-established.—ADVT.

An interesting incident took place at the installation meeting of the Walsingham Lodge, No. 2148, on Saturday last, viz., the unveiling of a portrait of the Hon. Robert Boyle Walsingham, first Prov. Grand Master of Kent, by Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. A full report of the proceedings appears in another column.

Bro. Agg-Gardner, M.P., has been ordered by his medical adviser, to leave London for some ten days or a fortnight in consequence of indisposition.

On retiring from the Worshipful Mastership of the Liverpool Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Bro. Simon Jude, a grandson of the late Mr. Simon Jude, of Beccles, was presented, on behalf of the lodge, with a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, and also with a handsome tea and coffee service and salver, in recognition of his conduct in the chair.

Our worthy Bro. Monteuis contributes to *La Chaine d'Union* for the current month a highly interesting and very accurate account of the celebration of the Girls' School Centenary Festival in the Albert Hall, on the 4th and 7th ult., both the distribution of prizes on the former day and the banquet on the following being very fully described, and in such a manner that the French Masons will be able to form a pretty accurate notion of what the English brethren do for the children of deceased or indigent members of the Craft.

Bro. Colonel Brine, half-pay R.E., has been appointed to the post of Commanding Royal Engineer at Aldershot, *vice* Col. Harrison, R.E., about to be promoted to be Major-General, and the Queen has sanctioned the appointment.

The Princess Beatrice, accompanied by her husband, Prince Henry of Battenberg, visited Greenwich on Tuesday, for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the new Jubilee Almshouses. The original houses were erected to commemorate the Jubilee of George III. in 1809, and the Committee of Management considered it would be a suitable memorial of the Queen's Jubilee if the ancient houses, which had become dilapidated, were restored, especially as they are intended for the benefit of widows. When the ceremony was over, the Princess and her husband visited the Miller Hospital, the upper ward of which was named the Princess Beatrice Ward in honour of the event. The town was gaily decorated for the occasion, and the Royal visitors were everywhere greeted with enthusiasm.

A grand complimentary benefit matinée has been tendered Mr. W. H. Kelly, manager of the Princess Theatre, which will take place on Thursday, August 9th. The programme will be exceptionally strong, and consist of miscellaneous items of London successes. Most of the popular names have already volunteered their services.

FREEMASONRY IN GERMANY.—A Berlin correspondent writes: It being known that the Emperor William is not a Freemason, the *Kreuzzeitung*, the *Reichsbote*, and other orthodox papers proceed to proscribe Freemasonry in general, and call upon all officers and all Christian and patriotic men to abandon it. But the Emperors William I. and Frederick, as is well known, were very zealous Freemasons, and not even these Chauvinist prints dare openly to deny them the character of good Christians and patriots.

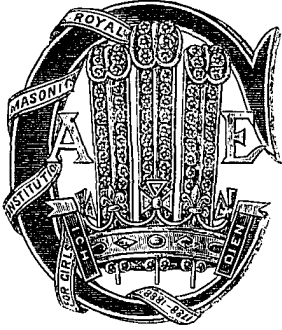
Mr. Mitchiner is hunting up occult Freemasons. He will find few now-a-days who can read or understand the books mentioned below: "In connection with the subjects of Esoteric Freemasonry and the the Rosicrucian Mystery, it is proposed among other works to reprint the rare *Etoile Flamboyante*, or Burning Star, of the illustrious Baron Tschoudy, which exposes the connection between the exalted grades of Masonry and the most profound esoteric secrets, and which develops in an esoteric catechism the complete process of the Magnum Opus. This important work will be translated from the French for the first time expressly for this edition, and its publication will be immediately followed by that of a German work written with authority, and entitled *The Secret History of the Rosicrucians*, which is well known to the inner circle of the students of this Mystery."

At the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, on Monday, "Faust" was repeated with Madame Albani, Madame Scalchi, and the brothers De Reszke in the characters they have so decidedly put their marks to this season. On Tuesday Madame Fursch-Madi undertook for the first time in London the part of Leonora in Verdi's Opera "Il Trovatore." The character is well suited to the talents of the *prima donna*, so that the performance was a success.

There are 14 commanderies, with a membership of 727, under the Grand Commandery of Colorado, Sir Knight Aaron Gore being G. Commander, and Sir Knight E. C. Parmelee, G. Recorder.

THE IRISH EXHIBITION, OLYMPIA.—The exclusion of all political questions from the scheme of the Irish Exhibition was one of the first and wisest principles determined by the Executive Council. It has thus been made possible, while politicians are opposing each other on Irish questions for the wives and daughters of the chiefs of all parties to meet in happy union, to buy and sell Irish products for the benefit of Irish peasants and Irish Technical Schools. The Marchioness of Salisbury and Countess Spencer, the Marchioness of Londonderry and Countess of Aberdeen, Mrs. Gladstone and Miss Balfour, Countess of Bective and Lady Harcourt, are not only actively assisting in the organisation of the Fancy Fair, which is to be held in the old Market Place at the Exhibition, but they will preside and sell at the shops each day of the Fair. Lady Arthur Hill and the Marchioness of Downshire will sell music and books by Irish composers and writers. The Duchess of Manchester and Lady George Hamilton will sell flowers and shamrock from Vinegar Hill. Lady Hayter will display photographs of famous Irish men and women. The Countess of Leitrim and Lady Lewisham have the fancy stall. Countess Tolstoj and the Countess of Kilmorey will have some of the choicest glass, cutlery, perfumery, &c. Irish work will be sold by Marchioness of Waterford, Lady Charles Beresford, Marchioness of Headfort, Lady Castletown, and Mrs. Pierce Mahony, the latter of whom will dispose of one of her husband's celebrated Kerry cows, while Mrs. Arthur Kennard will invite offers for some choice little Irish pigs. The Fancy Fair will open on Tuesday, the 17th inst, at 3 o'clock, and will remain open the three following days. As there will be additional attractions in the Exhibition itself it will be a good opportunity for paying a visit to Olympia.

The Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, 1888.



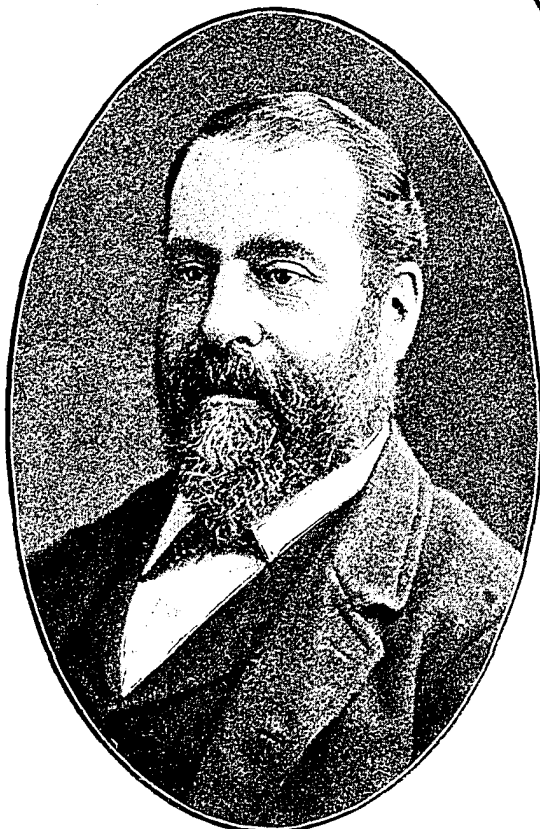
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