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EVERY now and then we obtain an insight into the work that is done by Freemasonry in other countries, and the influence it exercises on the community at large; and it almost invariably is found that the work it does and the influence it exercises are beneficial in their character. More especially is this the case in the newer and more remote colonies of the British Empire, or in countries like the United States of North America, which, as an independent political organisation, is of comparatively recent growth. In the latter country there are some 600,000 Masons, who are distributed very liberally, as regards numbers, among the States and Territories which compose it; and we may reasonably expect that, ere many years have passed, when the country has become more thickly populated, the present number will have been very largely augmented. Had the United States been an old country, the progress of Freemasonry would have been less remarkable, or, at all events, its position would have rested on less secure foundations. The reason of this is obvious. In a vast expanse of country, where even a numerous population seems scanty, and the statute law of an organised community is less implicitly obeyed than where the law has reigned more or less supreme for a long course of centuries, men are apt to look to each other for that goodwill and neighbourly support which is essential to their happiness and success; and there is no Society whose principles are so likely to prove efficacious in promoting this mutual goodwill and support as Freemasonry. It instils into the hearts of men the neighbourly duty of doing unto others as they would be done by, and in the more sparsely-populated regions of the far West, where the representatives of the law, not being ubiquitous, are by no means ever present to impress people with its transcendent powers, it is more often the influence of Freemasonry than the influence of the law which impels men to do the thing that is right. The same may be said of the influence exercised by our Fraternity in the Dominion of Canada and in our great Australasian Colonies, where, though there are regularly organised governments, the influence of the law is but little felt in the remoter districts. At the Antipodes, in particular, where the several governments which have been organised are of comparatively recent establishment, the influence of Freemasonry is more real than apparent. There are only some four or five hundred lodges scattered about among our Australasian Colonies, with only a few thousands of brethren all told, yet it is only the other day that our Right Rev. Bro. S. T. NEVILL, Bishop of Dunedin, New Zealand, who had been summoned to this country to attend the Pan-Anglican Synod, paid a visit to his old lodge—the Menturia, No. 418, Hanley—of which in former days he had been W.M.—and, in replying to the toast of his health, bore willing and grateful testimony to the beneficent influence which our Society exercises among the population of his diocese. He explained that, though as a bishop he had suffered just a little through allying himself with the Masons, he had never hesitated about doing so, because, as a minister of religion, he had never discovered in Freemasonry anything that was inconsistent with the principles which he was called upon to preach. Moreover, as he pointed out, New Zealand is a new Colony, and inhabited by men of all nations, yet under whatever flag Freemasons sailed thither, the moment they met together they were brothers, and consequently the service which Freemasonry rendered in uniting and welding people of different nationalities was incalculable. Such testimony as this to the beneficent influence of Freemasonry from a distinguished prelate, who presides over a diocese as large as the whole of Ireland, and his further statement that, whenever the opportunity presented itself, he summoned the brethren to assist him in laying the foundation-stones of churches and other similar buildings, clearly prove that our estimate of Freemasonry as a civilising influence in new or comparatively new communities is very far from being exaggerated.

CHESHIRE has latterly been one of the chief centres of Masonic activity. In addition to the ordinary lodge gatherings, there have been meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Knutsford on the 19th ult., and of the Prov. G. Chapter at Crewe, on the 27th ult., an especial interest attaching to the latter of these in consequence of its being the occasion selected for the installation of Comp. the Rev. C. W. SPENCER STANHOPE as Grand Superintendent of R.A. Masons, in succession to the late Comp. Lord DE TABLEY, who had occupied that post concurrently with the Prov. G. Mastership for many years. The Prov. G. Lodge meeting at Knutsford was presided over by Bro. Lord EGERTON OF TATTON, Prov. G. Master, in person, and his lordship in his address to the assembled brethren was able to congratulate them on the satisfactory condition of Masonry in Cheshire, on its numerical strength—which had been well maintained during the past year—and on the state of their funds, the amount of capital they have invested being £1200. He also spoke of the lodges having been ably conducted during the year, and the obligations they were under to give as much support as possible to the central Masonic Institutions, more particularly as Cheshire was deriving considerable benefit from them. He also alluded to the loss sustained by Freemasonry as a whole through the lamented death of the Emperor FREDERICK, protector of German Freemasons, and the splendid success of the Girls' School Centenary Festival, in which the Province, he rejoiced to say, had borne a useful and an honourable part, and he concluded by proposing that a sum of 100 guineas be contributed to the London Charities—a proposition which, it is needless to say, was passed without a single dissentient voice. Subsequently, his lordship entertained the brethren at his seat at Tatton Park, and the day was brought to a close amid mutual demonstrations of respect and goodwill. The meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was necessarily less impressive as regards the number of those present, but it had its compensation in the more imposing but less frequent spectacle which it offered of the installation of a new chief of the Royal Arch Degree in the Province. The companion whom the Grand Z. had chosen for the office of Grand Superintendent—Comp. the Rev. C. W. SPENCER STANHOPE—is in all respects worthy of the honour conferred upon him by his Royal Highness. He has discharged the various duties which have been required of him during a career extending over the best part of a quarter of a century with exemplary tact and ability. He is deservedly popular in Cheshire, as he is likewise in London Masonic circles, and it is but reasonable to expect that under his directing care and influence R.A. Masonry in Cheshire will continue to flourish as abundantly as under the late Comp. Lord DE TABLEY. We congratulate Comp. SPENCER STANHOPE on his appointment to so exalted an office, and the Province on having so distinguished a Mason as the Superintendent of their chapters.

THE recent meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge at Gateshead, under the auspices of the two lodges held in that town—the Prov. G. Lodge of Durham, Industry, No. 48, and the Borough, No. 424—was a great success. Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., Prov. G. Master, presided in person, and the attendance of brethren was larger than usual. The reports, too, which were submitted by the Charities' and other Committees were eminently satisfactory. The Prov. G. Treasurer's statement of account showed a balance in hand of over £292. The Fund Committee, whose report was read by the worthy Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, Past G. Chaplain of England, recommended that £25 should be given to the Durham Masonic Educational Fund, and 200 guineas distributed among our Central Charities, 100 guineas being allotted to the Boys' School, and 50 guineas each to the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution. Bro. BRADLEY, Secretary of the Charities Committee, handed in its 11th annual report, and from this we learn that since the establishment of this Committee its success has been most gratifying. It has carried the election into the London Masonic Institutions of 11 boys, three girls, three male annuitants, and one widow annuitant. It had a number of candidates on its list, whose election it would be its duty to promote, and taking into consideration the benefits it was receiving from the principal Masonic Institutions, it strongly urged upon the Province to contribute to its utmost ability towards their maintenance and support. As regards the Durham Masonic Educational Fund, the work it was doing was considerable. It was assisting in the education and part maintenance of 17 children, at an annual outlay of over £100; it had a capital of nearly £832, which had been all raised since 1882, and the allowances to children per annum ranged from £40 to £90. The address of the PROV. GRAND MASTER was characterised by his usual geniality. He congratulated the brethren on the numerical strength of the province, the number of subscribing members being 2200. He paid a handsome compliment to the entertaining lodges for the admirable manner in which they had received Provincial Grand Lodge, and he spoke in terms of high commendation of the working in those lodges which he had had the

opportunity of visiting. Lastly he referred to the pleasant ceremony which had taken place in the early part of the year, when the brethren had presented Lady WILLIAMSON and himself with an illuminated address and silver vase in commemoration of their Silver Wedding, and he expressed the gratification they had both experienced at receiving from the brethren so signal a mark of their respect and goodwill. With the appointment of the Prov. Grand Officers for the year—who were loudly cheered as they severally advanced to the dais for investiture—and the customary banquet, at which the PROV. GRAND MASTER occupied the chair, the proceedings of a busy and most enjoyable gathering were brought to a conclusion, and it now remains for us to congratulate our Durham friends on the success which has attained their labours during the past 12 months. May it always be in their power to render so excellent an account of their work!

Freemasonry in Shropshire. It must be extremely gratifying to our Shropshire brethren to know that the work they have done during the brief period of their existence as a separate province is so generally appreciated. It is barely three years since Bro. Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN, Bart., who had been for some time Deputy to the late Bro. Sir W. WILLIAMS-WYNN, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of North Wales and Shropshire, was installed as head of the Craft in the lesser half of the old province, yet it is not too much to say that Shropshire at the present moment occupies a far worthier position among the Provinces of England than its mere numerical strength would justify. It started on its separate career with 10 lodges, and one has since been added to the roll; and therefore had the work it has accomplished been less considerable, it would still have been entitled to our thanks, and the thanks generally of the Craft throughout the country. But it has by no means contented itself with observing the usual routine of duty and the more limited support of our Institutions which is looked for in so small a province. The first 12 months it devoted chiefly to the task of setting its house in order, but at the same time it found the wherewith to help the Charities in an unpretentious way. In 1887 its Prov. Grand Master undertook to preside at the Girls' School Festival, and the province, with an eagerness to distinguish itself which became it well, put forth its strength to such purpose that its contributions reached the handsome figure of £1022 17s. This year it has again been conspicuous, the amount it raised for the Centenary Festival of the Institution for Girls being set down as £604. Indeed, we shall not be greatly overstating the case if we assert that in the three years of its existence as a separate province Shropshire has distributed close on £2000 among our three Institutions, that of the Girls' having obtained, and under the circumstances we have described justly obtained, the lion's share. It is clear, therefore, that in its support of our great Masonic Charities, Shropshire has done more than its prescribed duty; while, so far as we are able to gather from the reports which have been annually submitted to Prov. Grand Lodge, it has been equally successful in all that relates to its internal organisation. Our Shropshire brethren must be proud to serve under so worthy a chief as Bro. Sir O. WAKEMAN, and the latter must be equally proud to preside over so enthusiastic a band of lodges, and especially that he and his able Deputy, Bro. ROWLAND VENABLES, have so efficient a Prov. G. Secretary to aid them in their work of government as Bro. W. H. SPAULL, who has been honoured with office in United Grand Lodge by his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER, and to whose ability and worth a justly merited compliment was paid at the recent meeting at Ironbridge, on the 18th ult., of the Provincial G. Lodge. We congratulate Bro. SPAULL on this latest evidence of the esteem and respect in which he is held by his Provincial Chiefs and the lodges and brethren over which they preside.

England and Quebec. THE "Historical and other Reminiscences," which will be found in another part of this paper, will be read with interest by our numerous readers, especially by those who are familiar with the unfortunate differences between England and Quebec at the present time. Our esteemed correspondent is fully informed as to the origin and history of the Craft in Canada, and we hope that his good wishes and desires for a speedy settlement of the existing difficulties will be abundantly realised. There is no doubt that H.R.H. the Duke of KENT had his mind firmly made up to "heal the differences" between the two rival Grand Lodges in this country; and if his ROYAL HIGHNESS's grandson, our illustrious GRAND MASTER, could bring about a similar union between Quebec and this Grand Lodge, none would rejoice more than our correspondent and ourselves.

OLD WARRANTS, No. XXVIII.

The "British Union Lodge," No. 114, Ipswich, was warranted, as the following document proves, on January, 21st, 1762. The number originally was 270, but on the transcript sent me (some years ago now) it is entered as 214, which is the second it bore, and was given it in 1770. Five other numbers distinguished the lodge until 1863, when it became 114, at which it still remains. Some fifteen places of meeting, beginning with the "Green Man," in 1762, are enumerated by Bro. John Lane in his "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," the last being its present home, viz., the Freemasons' Hall, Soame-street Ipswich. The lodge has a centenary jewel warrant of the ordinary pattern, so the members must have delayed their application for that distinction.* Had it been made prior to 1867, a medal of a special design might have been the distinctive decoration of the "British Union" Lodge. There are four lodges held in Ipswich, No. 114 being the senior. There was, however, an old lodge working there from 1732, held at the "White Horse," as No. 96, becoming No. 85 in 1740. According to Bro. Lane, it was erased in 1754, possibly some of the members uniting to found its successor of A.D. 1762. I wonder if there are any Records preserved

of this old lodge of 1732, or if the Warrant is still in existence. The senior lodge now on the Provincial Grand Lodge is No. 71, "Unity," Lowestoft, chartered on May 9th, 1747; the second in order of precedence being the "Doric" Lodge, Woodbridge, but its present charter only dates from 13 January, 1812, being a second issue of an "Ancient" Warrant originally granted to a London lodge of 1762, which lapsed—if it ever existed at all—a few years afterwards. It will be seen that No. 114 is really the second as respects its antiquity, of existing lodges. I should much like a copy of the Warrant of No. 71, of A.D. 1747, if any member of the lodge, with the consent of the W.M., will kindly transcribe, and send to me, or will have it published in the *Freemason* as one of this series.

W. J. HUGHAN.

COPY OF WARRANT OF A.D. 1762.

(Signed) TO ALL AND EVERY our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and
Aberdour Loving Brethren WE Sholto Charles Douglas Lord Aberdour Grand
G.M. Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and
Accepted Masons send Greeting.

L.S.

KNOW Ye that We at the Humble Petition of our Right Worshipful and Well-Beloved Brethren John Clarke, John Hunter and William Clarke and several other Brethren residing at Ipswich in the County of Suffolk Do hereby Constitute the said Brethren into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to be Opened at Brother John Concom's the Sign of the Green Man in the parish of St. Mary Key Ipswich in the County aforesaid, And do further at their said Petition and of the Great Trust and Confidence repos'd in every of the said above named Three Brethren Do hereby appoint John Clarke to be Master, John Hunter Senr. Warden and William Clarke Junr. Warden for opening the said Lodge and for such further time as shall be thought proper by the Brethren thereof it being our Will that this our Appointment of the above Officers shall in now wise Affect any future Election of Officers of the Lodge. But that such election shall be regulated Agreeably to such bye Laws of the said Lodge as shall be consistent with the General Laws of this Society contained in the Book of Constitutions and do hereby Will and require you the said John Clarke to take Especial care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that they do observe perform and keep all the Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions. And further that you do from time to time cause to be entered in a Book kept for that purpose an account of your proceedings in the Lodge together with all such Rules Orders and Regulations as shall be made for the good Government of the same that in no wise you Omit once in Every Year to send to us or our Successors Grand Mr. or to John Revis, Esqre: our Deputy Grand Master or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being an account in Writing of your said Proceedings and Copies of all such Rules, Orders and Regulations as shall be made as aforesaid Together with a list of the Members of the Lodge and such a sum of Money as may suit the circumstances of the Lodge and reasonably be expected towards the Grand Charity. Moreover we hereby will and require you the said John Clarke as soon as conveniently may be to send a Account in Writing of what shall be done by Virtue of these presents. GIVEN AT LONDON under our Hand and Seal of Masonry this 21st January A.D. 1762, A.L. 5762.

Witness [partly obliterated] [By the] Grand Masters Command
(Signed) SAMUEL SPENCER G.S. (Signed) JOHN REVIS, D.G.M.

ENGLAND AND QUEBEC.

HISTORICAL AND OTHER REMINISCENCES. (COMMUNICATED.)

In 1793, on the eve of his departure for the mother country, at the close of his benign rule in Quebec as Provincial Grand Master of "the Ancients," H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, father of our beloved Queen, was presented by what was even then sometimes styled the Grand Lodge at Quebec, with a loyal and fraternal address, in which, among others, those far-seeing Craftsmen earnestly besought His Royal Highness that on his return to England he would exert his great influence to bring about a "Union" between the antagonistic Grand Lodges of "Ancients" and "Moderns," so that united Craft lodge allegiance, with its manifold blessings, could be enjoyed in Quebec.

How nobly and efficiently His Royal Highness fulfilled his solemn promise thereanent to those fathers of the Craft in then Lower Canada, by having been the chief instrument in consummating the glorious Union of 1813, is well known to all good brethren, not only in England, but throughout the Masonic world; and whose good effects will continue for evermore.

It thus appears that from "Quebec" sprung, if not the primal, yet probably the controlling impulse whose happy consummation was the formation of "The United Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of England!" What "return" may England now make therefor?

Nor are other historic incidents in "the line of succession" of the now Grand Lodge of Quebec, to the auspicious Masonic regime in that Dependency of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, and its peculiar relationship to the illustrious fraternal reign in England, of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, devoid of interest and importance.

The first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, M.W. Bro. John Hamilton Graham, LL.D., in his ninth annual address, 1883, spoke as follows:

"SOME NOTABLE QUEBEC EVENTS."

"Assembled here in Grand Lodge, we cannot forget that it was in this famous old City of Quebec, where our illustrious R.W. Brother the Duke of Kent, and father of our beloved Queen, presided over the Craft, as Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, having been installed June 22, 1792. To make the remembrance of this interesting Masonic event the more pleasing, I need but remind the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, that on the occasion of the happy union of the remaining 'Canada' lodges in our Province, with this Grand Body, there were transmitted to us, through me as the then Grand Master, by the late M.W. Bro. T. D. Harington, as our proper inheritance, an antique Masonic 'square' of gold, having a 'brilliant' at the angle, and having thereon this inscription: 'The gift of his Royal Highness Prince Edward, the first R.W. Grand Master of Ancient Masons in Canada,' and on the reverse, 'R.W. Grand Lodge, Canada;' and also a large key of fine gold, with 'monogram,' surmounted by a 'crown,' the gift also to that Provincial Grand Lodge of Prince William Henry, the Duke of Clarence, and afterwards William IV. Also the three Principal chairs, used at this Communication of Grand Lodge, were the gift, in 1809, of M.W. Bro. the Duke of Sussex.

* Since writing this notice of No. 114, I find in the Introduction to its By-laws that the Centenary Jewel Warrant was granted on 30th April, 1872, and that the centenary of the lodge was celebrated on January 21st, 1862.

"And while we so highly prize these precious relics, and while with so great satisfaction we call to remembrance the auspicious rule as Provincial Grand Master of our R.W. Royal Brother, the Duke of Kent, yet the memory of his sojourn in this grand old city will, I believe, be cherished as fondly amongst us as citizens and Craftsmen by the two following patriotic and fraternal utterances which have come down to us, and which I know you will be pleased to have me make mention of at the present time, in order that they may, through you, be transmitted to the coming generations of Craftsmen: On an important occasion, and amidst peculiar circumstances, during a brief address, with deep emotion, he said—'Let there never more be heard amongst you, 'the King's old and new subjects,' 'the French and the English inhabitants'; 'You are all the King's Canadian subjects.' And at another time, when presiding in lodge, a brother, in speaking upon a question, addressed him as 'Your Royal Highness'; whereupon the R.W. Provincial Grand Master said, 'Worshipful Brother, there are no Royal Highnesses here, we 'are all Brethren.'"

In view, therefore, of the unique historical Masonic relationship existing between England and Quebec, nothing could have been more meet and fitting than was the presence of M.W. Bro. Dr. Graham, representing Quebec, as the only Grand Master from any Dependency of the Empire, at the Installation in Albert Hall, 1875, of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

Such are some of the links of the peculiarly fraternal relationship existing between "England" and "Quebec" for nearly a by-gone century. To-day, alas, inter-jurisdictional dis-association unhappily exists! Shall it much longer continue? God forbid.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

One of the most, if not the most, brilliant demonstrations of Freemasons ever held in this county, took place on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., in Southport. The occasion was the annual meeting and festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the Western Division of Lancashire, and the proceedings throughout proved of a thoroughly gratifying and satisfactory description. The brethren began to assemble about noon at the Winter Gardens, the first-class cloak-room and promenade being utilised for "clothing" purposes by the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the second-class refreshment-rooms for other members of the mystic Craft. After all had been invested in the proper regalia of the Order adapted to the respective positions of the different individuals with collars, aprons, sleevelets, and jewels, they proceeded to the Hall in connection with the Gardens, which had been arranged in due order in the form of a regular lodge, and which presented a magnificent appearance when all the brethren, to the number of over a thousand, had assembled and taken their seats. Viewed from the platform end of the building, the view taken with a "coup d'œil" was simply gorgeous, and its beauties were greatly enhanced when the brethren of the Prov. Grand Lodge had entered from the conservatory, descended the steps, and taken their places. Then the scene presented was such as has rarely, if ever, been witnessed in Southport, the evening dress, with white gloves and ties, being well set off by the adornments already mentioned and various other emblems and insignia displayed by the brethren of different grades and positions. The "tout ensemble" was in fact simply perfect according to the code of the most severe and censorious artistic criticism.

The Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, was received by the great assembly in Craft lodge convened. He was accompanied by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, D.G.M. of Scotland, and was supported by his Past Prov. Grand Officers as follows:

Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G. Sec.; J. R. Bottomley, P.G.D.C.; J. B. McKenzie, P.P.S.G.D.; John Wnalley, P.P.D.G.D.C.; James Platt, P.P.G.D.; M. Newsome, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. W. Johnston, P.P.G.D.; H. H. Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Burgess, P.G.O.; W. H. Wakefield, P.P.G.S.B.; E. L. Littler, P.G.P.; Wielopolski Phillips, P.P.G.O.; R. Bee, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. T. Barton Spencer, P.P.G.C.; J. J. Greaves, P.P.G.O.; L. Rowbottom, P.P.G.W.; E. Pierpoint, P.P.G.W.; W. Whiteside, P.P.G.S.B.; G. L. Campbell, P.P.G.O.; H. Wyatt, P.P.G.D.C.; D. Jones, P.P.G.D.; D. Jackson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; M. W. Peace, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Milligan, P.P.S.G.D.; C. B. Holmes, P.P.G.P.; A. C. Collins, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Wainman Cottam, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Cain, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Case, P.P.G.S.; Rev. J. N. Newell-Tanner, P.P.G.C.; J. Andrew, P.P.G.D.C.; H. A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. James, P.S.G.D.; W. Newsome, Prov. G. Std. Br.; F. H. Clark, P.G.S.; A. Hall, P.P.A.G. Sec.; Isaac Turner, P.G.S.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Salter, P.P.G.D.; T. Whitehead, P.P.G.D.; C. Bargery, P.S.G.D.; C. J. Bannister, P.G.S.B. Eng.; Spencer Wallhead, P.P.G.D.; D. W. Finney, P.P.G.D.C.; G. D. Pochin, P.P.G.R.; J. Turner, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Buxton, P.P.G.R.; Rev. E. J. H. Thomas, P.P.G.C.; T. Daon, P.P.G.C. E. Lanc.; D. Cangle, P.A.G. Sec.; H. Vollmer, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Hayes, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Wylie, P.G.D. Eng., P.S.G.W.; Dr. D. Costine, P.P.G.R.; J. P. McArthur, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Nevett, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. C. Erwin, P.P.A.G. Sec.; Henry Crosby, P.P.G.P.; T. K. Hughes, P.P.D.G.D. of C.; T. K. Bradshaw, P.G.D.; J. C. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; J. M. Shuttleworth, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Pearson, P.P.G.R.; T. Evans, P.P.S.G.D.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R.; Rev. A. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; W. Ramsden, P.G.D. Cheshire; H. Caterall, P.P.A.G.P.; T. E. Withington, P.P.G.P. Oxon; T. F. Hill, P.S.G.D.; J. W. Hartley, P.S.G.D.; J. Beesley, P.J.G.D.; E. Johnston, P.P.G.D.; R. Martin, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Williams, P.P.G.D.; D. M. F. Gaskin, P.G. Treas.; Jno. Sutton, P.P.D.G.D.C.; R. Foote, P.P.G. Treas.; J. H. Evans, P.P.G. Std. Br. Cheshire; S. W. McKellar, P.P.D.G.D.C.; R. Williams, P.P.G. Treas.; A. D. Hesketh, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C.; W. G. Martin, P.G.S.; W. Halley Hacking, P.P.S.G.W.; W. C. Freeman, P.S.G.W.; C. Brierley, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. J. Lambert, P.G.R.; Thos. Forrester, P.G. Std. Br. England; E. C. Cooper, P.P.S.G.D.; W. S. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.S.G.W.; W. Duff, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Longmire, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Thomas Longmire, P.P.A.G.P.; H. M. Ormsby, P.S.G.D.; J. A. Orr, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Troughton, P.G.S.B.; C. Tryer, P.P.S.G.W.; E. T. Everett, P.S.G.D.; J. Mossop, P.P.G.P.; Henry Marshall, P.P.G.D.; W. S. Finch, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Houlding, P.P.G.R.; J. J. Ramsay, P.A.G.P.; C. P. Richards, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Bowker, P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. C. S. Hope, P.P.G.C.; J. Chadwick, P.G.S.B. Eng.; P.G. Sec. E. Lancs.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; Hugh Williams, P.P.D.G.D.C.; and J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.W.

The present Provincial Grand Officers also joined in the procession.

The Provincial Grand Master having been saluted in ancient form, the roll of Provincial Grand Officers and lodges was called, and it is worthy of remark that every lodge in the province was represented.

On the motion of Bro. R. WYLIE, the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which had been placed in the hands of the brethren, were taken as read, and unanimously confirmed.

The Treasurer's statement of accounts, submitted and approved of, showed a balance in hand on the total figures of receipts and disbursements of £10 9s. 1d.

Bro. W. GOODACRE read the Secretary's report, which showed that Freemasonry continued to progress in the province, and that the various lodges which it embraced were working harmoniously. During the past year three new lodges had been opened, and warrants had been granted for the opening of others. The membership had increased considerably during the year, and the subscriptions received for the different Masonic Charities of the Order had also been augmented. Last year the Secretary had anticipated that the returns would indicate £5000 of receipts, and it was gratifying to learn that his anticipation had been fully realised, as £5100 had been subscribed. The report alluded to the immense success of the special effort made in Jubilee year on behalf of the Masonic Charities, when £2300 was paid through the Stewards appointed for South-west Lancashire. Great progress had been made by the local Charities of the province, including the Educational Institution and the Hamer and Alpass Funds.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM said he was sure they had all listened to the report with very great pleasure. In the first place, he thought it a very grand thing that no fault had been found with any lodge in the province. It was satisfactory in the second place to be able to say that they were not only flourishing, but increasing, for that very morning he had signed two new petitions for lodges. There was only one feeling that crossed his mind, and that was, if they went on increasing as they were doing, other provinces might become jealous, and a movement might be made for the division of the province. That could not be done, however, unless they were willing. It was gratifying to think that their Charities had been so liberally supported, and he had to thank them for the magnificent way in which they came forward and supported him at the Centenary of the Girls' School. The results of that appeal and the sum subscribed had gone forth all over the world, and it had been regarded as an unexampled feat. It reflected the greatest credit upon every one concerned. A Committee had been nominated for the purpose of inquiring into the status and condition of the Boys' School, and he hoped that the result of the inquiry would result in its better conduct in future. His lordship concluded amidst applause by thanking the brethren for assembling in such numbers upon that occasion.

Bro. WYLIE moved—"That By-law 11 be altered by inserting after the word 'limb' the following words: 'Or any other misfortune which, in the opinion of the Committee, incapacitates a brother from gaining a livelihood,' the object being to relieve all really deserving cases not previously provided for.

The proposal was seconded by Bro. MARTIN, and carried by acclamation.

Bro. Dr. SMITH, in proposing Bro. H. W. Walker as Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, explained that he had been initiated in the Ancient Briton Lodge 10 years, and that his Masonic conduct since then had been of the most exemplary character. In particular Bro. Walker had given great aid both by work and subscriptions to the different Masonic Charities.

Bro. J. B. MACKENZIE, in seconding the motion, alluded to the amiability, business ability, and popularity of Bro. Walker, not only in Liverpool but throughout the province. He was convinced that if elected the brother named would make a most excellent Treasurer.

Bro. WYLIE proposed Bro. Captain D. R. Jolly for the office, one of his reasons being that for 60 consecutive years up to last year the Prov. Grand Treasurer had been elected from Liverpool, and he thought, though a Liverpool man himself, that the city had got its share, and that the country should have another chance. It had been shown in the case of Bro. Gaskin that the duties of the office could be thoroughly well discharged by a brother who was not resident in Liverpool. No better man or Mason could be found for the office than Bro. Jolly.

Bro. the Rev. T. B. SPENCER seconded the nomination, and alluded, amidst cheers, to the ready services which Bro. Jolly gave to every charitable cause, and especially to those connected with Masonry.

On a vote being taken, Bro. Walker was elected.

Bro. WYLIE, in moving a vote of thanks to Bro. Gaskin for the manner in which he had discharged his duties as Prov. Grand Treasurer, said he had been congratulated by the Auditors at their meeting on the manner in which he had kept his books.

Bro. PLATT, one of the Auditors, seconded the vote, which was carried unanimously, and acknowledged by Bro. GASKIN.

Bros. F. Johnson, J. Callow, J. Platt, D. M. F. Gaskin, and S. H. Hartley were appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, after expressing regret at the resignation of Lord Stanley of Preston of his position as D.P.G.M., announced that he had found a worthy representative in Bro. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, who had consented to accept the office.

Bro. Lord CRAWFORD and BALCARRES, after his patent had been read, was conducted between two Deacons to the front of the pedestal, where he was addressed, obligated, and invested. He was then placed in his chair, proclaimed, and saluted, and afterwards expressed the honour he felt at the position in which he had been placed.

Lord STANLEY OF PRESTON's letter of resignation said that in consequence of his having been appointed Governor-General of Canada he had to leave the office which he had held for some years past of Deputy Prov. Grand Master for West Lancashire. He personally regretted his separation from the brethren of the province, with whom he had worked so harmoniously, but he took refuge in the thought that distance would place no limits to the bonds of friendliness and the sense of gratitude for kindness received, by which they were united.

In his capacity of P.G.M., Bro. Lord LATHOM then proceeded to the appointment and investiture of the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Bro. Thomas M. Shuttleworth...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Edward Segar ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" The Rev. J. S. Gardner ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. W. Walker ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" William Goodacre ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Samuel Hartley ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Slyman ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Alfred Cross ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" William Young Martin ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" James Lairdlaw ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. H. Bradshaw ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Major James W. Mactear ...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Alfred Henochsberg ...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" F. H. Clarke ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.

Bro. Thos. F. Hill ...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ Isaac Turner ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
„ R. C. Yelland... ..	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ R. H. Johnson ...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
„ Richard Armitage ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ John Tunstall ...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
„ J. Pendleton ...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
„ J. Queen ...	...	...
„ T. Webster ...	...	...
„ Joseph Turnbull ...	...	...
„ T. Adams ...	...	...
„ J. C. Robinson ...	...	...
„ Peter Ball ...	...	...

Charity jewels were then presented to Bros. E. Brooks, Arthur Bamford, T. Adams, Walter Erwin, Wm. Platt, Thos. Sutton, John Hallwood, William Smith, and J. T. Murray; and three additional Charity bars were presented to Bro. Robert Foote.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

A grand banquet was held later in the afternoon at the Prince of Wales Hotel. The attendance numbered over 150. Bro. Lord Lathom, P.G.M., occupied the chair, and was supported on the immediate right by Bros. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, D.P.G.M.; Wylie, P.G.D. of England; and W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; and on the left by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Gardner, P.G.C.; T. M. Shuttleworth, P.S.G.W.; and the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, P.P.G.C. To include all the distinguished brethren who were present would, however, necessitate the publication of a list of all who were in the room. A sumptuous dinner was purveyed by Bro. C. O. Wilkinson, the manager of the hotel.

On the removal of the cloth,

Bro. Lord LATHOM first gave "The Queen, the Patroness of our Order," which was drunk with Royal honours, the "National Anthem" being sung by Bro. Boyce, the whole company joining in the choral passages.

In proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," Bro. Lord LATHOM alluded to the fact that his Royal Highness had presided over the greatest charitable demonstration ever held in this world. On that occasion he was accompanied by the King of Sweden, by whom he had first been initiated as a Mason, and that Sovereign was quite overcome for a few minutes by his emotion at the interesting sight which was then presented to his view.

Bro. Lord LATHOM next proposed "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." He was happy to think that they had two members amongst the Royal Family, the Duke of Connaught and Prince Edward, who took a great interest in Masonry, and was this year the Master of a lodge. He could not say enough in praise of that dear lady the Princess of Wales. On two occasions he had seen that she was deeply attached to the Order, for when he presented her with a butterfly on the occasion of her silver wedding, she said there was good in Freemasonry after all. When her Royal Highness visited the Girls' School she was quite enthusiastic about their training, for she said a few gratifying words to the three teachers, and added, "I shall never again say a bad word about Freemasonry. I am glad to think my husband and son are both Masons."

The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. A. E. Bartle gave a very fine performance of Rubinstein's "Valse Caprice" on the piano, and was followed by Bro. Leyland, who sang, "The Bay of Biscay" in capital style, Bro. R. H. Johnson, the P.G. Org., accompanying.

Bro. SHUTTLEWORTH gave "The M.W. Pro G.M., Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past," and pointed out that it was his, and ought to be the ambition of all the brethren, to find their way into that august assembly as the years went on. He expected to get amongst them, and would be an old man indeed before he gave up hope.

After the toast had been responded to,

Bro. Harmer favoured the meeting with a violin solo, "Fantasie Eccossais," by Papini, his performance being simply superb. Greater combined delicacy and power of touch could not be desiderated, and the grand variations introduced on "The Blue Bells of Scotland" and "Bonnie Dundee" were executed with a brilliancy of manipulative dash amply worthy of the greatest of our contemporary violinists. He quite took his audience by storm, and concluded amidst a perfect whirlwind of applause.

Later in the evening, at the special request, as we understood, of Bro. Lord Crawford and Balcarres, Bro. Harmer repeated his performance, this time introducing "Auld Robin Gray" before "Bonnie Dundee," and again showed a wonderful mastery over his difficult instrument. He is undoubtedly a coming man—indeed, we may say that he is at the front already.

Bro. CHADWICK, P.G. Secretary of East Lancashire, acknowledged the toast.

Bro. Lord CRAWFORD and BALCARRES proposed "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom," in highly complimentary terms, which were received with cordial cheers, and the drinking of the toast was followed with the Masonic honours of three times five.

Bros. Leyland and Hobart gave a beautiful vocal rendering of Benedict's duet, "The moon has raised her lamp," which was much and deservedly applauded.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, in replying to his health, said he had no homily to preach that evening as to neglect, since everything was going smoothly in the province, Masonry was prospering, and he was convinced that they had all done their duty as far as the Charities were concerned. The spirit of Charity had in fact permeated the whole of West Lancashire, and the brethren understood their duties in that respect.

Bro. BANNER, the W.M. of the senior lodge of the province, gave "The V.W.D.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, Present and Past."

The toast was duly honoured, and followed by a "Barcarole" by Leybach, cleverly performed as an organ and piano duet by Bros. Hudson and Bartle.

Bro. the Earl of CRAWFORD and BALCARRES, in returning thanks, said he had been for a considerable number of years a member of the Craft and had passed from degree to degree, and office to office, and had obtained what he thought the summit of his ambition when he became a P.G.M. in Scotland. He had, however, attained to even a higher position in becoming an officer in the Province of West Lancashire, in which he so frequently resided. As regarded the other Provincial Officers, he was perfectly certain, from the care exercised in their selection, that they would fulfil their

duties in such a way as to reflect credit upon those who chose them, and that they would do everything in their power to uphold the honour of the province.

On the proposal of Bro. GASKIN, the toast of "The Masonic Charities" was heartily honoured.

Bros. McNAB, J. H. BARROW, and R. FOOTE replied.

This was followed by "Alice, where art thou?" tastefully sung by Bro. Leyland.

The next toast was "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. SEGAR; acknowledged by Bros. the Rev. J. NEWELL-TANNER, P.P.G.C. Cheshire, and the Rev. Wm. APPELYARD. The former brother said he had been a Freemason since 1846, and had served as Chaplain under three Prov. Grand Masters, including six years under Bro. Lord Combermere, but that was the first time that he had enjoyed the opportunity, the pleasure, and the honour of being in the Province of West Lancashire, and his visit had given him great satisfaction.

Bro. GOODACRE gave "The Worshipful Masters of Lodges," to which Bro. HOULDING, W.M. 2215, the junior in the province, except one of which Bro. Lord Lathom is W.M., made a fitting response.

This was followed by "The Musical Brethren," who had given their services that evening, proposed from the chair, with the remark that his lordship had been much gratified with their performance, and that he had to congratulate Southport on the ability displayed.

Bro. TUNSTALL gave the last toast, "All Poor and Distressed Freemasons," and with this the programme was concluded.

It may be added that the musical arrangements were admirably carried out, and that Bro. R. H. Johnson ably and fittingly inaugurated his acceptance of office as Prov. Grand Organist.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

[BY TELEGRAM.]

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Technical Institute, Skipton-road, Keighley, and, as usual, was a most successful gathering. After Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., &c., Prov. G.M., was saluted, as also was his very active Deputy, Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., the roll of lodges and of the Present and Past Grand Officers was called, apologies were read, and the minutes confirmed of the annual meeting, which was held at Wakefield in April last. Then followed the address of the Prov. G.M. (which we hope to give next week), and the presentation by that zealous Grand Officer of centenary warrant and jewels to the members of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265, Keighley, which has just completed its hundred years of continuous work, &c., as a subordinate of the Grand Lodge of England. There are now in the province five lodges which have proved their right to this special distinction, and if any others can substantiate their claims to a similar position, it is not likely there will be much delay, as the Prov. G.M. is thoroughly alive to all that concerns the welfare of his province.

The Honorary Librarian, Bro. WILLIAM WATSON, P.M., S.W. No. 2069, Leeds, proposed "That in the opinion of this Provincial Grand Lodge it is desirable that a photographic copy of the warrant of every lodge in West Yorkshire should be obtained, and placed in a suitable book in the archives of the Prov. G. Lodge, and that the lodges be invited to furnish a copy similar to the pattern which he will exhibit," and the same zealous brother also moved for authority to print a catalogue of purchases, and gifts, and subscriptions (with names of the donors) to the Prov. Grand Lodge Library and Museum, for presentation to each member of Prov. Grand Lodge. Both of these propositions were carried unanimously, the former not only being honoured by having the esteemed Prov. G.M.'s approval, but was seconded by his Deputy, Bro. HENRY SMITH.

Bro. Watson proposes to adopt the size 10 by 12 inches, carbon process, so as to be permanent, and now it has been agreed to, the wonder is that he has been the first to suggest such an excellent and authentic method of preserving copies of the old warrants, as well as those of modern date, which register the original places of meeting, the first Master and Wardens, and names of chief petitioners. There are to be three books for 25 lodges each, with leaves for additional particulars, so that these volumes will be real treasures and storehouses of facts for the historian of the province, who ought soon to be appointed officially, so as to complete the matter in due form. Of the subsequent procession to church, the sermon, and the subsequent business, a report will appear in our next issue, but we are now chiefly concerned with Bro. Watson's excellent plan for the reproduction of the warrants and for the extension of the Library and Museum, which under his fostering care bids fair to be worthy of the large and important Province of West Yorkshire, over which Bro. T. W. Tew so ably presides.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHOUGH LODGE, No. 2264.

On Monday last the Chough Lodge, No. 2264, was consecrated at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C. The Chough Lodge owes its existence to the Chough Musical Society, which meets at the same hotel, is the most successful of all the City musical societies, has obtained the highest fame for an evening's musical entertainment, and is able to boast a membership of over 600. With such a strong following, and the ranks of City Freemasons being so strong, it is but natural that there should be in the Chough Musical Society a powerful infusion of the Masonic Order, who take a deep interest in Masonry as well as in music. This was the case with the Chough musicians, and the Masonic portion finding that many of their members who were not Freemasons desired to belong to the brotherhood, determined to petition for a warrant for a Chough Lodge, which should bind together by the one additional tie of Freemasonry the lovers of harmony of the Chough Musical Society. They did not encounter much difficulty, for their claim was considered so good by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales that he immediately granted their request. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, undertook the consecration of the lodge, and the brethren assembled to take part in the performance on Monday afternoon, and right well were they rewarded for any trouble they might have had in attending, for the ceremony was never more impressively conducted by Col. Shadwell Clerke, and never was he more efficiently supported by his officers and the musical brethren. Bro. General Lord John Tylour, J.G.W., officiated as S.W.; Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. R. W. M. Pope, M.A., G. Chap., as Chaplain; Bro. Frank

Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; and Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.J.G.W. Surrey, as I.G. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. H. Horscroft, who was assisted by Bros. J. Brown, R. Hilton, A. James, E. Dalzell, and Turle Lee.

The following is a list of the brethren who attended:

Bros. C. T. Edwards, G. J. Judge, W. J. Noad, N. Saxelby, Walter B. Marcus, Robt. Thornton, E. Piggott, J. W. Dewsnap, Charles Mussared, W. H. Freling, P.M. 765; R. Tilling, P.M., Sec. 765; A. J. Dudgeon, P.P.G.D. Essex, P.M. 2006; H. Cattermole, P.M. 1839; Alfred J. Dixie, P.G.D. Essex, P.M. 453; Michael Watson, 1706, 2001; H. Stockwell, P.M. 1178; George Cordwell, P.M. 3; J. Porter, I.P.M. 1178; Thos. R. Miller, 58; Chas. G. Marcus, 1593; G. W. Hatch, P.M. 1538; O. T. Freyer, J.W. 897; C. A. Body, 788; Alfred H. Bulow, 619; Arthur Ashby, 619; John T. Griffith, P.M. 2000; T. H. Hicks, 1597; H. Wood, 788; H. M. Hobbs, P.J.G.W. Surrey; Henry Bagshott, 180; F. H. Horscroft, 211; W. J. Dyer, 211; B. R. Bryant, P.M. 1329; C. Sheath, 1507; G. Spurgeon, J.W. 558; J. F. Mills, Prov. G. Stwd. Cambridge; F. H. Heavens, P.M. 977; G. W. Anderson, W.M. 1657; Turle Lee, Robert Hilton, Albert James, 1706; Edwd. Dalzell, P.M. 1549; F. Dunn, 72; James A. Brown, 1672; C. Curtis, I.G. 1305; G. Skudon, P.M. 165; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; S. Silver, S.D. 1544; W. Cain, W.M. and P.M. 1597; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; E. H. Dowsett, 79; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; T. Newton, 548; Richard Clowes, 1706; and James C. Hayes, P.M. 619.

After the formal opening of the lodge,

Col. SHADWELL CLERKE addressed the brethren, and said that they were assembled on that very solemn and interesting occasion to perform a ceremony which probably some of the brethren had not had an opportunity of seeing before. At the present time, when there were a good many lodges, petitioners for a new lodge had fully to justify their claim, and in this instance the founders of this new lodge did justify it. There existed in the building in which they were assembled a well-known musical society which had among its members many Masons, and a number of gentlemen who wanted to join the Order. These, wishing to keep themselves and their own society still together in Masonry, had applied to the Grand Master for a warrant, and the Grand Master considered their request, and happily granted their request. The warrant had been issued, and the brethren were met that day for the purpose of giving effect to it, by constituting and consecrating their new lodge. The founders believed they had a large and very good amount of raw material to work upon, and he hoped and fully believed that they would be very careful and discreet in the selection of their candidates, and carefully consider their character before admitting them to the lodge, and introduce only those who were able to stand the test most thoroughly, because, as he had frequently said on former occasions, it was very easy, perhaps for the sake of funds, to get men into a lodge, but it was very difficult to get them out. Therefore, he hoped they would take care in the selection of candidates, and get only good men into the lodge, so that they might all be proud of the lodge.

The Rev. R. W. M. POPE, G.C., next delivered the following address: He said—Brethren, it has always been the custom at the consecration of a new lodge that a few words should be spoken to the members on the nature of their obligations. And on such an occasion the most prominent thought which comes to each of us is the wonderful union there is among Masons, and it is when we think of it a very great fact that in all parts of the globe and all quarters of the world there are to be found men whose hearts beat responsive to our hearts to-day. This is so wherever the Masonic brotherhood is found to dwell. I will not dwell on that bond of union, but will go on and give a few solemn thoughts I wish to dwell in your minds. You are members of that august body called Freemasons, which exists throughout the world. May I remind you of the three great principles which should be found in the Order—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth? Brotherly love, how good a thing it is; how rarely found in this world. Relief, how noble a thing it is; and I am glad to say that our Masonic body here in England will at least hold its own with any Masonic Order in the world. Truth, never to speak a base word, or allow a base thought to pass the lips, but to live as Masons and as gentlemen. Brotherly love, relief, and truth—three words to which you and I have to live up to, are not an easy standard height to which to attain; but if I speak of the elements of union among ourselves, how much greater and more solemn is the thought to them with whom we have to deal? Wisdom, strength, and beauty—three of the great Masonic attributes found in that Great Architect who looks down to-day on our gathering, and who dwells in the light which no man can approach; and the strength evolving out of chaos this world in which we live, holding each one of us within the hollow of His hand. And the Divine beauty, what shall I say of that? All things that are lovely, all things that are of good report, all things that are noble, are found in ten thousand times ten thousand greater proportion in the Almighty Maker. These are solemn thoughts when we found a new lodge. To-day we found not only a place for the meeting of friends of a generous brotherhood, but we found, I trust, a place where men may draw nearer to their fellow men and nearer still to God. Brethren, there will come a time when all Masonic symbol shall cease and we shall be face to face with the Great Reality. May I say, as it is our hope, so it is our prayer, that each of us to-day who assists in this most solemn ceremony may be found acceptable in the sight of the Great Ruler of the Universe when all things become nothing and the earth crumbles into dust? Now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face; now we know in part, but then shall we know even as also we are known.

These addresses were received with hearty applause, and the ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with and completed.

Bro. Edward T. Edwards, P.M., was afterwards presented to Bro. Col. Clerke, who thereupon installed him as Master of the lodge. Bro. Herbert Saxelby was appointed to act as I.P.M. for the first year, and the other officers' collars were bestowed upon Bros. Walter B. Marcus, P.M., S.W.; George J. Judge, P.M., J.W.; Herbert Saxelby, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; Charles Mussared, S.D.; William H. Tomsett, J.D.; Ebenezer Piggott, I.G.; Turle Lee, Org.; William J. Noad, D.C.; Robert Thornton, Stwd.; and T. Bowler, Tyler.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Consecrating Officer and his assistants, and all those brethren were unanimously elected honorary members of the Chough Lodge. The W.M. then proposed his son for initiation at the next meeting of the lodge, which was fixed for the 25th inst.

Lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The toasts were subsequently submitted to the brethren.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft"—said that no more difficult task could fall to any one than that which fell to him, to take all the old toasts and introduce them in fresh language. Few could do it; many would fail. Whether he should succeed or not, or whether in attempting to gild refined gold he should only lacquer, he did not know; but he would try to have his words well chosen and few.

The Consecrating Officer had told the brethren the origin of the lodge—the Chough Musical Society—and, as they knew that music was a most important part of the work in the Grand Lodge above, so the Chough Lodge intended it should be a principal part of the recreation portion of the Chough Lodge, and the standing toasts of Masonry would be put to the brethren in very short speeches, and replied to in very short responses. He then proposed "The Queen and the Craft."

The toasts of "The M.W.G.M." and "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were next formally proposed by the W.M.

Bro. General Lord JOHN TAYLOUR, J.G.W., in replying, said he felt highly complimented in being called upon to respond to that toast. The W.M. of the Chough Lodge had said it was laid down in the lodge that the speeches should be distinguished by brevity and point. He certainly should keep to the brevity, and on behalf of those very distinguished brethren who so ably assisted in ruling the Grand Lodge, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, as well as the Present and Past Grand Officers, he returned his very sincere thanks for the kind way in which the Worshipful Master had proposed the toast, and for the cordial way in which the brethren had received it.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Consecrating Officer, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.," and said nothing could be more difficult than to tell a brother to his face what you thought of him; but that was a task he had to perform in the face of the Consecrating Officer. He had to tell him what he thought of him, and what the brethren thought of him. Among men of the world it was looked upon as a little out of good form to speak the truth of a brother when he was present. Well, it was a very good rule to say what was pleasant to their friends to their face, and then what was bad of them behind their backs. But in this instance he wished to say what was good of Col. Shadwell Clerke, and in his presence it was very difficult. However, as no Mason should neglect his duty, it was right he should tell Col. Clerke that the Chough Lodge was much indebted to him for the magnificent style in which he consecrated the lodge. The brethren learned from it the dignified order of conducting business, and how they should always do everything decently, and in order. The touching and feeling way in which Col. Clerke did the work would not be forgotten by those who saw it. The noble example they would imitate right up to the hilt. In consideration of Col. Clerke's feelings, he would say nothing more on that point, but would call upon the brethren to drink his health, and wish him all the happiness he so richly deserved.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., in acknowledging the toast, said, as a brother of a somewhat unusually modest and retiring disposition, he could scarcely tell the brethren how much he had been taken aback by the remarks of the W.M. In vain he had suggested to the W.M. that he (Col. Clerke) should retire from the room for a few moments, but the W.M. would not listen to it, and therefore he had still to sit and hear all this abuse. Joking apart, he felt greatly flattered by the far too high encomiums which the W.M. had been good enough to bestow upon him. Of course, he was in duty, as he was in inclination, bound to do his best, and he had done his best, he hoped, to the satisfaction of all the brethren. More than that no one could do; but he must say he could not take all the credit to himself, for no one could be more sensible than he of the assistance of his distinguished colleagues—the Grand Chaplain, who gave them a charming and unconventional oration; the J.G.W., Lord John Taylour; Bro. Philbrick; Bro. Richardson, without whom he could not get on, who acted as Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. Hobbs, who guarded the door most efficiently. With their assistance, he managed to get through the ceremony. The Grand Officers were gratified, one and all, with the kind reception given to them, and they thanked the brethren for the recognition their services had had. They hoped the lodge had a grand future before it, because, as he said in the lodge, they had a magnificent field to work upon, a fine musical society of 600 members, and all bound together; all men of refinement naturally, or they would not be musical men; and if out of these materials they did not make a magnificent lodge, it would be their own fault.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE next rose, and said that the last time he spoke he made a personal remark about himself, but he was now a rover, and could talk of something outside his own personality. The task was a very agreeable one, because it fell to his prerogative to propose the worthy brother who, by the universal suffrages of the members of this Chough Lodge, now occupied the chair of its first W.M. It had been on very many occasions his lot to propose the health of Masters on the night of their installation, and also he had proposed the health of Masters on the night of the consecration of lodges, and he did it with great satisfaction, because he felt it was a peculiar toast. He had often said that while it was an honour to a brother to work up in lodges to the top, and get it more or less by seniority, it was an unusual privilege to be the first among his equals and among the founders of a lodge to be selected by them to take the lead on the first night of the consecration of a new lodge. It showed that the brother must be looked on by them as being the most deserving and fit man to take that position. It was always an exceedingly great compliment to be the first Master of a lodge, and therefore he congratulated the W.M. of the Chough Lodge on his proud position, for he had succeeded to a noble heritage, because he ought to have very shortly a large clientèle; he had good men around him now, and it would be his own fault if he did not have a large number in the lodge. He was a P.M. of nine or ten years' standing, had had great experience, had gone through the mill as it were, and the year would be a good one under his able management. The lodge would go on very well indeed. The good brother in the chair would do all he could, and that was a great step towards furthering its success. He (Col. Clerke) would point out one little matter to show that the W.M.'s whole soul and heart was in it. He (Col. Clerke) had the pleasure of hearing in the lodge the first name proposed for initiation was that of the W.M.'s own son. It spoke volumes when the W.M. proposed his own son on the first night; it showed he was going to do his level best. At the same time he congratulated the lodge on having Bro. Edwards for its first W.M., and he congratulated Bro. Edwards on being in that proud position.

The W.M., in reply, thought he ought to say "Oh wad some power the giftie gi'e us to see ourself as ithers see us." Bro. Col. Clerke had been most flattering in painting his portrait, but he hoped it was a good likeness. Col. Clerke's kind remarks took two forms, one which he must pass without comment, and the other which he must notice. The first related to himself (the W.M.), but the remarks relating to his duties he must say a word about. The advice Col. Clerke had given him, he should, with the aid of the G.A.O.T.U., try so to follow, that he hoped when at the end of his year of office he handed his gavel to his successor, the brethren would say

"Well done, good and faithful servant." He hoped he should conduct the lodge with all the dignity which befitted his office, without any levity, but with a full appreciation of the importance of his duties. The duty of initiation, and the initiation of his own son was no light duty. He would endeavour to feel that responsibility, and if he failed it would not be for want of attention, or for want of trying; it would only be for want of capacity. If anything went wrong the brethren must put it down to his want of ability. He must say with Shakespeare "In thanks I am a very beggar." Unfortunately we passed through life without sufficient knowledge of our friends and acquaintances, and without their knowing anything of us. These communications gave a mutual opportunity of our showing what we thought of them, and their showing what they thought of us. He thanked them heartily for drinking the toast.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., in proposing "Prosperity to the Chough Lodge," said it was now some weeks that the esteemed J.W., Bro. Judge, called upon him and said it was proposed to start a new lodge in the city. "A very good thing too," said he; "What are you going to call it?" Bro. Judge said "We propose to call it Chough," "And Crow," said he (Sir J. Monckton.) "No," said Bro. Judge, "We are going to apply for a warrant for the Chough Lodge, and we shall crow when we get it." A very good remark from Bro. Judge, who had proved himself in this case a good Judge. Well, the warrant had been obtained, and he hoped that the seed sown that night would grow to a tree in which the choughs of to-day and future times might live in harmony and love. Let them hope that all the virtues in the Craft might be communicated through the Chough Lodge from generation to generation.

Bro. SAXELBY, Treas., replied, and said if the Chough Lodge should be anything like the success that the Chough Musical Society had been they would in a few years have reason to congratulate themselves on achieving a great success. The Musical Society had been a success. He had been on the Committee from the beginning till now, and he knew the efforts that had been used to make the Society a success. Those efforts would be continued to make the lodge the same success. There was among the brethren a desire that it should become one of the first lodges in London. He knew very well that sentiment had been expressed at their meetings by every founder of the lodge, and if they could do that they would show by doing so their appreciation of the kind terms in which this toast had been proposed. He thanked every visitor for being present, and the brethren hoped to see them amongst them again, and many of them as joining members. In a short time he trusted they would show a list of members whom they would be very glad to meet on all occasions.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Visitors," coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Griffiths, Michael Watson, and Charles Body.

Bro. GRIFFITHS, in reply, said he could look back on his past when, 30 years ago, he was a Master in the Craft, and remembered how he had enjoyed the Craft in all its phases. He could remember when not long ago he was Master of the Earl of Mornington Lodge, a musical society, and its success had been maintained. He had visited many lodges; he had seen the consecration of lodges; but he never saw a more charming performance than that by the Grand Secretary that evening. He was sure the elements of the lodge would enable it to be a success. The Orpheus Lodge he was also a member of, and the elements of that lodge were the same. Every visitor of the Chough Lodge would feel he was coming not only to an enjoyment of the duties of the Craft, but to an enjoyment of harmony which the members of the lodge could afford.

Bro. MICHAEL WATSON said he felt that the Chough Lodge was in a great measure owing to the success of the Chough Musical Society, out of which it was formed, and therefore, as a member of the musical profession, he felt it a compliment to the musical profession generally. He had attended the Chough Musical Society, and had enjoyed it very much. That lodge being an established thing was due in a great measure to the success of the Chough Musical Society, and the success of that society was due mainly to the exertions of Bro. Horscroft. He could remember when the Chough Musical Society was started nine or ten years ago in a small way, and he now noticed the progress the society had made. When they looked round they saw the Chough Society occupied the foremost position of any musical society in London, and it had to be congratulated on having Bro. Horscroft. As long as the lodge had such a quartette as Bros. Horscroft, James, Thompson, and Griffiths it would go on well. It would have no need of applications for admission.

Bro. CHARLES BODY felt himself quite incompetent to respond, but yet he felt he had an exceptional privilege in doing so. As an old member of the Chough Society, and in other and more important associations with the W.M., he had been connected with him a matter of 30 years, and he left the brethren to guess whether he and the W.M. had not an opportunity of knowing something of each other. Being there as the W.M.'s guest was a guarantee that they were on a right footing. He congratulated the Chough Society on having such a W.M., and the way he was carrying on his duties would be an incentive to future W.M.'s. It was a very proud moment for a man to be present at a ceremony of that kind. He (Bro. Body) was a young Mason himself, and must be excused for not saying much on Masonry, when there were competent Masons present. He had been deeply impressed with the ceremony; no one could be present without feeling the same as he had himself felt, that there was more in Masonry than they knew before.

Bro. PHILBRICK next said it was a very difficult task indeed to interrupt harmony, and he hoped the brethren would forgive him for doing so. In the speeches that had been delivered they had been told that brevity was the soul of wit, and witty had been the speeches, but eloquent had been the songs. And now he was not about to trespass upon the time of the brethren by asking them to listen to anything that was so unmelodious as that which was interpolated between the songs, but he must obey the commands of the W.M., and therefore he rose to propose "The Founders and Officers of the Lodge," who, he was sure, would fulfil all those good wishes that had been so well and eloquently expressed for them. A lodge which had its principle in harmony, surely could not be in discord with the great traditions of the Craft. Masons were a great Body which possessed an interest and a power in the community, which it was well they should recognise; since the Prince of Wales assumed the throne of the Craft and had directed the Order, it had been a great and an extending body. It was no slight responsibility to a man now who claimed to be a Mason: it was no slight honour; but honour and responsibility went hand in hand; and he was sure that no one of them who thoroughly appreciated the honour of being a Mason but felt that there was a responsibility and a duty attaching to his position. When a lodge

was founded, as this lodge had been, under auspices of a most happy nature, there was nothing which would promote Masonry as a great power in the land more than the accession of those to the lodge who were working members, about whom the tongue of good report had been truly heard in their favour, who might truly and justly be said to be members of whom the Institution would be proud, and who would ultimately reflect honour upon their choice by the lodge. These, of course, were fair words, which they knew and had heard from their Masonic birth upwards; but it was their significance, the fact that they conveyed to them a real meaning, and that there was in them that which they ought thoroughly to respect, and which, if they truly carried on their Masonic career and thoroughly adhered to, would lead to the success of the lodge, of which Bro. Edwards had been installed the first W.M. that evening. It was, perhaps, a very unwelcome part which one took when he ventured to refer to such subjects as he had dealt with, but it was the kindness of the brethren that allowed him to do so; but he was quite sure that those words of wisdom which in opening the lodge the Grand Secretary uttered would be true words, which the brethren could not too sedulously remember, and that ought to be their guiding star. It was now an honour to be a Freemason, and no man could thoroughly appreciate what he owed to the Craft unless he felt that an honour was conferred when a man entered the Craft, and that it was not that they wanted to see a number of adherents to their ranks so much as to see that those who came in were good men and true. He was glad to see that in that lodge there were the elements which would ensure that the lodge should have a successful and prosperous career in the future. He was glad to see that there were those who had associated themselves with that lodge, and to whom the warrant had been granted, who would truly work for its success, and give occasion for the brethren to be proud of it. He trusted that the future career of the lodge would be equal to its beginning. All the Grand Officers, men who took deep interest in the Craft, felt that in the establishment of a lodge like the Chough Lodge, there were elements of success, elements which they wished to bring to the lodge, and which must ensure a prosperous future. It was with peculiar pleasure that he proposed the toast of "The Founders and Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. WALTER B. MARCUS, S.W., in reply, said Bro. Philbrick had laid down certain lines for the guidance of the brethren which coincided with what the founders of the Chough Lodge had laid down for themselves, which was to make that lodge a success, the talk of the City and of the West-end also, and if the Grand Officers would only do as they had hinted—pay the lodge visits from time to time—he was sure they would make it what they proposed. He could safely promise the W.M. from all the officers that they would respond to his wishes with alacrity and do all they could to make his year of office the most successful of any W.M. For himself, he had so far endeavoured to do all he possibly could and he knew all the other officers had tried very hard, and had left nothing undone which they thought would contribute success. They hoped the success with which they had started would continue, and that they would bring forward a large number of true men who desired to join the Chough Lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave "The Masonic Press," to which he attributed the great success of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Before the Masonic Press took these Institutions up, lodges used to be content with giving small sums, but now, through the discreet and judicious way in which the Masonic Press had exposed the real objects of Freemasonry, the sums contributed were very large.

The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Massey and Morgan, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the splendid execution of the beautiful programme of music which was provided by Bro. Horscroft and his choir, all of whom are members of the Chough Musical Society.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE HALLAMSHIRE LODGE, No. 2268, AT SHEFFIELD.

The above lodge was consecrated on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, by Bro. Thomas William Tew, R.W. Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, assisted by Bros. Henry Smith, P.M. 387; P.G.D., D. Prov. G.M.; Robert Arnison, P.M. 296, Prov. S.G.W.; Chas. Wm. Keighley, J.P., P.M. 275, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. W. S. Turnbull, Chap. 1462, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. Alexander B. Coombe, Chap. 1211, Prov. G. Chap.; Henry Oxley, P.M. 495, Prov. G. Treas.; Aulay Macaulay, P.M. 258, Prov. G. Reg.; Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; John E. Wordsworth, P.M. 904, Prov. S.G.D.; John Wm. Turner, P.M. 521, Prov. J.G.D.; Arthur A. Stott, P.M. 1102, Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; Edmund Lord, P.M. 910, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Fredk. Whiteley, P.M. 61, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; Wm. Asquith, P.M. 1302, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Robert Riley, P.M. 1736, Prov. G. Std. Br.; John William Phillips, Org. 139, Prov. G. Org.; J. R. Welsman, P.M. 600, Prov. G. Purst.; John Dyson, P.M. 306, Prov. G. Stwd.; Alfred Stott, P.M. 1301, Prov. G. Stwd.; Wm. Fitton, P.M. 1783, Prov. G. Stwd.; Thos. Leighton, Tyler 139, Prov. G. Tyler; Brittain, P.P.G.W.; Hayes, P.P.G.W.; Webster, P.P.G. Reg.; Binney, P.P.G. Reg.; Bennett, P.P.G.D.; Pauson, P.P.G.D.; Foster, P.P.G.D.; Hawksley, P.P.G. Supt of Wks.; Roome, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; and H. J. Garnett, P.P.G. Swd. Br.

The Prov. G.M., the D. Prov. G.M., and officers entered at 2.35, and opened Prov. G. Lodge, the brethren saluting the Prov. G.M. and the D.P.G.M., which they duly acknowledged.

The ceremony of consecration was ably performed by the Prov. G. Master, who delivered the following oration—

Officers and Brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire,—I am called upon by the promoters of this new lodge, the Hallamshire, in Sheffield, to address you on the circumstances which have necessitated its establishment at Surrey-street. It was only on the 21st July, the Provincial Grand Lodge of this province received Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, in this hall, dedicated to Freemasonry, to consecrate the Lodge of St. Leonards, and again the progress of Masonry is shown barely three months later to consecrate the seventy-second lodge of West Yorkshire in this same hall. It might seem hardly possible within so short a period, and in the same locality, that another lodge could be necessitated and established with a bright prospect of success within itself, and without injury to the existing lodges working in co-operation together. Yet a case was made out, and an application was made through the official channels to the Prov. Grand Master for his consideration and recommendation to Grand Lodge for a Warrant. The application for this lodge, to be called the Hallamshire Lodge, was made in regular course. It was signed and approved

by the W.M. and Wardens of No. 139, No. 296, No. 1239, and No. 1779. No less than thirty-four members of the Britannia Lodge signed this petition, which was dated May 17th, 1888, and from which Lodge, No. 139, Hallamshire Lodge, No. 2268, is an offshoot and offspring. Apparently so strongly and numerously signed a petition, after very much deliberation and enquiry, I felt could not be withheld. A case for the necessity of this lodge seemed to be made out, and I recommended this petition from Plombières, where I was then staying on the 8th of June, to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, for his gracious assent and ratification. The first Worshipful Master nominated is Bro. Edward Sanderson Tozer, S.W. of No. 139; the first Senior Warden, Bro. John West; and the first Junior Warden, Bro. Alfred Henry Allen. The Worshipful Master designate will shortly be installed by Bro. Waterfall, a P.M. of Britannia, the premier lodge of Sheffield. Under these circumstances the petition was in due course sent up to Freemasons' Hall, and the charter is dated 18th June, 1888, the anniversary of the famous battle of Waterloo in 1815. The warrant was confirmed at Grand Lodge, 5th September, 1888, being its last quarterly communication at Freemasons' Hall, London, and it arrived in the hands of Prov. Grand Secretary on the 9th September, 1888. It has been read to-day, and no opposition. The brethren of the Hallamshire Lodge are to meet in this hall on the third Thursday of each calendar month of the year. The petitioners for this lodge, which has been assigned No. 2268 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, have pledged themselves by their signatures "to exert their best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art, and to promote the prosperity of the Craft." They have also, on condition of the prayer being granted, promised "strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge." Subservient to these grand laws, there are the laws of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and the laws of this particular lodge, all of which have been approved under the Book of Constitutions for the use of lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. The Worshipful Master who is to be installed to-day solemnly pledges himself to preserve the landmarks of the Order, to observe its ancient usages and established customs, and by the gavel, the emblem of his authority, strictly to enforce them within his own lodge. "The Master is moreover responsible for the due observance of the lodge over which he presides." I will mention some ancient charges—"A lodge must be for good and true men, not scandalous men, but of good report—men actuated by a spirit of humility, reverence, alacrity, and brotherly love." "Shall not discover envy of another brother, nor supplant him, nor put him out of his work and lodge; nor exclude a candidate if of good report, nor interrupt the harmony of one lodge with another, without the clearest evidence, and submitting differences and complaints to the Provincial Grand Master for his opinion and amelioration; remembering that the Provincial Grand Master is responsible for the maintenance of discipline within his district, and must insist that Craftsmen, who are bound by peculiar ties to one another, shall promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love, not only amongst themselves, but with every brother of every lodge in the same town or province." I offer these remarks in the widest catholicity of spirit and charitableness to all the lodges of this rapidly-increasing province; because without graceful, submissive, and strict obedience, discipline, and harmony, and the avoidance of wrangling and backbiting, it cannot hold together as a part of the wonderful organisation of Masonry in the conduct of good and noble works of thought and deed. I impress upon you all, in the language of the ancient charges, "to say and do nothing which may hinder brotherly love or plant the seed that would produce disorder, turmoil, and dissension," that peoples may see the benign influence of Masonry, and as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do, I hope, to the end of time. This Provincial Grand Lodge therefore trusts it may have confidence in this new lodge, and that in forwarding the views of the promoters for a warrant the brethren may show they have "the prosperity of the Craft at heart," and in deeds of benevolence, mercy, and kindly feeling one towards another, and Charity, that true Charity which means sacrifice, without which the deed is not hallowed, and is the greatest of all virtues, may prove themselves worthy rivals of the good old parent lodges of the Shire of Hallam. Like the other lodges in Sheffield, the name chosen for No. 2268 is closely associated with the history of this marvellous town. Sheffield is the capital of a district familiarly known by the name of Hallamshire—"shire" is a "share" or appropriation to some city, town, or castle, or church. Thus there is in Yorkshire—Howdenshire, Mashamshire; and Hallum, or Hallam, was a "shire" or "share" attached to the Castle Manor or Church of Sheffield. A large portion, so says the historian of Hallamshire, was assigned to the ancient Church of St. Peter, here now called Trinity. Hallum, as a distinct manor, passed away soon after the Conquest, though the "Vill" from which it derived its name, and the "Aula," which gave dignity to it, perished at a remote era. Still this name of "Hallum" survives, and has become extended to districts which never made a part of the original manor. Leland, Henry VIII.'s commissioner, describes in his day the extent of Hallamshire. A jurisdiction now prevailing throughout Hallamshire was created by an Act of the 21st James I., incorporating the cutlers and workers in iron who resided in the neighbourhood; and in the Cutlers' Hall the Masters and Wardens every year, on the first day of St. Bartholomew, choose their successors under this Act of Parliament. And now Grand Lodge has sanctioned in the name of your lodge the further perpetuation in your midst of the liberty of Hallamshire to be represented by the county and town of Sheffield. As shears, knives, scissors, scythes, and sickles are the special fabrics made under the "search" of this old corporation, so let these implements be emblematical of the "fruits of the spirit," which the members of the new lodge are to forge out of their hearts—"Love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance"—that they may be "filled with the knowledge of Jehovah." Let also your four rivers, the Sheaf and Don, which confluence here, and which are "one," together with the rivulets the Loxley, the Porter, and the Rivington, be symbolical to you of the great river of Genesis—"Which went out of Eden to water the Garden, and from thence it was parted and became four heads," Pison—Prudence; Gihon—Justice; Hiddekel—Fortitude; and Euphrates—Temperance. Make your lodge and district symbolical also of the terrestrial paradise watered by these ancient rivers "A garden of delight." In this garden of Genesis was placed a new man, "created in righteousness and true holiness." He was created in circumstances of great dignity, superior to the creation of animals. He was created in moral excellence, and "in knowledge after the image of Him who created him." He is called the first man, signifying a prophet, or a man devoted to Jehovah and to his service, &c. You have had some first-rate men in Sheffield. I do not compare them to the first man in the "garden of delights," but they are worthy of mention as the first cultivators of the Garden of Hallam, watered by the four streams, and as men possessing in themselves many excellences of character and worthy to be imitated. I mention Thomas Bolsover, who, in 1742, united the two metals of silver and copper to repair knife handles and to make buttons and snuff-boxes. Joseph Handcock, who went further in 1773, and showed to what other uses the copper silver-plated in this new method might be applied, and how it was possible to imitate the finest and richest embossed plate. Thus the manufacture of silver-plate began, and Hallamshire stands unrivalled in the extent to which this manufacture is carried, and in the elegance and durability of its productions. John Read, who refined the precious metals in 1765, and who first made Britannia metal. Joseph Broadhead, who, in 1750, first opened a direct trade with the Continent from Sheffield. Mr. Roebuck, who, in 1770, opened a bank in the town. Messrs. Proctors, who erected, in 1786, the first steam engine grinding wheel. Samuel Walker, who, in 1746, founded the Iron Works at Masborough and a bank at Rotherham. Truly this century was the Augustine age of Sheffield manufactures. Walker died 12th May, 1782. The words of his modest epitaph "which now afford so singular an example, both of the public and private benefit which may arise—even from the smallest beginnings—when favoured by Divine Providence, and prosecuted with integrity, foresight, regularity, and an active comprehensive genius. To these qualifications he added the domestic virtues, &c." This shows that he died abounding in Christian virtues. The lives and characters of these first worthies of Sheffield afford singular examples of force of character, and of the public and private benefits which may arise even from the smallest beginnings when favoured by the Divine Providence, and prosecuted with "fortitude, prudence, justice, and temperance." Take the lives of these amongst many of Sheffield's illustrious sons, and endeavour whilst "revering their memories to comprehend their wisdom and imitate their lofty virtues." They took the Volume of the Sacred Law for their guidance. They in their day and generation imitated the moral excellences of the first created man; they made Hallamshire a garden of industry and of thriving business. They founded churches and chapels and humanitarian institutions, and they "made their light so shine before men," that we now see their "good works" and honour their memories. They have bequeathed to you a town and district from 65,000, grown to upwards of 300,000 persons. Much is therefore expected of you. Masonry recognises you as highly cultivated and responsible members of society, endowed with highly-trained intelligences and all the possibilities of progression. You must act on the five points of fellowship, and on the square and lines of discipline, duty, pro-

gress, and ennoblement of character, as those who, like as Adam was, have been made lords of the creation of an invisible God. Make, then, your lodge and district "a garden of delights"—an Eden in Hallamshire. "Be just, upright, and perfect men, of sound judgment and strict morals." Like the eighteenth century founders of the prosperity of Hallamshire industries, be patterns worthy of imitation; knock off the rough corners of your own characters, and whilst this is in progress cement them with brotherly love more potent than a monarch's sceptre, so that others may be cemented to you and governed by you, and the work of building up socially the true principles of Masonry may go on harmoniously, and prosperously, and successfully, to the glory of God, and, as far as in you lies, the good of all your fellow-creatures throughout this mighty British Empire of Queen Victoria, the Patroness of our Order, and whom may the G.A.O.T.U. long preserve!

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees by the Prov. Grand Master and his officers. Bro. George H. Waterfall, P.M. 139, Installing Officer, then took the chair and installed the W.M. designate, Bro. Edward Sanderson Tozer, S.W. 139, who afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. William John West, S.W.; Alfred Henry Allan, J.W.; and Chas. Henry Crowther, Secretary.

Several propositions were made.

"Hearty good wishes" having been offered by a large number of brethren from various lodges in the province, the lodge was closed.

Dinner was partaken of in the dining hall, the W.M. presiding, supported by the D.P.G.M., several Prov. Grand Officers, and about 50 brethren.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire was held at Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on Thursday, the 27th ult., when the Rev. C. Spencer Stanhope, M.A., P.G.C. Eng., was installed as Grand Supt. of Royal Arch Masons for Cheshire, in succession to Lord de Tabley, who was for many years the chief ruler of the Order in that county. The ceremony of installation was very ably performed by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. S.E. The Installing Principal was assisted by three other distinguished members of Grand Chapter, viz., Comps. Sandeman, P.G. Supt. Bengal, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex, and J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br., as D. of C.

The newly-appointed Superintendent appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. Colonel Wilkinson	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. M. Lightfoot	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" H. Claude Lisle	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" S. W. Ramsden	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Cartwright	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Jackson	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Brooks	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Drinkwater	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" S. Jones	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Thompson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" H. Ellis	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Peterkin	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Alcock	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Chambers, Lord-street, Southport, which were filled by a large number of companions. The Grand Superintendent, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, presided.

The minutes of the last convocations at Eccles and Preston were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's accounts were also passed. Comp. D. M. F. Gaskin was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Grand Superintendent invested his officers as follows:—

Comp. Earl of Crawford and Balcarres	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Dr. D. Dunlop Costine	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. Goodacre	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Charles P. Richards	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" James Lambert	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. James	...	...	...	Prov. G. Soj.
" W. Elton	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.
" S. McKellar	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" A. Beattie	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Alfred Crossley	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" David Cangle	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. Littler	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" R. Johnson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. C. Robinson	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Peter Ball	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The P.G.S.E. presented no formal report, but stated that it was with regret he noticed that some of the chapters had no by-laws, and he hoped that this would be rectified by some expressions of opinion from the part of the Grand Superintendent.

The Earl of LATHOM remarked that he quite endorsed the remarks of the P.G.S.E., as he thought the adoption of this course would be conducive to the welfare of the various chapters.

The convocation was then closed.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.—By the Book of Constitutions he is appointed annually by the Grand Master on the day of his installation, and if present is to be at once installed. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master possesses all his powers and privileges. The office dates from 1721, according to Anderson, June 24, when the Duke of Montague nominated John Beal, M.D., as his Deputy Grand Master. In the case of the death of the Grand Master, though he can convene the Grand Lodge to "record the event," there being no Pro Grand Master, his power and office virtually cease, as indeed must be the case, his being a personal appointment of the Grand Master. Mackey is in error in saying that he succeeds to his position until a new election. It may be so in America, but it is not so in England.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

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To Correspondents.

The following communications among others unavoidably stand over:—

CRAFT LODGES—Percy, No. 198; Perseverance, No. 371; Shakespeare, No. 1009; The Abbey, No. 2030; and Whitwell, No. 2104.

Consecration of the Loyal Monmouth Chapter, No. 457.

Kaiser Wilhelm II. and the Freemasons.

The New Masonic Hall at Plymouth.

Laying the Foundation-stone of a New Masonic Temple at Woodstock, South Africa.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Tyler," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario," "Boletín Masonico," "Keystone," "La Chaine D'Union," "The Liberal Freemason," and "Voice of Masonry."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1888.

Original Correspondence.

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
It would have been a much greater pleasure to reply to "Q" if he had added the authority of his name to his letter—an anonymous epistle lacks the courage of conviction. "Q" says that in our last letter he discovers on our part a decided feeling of hostility towards the House Committee and salaried officials. It is towards their acts as managers that we are hostile, and not towards them individually—practically they are unknown to us. We are convinced that the management is so defective that vastly fewer boys are receiving the benefit of the Institution than ought to be. Our efforts are directed solely to bringing about such an improved management, that more orphans and fatherless children may be provided for than at present, and our letter had no other object than to secure all the assistance we can in aid thereof. "Q" may, or may not, think that our motives are according to the teachings of Freemasonry; we shall not seek to influence his decision thereon. As to "Q's" long dissertation on the Masonic services and rewards of the members of the Executive or the scholarly attainments of Bro. Dr. Morris, we have never impugned either one or the other, nor do we desire to detract therefrom. All we say, and all we desire to submit to the Committee of Inquiry, is—that the funds of the Institution are not judiciously expended, but under improved management it would do more good, and we shall not be afraid to "hit hard" if that is found necessary to secure the needful improvement, though we hope not to set aught down in malice.

In conclusion, we ask "Q" to permit us to apply his words to ourselves, and say that what we have done, or shall do, is—without hope or expectation of anything in the shape of fee or reward, and prompted by no other desire than to promote the welfare of the Institution to the utmost of our ability.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,
WM. TUNNICLIFF, W.M. 418.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Bro. Q., in his exhaustive letter in your last issue, has, without doubt, very properly but charitably interpreted the spirit with which Bros. Tunncliff and Greatbatch are actuated in their proceedings respecting the Committee of Inquiry of the above Institution. Evidently, from a true Masonic spirit, Bro. Q. does not

include Bros. Tunncliff and Greatbatch among those noisy and turbulent spirits referred to in the early part of his letter. From this it is obvious that he has no personal knowledge of those brethren.

Bros. Tunncliff and Greatbatch appear to have attended the meeting in London in July, probably hoping that one or both of them would be elected on the Committee of Inquiry; failing that, and although they appear to have voted for the appointment of the Philbrick Committee, they now appear to desire to usurp the duties of that Committee, and are using every possible effort to induce the brethren of North Staffordshire and elsewhere to assist them in that purpose. The questionable taste of these proceedings alter having voted for what they themselves term a competent and impartial tribunal, will doubtless be noted by the brethren at large.

If the invitation issued by Bros. Tunncliff and Greatbatch, in their letter of your issue of September the 29th, is responded to with anything like the same hostile spirit exhibited by these brethren, then Bro. Philbrick and his Committee will find work cut out for them of a most formidable character, for I learn with some astonishment that Bros. Tunncliff and Greatbatch have themselves formulated some hundreds of questions in which they purpose to "assist" the Philbrick Committee. If this course is followed by others, then the duties of the Philbrick Committee will assume proportions never dreamt of by the most ardent and hostile opponent of the Committee of management in general, and Bro. Binckes in particular. It may be well to note that the brethren of Staffordshire generally have every confidence in the ability and impartiality of Bro. Philbrick and those associated with him in this inquiry, and the circle of which Bros. Tunncliff and Greatbatch form the centre is but a small one.

Bro. Philbrick, however, and his Committee may be trusted to set their faces against any such usurpation of their duties, as they have, and will be certain to retain, the respect and confidence of the whole Craft.—Yours respectfully and fraternally,

L. G.

October 10th.



DEVON MASONIC REGISTER for the year 1888-89. Edited by W. Frank Westcott, I.P.M. 70.

Of this neatly printed and handy little volume it may be well said, "Better late than never;" but surely it is a pity for its advent to be so long delayed, as its usefulness, as well as the extent of its circulation, cannot fail to be injuriously affected and curtailed. Bro. Westcott succeeded his lamented uncle as the Editor, and, what with never-failing patience and constant zeal, he has proved most competent in that capacity, especially as he has continued the admirable series, inaugurated by the late Bro. L. D. Westcott, on the same lines as our old friend, who "joined the majority" in 1887. The paper used for 1888 is thinner than formerly, though quite as opaque, and renders the book a handier size. As there are 51 Craft lodges, 28 R.A. chapters, 21 Mark lodges, 6 K.F. preceptories, and 3 Rose Croix chapters, it will easily be surmised that, to give the officers, P.M.'s, &c., of these various bodies, as well as numerous other particulars, within some 128 pages, no little condensation and arrangement are required, and yet the type employed is quite distinct enough, and all the details can with perfect ease be found almost at a glance. Bro. HUGHAN, the veteran Editor, supplies a table of lodges formerly in Devon, by which we note that the second in age, granted for that county, was for Plymouth in 1735, the first being still on the roll as No. 39, Exeter, of A.D. 1731, having the oldest original Warrant known in England. We fear Bro. Westcott has overlooked the appointments to office on August 2nd, 1887, as the previous Register contained those for October 20th, 1886, and the present one for June 13th, 1888. At all events, they are not, as a rule, noted under the lodges to which the brethren so appointed belong. The names will, however, be found in the *Freemason* for August 13th, 1887. The Editor gives the "Jubilee Honours" of the province, December 28th, 1887, on a separate page, so that those worthies so complimented are thus prominently noted. The first two, of the 13 noted, are Bros. John Lane (Torquay), Prov. Grand Registrar, and John B. Gover (Plymouth), Prov. Grand Secretary; honours richly deserved, the one for his great work, "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," and the other as Secretary from its formation of the "Devon Masonic Educational Fund," which increases in usefulness as the years roll on. A long list of the votes held in the province for the great Masonic Charities exhibits the fact that over 2300 are thus enumerated, a total far short of what it ought to be. We commend the handsome little book to the hearty support of the Devonians, and we shall be disappointed if our appreciative notice does not secure a few orders for copies, which may be had for 13 stamps (13d.), post free, from Bro. W. Frank Westcott, Frankfort-street, Plymouth.

The Governors of Christ's Hospital have given notice that during the present month they are prepared to pay about 700 pensions of £10 to each to persons who are blind.

It has been publicly announced that the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths is prepared to set apart, out of its corporate funds, the sum of £2500 per annum towards the endowment of a technical Institute, about to be established at the Royal Naval School, New Cross—which with seven acres attached has been acquired for the purpose—the Institute thus established to be known as "The Goldsmiths' Company's (New Cross) Institute." This princely gift represents in value a donation of about £85,000.

A rumour is going the round of the papers to the effect that the Lord Mayor-elect hopes not only to entertain her Majesty's Ministers in the ordinary course, but that he means to follow this up by a banquet to Mr. Gladstone and the opposition leaders. The rumour is utterly without foundation, and has its only source in the fertile imagination of a London correspondent.—*City Press*.

REPORTS OF MASSONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when there were present Bros. J. G. Doncaster, W.M.; W. J. Coplestone, S.W.; Edwin Lucas, J.W.; H. Purdue, P.M., Sec.; F. Craggs, S.D.; H. F. Williams, J.D.; W. W. Williams, D.C.; E. Newland and Hans Scharim, Stwds.; Walkley, Tyler; H. Shaw, P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; C. Barker, P.M.; Jas. Sims, P.M.; M. R. Rice, W. J. Bowles, J. Banks, A. J. Hardwick, J. T. Hall, A. Abrahams, H. Stokes, H. Spencer, W. Iredale, E. D. Richards, R. Phillips, H. Hewitt, H. R. Spooner, J. Worth, H. Pinn, R. Gerbert, Edward Lucas, A. White, C. J. Chambers, S. E. Holland, S. M. Segar, R. S. Cartwright, R. Shaw, H. S. May, T. Jobson, J. F. Cliburn, W. E. Purdue, J. C. Morgan, and Edward Curtiss. Visitor: Bro. W. Hillier, 1366.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. H. Stokes was duly passed by the W.M., and Mr. T. Jobson was unanimously elected, and, being in attendance, was regularly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Jas. Slack, P.M., was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the lodge. Bro. Blake, I.P.M., kindly volunteered to stand as Steward for the lodge at the coming Festival of the R.M.B.I. in February next, and the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This prosperous lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 2nd inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. Lingley, W.M.; Foale, S.W.; Westley, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Ruffe, S.D.; Koch, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.W. Middx.; P.M.; Köhler, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, I.P.M.; J. La Feuillade, Davis, Buxton, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Harry Price, P.M. 177; Grummett, 15; Murray, 619; E. Clare, 865; E. Attenborough, 1339; and R. Odell, 2077, acting Organist.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. F. W. Faulkner and C. W. C. Burrows were effectively raised to the Third Degree. Ballot having been taken for Messrs. James Potter and F. W. Belleini, they were impressively inducted into Craft mysteries by the W. Master. The sum of five guineas having been voted to a distressed member of 1381, the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

The I.P.M. gave "The W.M." In the course of his speech he congratulated the W.M. upon the excellent manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge since his installation. He said the manner in which the ceremonies of initiation and raising had been performed that day was highly satisfactory.

The W.M. having replied in modest terms, gave "The Initiates."

Bros. Potter and Belleini having responded, the toast of "The Visitors" followed.

This pledge having been duly acknowledged, "The Past Masters" came next.

In replying to this toast, Bro. La Feuillade, P.M., introduced the subject of the candidature of one of their body, viz., Bro. George Everett, for the office of Grand Treasurer in 1889. He knew of no brother better qualified for the position than their respected Treasurer. As a Mason of 30 years' standing, he had claims upon the consideration of the brethren. As an excellent worker of the rituals and a staunch supporter of the three great Masonic Charities his credentials were not to be overlooked. In conclusion, he trusted that no efforts would be spared by the members of No. 1381 and other lodges in which Bro. Everett had worked well and worthily to secure his triumphant return in March next.

Bro. Walls, P.M., having also replied, "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" followed.

Bro. Everett, after speaking upon the financial position of the lodge, which he said was in a sound condition, thanked the W.M. and Bros. La Feuillade and Walls for the high terms of commendation they had indulged in when speaking upon his candidature as Grand Treasurer. When first the subject was mentioned to him he felt diffident as to the advisability of his putting up for the position. However, he had received so many promises and inducements from brethren hailing from the North, South, East, and West, that, out of deference to his friends' wishes, he intended to be nominated for the office in December next. Although a Mason of many years' standing, it had never been his good fortune to receive any office in Grand Lodge. He was not getting younger, time was precious to him, and therefore he had determined to do his best to merit the suffrages of his brethren as Grand Treasurer of England. During his career he had endeavoured to support Masonry in every way; whether he had succeeded or not it was for others to judge.

Bro. Stuart having briefly replied as Secretary, "The Health of the Officers" terminated the proceedings.

Bro. Odell, in conjunction with Bros. Buxton, Everett, and others, instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—On Friday, the 6th instant, the annual meeting for the installation of a new W.M. for this lodge was held at the Cock Hotel, Highbury, but unfortunately business engagements prevented the outgoing Master, Bro. Henry Patient, attending early enough for the opening ceremonies of the day. In his absence the Master's chair was filled by Bro. Edwin George, P.M., who, in his usual excellent style, initiated Mr. R. William Humphrey, and subsequently Bro. William Gray, P.M., in equally good form, raised Bro. William Sortwell to the Third Degree. Bro. Henry Patient, W.M., then arrived, and had the gratification of seeing his son, Bro. Silvester George Patient, S.W. and W.M. elect, installed in the Master's chair by Bro. Edwin George, P.M. The ceremony was admirably performed,

and the new W.M. as admirably invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. Henry Patient, I.P.M.; B. G. Poulton, S.W.; Thomas Dutton, J.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treas.; Edwin George, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Clare, S.D.; R. J. Campbell, J.D.; H. Youngs, I.G.; J. Insch, D.C.; T. Hastings Miller, P.M., Org.; and J. J. Marsh, P.M., Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. Walford, P.M. and Treasurer, seconded by Bro. H. Patient, I.P.M., a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. George for performing the installation ceremony.

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

The following, among other brethren, attended the lodge and banquet: Bros. Henry Patient, C. H. Fisher, S. G. Patient, B. G. Poulton, J. G. Walford, P.M., Treas.; Edwin George, P.M., Sec.; T. Dutton, H. Clare, H. Youngs, J. Tovell, P.M.; T. Hastings Miller, P.M.; and W. Gray, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Taylor, 1677; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; W. T. Lawson, 3 (Nova Scotia); J. J. Stockall, W.M. 1677; G. C. Kinnear, Collingwood, 727 (Melbourne); William F. Coles, 41; F. A. Smith, W.M. 1669; Richard Martin, 55; G. Lambert, P.M. 1257; and R. P. Atkins, 55, P.P.G. Reg. Kent.

At the conclusion of the banquet, after grace had been said, the usual loyal toasts were proposed and honoured.

The formal loyal toasts having been disposed of,

Bro. Henry Patient, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that on this occasion it afforded him peculiar pleasure to propose the health of the W.M., that brother being a son of his own. Of course, like all those who aspired to the chair, he could say that the W.M. had thoroughly qualified himself for the position he held, except for performing the ceremony of installation. It gave him a great deal of pleasure to see his son following in his footsteps, and he hoped that in his new position he would shine. He thought he would. He had another son a member of the lodge, who was too far away to follow in his footsteps at present, but he hoped when that son did come back to England he would start on the lowest round of the ladder, and so go on till he got up to the chair of the lodge, to which his brother had now attained.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren very heartily for the way they had accepted the toast proposed so kindly by the I.P.M. Certainly it afforded him great pleasure to have this toast proposed by his own father, the I.P.M. of the lodge. If he followed in his father's footsteps he should receive from the brethren of the lodge the same kindness shown towards his father. He hoped during his year of office he should be able to maintain the good relations towards the brethren that he had in the past. He hoped his year of office would not be barren. He had a little work before him, and he had been promised some more, and he hoped that he should then acquit himself to the satisfaction of every member of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Initiate," said they had that evening in Bro. Humphrey a brother who would prove himself to be a very good Mason. From the attention he had paid to the ceremony of initiation, he was sure that Bro. Humphrey would go through the duties that would devolve upon him in the future, and thoroughly attend to all the work of the lodge.

Bro. Humphrey, in acknowledging the toast, said that coming as new into the Order he was sure he would make a mistake in responding to the toast. If anyone had told him a fortnight ago that he should have this very pleasing duty of responding to the toast of the initiate, he would hardly have believed it. He was simply delighted not only with the entertainment, but with the ceremony of initiation. He had thought the ceremony was grand, but he never thought it was so grand in the grandeur of initiation. He had to thank those friends and brothers who had helped him so kindly through it, and especially his friend Bro. Fisher for introducing him in the Marquis of Ripon Lodge. He was most happy to become a member of that lodge, and he trusted that in due time, by careful working, he should become as good a Mason as any he saw round him.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Edwin George," who was perfectly willing at any time to undertake any duty in the lodge. More especially had the brethren to thank Bro. George for acting as Installing Master that evening. The way Bro. George put him through the ceremony was most impressive, and he now thanked him heartily for what he had done. They knew Bro. George had been a most efficient Secretary, but with regard to the working of the various ceremonies, he had always shown himself to be fully qualified for the position he had undertaken, and to have no one superior to him.

Bro. Edwin George, P.M. and Sec., said he was anxious to disclaim any credit for what he had done, although he was very gratified at the W.M.'s remarks. He, however, wished the brethren to understand that although the Secretary was a sort of general utility man, a useful man, a good all-round man, he was not the only man. There were two or three men present who could do the work just as well. He hoped the W.M. would, at the end of his year of office, install his successor himself, and do it as well as the W.M. had given him the credit of doing it that evening.

Several brethren responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. G. C. Kinnear, of Melbourne, said he had enjoyed himself very much. He had desired to come earlier in the evening, but business prevented him accomplishing his wish. He was glad to find the working was so good.

Bro. W. T. Lawson, of Nova Scotia, said he came from beyond the sea, where the brethren extended to visitors the same good feeling which existed among the English Masons. Although he was sorry to have to make a speech, he was glad to have the opportunity of thanking the brethren of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge for the warm reception they had given to a Nova Scotia Mason.

The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters," with respect to whom he adopted the apt phrase of Bro. George, that they were general utility brethren. Of the P.M.'s of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge the brethren ought to feel very proud. Nearly all of them were able to take up any position that might be left vacant for a time by an officer being unavoidably absent. Bro. Walford, who acted as Treasurer, was in that capacity admirable, finding the funds when the lodge funds ran low. Bro. George could not be surpassed by anybody. Bro. Tovell was always willing, when opportunity offered, to take up any vacant

position. Bro. Fisher, from what they had seen of him as Master, was able to carry out the duties of that position efficiently. Bro. Gray had acted as Wine Steward to perfection, and those who were present at the raising would have noticed the excellent manner in which he performed that ceremony. Of Bro. Henry Patient, his (the W.M.'s) father, he could say nothing but praise. What the brethren had seen of him in the chair must cause them to be proud of him, and he (the W.M.) now presented him with a P.M. jewel, which the brethren must know was an exceedingly gratifying and proud duty to be entrusted with. The brethren would all join with him in wishing Bro. H. Patient might be long spared to wear it.

Bro. Henry Patient, I.P.M., said, in reply, that if he ever felt proud in his life it was that evening, in having the P.M.'s jewel pinned on his left breast by his son, who was the W.M. of that lodge, and who had been kind enough to speak of him as father and as a brother of the lodge. What he had done he had done to the best of his ability. To have received the P.M.'s jewel at the hands of his son proved to him that in his case marriage was not a failure. He thanked the brethren and the P.M.'s particularly for the assistance they had given him during his year of office. He trusted that the brethren who had taken collars that evening would attend lodges of instruction. There was nothing better if brethren wished to perfect themselves and become efficient officers than to be regular at lodges of instruction. Whatever position a brother took in a lodge he should try to qualify himself for that and higher offices. Whether lay members or officers, brethren should make themselves acquainted with the duties of working a lodge, and when they arrived at the chair they would find it very easy to do the work.

Bro. Walford, P.M., responding, as Treasurer, to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said that for 14 years he had been Treasurer of the lodge, and he hoped to be so many years to come. He had seen many changes in the lodge during its 14 years of existence, but he did not know that he had seen it in greater prosperity than at the present time, although he had never known it lower in funds. The last balance-sheet came out badly, but he hoped that was a mistake. He did not, however, wish to curtail the brethren's enjoyment. One of the meanings of the lodge was that they should enjoy themselves, and if the tide was low that year, let them hope it would be high next year. He was happy to be their Treasurer and to contribute to their enjoyment.

The other toasts followed, and the brethren separated after spending a delightful evening.

KINGSLAND LODGE (No. 1693).—The annual meeting of this very popular lodge in the north of London was held on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, at Bro. Baker's, the Cock Tavern, Highbury Station. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. P. Forge, I.P.M. (the W.M., Bro. G. F. Snook, having unfortunately died in March last), being ably assisted by Bros. Thomas Casely, S.W., and W.M. elect; W. T. H. Mayer, J.W.; J. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; H. C. Turner, S.D.; H. J. Hazel, acting I.G.; T. Bowler, Tyler; C. K. Killick, jun., P.M.; C. K. Killick, sen., P.M.; H. Hall, P.M.; and a numerous muster of members and visitors.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting, as also of the two emergency meetings, were read and confirmed, after which the business of the meeting was proceeded with, which was rather of a heavy character, including conferring the Three Degrees, as also the installation ceremony. The work was shared between the P.M.'s of the lodge (the W.M., Bro. Casely, performing the passing and initiation), and it would be invidious to say which was most proficient, as all did their work well. Bro. J. Cooper, the respected Treasurer of the lodge, gave the ancient charge in the First Degree, which elicited the approbation of all present. The business included the balloting for the admission of Mr. W. A. Wetherfield, which proved unanimous, but who was prevented attending. Messrs. T. Casely, sen., L. Cully, and S. Jameison were initiated, they being ballotted for at the previous meeting. The W.M. elect was installed by Bro. C. K. Killick, jun., P.M.,—who was the first Master of the lodge at its consecration—according to ancient custom, and who invested Bro. R. P. Forge as I.P.M. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. T. H. Mayer, S.W.; H. C. Turner, J.W.; James Cooper, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Hazel, S.D.; L. Simon, J.D.; W. Whittell, I.G.; J. Potter, D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; A. T. Whittell and D. Harper, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler.

Other routine business followed, after which lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in Bro. Baker's well-known style, being ably superintended by his obliging manager, Bro. Sams.

The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to most heartily, the National Anthem being sung by the whole of the brethren. The toasts of "The W.M." and "The Visitors" were also very cordially received. That of "The Initiates" received quite an ovation, in responding to which they each made excellent speeches, which were applauded. The W.M. was congratulated on adding to his family ties by making a "brother" of his father. "The P.M.'s," "Treasurer and Secretary," as also "The Officers of the Lodge," were proposed in due order, and each was received with honour by the brethren. Time being pressing, the responses were necessarily much shorter than was intended. The Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a close.

The visitors included Bros. John Osborn, P.M. 1602, 1897, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middx.; H. Charrington, P.M. 386, 777, 1146, P.P.S.G.W. Dorset; W. Iron, P.M. 1579, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; R. Baker, P.M. 1946; P. A. Frost, W.M. 184, 1096; H. Salter, W.M. 861; A. E. Sarti, W.M. 180; R. F. Brickdale, I.P.M. 1623; John Jones, S.W. 1878; Charles Dearing, S.W. 1602; W. Chapman, J.W. 907; A. Cook, S.D. 1366; N. L. Western, 820; C. W. Rex, 2202; W. Wright, Org. 1897; H. Lichtenfeld, 205; E. Style, 1704; R. Stebbings, 1685, 2063; S. Cole, 177; J. Bayne, 1897; C. Gammon, 704; and W. Mittens, 86.

Bros. Bayne, Gammon, and Style contributed greatly to the evening's enjoyment by some excellent singing, Bro. Willie Wright presiding at the piano, and with whose performance the brethren were highly gratified.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, when there were present Bro. C. J. Axford, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C. Middx., W.M.; Albert, S.W.; R. Evans, J.W.; Kirkland, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., Sec.; Jones, S.D.; John Read, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; Newland, D.C.; I. Bott, I.G.; Hicks, Stwd.; R. Poore, P.M.; Farrington, P.M.; Thomas Poore, P.M.; Death, Cutler, and Gye. Visitors: Bros. C. B. Corper, W.M. 449; Hooper, W.M. 1086; Edmonds, W.M. 1507; J. Stevens, P.M.; Parker, Berridge, Phillips, Wood, and Johnstone.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. F. Gye was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. W. E. Death was raised to the Third Degree.

The lodge was subsequently adjourned for refreshment after labour. The usual toasts were given and received, and the party separated well satisfied with a pleasant evening afforded them under the genial sway of Bro. Axford, the W.M.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE (No. 2076).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Freemasons Hall, on the 5th instant, when there were present Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., in the chair; W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd.; Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt, R.A.; G. W. Speth, Professor T. Hayter Lewis, Rev. C. J. Ball, E. Macbean, and Dr. W. W. Westcott; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. J. Bodenham, P.A. G.D.C.; F. A. Powell, P.G.S. of W. Monmouth; J. Barker, P.P.G.S. of W. West Yorks; C. B. Barnes, F. Wood, J. W. Howard Thompson, G. J. Dunkley, P.P.G.O. Middx. and Surrey; Professor F. W. Driver, C. Kupferschmidt, W. Lake, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks; and the following visitors: Bros. G. A. Nock, 1896, and T. D. Hart, 165.

The following 12 lodges and 61 brethren were admitted members of the Correspondence Circle: Plantagenet Lodge, No. 1454, Albany, Western Australia; Maryborough Masonic Lodge, 769, Maryborough, Victoria; Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1834, Landport; Light-in-the-Himalayas Lodge, 1448, Murree, Punjab; William de Irwin Rose Croix Chapter, 28, Weston-super-Mare; York Lodge, 236, York; Portland Lodge, 637, Stoke-upon-Trent; Lodge of Friendship, 278, Gibraltar; Lodge Perseverance, 1165, Hong Kong; Lodge Zetland, 125, Hong Kong; Ark Lodge, 10 (I.C.), Belfast; and Iowa Masonic Library, Grand Lodge of Iowa; and Bros. R. Craig, P.P.G.D. West Yorks; Col. Foster Gough, acting Prov. G.M. Staffordshire; J. H. Dewhurst, W.M. 1409, Kimberley; J. A. Campbell, W.M. 528, Pennsylvania; J. W. Savage, Philadelphia; W. Black, G. Stwd. Scotland and S.P.G.M. Stirlingshire; W. D. Hartley, P.D.G.D. W.D. of S. Africa; H. E. Cousins, P. Prov. G.W. Lincolnshire; J. Fletcher, W.M. 1037, Natal; D. C. Innes, Wellington, New Zealand; Captain G. Blake, P.D.D.G.M. Punjab; A. W. Gerrard, Southsea; E. P. Juall, Murree, Punjab; H. F. Newman, Shrewsbury; G. Battye, Bradford; G. Arnold, Bradford; J. Young, Bradford; F. D. Harrison, Bradford; F. H. Waldron, Past G.M. Connecticut; W. Dumolo, P.P.G.I.G. Munster; J. H. Forshaw, Aberdeen; R. Morrison, Glasgow; J. Hey, Bradford; G. Carbert, Wakefield; E. Armitage, P.P.S.G.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; C. L. F. Edwards, P.G. Treas. Somerset; J. Chadwick, P.G.S. of E. Lancashire and Past G. Swd. Br.; R. Harbord, Kimberley; G. Richards, Kimberley; J. R. Williams, P.P.G.W. Hants; R. Palk Griffin, Padstow; M. Hayes, Bradford; J. Hill, Prov. Dep. G.M. North Munster; H. R. Giles, Ellesmere; E. de la Granja, Boston, U.S.A.; Captain C. E. Reynolds, Hong Kong; D. Gillies, Dist. S.G.D. Hong Kong and South China; W. F. Hatherly, Hong Kong; T. Olsen, Hong Kong; A. G. Firth, P.P.G.O. Hants; C. Aburrow, Kimberley; R. M. Roberts, P.D.G.W. Griqualand; J. B. Thomas, Longlands, Vaal River; G. C. Cator, Kimberley; R. K. Grainger, P.D.G.D. Griqualand; Rev. C. E. Scratchley, Barkly West, South Africa; A. Selzer, Delport's Hope, Griqualand; W. E. Brooks, Barkly West; John Saunders, P. Prov. G. Supt. (R.A.) Cape (S.C.); O. D. Douallier, Prov. G. Orator South Africa (D.C.); W. E. Smithies, Elland, Yorks; J. B. Mackey, London; W. M. B. Arthur, D.S.G.W. Hong Kong and South China; J. Willmott, Hong Kong; T. E. Greenhough, Guiseley, Yorks; F. T. Ellis, Baildon, Yorks; J. W. Barber, Bradford; C. A. Carter, Port Elizabeth, Cape; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; and Rev. G. G. Wood, P. Prov. G. Chap. Oxfordshire.

These 73 admissions raise the total of the Outer Circle to 419.

Bro. W. Mattieu Williams, F.R.A.S., F.C.S., The Grange, Neasden, N.W., of Lodge King Solomon, No. 2029, author of "Through Norway with a Knapsack," "The Fuel of the Sun," "Through Norway with Ladies," "A Simple Treatise on Heat," "Science in Short Chapters," "The Chemistry of Cookery," "Cantor Lectures on Iron and Steel," and other subjects, was proposed from the chair as a joining member.

The following brethren were appointed Local Secretaries, viz., Bros. E. Macbean, for Glasgow and vicinity; G. L. Shackles, for North and East Ridings of Yorkshire; E. Forbes Whitley, for Cornwall; J. Bodenham, for Shropshire and Staffordshire; C. P. Cooper, for Armagh; B. Cox, for Somersetshire; H. J. Whymper, for the Punjab; J. E. Green, for South Africa (Eastern Division); T. H. Girling, for Hong Kong and South China; R. Lambert, for Louisiana; J. Robertson, for Wellington, New Zealand; and H. W. Dieperink, for South Africa (Western Division).

It was moved and carried that the case of Isabella Lane, daughter of the late Bro. Frederick Lane, P.M. 788, a candidate for the R.M.I. for Girls, at the April election, 1889, be strongly recommended by the lodge.

Bro. W. Simpson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. Walter Besant was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. W. Freeman, Tyler. The Secretary reported that Bro. F. J. W. Crowe had bequeathed his collection of Masonic books, papers, and autographs to the lodge, and was instructed to convey the thanks of the lodge to the said brother.

The routine business being ended, Bro. Ed. Macbean read a highly interesting paper on "Scottish Freemasonry in the present Era." Very concisely, but with remarkable clearness, he depicted the system of governance from

Grand Lodge down to the private lodge, the election of officers, scales of fees, peculiarities of dress and regalia, mode and preliminaries of admission, places of meeting, &c.; pointing out how improvement might be effected, as well as what was laudable, in the Sister Kingdom. At the close of his written remarks, he further illustrated in action the slight differences existing in esoteric working, and exhibited some Scottish certificates, one emanating from the still independent "time immemorial" Lodge of Melrose, and the other, made out to John Home, the General Home of the Wellington campaigns, by the Lodge at Lanark.

Questions and remarks were asked or offered by Bros. Cumberland, Bodenham, Speth, Westcott, and Gould. The W.M. incidentally explained the difference in working which has led to a rupture between the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and its subordinate Lodge "Hiram, No. 1." After a reply to questions from Bro. Macbean, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him, and gracefully acknowledged. A most interesting séance was then brought to a close, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

ARGONAUTS' LODGE (No. 2243).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Cromwell Hall, Putney, S.W. Present: Bros. Eugène Monteuuis, W.M.; T. C. Radford, S.W.; J. F. Savory, J.W.; Gordon Smith, Sec.; G. D. Lister, S.D.; T. W. Willis, J.D.; E. T. Smith, I.G.; J. P. Houghton, D.C.; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; Sturgeon, Mapleton, C. W. Hughes, H. J. Hill, F. E. Williams, and F. Canton. Bro. E. J. C. Savory, 1731, was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Hill and Canton were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. J. C. Radford, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Frank Richardson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. F. G. Mitchell was also re-elected Tyler. A motion to alter the months of meeting from March, April, May, June, and October to March, April, May, October, and November was carried unanimously. The names of three candidates for initiation were proposed. It was proposed by Bro. Gordon Smith, Sec., seconded by Bro. J. C. Radford, S.W., and carried unanimously, that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Eugène Monteuuis in recognition of the zeal, skill, and ability with which he had filled the chair of the lodge, and of his valuable services in promoting its foundation. The lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the usual supper, Bro. E. Savory responding to the toast of his health as a visitor.

EAST MOLESEY.—Cyclist Lodge (No. 2246).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Saturday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; D. P. Cama, I.P.M.; T. Clark, acting as S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; C. Sheppard, Sec.; C. A. Itter, S.D.; J. Poynter, acting as J.D.; J. J. Parkhouse, acting as I.G.; J. K. R. Cama, Org.; W. Tomson, A. A. Itter, R. Trunie, and R. Sheppard, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. P. J. Melita, 2202; F. H. Clark, 28; J. P. Poynter, 2202; F. E. Pocock, P.M. 1891; and Jas. Kew, P.M. 1799.

The lodge was opened, and Bros. A. A. Itter and P. J. Melita, of No. 2202, were then passed, by request, to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed in a very clear and able manner. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Holmes, Dr. Goodchild, Bangs, and Gardener.

There being no further business, the brethren then adjourned to a dinner served in Bro. Mayo's usual excellent style, at the conclusion of which the usual toast list was gone through, interspersed with some excellent singing by Bros. J. K. R. Cama, J. H. Clark, J. P. Poynter, J. Kew, E. C. Mulvey, and D. Pocock.

A dance afterwards took place, which was graced by the presence of the following ladies: Mrs. L. Mulvey, Mrs. J. Kew, Mrs. E. Pocock, Mrs. B. D. P. Cama, Mrs. C. Parkhouse, Mrs. M. Clark, and Mrs. C. Clark. Altogether a most pleasant evening was spent, and the company returned to town at a late hour.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Castle Hotel. Present: Bros. T. W. Markwick, W.M.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G.C., S.W.; W. S. Allen, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Edwards, S.D.; G. Randall, J.D.; R. Walmsley, I.G.; W. Leslie, Tyler; C. E. Botley, P.M., acting I.P.M.; F. Plowman, P.M.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, R.N., P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Russell, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; H. Boyce, E. C. McCormick, L. J. Jukes, C. J. Ticehurst, F. Duke, F. Johnson, G. F. Wood, and H. C. Bennett.

The Secretary reported that a wreath had been sent by Bro. Ticehurst to be placed on the coffin of the late Bro. Bullman. Bro. Johnson was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being done by the W.M. with his usual excellent ability. Mr. H. C. Bennett was initiated. Bro. F. Plowman proposed a candidate. Bro. Randall mentioned that the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, No. 40, had resumed work, and would meet during the winter on the first and third Wednesday evenings in each month.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, when there were present Bros. W. B. Akerman, W.M.; J. Robinson, S.W.; E. G. Chesworth, J.W.; Septimus Staton, Sec.; V. M. Vultchhoff, S.D.; John Read, I.G.; F. Spencer, Stwd.; Jas. Wilson, P.M.; John Garside, P.M.; S. Megarity, J. Burd, A. Wild, W. Garside, and W. Brocklehurst. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Turner, Org. 340; N. Dumville, 1011; J. Lewis, 1161; W. G. Llawson, 1496; C. E. Hale, 1140; W. Tomlins, 317; George Sam Smith, P.M. 1134; J. Bladon, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Thos. Bushell, and R. R. Lisenden, P.M., P.G. Stwd.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Lisenden, P.M., P.G. Stwd., raised Bro. Brocklehurst to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., Bro. John Bladon, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., presenting the working tools. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

At the social board "The Health of Bro. Brocklehurst" was proposed and responded to.

During the evening Bro. Lisenden gave selections on the English concertina, accompanied most ably on the piano by Bro. George Sam Smith. The selections were listened to with great attention and loudly applauded. Bro. Smith also contributed two capital songs, and Bro. Lisenden two recitations.

"The Health of both Brethren" was proposed by Bro. John Bladon in eulogistic terms, and when the toast had been heartily drunk, Bros. Smith and Lisenden responded, and a very enjoyable evening terminated.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The opening night of the session of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Club, St. Giles'. Among those present were Bros. Arthur King, P.P.G. Stwd., W.M.; William N. Cooper, P.G.S. of W., I.P.M.; Joseph H. Guyton, S.W.; William F. Stratford, P.G. Stwd., J.W.; Henry J. Howard, S.D.; T. H. Fiddy, acting J.D.; George Baxter P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; John William Browne, P.M., P.P.G.P., Org.; A. G. Holmes, acting I.G.; J. J. Hunt, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Henry Rosling, P.M., P.P.G.P.; and Newhouse. Among the visitors were Bros. J. B. Bridgman, P.M. 93, P.P.G.R.; T. C. R. King, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; Charles E. Sexton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Charles W. Bacon, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; James W. Hyde, W.M.; and W. J. Pond, 213. There was no business.

After supper the usual toasts were given and duly acknowledged. In the course of the evening it was announced that a smoking concert would shortly be held at the Masonic Club by the members of the different lodges. The whole of the Norwich Lodges are now in full working order, and the session promises to be a successful one.

RIVERHEAD.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—The last meeting this year of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 6th instant. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Sparrowhawk, the lodge was opened by Bro. Duret, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., assisted by Bros. Edwin Strange, as I.P.M.; Lee, S.W.; Hamlin, J.W.; F. Lee, S.D.; N. Strange, acting as J.D.; and F. Hooper, I.G.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read by Bro. Jewell, P.M., P.P.G.R., and confirmed, Bro. Houldsworth presented himself as a candidate to be raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and having given proof of his proficiency in the former Degree, the ceremony was proceeded with in the usual way. Bro. Duret was as careful and as accurate as ever, and the Deacons being thoroughly well up in their duties the ceremony lost none of its solemnity or impressiveness. The sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to augment the presentation Fund of the Girls' School; and an omission at a previous meeting was made good by the voting of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. J. I. Birch, I.P.M.

The brethren partook of refreshment when all business was concluded, and the W.M. gave the customary toasts.

Connected with that of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was the name of Bro. Jewell, of whom very kind words were said, and in response the worthy brother said that his appointment to office in the province was an incentive to him to do even more than he had ever done for Masonry; and he assured the brethren that it was always a "red letter day" in his calendar when he came to the Amherst Lodge.

In responding to the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Duret said that during the 12 years he had belonged to the lodge he had been absent but three or four times. He was greatly attached to the Amherst Lodge, and hoped that in the next year they would revive the old style of increasing their members, and get men who would be Masons not only in word but in deed.

Bro. Edwin Strange had to respond for "The Past Masters," and in giving the toast Bro. Duret referred to the absence of their esteemed Bro. E. J. Dodd, who was that night at his chapter, where, he understood, he was to take office—an honour which they all knew him to be worthy of.

For "The Visitors" Bro. W. Drewett, W.M. 889, was the spokesman, and, while thanking the brethren for the cordial reception always accorded him, he regretted that on that occasion he stood alone to reply.

As is customary at this meeting, "The Health of the Host, Bro. Waller," was proposed, and Bro. Duret said they had to thank him for his efforts to make them comfortable and cosy, although he was greatly hindered by the want of the new room they had so long hoped for.

Bro. Waller thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind feeling shown towards him, and regretted very much that he could not put them in a more suitable room.

Bro. Pascoe, Org., helped to enliven the evening by his musical contributions, and the brethren broke up at an early hour, with "Hearty good wishes" all round.

PAIGNTON.—Torbay Lodge (No. 1358).—The annual meeting of this lodge has recently been held at the Paignton Town Hall, when the officers for the year were installed as follows: Bros. C. W. Perrett, W.M.; G. S. Bridgman, I.P.M.; F. Palk, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; R. Light, S.W.; H. P. Jarman, J.W.; A. W. Palk, P.M., D.C.; J. Bradford, P.M., Sec.; J. Nicks, S.D.; J. J. Hoyle, J.D.; A. Waycott and L. Lees, Stwds.; R. E. Drew, I.G.; and W. E. Warren, representatives on the Committee of Petitions.

Subsequently many members of the lodge, joined by several friends, sat down to a banquet laid out in the lodge room.

NOTTINGHAM.—Annesley Lodge (No. 1435).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. E. Hartshorn, W.M.; A. Phelps, S.W.; E. G. Sackett, J.W.; W. J. Rogerson, P.M., Treas.; G. T. Alenson, P.M., Sec.; S. V. Holgate, S.D.; W. D. Pratt, J.D.; J. Levy, D.C.; F. Wharton, I.G.; H. Kiddier, Stwd.; T. Killingley, Tyler; Lawson, P.M., P.G. Treas.; H. W. Rice, P.M., P.P.A. G.D.C.; J. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Sibley, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; T. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. and P.P. G.D.C.; J. A. Howitt, P.M.; N. Ashurst, S. Taylor, S. Brittle, A. Levy, G. Mycroft, S. Cass, J. Herz, J. H.

Runge, W.M. elect 1909; W. Cartledge, C. W. Warriner, and several other brethren. Visitors: Bros. H. G. Hanson, P.J.G.W.; R. Fitzhugh, P.P.S.G.W.; E. St. John Morse, P.G. Chap.; T. Roberts, W.M. 47; C. A. Bolton, W.M. 1909; W. F. Sanders, W.M. 1852; G. W. Downing, W.M. 1405; W. Gadsby, W.M. 1179; E. Griffiths, P.M. 1405; W. Burrows, P.M. 1794; C. Gurden, P.M. 279; J. P. Fearfield, 92, S.W. 2224; W. H. Blackburn, 47; N. W. Need, 1405; W. Hugh, 47; J. White, 47; H. Bickley, 340; H. Clarke, 1405; and J. T. Furr, 1405.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. E. Hartshorn, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. T. Alenson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., who, in a faultless and most impressive manner, installed the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Levy, in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, this being the fifth consecutive occasion in this lodge that Bro. Alenson has officiated as Installing Master. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Phelps, S.W.; S. V. Holgate, J.W.; W. D. Pratt, S.D.; F. Wharton, J.D.; W. Sibley, P.M., Treas.; G. T. Alenson, P.M., Sec.; A. Lawson, P.M., D.C.; H. Kiddier, I.G.; S. Cass, G. Mycroft, and A. Levy, Stwds.; and T. Killingley, Tyler. A valuable P.M. jewel was presented by the I.P.M., Bro. Hartshorn, to Bro. W. J. Rogerson, P.M., who has recently left the town to take up his residence in London. The gift was suitably acknowledged. The musical portion of the ceremony was most efficiently rendered by several brethren, under the guidance of Bro. Cockrem, Organist. Three candidates for initiation were proposed and duly seconded. After "Hearty good wishes" were given to the W.M. by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

After the lodge was closed, a most sumptuous banquet was provided and ably served by the Stewardess of the hall, Mrs. Simpson.

The usual toasts were all given and duly honoured.

HULL.—De La Pole Lodge (No. 1605).—The installation of Bro. Henry Hirst, the W.M. elect, as W.M. of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., in the newly-consecrated lodge room, Kingston-square. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. Bro. Hirst was installed by Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W., Dep. Prov. G.M. The newly-elected Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. John Chappell, I.P.M.; Aaron Peat, S.W.; A. W. Cook, J.W.; J. R. Ansell, P.M., P.P.G. S.B., Lecture Master; William Stratford, Chap.; George Jackson, Treas.; Wm. Hake, Sec.; J. W. Tindell, P.G.S., S.D.; S. Cheesman, I.D.; W. Dodgson, D.C.; C. W. Cheesman, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; George Taylor, George Petch, George McTurk, D. D. White, and J. Ellis, Stewards; F. Winter, I.G.; Thos. Hewson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Tyler. A banquet followed.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—An unusually large meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Monday, the 8th inst., it being the annual gathering for the election of Master. The following were present: Bros. W. B. Dyson, W.M.; W. Brown, I.P.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; S. J. Dalton, S.W.; W. Lackenby, J.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; W. Storey, J.D.; P. Pearson and F. W. Halliwell, Stwds.; G. Chapman, D.C.; W. S. Child, Org.; J. H. Shonksmith, I.G.; J. Hall, Tyler; W. Ream, T. Milner, J. W. Dow, J. Mennell, J. Smith, G. Fletcher, J. L. Spetch, W. A. Pike, G. Tindall, J. Horner, T. H. Vaughan, J. D. Irving, W. H. A. Cootes, J. Procter, G. G. Pook, S. J. Scott, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Rickard, W.M. 304; R. S. Backhouse, 304; W. C. Cullen, 111; Richmond, Va., U.S.A.; T. Laverack, 199; A. W. Turner, 236, and others.

The earlier business consisted of the raising of Bros. Bellerby and Tindall, after which the brethren proceeded to the election of Master for the ensuing year, the result of the scrolling being that Bro. S. J. Dalton was unanimously elected. Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Hall was re-elected Tyler. Two joining members were proposed, and the lodge was closed amid "Hearty good wishes," a special message of brotherly goodwill from Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, being given to the W.M. and W.M. elect, by Bro. T. B. Whytehead.

At supper, "The Healths of the outgoing and incoming Masters," were drunk with great enthusiasm, the former being congratulated on his most happy and flourishing year of office, and the latter on his prospect of accession to the chair of so powerful and prosperous a lodge.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Stranton Lodge (No. 1862).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall. The newly-elected W.M., Bro. George T. Walker, was installed by Bro. R. W. Simpson, P.M., P.J.G.D., in the presence of several eminent visiting brethren. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers: Bros. J. Suggitt, S.W.; A. M. White, J.W.; Taylor, Treas.; E. Mearns, Sec.; Abbey, S.D.; Barlow, J.D.; T. Metcalfe, D.C.; C. J. Smith, Org.; A. Body, I.G.; Baumann, Johnson, and Holland, Stewards. A jewel was presented to Bro. Simpson (who has twice filled the chair) by Bro. C. S. Lane, and another to Bro. Hurworth, 764, in recognition of his musical services. At the close of the ceremony a banquet was served at the Royal Hotel.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Williams, W.M.; Leng, S.W.; Penrose, J.W.; Huthings, P.M., Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Pitt, S.D.; Faulkner, J.D.; Millington, I.G.; Davis, P.M.; Jackson, Prior, Amos, Dealer, Hick, Woolf, Downer, Vaghorn, Emblin, and Wilson.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jackson personating the candidate. The usual questions leading to the Second Degree were put from the chair, and answered by the members. The lodge was called off, a d, on resuming, was advanced to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Wilson personating the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bros. Woolf and Vaghorn were elected joining members of the lodge. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).—A meeting of this lodge, which has been removed to the Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, was held on Saturday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. Greenway, W.M.; Von Joel, P.M., S.W.; Dickeson, P.M., J.W.; Smith, P.M. 1744, Preceptor; G. Wood, S.W. 1681, Sec.; Marx, P.M., S.D.; Lichenfield, J.D.; Hughes, P.M., I.G.; and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Whiting candidate. The W.M. worked the 5th Section. Bro. Williams was elected a joining member. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, the officers to be in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

STABILITY LODGE (No. 217).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Friday evening, the 5th inst. There were present Bros. Carter, W.M.; W. J. Charles, S.W.; B. F. Stratton, J.W.; Wilton, S.D.; W. Carter, jun., J.D.; Hacker, I.G.; E. Anderson, jun., Sec.; S. Dyball, B. Joy, W. Woodthorpe, and W. R. Brooks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was worked. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree. The following members were elected as officers for the four following meetings: Bros. Carter, W.M.; W. R. Brooks, S.W.; B. F. Stratton, J.W.; Wilton, S.D.; W. Carter, jun., J.D.; and Hacker, I.G. The lodge was then closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 6th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; W. J. Coplestone, S.W.; H. F. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; W. G. Coat, acting Sec.; C. J. C. Walker, S.D.; C. H. Hopkins, J.D.; Rice, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; Pattison, Webb, E. Fox, Swann, Higginson, F. Craggs, Cotton, and Nash.

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. Higginson being the candidate. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Pattison having offered himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Pattison being candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Coplestone was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

SOUTHWARK LODGE (No. 879).—A very interesting and pleasant evening was spent on Thursday, the 4th inst., at this lodge of instruction, held at the Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, when some 40 members met to do honour to their esteemed Preceptor, Bro. W. Beavis, P.M. and Sec. 879, and W.M. 1310, who recently had the distinction of Provincial rank conferred on him by the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex.

After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, Bro. Walter Martin, P.M. 876, occupied the chair, and alluded to the indefatigable and willing way in which Bro. Beavis had given instruction to the brethren attending the lodge, and how delighted they all were when they heard of the well-deserved honour he had received; an honour which the brethren of the Southwark Lodge appreciate very highly, as it was the first time that any of its members had attained that distinction. In addressing Bro. Beavis, Bro. Martin explained how unanimous the brethren were in their desire to mark in some slight manner the high estimation of his invariable courtesy and kindness on all occasions, and they thought they could not do better than present him with the full dress clothing of Prov. Grand Pursuivant of Middlesex, and, in investing him with it on behalf of the subscribers, he assured Bro. Beavis of their earnest desire for his long-continued health and happiness, and their hope that for many years to come he would wear the clothing with kindly thoughts of the esteem and regard in which he was held by all the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Beavis, who on rising to respond met with quite an ovation, thanked the brethren for their very valuable and appropriate gift, and assured them that he appreciated very highly the kind feelings which had just been expressed towards him. It was always a pleasure to him to be of service to any member of the lodge, and the many happy hours he had spent in it and the invariable kindness he had received at the hands of the brethren would ever be in his recollection. The handsome gift they had been pleased to bestow upon him that evening he should consider a tie of affection to the lodge he was so proud of, and for which he had worked with so much pleasure, and he should always wear their gift with pride and gratification. After again expressing his warmest thanks for the kindness of the brethren, Bro. Beavis resumed his seat amidst hearty applause and congratulations.

The apron, which, together with the collar and gauntlets, was enclosed in a handsome leather case, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. W. Beavis, P.M. and Sec. 879 and W.M. 1310, Provincial Grand Pursuivant of Middlesex, by the members of the Southwark Lodge of Instruction as a token of their esteem and regard, and in recognition of his valuable services as Preceptor. 4th October, 1888."

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, E., when there were present Bros. Richardson, W.M.; McLeod, S.W.; Penniston, J.W.; Saunders, S.D.; Brindley, J.D.; Goble, I.G.; Bonner, Sec.; Millington, P.M., Preceptor; Delves, P.M.; Greatorex, T. Russell, Horrocks, Barrett, Chatfield, Clarke, and F. Hill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Horrocks being a candidate for initiation, the ceremony was worked in a very satisfactory manner. Bro. McLeod then occupied the chair. Bro. Barrett having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Barrett was duly passed in a highly satisfactory manner. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. It was proposed, seconded, and carried that £5 5s. be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. A letter was read from a brother absent through domestic illness, after which the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. M. Scarlett, W.M.; J. W. Clarke, S.W.; J. C. Yates, J.W.; J. Petch, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; A. Wolter, S.D.; H. B. Harding, J.D.; C. H. Stevenson, I.G.; E. C. Kilsby, P.M.; J. Duncan, W. E. Sutton, R. Loomes, 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. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Loomes having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, and answered the usual questions, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Loomes candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and afterwards in the Second Degree. Bro. Clarke was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney. Present: Bros. S. Smith, W.M.; Baker, S.W.; Gray, J.W.; Richardson, Preceptor; Dignam, Sec.; Catlin, S.D.; Forss, J.D.; Ames, I.G.; Lee, sen., Lec. jun., and Shuter.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very able manner, Bro. Lee, jun., candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were very ably worked by Bro. Forss, P.M. The W.M. announced that Bro. Forss would rehearse the ceremony of installation on Wednesday, the 7th prox. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, when there were present Bros. H. J. Chapman, W.M.; Herbert Brine, S.W.; W. Steele, J.W.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; Fred. Williams, Hon. Sec.; F. Eedle, S.D.; W. Roots, J.D.; Wright, I.G.; Walker, J. Hattersley, H. V. Lloyd, H. C. Ball, Holliday, Harper, and Bate.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Walker having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Walker as candidate. Bro. Chapman vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. Eedle. Bro. Roots having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Roots as candidate. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. H. C. Ball. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. E. H. Walker, 1441, was elected a joining member. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Brine, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Brine returned thanks, and appointed the officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Dormer, W.M.; Wildbore, S.W.; Larter, J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Lewis, P.M., Treas.; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Carey, S.D.; Tichiaz, J.D.; Gaskell, P.M., I.G.; Forss, P.M.; W. Smith, Clarke, Antonovich, and Williams.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Antonovich personating the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Forss, P.M., who ably performed the ceremony of installing Bro. W. Smith, W.M. 228, in the chair according to ancient custom. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the newly-installed Master having invested the officers of the lodge, the addresses were delivered in an impressive manner by the Installing Master. The lodge having been called off and on, Bro. Smith vacated the chair in favour of the W.M. for the evening, Bro. Dormer, who rose for the first time, and Bro. Lunt, 917, was unanimously elected a joining member, and returned thanks. Upon the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. Wildbore was elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Wildbore returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, when, upon the proposition of Bro. Duffield, P.M., Preceptor, seconded by Bro. W. Smith, a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded and ordered to be entered on the minutes to Bro. Forss, P.M., for the able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. Bro. Forss, P.M., in acknowledging the same, expressed his willingness to give what assistance he could to the lodge at any future time. The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and no further Masonic business offering, the lodge was closed.

The fifth ballot of the Charitable Association in connection with the lodge was taken, and Bro. Button was the fortunate member.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Keene, W.M.; Hubbard, S.W.; Heath, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M. S.D.; Cotton, J.D.; Fayers, I.G.; Swann, Dresden, and Turner.

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. Swann being candidate. Bro. Dresden answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was proposed by Bro. Read, P.M., and seconded by Bro. R. H. Williams, P.M., that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. J. Davis, P.M., on his recent serious illness, and that it be entered on the minutes, which was carried. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. H. Purdie, P.M., W.M.; F. Woodard, S.W.; G. E. Higginson, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); Jennings, S.D.; P. Bick, J.D.; Arnott, I.G.; A. Cavers, Stwd.; W. Williams, P.M.; D. Stroud, Martineau, L. Cox, Sansom, Cotton, and F. West.

Lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Cox offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Cox being candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Deputy Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Woodard was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. D. Stroud, P.M., W.M.; Speigel, P.M., S.W.; J. Brown, Sec., J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., acting Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; R. Wimpey, S.D.; C. Hopkins, I.G.; F. Lawrence, P.M., W.M. 2012; Clark, D. S. Long, and others.

The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Sims, P.M. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. Lawrence, W.M. 2012. Bro. Clark offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Clark candidate. Bro. Long answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Arthur Williams, late Secretary, was elected an honorary member, and the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Russell, W.M.; Grover, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Hill, S.D.; Steele, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; Esling, Beaven, Jones, Cole, Poole, West, Luckhurst, Chapman, Hudson, Wood, Limozen, Partridge, and Biorn.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Esling having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Esling as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation worked by the W.M., with Bro. Wood as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Biorn, W.M. 733, and Limozen, 1563, were elected joining members. Bros. Biorn and Limozen returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Grover, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The officers were appointed in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Secretary was instructed to prepare the list for the ballot for the surplus funds of the lodge for the 22nd instant. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Benevolent Association was held, and two ballots were drawn. One fell to Bro. King, and the other to Bro. Allison.

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—The election meeting of this chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Saturday, the 22nd ult. There were present Comps. Frederick Elder, M.E.Z.; J. B. Sorrell, P.Z., Treas., as M.E.Z.; J. E. Corkett, H.; M. Slaughter, as J.; F. Walters, P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj. Middx., P.Z., S.E.; and T. C. Strong.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. By desire of the members, Comp. Frederick Walters, in a correct and impressive manner, installed Comp. Henry Fenwick Paget, J. elect, as J. The by-laws were read. The following companions were elected: Comps. J. E. Corkett, Z.; H. F. Paget, H.; M. Slaughter, J.; John B. Sorrell, P.Z., Treas. (re-elected); Frederick Walters, P.Z., S.E. (re-elected); J. H. Wilson, S.N.; T. C. Strong, P.S.; A. L. W. Moore, 1st Asst. Soj.; and R. W. Goddard, P.Z., Janitor (re-elected). The usual P.Z.'s jewel was proposed to be presented to Comp. Frederick Elder, M.E.Z., as a slight recognition of his valuable services rendered to the chapter during his year of office.

Business being ended, the chapter was closed. The usual first-class banquet followed.

CANTERBURY.—Bertha Chapter (No. 31).—The annual installation in connection with the above chapter took place in the Masonic Temple on Thursday, the 27th ult., when the three first Principals were installed in their respective chairs by Comp. E. Ward. They were as follows: Comps. J. E. Wiltshire, M.E.Z.; Blamiers, H.; and Reeves, J. The following officers were also installed: Comps. Naylor, Scribe E.; Rev. H. M. Maugham, Scribe N.; E. Murton, P.S.; Saunders, 1st A.S.; Develin, 2nd A.S.; and Wood, Organist.

After the imposing ceremony was over, the companions and other officers, to the number of about 40, retired to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared by Comp. Ward.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with appropriate songs, &c.

The companions formed a very grand spectacle, both in the Temple and at the banquet.

PENARTH.—Tennant Chapter (No. 1754).—On Monday evening, the 24th ult., the annual festival of the above chapter took place at the Masonic Hall. The chapter was opened by Comp. S. Cooper, P.Z., with the following officers: Comps. W. D. John, H.; P. Adye, J.; F. O. Hodges, Treas.; S. Coleman, S.E.; R. C. Roper, S.N.; and H. P. Roberts, 1st A.S. The companions present were Comps. W. R. Corfield, H. Frazer, S. D. Churchill, and W. C. Anstice. In addition, the following visitors were present: Comps. T. Matthews, Z.; J. Munday, H.; J. Hussey, S.E.; and J. H. Taylor, of Sir George Elliot Chapter; H. Naunton Davies, M.E.Z. Naunton Davies Chapter; A. P. Fabian, H., and J. A. Thomas, of St. Woollos Chapter; J. M. Ferrier and M. E. Donovan, of St. John's Chapter; and others.

The new Z., Comp. W. D. John, was ably installed by Comp. Cooper, and he then appointed his officers as follows: Comps. F. P. Adye, H.; R. C. Roper, J.; H. P. Roberts, P.S.; S. D. Churchill, 1st Asst. Soj.; and W. R. Corfield, 2nd Asst. Soj.

The banquet took place at the Penarth Hotel, when a large number of companions were present, in addition to those named above.

INSTRUCTION.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. T. Grumman, P.Z., M.E.Z.; W. Bryant, 1329, H.; V. T. Murché, 1329, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E.; C. Woods, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Davis; J. Addington, H. 1275; J. S. Latham, 1329; and R. B. Bryant, P.Z. 720, 1224, 1329, P.P.A.G.S. Suffolk.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. Comp. R. B. Bryant was unanimously elected a joining member, and returned thanks. Comp. W. Bryant, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

GRAND MASTER'S LODGE.—This influential and distinguished lodge met at Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 3rd inst. Among those present were Bros. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G. Chap., W. Deputy Master; Alfred Williams, P.G.M.O., S.W.; Rev. H. Cummings, P.G. Chap., acting J.W.; Frank Richardson, G. Reg., acting M.O.; Charles Driver, G.M.O., S.O.; G. Cooper, J.O.; F. Davison, P.G. Treas.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., P.D.M., acting Sec.; S. B. Wilson, S.D.; T. C. Walls, J.D.; H. J. Lardner, P.S.G.D., acting I.G.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.D.M.; Col. S. H. Clerke, P.D.M.; W. Roebuck, I.P.D.M.; P. Wallis, P.G.D.; Baron de Ferrières, P.G.M.O.; and A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire. Bros. Col. Hutton, D.G.M. Canada; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; and Miller, G.S., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford, R.W.D.G.M., and George Kenning, P.G.J.O., and it proved to be unanimous. Bro. the Marquess of Hertford was then elected W.D.M.; Bros. D. F. Davison, Treas.; Rev. H. Cummings and G. Cooper, Auditors; and Mills, Tyler. A Past Deputy Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. W. Roebuck, the resignation of Bro. Col. S. Burney, through ill-health, was received with regret. Letters pleading inability to attend were received from Bros. Lord Saltoun, W.M., R. Berridge, Sec., and many others. The customary P.D. Master's jewel having been voted to Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, the lodge was duly closed. The banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant. The usual loyal and Mark toasts followed.

LEEDS.—Copley Lodge (No. 111).—At the meeting of the above lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the Rev. Dr. Smyth, D.P.G.M., was installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, and the following brethren were in-

vested as his officers:—Bros. Myers, I.P.M.; Robt. Craig, S.W.; Alfred Williamson, J.W.; Rev. W. Dunn, Chap.; William Flockton, M.O.; G. F. Carr, S.O. and Treas.; Charles Middleton, J.O.; Bowman, Sec.; Tomlinson, S.D.; Atkinson, J.D.; Thorp, I.G.; and Barrand, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. C. L. Mason, P.G.M., and Bro. Barker, P.M. There was a good attendance, the number including members from St. Chad's Lodge and from Ripon, Barnsley, Bradford, and other parts of West Yorkshire. The installation banquet was afterwards held.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

A Provincial Priory of the Knights of the Temple was held on the 4th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Newton, under the banner of the Royal Sussex Preceptory. The Prov. Grand Prior, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., S.C.L., 31^o, presided, supported by Sir Knights John Brewer, P.G. Sub-Prior; Rev. J. F. Chanter, M.A., P.G. Prelate; H. Stocker, P.G. Chancellor; Major G. C. Davie, J.P., F.R.G.S., P.G. Constable; F. B. Westlake, 30^o, P.G. Marshal; John Stocker, P.G. Treas.; John Lane, P.G. Reg.; Rev. G. Townshend Warner, M.A., P.G. Almoner and Chap.; J. H. Keats, P.G.W.R.; R. Pengelly, P.G. 1st S.B.; and James Gidley, P.G. Guard. Among those present were also Frater John Chapman, P.P.G. Reg.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.T.; W. Bennett Maye, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.V.C.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G. Ex.; P. B. Clemens, P.P.G.C.L.; G. R. Barrett, P.E.P. Royal Veterans' Preceptory; F. C. Frost, E.P. Royal Sussex Preceptory; J. R. Wilson, C.L. Loyal Brunswick Preceptory; Fritz P. Regar, Marshal Holy Cross Preceptory; J. Taylor, C.G.; W. Taylor, P.P. Royal Sussex Preceptory; F. R. Thomas, Sub-Marshal; and Geo. Dunsterville, Royal Brunswick Preceptory.

The Treasurer reported a balance in hand of about £10. The Committee of General Purposes, in their report, recommended a vote of five guineas to the London Masonic Boys' School, to be placed on the Eminent Prior's Steward's list for that School, and £3 15s. to the Devon Educational Fund, which, with 30s. otherwise voted from the priory, would add five votes to its voting power. Both reports were adopted.

Frater J. R. Wilson was elected the Provincial Treasurer.

The Provincial Prior invested the following fratres as the officers for the ensuing year:

Frater John Brewer, Prov. G.O....	Prov. G. Sub-Prior.
Rev. G. T. Warner, M.A.	Prov. G. Prelate.
H. Stocker ...	Prov. G. Chancellor.
E. Aitken-Davies ...	Prov. G. Constable.
J. M. Hifley ...	Prov. G. Marshal.
G. R. Wilson ...	Prov. G. Treas.
G. R. Barrett ...	Prov. G. Reg.
J. Jerman, Prov. G.O.	Prov. G. V.C.
W. Bennett Maye ...	Prov. G. Sub-Marshal
R. Pengelly ...	Prov. G. Almoner.
F. C. Frost ...	Prov. G.W.R.
Dr. E. B. Thomson ...	Prov. G.H.
W. Anwyl Roberts ...	Prov. G. 1st S.B.
John Allen ...	Prov. G. 2nd S.B.
W. Taylor ...	Prov. G. Prior's B.B.
D. Cross ...	Prov. G. 1st A.D.C.
G. Dunsterville ...	Prov. G. 2nd A.D.C.
J. Du Pre ...	Prov. G. Chamberlain
J. H. Seldon ...	Prov. G.C.G.
R. K. Norris ...	Prov. G. 2nd C.G.
F. P. Regar ...	Prov. G.S.B.
J. Gidley ...	Prov. G.G.

The PROV. G. PRIOR said the regulation for the appointment of the Committee of General Purposes was for the future to be that each preceptory in the province would have to elect a representative on the Committee. One guinea was voted from the alms to the Newton Cottage Hospital.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT HULL.

One of the most important events of the week in connection with Masonry in Hull, namely, the consecration of a new Masonic Hall for the joint use of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, and the De La Pole Lodge, No. 1605, took place on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. The new lodge premises are situated on the first floor of the building, which used to be called Protestant Hall, now styled the Public Rooms Lecture Hall. The premises have a separate entrance and staircase, and are entirely cut off from the other approaches to the building, and every precaution has been taken to prevent the sound rising from the lecture hall on the ground floor. The lodge room is in the form of a double cube 46 feet long and 23 feet wide, with a raised platform at the east end and down the two sides. Adjoining the lodge is a large ante-room 24 feet by 18 feet, and a candidates' room. The banqueting room is 36 feet by 25 feet, and is arranged to seat a hundred brethren. Attached to the banqueting room are two Stewards' stores, two store closets, and a hoist leading from the kitchens. The remainder of this floor is taken up by the lavatories and water closets, and the kitchen staircase. Above the banqueting room is a large kitchen, with two pantries and store rooms. The lodge and banqueting room are heated by high pressure hot water pipes, and are fitted up with fresh air shafts and foul air extractors.

The alterations have been most admirably executed under the superintendence of Bro. B. S. Jacobs, P.M. 1010, and the work has given entire satisfaction to the joint committee of the two lodges, which was appointed to conclude all the arrangements necessary.

At 3.30 the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees by Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. F. Pudsey, W.M. 1010, Bro. John Chappell, W.M. 1605, acting as I.P.M.

The following brethren were present: Bros. F. Fullerton, I.P.M., John Bilson, S.W., Carill Savill, Sec., Gerald H. Lodge, S.D., E. Fillingham, J.D., F. S. Brodric, I.G., F. J. Lambert, P.G.T., Tyler, W. C. Pearson, Stwd., C. H. Johnson, P.M., E. J. Fullerton, P.M., H. Logan, P.S.G.W., H. H. Briggs, John Sherburn (Mayor of Hull elect), E. G. Hewerdine, James Forster, and J.

Campbell Thompson, C.E., of 1010; J. Stratford, J.W., S. W. Cook, S.D., W. Hakes, Sec., R. L. Searle, J. Howard, A. B. Lamb, E. W. Macturk, F. Winter, Geo. Pinchbeck, James Fox, Alfred Tyler, and Geo. Taylor, of 1605; John Clark, W.M., James Hargreave, S.D., James Thyer, Sec., W. Moody, E. Hall, James Taylor, James Charlesworth, J. C. Lightowler, James Moody, Rev. Emil Horst, and John Batty, of 57; R. R. Hawley, W.M., L. Brekke, J.W., W. C. Whiteside, P.M., and J. Y. Torr, of 250; J. Mackaill, I.P.M., T. B. Redfern, S.W., W. Woodall, J.W., J. Strickland, Sec., A. Spring, and George Leigh, of 2134; also several brethren from other lodges.

On the arrival of the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. England, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, a procession of the following Prov. Grand Officers, headed by six Past Masters bearing the elements of consecration, entered the lodge: The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bros. M. C. Peck, 1040, G. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; D. J. O'Donoghue, 57, P.P.G.W.; Rev. G. L. M. Rees, 639, Prov. G. Chap.; Walter Reynolds, 250, Prov. G. Treas.; Edward Corris, 57, Prov. G. Reg.; Jas. Pyburn, M.D., 1010, P.P.G. Reg.; Geo. Bohn, C.E., 1010, P.P.G. Reg.; F. W. T. Thorp, 1010, P.P.G.D.; G. L. Shackles, 1511, P.P.G.D.; John Walton, 57, P.P.G.D.; Geo. Wilson, 57, P.P.G.D.; W. D. Keyworth, 57, P.P.G.S. of W.; Wm. Tesseymen, 57, P.P.G.S. of W.; Thos. Hewson, 57, P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Ansdell, 1605, P.P.G.S.B.; T. T. Davis, 2134, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Thos. Oates, 250, P.P.G. Org., Prov. A. G. Sec.; C. W. Cheeseman, 1605, P.P.G. Org.; and Ed. Kipps, 1010, P.P.G. Org. Kent.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then took the chair, and was saluted with grand honours. The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, on behalf of the Kingston and De La Pole Lodges, requested the Deputy Prov. Grand Master to dedicate the lodge room for Masonic purposes. The dedication, "Except the Lord build the House their labour is but lost that build it," &c., was then chanted by the brethren. The Prov. Grand Chaplain intoned the first portion of the Dedication prayer. The choir after this sung the anthem "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The Consecrating Officer having made the circuit of the lodge, and sprinkled water, the choir sang the Sanctus, "Holy Holy, Holy." He then scattered corn, the emblem of plenty, over the lodge, and dedicated it to Freemasonry. The brethren then sung the Ode to Masonry—

"Hail Masonry! thou Craft Divine."

Having poured wine, the emblem of joy and happiness, on the lodge, he dedicated it to Virtue. The brethren then sung the Ode to Virtue—

"Come, Holy Virtue by whose aid."

He then poured oil, the emblem of Unity, on the lodge, and dedicated it to Universal Benevolence. The brethren then sung the Ode to Charity—

"Come, Charity with goodness crowned."

The Prov. G. Chaplain, after carrying incense round the lodge, intoned the concluding portion of the dedication prayer, and read Lev. 2, v. 13, the Consecrating Officer at the same time strewing salt over the lodge, afterwards dedicating it to Freemasonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence, the brethren responding "So mote it be."

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren as follows: The custom of dedicating Masonic halls to serve as temples for the propagation of the tenets of our Order has been universally practised since that happy period when the Craft were enabled to leave the friendly shelter of the taverns where our meetings were originally held. When the Four Old Lodges met together in 1717 and founded the Grand Lodge of England, which became the mother of Freemasonry all over the world, its periodical assemblies were held in various taverns famous in the annals of old London. To this day the majority of London lodges still perpetuate the custom. The atmosphere of the tavern, however, and its convivial surroundings can scarcely be considered a congenial condition for the growth of those higher and more cultured Masonic characteristics which comprise the greatest beauties of Freemasonry. In the provinces Masonic halls are very numerous, and in our own province, consisting of 29 lodges, there are actually, but two that meet in hotels, a most satisfactory and commendable state of things. The Hull brethren may, indeed, consider themselves especially fortunate, enjoying advantages which few other Craftsmen possess. With five well established and excellently conducted lodges, abounding in cordial hospitality, with an unfailing stream of candidates, no lack of Masonic work or pecuniary resources, regular lodges of instruction, and a large number of competent Masonic veterans able and willing to teach their younger brethren and to advise the Masters of lodges in every department of Masonic lore, surely the local brethren have reason to be grateful. The Kingston Lodge, I find, was founded by warrant, date 12th March, 1864, and has experienced the number of changes of habitation popularly supposed to be equivalent to a fire. Thus, being established at the Station Hotel in 1864, it was removed to the Protestant Hall in 1867, occupying pretty nearly the same situation as at present. Seven years later it was removed, round the corner, to the Sculcoates Hall. The De La Pole Lodge, by warrant dated 25th February, 1876, was established at No. 58, Charlotte-street, a private residence, which was suitably adapted for the purpose. The two lodges, having jointly agreed to become tenants of the present Masonic Hall, which has been constructed for their accommodation, will, I doubt not, derive great benefit from this fraternal arrangement. The convenient apartments will afford ample scope for the due celebration of our Masonic rites and the interchange of those graceful courtesies which lend a charm to our meetings. Let me exhort you, my brethren, to maintain the genuine tenets of Masonry in their highest lustre! Let this Temple, now solemnly dedicated in the name of the Most High, be, indeed, consecrated by all your words and actions. Let no unbecoming or unbrotherly speech pollute its sacred walls, but let peace and harmony ever distinguish the meetings to be held herein. A Mason's lodge is a Mason's church, and should be treated in the same reverential spirit as the temples of our holy religion. At your festive meetings in your dining-hall, where social conviviality is fitting and proper, take care at all times that due decorum be observed, and that nothing be suffered to transpire of which an English gentleman should be ashamed. Freemasons, if they are worth anything, must be distinguished above their fellow citizens by their virtues

our Charities are well known and justly admired, but it is by the personal habits of individuals that the world will judge of us.

As Masons, may our thoughts and words
With plumb rule strict compare,
And may our conduct stand the test
Of level and of square;
Then let us the Great Architect
With lowly hearts implore,
He will cement and bless the Craft
Till time shall be no more.

At the conclusion of this oration, the W.M. of the Kingston Lodge (Bro. H. FAWCETT PUDSEY), proposed a most fraternal vote of thanks to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for his attendance, and the able manner in which he had discharged his duties according to ancient custom, which was seconded by Bro. J. CHAPPELL, W.M. of the De La Pole Lodge, and accorded with acclamation.

Bro. the Hon. ORDE-POWLETT briefly acknowledged the compliment, and stated he was desired by the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, to express his great regret that an important engagement in Scotland prevented his lordship's coming to Hull. The Grand Master desired to express his hearty good wishes and sincere hope that the bond of union cemented between the two lodges that day might long continue.

The Masonic anthem, "Hail! Masonry Divine!" was then sung very impressively by Bro. J. York Torr, 250, the brethren heartily singing the chorus.

The Prov. Grand Officers retired in procession, and the lodge was closed.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. C. W. Cheeseman, P.M., P.P.G.O., assisted by Bros. G. H. Lodge and A. Spring. Bro. Vessey King acted as Organist.

Bro. Walter Reynolds, Prov. G. Treas., performed the duties of Director of Ceremonies in his usual able and efficient manner.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. J. Hughan, the eminent Masonic historian; Canon McCormick, D.D.; F. B. Grotrian, M.P.; Arthur M. White, W.M. 1991, P.A.G.P.; Wm. Gillett, W.M. 2134; R. G. Smith, P.M., Prov. S.G.W.; W. Dodgson, S.W. 1605; J. Hurst, and others.

THE FUND OF SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland has now revised the proposed scheme for the working of the extended Fund of Masonic Benevolence, and a new plan on the basis suggested by Bro. Caldwell, of Craigielea, Renfrewshire, will be submitted for the consideration of Grand Lodge at its quarterly communication in the beginning of November.

By this scheme it is proposed that the name of the Fund shall be "The Annuity Branch of Scottish Masonic Benevolence," and the chief feature in which it is distinguished from the previous scheme is in regard to the Board of Management—a subject on which opinion differed.

By the former scheme it was proposed that the Board of Management should consist of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Master Depute, Substitute Grand Master, and 36 elected members; but the proposal now is that the Fund shall be under the management of an Annuity Board, which shall consist simply of the members of the Grand Committee, and be supervised by the Finance Committee—five members to form a quorum of the Board. It is provided that the fund shall consist of donations from lodges and individual brethren, and one half of the annual free income of Grand Lodge, and any other sums that Grand Lodge may see proper to grant; and that the donations and one half of all sums received from Grand Lodge shall be reserved to capital and invested in the names of the trustees of the Fund of Masonic Benevolence, or of such other trustees as Grand Lodge may from time to time direct. As to the other half of the sums which have been received from Grand Lodge, and the income which has arisen from the capital during the preceding year, under deduction of the expenses incidental to the management, the proposal is that these shall, so far as may be required, be distributed in annuities. Any surplus remaining shall be carried forward for disposal in subsequent years, but it shall not be competent to make grants in anticipation of income. It is proposed that the Board shall have power to grant ten annuities of £15 and five of £20 each in cases which are considered deserving of special treatment, but that it shall not be competent to have more than these respective numbers of special grants current at the same time. All other annuities shall be of £10 each; and the Board shall have power to appoint annuities to be paid by instalments, and also, if deemed expedient, to fix in what way they are to be applied for the benefit of the annuitant. Every Master Mason registered in the books of the Grand Lodge and his widow or children shall be qualified to be placed on the roll of annuitants. Regulation 8 provides that every application for an annuity shall be forwarded by the lodge of which the member applying is a member, or in the case of a widow or children, of the lodge of which the brother in respect of whom they apply was a member. It is also proposed that the Grand Secretary shall be Secretary, and the Grand Cashier Treasurer to the Board, and that the annuities granted shall be reported to the quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge in February and August, and the remuneration to be paid to the Secretary and Treasurer shall be fixed by the Board and defrayed from the annual income. The accounts of the income and expenditure of the fund will, it is proposed, be kept separate from the other funds of Grand Lodge, and balanced and published simultaneously therewith. The scheme as so amended will shortly be in the hands of the lodges throughout Scotland for consideration by them preparatory to the discussion in Grand Lodge.

At the Court of Common Council on Thursday, the 4th instant, a letter was read from Bro. Alderman Whitehead expressing his readiness to accept the office of Lord Mayor for the ensuing year, and Bro. Sheriff Newton, who was present, was invited to take his seat on the Aldermanic bench.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. S. Richardson, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. Rayner, A. E. Gladwell, J. Bodenham, Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; T. A. Motion, Geo. Mickley, M.A., M.B.; James Moon, Richard Eve, Past G. Treas.; Henry W. Hunt, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. S. Cumberland, W. A. Scurrah, A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D.; W. M. Stiles, Geo. P. Gillard, W. H. Saunders, Joyce Murray, John Glass, and Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the recommendations of the House Committee providing the usual allowance for the education and clothing of two boys out of the establishment, were confirmed. The resolutions of the same Committee, relating to the Committee of Inquiry, were also confirmed, and it was resolved "that all necessary expenses of the staff, officials, and inmates, consequent upon the requisitions of Bro. Philbrick's Committee, and the resolutions passed in pursuance thereof, be allowed and paid out of the funds of the Institution."

The petition on behalf of a boy, subject to the production of the certificate of the father's death, was accepted, and the name ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for election in April, 1889; and an application for a grant towards the outfit of an ex-pupil was acceded to.

Three additional vacancies were declared in consequence of the unexpected withdrawal of three additional boys from the establishment.

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL CENTENARY FESTIVAL.

We have much pleasure in announcing that at a recent competition for the purpose of selecting a design for the Illuminated Address of Thanks, which will in due course be presented to the brethren who acted as Stewards at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, that submitted by Bro. George Kenning was chosen, and is already in hand for the purpose of reproduction. We must, however, remind our readers and the Craft generally that the design is more elaborate and artistic than those which have been adopted for ordinary Festivals, that four or five times as many copies as are usually required will be needed, and that some time must necessarily elapse before they will be ready for delivery.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Jab-z Hogg, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; J. J. Berry, G. Bolton, W. B. Daniell, Hugh Cotter, C. A. Cottelbrune, P.G.P.; E. West, William Smith, Chas. Daniell, W. Hilton, L. Stean, Charles J. Perceval, James S. Fraser, R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; C. W. Driver, P.G.S. of Wks.; C. H. Webb, F. B. Purchas, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B.; Charles Lacey, W. J. Murlis, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

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

The Warden's report for the past month was read and adopted. The Committee reduced the sum payable annually to one of the widow annuitants by one half, and the petitions of two candidates were withdrawn, one of them being in receipt of half her late husband's annuity, which likewise ceases.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart's report as to the purchase of land was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Five petitions—two male and three widows—were considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for election in May, 1889; and a vote of thanks to the Chairman having been passed the proceedings terminated.

Obituary.

BRO. ALLAN CARSWELL WYLIE.

We regret to have to announce the death of Bro. Allan Carswell Wylie, P.M. 869, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, which event took place at Tientsin, North China, on the 17th August last, from cholera. The deceased brother was initiated in the Gresham Lodge in June, 1868, and had been a subscribing member for just 20 years. In the year 1875, he wielded the gavel of K.S. in his mother lodge, and in the same year received from the Prov. Grand Master of Hertfordshire (Bro. Wm. Stuart) the collar of Prov. G.S.B. The great respect in which Bro. Wylie was held can be estimated by the fact that upon his departure for North China, in September, 1887, a number of his friends and Masonic brethren entertained him at dinner, at the Holborn Restaurant, to wish him God speed, and a happy return to his native country at the termination of his engagement, which, we understand, was for five years. The G.A.O.T.U. has, however, in His wisdom willed it otherwise; but Bro. Wylie's genial manner and quaint sayings will long live in the recollection of his friends and brethren. The deceased brother leaves a wife and four children to mourn his death.

Bro. Earl and the Countess Cowper arrived in town on the 6th inst. from Torloisk, Isle of Mull, N.B., and subsequently left for their seat at Panshanger Park.

TAKEN A HIGHER DEGREE.—Mrs. Pompano—"Mary Ann, just run across the street and ask that man with a white-wash bucket if he is engaged."

Mary Ann (returning after an animated conversation with Julius Plumbob)—"Please, mum, he says he's been married for twelve years."



Mr. John Lart deserves encouragement for his own courage. He wrote a play which he called "The Monk's Room." He produced it at a matinee. No manager bid for it, or at least he did not get his terms. The critics suggested alterations. Mr. Lart made them. Again he played his piece. Result the same as before. After making further alterations he has such an opinion that "The Monk's Room" is a good play, and has taken the Globe Theatre himself, and put his piece in the evening bill. There is much in it that is interesting, and if Mr. Lart should not find his coffers filled we hope he will go on and write another piece. With experience he ought to succeed. The play is written in a prologue and three acts, of which the prologue is far and away the best. One is intensely interested with the opening of this romantic piece, but this relish is not kept up to the end. It gradually dwindles down in interest. "The Monk's Room" is a ghost story, much the same sort of thing that one reads in Christmas annuals. The author has not got the best—perhaps the worst—theatre in which to bring out such a piece. Then again, he makes a great error in dressing it in the nineteenth century costume. In these days nobody but country yokels believed in ghosts. It should be told to the audience in the form of three hundred years ago. We are sure that were it played at the Lyceum, and Bro. Henry Irving would stage it with his elaborate system and play in it himself, "The Monk's Room," would be Mr. Lart's fortune. The drama has a strong plot, a powerful love interest, and a startling ending. The story runs that Sir Darell Erne inherits an old castle in which his grandfather had murdered the wife of a Russian. The old family butler tells him the tale of the murder and how the ghost continually haunts that room. Sir Darell has married a Russian girl—well played by Miss Marion Lee—who turns out to be a Nihilist. He brings her to his home, and in the monk's room calls upon her to explain why she has deceived him in not having told him of her revolutionary proclivities. Kulp, the old servant, has shown Sir Darell the dagger which his grandfather had used. This weapon the girl seizes and attempts to assassinate Sir Darell, but in the struggle the dagger goes into her side. Sir Darell feels that the world would not believe his tale of his wife's death being accidental, and there being (as he thinks) no witnesses, and no one knows of his having brought his wife with him—he foolishly hides the body in a great chest, and orders the room to be locked up. The girl in her dying moments curses him, and promises to haunt the place for ever. Her father, whose wife had been killed by Sir Darell's grandfather, was an unknown witness to the murder, and forthwith levies blackmail on Sir Darell. The latter, after a time, falls in love with Eleanor Brandon, and marries her. He brings her home, but his life is made unbearable by the Socialist Lazinski, who accuses him of bigamy, for it turns out that the girl did not die of the self-inflicted wound. However, two Russian police officers set that matter right, as we now learn that the woman had a husband living, therefore her marriage with Sir Darell Erne is null and void. Mr. Willard has changed his usual delineation of character. Instead of a villain's part, he now plays that of the wrongly oppressed Sir Darell. Whether in his love scenes with Miss Alma Murray or when depicting the tortures of his mind when he recalls the past, and knows that he is innocent he is equally good. Mr. Herman Vezin, as Lazinski, again shows his rare powers as an elocutionist. Miss Murray is truly sympathetic in her rendering of the trusting wife, whose heart, through evil report, remains firm and loyal to her husband. Miss Helen Leyton and Mr. Forbes Dawson contribute to the comedy element, and Mr. Stephen Caffrey, as Kulp, the butler, invests an otherwise dull part with much interest. We hope Mr. Lart may find his romance profitable, and that he may go on and write other good pieces.

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The Opera Comique has once more fulfilled its title, and light opera reigns in the stead of French comedy drama. "Carina" was brought out recently by Mr. F. J. Harris, the lessee. Madame Julia Woolf is the composer, and to her must be given the palm. The dialogue is poor stuff. We carefully listened to the two acts, but found the plot very flimsy. The lyrics are delightful, and should "Carina" maintain its place, it will be solely owing to the pretty airs which run throughout, and to Miss Camille D'Arville's excellent voice. Every encore she gets she richly deserves. Miss Josephine Findlay is a good second, and evidently is popular with her audience. Mr. Durward Lely is the tenor, and takes the greatest pains with his singing. Miss Alice Lethbridge wins applause by some pretty dancing of the Spanish style. Bro. E. D. Ward seemed quite out of it in fancy costume. His home is at Toole's, which he appears to feel. Mr. Snazelle has a part which he ought to be able to make one of the best, but he does not. The mounting, dressing, &c., under Bro. Charles Harris, are deserving of all praise. "Carina" is, musically, a good piece of work, and ought to have a profitable, even if short career.

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"The Theatre" this month contains portraits of Miss Wadman and Bro. Arthur Roberts. From the short sketches of biography we are informed that the latter clever comedian was born in 1852 of a non-theatrical family. He was placed in a solicitor's office as clerk, and used to sing at the music halls in the evening. He developed such an appetite for stage work, that he became a professional, a change he cannot regret. There are the usual notices and wood-engravings of plays produced in the month past, besides several good stories. This monthly magazine ought to become more and more popular, for it is replete with interest.

The next volume of Dean and Son's series of "Books for Elocutionists" is to be entitled "Speech Studies." The volume, which is from the pen of Mr. Edwin Drew, is dedicated to Sir Morell Mackenzie.



We understand that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of Northumberland and Durham will be held at Newcastle on Tuesday, November 13th, under the presidency of Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, Prov. G.M.M.M.

Orders have been received at Portsmouth directing the Victory, Nelson's flagship at the battle of Trafalgar, to be out of dockyard hands by the 23rd of November. Over £10,000 have been expended on the ship in making her watertight, and it is said she will now last another hundred years. The usual "Trafalgar Day" demonstration on board the Victory will have to be abandoned, as the ship will then be in the hands of the shipwrights.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held at the Agricultural Hall, Oakham, under the auspices of the Camos Lodge, No. 1265, on Wednesday next, the 17th inst., when the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed and invested, and the business customary on such occasions will be disposed of. A banquet will be served at the George Hotel at 5 p.m.; tickets for dinner and dessert being 5s. 6d. each.

The Prince of Wales has had very bad luck in his bear-stalking expeditions. On Wednesday he again sallied forth with his Royal friend the Crown Prince Rudolph. The *Times* correspondent at Görgey tells us they tried the country round Franzal, climbed almost perpendicular cliffs, and came upon the tracks of two bears, but in each case Bruin escaped without exposing himself to a rifle shot. The Prince of Wales good-naturedly declared that the beauty of the scenery quite compensated him for his disappointment. The Crown Prince's party returned to Görgey the same day, and was to have reached Vienna on Thursday. On the 15th the Prince of Wales will have some chamois shooting in Styria.

A terrible disaster occurred some time ago at Valparaiso, in Chili, the particulars of which have only just transpired. An artificial pond, 800 feet above the level of the city, burst, flooding the Valley Yungai and several streets. The flood came down in an irresistible torrent, sweeping everything before it and bringing down rocks and trunks of trees with it. The stream came rushing through the street San Juan de Dios in a wave 12 feet high. Shops were deluged and the contents destroyed. Houses were swept away and their inhabitants drowned or bruised to death. Fifty-seven bodies were buried four days after the visitation of persons killed by the disaster. The damage is estimated at nearly 3,000,000 dollars.

The School of Art-Wood Carving, City and Guilds Institute, Exhibition-road, South Kensington, has been re-opened after the midsummer vacation, and it is announced that one or two of the free studentships maintained out of funds granted to the School by the Institute, are vacant.

Bro. Lord Herschell presided at a meeting on Friday, the 5th inst., of the Metropolitan Board of Works Inquiry Commission, Bro. V. A. Williamson, Secretary, being also present. The draft of the interim report was submitted and discussed.

The first examination in connection with the Sanitary Institute for local surveyors and inspectors of nuisances has been arranged to be held on the 8th and 9th November next.

The Countess of Jersey opened a bazaar in the Town Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, in aid of the Oxford Diocesan branch of the Ladies' House Mission Association. The bazaar was continued on Thursday.

The Empress Frederick, according to the present arrangements, is expected to visit the Queen at Windsor Castle upon the return of the Court from Scotland next month.

A limited company has just been formed for the purpose of "purchasing, continuing, and developing" the old and well-established business carried on by Bro. Samuel Deards as horticultural and hot water engineer, and particularly his valuable patent known as the "Victoria Dry Glazing," which was tried with such conspicuous success at the Fisheries, Health, and the other Exhibitions held at South Kensington. The capital will amount to £25,000, in shares of £1 each, and after these have been allotted, Bro. Sam. Deards will join the board of directors. With this and the other valuable patents which will become their property, and the business which will be carried on and enlarged by them, there is good reason for anticipating that the new company will prove a success.

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

The Stability Lodge of Instruction now meets at Mason's Hall Tavern, Mason's-avenue, Coleman-street, on every Friday evening from six to eight o'clock.

The Church of St. Stephen's, Hounslow, has received an addition to its stained glass of two windows, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, representing St. Thomas and St. James, studies from Leonardo da Vinci's picture of "The Last Supper."

We regret to announce that Bro. Alfred Pratt, an old and respected Past Master of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, died on the 3rd inst. at Wellington, Somersetshire.

The funeral of the late Bro. William Kennedy, Tyler of the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle, took place on the 5th inst. The deceased was Tyler for the Northern Counties' Lodge, 406; St. Peter's, 481; Percy, 1427; Hotspur, 1627; Ridley, 2265; two R.A. Chapters; two Mark Lodges; one Knights Templar; and for the Royal Kent Preceptory. He was, therefore, well-known amongst Freemasons in Newcastle, and was also highly respected for his courteous demeanour.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—We understand that on Wednesday, the 24th inst., the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., will visit Dundee for the purpose of installing Bro. Berry as Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire. On the following day the Grand Master will visit Edinburgh for the purpose of attending at the consecration of the new Dramatic and Art Lodge. On each occasion the Grand Master will be accompanied by a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

We are afraid that in our reference to the address recently presented by the House Committee of the Girls' School to Bro. Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence, and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Centenary Board of Stewards, we did not make it quite clear that this address was moved by Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, and carried at the meeting of the said Committee in June last, and that, having been beautifully engrossed and illuminated on vellum, it was presented at the latest meeting of the same Committee by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, who was the Chairman of the day, and delivered one of those eloquent addresses for which he is so well known.

Bro. Lord Magheramorne presided at the weekly meeting, on the 7th instant, of the Metropolitan Board of Works, when the report of the Fire Brigade Committee, to the effect that the Fire Brigade required to be increased but that the Board had no means to do so, was confirmed.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.—The Grand Lodge of England might learn something concerning a certain Ancient Landmark of the Craft, from some of the Grand Lodges of the United States. Bro. the Rev. George Oliver, D.D., in his *Freemason's Treasury* says, "Lame and impotent men are not excluded by our English lodges, and candidates have been admitted with *cork legs and steel springs*. * * * And as if to show our entire freedom of will on this point, the great English lodge at Hamburg, in 1854, in accordance with a precedent furnished by their brethren in the United States (O horrible!), initiated a candidate that was *both deaf and dumb*."—*Keystone*.

The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive at Marlborough House from Vienna on the morning of Monday week, and H.R.H. will probably go the same evening to Newmarket, to stay there till the following Friday. The Prince will most likely start for Abergeldie on the evening of the 28th, and return to town on the following Sunday, accompanied by the Princess and their daughters, and they will then stay at Marlborough House for about a fortnight before going to Sandringham.

Freemasonry is not usually regarded as an active Christian agency, but Mr. J. Ramsden Riley claims this for the "Craft" in a published lecture that was delivered in the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction. The solid foundation on which Masonry rests, he says, is the practice of every social and moral virtue. "No man can actively take part in lodge duties without reflecting upon the wisdom, the omnipotence, and also on the mercy of the G.A.O.T.U." Mr. Riley has "personally known two former atheists, who both owe their conversion to a Masonic lodge, and that, too, on the night of their initiation."—*Christian World*.

The Duke of Cambridge visited the Camp at Aldershot on Thursday, the 4th inst., for the purpose of making the annual inspection of the troops quartered there, his Royal Highness being accompanied by Bros. Major-General Sir Redvers Buller and Col. Lord A. C. Gordon-Lennox, A.D.C., and other officers of the headquarters' staff. He subsequently proceeded to Portsmouth, where he was met on arrival by Bro. Gen. Sir George Willis, in command of the district, with whom he dined at Government House. On the following day he was present at a sham fight, in which all the troops in garrison took part, at Leigh Park, the seat of Bro. General Sir F. Fitzwygram, Bart., M.P.

Bro. Viscount Bury is at Harrogate, undergoing a course of the waters, while Viscountess Bury and family have taken Harbord House, near Cromer, for the present month.

The safety of the Monument was discussed at the meeting of the Common Council on Thursday, the 4th inst. The Chairman of the City Lands said that every possible step had been taken to protect the public from any further fall of masonry, should it take place, from the Monument. The structure had been closed, and a close investigation of the stonework was being made. All necessary repairs would be speedily carried out. He could not say officially whether the construction of the subway had had any effect upon the foundation of the building; but, personally speaking, he should think not. Attention had been called to a supposed subsidence of foundations in King William-street and in Blackman-street, Borough, within the jurisdiction of the Bridge House Estates Committee, and the matter would be shortly reported upon.

SUFFERERS FROM INDIGESTION should never be without DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS. Take one after dinner and you never need fear an attack—they are a marvellous remedy, and act like a charm. They instantly relieve and rapidly cure Asthma, Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Gout, Rheumatism, and all Nervous Complaints. They taste pleasantly. Sold by all druggists at 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d. per box.—*ADVT.*

We learn that Bro. J. F. H. Woodward has resigned his appointment as Prov. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe E. for Middlesex. He is succeeded by Bro. H. H. Room, P.M. 2090, of the Society of Arts, Adelphi, as Prov. G. Sec., while Bro. W. H. Lee, Asst. Prov. G. Sec., succeeds Comp. Woodward as Prov. G. Scribe E. The pressure of private engagements is understood to be the reason for Bro. Woodward's resignation, and while we, in common with the Middlesex brethren, greatly regret that he should have considered it necessary to take this step, we must congratulate the province on the appointment of Bros. Room and Lee as his successors.

The old Theatre Royal, Dundee, which had been used as a music hall for many years, and which was undergoing an extensive course of repairs, previous to being re-opened, was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning last.

Bro. Lord and Lady Herschell are expected to leave London at the end of the present week for Naples, whence they will proceed by steamer to Bombay, remaining in India till March.

At Balmoral Castle on Thursday and Friday of last week there were representations of tableaux vivants, in which the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, Prince Albert Victor, and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales, the Princess Frederica of Cumberland, the Princess Alice of Hesse, and Princess Margaret and Prince Arthur of Connaught, with members of the Royal Household, and other ladies and gentlemen, took part. The tableaux were witnessed by the Queen and the Princess of Wales, and Bro. Sir A. and Lady Borthwick, Miss Knollys, and Bro. Sir Robert Collins had the honour of being present.

The British Training Squadron, under Bro. Commodore Markham, left Kiel Harbour at 10 a.m. on the 6th instant for Carlsrona, from which, in accordance with Admiralty arrangements, it will return to England.

The Lodge of Probity, No. 61, celebrates its third jubilee this year, and following the precedent of their ancient brethren and predecessors, the brethren of the lodge intend to celebrate the important event by attending divine service at the Halifax parish church on Sunday, November 4th, when the Very Rev. and Worshipful Bro. the Dean of York, P.G. Chap., will preach. The brethren will walk in procession to the church and Masonic clothing will be worn. The Prov. Grand Master has intimated that it is intention to be present.

In consequence of serious indisposition, Mdme. Trebelli is forbidden by her medical adviser to fulfil her engagement at the forthcoming Bristol Musical Festival. Mdme. Belle Cole has kindly consented, at the request of the committee, to undertake the music which has been allotted to Mdme. Trebelli.

The Queen has forwarded through General Sir Henry F. Ponsonby her annual subscription of £50 to the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society, of which her Majesty is patron.

The Gavel Club met on Friday last, the 5th inst., for the first time after the usual vacation. A most enjoyable evening was spent, with an unusual array of musical talent. Gaveller Hicklin presided.

Bro. Geo. Gabb, P.M. and Treasurer of the Burgoyne Lodge, has disposed of his well-known restaurant, the "Blue Last," Broadway, Ludgate-hill, but more widely known as "Gabb's." Bro. Gabb has carried on business at that corner just over 23 years. Bro. Gabb still retains the Edinburgh Hotel at Wimbledon. Mr. Siskett succeeds Bro. Gabb at Broadway, for many years with M. B. Foster and Sons.

The new Asylum of Cœur de Lion Commandery at Los Angeles, California, was destroyed by fire on the 4th ult. The uniforms, regalia, and paraphernalia were burned. The loss was about fifteen thousand dollars, and the insurance six thousand.

At the annual meeting of the Auctioneers' Benevolent Fund on Wednesday afternoon, subscriptions were reported to the amount of £248, and donations to the extent of £42. Annuities to the amount of £130 have been apportioned to individuals—daughters and widows of deceased auctioneers. During the year the sum of £235 has been added to the investments.

Madame Albani Gye came over from Old Mar Lodge to Balmoral Castle on Tuesday accompanied by her sister, Madlle. la Jeunesse, and had the honour of singing before the Queen and the Royal Family.

The Carpenters' Company Free Lending Technical Library, containing the best works on carpentry and joinery, is now open every day from ten till four, and Friday evenings from five till eight p.m., at the Company's Hall, London Wall.

Bro. Cyril Basil Tubbs was installed W.M. of the Kendrick Lodge, 2043, in the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Thursday afternoon, the 4th inst., in the presence of a large and distinguished body of members of Provincial Grand Lodge. A banquet followed at the Great Western Hotel, and the initiate, Bro. Carrington, was encored in two or three of the songs he sang, accompanied by Bro. Sergison, Organist of St. Peter, Eaton-square.

August 6th, 1888, was the one hundredth anniversary of the election of George Washington as W.M. of the Alexandria Lodge of Virginia, and the day was celebrated at Mount Vernon by Masons from Fredericksburgh, Alexandria, and the District of Columbia.

A lodge in Indiana, U.S.A., is advocating the sale of the Masonic Temples at Indianapolis, and the appropriation of the proceeds towards the establishment of a Widows' and Orphans' Home. A very worthy object certainly, but not a very wise means of attaining it.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—No Mystery.—Whenever the blood is impure or the general health is impaired, the human body is predisposed to attacks of any prevailing epidemic. The first indications of faulty action, the first sensations of deranged or diminished powers should be rectified by these purifying Pills, which will cleanse all corrupt and reduce all erring functions to order. These Pills counteract the subtle poisons in decaying animal or vegetable matter, and remove all tendency to bowel complaints, biliousness, and a host of annoying symptoms arising from foul stomachs. The fruit season is especially prone to produce irritation of the bowels, and disorders of the digestive organs, both of which dangerous conditions can be completely removed by Holloway's corrective medicine.—*ADVT.*

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, October 20th, 1888.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Quarterly General Court and Election Girls' School, at 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

1415, Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
 1423, Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
 1426, The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
 1607, Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.
 1637, Unity, Railway Hotel, Harrow Station.
 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, 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, Blue Posts, Charlotte-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.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1297, West Kent, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15.

CRAFT LODGES.

21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.
 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
 Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham, at 8.
 Hammersmith, The Baths, Blackmoor, 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 Leopold, 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, Air-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 Hotel, 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.

1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 1691, Quadratic, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

MARK LODGES.

173, Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Board of General Purposes at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 1359, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1420, Earl Spencer.
 1695, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
 2021, Queen's Westminster, 8A, Red Lion-square.
 2045, Wharton, Willesden.
 2140, Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton.
 2191, Anglo-American, Criterion, Piccadilly.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, 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, Poplar, at 8.
 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, N.E., at 8.
 Domestic, 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, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.
 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.
 Mount Edgumbe, 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.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
 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.

11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel.
 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 829, High Cross, Bull Hotel, Dartford.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17.

CRAFT LODGES.

140, St. George, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich,
 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
 1044, Wandsworth, Town Hall, Wandsworth.
 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
 1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.

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.
 Londesborough, 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.
 Domestic Chapter, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
 1503, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18.

CRAFT LODGES.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.
 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.
 55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 733, Westbourne, Lords' Hotel, St. John's Wood-road.
 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 1320, Blackheath, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 1327, King Harold, Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross.
 1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1512, Hemming, Greyhound, Hampton Wick.
 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tavern.
 1681, Londesboro', Café Royal, Regent-street.
 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Courts, 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, Wheatheaf 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, Feltbam.
 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, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
 Leopold, Blackwall Railway Hotel, 7, London-street, Fenchurch-street, 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 Railway 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.

79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
 913, Pattison, High School for Boys, Brook-hill, Plumstead.
 1385, Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet.

MARK LODGE.

Bon Accord, 8A, Red Lion-square.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

CRAFT LODGES.

House Committee Boys' School, at 4.
 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond.
 1704, Anchor, Cannon-street Hotel.
 1902, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.

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 Head, 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 6.
 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.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
 Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
 Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

MARK LODGE.

226, Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.

ROSE CROIX.

10, Invicta, 33, Golden-square, W.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20.

CRAFT LODGES.

1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.

1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.
 1897, Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

143, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street, Hotel.
 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

MARK LODGE.

251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, October 20, 1888.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15.

CRAFT LODGES.

77, Freedom, New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend.
 236, York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York.
 264, Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Park-road, Batley.
 312, Lion, Masonic Hall, John-street, West Cliff, Whitby.
 331, Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Masonic Hall, Truro.
 359, Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Albion-place, Southampton.
 408, The Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth, Yorks.
 433, Hope, Swan, Brightlingsea, Essex.
 455, Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Dalkeith-place, Kettering.
 466, Merit, George Hotel, St. Martin's, Stamford Baron.
 467, Tudor, Masonic Hall, Oldham.
 557, Loyal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Callington.
 613, Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Eastbank-street, Southport.
 725, Stoneleigh, Craven Arms Hotel, High-street, Coventry.
 812, Lewis, Freemasons' Hall, Duke-street, Whitehaven.
 884, Derwent, George Hotel, Wirksworth.
 900, St. George's, Town Hall, High-street, Tewkesbury.
 925, Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 934, Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield, Lancashire.
 1030, Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris.
 1141, Mid Sussex, King's Head, Horsham, Sussex.
 1170, St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 1199, Agriculture, Ship and Castle Inn, Congresbury.
 1205, Metham, 1, Caroline-place, East Stonehouse.
 1208, Corinthian, Freemasons' Hall, Snargate-street, Dover.
 1238, Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
 1255, Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
 1286, Bayons, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Market Rasen.
 1443, Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
 1477, Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, High-street, Mold, Flintshire.
 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 1542, Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Castleford, Yorks.
 1573, Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton, Salop.
 1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Alford.
 1631, St. Andrew, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston.
 1730, Urnston, Lord Nelson Hotel, Urnston, Lancashire.
 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley, Lancashire.
 1909, Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.
 1973, Saye and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvidere, Kent.
 2074, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport.
 2081, Golden Fleece, Masonic Hall, Leicester.
 2086, Dacre, Assembly Rooms, High-street, Stevenage, Herts.
 2114, Lodge of Prudence, M.H., 22, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 2144, De Totton, Griffin Hotel, Bowden, Cheshire.
 2208, Horsa, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth, Hants.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

39, St. John the Baptist, Freemasons' Hall, Exeter, at 8.
 74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham, at 7.
 184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, 7.30.
 213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
 261, Unanimity and Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton, at 7.
 302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
 315, Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 8.30.
 378, Loyal Welsh, M.H., Queen-street, Pembroke Dock, at 7.30.
 382, Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.
 429, Royal Navy, Shipwrights' Arms, Ramsgate, at 8.
 521, Truth, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, at 8.
 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 872, Lewis, Masonic Hall, Duke-street, Whitehaven.
 902, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-sq., Workington, at 8.
 1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, at 8.
 1138, Devon, Masonic Hall, Newton Abbott, at 8.
 1174, Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 7.
 1221, Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
 1286, Bayons, Corn Exchange, Market Rasen, at 8.
 1424, Brownrigg, King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, Kent, 7.30.
 1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter's-place, Canterbury, at 8.
 1536, United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
 1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Alford, at 8.
 1776, Unity, F.M.H., 79, Commercial-road, Landport, at 7.
 1799, Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, at 8.
 1804, Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
 1981, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park-road, Norbiton, at 8.
 2134, Wilberforce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

32, Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 36, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.
 37, Concord, F.M.H., Institute-street, Silverwell-street, Bolton.
 40, Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
 53, Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
 237, Virtue and Hope, Masonic Hall, Carr-street, Swansea.
 272, St. Botolph's, Freemasons' Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
 296, Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 428, Sincerity, Angel Hotel, Northwich.
 491, Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, St. Helier's Jersey.
 671, St. Elliw, Masonic Rooms, Llanelly, South Wales.
 734, Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield.
 840, St. George's, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton.
 954, St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport.
 959, Royal Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Ipswich.
 1399, Marlborough, King's Arms, Woodstock.
 1863, Priory, Grand Hotel, Tynemouth.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

206, Hope, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.

MARK LODGES.

17, Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth.
 117, Remigius, Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
 148, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
 386, Adur, Assembly Rooms, Henfield, Sussex.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

97, Prince of Peace, Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

CRAFT LODGES.

126, Silent Temple, Exchange Hotel, Burnley.
 213, Perseverance, 47, Giles-street, Norwich.
 223, Charity, Union-street, Plymouth.
 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey.
 366, St. David's, Masonic Hall, Milford, Pembrokeshire.
 373, Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
 384, St. David's, Albion-buildings, High-street, Bangor.
 386, Unity, Town Hall, Wareham, Dorset.
 402, Royal Sussex, George Hotel, Nottingham.
 414, Union, Masonic Hall, Grey Friars-road, Reading.
 418, Menturia, Freemasons' Hall, Cheapside, Hanley.
 432, Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton.
 468, Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
 551, Yarborough, Masonic Hall, High-street, Ventnor (I. of W.).
 624, Abbey, Masonic Hall, Burton-on-Trent.
 632, Concord, Masonic Hall, Silver-street, Trowbridge.
 660, Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkersgate, Malton.
 662, Dartmouth, Masonic Rooms, Paradise-st., West Bromwich.
 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 779, Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Masonic Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
 789, Dunheved, Masonic Hall, Launceston.
 814, Parrett and Axe, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Crewkerne.