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Freemasonry in South Australia. THERE seem to be good reasons for believing that Freemasonry in South Australia remains to the full as prosperous under the new régime as it was under the old, when the lodges were under the supreme authority of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and the constitutions they obeyed emanated from Great Queen-street, London, &c., instead of Flinders-street, in the City of Adelaide. It is quite possible, and indeed probable, that with one uniform system of Freemasonry in place of the three concurrent systems which existed formerly, our South Australian brethren find themselves, as they certainly are, more compact in the matter of organisation, and having been fortunate in their choice of rulers, there is every likelihood of the Craft becoming stronger and more influential as the Colony itself grows stronger and more populous. It is true the organ of Freemasonry in the Colony—the *South Australian Freemason*—writes somewhat dolefully of the inattention to duty shown by the members of some of the lodges, but we do not gather that this lack of attention is by any means general, or, in reality, anything beyond a passing sense of indifferentism, which the zeal of the W. Masters, if discreetly exercised, will speedily overcome, and which on examination may prove to be a slight relaxation from an excess of work rather than a serious neglect of regular lodge duty. It is pleasant, however, to note that the same kindly feeling prevails on the part of the brethren of South Australia towards the Grand Lodge of England as when the bulk of their lodges were under its jurisdiction and that they are as proud of the position they occupy towards us now as when they were a part of our Masonic system. This has been especially exemplified by their reception in Grand Lodge of the announcement that H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, M.W.G.M. of our United Grand Lodge, has graciously accepted the office of Grand Patron of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. It is evident they were keenly disappointed when his ROYAL HIGHNESS found himself unable to comply at once with their request that he would become the Patron of their Grand Lodge, but now that he has seen his way to complying with their wishes, the pleasure they feel has found expression in a resolution of thanks which is most flattering to the PRINCE. Equally pleasant is it to know that the kindly offices of Bro. the Earl of CARNARVON, our Pro Grand Master, who was most warmly received by the brethren of South Australia during his recent visit to the Antipodes are appreciated, and that a resolution of thanks has been also passed to his lordship "for his fraternal and successful effort in support of the petition" of the Grand Lodge of South Australia to the Prince of WALES to become its Patron. This friendly interchange of courtesies between the Grand Lodges of this Colony and the Mother Country cannot fail to exercise a most beneficial effect on the kindly relations already existing between the two, and will reduce to a minimum the chance of any differences arising between them in the future. It would be well if the same friendly disposition towards the Mother Grand Lodges of the old country were as apparent in other directions as it is among the lodges and brethren of South Australia.

Masonic Work in South Africa. THE report we published last week of the dedication of a new Masonic Hall at Johannesburg, South Africa, is evidence enough, were any needed, of the interest which is taken in Freemasonry by the inhabitants of that distant quarter, and the ready liberality with which they furnish whatever is needed in order to render its work more efficient and raise it in public estimation. The dedication of a new Masonic Hall even in one of our most familiar provinces is an event of considerable importance, and is regarded as indicating the presence of more than the ordinary amount of enthusiasm among the Freemasons of the locality. In South Africa, where the lodges are comparatively few in number, the erection and dedication of a hall by the local brethren betokens an interest in Masonry and its work which is far in excess of what we hear or read of commonly. We wish, however, that on these occasions the brethren on whom devolves the duty of delivering the oration proper to all such ceremonies would be as tender as they can in dealing with the remoter history of our Craft. Let them be as minute as they can in describing what has happened during the last century or two, but let them not dwell too circumstantially on what passed, or is supposed to have passed, in the days of EDWIN and ATHELSTAN, EDWARD III. and HENRY VI., or even in

the reign of WILLIAM of ORANGE. The Masonic oration or address is most successful which treats in a kindly spirit, but lightly and in general terms, of what happened in these more remote times; what happened but yesterday is fair matter for searching comment. However, some latitude is permissible when a new hall is dedicated in South Africa, and that un-congenial person, the critic, is not at hand to keep the gushing orator on his best behaviour.

Freemasons a Dangerous Society. THANKS to an esteemed Correspondent, we give a reprint of a letter published in the "Gentleman's Magazine" of 1737. The copy has been carefully made, and is an exact reproduction as respects the verbiage of the original. There were several articles and letters on Freemasonry in that noted series, the one of 1737, now printed in the *Freemason*, and another of 1815, relative to the "Old Charges," being the most valuable. Having been written some 150 years ago, and by a shrewd observer, the references to the Craft are neither lacking in interest nor importance, and several of the statements are of considerable value in relation to that period. Possibly the writer was familiar with Dr. Plot of 1686, and certainly knew of Anderson's "Book of Constitutions," besides a few of the class of publications known as "exposures," of which a few had been circulated from 1723 to that year. The Society in that day is declared to be composed of men of "all Nations, Parties, and Religions," the "Sword of State" alluded to was presented by the Duke of Norfolk in 1730 (and is still in use), and the allusion to "a higher Order of Cabalists, who keep the *grand secret* all to themselves, will be "nuts" for the Rosicrucians. We almost fear to have the latter portion printed, as it recommends the imposition of "a double tax upon all Free-Masons," for even now "great sums of money are wanted," just as then. There is one thing, the ladies would appear to be more favourable to our Society at the present time, so we must depend on their influence to prevent any excessive taxation. Seriously, however, the letter is worth attention as well as reproduction.

A Wise Ordinance. WE gather from the *Australasian Keystone* that in Queensland it is an instruction from the District Grand Lodge to the Worshipful Masters of all private lodges that they shall communicate to brethren in open lodge the Masonic information contained in the published "Proceedings" of the District Grand Lodge, and that they shall consider any ruling therein recorded as a definite instruction, to be followed in all cases to which it is applicable; and we heartily concur in opinion with our worthy contemporary that it is very desirable such an ordinance should be generally adopted by Provincial and District Grand Lodges. It is the more necessary that such a rule should be established, seeing that in our English system of Masonry there is no recognised authority on Masonic Jurisprudence, and no safe guide, therefore, for Worshipful Masters to follow in matters of doubt and difficulty. Considering this lack of any authoritative exposition of Masonic law, the rulers of our private lodges are to be congratulated on the generally successful manner in which they discharge the powers with which they are invested. Moreover, they know they may rely with confidence on the support of their officers and members, who are only too pleased to help their superior officers out of a dilemma. But it is inevitable that every now and then cases will arise which can only be determined by the experts, and in the absence, as we have said, of any recognised legal guide, it seems to us that the decisions of Provincial and District Grand Lodges, but especially of United Grand Lodge, would always prove a safe counsellor to be followed. If, as our Australasian contemporary points out, this practice of reading and explaining these decisions in open lodge, and recording them for future guidance, were observed, it "would prevent a Worshipful Master from making grave mistakes in the government of his lodge, and enable him to keep himself and the members under his care 'in touch' with all his brethren." It is on the recorded decisions of Grand Lodge and the District or Provincial Grand Lodges that the future work on Masonic Jurisprudence will have to be based in order that its exposition of our laws may possess a real value, and until that work appears—and, indeed, even when it has appeared—it seems desirable that the advice of the *Australasian Keystone* should be followed.

The Craft in New Zealand. It is not surprising that, with an independent Grand Lodge established in South Australia, and with steps being taken in the colonies of New South Wales and Victoria to establish G. Lodges of their own, some of our New Zealand brethren should already be contemplating the possibility of setting up a Masonic government in that colony. Here, as in the other Australasian colonies, the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland hold concurrent jurisdiction, and in spite of all we have read to the contrary, we believe the system has in the

main worked satisfactorily, and that a complete harmony of feeling has existed, and exists, among the lodges and brethren of the three jurisdictions. But a successful example is sure to be contagious, and we hear that at the installation meeting of the Waikouaiti Lodge, No. 2115, Otago, Bro. F. A. GREEN, the retiring W. Master, boldly uttered the hope that "the time was not far distant when there would be only one Constitution in New Zealand, and expressed his willingness to work for that object." There can be no doubt there is ample material in the colony for the successful establishment of an independent Grand Lodge, the English lodges alone, not to mention those under the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, being upwards of 100 in number. We offer no opinion as to whether the movement, in the event of its being seriously undertaken, will proceed with the same facility as in South Australia. In the latter case there were only the lodges in one district to consult, but in New Zealand there are several district organisations, and it may not prove quite so easy to secure unanimity among these, even though the most friendly feelings may prevail amongst them. However, if the New Zealand brethren are actuated by the same spirit as those of South Australia, and proceed in the same loyal and constitutional manner as did the latter in their endeavours to establish a separate Grand Lodge, we venture to say the Grand Lodges of the Old Country will treat the project as generously and with the same anxiety to do what is best for the general good of Freemasonry.

THE "HUMBER" LODGE, No. 57, HULL.

Bro. J. Coltman Smith wrote a "History of the Warrant of the Humber Lodge, No. 65," and had it published in 1855. He compiled it "with the intention, rather of beguiling certain intervals of leisure in the business of the lodge, at the time he had the honor of being Master, than for circulation amongst the brethren." The pamphlet makes no pretension to doing more than "affording amusement, not perhaps altogether unmixed with instruction," but as it has of late years been referred to at times as somewhat of an authority, I have decided to allude to a few interesting points, as also to some of the errors that the author fell into, so as to exhibit the main facts of the history of the lodge, free from the unfortunate inaccuracies of Bro. Smith's compilation.

A copy of the present warrant begins the History proper, and recites that the Charter was granted by authority of the Duke of Atholl, as G.M. of the "Ancients," to certain brethren to meet at the Buck and Dog, Strand, in the Town of Liverpool, the date being 17th April, 1775, and the number 53. What work was done under the original Warrant of 19 May, 1756, cannot now be traced (apparently), but possibly the lodge was never constituted. At all events, neither the place of meeting (beyond the fact of its being issued for Liverpool), nor its name are known to Bro. John Lane ("Masonic Records, 1717-1886," p. 42.) The note in the S.W. corner of the existing charter of 1775, states "This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, vol. 2, letter B., and bears date May 19, 1756-5756." On the second start, the "Buck and Dog" was the chosen home, until the "Cheshire Coffee House" became the favoured place of meeting a few years later on.

Bro. Smith evidently considers the lodge was named the "Ancient Knight Templars," from its origin, but I am not aware of any evidence of that name being used prior to 1786. Possibly the "Ancients" affected the Masonic Knight Templar ceremony, but no authority was ever given by that Grand Lodge for the working of any Degree beyond or additional to the "Third," save the Royal Arch. Even so late as May 4th, 1808, it is noted in the official Records that no emblem of Knights Templars or other order of knighthood was permitted to be worn at the Festival.

The lodge was under a cloud early in 1805, but in 1809 it "and the Warrant No. 53," was transferred to and "held at a house known by the sign of the Fleece Inn, Market-place, Hull," by authority of the D.G.M. of England (Bro. Thomas Harper), as per indorsement on the Charter, the first meeting being held on the 17th March, 1809, under its old name, but that not being liked by the members, it was changed for the more appropriate one of the "Humber," on 2nd July, 1810.

Bro. Smith gets into a "fog" respecting the origin of the Warrant of this Lodge in 1775, as he declares it was "Granted by the Duke of Athol, who at the time, and for many years afterwards, was the Grand Master of the Ancient Grand Lodge of York, or as it was then, and for many years afterwards contended, the only lodge that had power to grant Warrants in England." The "Ancients" at one time, and that early in their career, did certainly claim a direct York origin, but that was not a true statement, and was dropped as the facts of the case became known. This Body was never connected in any way with the old Lodge, and then Grand Lodge at York, but had its seat from the first, and throughout, at London; neither did any organisation ever claim the exclusive right of warranting Lodges in England when the York G.L. was formed. Bro. Smith tells us that the old records of the Lodge prove, as do many others, that visitors, termed "Moderns," had to be made "Ancient" before they could participate in the meetings. The number of the Lodge at the "Union" was lowered to 73, the change not being recognised by the Secretary apparently until August, 1814.

We are also told that the brethren at Liverpool joined another Lodge, hence the transfer, which was brought about, in part, through the good offices of the members of two Military Lodges then assembling in Hull, Nos. 120 and 215.

On 7th Nov., 1810, it was unanimously resolved that the G. Sec. should be written to relative to a R.A. Chapter being held, and doubtless full information was given, as on 26th May, 1811, it was "Resolved, that a meeting be held every Sunday night, to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons," and there is a record that the Chapter so met on the 4th of the following month. Unfortunately, the brethren do not seem to have been alive to their privileges in 1817, when the "United Grand Chapter" was formed, for had they applied in due time for the requisite authority, they might have had a Warrant without any charge, whereas it was not until 1826 the Charter was applied for, the payment of 5 guineas on August 23rd, 1827, being acknowledged in the Grand Chapter Report.

I pass over a lot of matter respecting internal troubles, of which the members had more than their full share, from 1819 to 1823. About 1817, some discontented brethren of the "Minerva" Lodge (so Bro. Smith narrates), having resigned, got hold of the Warrant of the "Rodney"

Lodge (No. 451), and "worked" together for some two years, when on making "Returns" to Grand Lodge, the payments so made were kept and credited to the *old account*, and they were refused recognition until the whole was paid! On this demand, they succumbed, but in time joined the old "Humber" Lodge, thus explaining the possession by the Lodge of many of the "Rodney" Lodge Jewels, and thus considerably extending its ranks. The frequent payments to Grand Lodge after this accession are quite a noticeable feature.

I cannot spare the time to give the interesting sketch of Bro. Smith's relative to the difficulty experienced by the members in carrying out their laudable desire to assemble in their own Masonic Hall. The landlord of the Turk's Head objected to such a proceeding, and took very extreme measures to prevent the removal of the lodge. However, as he is "dead and gone" (I mean the landlord, not the "Turk's Head,") and before that event occurred, duly acknowledged his error, I propose to pass him by so as to refer to the determined courage of the Master, who, fearing that harm might befall the warrant had it strengthened "by having canvas sewn on the back, and when the lodge was opened, instead of it appearing at its usual place the Master wore it round his body instead of an apron." The Landlord called in the local Constables, who declined to interfere, when the former, in an angry mood told the brethren "to take all that belonged to them," which they proceeded to do there and then. The newly admitted apprentice, with commendable zeal, determined to bear his part most manfully, and "amongst other things he took one of the Warden's candlesticks in which the pound candle was yet burning, and carried it alight through the street on his back. The current of air to which the lighted candle was exposed caused the grease to melt, which flowed in a copious stream down his coat!"

Notwithstanding all the many obstacles the members succeeded, for on the 7th May, 1827, the foundation of the well known and commodious Masonic Hall was laid by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, which ceremony was duly described in the Masonic works of the period. In the interim the brethren assembled at the Humber Tavern, in Humber-street, and then at the Neptune Inn, in Chapel-lane, where, I presume they met until 19th September of the same year (1827) when the first meeting was held in the new hall, the commemorative assembly taking place on the 3rd October. Bro. Smith well expresses the feelings that actuated the members when he says they established a lodge that would prove their zeal for the service of Freemasonry, and that "their desire was for the welfare of the Craft in general, and for the Masons of the Town of Hull in particular." In 1830 the Benevolent Fund was formed, which is now one of the largest in England, and since that year the progress of the lodge has been most marked and satisfactory, the present condition being such as to be the just pride of its members and an honour to the Province of North and East Yorkshire, of which it forms an important part. It has a centenary jewel warrant, the lodge dating from 1775.

W. J. HUGHAN.

"THAT MYSTERIOUS SOCIETY CALLED FREE-MASONS."

Copy of letter published in the "Gentleman's Magazine" April, 1737.
FREE-MASONS A DANGEROUS SOCIETY.

Mr. D'Anvers,

AMONGST all the various Instances of our Advantages over other Nations in point of *Liberty*, there is one so very remarkable that it deserves your most serious Consideration; I mean the Toleration of that mysterious Society call'd FREE-MASONS, who have been lately suppress'd not only in *France*, but in *Holland*, as a dangerous Race of Men; whereas here they are permitted to hold their private Meetings in every Part of the Town, and even to appear in publick Procession with the ensigns of their Order.

Indeed, I have often wondered that they have not been laid under some Restraints even in *England*; for tho' our present most excellent Ministers have always preserved a sacred Regard to *Liberty*, I think no Government ought to suffer such clandestine Assemblies, where Plots against the State may be carried on, under the Pretence of *Brotherly Love and good Fellowship*.

The *Act of Toleration* does not allow of *private Conventicles*, even in Cases of *Conscience*, but enjoins that all *Places of divine Worship*, shall be not only licensed but *publick*. Shall more Indulgence be granted to this *incomprehensible Fraternity*, who do not pretend, as far as I ever heard, to plead *Conscience*, or any *publick Emolument* in their Behalf?

They derive their Original, as I am inform'd, from the Building of *Babel*, which every Body knows was an audacious Attempt against *Heaven*; insomuch that God himself thought fit to defeat their Design by *Confusion of Tongues*, that such impious Offenders might not understand one another. But on the contrary, our *modern Masons* pretend to an *universal, dumb Language*, by which People of all Nations upon the Face of the Earth, who are initiated into their *Mysteries*, can easily converse together, by the Help of *certain Signs*, Known only to themselves.

It is likewise said that by the *same signs* they can oblige any of their Brethren to leave off their work, and follow them wherever they please; a Power which may be some time or other turned to very ill Use. The *Concord and Unanimity*, which reigns so remarkably amongst them, is very surprising; for though they are composed of all *Nations, Parties, and Religions*, We are told that there hath not happened the least Quarrel or Disturbance in any of their Assemblies. That *impenetrable Secrecy*, for which they are so famous, is likewise Matter of just Suspicion, and seems to indicate that there is something in their *nocturnal Rites and Ceremonies*, which they are afraid of having discovered.

For this reason, they not only lock themselves into the Room, where they meet, and suffer none to wait upon them, except *Brethren*; but upon all extraordinary Occasions, a *Centinel* is placed at the Outside of the Door, with a *drawn Sword* in his Hand, to prevent all Discoveries.

This is not the only Mark of their being a *military Order*; for it is very observable that they give their *chief Officer* the Title of *GRANDMASTER*; in Imitation, I presume, of the *Knights of Malta*; nay, he hath a *Sword of State* carried before him, almost as large, and richly ornamented as That of his Majesty. This *Sword* was presented to them, as I am inform'd, by a *great Roman-Catholick Peer*—With what View I shall not take upon me positively to determine.

There seems likewise to be something emblematical in the *Gloves* and *Aprons* a *Glove* is only another Word for a *Gauntlet* which is a *Piece of Armour for the Hands*, An *Apron*, indeed is a proper Badge of *Masonry*, in the literal Sense; but it is likewise a Term in *Gunnery* for a flat *Piece of Lead* to cover the *Touch-hole of a Cannon*, when it is loaded; and I leave

my Superiors to judge whether it may not be made Use of by our Free-Masons to tipify something like it.

It farther deserves Notice how artfully they have dispersed themselves, in different Lodges thro' all Parts of the Kingdom, and particularly in *This great Metropolis*; as if it were on Purpose to beat up for *Volunteers*, in which they not only admit *Turks, Jews, Infidels*, but even *Jacobites, Nonjurors, and Papists* themselves.

They keep their proceedings so very private, that it is impossible to guess what *Seal of Secrecy* they have invented, which is able to tie up the Mouths of such Multitudes, whom the *most solemn Oaths* could not bind, upon any other occasions.

I wish it may not be somewhat like *that horrid Obligation* which *Catin-line* administer'd to his *Fellow-Conspirators*.

Upon the whole *this mysterious Society* hath too much the Air of an *Inquisition* where everything is transacted in the Dark.

It may be said that a *learned and worthy Divine of the Church of England* hath long ago publish'd the *Institution of Free-Masons*, which contains nothing but what is perfectly innocent, and prove them to be rather a *whimsical* than a *dangerous and formidable Sect*. But I must observe that *this Book* seems design'd rather to *amuse* than *inform* the World; for it is not to be supposed that he would reveal *these boasted Mysteries*, in which the very essence of their *Society* consists.

But the most material Argument is that there are so many of the *Nobility, Gentry* and even the *Clergy*, of the most undoubted Affection to his Majesty's Person, Family, and Government, in this Society; that as it will be impossible to carry on any wicked Designs against him without their Knowledge, so it cannot be supposed that they will concur in them, or conceal them. But with all due *Deference to these Hon. and Rev. Persons*, I beg Leave to give my Opinion that *this Argument* is very fallacious, and upon which we can have no sure Dependance, for I apprehend the *obligation* which the *Free-Masons* take, to be of such a Nature, that the *blackest Conspiracies or Machinations*, will not allow them to break through it, Besides how can we be sure that *those Persons* who are known to be *well affected* are let into all their *Mysteries*? They make no Scruple to acknowledge that there is a Distinction between *Prentices* and *Master Masons*; and who knows whether they may not have an higher Order of *Cabalists*, who keep the *grand Secret* of all intirely to themselves?

It may be ask'd, perhaps, in what *Plots, or ill Designs* of any Sort, they have been engaged since the first Foundation of *their Society*?

This Question is not easily answered; for their Principles and Actions are so unfathomable, that nobody can say with Certainty, in what they are concern'd, or not concern'd: but I cannot help thinking them at the Bottom of *one Affair*, I mean the late *Tumult at Edinburgh*, and the *Murder of Capt. Porteous*; which was concerted and executed with so much *Unanimity and Secrecy* that none but a *Mob of Free-Masons* could be guilty of it, without the *Discovery of one Person* in so numerous a multitude as were concern'd in the Perpetration of that *atrocious Fact*.

I am glad to hear that a *Law* is likely to pass in the Nature of the *Black Act* for preventing *such Riots*, for the future, by trying the Authors of them in *England*, for if the *Scots* will not find one another guilty, there is all the Reason in the World they should be try'd by an *impartial jury*, who know nothing of *Them, or their Characters*, and I hope to see the *Free-Masons* included in the *same Bill*, for they may be properly said to *go in Disguise*.

I know *these Men* are generally look'd upon in *England*, as a *Parcel of idle People*, who meet together only to make merry, and play some ridiculous *Pranks*; but it is very plain that the wise Governments of *France* and *Holland* look upon them in a very different Light, and I humbly hope to see my own Country follow the Example of the latter, at least by supressing *such dangerous Assemblies*,

But if a *total suppression* should be thought inconsistent with our *free Constitution and most incomparable Government* I have an Alternative to offer; which is to lay a double Tax upon all *Free-Masons*; as there hath been so many years upon the *Papists*.

I flatter myself *this Scheme* will not prove disagreeable at present, when *great Sums of Money* are wanted, and *Ways and Means* are so very hard to be found. I am sure, it will be more acceptable to the *Generality of Mankind*, or at least to *Womankind*, than the *Reduction of Interest to 3 per Cent.*, without any *Redemption of Taxes*; for as the *Ladies* have a very bad Opinion of the *Free-Masons* and are incapable of being admitted into *that Order*, they will never complain of any Tax being laid upon *Keeping a Secret*, which they are not let into themselves.

I am, SIR, &c.,
JACHIN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held on the 19th inst. at the Town Hall, Knutsford. There was a very large gathering of the members of the Order, and in honour of the occasion the principal thoroughfares were decorated with flags and banners. At twelve o'clock a lodge was opened by the Master (Bro. J. Burgess) and the officers of the De Tabley Lodge, Knutsford, after which the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Egerton of Tatton) and the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge entered, and were received with the customary salutations. In the absence of his Honour Judge Lloyd (Deputy Provincial Grand Master), Lord Egerton was supported by Bros. C. W. Dutton, P.P.G.W., acting Prov. G. Master; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap. England; T. Forrester, P.G. Std. Br. England; E. Woodhead, P.P.J.G.W.; T. E. Gibson, P.G. Treas.; T. Marwood, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Bellyse, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, P.P.G. Chap.; J. P. Platt, P.J. G.W.; G. A. Fernley, P.P.S.G.W.; J. A. Birch, P.P.S.G.D. East Lancs.; J. M. Staples, P.P.J.G.W.; Herbert Finch, P.P.G.D.C.; Lance Bentley, P.G. Reg.; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; P. Wadsworth, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Lewis, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Wainwright, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Beresford, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Clayton, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Hunter, P.P.S.G.D.; W. M. Lightfoot, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Salmon, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Lockitt, P.P.S.G.D.; G. H. Danby, P.S.G.D.; C. Tatton, P.P.J.G.W.; E. G. Simpson, P.S.G.D.; and a large number of other provincial Officers. The number of brethren present was about 500.

The roll of lodges was called, and all were found to be represented. The reading of the roll of Provincial Grand Officers disclosed the fact that several were unavoidably absent. Apologies for non-attendance were received from his Honour Judge Lloyd, Deputy Prov. G.M., and the Hon. Tatton Egerton, M.P., Prov. S.G.W.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. T. E. GIBSON, presented a financial

statement, which showed that the balance in favour of the province was £241. The Fund of Benevolence amounted to £1026, and there was a balance in connection with the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution of £2 14s. 6d., making a total of £1270.

Upon the motion of Bro. SALMON, P.P.S.G.D., the accounts were passed.

The next business was the election of Prov. G. Treasurer, and Bro. W. Wildgoose was unanimously appointed.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in the course of an address, said that beyond the limits of the province the past year had been an eventful one in the annals of Freemasonry for various reasons. They had all to lament the death of the protector of Masons in Germany, the late Emperor Frederick, who was connected with our Royal Family, and was brother-in-law to the Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales. He was one of those whose career was eminently Masonic, for he always endeavoured to do his duty in the very high position in which he was placed, and was always found acting with the greatest sympathy towards all classes, endeavouring to promote their welfare in a thoroughly charitable and Masonic spirit. He (Lord Egerton) was glad the Grand Lodge had, through his Royal Highness the Grand Master, condoled with the Empress Victoria, his widow, on the loss of so excellent a Mason to Germany. They had also had that year a most remarkable meeting in aid of the Charity for the daughters of Masons. It was a sight which those who saw it would never forget. The Prince of Wales presided, and they had amongst the brethren the King of a friendly country—the King of Sweden—with several thousands of Freemasons who were collected together to carry on the good work of Charity. Certainly on that occasion the power of Freemasonry was well exhibited. He believed at no other banquet had such a sum been announced as being received in the interest of a Charity—namely, £50,600. That showed what Masons could do in furtherance of the principles with which their Order was indissolubly connected. With regard to the Province of Cheshire, he was glad to find that, though there was no substantial increase, the number of subscribing members was maintained, there being 1562, as against 1480 last year. That was satisfactory, because it showed that Masonry was growing, and that its principles were extending in the province. The work of the various lodges had during that year been good. Their funds remained in the same state as before, but they had a sum of £1200 invested. Cheshire Freemasonry received from the London Masonic Charities about £1000 a year. They had, in connection with these Charities, 40 boys at £45 a year each; 40 girls at £40 a year each; eight aged Masons who received annuities of £40 each, and six widows who received £32 a year each. He thought in that condition of things he might fairly ask that Provincial Grand Lodge to vote to the Masonic Charities the sum of 100 guineas, and he moved a resolution to that effect.

Bro. C. W. DUTTON seconded the resolution, which was passed.

The Prov. G. Master appointed and invested the Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Bro. Judge Lloyd	...	...	...	D.P.G.M.
„ T. G. Sheldon, 533	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
„ F. Preston, 104	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
„ Rev. R. Hodgson, 1045	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
„ Rev. W. C. Martin, 941	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ W. Wildgoose, 941	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ T. Pattinson, 295	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ R. Newhouse 1045	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
„ C. Booth, 287	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
„ J. Needham, 295	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
„ H. B. Brown, 2132	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
„ W. Ramsden, 1166	...	...	...	Prov. G. G.D.
„ T. Maples, 537	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ G. H. Brown, 537	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
„ W. Kenworthy, 89	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
„ J. Coxill, 758	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
„ R. G. Walker, 1126	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ T. C. Fleming, 322	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
„ W. H. Maxfield, 1957	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ S. Booth, 830	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ W. Barker, 461	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
„ W. Piers, 425	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
„ A. Ingham, 2144	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
„ J. Burgess, 941	...	...	...	...
„ W. Hough, 941	...	...	...	...
„ A. Orrett, 941	...	...	...	...
„ S. Smith, 721	...	...	...	...

Bro. J. P. Platt was, upon the motion of Bro. the Rev. C. W. S. STANHOPE, seconded by Bro. C. W. DUTTON, re-appointed Chairman of the Board of Benevolence.

An invitation to hold the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Hyde was accepted, and the meeting was then closed.

Subsequently the brethren attended service in the parish church, walking thither in procession, headed by the band of the 3rd Battalion Cheshire Volunteers, and in the afternoon went to Tatton Park, where they were entertained to tea by Lord Egerton.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, was held in the Town Hall, Gateshead, on Tuesday afternoon, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., of Whitburn Hall, who was ably supported by W. Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. The arrangements made by the Gateshead brethren at the Town Hall were most satisfactory, and the meeting, under the banners of the old Industry Lodge, No. 48, and the Borough Lodge, No. 424, passed off very satisfactorily.

The Charities Committee met at 12.45, under the chairmanship of Bro. C. S. Lane, P.P.J.G.D., and at 1.30 the Fund Committee of the Province met under the presidency of V.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., when several applications for relief were presented by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. R. HUDSON, P.G.S.B. Eng., and considered, and recommendations made to Provincial Grand Lodge.

The attendance at Provincial Grand Lodge was very satisfactory. Among those present, in addition to the P.G.M. and D.G.M., were the following:

Bros. L. Booth, P.S.G.W.; H. J. Turnbull, P.J.G.W.; Rev. P. W. Clarke, P.G. Chap.; Babington Boulton, acting as P.G. Treas.; J. Moult, P.G. Reg.; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; T. Renton, P.S.G.D.; A. G. Rudd, P.S.G.D.; H. Baumann, P.J.G.D.; R. W. Simpson, P.J.G.D.; J. H. Morton, P.G. Supt. of Works; J. J. Clay, P.G.D. of C.; N. K. Brown, P.D.G.D. of C.; T. Blenkinsopp, P.A.G.D. of C.; W. Ross, P.G.S.B.; J. C. Moor, P.P.J.G.D., P.G. Std. Br.; R. Dickinson, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Barker, P.G. Org.; J. R. Pattison, P.A.G. Sec.; J. Richardson and J. Heslop, P.G. Pursts.; J. Curry, acting P.G. Tyler; W. M. Pybus, James Graham, J. W. Gatt, and W. Rutter, P.G. Stwds.; J. W. Barnes, P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas Bradley, P.P.S.G.W.; John Bailey, P.P.J.G.W.; G. J. Wilson, P.P.J.G.W.; John Wood, P.P.J.G.W.; C. H. Backhouse, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. R. H. Yeld, Rev. J. J. Brown, Rev. J. Lawson, Rev. J. Gaskill, and Rev. D. W. James, P.P.G. Chaplains; H. B. Reed, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Brignal, P.P.G.R.; R. Luck, M.A., P.P.G.R.; W. Logan, P.P.G.R.; M. Corbitt, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Bell, P.P.S.G.D.; J. G. Smith, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Shadford, P.P.S.G.D.; John Potts, P.P.J.G.D.; C. S. Lane, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Coulson, P.P.J.G.D.; J. C. Kirtley, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Hudson, P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Watson, P.P.J.G.D.; A. Gray, P.P.G. of W.; R. Whitfield, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Armstrong, P.P.D.G.D.C.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of last Prov. G. Lodge having been read and confirmed,

Bro. BABINGTON BOLTON, P.P.G. Treas., read the Treasurer's statement, which showed a balance in hand of £292 8s. 10d. The accounts were adopted "nem. con."

The report of the Fund Committee of the province was read by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER (Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram), and it recommended that £25 be granted to the Durham Masonic Education Fund; £105 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; £52 10s. to the Girls' School; and £52 10s. to the Benevolent Institution.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Bro. J. C. Moor, P.P.J.G.D., and carried unanimously.

Bro. T. BRADLEY, P.P.S.G.W., Secretary of the Charities Committee, read the 11th annual report of the Committee, which stated that they had the satisfaction of electing two candidates to the London Institutions, one boy from West Hartlepool and one boy from Sunderland, and the election of another, it was hoped, would be completed shortly. Since the formation of the Charities Committee, they had elected eleven boys, three girls, three men, and one widow. They had a long list of candidates for future elections. There were from this province receiving benefits from the Institutions—boys, to the value of £255 per annum; girls, £109; aged Freemasons, £80; widows, £64; total cost, £508. In view of the generous assistance of the London Institutions, and the heavy list of further applications for the benefits they bestowed, the Committee asked for continued and greater efforts for the support of the Institutions in London. The Durham Masonic Education Fund was contributing to the education and part maintenance of 17 children at a cost of £103 10s. The Fund had a total capital of £831 15s., which had been raised since 1882, in addition to allowances to children varying from £40 to £90 per annum. The accounts showed a balance of £104 carried forward.

Bro. C. S. LANE, P.P.J.G.D., moved, and Bro. D. HUNTER, P.M., seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried with applause.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he was glad to hear such a satisfactory report as that just read.

The roll of lodges of the province was then called, when all but one was represented.

The PROV. G. MASTER, in addressing the lodge, thanked the W.M.'s and their officers for the excellent condition in which the reports had been presented from the various lodges. He thanked the W.M. and officers of the senior lodge of the province, the Industry, No. 48, and also the W.M. and officers of Lodge 424, for the very excellent preparations they had made for their reception that day. It was quite a pleasure to sit in that room, notwithstanding the attendance they had—an attendance equal to any Provincial Grand Lodge he had attended. He feelingly alluded to the loss the province had sustained by the death of several brethren during the past year, including the W.M. of the Tees Lodge, the late Bro. G. S. Ranson, P.P.S.G.W., who was W.M. of the Palatine Lodge in 1850, eight years before he (the P.G.M.) filled that position, and also to the loss of his old friend Bro. Anthony Wilkinson, P.P.S.G.W., one of the oldest Past Masters, who attained his Masonic Jubilee last year. He also mentioned the decease of the Tyler, Bro. J. W. Brown, during the past year. They were also to suffer the temporary loss, through ill-health, which every one deplored, of their able Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Clay, who was far from well, and whom they wished a temporary sojourn in a more genial climate would soon restore to them. Turning to the lodges, he congratulated them upon the fact that their numbers were quite equal to those of previous years, and that there were now 2200 subscribing members. He had visited several of the lodges and witnessed their working with very much pleasure, and he alluded to the most gratifying ceremony which took place in February last, on the occasion of the Silver Wedding of Lady Williamson and himself, when they presented them with a handsome illuminated address and silver vase. He should be leaving the district for a time, but he was satisfied that under the able rule of their distinguished Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Canon Tristram, the affairs of the province, with the hearty co-operation of the Prov. Grand Officers and the Masters and officers of lodges, would be carried on in a united and prosperous manner.

Bro. John Stonehouse, P.M. Harbour of Refuge Lodge, was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and Bros. R. A. Brown, J.W. 2039, and T. Atkinson, P.M. 80, were elected Auditors for the ensuing year.

The PROV. G. MASTER said he had great pleasure in again appointing Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram as his Deputy, and he then invested the following officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. W. H. Roberts, 375	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" John Potts, 94...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. Randall, 124	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. Haworth, 124	...	...	...
" John Stonehouse, 764	...	...	...
" W. M. Pybus, 48	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. Hudson, 2039. P.G.S.B. Eng. (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. D. Leng, 1418	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" D. P. Huntly, 80	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Mayson, 764	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" R. Singleton, 97	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" G. Lazonby, 940	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Logan, 2135. P.P.G.R.	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" John Heppell, 1970	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" J. G. Hall, 1230	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Samuel Chadwick, 1643	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" J. G. Greener, 424	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. Rutherford, 1932	...	...	...

Bro. Joseph Lax, 1650	Prov. G. Org.
" J. R. Pattison, 97 (re-appointed)	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" John Reed	Prov. G. Purst.
" T. Hardy, 2019	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Fred. Wade	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Sanderson	...	...
" Isaac Thompson	...	...
" Thos. Coates	...	...
" J. H. Penney	...	...
" Ewbank Harrison	...	...
" T. Potter, P.M. 240	...	...

Prov. G. Tyler.

Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards closed.

In the evening a number of brethren sat down to an excellent banquet at the Masonic Hall in Jackson-street, at which the Prov. Grand Master presided, and was supported by Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SHROPSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of the above province was held by Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., the P.G.M., at Ironbridge, on Tuesday, the 18th instant. The following Provincial Grand Officers were present—

Bros. Rowland G. Venables, Past A.G.D. of C., D.P.G.M.; Rev. J. T. W. Claridge, P.G. Chap.; J. P. White, P.G.T.; J. H. Cooksey, P.G. Reg.; W. H. Spaul, A.G.D. of C., P.G. Sec.; T. Whitefoot, jun., P.G.D. of C.; John Machin, P.A.G.D. of C.; Thomas Pratt, P.G. Std. Br.; E. A. Hicks, P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Belton, P.G.O.; A. Lowcock, P.G.P.; Thomas Ginders, P.A.G.P.; A. S. Townsend, H. E. Roberts, and Thomas J. Barnett, P.G. Stwds.; and George Bonner, P.G. Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. L. Southwell, P.P.G.W.; R. A. Craig, P.P.G. Reg.; Thomas Roberts, E. C. Peele, and Rowland Millington, P.P.G. Deacons; J. C. W. Lister, P.P.A.G.D.C.; George Stevenson, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; John Jinks, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. T. Akeroyd, P.P.G.O.; L. E. Wollstein, P.P.G.P.; and others.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from a number of brethren, amongst them Bro. Sir W. Williams Wynn, Bart., Bro. Marmaduke Tenant, D.P.G.M. Eastern Division of South Wales, and Bro. Capt. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth.

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested the following Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart. ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. C. Peele ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. T. W. Claridge ...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. Lucas, M.A., LL.D. ...	...
" V. C. L. Crump ...	...
" E. A. Hicks ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. H. Spaul, A.G.D.C. ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" L. E. Wollstein ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. E. Roberts ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Arthur Lowcock ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. Whitefoot, jun. ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. T. Akeroyd ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Fredk. Cox ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" L. A. Manning ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. G. U. Elliot ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Belton ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. S. Townsend ...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. J. Barnett ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Jno. Avery ...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Herbert Major ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Wm. Westcott ...	...
" Fredk. Chubb ...	...
" Saml. Bennion ...	...
" T. C. Bird ...	...
" W. J. Ogg ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" George Bonner ...	...

The P.G. Treasurer, Bro. V. C. L. CRUMP, reported that, in reply to the letter addressed to the lodge by the R.W.P.G.M., he had received a contribution from each lodge, amounting to £39 in all, and the finances of the P.G. Lodge were now on a satisfactory footing.

The P.G. Secretary, Bro. W. H. SPAULL, reported that he had received a letter from Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, saying how very sorry he was at being unable to attend that meeting, and expressing his warmest thanks for the liberal support of that province, and particularly of the Provincial Grand Master, on the occasion of the recent Centenary Festival of the Institution he represented, enhanced as it was by the remembrance of the splendid manner in which the brethren came forward on the preceding year, when Sir Offley Wakeman honoured the Institution by presiding at the Festival. In connection with this matter Bro. W. H. Spaul, the P.G. Secretary, remarked that in 1887 the province sent up to the three Royal Masonic Charities in London the sum of £1054, and during this year they had already sent up £806.

The report of the children in the Institutions from this province as to conduct and progress was highly satisfactory.

Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN now said he had a very pleasant duty to perform. H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had honoured one who for many years had worked amongst them for the welfare of Masonry by appointing him to office in the Grand Lodge of England. He referred to their P.G. Secretary, Bro. W. H. Spaul, and he felt it was not only an honour conferred on Bro. Spaul, but through him on the province. A number of the brethren had thought this a fitting opportunity to show their appreciation of Bro. Spaul's services by presenting him with the clothing for the office he held in Grand Lodge, and for the position to which it pleased H.R.H. to appoint him in Grand Chapter. He had much pleasure in handing to Bro. Spaul the receipt for the fee of honour on his appointment and the paraphernalia for the offices to which he had been appointed.

Bro. SPAULL, in a few suitable words, expressed his sincere thanks to brethren for their kind appreciation of his services in the province, and said when he wore the clothing it would remind him of the many happy meetings they had had, and he hoped in the future, as in the past, his conduct would be such as to merit their approval.

The P.G. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Tontine Hotel.

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The Freemason.

FAREWELL DINNER TO BRO. JOHN MACLEAN.

On Wednesday evening, a complimentary dinner was given to Bro. John Maclean, the distinguished actor, prior to his departure for America with Miss Mary Anderson's Company. The dinner was given by the members of the Savage Club Lodge and the Logic Club, in both of which Bro. Maclean has distinguished himself, more especially in the Logic Club, by acting as instructor in the ritual and ceremonies of Freemasonry.

The chair was occupied by Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, and Bro. Maclean occupied the chair on his right. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. George E. Fairchild, the President of the Logic Club, while other principal chairs were occupied by Bros. Edward Terry, Treasurer, Thomas Burnside, S.D., Thomas Catling, S.W., and W. Chapman, J.W., of the Savage Club Lodge.

Among the other brethren and gentlemen who were present were Bros. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer; Frank Richardson, Past Grand Deacon; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Svd. Br.; L. M. Myers, C.C., P.M. and M.E.Z. 188; Archibald Nagle; Le Sage, H. Herman, R. Purdon, Major-General Ford, Arthur Lewis, A. Barnard, P. Soman, Secretary 2190; D. Guedella, J. P. Fitzgerald, Secretary Logic Club; J. Demetrius, G. S. Ayres, T. E. Gibb, C. J. Phipps, Wetenhall, W. B. Tegetmier, E. J. Wade, R. Tucker, W. Lestocq, W. Kent, Howell, Mostyn, W. Thomas, Wilkinson, Kirkaldy, Fendick, Larkin, W. H. Totten, Joseph Rock, W. L. Barrett, Theo. Drew, J. D. Langton, E. J. Brickwell, Pullen, Dr. Gawith, J. Fisher, Medwin, C. Smith, J. R. Harnell, R. J. Harnell, jun., C. Marius, Frank Thornton, J. H. Macklin, Penley, Trott, Ebbets, J.D. 2190; William Lake, C. May, C. Quick, W. Rowe, Allcorn, J. F. Nagle, Freeman, C. Harter, E. St. John Breton, Crawford Wilson, Phipps Jackson, Henry Massey, W. Purdon, W. P. Margetson, C. Darmstetter, Heather Bigg, Dr. Maitland Coffin, H. S. Wellcome, E. Rosenthal, Dr. Lloyd, Abbott, W. Smith, W. Tinney, Glendonne, H. J. Connolly, W. Haycock, Dan Hughes, John Hughes, John Hyman, Garcia, R. Cummings, Lord, W. Mackie, Baker, John C. Loader, George Robson, Arthur Putnam, R. P. Stevens, A. Prince, David Hughes, W. Way, W. J. Day, J. Tubb, C. Brander, H. Johnson, Cleave, Berry, Ingram, G. S. Jealous, Van der Weyde, Brandon Thomas, Northcote, Spooner, E. Ledger, T. B. Holmes, J. Kay, Grove, Potter, J. Durie, C. B. Birch, F. Wood, John Paige, Victor Stevens, H. Wright, C. H. Fox, E. Humphrey, A. Scott, G. Harrington, Blake, C. Townley, W. J. Fisher, I.G. 2190; E. A. Perry, Con Doherty, E. Kennedy, Greenway, C. Taylor, Odell, J. J. Brown, Blake, Jewell, and Col. North; Messrs. Butler, S. Turner, Willicombe, W. Griffiths, E. J. Moffatt, Jas. MacLean, Cowan, John Rorke, J. Clarke, Shepherd, Humphries, C. Edgcumbe, W. J. Jeaffreson, John Cobbe, Captain Carwick, and others.

The dinner was provided at the Criterion, Regent-street, by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited, and Bro. G. Meads acted as Toast Master in excellent style.

After dinner a large number of ladies were admitted.

The musical and other performances between the speeches which were delivered were by the following artists and artistes: Miss Frances Hipwell, Miss Rosenthal, and Miss Maud Thomson, and Bros. Harris, A. Prince, G. E. Fairchild, J. D. Beveridge, H. Nicholls, W. Morrow, Abbott, Calcott, Franklin Clive, W. L. Barrett, and C. Townley. The glee party consisted of Bros. J. A. Brown, Edward Dalzell, Henry Taylor, and Robert Hilton; and the Musical Director was Bro. Theodore Drew, P.P.G. Org.

Bro. Maclean himself also gave a capital song, and recited Hood's "Bridge of Sighs."

The toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," were first given, and to the latter toast Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treasurer, responded. In doing so, he said he felt it was a great privilege to respond on behalf of the Grand Officers, and he was sorry that they had not among the Grand Officers a brother who represented the profession to which Bro. Maclean belonged. It was a possibility that some brother of the theatrical profession might in the course of another year be in that position.

The CHAIRMAN next said: Having arrived at that period of our proceedings when it becomes my duty to submit to you the toast of the evening, I shall endeavour to do so with a full sense of the agreeable necessities of the occasion, but without, I trust, unduly wearying you or unwise involving myself in the treacherous mazes of inappropriate flattery. If perchance my observations should be deemed meagre, I would beg that they may be estimated for the kindly thoughts they embody, and not for their choice and method. We are assembled to-night to do honour to an esteemed colleague who, in the course of his career, has played many parts, and, I will venture to add, has played them well. We have all learned to admire John Maclean as a talented professor of the dramatic art. We have long known him as a genial and merry companion in that

"Parley of hearts and communion of soul,
Which has lengthened our nights and illuminated our bowl."

We have never known him to vary in the exhibition of those brilliant qualities which have endeared him to all with whom he has come in contact; and finally, I would say we, the members of the Savage Club Lodge and of the Logic Club, have been highly favoured in possessing in him a never-failing guide and preceptor, who has guarded and encouraged and maintained our progress and reputation with an almost parental care. It is surely unnecessary for me to enlarge on these strong claims to your gratitude and affection. Of themselves, they form a sufficient reason for the special compliment we are paying to John Maclean to-night; but I should say that this entertainment was primarily dictated by an enthusiastic desire on the part of members of both Associations to fraternally speed our guest on his pending visit to the provinces, and the great Republic of the West, where we feel confident he will abundantly add to those proud laurels which he has already achieved in our midst. If a spirit of sadness overshadows our present parting, it is, I think, compensated for by our earnest hope and belief that John Maclean will ere long have a safe return to his native country, bringing with him increased vigour, augmented capacity, and renewed triumphs. All this, I know, I may say to our friend on your behalf, and with your entire approbation. It will be the duty of my Bro. Fairchild to

appeal to you and emphasise my humble efforts as your spokesman; but I feel satisfied our persuasion is not required to induce you to drink, with amplest honours, the good health of John Maclean, wishing him, at the same time, long life, abiding happiness, and a pleasant journey. (Cheers, again and again renewed.)

Bro. GEORGE E. FAIRCHILD, Vice-Chairman, then said: I am sure it is quite unnecessary for your Chairman to ask me to emphasise the remarks which he has made with reference to our guest this evening. I am sure you will sympathise with me in the very difficult position I now occupy, in having, at a moment's notice, to say a few words in reference to our guest, after the eloquent and exhaustive speech that our Chairman has made in reference to the great qualities of our guest. However, as I have been called upon to say a few words, I would wish to add, on behalf of the Logic Club, whose representative I am on this occasion, that we as well as the Savage Club Lodge owe a very deep debt of gratitude to our Bro. Maclean, and our debt of gratitude is very much longer, we are very proud to know, than that of the Savage Club Lodge, and our debt is all the greater. We have many members of the Savage Club Lodge among us, and they will agree with us in giving thanks for the unbounded services rendered to us by our Brother Maclean. This entertainment—the reception and banquet to our Bro. Maclean—occurred in two clubs, the Logic Club and the Savage Club, which, as I say, owe as much gratitude to him as any club could owe to any man. We wish him God speed over the water—we wish him success, and a safe return if he so desires. That he may have a great and good reception in America must, I think, find an echo in every heart. The remark of our Bro. Eve is quite correct, that those who know him best love him most. On behalf of the Logic Club I say we are deeply indebted to him for the great services he has rendered to us. (Renewed applause.)

Bro. JOHN MACLEAN, who on rising was received with deafening cheers, was greatly affected, said: After such a demonstration it is no joke to make a start. But, Worshipful Sir and Bro. Vice-Chairman, brethren and gentlemen—and I think after what I have seen I may say ladies—I thank you, Worshipful Sir and you Bro. Fairchild, for the terms in which you spoke for me. It is an old saying I believe, that "on their own merits modest men are dumb." If that be so, how good it is for me that I am a modest man and comparatively dumb, because I just as well may be when there are so many to bear testimony to what little merits I have. I am sure the kind things said of me in submitting this toast to you are enough to knock a fellow over almost. "'Tis not in mortals to command success," it is said; but somebody else has said you can do more—you can try to deserve it. Well, I have tried to deserve it as much as I can do, and the manner that effort has been received, far and away beyond my anticipation, has shown me I have achieved success. I have worked as far as I know quite earnestly, and I shall continue to do the same. It is a great grief to me to know that I have to go away from you, such a number of kindly good souls. I may say that I possess what poor old Macbeth said when he was pegging out he had not got—"troops of friends." It is plain to me from this gathering to-night that I have "troops of friends." I have endeavoured to deserve friends, but never thought I deserved so much; and I say "Thank God" from the bottom of my heart that I have the "troops of friends" I have about me to-night. I will not detain you any longer, but will merely ask you to accept from the bottom of my heart my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the manner in which you have received the toast of my health to-night. (Loud cheers.)

The toast of "The Savage Club Lodge" was proposed by Bro. LESTOCQ, W.M. 1319, and that of "The Logic Club" by Bro. THOMAS CATLING, S.W. 2190, to which Bro. FITZGERALD, Secretary Logic Club, responded, and in the course of his remarks, pointing out the usefulness of the Logic Club, said that the great Masonic work of Charity was thoroughly understood in it. It had 146 active members, representing no less than 98 regular lodges working under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England; it had in it eight installed Masters, 25 P.M.'s, and the remainder of its members held distinguished positions in their lodges. In the course of its existence it had made no less than 212 Life-Governors and Subscribers of the Masonic Institutions, the subscriptions amounting to £1038.

Bro. SOMAN, Secretary of the Savage Club Lodge, replied for that lodge.

Bro. WETENHALL, Metropolitan Board of Works, replied for "The Visitors."

Bro. W. CHAPMAN, J.W. 2190, proposed "The Ladies," to which Bro. THOMAS replied.

Bro. JOHN MACLEAN proposed "The Chairman."

Sir J. R. SOMERS VINE responded, and the proceedings were brought to a close at a late hour.

MASONIC PRESENTATION AT LIVERPOOL.

At the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 19th instant, a meeting of an interesting character took place. The Master and officers of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, invited Bro. Dr. R. H. D. Johnson to dinner, and afterwards the W.M. (Bro. M. Alexander), in the name of the officers of the lodge, presented him with a piece of silver plate and a handsome suite of silver. The occasion was the celebration of the silver wedding day of Bro. and Mrs. Johnson.

In happy terms, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER alluded to the high estimation in which Bro. Johnson was held by all the members of the Temple Lodge, of which he was the first Master, and wished they might all meet to celebrate a golden wedding.

Some excellent songs and recitations followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Prince Eugene, the youngest son of the King of Sweden, is stated to have resigned his membership of the Order. He is a Radical of the most extreme type, and as the Swedish lodges are established upon a highly orthodox and Conservative basis, which will not permit of unrestricted freedom of thought and speech, he has wisely retired from the Order. The King, who is described as "a Mason body and soul," is said to deeply regret this defection, but he exercises no pressure upon his sons either in politics or religion.



Bro. Augustus Harris has done many wonderful things during his lesseeship of Drury Lane Theatre, but he never allows himself to rest on his oars. He has just produced a new drama which he calls "The Armada, a Romance of 1588," written by himself and Mr. H. Hamilton. He has quite outdone all his previous dramas, and in "The Armada" runs his pantomimes, which are world-renowned, very close in the elaborate mounting and mise en scene. Bro. Harris usually seizes on some passing event for a peg on which to hang the plot of his dramas and pantomimes, and has wisely chosen the year of the tercentenary of our great victory over the mighty Spanish Armada for the subject of his autumn piece. So interesting is the romance in its dialogue, and so marvellous are the scenic effects, that we venture to prophesy it will not only run up to the time for producing the Christmas pantomime, "The Babes in the Wood," but will attract crowds for months afterwards. For all that, we should not feel happy without the dear old Drury Lane pantomime. We therefore anticipate "The Armada" will only be temporarily withdrawn in December. In case some persons might be afraid of arousing bitterness between certain religious bodies in anything dealing with "The Armada," Bro. Harris very properly, in a footnote to the programme, states that the Holy Inquisition was rather a political than a religious tribunal, as the Crown always appointed its chief officers, and that many of the occupants of the Throne at St. Peter's placed their ban upon its proceedings. We can testify that no one need have any squeamish feeling, about the new Drury Lane drama. It is a good, sound, pure piece from beginning to end, with a true English ring about it calculated to provoke nothing more than national sentiments and thankfulness for the freedom we enjoy in this England of ours. We are first introduced to a scene in a harvest field on the heights of Plymouth. Farmer Tilney has given house room to a Spanish grandee, who has been ill, and his daughter Sybil has nursed the foreigner. The Spaniard has fallen in love with the girl, though he knows her to be affianced to Vyvyan Foster, who is at sea with Admiral Sir Francis Drake. Vyvyan returns to witness some of the grandee's overtures, and promises to thrash him. A duel is arranged, but Father Carey, disguised as a trader, suggests a better way for revenge, which is to carry off the girl to Spain. This is done. We then find her in Don Alvarez's beautiful palace in Cadiz. He entreats her to become his wife, but she will not listen to him, and begs, if he have any manhood in him, to let her go ere she despises him yet more. He threatens her with the Holy Inquisition to break her spirit. Vyvyan has found out her place of captivity, and promises to come at night and rescue her. In the meanwhile the emissaries of the Holy Office have taken her away, and Vyvyan, after an ineffectual attempt by the Spaniards to capture his vessel, learns that the Armada is about to set sail to make war on England. He now has to decide between love and duty, and at once chooses the latter, for are not the lives of the English nation and the country itself at stake? He arrives home and gets an audience of Queen Elizabeth, acquainting her of the danger her throne and people are in. The scene at Plymouth Hoe, when Drake would insist that there was plenty of time to finish the game of bowls—the picture of which every one knows is by Mr. Seymour Lucas, A.R.A.—is given as a tableau, and though pretty sombre, with an oration by a lady, stops the action of the play. We then have the enrolment of volunteers at Charing Cross—in those days a village by Westminster. Vyvyan has obtained his Queen's permission to recruit. He marches away with the trained bands. Then comes the grand realistic scene of the whole drama, which has set Londoners talking already. This is the fight between the English men-of-war and the Spanish Armada off Calais. In the moonlight we see the ships firing broadside upon broadside. Fire-ships illuminate the night, and show the desperate struggle made by our forefathers for patriotism. We see the English gradually gaining upon the Spaniards and silencing their ships' guns. Here one would expect the curtain to drop, but Bro. Harris has not done yet. One huge ship sways round broadside to one of the enemy's ships, and we see our sailors board the Spanish decks and complete the great naval victory. We now return to Spain, and find the heroine in the prison of the Inquisition, upon a number of false charges. She will not yield, and so is sentenced to be burned as an heretic at the stake. She is led to the Grand Place amidst a funeral dirge. Sybil is chained to the stake, and the pile is about to be lighted, when Vyvyan and a host of English tars rush to the rescue and easily overpower the Spanish soldiers. The drama is now virtually completed, for the hero and heroine have, after dreadful trials, come together according to stage custom. Her Majesty then goes in procession to St. Paul's Cathedral to the thanksgiving for the deliverance of England from her enemies. Mr. Leonard Boyne acts in a thoroughly manly fashion the part of Vyvyan Foster; he let himself go without restraint, and pleased everyone. Miss Winifred Emery, who has been understudy to Miss Ellen Terry for so long, is Sybil Tilney, and shows by her acting the profit she has made of her opportunities in Miss Terry's school. She is natural, sweet, and dignified, and withal pathetic. Mr. Lablache looked the Don Alvarez to the letter, and got well hissed for his villainy, or rather for his rendering of the evil character. Miss Ada Neilson was made up splendidly to represent Queen Elizabeth. Miss Kate James charmed everyone by her admirable acting in the comedy element as a Spanish girl. Miss Edith Bruce, as a lively English lass, was always vivacious, and Bro. Harry Nicholls, as a cockney, became a popular favourite from the first. We ought not to use that expression, perhaps, for Bro. Nicholls is the favourite of Drury Lane audiences at all times and in all characters. Those who know this low-comedian's quaint method will readily understand what fun he gets out of his flirtations with the Spanish girl. Bro. Victor Stevens, on the other hand, in neither make-up nor playing is so satisfactory as he usually is. We predict a grand future, and congratulate the authors, scenic painters, actors, and every one concerned in the magnificent production of "The Armada."

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1888.

Original Correspondence.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

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meeting is rapidly approaching, it is desirable that the
collation of evidence to be submitted shall be promptly
proceeded with.

In this immediate neighbourhood a local Committee, con-
sisting of one member from 10 lodges, is taking the matter
in hand, and a general meeting of the Staffordshire Masonic
Charitable Association will be held on Wednesday next, the
26th inst., to consider the subject.

If similar steps have been, or are about to be, taken in
other provinces, we shall be glad to hear from the brethren
who have charge thereof, so that united action may result,
or if individual brethren or old scholars have any informa-
tion which may be laid before the Committee of Enquiry
with advantage, it is to be hoped that they will communi-
cate with us, or with brethren interested in the matter in
their own province, so that the entire facts may be fully
laid before the Committee of Enquiry from every point of
view.

Beyond a doubt, there has for some years past been much
complaining in at least some of the provinces as to the
management of the Institution, and as a channel has now
been opened for submitting these complaints to a competent
and impartial tribunal, nothing should be wanting in order
to enable that Committee to present a decisive and im-
perative report, which shall at once and for all sweep away
what may be defective (if anything), and result in placing
the Institution on such a basis that the Craft generally may
feel impelled in future to provide liberally and generously
that support which the object it has in view so richly
deserves.

In the interest of the Institution we crave space for the
insertion of this letter in your next issue.—Yours faithfully
and fraternally,

WM. TUNNICLIFF, W.M. 418, Chairman and
Jasper-street, Hanley, Secretary Local
E. V. GREATBATCH, S. Brook- Committee.
street, Stoke-on-Trent,

September 22nd.

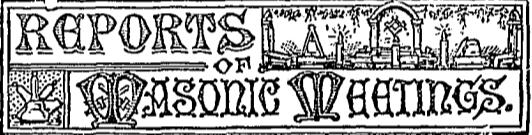


799] "A CURIOUS BOOK."

Referring to the interesting particulars which appear in the *Freemason* of September 22, in relation to the "Almanach des Francs-Massons," published at Amsterdam in 1768, the "mystery" mentioned by the writer is not very difficult of explanation, although at first sight it does look singular to see lodges with dates from 1768 to 1778 in a work issued in the former year. The explanation is, that in the united provinces of the lower countries ("des pays Bas,") certain lodges—eleven in number—which had contributed to the re-establishment of the Grand Body of the Fraternity, had agreed among themselves to observe an order of precedence in yearly rotation, so that the lodge which in 1768 had the first place or rank would be the 11th in the following year, while the lodge which in 1768 appeared second, would the next year become first, and so on. The actual order at that period is indicated by the subjoined list, the "dates" showing the year in which each lodge in succession would take the premier position in accordance with their order of precedence by rotation, namely:

Concordia Vincit Animos	... ... ...	... en 1768
Le Véritable Zèle	... ... ...	1769
La Fidélité	... ... ...	1770
La Paix	... ... ...	1771
La Concorde, Loge Militaire	... ... ...	1772
Les Cœurs Unis	... ... ...	1773
L'Union Royale	1774
L'Indissoluble	1775
La Charité	1776
St. Louis	1777
La Bien Aimée	1778

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CLAPTON LODGE (No. 1365).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The former included Bros. C. J. Bennett, W.M.; W. H. Caton, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Tucker, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.P.G.S.B., Middlesex, Treas.; W. Lutwyche, P.M., Sec.; W. D. Church, J.D.; J. K. Wilson, I.G.; F. J. Loughlin, Org.; G. Quirk, D.C.; C. E. Luker, Stwd.; W. Finch, P.M.; H. Oldham, I.P.M.; J. Badkin, P.M.; R. Fairclough, C. Stanger, D. Campbell, E. J. Farnies, J. Vincent, A. Thompson, W. Forty, J. A. Taylor, C. D. Woodward, W. Brown, and J. H. Thompson. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. Garrod, W.M. 749, P.G.P.; Wm. Shurmer, P.M. 1471; J. H. Wildash, I.P.M. 1662; J. Bunker, I.P.M. 1158; S. A. Stanger, D.C. 12; W. F. Cathrow, 1733; C. Clark, 1733; R. Trotter, 1238; J. Holloway, 173; J. W. Vaughan, 2030; Walter Joyce; C. J. Balfour, 902; and Albert James.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were duly confirmed. The Auditors' Report, showing a good balance to the credit of the lodge, was received and adopted. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Blackburn, P.M., when the installation ceremony was proceeded with. Bro. Caton, S.W., being presented as W.M. elect, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Caton was installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The following officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. A. Tucker, S.W.; W. D. Church, J.W.; J. K. Wilson, S.D.; G. Quirk, J.D.; C. E. Luker, I.G.; F. J. Loughlin, Org.; W. W. Fletcher, D.C.; J. H. Thompson and W. Forty, Stwd.; and James Very, Tyler. The addresses were impressively delivered in a most effective manner by the Installing Master. Two candidates for initiation at the next meeting were proposed by the W.M., and duly seconded. All the routine business of the lodge being ended, "Hearty good wishes" were given to the W.M. by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

After labour came refreshment, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a very recherché repast was admirably served. After the cloth was cleared, the customary Masonic toasts were given.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The I.P.M.," presented to him a valuable P.M.'s jewel, voted him unanimously at the last meeting.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music was carried out under the direction of Bro. Loughlin, Organist, who presided at the pianoforte, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. Stevens, Balfour, Albert James, Luker, Stanger, Fairclough, Lutwyche, and Joyce.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1587).—This lodge held a special meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 26th inst., the object being to entertain Bro. the Right Hon. Polydore de Keyser, Lord Mayor, G. Stwd., W.M. 21, who is an honorary member of the lodge and who represents the Ward of Farringdon-Without, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. The event, which will be a red letter day in the history of the lodge, was carried out in a manner befitting the unique occasion, and reflected the greatest credit on those brethren

responsible for the arrangements. The members present included Bros. Robt. Hy. Clemow, W.M.; John Bamber, S.W.; T. J. Robinson, J.W.; Geo. Manners, P.M., Treas.; David Lowe, Sec.; Rev. Wm. Martin, Chap.; W. H. White, Org.; W. Farrington, S.D.; F. J. E. Young, J.D.; R. Archer, I.G.; W. Wellsman, D.C.; H. W. Clemow, Stwd.; J. W. Benningfield, I.P.M.; J. C. Dwarber, P.M.; F. Farrington, P.M.; W. E. Farrington, P.M., and various lay members. Amongst the visitors were Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Rev. G. Weldon, G. Chap.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Sheriff H. D. Davis, Sheriff W. A. Higgs, Under Sheriff T. R. Beard, C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; G. Norrington, I.G. 1669; C. Webster, I.P.M. 1637; J. Jermleir, J.D. 1669; R. A. Kemp, 1706; D. Pain, P.M. 1339; J. Barnett, jun., J.D. 2192; G. Christian, I.G. 1328; W. C. Heaton, Chap. 1425; C. J. R. Tijou, P.M., Sec. 1804; R. Evans, J.W. 1909; J. Hattersley, S.W. 2262; H. J. Wicks, W.M. 1269; H. J. Adams, G.S.B.; R. A. Kemp, H. W. Green, P.M. 108; C. Burchall, 1547; R. Clemow, 1744; W. Veale, 1385; J. T. Robertson, P.M. 55; W. H. Kirby, S.D. 1965; R. C. Sudlow, P.P. S.G.D. Kent; T. Vernon, 25; J. Brill, 780; C. T. Scrivener, P.M. 206; H. J. Selby, 177; A. J. Altman, G. Steward; D. Bates, P.M., P.G.S.; T. B. Dodson, P.M. 860; W. Robbing, 90; G. T. Miles, 1929; C. J. W. Moore, 227; T. Minstrell, 1928; F. H. Eale, T. W. Coates, 1922; J. Jefferys, 1756; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and the Grand Officers were received in due form by the D.C., and ushered into the lodge room. There being no routine business for transaction, the lodge was closed in ancient style.

The company then adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a banquet was served that reflected the highest credit on the Bros. Clemow, and fully maintained the high reputation which this hostelry, under their able management, has attained.

The usual toasts were subsequently duly honoured, "The Queen and the Craft" being warmly received.

In giving "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said in this toast they combined loyalty and allegiance. Many brethren had doubtless noticed the great increase in the number of Masons since the installation of H.R.H., and that had also meant an increase in the funds subscribed towards our three great Masonic Institutions. That was a tribute to the distinguished head of the Order, who had made Masonry popular, and the results of whose rule were most satisfactory, both to the Charities and the Order.

The W.M. next proposed "The Grand Officers," remarking he had heard the toast called a comprehensive one, which term fitted it well. They had in this toast the moving spirits in Freemasonry—those who performed the arduous work of keeping Masonry in its proper bounds. The members of the lodge were delighted to see so many G. Officers present, and regarded it as a compliment.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., in returning thanks, said that what would be his privilege would be to the disadvantage of the brethren were it not for the fact that he was running in double harness, and that the G. Reg. would make up the few pounds he did not pull. Although this was a comprehensive toast, it was not *the* toast that evening. He expressed the gratification it afforded the G. Officers in meeting, within the precincts of this lodge, the Chief Magistrate of the City and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., also replied, and after tendering thanks for the kindly recognition of the toast, said the W.M. had truly remarked that Masonry had progressed of late years. If he might venture to add something with regard to the position the Craft had assumed since H.R.H. took the throne, he would add that the present position of Masonry, and its present estimation in the eyes not only of Masons, but also in the eyes of the world at large, was due in part, if not almost entirely, to the growth of the principles of the Order. It was due to the loyal devotion of the brethren to the great principles of the Order, to the strenuous efforts made to promote those principles to the full, and due in no small degree to those efforts made to support the three great Masonic Charities. It was due to that spirit of co-operation and hearty fraternity which he was glad to think prevailed the Craft under H.R.H. throughout the length and breadth of the realm. Masonry was wide in its embrace, for they not only were proud that evening to receive the chief Magistrate of the City of London, but they were also proud to recognise that that Magistrate, who came from a neighbouring land, was one of themselves. Masonry in its truest sense knew no race, clime, or politics; it was universal in its extent and intention of benefiting mankind. As long as its principles were truly held and rightly administered, so long would its great power be a power for good. On behalf of the distinguished brethren for whom he responded, he tendered the W.M. and brethren most sincere and cordial thanks.

"The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs," was proposed by the W. Master, who said he believed it was the first occasion in the history of the St. Dunstan's Lodge that they had been favoured with the presence of the chief Magistrate of the City of London. It had fallen to his pleasing duty as their representative to express to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs their hearty thanks for the kindness shown in accepting the invitation. Being a brother parishioner, he could look round and see 15 or 20 who had watched the career of their distinguished guest, and who, therefore, felt it an increased gratification to see him with them that evening. Of the Lord Mayor in his severer moments he knew nothing. As a guest they could wish for nothing nicer, for his geniality was well known in Masonic lodges and wherever he went. They had heard of the cordiality with which he was recently received at Stockport, and in his native country his reception was very cordial and sincere. It was said that a prophet counts but little honour in his own country, but the author of that remark must have reckoned without the Lord Mayor. They had also present that evening the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, whom he heartily thanked for their attendance. The present occasion would afford the members an opportunity of reckoning a red letter day in the lodge, and it had fallen to his lot to be in the chair. He appreciated the honour, and congratulated the members on the distinguished visitors with them.

Bro. the Right Hon. Polydore De Keyser, Lord Mayor, G. Stwd., W.M. 21, who was enthusiastically received, said he very sincerely thanked them for their kind, hearty, and he felt sure, sympathetic reception. He said he felt it because he knew he was surrounded by friends who had known him for years, friends who had made him what he was, and friends, therefore, to whom he tendered his grateful thanks. He thanked them for their kind reception in that lodge, of which he was an honorary member, and had been for some years. He hoped that they would forgive him that he had not attended before, but they knew how hard at work he had been for years past. He was looking forward in the course of a few weeks to a period of rest, and if they would permit him to visit them he should be delighted. He was glad to be present as their guest that evening, not only as a neighbour, not only as a friend, but also as a Mason. He felt they owed a great deal to Masonry, and he personally had every reason to congratulate himself upon the fact that he was a Mason, and that there was so much of that true Masonic spirit in this country. Masonry was not a local Institution; it was not only English, but was universal. It was that which, some time or other, they hoped to rule by—a brotherly feeling all over the world, a feeling which he would tend to humanise and make the world what it should be. This great school, as he called Masonry, tended to develop that feeling of brotherhood among nations, as well as in their social circles. If that sentiment had not existed in this country, he should not have had the honour of appearing before them. If Masonry had not taught and spread that feeling of general tolerance, they would not have elected one who was not born in this country. Therefore, he said he was glad to be present, for he owed a great deal to Masonry. At Stockport, where he was recently performing the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of that technical school, which would do so much good in the future, he should never forget that which he saw for the first time, and when he had to say on that occasion, addressing something like 20,000 people—"Men, women, and children, we are here as lawful Masons; we have our secrets, but they are not in any way opposed to the laws of God or the laws of man." Therein lay the true spirit of Masonry. Therein lay the reason why some 12 months ago, when he was called upon to give up that which he had been for so many years, he refused to do. He said, "No; as a Mason, I practise nothing which is incompatible with the laws of God and the laws of man." He made up his mind to work up as a Mason, and as soon as he had time to devote, he would devote it to Masonry. He would give as much time as he could, and his humble means would always be at the disposal of their Charities. It was true he was not called upon that night to respond in the name of the Corporation for the great honour done to the Chief Magistrate, but he should not be doing his duty were he not to acknowledge the kind reception he had received as the representative of that old Institution which they all respected. They were proud of that Corporation, for they knew its good work, and knew it represented the municipal power of the country. He believed it to be one of the two great powers that governed the country, and it was for them to guard its rights and privileges. He hoped it might long remain at the head of municipal life, and would always try to be worthy of it. That Institution was, to his mind, the very essence of their independence, freedom, and enterprise—the feeling that Englishmen never would be slaves. He should leave to the Sheriffs the task of replying to the other part of the toast; but he should not be doing his duty on this the last occasion on which he should meet them officially as his Sheriffs, if he failed to express his hearty thanks for the kind and generous way in which they had supported him. Nothing could have been more kind, and no Lord Mayor could have worked with two Sheriffs on more generous principles than they had. They had supported him by their presence, and whenever he had attended Charity meetings, and they had not been able to be present, they reminded him of their absence by their cheques. They had not only supported him, but their charming wives had been so good to the Lady Mayoress, that it would be ungrateful on his part if he did not acknowledge their services. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial reception, the generous hospitality, and the luxury they had enjoyed, and for their kind attention in disfiguring the bill of fare with his portrait. He assured them that nothing had escaped his notice, and he had seen the desire to receive him as a friend and neighbour. He was deeply grateful, and appreciated all their kindness, and heartily thanked them.

Bro. Sheriff H. D. Davies, in reply, said he was in a far better position than his friend and distinguished brother, Sir John Monckton, for he not only ran with a pair but he had a distinguished leader. It was to that leader he had always looked to assist him in the work he had been called upon to perform. The W.M. had said the Grand Officers were the moving spirits in Masonry, and he could only say his distinguished leader had always been their moving spirit and always kept them to their work. They had been associated happily together for 12 months, owing in the greatest measure to the kind manner of the Lord Mayor, which would never be forgotten by them. Nothing could have been more worthy of the present occasion than what had taken place. He should never forget the hearty and enthusiastic reception the Lord Mayor received at every place they visited in that distinguished brother's native country. If for no other reason, he should ever be grateful for having served during the year of office of the Right Hon. Polydore De Keyser, because they had seen he was not only respected and beloved in his own country, but was equally beloved and respected in the country of his adoption. During their year of office their first duty had been to do their duty, and they had done that to the best of their ability, and he thought they had performed it well. Perhaps that might be a bold assertion, but he could not help his own feelings. He thanked them most heartily and sincerely for their kind reception.

Bro. Sheriff W. A. Higgs also replied. He thought his worthy colleagues had said all that was possible to say on this occasion. He knew there was an old legend that a certain gentleman paid a visit to St. Dunstan and saw him manufacturing church bells, and in order to get rid of his visitor he laid hold of him by the tongs. Instead of laying hold of the visitors that evening by the tongs, the W.M. and brethren had given them the greatest hospitality. He thanked them for the kind reception given him, and in conclusion endorsed every sentiment of his colleague respecting the Lord Mayor.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor said he hoped and

trusted that whoever might have had the intention of proposing the next toast would forgive him if he claimed it as a privilege to do so. He hoped he might be forgiven, for he knew the disappointment must be great. He considered it a great honour on an occasion like this to be able to propose "The Health of the W.M." of so important a lodge. It was to him a great pleasure, because he not only asked them to drink the health and wish prosperity to their good brother the W.M., but he was proposing the health and prosperity of a very old friend—one he had known as a boy, whose good father and mother he knew well 30 years ago, and whose career he had watched with the greatest pleasure and pride. Their friend had established in that Ward, which he had the honour to represent, an establishment worthy of the Ward, and had shown by his activity and perseverance, and by love of work, that he must be a good Mason, for it was impossible to be a good Mason without being a hard worker in every sense of the word. Bro. Clemow had proved himself to be one. He had worked successfully, and had by the consent of that lodge become its W. Master, which position he could not have attained but for his attention to his duties. They had before them as good a Mason as he was sure they had a kind man, and devoted friend, and one trying to do his duty. It might astonish them when he said he remembered their young friend and his sister playing and running about Chatham-place, Blackfriars, 30 years ago. It was, therefore, a great pleasure to ask them to drink the health of one he had seen rising and becoming an important man in his business, and whom he had seen become a respected member of the Craft by being the W.M. of that lodge. He drank to the W.M. as an old friend, and wished at the same time all prosperity to the lodge.

Bro. Robt. H. Clemow, W.M., thanked the Lord Mayor for the flattering manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it. Their worthy brother had touched upon ancient history in going back to the days of childhood. He would admit there were many spots in the old Temple Gardens which formed happy recollections. Although the Lord Mayor saw him, he had no remembrance of it, and the thought would have been far from him that he should have entertained the Lord Mayor on the present occasion, or that he should be the W.M. of that lodge.

Bro. Dwarber, P.M., said that, although that was not the first time he had risen to propose "The Visitors," he had never done so under such happy and peculiar circumstances as the present. Theirs was a young, small, and parochial lodge. Some 12 or 14 years ago they knew they had several brethren among them, and that there was a good deal of latent Masonry in the district. They thought it would be wise to bring together those elements to see if they could not introduce and carry out their principles for the benefit of Masonry, and they founded the lodge. He offered a hearty welcome to the visitors, and coupled the names of Bros. Rev. G. Weldon and Sudlow.

Bro. Rev. G. Weldon, G. Chap., replied, and tendered thanks on behalf of the visitors. In the Lord Mayor they had one who came forward with a considerable force behind him, and in this they had a striking proof of what Masonry could do to cement the principles of universal brotherhood. Masonry was nothing more than the embodiment of the cravings of the human heart. Whenever they came to the lodge they had "the feast of reason and the flow of soul," the feeling of brotherhood, and the universal principle of giving the right hand of fellowship to true and loyal men.

Bro. Sudlow, P.P.G.D. Kent, also replied. He was quite sure he had the sympathy of all the visitors present in having to speak after so eloquent a brother. If they looked round on the visitors, they would see many bursting with eloquence, and only too anxious to occupy the place of responding to that toast. If they looked in his face they would see he was a man of few words. He would condense his eloquence into one sentiment, and express very hearty thanks for the privilege of being present on this very auspicious occasion. On behalf of the visitors, he returned thanks for the hearty reception and generous hospitality.

"The Past Masters and Officers" was proposed in suitable terms by the I.P.M., and ably responded to by Bro. Wellsman, P.M., and the Secretary.

An admirable programme of music was excellently rendered, under the direction of Bro. W. H. White, Organist, assisted by Miss Alice Suter, Madame Isabel George, and Bros. J. A. Harrison, G. T. Miles (harp), and William Coates.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. F. Brickdale, W.M., assisted by his officers, members, and a large assemblage of visiting brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a ballot was taken for the following gentlemen: Messrs. J. C. Smith and C. Humble, and being successful those gentlemen were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Wm. Cole Brusher, W.M. elect, was most ably installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Robert Favel Brickdale. The W.M. having invested his predecessor, the Board of Installed Masters saluted the W.M. and wished him health and happiness and a successful year of office. The brethren having saluted the W.M., he then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. F. Rumball, S.W.; S. Renault, J.W.; J. J. Howes, P.M., Treasurer; H. J. Lardner, P.M., Secretary; H. K. Clisby, S.D.; P. K. Clisby, J.D.; F. G. Cooper, I.G.; C. J. Smith, D. of C.; W. Worrell, A.D.C.; S. C. H. Rumball, G. Higgins, J. H. Lennett, and E. Bradsell, Stwd.; F. E. Roberts, Org.; R. B. Greenwood, D. of C.; Smyth, Tyler. The I.P.M. delivered the addresses in a manner which gained the applause of all present. The Auditors next gave in their report, which was of a very satisfactory character, and was unanimously adopted. All communications were read and passed, and hearty congratulations having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Pennefather, P.M.; S. T. Seymour, T. G. Hodges, W. G. Buer, F. Goering, H. Armbruster, W. H. England, A. Ellenden, J. C. Pratt, G. H. Foes, C. A. Barber, C. J. Atwood, J. G. Henriss, B. Obergethman, A. B. Longman, C. E. Hoare, E. Mallett, O. Wermann, B. F. Leimett, D. Jones, P. Catronie, E. Beckerton, H. Clinch, C. W. Fink, J. Smith, and T. Turner. Visitors: T. C. Walls, Prov. G.W.

The Freemason.

Middx.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx.; C. J. Fox, P.M. 201; C. Salter, 2255; A. E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; J. Byford, jun., I.P.M. 898; F. A. Foes, 1512; C. R. Williams, W.M. 2262; A. Bird, 1702; J. F. Gooch, 171; J. H. Wrake, 241; Lewis, 493; T. Simpson, P.M. 1745; N. P. Lardner, 1745; W. Browne Kidder, P.M. 12; H. T. Telling, 2182; A. Masarachi, 1676; T. Cotton, 60; J. T. Akerman, D.C. 65; L. Myers, P.M. 188; T. Glass, Stwd. 860; E. Thring, 211; H. Hill, S. Bygrave, D.C. 1658; T. Lang, 1695; H. Buckridge, F. J. Eedle, W.M. 1441; H. E. Coffin, P.M. 167; A. Brunsden, 1260; and M. W. Creak, 1638.

The W.M. and brethren present adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was in waiting. All loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and received all honours.

The Immediate Past Master next proposed "The W.M.," and paid a high compliment to him, and promised to render all the aid he possibly could during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master on rising was greeted with an ovation lasting for some seconds, and, order being restored, said he must thank one and all for the reception they had given him. He thanked the I.P.M. for the felicitous terms he had used in proposing his health; he felt he had the fraternal regards of all the brethren present; he would do his best to maintain that affection by faithfully discharging the duties of the lodge as their W.M., but feared he could scarcely hope to obtain the qualifications and success of his predecessors, although he would do his utmost to that end. He could not express his feelings at that moment as he should like for the kind manner the toast had been received, but hoped they would take the will for the deed. Before sitting down he would propose "The Health of the Initiates." He thought they could say that evening they had admitted two gentlemen who would prove worthy of their proposers—the attention they had paid to the initiation ceremony was a sure proof of their becoming good Masons; and he asked them to join with him in giving them a hearty fire.

The Initiates replied, expressing themselves gratified with their reception.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," and observed that amongst them they had some of the best working Masons the Craft could boast of. He had only to mention the names of Bros. T. C. Walls, F. Walters, A. E. Gladwell, W. B. Kidder, and L. Myers as a proof of his assertion. They had done real good suit and service to the Craft. To them and all the other visitors the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge gave hearty welcome, both at the lodge and festive board, and were proud of their company, and hoped for a continuance of their visits. The brethren would give their visitors its reception "fire." He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W. Middx., and E. A. Gladwell, P.M.

The toast having been enthusiastically received, Bro. T. C. Walls rose and expressed the best thanks of the visitors for the kind manner the toast had been received. He had not himself visited the lodge very often, but, from what he had seen that evening in the lodge and hospitable board, he must bear witness to their excellent working, each officer vieing with each other to discharge his duties, as it were, like clockwork. He congratulated them on the success the lodge had attained. He must also add a word of praise to the Installing Master, their I.P.M., for the very able manner he had worked the installation ceremony. He had scarcely, he might say, ever seen it done better. In examining their balance-sheet he found the lodge did not forget the Charities—the grandest Institutions in the world. It had been his province to be elected to a most honourable position, which enabled him to speak of their noble working. Their Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had had a great strain on its funds of late. Owing, no doubt, to the continued state of bad trade, indigent brethren, of once good social position, had been obliged to seek the assistance of that fund, and the brethren composing the board worked hours in trying to do as much good as possible to the many applications. No deserving case was ever turned away. He had said the demand on the fund had been so great that, as a proof, stock had to be sold out to meet its crying wants. For his own part, he felt that unless a great change soon took place for the better, a demand would have to be made in some form or other to meet the wants of poor distressed brethren. One thing they all knew—that should a call have to be made, it would be met worthy of Masons and Masons' causes, and he felt quite sure the West Smithfield Lodge would be found in the front rank with its contributions. He had already said more than he had intended to say; but feeling deeply concerned for that noble Charity—the Board of Benevolence—he kept them longer than usual. He thanked the brethren for their courtesy and attention to his observations, and trusted that would not be the last time he should visit their lodge, and thanked them for the fraternal reception of the toast.

Bros. Myers, Gladwell, Coppin, Williams, Simpson, and others added a few remarks on behalf of "The Visitors."

"Installing Master" and "P.M.'s" were next given, and they replied.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" came next. Bro. J. J. Howes, P.M., Treas., thanked the brethren for the reception of their toast. He had not a great deal to say further than he so sooner had funds in hand than some one mentioned Charity, and soon all was gone. On behalf of himself he thanked them.

Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., Sec., stated that the lodge was in a good financial condition. He did not see the necessity of hoarding funds; better give them to the Charities, his opinion being that Benevolence was the sustaining fund to all successful lodges. He was sure they were all glad to have among them that evening his two predecessors, Bros. F. Walters and E. Mallett, who had worked hard for the lodge while in its infancy. He thanked the brethren for so heartily receiving the toast of the Treasurer and himself.

"The Officers" came next, the W.M. observing that after the high compliment paid them already by the visitors he would only add that all that had been said was true, and he had unbounded confidence in his officers.

The toast was received with all honour, and Bros. J. F. Rumball, S.W.; Renaut, J.W.; H. K. Clisby, S.D.; and P. K. Clisby, J.D.; replied.

The Tyler's toast brought the largest assemblage of the West Smithfield Lodge to a close, upwards of 80 partaking of banquet, the musical arrangements being under the able direction of Bro. Egbert Roberts, the Organist of the lodge, assisted at the piano by Bro. Hodges.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This prosperous lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 24th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. G. Herbert, W.M.; Schultz, J.W.; J. Young, P.M., acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.A.G.D. of C. Surrey, P.M., Treas., acting Sec.; Webber, S.D.; Dr. Lott, P.G. Org., acting I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.G.W. Middlesex, P.M., D.C.; F. Kent, P.M. 177, A.D. of C.; P. N. Lardner and E. Lardner, P.M. 101, Stewards; J. Strugnell, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; J. Lister, P.M.; and E. Mallett, P.M., acting Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved unanimously that the sum of five guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 1888. Bro. H. J. Lardner, having served as Steward at the Centenary Festival, returned thanks. Bro. E. Mallett, P.M., was elected and invested as Tyler, *vice* Bro. Parkinson, deceased. It was moved by the W.M., seconded, and carried unanimously—"That the thanks of the lodge are due, and be hereby given, to Bros. H. J. Lardner, Treas.; W. H. Jackson, Sec.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; and P. N. Lardner, Steward, for their great services upon the occasion of the Lord Mayor's visit to the installation banquet in May last, and which meeting was also honoured by the company of many Present and Past Grand Officers." This resolution was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Letters pleading inability to attend were received from Bros. H. B. Marshall, J.P., P.G. Treas., P.M., &c.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Suskind, J.W.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Bro. Williams, 101, was a visitor. The usual toasts followed.

A capital musical programme, &c., was gone through by Bros. Dr. Lott, P. N. Lardner, E. S. Lardner, H. J. Lardner, J. Young, Schultz, and others.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 100).

The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was a numerous and influential gathering of the Fraternity, several of the visitors comprising representatives from across the Border. The lodge occupies a distinguished place on the roll of the province, and all the proceedings in connection with Tuesday's Festival of St. John clearly showed this position has been worthily secured and effectually sustained. The chair at the opening of the business was occupied by Bro. Josef Cantor, W.M., and amongst his chief supporters were Bros. Lindo Courtney, P.M.; J. B. M'Kenzie, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M.; O. W. Sanderson, P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M.; W. Savage, P.M.; R. Burgess, P.M., P.G.O.; J. L. Shrapnell, P.M., Treas.; Henry Round, S.W., W.M. elect; Dr. E. H. Allen, J.W.; Henry Heard, Sec.; L. Peake, P.M.; Joseph Fineberg, S.D., and others.

The members present included Bros. Walter Hatton, H. Bruce, G. W. Harris, Barry Stuart, G. D. Clarence, Walter Hildyard, T. Lionel Ellis, D. S. Davies, P.M.; T. Shaw, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Grant Stevenson, A.R.S.A., W.M. 757 (S.C.); R. S. Smythe, 757 (S.C.); Alderman Collinge, P.P.J.G.W. East Lancashire; Dr. M. A. Napier, 2132; Rev. J. Gordon Napier, 58 (S.C.); H. J. Nicholls, P.M. 2114; G. R. Harradon, P.M. 1713; A. Bucknall, P.M. 667; H. Hatch, P.M. 220; J. Sharples, P.M. 724; W. Lewis, J.W. 2042; G. Eyton, Org. 1756; T. H. Jones, W.M. 1299; J. N. Hounsell, P.M. 203; H. W. Stalker, P.M. 1675; J. Humphreys, P.M. 724; R. Martin, P.P.G. Treas.; A. Woolrich, P.M. 1356; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; Dr. T. Clarke, P.M. 673; C. Birch, P.M. 203; S. E. Jupp, W.M. 1740; J. A. Muir, W.M. 2042; H. H. Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; T. W. Sergeant, P.P.S.G.D.; E. and Latham, S.W. 594. Bro. Henry Round, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., and J. Bell, P.M., and the impressive ceremony of installation performed by Bro. Josef Cantor, the retiring W.M., in a faultless and most effective manner, which well warranted the special vote of thanks passed to him for his services at the close of the proceedings. The following officers were invested:—Bros. Josef Cantor, I.P.M.; E. H. Allen, S.W.; Joseph Fineberg, J.W.; J. L. Shrapnell, P.M., Treasurer; H. Heard, Secretary; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Light, S.D.; Andrew Mein, J.D.; Eaton Batty, I.G.; A. E. Workman, Organist; Ben Hughes, Parry Stuart, R. Creswick Fulford, and James Higinbotham, Stwds.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. A valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Cantor as an evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and this universal feeling of respect was emphasised at a later portion of the proceedings by the gift of an exceedingly chaste and artistic tea and coffee service. The P.M.'s jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument Place, Liverpool.

The banquet was provided by Bro. Vines, and an excellent after-dinner entertainment was given by Bros. T. Shaw, A. G. Workman, J. Cantor, Eaton Batty, J. Higinbotham, Barry Stuart, G. D. Clarence, E. Edwards, N. F. Burt, H. J. Nicholls, W. G. Stevenson, W. Sweetman, S. E. Jupp, J. A. Muir, R. N. Hobart, S. Kirkham, &c.

NORWICH.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 213).

—The opening night of the session of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at the Masonic Club, St. Giles'-street. The duties of the W.M. were, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Hyde, undertaken by Bro. George Baxter, I.P.M., P.P.S.G.W., who was assisted by the following officers: Bros. P. Smith, S.W.; W. J. Pond, J.W.; S. Cole, S.D.; Geo. Durnell, P.G. Stwd., J.W.; C. H. Rust, I.G.; Jas. Dunsford, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D. of C.; George Kersey, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; J. W. Browne, P.M. 807, P.P.G.P., acting Org.; C. W. Bacon, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; T. C. R. King, P.M., P.P.A.G.D., D. of C.; Charles E. Sexton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Jas. E. H. Watson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; G. Deuchár, James Tench, John H. Nickolds, W. F. Harvey, and H. Cole. Among the visitors were Bros. A. King, W.M.; W. F. Stratford, 807, P.G. Stwd.; F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and W. J. Bailey, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Baxter performed the ceremony

of initiating Bro. John H. Parker in a very impressive manner, Bro. T. Smith, the S.W., giving the charge in excellent style.

After supper the remainder of the evening was enjoyably spent, the usual loyal, Masonic, and other toasts being given and acknowledged.

DERBY.—Tyrian Lodge (No. 253).—The 103rd anniversary of the mother lodge of the Province of Derbyshire took place on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Hall.

The attendance of the brethren was exceptionally numerous, the W.M., Bro. the Rev. C. T. Bromwich, being supported by, amongst others, Bros. W. Silver Hall, Prov. Asst. G. Sec., I.P.M.; R. L. Homer Mole, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. H. Clarke, J.W.; Rev. H. Price, Chap.; H. V. Edwards, Sec.; A. J. Flint, S.D.; T. H. Boam, J.D.; E. R. Ward, P.M., Prov. S.G.W., D. of C.; M. F. Smith, Org.; E. McInnes, I.G.; E. H. Claye, Stwd.; W. Stone, Tyler; Thos. Cox, P.P.S.G.W. and Prov. G. Treas.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Coulson, P.P.S.G.W.; Percy Wallis, P.P.S.G.W.; A. G. Taylor, P.P.G.D.C.; J. O. Manton, P.P. Asst. G.D.C.; J. H. Richardson, P.P. Asst. G. Sec.; Dr. Carter Wigg, P.P.G.D. Essex; Dr. J. Murray Lindsey; W. Wheeldon; C. E. Pedder; F. E. Taylor; H. M. Hobson; Dr. A. Newman, P.P.S.G.D. Devon; and A. Woodiwiss, P.M. 731. Visitors: Bros. W. B. Hextall, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Webster, Prov. S.G.D.; J. Worsnop, P.P.G.P.; J. Hassall, P.P.S.G.D. Leicestershire; W. J. Piper, P.M. 802; J. W. Brigg, W.M. 731; J. Monck, W.M. 802; G. Johnson, W.M. 1085; H. Boag, W.M. 1495; H. Kowbottom, W.M. 1028; R. B. Orme, S.W. and W.M. elect 2129; J. P. Fearfield, S.W. and W.M. elect 2224; S. Taylor, S.W. 731; Jno. Walker, J.W. 731; W. Clemson, 19; W. L. Dodd, P.P.G. Org.; B. W. Pike, D. of C. 1085; Melrose, 731; W. Forman, Org. 731; and Morley, 2224.

The W.M. elect, Bro. R. L. Homer Mole, was ably installed by his predecessor, Bro. the Rev. C. T. Bromwich, the charges being most impressively rendered by Bro. T. Cox, P.P.S.G.W., after which the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Rev. C. T. Bromwich, P.P.G.C., I.P.M.; J. H. Clarke, S.W.; A. J. Flint, J.W.; Rev. Herbert Price, Chap.; W. Taylor, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., Treas.; H. V. Edwards, Sec.; F. H. Boam, S.D.; E. McInnes, J.D.; Dr. Carter Wigg, D.C.; E. H. Claye, I.G.; F. E. Taylor and Dr. J. Murray Lindsay, Stewards; and W. Stone, Tyler.

At a later period the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous repast was excellently served by Bro. Day, the hall-keeper.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Mole," was submitted by Bro. Clarke, S.W., and most enthusiastically received.

Bro. Mole replied to the toast in his usual happy manner.

The speeches were freely interspersed with music, under the direction of Bro. W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O., a clarionet solo by Bro. B. W. Pike being loudly and deservedly applauded, and an exceedingly happy evening was spent.

SHIPLEY.—Airedale Lodge (No. 387).—At a regular meeting of this lodge, held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C. West Yorkshire, explained to the members "The Tracing Board." Bro. Riley's lecture was received with marked attention and great interest by a good assembly of brethren, who testified their appreciation of his kindness by awarding him a most cordial vote of thanks at the close of the address, to which Bro. Riley suitably responded.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The first meeting of the session was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Middleton Hotel. Present: Bros. C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P., W.M.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G. Swd. Br., S.W.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, J.W.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; L. Warren, jun., as S.D.; B. Thomas, J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; A. Vandervord, I.G.; E. J. Bowmaker, Org.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T., Tyler; W. D. Merritt, P.P.S.G.W., P.M.; F. D. Grayson, P.P.J.G.D., P.M.; G. R. Dawson, P.P.S.G.D., P.M.; C. H. Bowmaker, G. F. Vandervord, H. Cogill, C. W. Barnard, J. Pritchard, E. B. Durham, E. F. Wood, G. L. Wood, I.P.M. 160, Prov. A.G.D.C.; G. Tyrell, and T. A. R. Whistler. Visitors: Bros. C. Walton, 160; J. Austin Yorke, 960; and J. Lusty, 1259.

The minutes were read and confirmed. Mr. Alexander Underwood Higgins was balloted for, unanimously elected, and duly initiated. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th instant, at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. T. Jordan, W.M.; R. T. Davison, M.D., S.W.; T. L. Walder, J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap., and as J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; R. H. Hughes, I.P.M., Sec.; J. B. Foster, S.D.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; J. W. Pepper, I.G.; C. Leary, Tyler; F. G. Ticehurst, Jesse Chance, C. J. Honissett, and others.

The principal business was the raising to the Third Degree of Bro. C. J. Honissett, which was performed very impressively by the W.M., Bro. Jordan. The discussion of some lodge business on the agenda then took up the rest of the evening, eliciting a notice of motion by Bro. Dr. Currie as to an alteration in the by-laws. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was closed.

KINGSTON.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Kingston Hotel on Wednesday, the 10th inst. There was a large number of brethren present, including the following members: Bros. George Moorman, P.G.P., W.M.; W. Drewett, P.G.S., W.M. 889, S.W.; H. W. Humphreys, J.W.; C. E. Oldridge, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Treas.; A. Laurence, P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; T. Montague, S.D.; Bultz, acting J.D.; F. J. Hunt, Org.; H. W. Willis, I.G.; F. J. Home, P.P.G. Org., D.C.; Jno. Drewett, I.P.M.; W. Lane, P.M.; W. Youldon, P.M.; and Thos. Mabey. Visitors: Bros. R. Ratcliff, 889; W. Rivers, 1341; C. F. Davis, 1981;

H. Wheatley, W.M. 1512; C. J. Pettit, 889; R. T. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C.; P. Colron, J.W. 889; A. Wilson, W.M. 2146; J. Youldon, I.P.M. 1881; H. J. Shelley, J.W. 1881; W. G. Jordon, 1580; E. J. Williams, W.M. 1539; Jno. Hodges, P.M. 1706; C. Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B.; A. Kenningham, Gilby, Stanley Smith, W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the Auditors' report, showing an improved balance, was received and adopted. Bros. Dorey and Bugler were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Woodhouse and Clay raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. Henry Willard Humphreys having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. Drewett, P.G.S., S.W.; Montague, J.W.; Oldridge, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Laurence, P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; Willis, S.D.; Horne, J.D.; Hunt, P.P.G. Org.; Taylor, I.G.; Rumblow, D. of C.; Treverton and Bultz, Stewards; and Lane, Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Moorman, I.P.M. The W.M. presented Bro. Moorman, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his valuable services rendered to the lodge. He said that no effort had been spared by Bro. Moorman to keep the lodge in its state of prosperity, and the members hoped he would continue in the future to give the lodge the benefit of his services. Bro. Moorman, I.P.M., briefly returned thanks for the kindly gift. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Ratcliffe for his courtesy and kindness in placing his spacious room at the disposal of the lodge.

Other routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Sun Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided.

The usual Masonic toasts subsequently received due notice.

In response to "The M.W. Grand Master, Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and Grand Officers," Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., said the exceptional combination of the toast rendered his task very difficult, whilst under ordinary circumstances it would have been easy. With reference to the M.W.G.M., he need hardly say that no one had a right to take upon himself the right to return thanks for H.R.H. All they could do was to congratulate themselves on having at the head of the administration of the finest Society in the world, the Heir Apparent. They all knew the progress made under his wise rule. He might be permitted on behalf of the Pro G.M. and Dep. G.M. to return thanks. They were two noblemen whose names were well-known and highly-honoured, and to mention them was to evoke a kindly reception for the services they render in assisting the M.W.G.M. in ruling the Order. This was only understood by those who from time to time watched the assistance they gave to the M.W.G.M. in the discharge of his duties, and also as the Prov. G.M.'s of two important provinces, they had for a series of years earned the highest tribute of praise, esteem, and respect. The G. Officers were a numerous body, and he had no doubt the names of many were familiar in the Province of Surrey. He hoped the services they had rendered were acknowledged, and that there was no feeling of envy amongst those who had not obtained preferment. He trusted their services in past years had justified the choice of the M.W.G.M. They all knew the difficulty of selection was extreme, and that there were many not yet honoured who deserved distinction. There was an old French proverb, "Everything comes to him who waits," and if they waited long enough he had no doubt there were some amongst the brethren present who would be numbered with the Grand Officers. With reference to the responsibilities of those who held high office, down to the youngest initiate, he would say that from the highest to the lowest there was one obligation resting upon them—to do all in their power in the best interests of their magnificent Order. He felt complimented that night, the first time he had had the pleasure of visiting their lodge, to have his name associated with this toast. He regretted that circumstances over which he had no control prevented his attendance to witness the working of the I.P.M., which he was sure had been to the satisfaction of himself and advantage to the lodge. On behalf of the distinguished body of Grand Officers, he congratulated the W.M. on his installation, and wished him health, strength, happiness, and prosperity for a successful year of office.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Prov. G.M., Dep. Prov. G.M., and Prov. G. Officers," and said that those included in the toast did their work well, and afforded the brethren instruction to enable them to walk in the right path. The Prov. G.M. had been frequently toasted in their lodge, and his name had been handed down with reverence. The Deputy Prov. G.M. visited them a year ago, and there were many Prov. G. Officers present that evening. They had with them the Prov. G. Secretary, whom the brethren would receive with the greatest cordiality.

Bro. Chas. Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec., in responding, said it would doubtless interest the brethren to know that their beloved Prov. G.M., whom, as they were aware, had been indisposed, was recovering very rapidly, and, he hoped, would soon be amongst them again. The interest taken by the Prov. G.M. was proverbial, and for him to be absent from the performance of his duties was a matter of the deepest possible regret. On behalf of the province, he felt he should express his thanks to this lodge for the very great strides it had made in that which was the duty of every Mason—the exercise of Charity. This lodge had expended no less than one-sixth of its income in Masonic Charity, and he thought Bro. Binckes, who gave his whole life to the furtherance of Charity, would agree that this was a very satisfactory state of affairs. They had much to be proud of in the progress made in Masonry by this lodge. It had had good men in it, and had still, and he felt sure that if the same spirit of Masonic work he saw evinced that afternoon by the W.M. and I.P.M. was followed out, that Brownrigg Lodge would be second to none in the province. He congratulated them on having such an able W.M. to preside, and congratulated Bro. Humphreys on having such an able I.P.M. on whom to lean in the arduous duties he would be called upon to fulfil. It would be his privilege and duty to report to the Prov. G.M. the progress made by this lodge, the very satisfactory state of its finances, and the general tout ensemble. On behalf of the Prov. G. Officers and himself, he thanked the lodge not only for the reception of the

toast, but for the good it was doing in furthering the interests of Masonry in the Province of Surrey.

Bro. Moorman, I.P.M., said that for the first time he had the pleasure of proposing "The Health of the W. Master." Bro. Humphreys, W.M., had given them a taste of his quality that evening, and he was certain they would have a good W. Master during the next year. From the manner in which he had carried out the investiture of his officers, it was evident he was not lacking in those qualities which constituted a good and efficient Master of a lodge.

Bro. H. W. Humphreys, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren most heartily. Nothing he could do towards maintaining the honour and reputation of the lodge would be wanting on his part. He was deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon him, especially as it came unexpectedly. He trusted that 12 months hence the brethren would be able to say the lodge was even in a better state than it was that day. He could only say he thanked them sincerely for the manner in which they had received him, and he trusted, with them, that he should enjoy good health to carry on the work of Masonry in their lodge.

In giving "The Visitors" the W.M., in the name of the lodge, tendered the visiting brethren a hearty greeting and said the members would continue to do all they could to offer them a cordial welcome whenever they visited the lodge. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Elsam, Wheatley, Wilson, and Croker.

Bro. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C., in response, said it was not the first time he had visited them. Although the W.M. might have called upon a brother who would have replied more eloquently there were none who could respond with greater cordiality, than he could.

Bros. Wheatley, W.M. 1512, Wilson, W.M. 2146, and Croker also replied.

"The Masonic Charities" was next given in appropriate terms by the W.M., and Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied with his accustomed ability.

"The Installing Master and P.M.'s" and "The Officers" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

A beautiful selection of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. J. Hodges, P.M. 1706, and it is needless to add was rendered in a manner that delighted all present. He was assisted by Bros. Alfred Kenningham, Gilby, Stanley Smith, and F. J. Hunt, P.P.G.O.

HAMPTON COURT.—Cama Lodge (No. 2105).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, when there were present Bros. John Read, P.P.G. Org., W.M.; R. N. Fracis, P.M. 255, S.W.; J. K. Cama, W.M. 2202, as J.W.; W. R. Palmer, P.M., Treas.; T. Poore, P.M. 720, Sec.; S. Hague, M.D., S.D.; A. Quicke, J.D.; Granville, I.G.; Caron, Stwd.; Harrison, Tyler; D. P. Cama, Past Grand Treasurer, P.S.G.W. Surrey, P.M.; Postans, and Manlove. Visitor: Bro. Postans, P.M. 34.

The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Mr. W. R. Peck with a favourable result, and that gentleman was subsequently initiated into the Craft by the W.M.

No other business being before the lodge, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially received.

Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., responded for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Postans, P.M., for "The Visitors," and Bro. W. R. Peck, as the initiate, returned thanks in very suitable terms.

A very pleasant and successful meeting was brought to a close at 8.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Penrose, W.M.; Faulkner, S.W.; Whibley, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Prior, S.D.; Jackson, J.D.; Borrett, I.G.; Bartlett, P.M.; Thomas, P.M.; W. T. Hunt, jun., P.M.; J. B. Williams, Emblyn, J. H. Morgan, Newell, Dandridge, Dodd, Millington, Dixon, Leng, Wilson, and Amos.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, was advanced to the Second Degree, when Bro. Newell answered the usual questions. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the brethren saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Leng personating the candidate. Bro. Faulkner, S.W., was elected W.M. for the second Thursday in October, and appointed the officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. G. Cobb, W.M.; J. Petch, S.W.; J. M. Scarlett, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. W. Clarke, S.D.; J. C. Yates, J.D.; C. H. Stevenson, I.G.; J. Duncan, A. Wolter, D. C. Ritchie, and C. Hillier.

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. Duncan candidate. Bro. Wolter having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Wolter candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Petch was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The second meeting after the recess of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney. Present: Bros. Samuel Smith, W.M.; Campbell, S.W.; West, J.W.; Walker, S.D.; Ames, J.D.; and Dignam, Sec.

The lodge was duly opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Walker offering himself as a candidate. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and then closed.

After the lodge was closed, Bro. S. Smith presented to Bro. Dignam, Secretary, a splendid diamond scarf pin as a slight token of regard from the members of the Masonic Charitable Association, which had been brought to a successful termination, Bro. E. Dignam, P.M. 1524, having acted as Hon. Secretary. In a few well-chosen words, Bro. Smith presented him to be long to wear it.

The lodge meets every Wednesday evening at the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 p.m., sharp.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, when there were present Bros. Herbert Brine, W.M.; Holliday, S.W.; W. Steele, J.W.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; Fred. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; H. G. Douglass, S.D.; C. F. Williams, J.D.; M. E. Stokes, I.G.; S. Renault, Wright, B. White, Harper, C. R. Williams, and Roots.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. S. Renault as candidate. Bro. Brine vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Wingham. Bro. White having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. W. White as candidate. The and Section was worked by Bro. W. Roots. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 24th inst. Present: Bros. J. Collings, P.M., W.M.; G. Read, P.M., S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; J. Davies, I.P.M.; H. Harris, F.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., S.D.; J. W. Morley, W.M. 1891, J.D.; C. Woods, I.G.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; James Sims, P.M.; A. Wiggins, W. Dresden, Hubbard, Rice, Fuelling, Miller, T. J. Head, Higginson, L. Cox, Worth, Walker, Coplestone, Hunt, Brown, Fayers, Barnikel, and Chadwick.

The lodge was opened in due form in each Degree, and the Fifteen Sections were worked in the most perfect manner by the following brethren: Bros. W. Dresden, A. Williams, W. H. Chalfont, P.M.; G. E. Higginson, J. Davies, P.M.; G. Read, P.M.; J. W. Morley, W.M. 1891; James Sims, P.M.; F. Craggs, and J. H. Wood, P.M. Bros. G. Read and A. Williams were elected honorary members. Votes of thanks were passed to the Preceptor and the Section workers for the admirable manner in which they had carried out their duties. The lodge was then closed. Bro. P. Skar is the W.M. elect for the next meeting.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Piper, W.M.; Harvey, S.W.; Roberts, J.W.; Boulton, Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Baddeley, S.D.; Mann, J.D.; Molony, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Brandon, P.M.; Coleman, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Mimms, Dottrel, Lewis, Chabot, Wombwell, Ray, Stutfield, Wake, and Gofsin.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Coughlan, P.M. Bro. Mimms was presented for installation, and took the obligation of W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Mimms was placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. Bro. Mimms vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Mann. The W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees, and the addresses to Master, Wardens, and brethren given. The W.M. also appointed and invested the officers. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stutfield candidate. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

CROYDON.—Mozart Chapter (No. 1929).—This chapter met at the Greyhound Hotel on the 17th inst. Among those present were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., M.E.Z.; H. H. Shirley, P.A.G. Soj. Surrey, &c., acting H.; E. J. Hoare, J.; and H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas. Comp. Weiss, No. 2, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The acting Scribe E. reported that the Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey had met under the banner of the Mozart Chapter at Carshalton, and that the acting P.G. Supt. had thanked the chapter for the excellence and success of its arrangements. A resolution of congratulation was then passed by the members of the chapter to Comp. H. H. Shirley, M.A., upon his appointment as P.G. 1st Asst. Soj. of Surrey. Comp. Shirley having replied, communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. Dr. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.Z., &c., and R. Palmer Thomas, H.

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

INSTRUCTION.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, M.E.Z. and Preceptor; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275, H.; Bryant, J.; J. S. Latham, S.E.; C. Wilson, S.N.; J. Hill, P.S. 1329, P.S.; H. Martin, A.S.; Wingham, 25; and C. Woods.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Latham, son of the chapter, was unanously elected to occupy the chair of M.E.Z. at the next meeting. Comp. Grummant returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. Comp. Grummant apologised for the unavoidable absence of Comp. Stone, S.E. The chapter was then closed.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE PEET.

On the 19th inst. the remains of Bro. George Peet were buried at Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool. Bro. Peet for a number of years was a member of the city council. He was one of the most successful as well as one of the most respected tradesmen in Liverpool, and the interest he had in the welfare of the city of his adoption was displayed in his close connection with its prominent institutions and by his zealous participation in every useful undertaking. In the assemblage that gathered around his grave expression was given to the large and representative character of the friendships he had made in the course of his busy life in Liverpool. Leaving the late residence of the deceased brother about half-past eleven, the cortége, consisting of about 16 carriages, arrived at the cemetery shortly after noon. The interment took place in the Church of England portion of the cemetery, the officiating clergymen being the Ven. Archdeacon Lefroy and the Rev. H. Carson. The coffin bore the inscription, "George Peet, died 16th September, 1888, aged 56 years." Numerous wreaths covered the coffin, the senders including the Mayor, Alderman J. Hughes, Mr. Stanley Huntington, Miss Potter, the Conservative Associations of Lime-street Ward and Great George Ward, and the deceased's employés.

At a meeting of the Inverness Town Council on Friday, the 21st inst., it was unanimously agreed to present the freedom of the borough to Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., and the presentation will be made on Wednesday next, the 3rd October.



The Annual Court of the Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 5th prox. Four candidates (two boys and two girls) recommended by the General Board, are to be elected to the benefits of the Institution, and the agenda also includes the election of the officers for the ensuing year, and thirty Governors to be members of the General Committee.

Bro. Alderman Renals is about to leave for America, and will be absent six weeks.

Bro. Dr. Pinder has resigned his post as one of the Camberwell Medical Officers. Failing health is the cause.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will commence the Session on Tuesday, the 2nd prox., at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, at half past six o'clock, and will continue to meet every Tuesday evening until the end of May.

Bro. General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, who is Colonel of the 2nd Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters, a magistrate for Middlesex, and who served on the Staff at the battles of Alma, Inkerman, and Tchernaya, in the expedition to Kertch, at the attack on the Redan, and at the final assault and fall of Sebastopol, has just completed his 74th year, the war-worn veteran having been born on Sept. 22, 1814.

By command of the P.G.M., Lord Harlech, the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales will be held this year at Carnarvon on October 17.

Bro. Edward Roberts, M.A., her Majesty's Assistant Inspector of Schools, has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Segontium Lodge, No. 606, Carnarvon.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser, who recently laid the foundation-stone of the new Technical School at Stockport with Masonic ceremonial, has contributed £50 towards the cost of erection.

The Belgian Government have resolved on still further developing their mail and passenger traffic between Dover and Ostend, the reduction in the duration of the passage by the new boat the Princess Henrietta from five hours to three hours having had the effect of more than doubling their passenger traffic during this season.

The Queen, through her Private Secretary, has telegraphed to Sir Walter Barttelot her sympathy with him in the loss he has just sustained by the murder in Africa of his son, Major Barttelot.

The 3rd Middlesex Artillery Volunteers will visit St. Albans to-morrow (Saturday), and return on Sunday evening. They will go by train to Edgware, and march thence to St. Albans, returning by train to Edgware, and thence by road to London. They will take their bugle and drum and fife bands with them.

At the Quarterly Communication in June last of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland the proceedings concluded with a rehearsal of the Three Degrees by the District G. Secretary, Bro. Fenwick, assisted by the District G. Officers, "for the information of the brethren generally, and in order that a uniform system might obtain in the District." This is certainly a very good plan, and might with advantage be followed by other jurisdictions.

The second grand Aquatic Firework Fête will take place at the Crystal Palace to-morrow (Saturday), when the band of the Grenadier Guards, under Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, will be specially engaged.

The ninth annual dinner of the members of the Barge Builders' Trade Union was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday last, the proceedings passing off most satisfactorily.

Bro. Sir George O. Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., presided at the annual public meeting, held in the City Hall, Glasgow, on Tuesday evening, of the Scotch Permissive Bill and Temperance Association.

It was resolved at a meeting of the Council of the National Rifle Association on Tuesday "that, before finally adopting either the Berkshire or the Cannock sites, it is desirable to give further time for enquiry as to the possibilities of obtaining a suitable site within a reasonable distance of the Metropolis, and that a Committee be appointed to communicate with the Government and ascertain whether they would assist the National Rifle Association to obtain a new site for their annual rifle meeting." Among those present at the meeting were Bros. Lord Wantage, chairman, Sir H. Halford, Bart., Lord Bury, and Col. Walrond, M.P.

The annual dinner in commemoration of the entry into the Residency of Lucknow of the relieving force under Generals Havelock and Outram, on the 25th September, 1857, was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday, under the presidency of Field-Marshal Lord Napier of Magdala, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., &c.

A novel sight will be witnessed on Wednesday next, the 3rd prox. The procession led by the immortal Jack Falstaff through Coventry was commonplace compared with the spectacle which will be presented on Wednesday by the appearance of "two hundred" animated sandwiches parading the streets of London, indicating to a curious and interested public the notable fact that upon that day the "two hundredth" performance of that phenomenally successful play, "Sweet Lavender," will be produced at Terry's Theatre. At exactly 12 o'clock noon those in the vicinity of the theatre will observe what will really be the most original and unique advertisement of the day. It will combine the best qualities of a rare entertainment, with the cleverest features of the advertiser's art. Those who are in the neighbourhood of the theatre next Wednesday just previous to midday should keep their attention directed to the "roof" of Terry's, and they will be rewarded by a startling sight, exciting in its daring and intensely amusing in its grotesqueness.

The Temperance Lodge of Instruction will resume its weekly meetings on Friday, the 5th prox., at 8 p.m., at the Railway Tavern, New Cross-road.

The Joppa Lodge of Instruction has been removed from the Champion to the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., where the members, for the first time, met on Tuesday, the 25th inst.

A meeting was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, on Monday evening, under the presidency of Bro. C. S. A. Atkinson, to consider the advisability of inaugurating a new lodge in Ashford. Bro. J. Brothers explained the requirements, and gave an estimate of the probable expense, and it was decided, provided sufficient funds should be forthcoming to guarantee the expenses, to enter upon the undertaking. It was also resolved to name the lodge the "Albert Edward." Bro. Atkinson expressed his willingness to be the W.M. for the first year, and Bro. Thomas Easton consented to act as Secretary pro tem. Bro. Robinson, the landlord of the Oak, kindly offered to provide a room for the meetings free of cost. The meeting was adjourned for a fortnight, and in the meantime Masons in Ashford will be communicated with, and invited to attend the adjourned meeting, and give their views.

The autumnal meeting of the Association of Chambers of Commerce was commenced at Cardiff on Tuesday, amongst those present being Bros. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., and J. M. Maclean, M.P.

We hear on good authority that Mrs. Lobb, wife of Bro. John Lobb, M.L.S.B., C.C., will be a candidate for a seat on the London School Board at the election in November.

A correspondent of the *Australasian Keystone* writes to suggest that, while the lodges in Victoria are engaged in setting up a United Grand Lodge, they might as well busy themselves in establishing a United Supreme Grand Chapter. He further suggests that the Mark should be amalgamated with the Royal Arch, and made a "sine quâ non" for the Supreme Degree, as in Ireland, Scotland, and America."

A meeting was held at Newbury on the 20th instant, at which resolutions were passed in favour of the Churn site for the annual meetings of the National Rifle Association. The Mayor presided, and among those present who took part in the proceedings were the Mayors of Winchester and Oxford, and Bros. Mount, M.P., Murdoch, M.P., and Colonel Howard Vincent, M.P.

Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., will leave England on Monday, the 15th prox., and proceed on a lengthened visit to India.

The Armada Tercentenary was celebrated at Hastings on the 20th instant amid considerable enthusiasm, the proceedings commencing with a strongly representative meeting in the Town Hall, at which the Mayor presided.

Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, Prov. G. Master of Nottinghamshire, and the Duchess of St. Albans, have returned from their visit to Newtown Aner, Co. Tipperary, to their seat at Bestwood Park, Notts.

Bro. John Lobb, M.L.S.B., has, during the week, been busy, with Mrs. Lobb, distributing prizes at Maidstone-street School, Haggerston, London-fields, Hackney, Church-street, and Napier-street, Hoxton. At Turin-street, Bethnal-green, 1300 children were assembled in the playground, and 1500 in the playground of Wilmot-street School, where the prizes were distributed for knowledge of Holy Scripture and early and regular attendance. Bro. Lobb delivered an address at each school on the importance of regular and early attendance and cleanly habits.

The marriage was solemnised on Wednesday, at All Souls' Church, Langham-place, of Mr. Arthur H. Beard, fourth son of Bro. Under-Sheriff Beard, and Miss Maude Milne-Whitehead, daughter of the late Mr. J. Milne-Whitehead, late of Bury, Lancashire. The Rev. J. Hurd officiated, Mr. Willie Beard acting as best man. The wedded couple afterwards left for Brussels for the honeymoon.

Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., unveiled a handsome drinking fountain at Folkestone on Saturday last, and in doing so expressed himself pleased to find that England was at length emulating continental countries in the matter. The town officials were present, and there was a large concourse of people to witness the interesting ceremony.

The Committee of the Melbourne Masonic Club have suspended the by-law relating to honorary members during the time the Centennial Exhibition remains open. The result is, that visitors who are elected honorary members will remain so till the 1st February next, instead of having the privileges of membership for one month only.

The various medical schools in London will commence the winter session, as usual, on Monday, the 1st prox., when new students will matriculate, and the customary address will be delivered in each case by one or other of the Professors.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire will be held at the Winter Gardens, Southport, on Wednesday next, October 3rd.

There was no truth whatever in the report that the Princess of Wales had narrowly escaped a railway accident. On the contrary, it was not till Saturday last that her Royal Highness, accompanied by her daughters, left Gmünden for Munich, which city she left on Sunday evening for London, travelling via Cologne.

The Laird Town Council at a special meeting, held on Monday evening, unanimously resolved to confer the freedom of the burgh on Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., on the occasion of his approaching visit to the North.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism, Gout, Tic doloreux.—Trouble will come at all times, and prevail at every season. Scarcely a week passes without our hearing of or seeing some friend stricken by these agonising maladies. The pain is situated in the joints, muscles, or nerves, whence it may be driven with ease. Foment the part well with warm salt and water, and after drying the skin let it be rubbed twice a day with Holloway's Soothing Ointment, which should also be rubbed into the neighbouring glands. It is always advisable to take Holloway's Pills in these disorders, as they much assist the Ointment's action. These Pills check fever, purify the blood, and eject all morbid matters engendered by these diseases.—ADVT.

A new Mark lodge to be called the Liverpool Lodge will be consecrated at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire, on the 13th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the occasion of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge. The Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, will perform the ceremony, and will also preside at the Provincial Grand Lodge and banquet. The officers designate of the lodge are Bros. James F. Callow, W.M.; Walter C. Erwin, S.W.; and Ralph Betley, J.W.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, by Bro. J. M. Wimble, 1901, on Monday, the 8th prox., commencing at seven o'clock precisely.

Bro. G. J. McKay, manufacturer of horse rugs, rugging, kerseys, webs, and travelling rugs (mills, Kendal), has opened London stores at 49, Wilson-street, Finsbury.

The Working Men's College, Great Ormond-street, which was founded by the late Rev. F. D. Maurice, will re-open for its 35th session on Monday next.

The Southern Cross Lodge, No. 997 (E.C.), Invercargill, recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of its constitution. Bro. Cattell, W.M., presided, and there was a large gathering of visitors, conspicuous amongst them being Bro. T. S. Graham, District G. Master of Auckland (N.Z.), whose health was drunk with much enthusiasm, and who acknowledged the compliment in a very hearty speech.

The Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Westland, (N.Z.), was held at the Masonic Hall, Hokitika on the 20th June last, but the business was chiefly of a local character.

The first anniversary of the Golden Bay Lodge, No. 2194, was appropriately celebrated at Takaka on Monday, the 16th July, by the consecration and dedication of a new Hall, a large number of the members of the Nelson lodges—the Southern Star, No. 735; the Victory, No. 1927; and the Forest, No. 1484—being present, together with several District Grand Officers, among the latter being Bros. B. W. Buttle, Dist. D.G.M.; W. D. Radford, Dist. S.G.W.; G. Baragut, Dist. J.G.W.; Rev. J. Harkness, Dist. G. Chap.; T. Scott, Dist. G. Sec.; A. W. Bain, Dist. G.S.B.; and C. King, Dist. G. Org. The ceremony was very successfully carried out by the Dist. D.G.M., and when it was over, Bro. A. Sinclair was installed W.M. for the new year and invested his officers.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting of the Court of Common Council on the 20th instant, when a contract was sealed between the Corporation and Mr. Webster for the construction of the southern approach to the new Tower Bridge for £38,383.

The 29th Session of the Ladies' Division of the Crystal Palace Company's School of Art, Science, and Literature will open on Monday, the 1st prox., when new students will matriculate, and the courses of lectures in the several branches of education comprised in the curriculum will be begun. The arrangements for the comfort and convenience of pupils are excellent in both the Senior and Junior Divisions. The terms are moderate, and the services of most efficient teachers have been secured, while the Palace itself, owing to its courts and collections, affords special facilities, which cannot be enjoyed elsewhere. The session is divided into three terms, commencing 1st October, in January, and about the middle of April, and closes on the 31st July, and the fees, which we have described already as being moderate, are payable in advance, the tickets admitting students free to the Palace on those days on which they are to attend the classes. We believe that several of the pupils of our Girls' School have attended the classes for higher music and have greatly benefited by the instruction, so that those of our readers who may wish to avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by the Crystal Palace Company's School may do so with the utmost confidence.

An artistic piece of goldsmith's work in the form of an official chain and collar, to be worn by Mr. Sheriff-elect Newton, has been manufactured by Mr. George Kenning. The chain is made of 18-carat gold, the centre of which is a medallion, representing the coronation of the Queen. On each side of this medallion is a gold-mounted pulley formed of shields bearing representations of the arms of the different boroughs and City companies with which the Sheriff-elect is connected. These shields are arranged alternately with the White Rose of York. In the centre of the badge, which is suspended from the chain in quatrefoil form, are the arms of the Sheriff-elect. Surmounting the arms is a graceful mantling with shields and raised emblems, representing the companies of which Mr. Newton is a member. The groundwork of the badge consists of a gold plate. The frame is highly polished, and in the niches of the base of the badge are two small red enamelled fleurettes. The whole is surmounted with the arms of the City and of Middlesex.—*City Press*.

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

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, October 6th, 1888.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1.

CRAFT LODGES.

25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall. 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel. 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel. 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel. 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern. 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. 1660, Royal Leopard, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. 2120, St. Botolph, Albion Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8. Eleanor, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham, at 8. Hammersmith, The Baths, Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7.30. Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Prince Leopard, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7. Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10. St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hotel, West Kensington, at 8. St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Aire-st., Regent-st., at 8. St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8. Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8. Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8. Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10. West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, E.C., at 7. Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern. 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall. 1056, Victoria, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C.

ROSE CROIX.

107, Shadwell Clerke, 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Colonial Board at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern. 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall. 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall. 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel. 765, St. James', Bridge House Hotel. 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall. 1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington. 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley. 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich. 1693, Kingsland, Railway Hotel, Highbury. 2032, Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond. 2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel. 2150, Tivoli. 2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8. Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8. Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8. Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7. Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Popular, at 8. Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, N.E., at 8. Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7. East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, at 7.45. Emblematic, Red Lion, York-street, Jermyn-street, W., at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe. Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8. Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30. Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Joppa, Mancheste Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7. Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8. Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-road, at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 8. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8. Wandsworth, East Hill, Hot., Alma-road, S.W., at 8. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1, Grand Masters', Willis's Rooms, St. James's. 160, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford. 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square, W. 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern.

MARK LODGES.

315, Henniker, 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C. 350, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar. 355, Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

CRAFT LODGES.

511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel. 1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern, Highbury. 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore. 1584, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney. 1687, Rothesay, St. James's Hall, Piccadilly. 1766, St. Leonard's, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9. Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8. Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-street, Hackney, 8. Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 8.

Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.

Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8. La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8. Londenborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30. Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', 7.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7.

Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8. Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery-lane, at 8. St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8. Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6. Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30. United Mariners, Lugard Hotel, Lugard-road, Peckham.

United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8. Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Domatic Chapter, Union Tavern, Aire-street, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

55, Constitutional, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

Grand Masters, 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-square, W.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.

45, Strong Man, M.H. Tavern, Masons'-avenue, E.C.

192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.

227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.

554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.

1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.

1351, St. Clement's Danes, 225, Strand.

1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-road, W.

1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.

1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place, W.

1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.

1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath, near Croydon.

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Burke Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.

City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, 6.30.

Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.

Creation, Wheatsheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W.8.

Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.

Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.

Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8 p.m.

Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7.30.

Elliot, Railway Hotel, Fetham.

Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.

Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N. at 8.

High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.

Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.

Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.

Langton, White Hart, Cannon-street, at 5.30.

Leopold, Austin's Hot., 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st., E.C., at 7.

Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.

Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-rd., 8.

Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Rail-way Station), at 7.

Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.

Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, 8.

Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, 8.

Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.

The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.30.

Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, 7.30.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.

Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.

West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.

Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

174, Sincerity, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.

181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.

1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

706, Florence Nightingale, William-street, Woolwich.

890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.

1489, Marquis of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.

1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

2070, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.30.

All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.

Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.

Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.

Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.

Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.

Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.

Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.

Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.

Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.

Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.

Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.

Robert Burns, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., at 8.

Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.

Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.

St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.

St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.

St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.

Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 7.

Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.

The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, at 7.30.

Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30