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The Girls'
School
Establishment.

THERE appears to be a certain amount of dissatisfaction either expressed or felt in sundry directions that no increase in the Girls' School establishment was authorised at the recent meeting of the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers. The brethren who take this view argue pretty much in this fashion: The recent Centenary Festival yielded contributions amounting to upwards of £50,000; an ordinary Festival yields on an average from £12,000 to £13,000, and the expenditure in ordinary circumstances averages about £12,000 per annum. Therefore, the Craft has a right to expect that something should be done in return for its additional contributions, and especially when the vacancies to be filled up in the usual course at the recent election were only nine, while the number of approved candidates was 62. What, ask these brethren, is the good of all this lavish subscription if something is not immediately done to reduce the number of poor children who are knocking so anxiously at the doors of the Institution for admission to its benefits? Well, it certainly does seem hard lines that nothing could be done in this direction at the recent Quarterly General Court, but a very slight examination of the circumstances in which the School is placed will suffice to show that it was sound policy on the part of those who are chiefly responsible for the government of the Institution both to abstain from recommending an immediate increase in the number of children, and to do all in their power to discountenance and, if necessary, defeat, any motion for such an increase that might have been brought forward. We consider the governing authorities have shown their fitness for office by the course they have pursued, both generally and in regard to the particular circumstances of the case. When the Centenary Anniversary of the institution of the School was approaching, they took not only the Governors and Subscribers, but the whole body of English Freemasons, into their confidence. They pointed out that, notwithstanding the additional accommodation which had been obtained by the purchase of contiguous land and houses, and the re-arrangement of the premises already erected, the School, in consequence of the recent rapid augmentations of number, was seriously overcrowded; and in the appeal they addressed to the general body of English Freemasons for funds with which to suitably commemorate that important Anniversary, they very wisely determined on asking for such a sum as would enable them in the first place to remedy this very serious defect, and in the second place to still further augment the numbers on the establishment, in the event of such further augmentation being necessary and possible. They had plans prepared and estimates framed, with a view to ascertaining how and at what cost their purpose could be best effected, and in the result they recommended for adoption—and the General Court at once acquiesced in the recommendation—a plan by which, at a cost of some £20,000, the defect of overcrowding would be remedied and ample space provided for increasing the number of children by about 70, if necessary. The brethren responded generously to this appeal. They not only subscribed the sum that was wanted in order to carry out the Centenary Commemoration Scheme, and the £12,000 required for the usual annual expenditure, but they worked with such hearty goodwill that at the Centenary banquet His ROYAL HIGHNESS was able to announce a total of subscriptions amounting to considerably over £50,000, or, in other words, about from £15,000 to £18,000 in excess of what the Committee, had announced as necessary. But we must not lose sight of the fact that this splendid generosity of the Craft neither neutralises nor removes the difficulties and even danger to health which arise from overcrowding. In fact, the execution of the Centenary Scheme, which is now in progress, must have the effect of augmenting rather than diminishing these difficulties, and the question which is more immediately troubling the authorities is not—How shall we admit more candidates? but rather—How shall we accommodate the 240 and odd children already admitted, while the re-erection of a considerable part of the existing premises is going on? It is most unfortunate—and we venture to say that none regret it more than the authorities of the School themselves—that something could not have been done at the recent Quarterly Court of the Governors to reduce the list of applicants; but the mere possession of a few thousands of pounds sterling more than was asked for or expected, will not convert a small area into a large one, and until this

is done, it would be madness to authorise any addition to the present establishment. Nor until this conversion has been made and paid for, do we think it wise or expedient that we should concern ourselves seriously about the additional number to be admitted, whether it shall be ten or fifty. The motto of the CAVENDISH family—"Cavendo tutus"—is a safe one to observe, and it will be time enough for the Committee to submit any recommendations it may think proper in this respect when it has certified itself as to the position in which the Institution will be placed pecuniarily in its altered circumstances. Lastly, if we wish that our Institutions should continue to be well-governed by men in whom the Craft can repose the utmost confidence, we had better not overwhelm the Committee with impossible or ridiculous suggestions; or otherwise we shall stand a fair chance of losing, or not obtaining, the services of our best men.

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It is not often the good fortune of a Provincial Grand Lodge to have so full a programme of business to transact as did that of Cumberland and Westmorland at its recent annual meeting at Workington. On this occasion not only were there the usual reports to be delivered as to the proceedings of the past year and the condition of the Craft in the Province, but there were likewise two important functions to be discharged. In the first place a new lodge, now known by the style and title of the Eden, No. 2285, was to be consecrated, and afterwards the chief corner-stone of the Parish Church of Workington was to be laid with Masonic ceremonial. At both these functions, as well as during the transactions of the regular business in Provincial Grand Lodge, the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. L. F. B. DYKES, presided in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Earl of BECTIVE, P.G.M., and under his able direction everything passed off most successfully, the consecration of the Eden Lodge being the more fortunate portion of the extra programme, as it was carried out under the hospitable roof of the Green Dragon Hotel; while the effect of the out-of-door ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the church was seriously marred by the torrents of rain which fell during its performance. As to the various reports which were presented and adopted, they demonstrated clearly enough that Freemasonry in the Lake Country is in a highly prosperous condition, and constitute an eloquent testimony to the zeal and ability of the brethren who are entrusted with the management of its affairs, and particularly of Bro. Lord BECTIVE himself, his worthy Deputy, Bro. DYKES, and Bro. GEO. J. MCKAY, the indefatigable G. Secretary of the Province. During the 22 years of his lordship's administration as Provincial Grand Master, the number of lodges under his rule has been increased by 50 per cent., while the occasions have been very numerous on which the Province has stood forth prominently—at times, indeed, more prominently than in proportion to its strength—in support of our central Masonic Institutions. Its funds, too, are in a healthy state, and the roll of its subscribing members in keeping with the increased number of its lodges. All this is vastly to its credit, and we may be sure that, while the government of the Province is in such excellent hands, Freemasonry in Cumberland and Westmorland will maintain its present advanced position among the Provinces of England.

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Bro. W. Kelly's
Masonic
Jubilee.

In our remarks last week on the proceedings at the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland, we briefly referred to the resolution then passed by the brethren of those counties, in which they congratulated that most distinguished Mason, Bro. WILLIAM KELLY, their former chief in Craft and their present in Royal Arch and Mark Masonry, on the then approaching celebration of his Masonic Jubilee. The event has since been celebrated, and, as will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere of what passed on the occasion, in a manner which, while it conferred honour on one so richly deserving of it, at the same time reflected the greatest credit on all who had a share in organising, or were present at, the joyful gathering. It is true the celebration took place not at a special, but at a regular meeting of the lodge—St. John's, No. 279, Leicester—in which Bro. KELLY obtained his first insight into our mysteries, just 50 years ago; but he happens to be the W. Master for the current year, having been thrice previously elected to the same office; and it was, no doubt, considered better and more honourable to Bro. KELLY that the celebration of his Jubilee should be looked upon as part of the regular duties of the lodge. At all events, it was on the 7th November, 1838, that Bro. KELLY was initiated into Freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester, and it was on the 7th Nov., 1888, that, having continued always a subscribing member, he presided as W.M. for the fourth time and father of the lodge at his own Jubilee, the occasion being marked by a very full attendance of members, of Grand Officers, both Present and Past, of the Province, and visitors from most of the neighbouring lodges and many in more distant localities; by the presentation of an address and handsome memento of the auspicious event in the shape of a massive silver loving cup; and a

paper entitled "Fifty years Masonic Reminiscences briefly told," which had been compiled by the veteran brother himself, and was read on his behalf by Bro. the Rev. C. HENTON WOOD, Prov. G. Secretary. Indeed, nothing had been overlooked or was omitted which could lend *éclat* to the occasion, and the day will always remain one of the most memorable in the annals not only of the St. John's Lodge itself, but likewise of Freemasonry throughout the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland generally. There are not many Masons living who are able to contrast as vividly as Bro. KELLY will be seen to have done in his interesting Reminiscences the present position of Freemasonry in this Province with what it was 50 years ago; and there are fewer still who can point to so active and honourable and so beneficial a record of work as he can. Only two of the 12 or 13 lodges now on the roll of the Province were in existence at the time of Bro. KELLY'S initiation, namely, the old lodge at Hinckley—the Knights of Malta, No. 50—and his mother lodge—the St. John's, No. 279, Leicester—and there were also at the time two others, since extinct, which were able to maintain a precarious existence. Of the lodges that have been since established, he is among the founders of six and was installed as W.M. of two of them. Again, fifty years ago, with the exception of Bro. Sir F. G. FOWKE, Bart., then D.P.G.M., there was not a Mason resident in Leicestershire who could perform the ceremony of installation, and whenever a Master was to be installed, and the Deputy's services were not obtainable, Bro. LAURENCE THOMPSON, the well-known Prestonian lecturer, was summoned from London to perform the ceremony. But in December, 1842, at the close of his first Mastership, Bro. KELLY installed his successor, and for very many years past it has been the rule rather than the exception for an outgoing W.M. to discharge this important duty. He has also filled nearly all the important offices in Provincial Grand Lodge, was Dep. P.G.M. under the late Bros. Sir F. G. FOWKE and Earl HOWE, and, on the resignation of the latter, received from the late Grand Master, the Earl of ZETLAND, his patent of appointment as Prov. G.M. This office he resigned three years later, but he has been G. Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons since 1870, Prov. Grand Mark Master since 1858, and is Chief Intendant General in the Red Cross Order. He was the first recipient in the Province of a P.M.'s jewel, and has been honoured at different times with different testimonials of the esteem and respect in which he is held by the brethren of the Province. He was largely instrumental in bringing about the establishment, in Leicester, of a Freemasons' Hall, and is the author of one of the best histories of Freemasonry in an English Province which it has been our privilege to read. During the whole of his long career he has been Masonry's chief and strongest pillar in Leicestershire, and there is hardly a Masonic institution in that favoured Province, in the establishment, revival, or improvement, of which he has not taken a leading part. In short, there is no man living whose services to Provincial Masonry are more worthy of recognition than those rendered by our respected Bro. KELLY, and we congratulate both him and his lodge, and the brethren of the Province generally, on the quiet, but appropriate, recognition which those services have just received.

NOTES ON THE CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION.

BY BRO. H. SADLER.

(Continued from page 650).

When this system of visiting the lodges officially was discontinued, I am unable to say, the Grand Lodge records throw no light on the subject, and, unfortunately, at this most interesting period of the history of our Order, Masonic Journalism was a nonentity. Probably an examination of some of the private lodge books would afford the information desired. I have good reason for believing that no material alteration in the ordinary ceremonies of the Craft has been sanctioned by Grand Lodge since the Lodge of Reconciliation finished its labours, so thoroughly and efficiently did that lodge carry out the duties entrusted to it; but with regard to the ceremony of Installation the case was apparently different, for Grand Lodge Minutes, 6th June, 1827, inform us that

"The M.W. Grand Master stated that finding there was much diversity in the Ceremonial of the Installation of Masters of Lodges, and feeling it to be most desirable that uniformity should exist, His Royal Highness had deemed it expedient to issue a Warrant to certain intelligent Brothers directing them, after due and careful examination and consideration, to hold meetings for the purpose of promulgating and giving instructions in this important Ceremony that conformity might be produced, and also at such meetings to instal any Masters of Lodges who had been duly elected to office. That he had limited the period for the continuance of this Board or Lodge of Installed Masters to the Quarterly Communication in December next."

The Warrant here referred to was printed and sent to the Masters of the lodges in the London district, accompanied by the following circular:—

"Free-Masons' Hall,
10th December, 1827.

"The M.W. GRAND MASTER having been pleased to issue a WARRANT (a copy of which is on the other side) constituting certain Brethren into a lodge or Board of Installed Masters, authorizing and requiring them to hold Public Meetings, for the purposes set forth in the Warrant, we are directed to acquaint you that the Board has appointed the under-mentioned Days for holding such Public Meetings, at this place, when your attendance, and that of your Past Masters, is required.

"As the Names and Residences of your Past Masters must be best known to you, it is earnestly requested that you will give them immediate Notice of the Meetings, viz.:—

Monday, the 17th December } At Seven o'clock
Saturday, the 22d December } in the evening
Friday, the 28th December } punctually.

"We are, W.M.,

"Your obedient Servants and Brothers,

"W. H. WHITE } G.S.
EDW. HARPER }

The following is a verbatim copy of the Warrant of the Board of Installed Masters:

AUGUSTUS FREDERICK G.M.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL, AND LOVING BRETHREN.
WE PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, DUKE OF SUSSEX, EARL OF INVERNESS, BARON OF ARKLOW, K.G., &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS.

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to us that, from the want of immediate source for information and instruction, there exists some diversity of practice in the Installation of Masters of Lodge; and feeling how important it is that all Rites and Ceremonies in the Craft should be conducted with uniformity and correctness; and with a view, therefore, to produce such uniformity, We have thought it proper to appoint, and do accordingly nominate and appoint our trusty and well-beloved Brothers William Meyrick, G. Registrar; William Henry White, G. Secretary; John Bott, J.G.D.; Edward Wellington Cleere, W.M. of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, Thomas R. Smith, P.M. of the Lodge No. 1; Richard Percival, Dep. M. of the Lodge No. 2; Thomas Cant, W.M. of the Lodge No. 9; Joseph Taylor, P.M. of the Lodge No. 22; Thomas Moore, P.M. of the Lodge No. 29; and Philip Broadfoot, P.M. of the Lodge No. 381, to make known to all who may be entitled to participate in such knowledge the Rites and Ceremonies of Installation as the same have already been approved by us, upon the Report of a Special Committee appointed for that purpose: And in order the more effectually to carry this our intention into execution and operation, We do constitute the before-named Brethren into a Lodge or Board of Installed Masters, authorizing and requiring them to hold meetings for the purpose of communicating Instructions in such Rites and Ceremonies, giving Notice thereof to the Masters of our several Lodges, enjoining their attendance, as well as the attendance of their several Past Masters at such meetings: And We do further authorize and empower the said Lodge, or Board of Installed Masters, when duly assembled, to instal into office all such Masters of Lodges as may not heretofore have been regularly installed, and who shall require the same: And We do declare that this our Warrant shall continue in force for the space of Twelve Calendar Months, and no longer,

Given at London, the Sixth Day of February, A.L. 5827, A.D. 1827,

WILLIAM H. WHITE } G.S.
EDW. HARPER }

DUNDAS, D.G.M.

Before proceeding further, it would, perhaps, be as well if I were to offer a few remarks on the Masonic status of the brethren selected by the M.W.G.M. for the important duties specified in the foregoing document. William Meyrick, it will be remembered, was the first S.W. of the Lodge of Reconciliation on the part of the "Moderns;" this office he relinquished on being appointed Grand Registrar at the Union, although he occasionally attended its meetings after his promotion. He was a member of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and served the Craft in the capacity of legal adviser to the Grand Lodge from 1813 till his decease in 1836, a longer period than any other brother has filled that important office. It is scarcely necessary to add that Bro. Meyrick enjoyed the full confidence and esteem of his Royal chief, the Duke of Sussex, who, the writer of his obituary says, "expressed a wish to inspect his Masonic papers, which were immediately forwarded." I cannot find his name amongst the visitors of the Lodge of Promulgation, a circumstance which is explained by the facts of his not having been in the Master's chair at the time that lodge was in session, and only actual Masters being invited to its meetings; but, doubtless from his long connection with the Lodge of Antiquity, having joined that lodge in 1792, he was thoroughly conversant with the ceremony of Installation.

The next name on this Warrant is that of W. H. White, one of the Grand Secretaries appointed at the Union in 1813. He was born in 1777, initiated in the Lodge of Emulation, No. 12 (now No. 21), in 1799, of which lodge he was Master in 1809, when he was appointed Junior Warden of the Lodge of Promulgation, and was one of the first to receive the benefit of Installation in that lodge on the 16th November, 1810. At the preceding Grand Festival, he was appointed Joint Grand Secretary with his father (William White), and was nominated by the Duke of Sussex Secretary of the Lodge of Reconciliation in 1813, although his name subsequently appears in the list of Officers as Treasurer, the Secretarial duties devolving upon Edwards Harper, one of the nominees of the Duke of Kent.

White and Harper were appointed Joint Grand Secretaries of the United Grand Lodge, in which capacities they officiated till 1838, when the latter retired, the former continuing in his office down to 1857, when, by reason of advanced age and failing health, he also was compelled to seek the retirement which his long and important services fully entitled him to. I cannot do better than quote the words of the late Earl of Zetland, when referring to this event in Grand Lodge on the 29th April, 1857:

"Before proceeding to nominate the Grand Officers, the M.W. Grand Master referred to the eminent services that Brother W. H. White had rendered to the Craft for upwards of fifty-five years.* The Grand Master said that he knew of no Brother who better understood the mysteries of the Order and all the intricate difficulties connected with it; and he felt assured that the Grand Lodge would, on a future occasion, mark their sense of the value of those services by joining with him in granting to Brother White the full amount of his salary for the remainder of his days."

I need hardly say that the suggestion of the Grand Master was adopted by acclamation at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

By the death of this venerable brother (which occurred on the 5th April, 1866) English Freemasonry suffered a loss which may justly be described as irreparable; he was the connecting link between the Masonry of to-day and that of the last century, and could speak from his own knowledge of all the changes and stirring events that had occurred during his long connection with the Craft. On all points of Masonic ritual, custom, or observance, his decision was, as may readily be imagined, final and conclusive, and I am fully satisfied that no such innovations as I have been given to understand have recently been added to the ceremony of installation would have been tolerated in his day.

* Bro. White officiated as Assistant to his father for several years prior to his formal appointment as Joint Grand Secretary.—H.S.

(To be continued.)

BERKELEY HOTEL (late St. James's), 1, Berkeley-street and 77, Piccadilly, London, W. First class accommodation for residents, with a Restaurant newly-attached for high class luncheons and dinners, at fixed prices and, à la carte. C. DIETTE, Manager.—[ADVT.]

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 279, LEICESTER.

THE MASONIC JUBILEE OF BRO. WILLIAM KELLY, P.P.G.M. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The last regular meeting of this lodge, held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., was a memorable occasion, it being the Jubilee of Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., Past Provincial Grand Master Leicestershire and Rutland, who was initiated 50 years ago into this lodge, the date of his initiation being Wednesday, 7th November, 1838. Bro. Kelly is at this time filling the chair of W.M. of his lodge for the fourth time, the first year of his occupancy being the distant one of 1841. Also at the present time Bro. Kelly is Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, and the Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons of the Province of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, and Rutland, which office he has held since 1858. He is also Intendant-General of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine for the Province of Leicester, Rutland, Notts, and Hunts, and is in many ways actively and intimately connected with Freemasonry in all its branches.

The occasion of his Jubilee, a period of service given to but very few to enjoy, called forth feelings of congratulation from every brother in the province, for amongst all the name of Bro. Kelly is revered and loved for his many kindly qualities.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER called upon Bro. Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.G. Sec., to read a Paper, entitled "Fifty Years' Masonic Reminiscences Briefly Told," on his behalf, as he (the W.M.) was suffering from a cold. The Paper was extremely interesting, and a concise report of it is appended.

Bro. Kelly commenced by expressing the opinion that, doubtless, on such an occasion it would be naturally expected that he should relate some of the more prominent events which have occurred during his connection with the Craft. Whilst deprecating any thought on the part of his hearers that he might be thought guilty of any undue self-glorification in relating the honours he had received, he thought his Masonic career might be useful in showing to the brethren generally that it was open to all of them to achieve similar honours. His interest in Masonry commenced at an early period. His father was initiated a Mason and took the Royal Arch Degree in New York, and brought back with him Webb's "Masonic Monitor" (then a standard work), and he—a schoolboy of 13—read it eagerly, and used to "pump" his father for information as to Masonry. As soon as he reached his majority, he applied to a P.M. of St. John's Lodge to be admitted, but, owing to dissensions then prevailing, he was advised to wait, and it was three years later (in 1838) he was initiated. He was initiated with two others, one of whom was now dead, but the other (Bro. John Garle Browne) was still alive, but ill-health prevented his presence that evening. On 17th November, 1838—50 years that very day—he was initiated, and was raised on the 9th January, 1839. At the next lodge he was made S.D.; his rapid rise was owing to the small attendance at lodge. Frequently the minutes of that period were marked "no lodge held," owing to the thin attendance, and the working of the lodge was very imperfect. He was appointed J.W. at the festival of the lodge in December, 1839, Bro. Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., D.P.G.M., being present to install the W.M., and he was appointed S.W. in December, 1840, and placed in the chair of K.S. in December, 1841, there being only 15 brethren present, including three visitors. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Laurence Thompson, the Prestonian Lecturer, in the Lodge of Antiquity, who used to annually attend to perform that duty at the charges of the lodge, there being no one competent to perform it, in the absence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir F. Fowke. He initiated two candidates after his installation, and during the year of his office he had the large number of 14 initiations, which was unprecedented. During his year the scheme of building a Masonic Hall was mooted, it having been previously suggested in 1824, and a site procured, but the idea lapsed. During that year as many as 23 meetings were held, one of which was for making the arrangements for the Masonic funeral of Bro. Christopher Musson, who had annually expressed his desire at the festival that he should be buried as a Mason. He died in November, 1842, and was buried with Masonic ceremony, it being performed by Bro. Sir F. Fowke, D.P.G.M., and it was the last of its kind, and the only one in this century. At the next festival he installed his successor in the chair. His first Provincial office was that of J.D. in 1841, then S.D. in the succeeding year, and also as Junior and Senior Warden, the last in 1846. He presided at a Prov. Grand Lodge at Loughborough on July 24th, 1844, the P.G.M. not arriving till the business was over—his usual custom; and, the D.P.G.M. having to leave immediately lodge was opened, he presided over the meeting and installed a Master in the Lord Rancliffe Lodge. He was exalted in the Royal Arch in September, 1841, in the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, and in the succeeding years filled the Principals' chairs, being M.E.Z. in 1843 and 1844. In the year 1846 the John of Gaunt Lodge was formed, and the rivalry, if it may be so called, was productive of an increase of members of the Craft, and an infusion of new life in the mother Lodge of St. John, and a Royal Arch chapter was obtained in the next year for the new lodge, called the St. Augustine Chapter, it was consecrated, and Bro. Kelly was installed M.E.Z. on 21st June, 1847; in 1863 it was decided to unite the members of the two chapters in the Chapter of Fortitude, and the Chapter of St. Augustine was moved to Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Bro. Kelly again presiding as M.E.Z. In June, 1848, at the festival of the John of Gaunt Lodge, Bro. Kelly was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, being the first presented in the province. Lord Rancliffe, F.G.M., died in 1851, after holding the office of P.G.M. for 40 years; during the first half of that period he never held a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. Kelly assisted at the installation of his successor on the 23rd April—it was that excellent Mason, Sir Frederick Gustavus Fowke, Bart., who had been D.P.G.M., and done the work for 20 years. Bro. Kelly was appointed Sir Frederick's Deputy on 28th April, 1852; but his appointment with full powers did not take place till four years later, on the 19th Feb., 1856, and three months later Sir Frederick died, and Bro. Kelly bears eloquent testimony to his merits as a man and a Mason. Earl Howe was appointed by patent as successor to the office on 18th June, 1856, and, on Oct. 14th he signed Bro. Kelly's patent as Deputy, and he had the honour of installing him as P.G.M. on the 18th November.

Then followed reminiscences of the connection of Earl Howe with St. John's Lodge, of which he was W.M. in 1823. At the time of the appointment of Earl Howe as Prov. G.M., Masonry was at a low ebb in the province, several lodges having become extinct. But in July, 1858, a lodge was resuscitated at Hinckley, and Lord Howe accepted the office of W.M., and 13 candidates were elected. In 1859, a third attempt to erect a Masonic Hall was successful, and Lord Howe, as P.G.M., laid the foundation stone of the present Hall, and it was completed in the following year, when it was duly consecrated by Earl Howe. In 1860, a lodge was founded at Ashby-de-la-Zouch by the late Earl Ferrers, who was nominated the W.M., and Bro. Kelly was named in the warrant one of its founders. But Lord Ferrers dying before it was consecrated, Bro. Kelly performed the ceremony, and installed Bro. Mammatt as the first W.M.; and he later on initiated in that lodge the present bearer of the title, and the present P.G.M., and who has held the office for 17 years, and appointed Bro. Kelly his D.P.G.M. for two years. In 1864, a lodge at Loughborough was founded, called the Howe and Charnwood, and Earl Howe was its first Master; in 1866, the Rutland Lodge was formed at Melton Mowbray, and for the first year Bro. Kelly acted as *locum tenens* for the W.M., Bro. Geo. Norman, and the brethren, as a mark of esteem, at the close of the year presented him with a loving cup. Bro. Kelly was again W.M. of the St. John's, in 1867, at the urgent request of the brethren, and a testimonial was presented to him at the close of the year. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Newstead Lodge, Nottingham, in the year 1858, and charters were obtained in that year for the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, and the Howe Lodge, No. 21; for the former he was nominated Master, and at the same time was honoured by receiving a patent of appointment as Prov. G.M. Master of Leicestershire. At the close of the first year, no meetings of the two lodges were summoned, and the lodges were in abeyance eight years, but were again revived Feb. 20, 1868, Bro. Kelly occupying the chair of the Fowke Lodge; the Howe Lodge was removed to Melton Mowbray, where it remains. A moveable Grand Mark Lodge was held at Leicester, Oct. 27, 1870, the Rev. G. R. Portal being M.W. Grand Master, and Earl Percy the D.G.M., and there was a large attendance, and again Leicester was honoured by the presence of Mark Grand Lodge in 1876, when the Simon de Montfort Lodge, 194, was formed, and Bro. Ald. Wm. Barfoot, the Mayor of Leicester, was installed the first W.M. A compliment was paid to Bro. Kelly in 1882, when a charter was granted for a lodge of Ark Mariners, to be named "The William Kelly Lodge," and moored to the Fowke Lodge, 19. On Sept. 30, 1869, Rutland was added to Leicestershire, under Earl Howe's rule, and the Vale of Catmos Lodge, 1265, was consecrated, Bro. Kelly performing the ceremony, and at this provincial meeting Lord Howe expressed his wish to resign, on account of his health. At the banquet succeeding the ceremony, Bro. Kelly expressed his intention to resign with Lord Howe, and a scene of excitement ensued, many brethren exclaiming that he ought to succeed Lord Howe. To prevent misconception, he explained that three years before, Lord Howe, then thinking of retiring, urged him strongly to allow himself to be nominated as his successor, but Bro. Kelly declined, feeling he was not able to occupy so exalted a position. The next meeting of Prov. G. Lodge passed a resolution unanimously, in his absence, in favour of his appointment to the office of P.G.M. Lord Howe resigned in Dec., 1869, and Bro. Kelly was honoured with the appointment by patent on 3rd January, 1870, Grand Master of the Province, and he also received his patent as Grand Supt. of Royal Arch Masonry, which he still holds. Bro. Kelly was installed P.G.M. on Feb. 10, 1870. Lord Howe, on Bro. Kelly's accession, gave him his handsome gold chain of office, which Lord Howe had worn as Deputy G.M. of England. Then followed reminiscences of Bro. Kelly's part in the laying of the foundation stones of the churches of St. Paul and St. Mark in May, 1870, and another on November 14th, 1872—the Howe Memorial Church. In July, 1870, he consecrated the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330, and also the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391. He also consecrated the Charwood Chapter in January, 1873, Earl Ferrers being installed M.E.Z. At the Provincial Grand Lodge on November 14th, 1872, he announced his intention through ill-health of resigning the office of P.G.M., and read a "Farewell Address," which was printed. His rule over the province, which had practically extended over 17 years, came to an end on 18th April, 1873, when he presided for the last time and installed his successor, Bro. the Right Hon. Sewallis Edward, Earl Ferrers. A beautifully illuminated address, bound in book form, was presented to him, and a purse of 150 guineas raised by a limited subscription. On August 3rd, 1874, the foundation stone of a new Town Hall, Leicester, was laid by Bro. Kelly, Bro. Earl Ferrers being out of the country, and having invited him to perform the ceremony, he assisted the Mayor in the work. On December 5th, 1882, as Senior Prov. G. Mark Master, he assisted the late Duke of Albany in consecrating the Grand Masters Lodge of Mark Masters. He consecrated the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, Leicester, by desire of the P.G.M., Bro. Earl Ferrers, and installed Bro. Earl Ferrers as its first Master, and on the 14th February, 1884, he consecrated the Granite Lodge, No. 2028, Narborough, installing as its first Master that zealous Mason, Bro. Rev. W. Langley; and lastly, on March 2nd, 1886, he consecrated the St. George's Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, as Grand Superintendent of the Province. On 29th April, 1884, the brethren presented him with his portrait, which hangs in the Masonic Hall in company with the portraits of his predecessors, Bros. Sir F. Fowke and Earl Howe. Then followed an interesting account of his progress in the Degrees of Masonry usually called the "side Degrees," and which it is necessary, owing to limited space, to omit. And also an account of the progress of Mark Masonry in the county of Leicester and its adjoining counties of Derby and Northampton, which are under Bro. Kelly's rule, and in which Mark Masonry has made rapid progress within the last few years. He also mentioned with pleasure his admittance to membership of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which is limited to 40 members, on September 3rd, 1887. After alluding to the loss of many early friends, he concluded with these words: "I thank God, I am glad to feel that, although many highly valued friends have passed away, I have still many treasured friends in Masonry; and that I have much to be thankful for under the protecting care of T.G.A.O.T.U. So mote it be!"

Following on the close of the reading of the paper, Bro. C. STRETTON, P.M., rose and said he was deputed to offer the sincere congratulations of the brethren of the lodge on their dear and revered Bro. Kelly reaching his 50th year of membership. From his personal knowledge during the last 25 years he knew that Bro. Kelly was considered the embodiment of Masonry in the province. They all felt indebted to him for many acts of kindness and for much encouragement. They were most gratified to see him in the chair on that occasion, and trusted that he might long be spared to visit them in lodge. He had the greatest pleasure in presenting Bro. Kelly with a loving cup, on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, as a souvenir of fraternal connection and of this, a red-letter day for St. John's Lodge. The cup, which is a very handsome and massive one of silver, weighing over 87 ounces, bears the following inscription:

"Presented to the Right Worshipful Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. S., Past Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, Worshipful Master for the fourth time of St. John's Lodge, 279, by the brethren of the lodge, on the 50th anniversary of his initiation therein, as a small token of affectionate regard and esteem for 'The Father of the Lodge.' Nov. 7th, 1888."

Bro. S. STEADS PARTRIDGE, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C. England, then rose to supplement the words of Bro. Stretton, and expressed his pleasure at being present on that great and almost unique occasion. He was specially gratified at being there as an honorary member of the lodge, and as representing the Provincial Grand Lodge, to have the opportunity of conveying his congratulations. He, on behalf of the brethren of the province, who had not forgotten the auspicious occasion they were met to celebrate, presented to Bro. Kelly an illuminated address which was voted at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, on October 17th, which was illuminated by Bro. T. P. Bown, and was as follows: "In view of the fiftieth anniversary of the initiation of the R.W. Bro. William Kelly, P.P.G.M., now closely approaching, and in grateful recognition of the zeal and enthusiasm ever displayed by him in all Masonic matters, and of his valued and successful labours on behalf of Freemasonry generally, more especially for the permanent welfare of this province, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicester and Rutland most heartily congratulate their illustrious brother on the occasion, and offer their very sincere wishes that he may long be spared to enjoy the continued esteem and respect of his brethren whilst watching over the progress of the Craft he so loves and adorns," and, as representing the brethren outside the lodge, he expressed the wish that they might for a long time have the pleasure of the visits and encouragement of their esteemed brother.

Bro. KELLY said he felt scarcely able to express his thanks and gratification at these marks of esteem, and should deem himself but the holder of the loving cup in trust for his mother lodge, and which he should treasure so long as he lived as a mark of affection from her. The address gave him the greatest possible gratification, coming as it did from the brethren of the province. He thanked them sincerely for the compliments paid him by the brethren of the lodge and the province. It having been moved that the address be printed, Bro. Kelly at once said, if the lodge desired it, he should have great pleasure in amplifying it and printing it.

Congratulations were received from many friends and lodges by telegram, and numerous letters were received from brethren of the lodge, the province, and others who were absent from ill-health and other causes, notably, a letter from Bro. W. Kelly's brother initiate, Bro. G. J. Browne, whose health did not permit him to be present.

After hearty congratulations had been given the lodge was closed.

The brethren of the lodge and visitors were afterwards entertained at a banquet by the W.M., Bro. Kelly, who presided, being supported on his right by Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., and on his left by Bro. Alderman Thos. Wright, P.M. 1391, P.P.G.R. (Mayor of Leicester), and a large gathering of P.M.'s of the Craft.

After the usual loyal toast, Bro. STRETTON proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Grand Lodge," to which Bro. G. TOLLER, P.G.S.B. Eng., responded.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. S. S. PARTRIDGE, D.P.G.M., who responded, and expressed the pleasure he felt at being present with the Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge at the celebration of the jubilee of so distinguished a brother of the Craft.

The toast of "The W.M., Bro. W. Kelly," was proposed by Bro. T. WRIGHT (Mayor of Leicester) in an eloquent and touching speech, which deeply impressed the brethren. He, in graceful terms, alluded to the W.M.'s experiences, and his influence in the province, both in past times and at the present, eulogising the attention to, and the love for the duties of the Craft which Bro. Kelly had always and did now show, and in concluding, trusted that the remainder of his days might bring him health and happiness, cheered with the sympathy of the whole of the brotherhood.

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, the brethren heartily singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Bro. KELLY, in words of emotion, thanked the brethren for the expressions of sympathy and brotherly feeling, and felt almost too overpowered to say what he did feel. He thought their brother the Mayor had said too much—(no, no)—but he was constrained to take their word for it. He gave some interesting anecdotes of events which he had seen, and, with a few hearty words, again expressed his pleasure at the presence of so many brethren on that occasion. It being a late hour, the W.M., on the conclusion of his speech, wished the brethren good night, and on leaving the room the whole of the company stood up and gave hearty cheers to the venerable brother.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. SPETH, of the Quatuor Coronati, and Bro. F. BINCKES, P.G.S.B. Eng.

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To Correspondents.

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Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham.

Consecration of the Armitage Lodge, No. 2261.

Jubilee of Freemasons in Halifax.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1888.

Original Correspondence.

QUEBEC VERSUS ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with great interest the articles by Bro. Graham, P.G.M., on this subject, but, unfortunately, I have not seen Bro. Hughan's letters on the same matter. I have been very fraternally watching for some correspondence or editorial comment on the question, but up to the present issue (July 28th) none has appeared. Bro. Graham is apparently well qualified to place the Quebec side before the Masonic brethren in its best light, but he must pardon me, as a young Mason, if I point out that he appears to have overlooked the free part of the Mason, and would wish to force the free Mason to become a bond Mason, inasmuch as he would compel all Masons or Masonic lodges, against their wills, to become subordinate to some particular Grand Lodge other than their mother Grand Lodge. I must admit that I am "unconvinced of the correctness of the Quebec constitutional and historical contentions," &c., for I have always held, and must hold until it is clearly shown that I am wrong, that a lodge of any Constitution if established in a Colony or District before a Grand Lodge of that Colony or District is formed, has a perfect right to remain faithful to the mother Grand Lodge if the members decide so to do; but alter that Colonial Grand Lodge is formed, no more lodges of the mother Constitution can be founded in that particular province.

"Freemasonry requires a perfect freedom of will." How can there be a perfect freedom of will if the old lodge is forced to join a new Constitution?—Yours fraternally,

GEO. ROBINSON,
No. 656 (E.C.), Sydney.

September 26th.

"SCOTTISH MASONRY."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Under the above heading in to-day's *Freemason* Bro. Ed. Macbean gives some "jottings," in connection with the history of the Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning, No. 4. Bro. Macbean is wrong in his assumption that the John Anderson who presided at a meeting of the lodge on 1st April, 1735, was Master of Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2; he was Master of Edinburgh Kilwinning, Scots Arms, No. 3.

I enclose for reproduction in the *Freemason* one of a series of papers on the history of Scotch lodges I had the honour of contributing many years ago.

D. MURRAY LYON,

Grand Secretary.

November 10th.

[We hope to give the paper above referred to in our next issue.—ED. F.M.]

"EXPULSION OF A SCOTTISH BROTHER."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"A Past Grand Officer" in his letter in the *Freemason* of 10th inst., is pleased to designate the offence for which a Past Master in the Craft has been expelled by the Grand Lodge of Scotland as "a mere technical misdemeanor," which might have been punished by "fine or suspension for a year."

A difference of opinion may exist as to the degree of punishment, but there can be none as to the serious character of the offence. Once tyled, a lodge of Freemasons is closed against the intrusion of all profane or uninitiated persons, whether male or female.

Well, the offence as reported to Grand Lodge by the Grand Committee was that of *deliberately* breaking the tiling of the lodge while it was sitting in the Third Degree, and admitting two females to a place where they saw and heard a considerable portion of the proceedings.

Your Correspondent says "there was no secret of Masonry revealed; there was nothing in the whole proceedings which could not have been witnessed by the world at large." This statement is not in accord with fact. In the ceremony in which the ladies were witnesses the "Grand Honours" were distinctly given at four different stages of the proceedings; and, as given in open lodge in Scotland, these honours illustrate the most sacred of all Masonic obligations, and cannot be described in these pages.

Your Correspondent's reflections, cast as they are upon Grand Lodge and its popular and greatly esteemed Grand Master, Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythwood, are unworthy of any Past Grand Officer.—Yours fraternally,

EDINA.

"AN OLD MASONIC SONG."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Judge tucked up—Tune of Entered Apprentice.

"Pags" enquires if any of your readers have seen the song in print, and if so, where?

The song will be found in the Pocket Companion and History of Freemasons, London, printed for R. Baldwin, W. Johnson, B. Law, Co., and J. Scott, MDCCLXIV.

Page 346, song 15, "Pags" will find five verses, he has only four.

I cannot inform him the name of the brother who narrowly escaped being tucked up.

If "Pags" should get the book he might draw his own conclusion as to the King alluded to. It having a very wide range, commencing with the state of Masonry from the Creation to the Flood. King Solomon's Letter to King Hiram. Hiram's reply to King Solomon. The Consecration of the Temple to the Destruction and Captivity of the Jews, and on to Questyons concerning the Mystery of Maconrye by the Hande of Kyng Henrye the Sixthe, copied by me, Johan Leylande.

The book has a list of songs, a list of lodges, and the days of forming in each month.—Yours fraternally,

LAMB SMITH.

November 10th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Replying to "Pags" enquiry in your last issue—the song referred to appears, with many others, in Auld's Scottish Masonic Pocket Companion of 1761, which is dedicated to the Earl of Elgin, G.M. elect. Unfortunately, I am not in a position to give any information as to the personality of the King except in two small particulars—the four verses quoted are identical with my copy, but there is a fifth which I append. The three last lines of each verse are to be repeated as a chorus.

Verse V.

Tho' ignorant pride
Our secrets deride,
Or foolish conjectures occasion,
They ne'er shall divine
The word or the sign
Of a free and accepted Mason.
Repeat Chorus.

MOTTO. May honour and honesty ever distinguish the brethren.—Yours fraternally,

EDWARD MACBEAN, 2076.

On Tuesday, the third of the series of Subscription Smoking Concerts in aid of the funds of Kings' College Hospital took place at the Portman Rooms, Baker-street. The honours of the evening were decidedly to the Belgravian Orchestral Society, a small but efficient band of performers, who, under Mr. Norfolk Megone, gave a very spirited rendering of the overture to "William Tell" and other operatic selections. A solo on the bassoon, though the cause of considerable merriment, was heartily encored. About 250 guineas have, as yet, been subscribed out of £500, which it is hoped to raise during the winter. There are seven more concerts to be held, including two ladies' nights, the first of which will be on Monday next. We commend these concerts to all Charitable Masons, who would ensure a few good evenings' amusement, and, at the same time, benefit a very deserving institution.



THE CRYPTIC RITE: HISTORY OF THE DEGREES OF ROYAL, SELECT, AND SUPER-EXCELLENT MASTER, THE WORK OF THE RITE IN CANADA, &c. By J. ROSS ROBERTSON, of Toronto, &c. 1888.

This remarkable and curious work possesses no little amount of interest to the student of Masonic History, and for brethren who have taken the Degrees is simply not only a reliable and trustworthy guide, but it is the only volume that treats fully and impartially of the varied experiences of the Cryptic Rite from the earliest evidences of their existence, through numerous conflicting and opposing elements and details, down to the formation of the last Grand Council, and the General Grand Council of the United States. We have no hesitation in declaring that Bro. J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, has done what no one else has even sought to do, exhaustively, a most valuable service on behalf of the Rite, and has placed the members of that body under a lasting obligation, for now they have a record of the eventful past that will bear any amount of scrutiny and critical examination, and it is, withal, scrupulously fair throughout. Bro. Robertson has made a free use of Bro. Drummond's labours in the same direction, to whom he has handsomely acknowledged indebtedness by placing the name of the latter distinguished brother on the title-page, as being the principal authority on whom he has had to rely for accurate information. The volume contains an extraordinary amount of facts and theories, ably presented. Bro. Schultz's noble History of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, General Pike's able Report to the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, Dr. Mackey's authoritative articles, and other contributors have also been duly utilised, and as duly acknowledged. When Bro. Robertson speaks for himself he says so, and he is equally clear when using the labours of others, to give credit where credit is due. This is a feature of the work that commends itself to all authors, not a few of whom have reason to complain of a very different kind of treatment. Our lamented friend, dear old Rob. Morris, was the first to give the title, now so well-known, to this, the "Cryptic Rite." After all the researches by so many gifted brethren, and Bro. Robertson himself winding up the number, by a careful and painstaking investigation, it does not appear, even now, that the origin of these Degrees (in incorporated, so to speak, as the "Cryptic Rite") can be determined or settled in a satisfactory manner. We trace them back to the ninth decade of the last century and then they are lost sight of, or, at all events, their existence beyond 1783 is not certain. They seem to have been originally given as "side Degrees," under the wing of the "Ineffable Degrees," &c., known later on as the "Ancient and Accepted Rite." Sometimes they were under the protecting wings of Grand Royal Arch Chapters, and at other times virtually independent and "free lances" on their own account. At one time, and in one State, the "Select" was first in order, and, again, under other patronage, the "Royal" was first. Apparently—in fact, actually—they were worked as independent Degrees for some years, but eventually they were communicated in combination as now, the Order being "Royal and Select Masters," with occasionally the "Super-Excellent" to complete the trio, as in Canada now. In the latter also, that of the Red Cross ("Babylonish Pass") was for a short interval also added, but again wisely dropped, to be taken charge of by the Knights Templar. The general usage now is to confer the Degrees to Royal Arch Masons only, as adopted by the General Grand Council and most Grand Councils on the Continent of America. Some, however, have placed them under the control of Grand Chapters, as in Iowa, Mississippi, and Texas, although they no more belong to the Royal Arch as such than to the "Supreme Councils," nor, in fact, so much. Others have independent Grand Councils to confer and work the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, as for Connecticut, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island; while, again, three—Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina—differ from all others by allowing these Degrees to be communicated before the Royal Arch, instead of afterwards, as is usual everywhere that they are patronised of late years. A brother is said to be "honoured" on taking the "R.M.," and "chosen" as a "S.M." The aprons are of a triangular form, are black, lined and edged with red. The jewel of a Select Master is a silver trowel within a triangle of the same metal, suspended from a collar, worn by all officers and members. The "Super-Excellent" Degree, or "Super-Excellent Royal Arch," is often to be met with in England from 1763, but we should not like to argue that a Degree of a similar name was the same in reality as introduced at Charlestown in 1783. We commend Bro. Robertson's work most heartily to members of the "Cryptic Rite" throughout the world.

ADDRESS OF COL. W. J. B. MCLEOD MOORE, S.G.M. OF CANADA.

This remarkable address by a veteran Templar and Ruler, delivered at the last meeting of the Great Priory of Canada, is most interesting for Knights Templars wherever dispersed, as much historical information is always given in these annual addresses, termed "Allocutions." The latter term we do not at all like, but apart from the title we can speak most favourably of all these excellent addresses by the world-renowned Templar, who is "heart and soul" committed to that branch of quasi-Freemasonry. We are not aware of any one who has done so much to advance what may be termed the literary and historical interests of the Order as Col. Moore. The ritual adopted by his Great Priory, with the several introductory addresses—the work of the Grand Master—is a model of its kind, and had something of the kind been used in this country, placing as it does the present Society on a sensible basis, we feel persuaded that many more members would now be on the English roll. Col. Moore undoubtedly will be a strong supporter of Bro. Whympers' "Religion of Freemasonry," when he peruses that able volume, as he is a strong advocate of the Christian character of the Craft in early days, and that this distinct feature of the Fraternity, left out of the Degrees, has been continued in the Chivalric Degrees,

especially that of the Knights Templar. He seeks "to redeem true Christian Templary from the mistaken and low ideal it has for many years fallen into," and considers "the assumption of being a military body, applied to the Templar Degree, is manifestly incorrect, the causes which called forth the enthusiastic military spirit of the age when the Order was founded having long since passed away for ever. Modern Templary is no more a military organization than Symbolic Masonry is operative." It is quite pleasant to find the common sense views taken by this veteran frater. If such had prevailed some years ago, when certain changes were made in the style and character of the Society, we cannot but think there would not be such an extraordinary difference between the prosperity of the English and American branches of the Knights Templars. We congratulate the Canadian frater in having such a Grand Master to preside over their Great Priory.



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SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

I am very pleased to note the various interesting sketches of old Scottish lodges furnished by Bro. Edw. Macbean, of Glasgow, as they are valuable aids to Masonic Students and excellent work on behalf of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, of which he is one of the honoured members. Several facts are made known by these sketches, some being of special importance, and I hope my friend will continue his researches, as, though some of the "mines" have been well explored by the Scottish Masonic Historian and esteemed veteran, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec., there are yet others to be investigated, so that we may know all needful particulars of the Craft in the North, especially during early last century, and still earlier, if records can be traced, additional to those unearthed by my valued friend Lyon, who is our respected senior in that department.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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EPITHETS.

In the notes to the "Monastery," Sir Walter Scott says—"There are many instances to be met with in the ancient dramas of this whimsical and conceited custom of persons who form an intimacy, distinguishing each other by some quaint epithet. . . . I think there is some remnant of this foppery preserved in Masonic lodges, where each brother is distinguished by a name in the lodge, signifying some abstract quality, as Discretion, or the like. See the poems of Gavin Wilson." Is Bro. Hughan or any other brother able to substantiate the existence of this custom in bye-gone or present times? Was Gavin Wilson a Masonic poet? I do not remember to have come across the name. And was Sir Walter Scott a Mason? Any information will be thankfully received by

INDOCTUS.



Craft Masonry.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The installation of the above excellent lodge took place on the 8th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, Bro. W. Temple presiding, assisted by a goodly array of Past Masters, officers, and brethren generally.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, a candidate was initiated by the W.M. most impressively. Bro. Charles D'Oyley Mears, S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented by Bro. H. T. Taplay, P.M. and D.C., to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and in due course he was installed in the chair of K.S. and saluted in the Three Degrees. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Dale, S.W.; J. Tytheridge, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Ware, Sec.; L. Crow, S.D.; J. H. White, J.D.; F. C. Ward, I.G.; C. R. Sayers, D.C.; W. E. Cramphorne, Stwd.; J. F. Oates, Asst. Stwd.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and A. K. Turberfield, Tyler.

Bro. Temple then recited the usual charges with marked effect, and concluded an admirably worked ceremony amid unstinted applause. He was then unanimously accorded a vote of thanks, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge for the perfect manner in which he had installed his successor, and it was further resolved "that an illuminated address on vellum, mounted and framed, should be presented to him as a memorial of the event." By some unfortunate means the Past Master's jewel voted to Bro. Temple had not arrived, so that the presentation of it was deferred until the next meeting. Bro. Pitt, the courteous and energetic Secretary of the lodge for the past eight years, having retired from that position, was unanimously voted a Past Secretary's jewel in recognition of his many and valuable services to the lodge during his term of office, the same to be presented at the next meeting. Bros. Temple and Pitt having severally returned thanks for those favours, and hearty good wishes having been tendered by the visiting brethren present, the lodge was closed in due form.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. H. B. Holliday, P.M.; A. Knox, P.M.; P. McCarthy, P.M.; W. Dorton, P.M.; W. Nevins, P.M.; W. Watkins, P.M.; W. Harris, P.M.; B. Johnson, F. C. Wood, F. Maple, B. Wicking, R. Brown, J. Sampson, B. H. Spencer, J. Foster, W. Stockvis, H. Greene, W. Robinson, T. Yates, W. Taylor, and T. Newlin, all of the lodge; R. Walker, W.M. 1598; C. Canning, S.W. 1472; C. Wood, J.W. 1472; G. C. Turner, 299; R. Donagan, 554; T. Vernon, 901; C. Homes, 749; H. Gabb, 813; S. Kirby, 2006; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472; and others.

The banquet, which was of the choicest and splendidly served, having been discussed,

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Queen

and the Craft," saying that in that room the brethren had upon many occasions heard her Most Gracious Majesty's name mentioned with eulogium, and received with enthusiasm, and as she was well worthy of their fullest esteem as a woman and devotion as a Queen, he, following in the footsteps of his predecessors, asked them to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

The next toast was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and, in putting it, the W.M. said, their Grand Master was one of the hardest working men in the kingdom, and was acknowledged throughout the world as the first of English Masons, and the most genial and kindly of Princes.

The toast having been most loyally responded to, that of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," was given, and received with cheers, and was followed by that of "The D.P.G.M., Lord Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and, in so doing, said it gave him very great pleasure to propose it, because he had been intimately associated with Bro. Mears during the whole of his Masonic career; in fact, it was Bro. Mears who proposed him as an initiate, and since that time they had been friends and brothers together. Well, it was a most singular thing that there was he, introduced into Masonry by Bro. Mears, actually proposing, in his capacity as I.P.M., that brother's health, instead of, as in the ordinary course of Masonic procedure, Bro. Mears proposing his. Such were the chances of Masonic office, for if Bro. Mears had not given way, he certainly would have preceded him in the chair. It was not given to every one to become popular, but in Bro. Mears they had a popular man, for he had the happy knack of gaining the esteem and friendship of every one with whom he came in contact, and he felt sure that every one in that room would join in drinking his health in bumpers.

Bro. Mears, who was cheered on rising to respond, said he felt very bashful since he had occupied the chair; so that, if he did not sufficiently thank them, they must put it down to his inability, and not to any want of desire on his part; but he could assure them that he did thank them from the bottom of his heart for the kind reception of his name, and Bro. Temple for his kind expressions. He also desired to thank Bro. Johnson, who, some seven years ago, introduced him to the lodge. So far as Bro. Temple was concerned, he had been associated with him on various boards and businesses, and had always found him a gentleman in every way. Now with respect to the lodge, he was prepared to initiate as many good candidates as they chose to bring before him; give them as many banquets as he could; keep up the prestige of the lodge for its Charity and for its ritual; and do all that in him lied for the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren of it. He told them at the commencement of his speech that he was bashful; well, he was just bashful enough now to tell them that he meant to do the work of the lodge as well as ever it had been done. He did not know whether that was bashful or not, but it was a fact; and if his friend and Jolly brother put it in the *Freemason*, the next time he visited the Henley Lodge that brother would be sat upon by him. Now to be serious; he could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to keep up the honour and prestige of the lodge, so as to make it second to none for its Charity and Masonic attributes generally. Bro. Mears, whose speech was received with mingled cheers and laughter, then resumed his seat amid hearty applause.

Bro. Taplay, in responding for "The Past Masters," said he was proud of the fact that he had initiated Bro. Mears into Freemasonry. He had always found Bro. Mears to be attentive to his work in every office he had held, and was always doing his best to maintain the dignity and integrity of the Capper Lodge.

Bro. Watkins also responded, and then the toast of "The Initiate" was followed by that of "The Visitors," for which a brother (P.M.) of the Emulation Lodge at Dartford, Bros. Canning, Timberly, Gabb, Curly, and Chatterton, responded.

"The Masonic Press" was coupled with the name of Bro. Jolly, who returned thanks.

Bros. Dale and Tytheridge responded for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were interspersed with some good singing and reciting. Bro. Sherwin presiding at the piano.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. John Petch, W.M.; H. Hunt, S.W.; S. Napper, J.W.; John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; A. Cox, acting S.D.; H. B. Harding, J.D.; W. T. Tyrrell, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, D.C.; R. Loomes, Stwd.; Couchman, Tyler; H. Cox, P.M.; D. P. Holness, P.M.; J. H. Thompson, I.P.M.; J. G. Cobb, C. Hiller, D. C. Ritchie, F. Simmonds, N. Amy, J. Baker, W. Ash, J. Gravatt, J. W. Sheldrake, W. Jarvis, P. Faber, C. H. Stevenson, J. A. Blount, and B. Bridgwater. Visitors: Bros. W. Hancock, 1056 and 2191; J. A. Pike, 73; G. W. Andrews, 2021; and F. A. Stewart, 1338, of Auckland, New Zealand.

The lodge opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. William Baker Hartridge, Charles Weber, and Charles Arthur Chapman, and proved unanimous in each instance. Messrs. Weber and Chapman were therefore duly initiated. Mr. W. B. Hartridge was unable to be present through illness. Bro. Amy was raised to the Degree of M.M. The report of the Committee appointed to revise the by-laws was received, and their recommendations approved.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., responded for "The Grand Officers."

The I.P.M., Bro. Thompson, proposed "The Health of the W.M." in his usual happy manner, which was cordially received.

The W.M. having replied, "The Health of the Visitors" was proposed. It was replied to by Bro. W. Hancock in eloquent terms, and by Bro. F. A. Stewart, who thanked the brethren for the

cordial greeting they had given him, which he should feel proud to report to his lodge on his return to New Zealand.

After "The Officers" had been proposed and responded to, the proceedings terminated.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1627).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 2nd instant. The members present included Bros. James Horace Jarvis, W.M.; A. A. Rumsey, S.W.; C. Toope, J.W.; John B. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; C. E. Soppet, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; H. P. Hay, P.M.; H. T. Pitt, H. G. Hale, A. J. Hudson, I.P.M.; E. Delacoste, P.M.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Abel Laurence, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey; J. E. Shand, P.M. 2030; John Whittlesea, 1642; J. F. Wright, S.D. 2016; A. Aldin, J.D. 2032; W. Douglas Young, S.D. 1072; C. H. Adkins, 2146; E. St. Clair, W.M. 2060; J. Smith, 1328; R. Hirst, S.W. 144; J. Loftus, W.M. 1306; J. Knight, P.M. 95; F. M. Newton, 90; A. G. Maskell, P.M. 276, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; F. Bohns, 1687; A. S. Reed, 5; P. Berhle, 1671; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was formally opened and the minutes confirmed. The Audit Committee's report being subsequently received and adopted, Bro. Arthur A. Rumsey was presented as W.M. elect and duly installed into the chair by his predecessor. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. Chas. Toope, S.W.; H. G. Hale, J.W.; J. B. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; E. Soppet, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; H. T. Pitt, S.D.; G. Aylwin, J.D.; H. P. Hay, P.M., I.G.; and Potter, Tyler. The addresses were then impressively delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. J. Horace Jarvis, I.P.M., who was afterwards presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel by the W.M., in recognition of his services during the past year. The I.P.M. having hereby returned thanks, the Secretary announced letters of regret for non-attendance, from Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; F. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; S. Pope, Q.C.; and others. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was admirably served, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., in responding for "The Grand Officers," said he equally regretted, with their W.M., that there were not more Grand Officers present to respond to the toast. He had had the pleasure of being present at the installation meetings of this lodge for some years, and had generally found a good muster of Grand Officers. He had hoped that Bro. Binckes would respond, but the W.M. had reserved him for another toast. The W.M. Master had said that short speeches were to be the order of the evening, and as there was a long programme, he would simply cordially return thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers for the very kind manner in which the toast had been received.

Bro. J. H. Jarvis, I.P.M., said he again had the privilege of wielding the gavel, and those present would know it was for the purpose of proposing "The Health of the W. Master." All the members, and many of the visitors, had had the privilege of seeing the attentive way in which Bro. Rumsey, W.M., had attended to the duties of the lodge. He was quite sure that now that brother had been promoted to the high position of W.M. he would perform the duties of the chair in the same admirable and efficient manner as he had those of the lower offices. The manner in which the W.M. had invested his officers that evening was quite enough for them to know what to expect during the forthcoming year. He would simply ask the brethren to drink the toast in Royal Kensington style.

Bro. Arthur A. Rumsey, W.M., thanked the brethren heartily for the kind manner in which they had drunk the toast, and the I.P.M. for the kindly terms in which he had proposed it. He assured them he should do his best to uphold the dignity of the lodge, and of Freemasonry generally during his year. He could not hope or expect to attain that perfection which their I.P.M. had shown them that night in the installation ceremony, but as he had promised to do his best, he hoped to be able to do credit to the lodge during the time he occupied the chair, and trusted the officers would assist him in that object.

The W.M. then gave "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and said that to have seen their I.P.M. at his best, the visitors should have heard him work the three ceremonies during his year of office. It was a performance that would make any lodge proud to possess such a Master, and although few lodges might equal, none could surpass. That he had such an efficient officer to fall back upon, would give him confidence in his endeavour to perform his duties as they ought to be performed.

Bro. Jarvis, I.P.M., in reply, said it was always difficult to return thanks for kind words, but the eulogistic terms in which the W.M. had mentioned any slight services he had rendered to the lodge, placed him at a total loss for a response. Anything he had done in the lodge had been a great pleasure, and it would always afford him pleasure to enhance the benefit of the lodge, whether in the working or in Masonry generally. If any humble assistance he could give the W.M. would be of any advantage to him during his year, he had only to command him, and he should always be at his service. He returned sincere thanks for the kind words expressed by the W.M. in presenting him with the jewel, and the members for voting it. He should always, as long as he was spared to be a Mason, look upon the jewel as a reference to the happy hours he had spent in the lodge, the many kindnesses he had received from the members, and the kind way in which the visitors always acted towards them.

"The Visitors" was next given in cordial terms by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. St. Clair, W.M. Lodge La France; Laurence, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey; Shand, P.M.; and others.

Bro. F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, in responding for "The Masonic Charities," said it was a serious toast. They had enjoyed themselves, more or less, at the social board, many of them being overcome with troubles; which they endeavoured to forget. Then came the toast of the Masonic Institutions, and that was not the most cheerful phase of Freemasonry. It was, however, the practical portion of the proceedings, and one which he hoped always had, and always would have, a charm for earnest Masons. In the hour of their personal enjoyment, they ought to feel

more deeply the wants of those not so fortunately placed as themselves. He could testify with the deepest gratitude to the hearty and practical response that toast always met with in the Royal Kensington Lodge. For many years past the Institutions had been nobly supported by this lodge, and he hoped the day would never arrive when some brother would fail to offer himself as a volunteer to maintain that prestige which it had secured for itself. He did not forget that, in the early portion of last year, when the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School enlisted the sympathy of the great majority of the Craft, Bro. Stevens, P.M., the Treasurer of the lodge, came to their rescue, and, in a most cheerful manner, volunteered his services. That brother, through his own exertions, and supported by the members, gave a very successful and substantial amount on behalf of the Boys' Institution. He should never cease to remember the debt of gratitude he owed to Bro. Stevens. Bro. Delacoste, P.M., he was pleased to say, had intimated his intention of representing the lodge on behalf of the Boys' School, and had authorised him to make the announcement. At that late hour he should not weary them with statistics. His time had been occupied in attending the Committee of Inquiry which had been asked or demanded—he would not give his opinion whether wisely or unwisely. That Committee was in session, and he should attend to listen to the complaints urged against their policy and administration; but, whatever might be said by those who criticised them, thank God, they could put forward results that every Mason might congratulate himself upon. They had heard complaints about food and supervision, but he had known the Institution for 30 years, and during that time the deaths that had occurred numbered only six. He could point to an organisation called the "Old Masonians," where from 80 to 90 ex-pupils were bound together to maintain the old traditions of the School, and they would not do that if those traditions were not worth maintaining. He did not want to bias the opinion of any. He asked his friends not to be carried away with what they read in the shape of attack, but to wait for the report, and give them credit for doing the best they could. They had no fear of the result of that Committee, for he would not stand amongst the brethren as he did that evening—in the presence of those to whom he was never tired of expressing his gratitude for what they had done in the past—if he could not speak confidently of the administration of that Institution. He thanked them for the welcome accorded him, and was sanguine enough to indulge in the hope that such might be the result of that investigation, that, if he was spared, he might still be a welcome guest for some future years amongst the members of the Royal Kensington Lodge, whom he regarded so highly. He congratulated the W.M., and wished him heartily health and strength to discharge his duties with gratification to himself and to the best interests of the lodge and Freemasonry in general.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" having been given,

The Tyler's toast closed a successful gathering.

A splendid programme of music was excellently rendered, under the direction of Bro. Henry Prenton, assisted by Bro. A. C. Pritchard and Misses Emily Davies and Maud Hayter.

REGENT'S PARK LODGE (No. 2202).

—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., on Saturday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. J. K. K. Cama, W.M.; D. P. Cama, I.P.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; N. K. Goodchild, J.W.; N. Goodchild, Treas.; C. Sheppard, Sec.; J. Powdrell, S.D.; W. H. Hosegood, J.D.; A. Giddings, I.G.; Jas. Kew, Stwd.; J. P. Poynter, Org.; R. Whiting, Tyler; C. W. Rex, F. J. Holden, F. Palmer, G. Lane, H. F. Bangs, G. Clampitt, and J. Bangs. Visitors: Bros. P. P. Mehta, 2246; F. E. Pocock, P.M. 1891; W. J. Mason, 2246; C. A. Itter, 2246; A. A. Itter, 2246; and C. Salter, 2255.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary read a letter which had been received by Bro. D. P. Cama, I.P.M., giving an account of the death of Bro. Mukand-Lal-Varma, the first Indian initiated in the lodge, who was drowned at Clacton-on-Sea on the 4th September last, for whom the lodge was in mourning. A vote of sympathy and condolence with the relatives of the deceased brother was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and a copy sent to the father. By request of the W.M. of the Cyclist Lodge, No. 2246, Bros. P. P. Mehta and A. A. Itter of that lodge, were then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the ceremony being most effectively rendered by the W.M. Bro. J. Kew was presented with a jewel, voted at the last meeting, and Bros. Mehta and Itter, in felicitous terms, thanked the W.M. and brethren for allowing them to be raised in that lodge.

All business being ended the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the social board.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE (No. 2076).

—This lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., W.M.; W. Simpson, S.W.; Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt, R.A., J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., S.D.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, I.G.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd.; Rev. C. J. Ball, and W. Mattieu Williams. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. S. Richardson, Alex. Howell, C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; J. B. Mackey, Geo. Allen, J. H. Forshaw, C. Kupferschmidt, F. A. Powell, R. A. Gowan, B. A. Smith, W. J. Spratling, and Prof. F. W. Driver. Together with the following visitors: Bros. S. L. Macgregor Mathers, J. Finlay Finlayson, S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Leicester and Rutland; and C. Purdon Clarke.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. said he should request Bro. Stephen Richardson, P.M. 183, to act as Director of the Ceremonies during the lodge proceedings of the evening. 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 balloted for as a joining member. Bro. W. M. Williams, being in attendance, was duly admitted, presented to the W.M., and greeted from the chair.

The following brethren were proposed from the chair and seconded by the S.W. as joining members, viz.: Bro. Caesar Kupferschmidt, 23, Woodberry-grove, Finchley-road, of Pilgrim Lodge, 238, author of the paper of the evening, and of a record of all German lodges ever warranted (now ready for the press); Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson, of Mount Olive Lodge, No. 385, 14, Heathcote-street, Mecklenburgh-square, W.C., author of the "Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry," and Bro. C. Purdon Clarke, of Lodge Urban, 1196, and 15, the Grove, Hammersmith, W., Companion of the Order of the Indian Empire, Member of the Royal Asiatic Society, and of the Society of Arts, Keeper of the Indian Collection, South Kensington, author of many papers read before various learned societies, amongst others: On the Subterranean Chamber of St. Clements, at Rome, before the Society of Antiquaries, 1874; Indian Architecture, Society of Arts; Curious Methods of Casting Brass, Iron and Steel Institute; Moghul Architecture, R.I.B.A., &c. In 1878 received the silver and bronze medals for Architectural Design, and the Legion of Honour, Paris Exhibition, and in 1886 the medal of the Society of Arts.

The following two lodges and 26 brethren were elected members of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342; Lodge of Loyalty, No. 897, St. Helens; and Bros. C. H. Dunn, Durban, Natal; J. W. Turner, P.G.D. W. Yorks; C. J. Schott, Bradford; John Cass, J.P. Bradford; J. B. Knight, Bradford; F. O. Webb, Port of Spain, Trinidad; R. V. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire; J. W. Mason, Pietermaritzburg, Natal; Capt. H. Owen, Southampton; F. J. W. Crowe, Ashburton; J. Sykes Rymer, Lord Mayor of York, P.P.G.R. N. & E. Yorks; S. Strasser, W.M. No. 3, Albany, New York; A. Mackenzie, G. Steward Scotland; G. Taylor, Prov. G. Sec., Worcestershire; R. Roy, P.P.G. Purst. Cambs.; S. B. Wilkinson, Northampton; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.G. Chap.; F. W. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; Alf. Gill, Batley; C. Greenwood, Halifax; Wm. Flockton, Oulton, Leeds; Alex. Wilson, Aberdeen; A. H. J. Fletcher, Huddersfield; J. P. Browne, Bradford; J. Smith, Coldstream; and J. S. Swithenbank, Bradford. This raises the roll of Correspondence members to 447.

The Worshipful Master announced that the preceding evening a valued member of the lodge (Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland) had completed his 50th year of initiation and membership in the Lodge St. John's, No. 279, Leicester; that the Secretary, Bro. Speth, had attended the proceedings at Leicester, both officially and as a personal friend of Bro. Kelly, and had heartily greeted the veteran on the part of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, but that he (the W.M.) thought that some more official notice of so auspicious an event should be taken. He therefore moved a hearty vote of congratulation to Bro. Kelly, such vote to be transmitted to said brother by the Secretary in writing and recorded on the minutes—Carried by acclamation.

Letters and communications having been duly acknowledged, Bro. Gould, the retiring W.M., proceeded to install into the chair of K.S. the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Simpson, the well-known traveller, archaeologist, artist, and war correspondent, a member of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, of the Royal Asiatic Society, of the Alpine Club, &c., and author of several interesting works of travel in all parts of the globe, and a frequent contributor to the transactions of many learned societies. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., I.P.M. and D.C.; Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt, R.A., S.W.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., J.W.; Walter Besant, Treas.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Professor T. Hayter-Lewis, S.D.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, J.D.; Rev. J. C. Ball, I.G.; and E. Macbean, Steward. The W.M. read a highly interesting and instructive installation address, reviewing the past history and success of the lodge, and discussing the present position of archaeology in general and of Masonic research in particular. The address will appear in the next number of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," or transactions of the lodge.

Bro. Kupferschmidt read "Some notes on the relations between the Grand Lodges of England and Sweden," producing for the first time some data previously unknown respecting early English lodges in Sweden, and some original correspondence preserved in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of England which had been overlooked, considerably modifying the history of Swedish Freemasonry as hitherto accepted.

Bro. Gould said that the time allotted for the dispatch of their business having run out, he did not rise with a view of prolonging the discussion, but in order to propose the customary vote of thanks to the lecturer. Having had the privilege of perusing the paper, he had hoped that time would have permitted him to make some observations upon it. This, however, he was precluded from doing by the lateness of the hour, and must, therefore, restrict himself to the motion to which he had already referred, though he would add to it his own congratulations to Bro. Kupferschmidt on having cast a new and much needed light on a very obscure portion of Masonic history.

Bro. Speth observed that, being very much in the same position as the last speaker, he begged leave to second the resolution before the lodge, which would enable him to say that he had noted many points for further remark and would contribute what he had to say in writing. The paper added considerably to our knowledge of Swedish affairs.

The vote of thanks was then accorded and acknowledged by the lecturer.

The Secretary called attention to the deed which had been prepared, according to a resolution of the lodge, and vested the lodge library and Museum in the hands of Trustees, so that should untoward circumstances befall the lodge, the collection would be placed in the Grand Lodge library and thus be preserved to the Craft. He therefore requested all members of the lodge then present to execute the deed in the interval between the closing of the lodge and the sitting down to refreshment.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen" in felicitous terms, and, in calling upon the brethren to drink "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," took occasion to relate some few incidents that had come under his personal notice, and which illustrated very forcibly the kindness of heart and regard of H.R.H. for all those about him, from the highest to the lowest.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. and Prov. Dep. G.M. for Leicester and Rutland.

Bro. Gould, who next proposed "The Health of the W. Master," said: On occasions like the present, when it is observed that the I.P.M. has possession of the gavel, the brethren become aware that the toast of the evening is about to be proposed. The privilege thus devolving upon me I value very highly, and will now, to the best of my ability, proceed with the somewhat difficult task of compressing within a short speech the varied and interesting "record" of our Worshipful Master, of which, indeed, some kind of summary is both due to the lodge and, I am aware, is anticipated by the brethren. Of our personal relations, I shall merely say that during my year of office no Master of a lodge ever received greater support from his Wardens than I did. More than once, in matters that had lain outside the course of my own reading, I consulted the Senior Warden, and the information sought for was never withheld. Indeed, quite the contrary, and I remember in one special instance, having written to our brother concerning the symbolism of the hand, that I found myself very much in the same position as the Indian ryot, of whom it is related, that praying fervently for rain, he was somewhat disconcerted when straightway the Ganges overflowed him. From this, however, I conceived the hope that our Bro. Simpson might perhaps, be equally communicative with regard to the circumstances of his own very remarkable career. But here I was disappointed, as our brother observes a singular reticence with regard to achievements of which he has every reason to feel proud. Nevertheless, I have succeeded, after a fashion, in piecing together, from one source or another, at least a bare outline of the previous career of the worthy and distinguished brother whose installation this night has been the chief feature of our proceedings. What may be termed the notable career of the W.M. began in 1854 with the Crimean War, and he was in Balaklava during the terrible winter of that year. Days and nights were spent by him in the trenches; nor was he associated with the land service only, for he often accompanied one of our ships of war when such was detached for the purpose of bombarding a fortress. Bro. Simpson's sketches were published in two folio volumes, dedicated to the Queen, and I have it on good authority, that the greatest lady of the land was graciously pleased to compliment our brother, not only on the result of his labours, but also on the gallantry and daring which he had evinced in the pursuit of his profession. After the Crimean War, Bro. Simpson made a tour in Circassia. Then came the Indian Mutiny, and our brother, long attracted by the East, went to India to illustrate that country. There he remained for three years, visiting all the most celebrated spots, including the wonderful cave-temples of Ellora and Ajanta, and in this way became familiar with Indian temples, from seeing and sketching the various places of worship. While in the Himalayas, among other sacred spots, our brother visited the source of the Ganges, where he bathed and drank the water—a ceremony, I may observe in passing, which, according to the Hindu belief, entirely whitewashes all former sin. The precise extent, indeed, to which our W.M. benefited by his ablutions I cannot say, but he was, at all events, sufficiently invigorated corporeally, as to be able shortly afterwards to penetrate into Tibet, where he found himself among Buddhist Lamas, or monks, and, as a matter of course, embraced the opportunity of sketching their monasteries and ceremonies. In 1866 we find him at St. Petersburg attending the marriage of the present Emperor of Russia, after which he was included in the suite of H.R.H. the Grand Master on a visit made by the Prince of Wales to Moscow. In 1868 he was with the Abyssinian Expedition, and, at the close of the year, went to Egypt to illustrate the Suez Canal, and, this completed, he went to Jerusalem, where he was shown the underground wonders of that city by one of our Past Masters, then Captain Charles Warren, of the Royal Engineers. Two years later we find our brother at Rome, the occasion being the meeting of the Vatican Council. Then followed the Franco-German War, with regard to which I shall only mention in passing that the late Emperor Frederick sent our brother the war medal for it. After this, Bro. Simpson had some thrilling experiences of the Commune in Paris, and was a witness to the street fighting. In 1872 he went to Peking to illustrate the marriage of the Emperor of China, and here our W.M. proved himself to be a man of resource, for the most important part of the ceremony, which no facilities were afforded him for seeing, he succeeded in witnessing by a midnight ambush, or, in other words, by looking through a chink in the paper window of an opium den. It almost goes without saying that our brother paid a visit to the Great Wall. On his homeward journey, Bro. Simpson travelled via Japan and America, and, reaching San Francisco, found a great excitement over the Modoc War; so off he went again (where I am quite unable to follow him) on the war-path. Before leaving the United States, our brother accomplished a good deal, and I have certain information that he visited Yosemite Valley, and the great Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, besides interviewing the Mormon patriarch, Brigham Young, at Salt Lake City. In 1876 he accompanied H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his Indian tour, and a few years later, 1878-9, was again in the same country, the occasion being the Afghan War, at the conclusion of which he explored some old Buddhist monuments, and made several archaeological discoveries. In 1883 he was at Moscow, attending the coronation of the Emperor of Russia, and the following year accompanied the Afghan Boundary Commission, under Sir Peter Lumsden. It was through his absence with this expedition that our W.M. does not figure as a founder of this lodge, which it was always the intention that he should do, though I may here observe that we have always regarded him a virtual founder, as the offices he has successively been called upon to fill will attest. Bro. Simpson got back to England from Afghanistan by way of Persia, the Caucasus, and the Caspian Sea; and here my story of his travels approaches an end, though I shall just mention the funeral obsequies of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany, which were recently brought so vividly before our eyes in the oldest of our illustrated newspapers, where, also, there was the following notice: "From sketches by our Special Artist, Mr. William Simpson." One event, indeed, in the Worshipful Master's "record" I have omitted in its proper order. His last collection of drawings was entitled "Troy, Mycenæ, and Ephesus." These were the sketches he made when sent out to illustrate Dr. Schliemann's explorations, and in connection therewith he wrote some articles in "Fraser's Magazine," which led to a paper war in the *Times*. But,

although Dr. Schliemann denied the accuracy of what our W.M. said about his Hissarlik (*Troy*) explorations, the former has since had to concede the position taken up by Bro. Simpson, *vis.*, the absence of any evidence to establish the doctor's claim that he had discovered the palace of Priam. Our brother is honourably known in connection with more than one of the fine arts, and, as we all know, combines in himself both those qualifications of which we offer candidates their choice, who may be duly recommended for our full membership. But I must confine my remarks to the master art or science with which as Freemasons we are, or should be, most closely concerned. Bro. Simpson has read papers before the Royal Institution of British Architects, on the architecture of India, of China, of Abyssinia, of Afghanistan, and on the wooden architecture of the Himalayas. His last paper, read before the same body, was on quite a novel subject—"Mud Architecture"—and though the title was at first regarded as a joke, I believe I am right in saying, that by the authorities of the Institute it was pronounced to be the very best which Bro. Simpson had ever produced for them. All these architectural papers contained new matter picked up by our W.M. on his visits to different countries, and each of them was a very valuable contribution to our knowledge of the architecture of the world. With this introduction, brethren, I now give you "The Health of the W.M.," with whose extensive learning and varied experience all of you may not yet be as familiar as you already are with the kindness of heart and geniality of disposition, which has endeared him to every member of the lodge.

Bro. Simpson, in returning thanks, remarked that, owing to his deficiency in the ritual requirements for the occupant of the chair, he should have felt constrained to decline the honour if proffered by any other lodge; but, as W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati, he felt that those accomplishments were of a secondary nature, and that being so, the honour was too great to refuse. No position in Masonry appeared to him equal to the one he then occupied, and it would be his first thought during his year of office to uphold the proud position the lodge had already acquired, and to further its interests to the utmost of his power. Before sitting down, he would ask the brethren to pledge "The Past Masters and Founders of the Lodge." Two of these were that day absent—Sir C. Warren, whose acquaintance he had first made many years ago in the excavations beneath the Temple of Jerusalem, detained owing to the necessity of preparing for the Lord Mayor's Show, and his old friend Walter Besant, whose health prevented his attendance. Others, however, were present, and he would call upon the I.P.M., Bro. Gould, to reply.

Bro. Gould said that the founders of the lodge, who mustered that evening in greater strength than the Past Masters, derived much satisfaction from the success which had already crowned their initial efforts. With regard to the Mastership, the responsibility seemed to him not unlike that appertaining to the keeping of a watch on board ship. The outgoing Master had, so to speak, in their own case, handed over the charge of the ship to his successor. But the course of the vessel remained the same, and though he (Bro. Gould) from being the captain, had become one of the crew, he hoped and believed that in him, the I.P.M., their present W.M. possessed no more loyal or dutiful subordinate. Both Circles, he thought, would feel confident, that with Bro. Speth at the helm and the W.M. on the bridge, their ship could not possibly be in better hands, and that those brethren, with the officers of the lodge, would be found fully equal to the duties devolving upon them, or to any emergencies that might arise. More he would not say, because his watch on deck was at an end, and he had handed over the speaking-trumpet, with the other emblems of authority, to the worthy and distinguished brother who, to the satisfaction of them all, had already entered upon the discharge of his duties, as Master for the 12 months ensuing, in a manner which left no room for doubt that his tenure of office would be productive of the greatest possible benefit to the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," coupled with the name of the S.W.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Pratt replied, and incidentally mentioned that the W.M. had left future travellers little to do in the way of discovery. There yet, however, remained Central Africa, and he thought it would be interesting if a deputation of the lodge invaded that district, in order to ascertain whether the whitewashing which, on the authority of the W.M., was there applied to the natives under certain conditions of initiation, at all resembled the process as carried out in their own Law Courts.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The New Members," said in a lodge like theirs, more than in any other, it was quality, not quantity, that was to be desired. Their regulations insured this by insisting upon a literary and artistic qualification, and the success of their system was proved by the eminence in various lines of the one member admitted that evening and of the three proposed for joining. It was necessary that members should not only be fit to appreciate the labours of the lodge, but competent themselves to afford instruction to the others. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Mattieu Williams.

Bro. Williams returned thanks, and remarked that years ago he entered Masonry for the sake of knowledge. He could not say that he received none, but to him personally it was unsatisfying in its nature and extent. That evening he had made a second venture in the same direction, and, from what he had already seen, was convinced that that time at least he need not fear disappointment.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," and appealed to the latter to maintain the high standard of their transactions, as upon that depended their future and continued success.

Bro. Speth returned thanks, and said his connection with the transactions was confined to the editing; the maintenance of the standard depended upon the contributors. He must, therefore, pass on the appeal to the members of the lodge in general; but he was confident that they would not leave him in the lurch, and that, however good the preceding numbers of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum" might be, those to come would be better.

In proposing "The Correspondence Circle," the W.M. pointed out that at the date of his predecessor's appointment to office the roll numbered 155 members. The year just passed had witnessed the accession of 292 members, bringing the total up to 447. He trusted the year to come would prove still more successful.

Bro. J. B. Mackey responded, and the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Castle Hotel. Present: Bros. Markwick, W.M.; Glenister, P.G.S.B., acting S.W.; Allen, J.W.; Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; Pearce, P.M., Sec.; Edwards, S.D.; Randell, J.D.; Duke, P.P.S.G.W., &c., D.C.; Walmsly, I.G.; Gaze, Steward; Leslie, Tyler; Plowman, P.M.; Robinson, P.M.; Bottey, P.M.; Glenister, Wilson, Bech, Johnson, Bennett, Gaze, Keimann, Veness, Edmed, Wood, and Boyce. Visitor: Bro. J. J. Whitehouse, 704.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Bennett was passed to the F.C. Degree, after which Mr. Taylor was initiated. It was agreed to have a Masonic ball, the surplus, if any, to go to the Charities. An effort will be made to get as much as possible, to enable the lodge to secure the election of a deceased brother's son to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

PORTSMOUTH.—United Brothers Lodge (No. 1069).—The installation of Bro. C. J. Lawrence as the W.M. of the above lodge for the ensuing year, was most ably conducted by Bro. Mark E. Frost, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., on Monday, the 12th inst. He was supported by a large number of Provincial Grand Officers and the W.M.'s of many neighbouring lodges, including Bros. F. Pineo, P.P.J.G.W.; the Rev. A. A. Headley, P.A.G. Sec.; J. W. Gieve, P.G. Treas.; A. R. Holbrook, P.P.G. Reg.; H. E. Loader, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Glasspool, P.P.G.S.; W. T. Dupree, P.G.S.; A. G. German, I.P.M.; G. Farney Brown, P.M. 1834; Major Campbell, W.M. 257; H. Cooke, W.M. 309; J. Jenkins, W.M. 487; D. T. Rule, W.M. 1834; Stretton, W.M. 903; C. V. Birch, W.M. 2074; Stokes, W.M. 2068; Dr. B. H. Mumby, Dr. Sall, H. Cook, P.M.; Dudley, T. E. Smith, G. J. Woodward, G. E. Curtis, G. D. Lovegrove, P.P.G.O.; F. Coates, T. W. Scaddan, W. E. Bolitho, Harry Love, T. W. Haydon, G. Cook, E. H. Cooper, H. Burt, H. Austyn Story, E. Marriott, Brunton, C. House, C. Williams, Beirnsstein, D. Barnard, and Milligan.

After the ceremony the W.M. appointed the following as the officers for the year: Bros. A. G. German, I.P.M.; Dr. B. H. Mumby, S.W.; Dudley, J.W.; W. T. Dupree, Treas.; T. E. Smith, Sec.; Dr. Sall, S.D.; G. E. Curtis, J.D.; H. Cook, D.C.; G. J. Woodward, I.G.; G. D. Lovegrove, Org.; C. Gillett, Stwd.; and J. Exell, Tyler. Votes of thanks were passed to the installing Master for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties, and to Bro. A. G. German for his services in the chair during the past year.

After the lodge the brethren adjourned to the dining-hall, where an excellent banquet was served by Messrs. Brunton and Son.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

MIRFIELD.—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 9th inst. Bro. W. Bailey, W.M., presided, and was assisted by the following officers and brethren, viz.: Bros. F. H. Hare, S.W.; W. Wilson, J.W.; F. J. Crowther, Sec.; J. Womack, S.D.; W. Beaumont, as I.G.; W. Booth, Tyler; J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. K. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; A. A. Stott, P.M., Prov. G.S. of W.; James Barker, P.M.; T. B. Fairclough, P.M.; Joshua Milner, W. H. Wilson, W. H. Wilkinson, and M. Deadman.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. F. H. Hare, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. Thos. Lang, P.M. (who was unable to attend owing to illness), was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Booth re-elected Tyler. Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Charity Steward of the lodge, next read a report of the result of the Festivals of the year, and the support accorded to them by the lodge. A vote of thanks was proposed to him by the W.M., seconded by Bro. James Barker, P.M., thanking him for the report, and his past services. Bro. A. A. Stott, P.M., Prov. G.S. of W., next proposed that a vote of condolence be sent to the family of the late Bro. M. Thackrah, which was seconded by Bro. J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and carried. Bro. W. Wilson, J.W., proposed, and Bro. F. H. Hare, S.W., seconded, that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. J. Ibberson for his presents to the lodge of Secretary's desk, sword for Tyler, and table for instruction room, this was supported by the W.M., and carried.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

SALFORD.—Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The installation of Bro. Samuel Ayland took place, and the St. John's Festival celebrated, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street. Present: Bros. John Waring, W.M.; John Holroyd, P.G. Supt. Wks., I.P.M.; S. Ayland, S.W.; T. McClelland, J.W.; J. W. Nichols, P.M., Treas.; John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; A. H. Duffin, S.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., Org.; J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; B. Eckersley, E. Webb, H. Mainwaring, P.M.; James Green, J. W. Nouse, J. Ogden, A. K. Boothroyd, and E. Ward. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Bagnall, P.M. 204, P.S.G.D.; R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Stwd.; E. L. Littler, P.M. 1730, P.P.G.P. W.L.; W. H. Barlow, P.M. 645; A. Grice, W.M. 992; W. Harris, P.M. 1993; Jno. Cliffe, I.P.M. 204; J. Pike, W.M. 852; Martin Thomas, W.M. 204, P.M. 350; R. H. Robinson, P.M. 1213; Geo. C. Williams, P.M. 152; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011, 2156; W. R. Sowler, P.M. 815; N. Dumville, 152, 2156; Fred. Gordon, J.W. 2156; H. R. Thornton, 1295; Arthur H. Crump, 253; W. H. Ream, I.G. 204; R. C. Gray, 130; R. G. Walker, J.D. 993; E. Entwistle, 999; P. T. Kendall, J.W. 1774; Arthur Taylor, 2156; C. E. Hindley, P.M. 148; Thos. Shorrocks, P.M. 117, 204, 350; and H. Metcalf, P.M. 1219.

The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Ayland was presented to the W.M. (Installing Master) by Bro. John Holroyd, P.M., P.G. Supt. of Works, and after the usual preliminaries was inducted into the chair of K.S. in the presence of 22 Installed Masters. Bro. George S. Smith, P.M., presented and explained the working tools. Bro. J. W. Nichols, P.M., gave the address to the W.M., after which the following brethren were invested officers for the year by Bro. John Holroyd, P.M., P.G.S. of

Wks.:—Bros. Thomas McClelland, S.W.; A. H. Duffin, J.W.; John Holroyd, P.M., P.G. Supt. Works, Treas.; John Barker, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; George S. Smith, P.M., S.D.; E. Webb, J.D.; B. Eckersley, I.G.; Chas. Driver, John Ogden, and R. W. Martin, Stwds.; and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Bro. H. Mainwaring, P.M., gave the addresses to the Wardens, and Bro. John Holroyd, P.M., P.S.G.W., to the brethren. Prior to the lodge closing, Bro. John Barker, P.P.G.P., on behalf of Bro. George Sam Smith, S.D., presented a very handsome dirk to the lodge, on the blade of which an appropriate inscription was engraved. The gift was acknowledged in grateful terms by the W.M., and there being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the lodge was closed.

The ceremony throughout was impressively rendered, and embellished with chants and responses, sung in finished style by those well-known local professionals—Bros. N. and W. Dumville, Geo. E. Hall, and Alfred Lewtas, Bro. Arthur Taylor presiding at the harmonium.

The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet.

The usual loyal and preliminary toasts were proposed by the W.M., whose health, in turn, was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. John Waring, in eulogistic terms, and drunk with enthusiasm by the brethren, with the majority of whom Bro. Ayland was well known, highly respected, and much liked; and it goes without saying that, as a painstaking, zealous, and straightforward Worshipful Master, he will be second to none that has preceded him.

When the W.M. had replied, and before resuming his seat, he proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and spoke in terms of praise of the satisfactory manner in which he had performed his duties; in proof of which Bro. Ayland said it gave him very great pleasure to present him, in the name of the members, with a gold P.M.'s jewel, trusting he might be spared for many years to wear it.

Bro. Waring's health was heartily drunk, after which he responded to the toast and thanked the brethren for the jewel in appropriate terms.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Geo. S. Smith, and responded to by Bro. W. R. Sowler, P.M. 815. "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Wm. Harris, P.M. 1993; A. Grice, W.M. 992; Thos. Pike, W.M. 852; and R. K. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G.S.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close at an early hour.

The musical brethren previously mentioned, with the addition of Bro. Fred Gordon, enlivened the proceedings between the toasts with a choice selection of glees and songs.

The P.M.'s jewel and dirk were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above flourishing lodge was held at the Three Crowns Hotel, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., Bro. J. Savage, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and others: Bros. J. Elder, P.M.; C. Lewis, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Essex; A. Ives, P.M.; C. Canning, S.W.; C. Wood, J.W.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; A. Knight, S.D.; C. Powling, J.D.; B. Curtis, I.G.; and J. Gaskell, late P.M. 1076, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Burston, Bidgood, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. W. Smith, F. Cooper, and D. Henderson, and proving unanimous, they were duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. Cordell and Chaplin were then raised. Some other lodge business was then proceeded with, and the lodge was closed.

The working of Bro. Savage and his officers was the subject of universal eulogium, and they were eminently deserving of it.

A generously served supper having been partaken of, and the usual loyal and Grand Lodge and personal toasts honoured, the brethren departed pleased and gratified with the evening's instruction and entertainment.

FELTHAM.—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge took place on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at the Railway Hotel. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, the former including Bros. R. H. Dillon, W.M.; W. A. Brown, S.W.; H. T. Cooper, J.W.; J. H. Pearson, P.P.A.G.D.C. Malta, Treas.; T. I. Bird, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; A. Bevis, S.D.; E. T. Taylor, J.D.; E. W. Winter, D.D., Chap.; H. Branch, Org.; J. Parks, Steward; W. F. Brougham, I.G.; and J. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.D. The visitors were Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; H. H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Iron, P.P.G.S. of W.; S. R. Walker, P.M. 733; E. A. Payne, 1604; H. Pellatt, 1194; W. C. Wigley, P.M. 1348; N. Turner, P.M. 72; Alfred P. Helps, 858; G. Powell, P.M. 1185; W. Hagon, P.M. 1257; G. Knott, 503; J. A. Benton, P.M. 1024; R. Webb, 704; A. Hobbs, S.W. 853; E. C. Porter, W.M. 1612; S. J. Ball, 1567; J. McLaren, P.M. 1805; G. H. Foan, D.C. 1614; R. P. Angel, 179; A. Cook, S.D. 1366; W. A. Hare, 1348; W. J. Gardener, 846; A. Combes, S.W. 820; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which Bro. White was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in a very impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. W. A. Brown, the W.M. elect, having been duly presented was installed into the chair in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. H. T. Cooper, S.W.; A. Bevis, J.W.; E. W. Winter, Chap.; J. H. Pearson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Malta, Treas.; T. I. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; E. T. Taylor, S.D.; G. Skudder, J.D.; W. F. Brougham, I.G.; G. Dockrill, D.C.; R. Parks, A.D.C.; H. Branch, Org.; T. Hayes and R. Bovins, Stewards; and R. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The installing Master, Bro. R. H. Dillon, I.P.M., rendered the addresses in a highly satisfactory manner, which formed a fitting close to a very successful and happy year of office. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. Dillon, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, adding a few appropriate and well-chosen words. Bro. Dillon, I.P.M., briefly replied, and Bro. J. Mason, P.M., then recited, in an effective style, the following lines he had penned in commemoration of Bro. Dillon's expiration of office

Rare are thy gifts, dear Brother, and this we will declare—
O'er us thy rule has been e'en like a loving father's care,
Benevolence of heart and hand, thy motto we have seen
Encircling round thy every act since Master thou hast been;
Receive our thanks, 'tis all we have to offer for thy care,
T' accompany the jewel we are proud to see thee wear.

Hail! all Hail, our new Past Master, thou thy spurs hast nobly won,
And to-night hast shed a halo like the rays of setting sun;
Youngest, oldest, all do praise thee, for the work that thou hast done.

Dillon's a name that in this Lodge will long remembered be,
In days to come when time on earth shall be no more with thee;
Long may'st thou live to grace our Board ere we thy face shall miss,
Lo! we would pray your lot should be one round of joyous bliss
On earth! Then called to greet thy Master in that Grand Lodge above
Nothing to know, or feel, or see, but God's eternal love.

Propositions having been received, and "Hearty good wishes" conveyed, the lodge was closed in due form.

An excellent banquet followed, at the conclusion of which the usual toast list received the customary share of attention.

In response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., said the brethren who attended Grand Lodge knew how well the Grand Officers did their duty to the Craft in promoting its prosperity and in doing all they could to advance its interests. They were divided into two classes—the working and the ornamental. The working class contained such men as the Grand Secretary, Bros. Fenn and Grey, the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, who devoted a great deal of time to Masonry. He did not know whether to describe himself during his year of office as ornamental or useful. During that year there were nine Grand Lodges, the M.W.G.M. laying the foundation-stone of a useful Institution at York. The Grand Officers used their best endeavours for the Craft and were always pleased to receive from the lodges any acknowledgment that they had done their duty. With regard to his position as Deputy Prov. Grand Master of their Province it was always a pleasure to visit that lodge, for he believed it endeavoured seriously to carry out the principal tenets and teachings of the Craft. There were some lodges in the province which were admitting gentlemen who were not properly qualified for the Craft. Those persons came into it with the idea that Masonry was a sort of Benevolent Society, but the brethren present knew it was not. They promoted good fellowship, and extended relief to a brother in distress. They had in the province a Committee for relieving brethren in distress, and the petitions to that Committee were increasing to an abnormal extent, coming principally from one lodge. As he had said before, men ought not to be admitted to a lodge whom they could not introduce to their own homes. If they would but carry out that idea, as he was sure they would in that lodge Masonry would thrive considerably.

Bro. Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec., in reply to the toast of the Prov. G.M., D.P.G.M., and Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past, said he need hardly say they felt very grateful for the kind way in which the W.M. had spoken of them. With regard to the Prov. G. Officers, the brethren knew their merits better than he did. As far as he was personally concerned, he should never forget his first official visit to a lodge in the province. The kind and cordial manner in which he had been received, coupled with the words of the Secretary, sunk deep into his heart. One of the greatest pleasures he had experienced in Freemasonry had been that of making several valued friendships, and if there was anything he esteemed in his present office it was that those friendships would be increased. It was his mother province, and he believed its working and general state to be second to none in the kingdom. Any thing he could do to promote the welfare and harmony of the province, and increase its efficiency, would be willingly done in return for the kind welcome he had received, and was convinced he should receive from the brethren.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Dillon, I.P.M., who said that Bro. Brown, W.M., was an old friend of his, and he was therefore thankful to be followed by him into the chair of that lodge. The W.M. regarded the office with the same importance as he did, and would try to perform the duties as well as possible. He was certain his successor would be as successful as any W.M. who had preceded him.

Bro. W. A. Brown, W.M., in reply, said he was extremely obliged to the I.P.M. for the terms in which he had been good enough to propose his health. He was as diffident in responding as he was in accepting the office, being conscious of his imperfections. However, as far as his ability would allow, he would endeavour to qualify himself for the office he had the honour to hold. When he joined the lodge, nine years ago, he was the junior member, but age had rectified that and had now had a small amount of experience. He would do his best, and with the co-operation of the P.M.'s, officers, and brethren, hoped to maintain the prestige of the lodge.

The W.M. next gave "The I.P.M.," remarking that most of the brethren had the privilege of being acquainted with Bro. Dillon, I.P.M., and those who had not would regret it, for a more genial and courteous W.M. never occupied the chair. During his year he had performed an extraordinary amount of work, having on four lodge meetings rendered the three ceremonies.

Bro. R. H. Dillon, I.P.M., having returned thanks, said that when he took office twelve months ago, he took it with an immense deal of fear and trembling. It was not because he knew he should not be supported by the officers and members, but because he was afraid he should not perform his duties to their satisfaction. Since he had taken the office of W.M., it had been his study to perform the duties in a manner acceptable to the members. If he had performed those duties to their satisfaction it was because he had had their support in everything he had proposed, and because the officers had been at their post to help him. It was his great pleasure at the preceding meeting to have a vote recorded to him testifying that his year had been a successful one. He thanked them also for the kind badge of approbation placed upon his breast, and assured them that nothing should be wanted on his part to show how much he appreciated their kindness.

"The Masonic Institutions" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who announced his intention of representing the lodge at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. John Mason, P.M., on behalf of that Institution, replied. He was not going to weary them with facts or figures, although he did not know that he should study time or place at a lodge other than his own. He was, however, present to give them any information with respect to the Institutions. He was much cheered by hearing the W.M. say he intended to stand as Steward for the Old

People. He was trying to remember what W.M. it was who went through the chair but did not stand as Steward for one of the Institutions, but could not think of a single instance, and hoped it would be a long time before the chair was occupied by one who could not serve as Steward. This lodge came out last year to support the chairman whose name it bore, and was the highest in amount, not only in their province but of about 18 or 20. The Institutions were doing good work and deserved the best support. He generally turned to two books to support him in his remarks. The first was the Grand Old Book and the other Shakespeare, who wrote "Tis not enough to help the feeble up, but to support him after." That was what they were trying to do in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. There was a little affair being started in connection with the lodge, in which they were following the examples of other lodges, that of starting a Benevolent Association. If the members joined that Association they would very soon find they were Life Governors of one or more of the Institutions. He hoped they would answer this according to their conscience and had no doubt the list of the W.M. would be such that they would be as proud of the lodge in February next as they had been in times past.

"The Visitors" was next given in cordial terms, Bros. Porter, Walker, Pellatt, and Wigley being coupled to reply. "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

LEEDS.—Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—The installation of this prosperous and popular lodge took place on Saturday, the 10th inst., in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of Masons from this and the adjoining province. The beautiful lodge-room in Great George-street, was filled, the attendance of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers being very large, whilst the seven sister lodges of the town were also fully represented. Bro. Trevor opened the lodge, being assisted by Bros. Watson, S.W.; Middleton, J.W.; Young, Sec.; Abbott, Treas.; Fretwell, S.D.; Atkinson, J.D.; and Butterworth, I.G. The minutes having been disposed of, and routine business despatched, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, accompanied by many Present and Past Provincial Grand officers, entered and was saluted. Among those present were Bros. Dr. Smyth, P.G. Chap. Eng.; Oxley, P.M. 495, Prov. G. Treas.; J. C. Malcolm, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; C. L. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; R. Craig, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Buckley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Williamson, P.M. 521, P.P.G.D.; Monckman, P.M. 1018, P.P.G.D.C.; Bedford, P.M. 304, P.P.G.D.; Stephenson, P.M. 1648, P.P.G.D.C.; Ramsden, P.M. 439, P.P.G.D.; Rev. R. Bullock, P.P.G. Chap.; A. B. Coombe, Prov. G. Chap.; Allison, P.M. 1042, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Fourness, P.M. 1211, P.P.G. Treas.; Herbert Green, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; Richardson, P.M. 1001, P.P.G.P.; W. F. Smithson, W.M. 1211, P.P.G.D., and Chairman West Yorks Charity Committee; A. F. McGill, P.M. 1311; Thrippleton, P.M. 306; Townsend, P.M. 1211; Priestley, W.M. 439; Greaves, P.M. 289; Blackburn, W.M. 1311; Fleming, W.M. 61; Gill, P.M. 264; Brownfoot, I.P.M. 304; Rickard, W.M. 304; Bream, W.M. 306; Youings, P.M. 1211; Scriven, P.M. 1211; Carter, W.M. 1042; Scarth, P.M. 289, and others. The distinguished visitors from the adjoining Province of North and East Yorks included Bro. Tessiman, P.M. 57, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, and Bro. Shackles, P.M. 1511, P.P.G.D. (the well known Masonic numismatist.)

Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were received from, amongst others, Bros. Tew, P.G.D. Eng., Prov. G.M.; Alderson, P.A.G. Sec.; and G. D. Kay, P.M., P.P.G.D. In the course of the evening Bro. Watson received congratulatory telegrams from Bros. W. J. Hughtan, P.G.D. of England (the celebrated Masonic author); Kelly, P.G.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland; George Kenning (the celebrated Masonic publisher); W. J. Lane (the Masonic authority); the W.M. and I.P.M. of 2076; Bros. Speth, Sec. 2076; Atherton, and many others.

The W.M. then addressed the brethren as follows: I have great gratification in presenting to a brother, who has notified his intention of resigning the lodge in consequence of his removal to London, a slight token of our regret at parting with him. I mean our esteemed Bro. Samuel Scott Young. He has done so much for Prudence Lodge, and we so thoroughly appreciate his services, that, as soon as we knew he was leaving, a subscription was started in the lodge, which has been almost universally responded to. I have now the great gratification in presenting this jewel, on behalf of the members of the lodge, Bro. Young, which I now pin on your breast. It is an indication not only of the satisfaction with which the brethren have noted the ability with which you have served the lodge as Secretary, but also as a slight mark of esteem for you as a brother, for your courteous conduct, and the able manner in which you have filled every office that has been allotted to you. We are anxious that you should not leave this lodge without taking with you some little material token of our regard for you. I hope you will not mark that jewel merely for its intrinsic value, but that it will be for all time a token of remembrance of a happy connection with this lodge, and that whenever you look upon it, it will bring back to your memory very happy remembrances of us all.

Bro. Scott Young, who spoke with much feeling, assured the brethren that their gift was most highly prized, and that it would serve to remind him of very many happy hours spent in Lodge Prudence.

The Worshipful Master then said: Before I quit this chair and hand over the gavel to the Installing Master, I feel I must say a word publicly, not only in acknowledgment of the services rendered to me by my officers, but also for the marked ability with which you have served me throughout the year. I also wish to acknowledge the great kindness which all the brethren have exhibited towards me. I am most thankful to feel that I quit this chair leaving the lodge in that state of harmony in which I found it. I feel satisfied that if the lodge has not been improved during my Mastership, at any rate it has lost nothing by it. Brethren, I respectfully offer you my farewell, and call upon the Past Grand Chaplain of England (Bro. Dr. Smyth) to take up the duties of Installing Master.

Bro. Watson was then presented for installation by the D.P.G.M. of West Yorks (Bro. Henry Smith), and Bro. Monckman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and duly obligated. A

large and distinguished Board of Past Masters was afterwards formed, and the ceremony was completed; Bro. Dr. Smyth performing the onerous but congenial duties which fell to his lot to the admiration of all present. The musical portion of the ceremony was under the direction of Bro. Townsend, P.M., P.P.G. Org.

Bro. Watson then invested his officers as follows, addressing to each suitable words of congratulation and advice: Bros. Charles Middleton, S.W.; John James Fretwell, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Evans, Chap.; Robert Abbott, Treas.; Tom Atkinson, Sec.; Robert Craig, P.M. 304, P.P.G.D., Preceptor; Arthur Butterworth, S.D.; Benjamin Sykes Bailey, J.D.; Tudor Trevor, I.P.M., D.C.; L. Howarth, I.G.; R. A. Smithson, Asst. Sec.; C. Cryer and Edwd. Bentley, Stewards; Harris Begbie Abbott, Asst. Steward and Musical Librarian; G. W. Pratt, Org.; and Samuel Barrand, Tyler.

The W.M., as Charity representative of the lodge, reported that, so far as Lodge Prudence was concerned, it had been a very successful year. To the Girls' School 120 guineas had been sent up, and an endowment of 10 guineas to the Old Women's Institution.

On the motion of Bro. Dr. Smyth, seconded by Bro. Tudor Trevor, I.P.M., Bro. Watson was re-elected Charity representative; whilst the I.P.M. and the S.W. were appointed as representatives of the lodge on the local Charity.

Bro. Watson then presented to Bro. Trevor a handsome P.M.'s jewel of the lodge pattern, and, in doing so, assured that brother that he possessed the admiration and affection of every brother in the lodge. He hoped Bro. Trevor would live long to wear it, and that they would often see it on his breast in that lodge. He might depend upon it that he was as near to the hearts of the brethren as that jewel was to his own.

Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M., in the regrettable, but unavoidable, absence of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Tew, then, amid the applause of the brethren, pinned the jewel on Bro. Trevor's breast. He said: Bro. Tew, like myself, has watched the progress of this lodge with very great interest. He has, as you know, been present on several occasions, and I know he fully intended to be here to-day, not only as a matter of pleasing duty, but with the view of saying how pleased he was at the progress the lodge has made. We have watched it with very great interest, and I am proud to say that it is in an exceedingly flourishing condition. When I came here first, you had 15 members, the second time you had 24, and now you have 34; and I am sure the class of brethren you have introduced into Masonry has been of a character to reflect great credit on your choice. I am proud, Bro. Trevor, to have been deputed by your brethren to pin this well-deserved jewel on your breast.

Bro. Trevor said: The least said the soonest mended on an occasion like this, when one's language is utterly inadequate to express one's feelings. I am sure you will believe me when I say that I receive your present not only with the sincere thanks which are due to me, but that it shall be placed among my possessions to last for all time as a fitting token of your kindly appreciation, your affection, and your regard.

The remainder of the business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed amid a perfect volley of "Hearty good wishes."

An adjournment was then made to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous meal was awaiting the brethren. After dinner, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which

Bro. Trevor proposed "The Health of the Newly-installed W.M." He said: You, Bro. Watson, who have just been installed as no tyro in the Masonic art, for you were installed W.M. of your old lodge (Fidelity) 16 years ago. When I remember not merely the local reputation, but the provincial, nay, the almost world-wide, reputation you possess as a Masonic "litterateur," I feel sure that the lodge which has honoured itself by its choice has a happy and prosperous year before it. I am sure you will maintain the traditions of this lodge in their integrity, and we all, whilst congratulating you on the position you occupy amongst us, wish you a happy career. In the name of the brethren, I give you our most hearty congratulations and warm welcome, and we promise that we will stand by you as loyal subjects in every respect.

Bro. Watson, to whom was accorded a hearty greeting, said: Ever since the opening of the lodge, brethren have been loyal to the chair. A house divided against itself cannot stand, and a lodge which lacks unity cannot prosper. I am proud, indeed, at the unanimous way in which you elected me. The number of congratulatory letters I have received from all parts of the country has almost overwhelmed me. I believe our lodge has been watched through the province as an experiment; to-day we have got beyond the region of experiment—we are a great success; and, brethren, this success will be increased so long as perfect harmony prevails. If any difficulty arises, if only the brethren will come to me as W.M., as a brother to whom they can speak in perfect confidence, all will be well, and troubles which may threaten will be dissipated. Let us all resolve to listen to no innuendoes from the outside, but to stick to each other, and to be open and above board with each other, and then, as we are harmonious, we are bound to prosper. I wish long life, health, and prosperity to you all.

The W.M., at a later period, asked the brethren to drink "The Health of Bro. Scott Young," and said how much he would be missed both in the lodge and at refreshment.

Bro. Young again expressed regret at the painful severance which circumstances had necessitated, and said some of his happiest Masonic memories were linked with Prudence Lodge.

Several visiting brethren contributed songs and recitations; and being ably backed up by Bros. Young, Hood, Cryer, and other musical members of the lodge, the proceedings throughout were most enjoyable.

The new Drill Hall of the 2nd City of London Rifle Volunteers, which has recently been erected in Farringdon-street, near the Metropolitan Railway Station, at a cost of close on £4000, was formally opened by his Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief on Saturday afternoon last, among the principal personages present being Bro. Alderman Whitehead, the new Lord Mayor, and Bro. Sheriff Newton.

INSTRUCTION.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. Petch, W.M.; H. Hunt, S.W.; A. Wolter, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; G. T. Chretien, S.D.; R. Loomes, J.D.; Aplin, I.G.; D. P. Holness, P.M.; Gush, P.M.; F. W. Dines, C. Hiller, J. M. Scarlett, and J. Wilson.

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. Wilson candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Wilson answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and withdrew. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Dines candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Aplin and Wilson were elected members of the lodge. Bro. H. Hunt was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

A meeting of the Second Islington Masonic Charities Association was then held. The subscriptions were received, and ballots taken for the 23rd and 24th Life-Governorships, which were allotted to Bros. C. Hiller and Tanqueray.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, when there were present Bros. W. Holliday, W.M.; W. Steel, S.W.; J. J. Wright, J.W.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; Fred. Croaker, Treas.; Fred. Williams, Hon. Sec.; A. Wingham, S.D.; W. H. Harper, J.D.; Cooper, I.G.; W. Roots, H. J. Chapman, Watson, C. F. Williams, L. Watson, J. Hattersley, H. A. Bridges, W. Pottinger, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. F. Williams having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Williams as candidate. Bro. Chapman having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Chapman candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. H. A. Bridges, W. Pottinger, and L. Watson were elected members. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. W. Steel, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the fourth Tuesday in this month. Bro. Steel returned thanks, and appointed the officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—The above lodge held its first annual meeting on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Larter, W.M.; Gaskell, P.M., S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Joyce, S.D.; Lambert, J.D.; Ives, P.M., I.G.; Carey, W. Smith, R. D. Smith, Davey, Pitt, P.M.; Lague, Taylor, Antunovich, Wildbore, Presland, and Button. Visitors: Bros. Knight and Kettle.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed, the reports of the Hon. Sec. and Auditors of the Lodge and Charitable Association Funds were presented, and received by the brethren, and a cordial and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Colley, the Hon. Sec., and Bros. Smith, Williams, and Larter, for the manner in which they had carried out their duties. The respective brethren having acknowledged the same, and the W.M. chosen for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed in due form, and an adjournment made to the supper room of the worthy host, Bro. Lewis, P.M.

The annual supper then took place, the chair being taken by Bro. Carey, W.M. of the mother lodge, and the vice-chair by Bro. W. Smith, W.M. of the United Strength Lodge, No. 228. After the brethren had gone through the Fourth Degree, so well provided by Bro. Lewis, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The toasts of "The W.M.," "Preceptor," "Hon. Sec.," "Treasurer," "Past Masters," and "Visitors," were duly acknowledged by those brethren, all the P.M.'s and Bros. Knight and Kettle (visitors), responding. During the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. Gaskell, P.M.; Duffield, P.M.; Pitt, P.M.; Lewis, P.M.; Williams, Smith, Taylor, Antunovich, and Lague, and after an evening spent in unanimity and concord, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Bro. Jas. Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c., will give his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry," at this lodge of instruction, on Thursday, the 29th inst., at 7 p.m. sharp. M.M.'s are cordially invited, and as Bro. Stevens' abilities are so well known, it is hoped that a large assemblage of the brethren will be present.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 8th inst. Present: Bros. E. Buxton, W.M.; A. Frimholt, S.W.; A. Lemaire, J.W.; T. Lichtenfeld, acting as Preceptor; R. J. Harnell, acting as Sec.; G. Stafford, S.D.; W. Proudfoot, J.D.; A. Rönnaasen, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; P. Frengnellucci, H. Sammons, J. Greenway, G. T. Russell, R. Kirk, R. Clare, and F. Moss.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. Lichtenfeld worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. P. Frengnellucci having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the first time, Bro. Francis Moss, jun., 1922, was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. A. Frimholt was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Gilbert, W.M.; Josey, P.M., S.W.; Craggs, J.W.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Jennings, S.D.; Rice, J.D.; Arnott, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; John Davies, Preceptor; Sims, P.M.; Child, P.M.; Williams, P.M.; Stonnill, Bick, and Burbrook.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Child, P.M., having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony completed. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Josey, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. J. Brown, W.M.; Biggs, S.W.; J. Wood, P.M., J.W.; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; Hyde, J.D.; M. Speigel, P.M., I.G.; Aslett, Org.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; F. Craggs, D. Long, H. Clark, and C. Hopkins. Visitor: Bro. H. Wilcocks, 975.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. D. Stroud, P.M., being the candidate. Bro. Long offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. worked the ceremony of passing, Bro. Long being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and it was proposed by Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., and seconded by Bro. G. Gardner, P.M., that Bro. H. Wilcocks, 975, be a joining member—carried unanimously. On the third rising, Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., gave notice of motion—"That Bro. Aslett be appointed Organist and honorary member of the lodge of instruction." Bro. Biggs, S.W., was elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting, the present one being officers' night. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Evans, W.M.; Harvey, S.W.; Piper, J.W.; Boulton, P.M.; Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Shaw, S.D.; Stutfield, J.D.; Mann, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Edwards, Salter, Molony, Green, F. Purnell, Baderley, Hayler, Ray, and Roberts.

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. Purnell being the candidate. Bro. Brindley, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brindley being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Harvey was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

COLCHESTER.—Patriotic Chapter (No. 51).

—The installation meeting of the above chapter was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The chief business of the evening was the installation of Principals, which was most ably performed by Comp. J. C. Turner, P.Z., P.P.G.O., the companions installed being Comps. George Harrison, M.E.Z.; T. G. Mills, H.; and J. T. Bailey, J. The officers of the chapter were invested as under: Comps. T. J. Ralling, P.Z., P.G. Swd. Br. Eng., P.G.S.E., S.E.; R. D. Poppleton, S.N.; A. S. B. Sparling, P.S.; Thos. Rix, P.Z., P.P.G. Swd. Br. Treas.; Munson, Janitor; and A. Wright, Asst. Janitor.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Turner for the able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony; and a Committee was appointed to revise the by-laws of the chapter.

Letters regretting their inability to attend were read, among others, from the Grand Superintendent of the province (Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar); Comp. A. Lucking, P.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C.; and others.

Between 30 and 40 companions afterwards dined together at the Cups Hotel, and during the evening the usual toasts were given and responded to.

The greatest heartiness and unanimity characterised the whole of the proceedings, and the companions greatly enjoyed a rich musical programme, given by Bros. J. Brown, Franklin Clive, E. Dalziel, and Comp. Turle Lee.

Amongst the companions present, besides those already mentioned, were Comps. W. D. Merritt, I.P.Z. 1000, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. P. Lewin, M.E.Z. 276, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.Z. 51, P.P.G.S.N.; A. Welch, P.Z. 51, P.P.G.J.; Wm. Sowman, P.Z. 51, P.P.A.G. Soj.; R. Clowes, I.P.Z.; Prov. G. Reg.; E. Henne-meyer, P.Z.; Captain Wyncoll, Captain Lapham, Lieut. Giles, Major Stewart, Lieut. Sitwell, Lieut. Eagar, S. D. C. Ablitt, J. Ashdown, J. G. Potten, R. Little, Harold Francis, J. G. Renshaw, F. Horsman, Frank Quilter, H. J. Skingley, R. Haward Ives, J. E. Matthews, G. N. Watson, A. Barritt, and others.

SALFORD.—Starkie Chapter (No. 935).

—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street. Present: Comps. Thomas Southern, M.E.Z.; Evan Williams, H.; Charles Turner, J.; F. W. Lean, S.E.; F. Armstrong, 1st A.S.; P. H. Nicholls, Janitor; A. Grice, E. Bradburn, W. Craig Royle, Jas. Sudren, P.Z.; Wm. Dumville, P.Z.; and Wm. H. Southern. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, Past Grand Dep. D. of C., and Prov. G.H., and were installed, and placed in their respective positions, in that correct and workman-like manner for which he is renowned. Comp. Sillitoe then addressed Comps. Williams, Turner, and Armstrong respectively, after which he invested the following officers for the year: Comps. F. W. Lean, S.E.; J. J. Meakin, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., Treas.; W. H. Malkin, P.S.; H. Lord, 1st A.S. (these three companions were invested by proxy); A. Grice, 2nd A.S.; and P. H. Nicholls, Janitor. Comp. Sillitoe finished the ceremony by addressing the companions generally. Before the closing of the chapter, Comp. F. W. Lean presented an 18 carat gold P.Z.'s jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester) to Comp. Thos. Southern for his highly appreciated services as M.E.Z. during the past year. Comp. Southern thanked the companions for the jewel, and the chapter was closed.

The chapter was opened, and, after the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and confirmed, the three Principals elect, viz., Comps. Evan Williams, Z.; Charles Turner, H.; and F. Armstrong, J., were presented to the Installing Companion, Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, Past Grand Dep. D. of C., and Prov. G.H., and were installed, and placed in their respective positions, in that correct and workman-like manner for which he is renowned. Comp. Sillitoe then addressed Comps. Williams, Turner, and Armstrong respectively, after which he invested the following officers for the year: Comps. F. W. Lean, S.E.; J. J. Meakin, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., Treas.; W. H. Malkin, P.S.; H. Lord, 1st A.S. (these three companions were invested by proxy); A. Grice, 2nd A.S.; and P. H. Nicholls, Janitor. Comp. Sillitoe finished the ceremony by addressing the companions generally. Before the closing of the chapter, Comp. F. W. Lean presented an 18 carat gold P.Z.'s jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester) to Comp. Thos. Southern for his highly appreciated services as M.E.Z. during the past year. Comp. Southern thanked the companions for the jewel, and the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards sat down to dinner, and the usual toasts were honoured.

"The Health of Comp. Sillitoe" was proposed in flattering terms by the M.E.Z., who referred to the large number of ceremonies he had performed in that and other provinces, of the high distinctions that had been worthily bestowed upon him, both by Grand and Provincial Grand Chapters; and after thanking him most heartily for his kindness in coming to perform the entire ceremony that day, concluded by asking the companions to heartily drink his health.

It is scarcely necessary to say the invitation was promptly responded to, after which Comp. Sillitoe replied, and expressed the pleasure it at all times gave him to perform any ceremony in Royal Arch Masonry, and particularly in the Starkie Chapter, which he said was one of his babies, having assisted at its consecration.

"The Health of the Three Principals" was drunk and responded to, also "The Visitors," responded to by Comps. Irving and Lisenden, and "The Officers."

LEVENSHULME.—Alexandra Chapter (No. 993).

—The installation meeting of this chapter took place on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Medway Hotel. Present: Comps. H. B. Outram, Z.; C. D. Cheetham, jun., H.; John Stovold, J.; R. Timperley, P.Z., Treas.; W. H. Bibby, jun., S.E.; F. W. Lean, acting, P. Soj.; Walter H. Vaughan, P.Z., acting S.N.; and A. H. Jefferis, P.P.A.G. Soj. Visitors: Comps. W. H. Vaughan, John Roberts, P.Z. 204; George Hunt, P.Z.; F. W. Lean, and W. H. Peak.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. Arthur Jefferis, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., Installing Companions, assumed the First Principal's chair, and installed the following companions into their respective chairs: Comps. C. D. Cheetham, jun., Z.; John Stovold, H.; and Alfred Hirst, J. The M.E.Z. then invested the following companions with the collar and jewel of their respective offices—Comps. Arthur Jefferis, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., Treas.; H. B. Outram, P.Z., S.E.; W. H. Bibby, P.Z., P.S. (by deputy); W. H. Bibby, jun., S.N.; and Kirk, Janitor. The investiture of the Assistant Soj. was deferred to next meeting. Comp. Arthur Jefferis, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., then gave the different charges to the newly-invested officers.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was unusually good. After the loyal toasts had been proposed and honoured,

Comp. Arthur Jefferis, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., proposed "The Health of the Newly-installed Principals," and, in referring to Comp. Cheetham, M.E.Z., said with what great pleasure he had the honour of installing him, having known him intimately for 30 years or more—in fact, they were lads together, played together, and went to school together, and their friendship had been intimate ever since. He could, therefore, speak of Comp. Cheetham as few at the board could, and assured the companions that in electing Comp. Cheetham to that honourable position they had chosen a companion who would never disgrace them, but one, he firmly believed, they would feel justly proud of.

Comp. Cheetham, M.E.Z., in responding, thanked the companions for their confidence in placing him in his present position, and trusted that all Comp. Jefferis had said respecting him might be fulfilled. He would endeavour during his year of office, as he had always done previously, to maintain the dignity and high position the Order had maintained as a proof of his interest in the chapter. He had never missed a single meeting of the chapter since he had joined it, with one exception, and then he was some 300 or 400 miles away, and could not possibly return in time. Comp. Jefferis had referred to all the different offices he had held in the chapter, and he (Comp. Cheetham) assured him with what pleasure to himself he had done so, and was highly gratified to find they had met with their approval. He expressed the sincere pleasure he had in seeing some of his oldest friends there that evening, particularly mentioning Comp. F. W. Lean, who had known him ever since childhood, and knew his father and mother before he did.

Comps. Stovold and Hirst also replied to the toast in feeling terms.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Installing Companion," and "The I.P.Z., Comp. Outram," were duly proposed and responded to, all the companions expressing themselves as highly delighted with the manner in which the Installing Companion had unaided performed his important task, saying they had never seen it so admirably performed.

Comps. Peak and Hirst added much to the companions' pleasure by the songs they rendered.

INSTRUCTION.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. Whitby, Z. 1329, M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, H. 69, H.; T. Grumman, P.Z., J.; F. Hilton, P.Z. Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.N.; J. Hill, P.S. 1329, P.S.; Meierhoff, 1st A.S. elect 1275, A.S.; J. Addington, Z. elect 1275; Murché, and Davis.

The chapter was regularly opened, and the ceremony of installation of H. was rehearsed. The companions were admitted, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and Comp. Meierhoff, 1st Ass. elect 1275, was admitted a joining member. The dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and Comp. Hilton thanked the Principals present for their support during the rehearsal of the installation ceremony, and promised to rehearse another installation ceremony at the next meeting if again so supported. The chapter was then closed.

South Africa.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF A NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.

On Saturday, the 25th August, a ceremony of an interesting nature took place at Woodstock, when the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Temple of the Albion Lodge, No. 2220, was laid by Bro. C. A. Fairbridge, D.G.M. of South Africa, Western Division.

It may be as well to preface the proceedings of the day by stating that the Albion Lodge, although not a new formation, is, as yet, comparatively young in the history of local Masonry. It was originated just about a year ago, and at that time comprised about a round dozen of members, but the roll of membership has since then increased in a gratifying manner, and the lodge now embraces over forty representatives of the Craft. Hitherto, the meetings of the brethren have been conducted in St. Mary's Hall; but in view of the proportions which the lodge would eventually assume, the necessity of a building more commodious, and more suitable to their purposes, became apparent.

The site of the new Temple has been judiciously selected; it is situated on the elevated piece of ground known as Leliebloem, and, when completed, will form an attractive and substantial erection, in a district where such buildings are, at present, few and far between.

The members of the various lodges that had been invited assembled in St. Mary's Hall, at three o'clock, where the District Grand Lodge was opened by the District Grand Master, Bro. C. A. Fairbridge. Subsequently they formed in processional order, and marched to Leliebloem. All the members wore Masonic regalia.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, in laying the stone, said he was exceedingly pleased to officiate. The Albion Lodge he considered a credit to Masonry and to an energetic and enterprising community. There was a mournful interest attached to the circumstances under which they met, for one of their most estimable brethren had been cut off in the prime and vigour of life, almost immediately after being introduced to the position of Master of his lodge. Many of them would miss the presence that day,

and would do honour to the memory of a good and worthy man, and a distinguished Mason. He died in the fullness of age and the fullness of honours. The objects of their Institution would be nothing without the hope, and consolation, and belief in the great hereafter; without some such hope their lives would be miserable indeed. He hoped, by the ceremonies of that day, it would be impressed upon them that the great principle of Masonry lay in those great cardinal points, a hope in the future, and in the toleration which they, as Masons, were taught to practise towards others. If Masonry departed from those principles, then it was Masonry no longer.

The DISTRICT GRAND CHAPLAIN then offered prayer, after which the bottle—containing copies of the local newspapers, the coin of the realm, and the parchment, upon which was inscribed a brief record of the proceedings—was placed in the cavity, and the stone was lowered.

The DISTRICT GRAND CHAPLAIN said they had met to lay the foundation-stone of the Albion Masonic Temple, so that the members of that lodge might have a local habitation, and, perhaps, it would be a fitting opportunity to say a few words regarding the principles of their ancient and honourable Order. That it dated so far back as it did, was a proof that there must be something good in it. No falsehood would have a long and flourishing life. Sometimes falsehood when it was backed up by authority might long survive, but let falsehood stand upon its own feet, and it would speedily die a natural death. Freemasonry had had no support from outward authority, and the fact that it had flourished so long was a proof that there must be goodness and truth in it. There was nothing in Freemasonry that anyone could wish to alter. No one would say that its principles satisfied all the higher needs of human nature, but while some things might be regarded as needful in addition, no one could say that anything in the way of alteration was required. One of the principles inculcated by precept and practice, was that of brotherly love and unity. It had been said by an eminent authority that men naturally hated each other, but one of the principles of Freemasonry was to uphold the principle that "man to man the world o'er should brothers be." And then they inculcated those principles not as a mere sentiment, but as a precept to be carried out in practical shape. One of their duties was to give help to any brother in distress, to help the widows and orphans left without support; and that they did, not only in their corporate capacity as lodges, but as individuals as well. Many an one now in an eminent position had to look back with thankfulness to the education he had received in that way. Whilst Freemasonry had its secrets, which were inviolable, those things were not done with ostentation, but done in a most honourable kind of secrecy. Freemasonry was not made for the secrets, but the secrets were made for Freemasonry, and the object was for the secrets to maintain Freemasonry. The building, whose foundation-stone they had just laid, would not be unworthy of a position in that community, and when it was completed, might it only be resorted to by those who were amongst the wise and the faithful of God.

The ode, "Great Architect whose glory fills," was then sung by the company present, assisted by the choir of St. Mary's Church, and to the accompaniment of the Spes Bona Band.

An adjournment was subsequently made to the Altona Rooms, where refreshment was provided, to which a large number of brethren, ladies, and gentlemen sat down. The Deputy Grand Master presided, and proposed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts.

The District Grand Secretary, Bro. J. O. RIDDELSDELL, in the course of a few remarks, stated that the building proposed to be erected was not to be devoted exclusively to Masonic rites, but they hoped to have Masonic gatherings, lectures, entertainments, and little dances. At all events, they trusted it would not only be a benefit to Freemasonry, but that it would assist in advancing the cause of the social and general well-being of Woodstock.

The following is a list of the lodges, with their respective Secretaries, invited to take part in the ceremony: District Grand Lodge of South Africa (Western Division), Bro. J. Riddelsdell; De Goede Hoop Lodge, Bro. W. H. Tiffany; Carnarvon Lodge, 1735, Bro. Thomas H. Shipley; De Goede Trouw Lodge, Bro. F. Schipper; British Lodge, 334, Bro. W. E. Goodman; Lorne Lodge, 654, Bro. John Tibbits; Phoenix Lodge, 2082, Bro. E. Whaley; and Southern Cross Lodge, 398, Bro. W. C. Ball.

MOURNING LODGE FOR THE LATE PRESIDENT BRAND.

On Saturday, August 25, the Lodge de Goede Hoop held a mourning lodge in memory of their late brother, President Brand. The celebration was conducted with the full rites and ceremonies of the Order, and was witnessed by a large assemblage of people—Masons, sisters, and profanes. The Temple was draped in mourning, and on a dais was placed a bier. Amongst those present was the distinguished brother, His Excellency the Governor, representatives of the District Grand Lodge of England, Bro. C. A. Fairbridge, G.M., and other officers of the Western Province; Bro. J. Hofmeyr, G.M.N. and P.G. Lodge of the Netherlands; Bro. Sir David Tennant, and Bro. Tudhope.

The service commenced with the Dead March in "Saul" by Mr. Dowling, after which the choir rendered the anthem "Praise His awful name," from Spohr's "Last Judgment."

The W.M., Bro. MARSHALL, then delivered his opening address, in the course of which he remarked upon the frailty of human life, and the lesson which this mortality should teach them. Enlarging on the virtuous life of their late distinguished brother, he observed that Sir John Brand was most exemplary in the performance of every duty; faithfully he discharged the high trust committed to him; loyally he served the State of which he was the head, and ever ready was he to co-operate in all that was for the good of his fellow-men. His unswerving fidelity, unselfish devotion of life, gained a place for him in the hearts of all. Though prevented by distance from being with them, he was none the less a hearty worker with them in the great Temple of the Universe. He urged them to follow the good example of such a good man. There was a Fraternity which accepted every true man as a brother, a Fraternity in whose temples there was no distinction of race or creed. In no part of the world was it so important that men should act upon these principles as in South Africa; and there were many men who, like the late President Brand, had made their Order what it professed to be—the shadow of a great rock in the wilderness.

The service was continued, and the choir gave the anthem, with solo, "Come up Hither," from Spohr's "Last Judgment."

Bro. the Rev. D. P. FAURE, P.M., delivered an address. Freemasonry, he said, had had no inconsiderable share in qualifying the late President Brand for the brilliant career that had just closed. Men frequently contemptuously asked what was the practical use of Freemasonry. It was freely admitted that Freemasonry might be made more practically useful than it was, but at the same time they should not let false delicacy seal their lips when they had something to point to which demonstrated that Freemasonry was not so utterly useless, was not so uselessly cumbering the ground, as was sometimes represented. He would point to the late President of the Orange Free State, and say there was one of their monuments. Freemasonry had given that man to South Africa. The deceased statesman showed that he not only understood the Masonic principles, but that it was his constant aim and endeavour to give them practical effect. "Peace on earth and goodwill to men"—the motto of Freemasonry—was the motto by which President Brand shaped his policy. He was a grand promoter of peace, and therefore a good Freemason. Would that Freemasons all over the world were imbued, as was President Brand, with Masonic principles that universal peace should reign. With emperors and kings, princes and rulers, nobles innumerable, with ministers of war and foreign secretaries, members of parliament, with men of light and leading, and the cultured classes crowning their Order, and represented in their ranks, what a huge, what a powerful peace society Freemasonry might be, if the whole brotherhood were as faithful to the principles of the Fraternity as their departed brother.

The service was continued with a solo and an anthem, and

The Orator, Bro. DOUALIER, delivered the oration. Having briefly alluded to the lamented demise of their young but zealous brother, Cornwell, he passed on to remark upon the death of President Brand. Who, he asked, did not know him? Who did not value him? Who did not love him? South Africa had lost one of her brightest jewels, one of her most illustrious sons, and the Order a true and faithful brother. Having been initiated, Crafted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, in the very temple in which they were assembled, they could not but call to remembrance that he was a most devoted and zealous member of the Order, of which his father had been so valued, so valiant, so successful a leader. Love for his brethren, pleasant companionship, active promotion of every good act, benevolence in its truest and most exalted sense, unshaken courage in trials and disappointments, thankfulness for the past, hopefulness in the future, God-fearing, deeply attached to his native land, possessed of patriotism of the very highest order, trusted and admired both at home and abroad—these were his characteristics, and it might fitly be said of him, "he was not cast in Nature's common mould."

A hymn was sung, and immortelles, wreaths, and flowers were placed upon the bier by the G.M.N., the W.M., and officers of the lodge, during which the choir sang, "After he had served his own generation" (T. B. Dowling), and Beethoven's Funeral March was played on the organ and pianoforte. Additional anthems and the hymn "Brief life is here our portion," having been sung, the sisters and profanes were requested to leave, and the lodge was closed.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., Vice-President, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; A. H. Tattershall, Charles Kempton, W. B. Daniell, J. J. Berry, Wm. Smith, W. Belchamber, E. West, L. Stean, C. H. Driver, P.G. Supt. of Works.; Herbert J. Adams, G.S.B.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. J. Perceval, W. J. Murlis, J. M. Case, P.G.D.; C. H. Webb, Hugh Cotter, Charles Lacey, W. Hilton, H. M. Hobbs, James S. Fraser, R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. Newton, Alex. Forsyth, John E. Dawson, P.G.S.B.; B. E. Blasby, John Larkin, and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and the Secretary having reported the deaths of eight annuitants (five males and three widows), the Warden's report for the past month was read.

Sundry reports were read, including one as to the receipt of £200, being part of the residue of the estate of the late Miss Louisa McKellar, and that of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart on land at Croydon, and the transfer of the building to new Trustees.

The applications of the widows of three recently deceased annuitants for half of their late husbands' annuities were granted.

The Committee then considered the petitions of 11 applicants (five men and six widows), and, after due inquiry, accepted those of four men and six widows, and directed their names to be placed on the lists of candidates for the Election in May, 1889, that of the remaining male applicant being refused.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding brought the proceedings to a close.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

FRYER.—On the 13th inst., at 12A, Kensington Palace Gardens, the wife of F. E. R. Fryer, Esq., of a son.

HARMAN.—On the 10th inst., at 15, Lansdown-place, Cheltenham, the wife of Major T. E. Harman, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

TRICKETT.—On the 9th inst., at Park-road, Haverstock-hill, Bro. John Trickett, C.E., late Engineer-in-Chief and Inspector of Machinery at H.M. Woolwich and Keyham Dockyards, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.M. 1194, 73, and P.Z. 73. Aged 75 years. Deeply regretted by all who knew him.—R.I.P.

Obituary.

BRO. JOSEPH S. LAVIES, M.D.

Our readers will regret to hear of the death, on the 1st inst., of Bro. Joseph Samuel Lavies, M.D., a most able and popular member of our Society, who was a member of many lodges, and whose kindly and genial presence was always greeted with a hearty welcome. Bro. Lavies, so far as we have been able to ascertain, was initiated under the Scottish Constitution. At all events, he joined the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, from St. John's Lodge, No. 193, Scotland, and subsequently extended his connection with the Craft by joining many others, such as the Orpheus, No. 1706, in 1877, and the Earl of Mornington, No. 2000, of which he was a founder and first W. Master, &c., &c. He was also, we believe, a member of one or more Surrey lodges, and had been rewarded for his services with the collar of Prov. S.G.W. He was the first candidate for exaltation in the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, and having been immediately invested as Scribe E., worked through the various offices until at length he was installed as M.E.Z. in 1886, and fulfilled the duties of that position with marked success. His funeral took place at Norwood Cemetery, on the 6th inst., the first part of the service being held in the Church of St. Gabriel, Warwick-square, in the presence of a crowded congregation. Among those present at the mournful ceremony were Bros. N. H. Turner, Professor Rose, R.A.M.; George Cooper, P.G.D.C.; Beckett, and many others of his numerous friends and brethren in Masonry, who were anxious to pay their last tribute of respect to one whom they had known so well and esteemed so highly, and who had been taken from them after so short an illness at the comparatively early age of 64 years. We tender our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of our deceased brother.

BRO. HENRY PAULDEN, P.M. 204.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Henry Paulden, P.M. Caledonian Lodge, No. 204, Manchester, and Z. of the same chapter. The deceased carried on the business of auctioneer and estate agent, for many years, in Cooper-street and other places. He was initiated in the Caledonian Lodge in 1879, and fulfilled nearly all the minor offices. He was installed W.M. in 1884, and some 12 months after his raising was elected and exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. He was a very fluent speaker, and possessed a capital memory. As W.M. and Z. he gave entire satisfaction to all the members of both lodge and chapter, and also when carrying out the duties of the minor offices. He died after a short, but painful illness, on October 30, and was interred in the Wesleyan Church Cemetery, in the presence of a score of members of his lodge, several brother members of his profession, and numerous other friends. Deceased was 58 years of age, and is much regretted.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

Every Evening at 7.30, THE ARMADA.

ADELPHI THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8, THE UNION JACK; at 7.15, THE LOTTERY TICKET.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.30, JOSEPH'S SWEETHEART; at 7.45, THE BROTHERS.

GAIETY THEATRE.

Every Evening at 7.40, LOT 49; at 8.30, FAUST UP TO DATE.

COMEDY THEATRE.

Every Evening at 9, UNCLES AND AUNTS; at 8, THE SPY.

PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.30, DOROTHY; at 7.40, WARRANTED BURGLAR PROOF.

SAVOY THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.15, THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD; at 7.20, MRS. JARRAMIE'S GENIE.

GLOBE THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.30, THE MONK'S ROOM; at 8.0, THAT TELEGRAM.

TERRY'S THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.30, SWEET LAVENDER.

TOOLE'S THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.15, PEPITA.

AVENUE THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.15, NADGY; at 7.45, QUILTS.

COURT THEATRE.

Every Evening at 9, MAMMA; at 8, COX AND BOX.

ROYALTY THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.30, CLARA SOLEIL.

SHAFESBURY THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.15, THE LADY OF LYONS.

SURREY THEATRE.

Every Evening at 7.30, THE GOLDEN BAND.

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"The Dean's Daughter," we are pleased to say, has had its run at the St. James's, which will re-open with an entirely new play by Mr. W. S. Gilbert, in which Miss Julia Neilson, who has made at one or two matinees, will play the leading part. Miss Norreys and Mr. Lewis Waller will, as well as the lessee, Mr. Barrington, appear in the cast. We have no doubt Mr. Gilbert's comedy will be of a tone suitable to English tastes.

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M. Chassoique wrote some years since a comic opera called "Falka," which, wherever it appeared was well received, and in London it took so strong a hold that a revival of it was a good "spec." The same composer has written "Sarcouf," which has been adapted very skillfully by Mr. Alfred Murray and renamed "Nadgy," and produced for the first time in this country on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Avenue Theatre, with every sign of a popular run, as most comic operas have which are given at this home of light music, and in which Bro. Arthur Roberts appears. The music is not equal to "Falka," neither is there much originality in the plot; but it affords many opportunities of scenic effects and for the introduction of comic situations. In a few nights Bro. Arthur Roberts will have worded into it a lot of his originality, and make the opera go better. He is less himself and more the person he impersonates every time, and certainly is improving in refinement. With another good song or two and a little more comic business, "Nadgy" will be strengthened. A very welcome addition in the field of comic opera is Mlle. Vanoni, who ably assists with her vivacity and sweet voice. The lady, we understand, is an Italian, and the wife of Signor Albertina. She speaks English fluently. Not long ago she created a furore at the Alhambra by her highly finished dancing. Old friends of the Avenue will welcome Miss Giulia Warwick's return; she is possessed of a rich voice, and sings with culture. Among the most successful songs are "Let me woo thee," exquisitely sung by Mr. Joseph Tapley, tenor, a duet, "Love at sight," and a duet by Bro. Arthur Roberts and Mlle. Vanoni—"Tzig-a-zig," the latter being encored several times. We commend Mr. Alfred Murray's translation and adaptation as being altogether free from French vulgarity. The patrons of the Avenue have no cause to complain of their new bill of fare, though "Nadgy" is not so pretty as "Falka," nor so lively as "The Old Guard." On the first night stalls were selling for two guineas each, so eager are persons now-a-days to be present at gatherings of this sort.

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Mr. George Edwardes has taken over the management of the Gaiety again, after a short interval, and produced a burlesque, by Mr. G. R. Sims and Bro. Henry Pettitt, entitled "Faust Up to Date." It may seem odd that two writers of melodrama should be the authors of a comic piece. They have carried out their commission very creditably, for "Faust Up to Date" is not a spectacle piece only, but is a true burlesque of Gounod's opera, the bringing up to date meaning that scenes take place in the Italian Exhibition and Olympia. The quips and puns are generally good, but the most clever ones seemed not to be noticed by the audience, and unless taken up sharply its wit is lost. The music is Bro. Meyer Lutz's, with one exception, that being the inevitable Irish song by Mr. Robt. Martin Ennisworthy, sung by Bro. E. J. Lonnen, which is encored as much as "Killaloe" or "Ballyhooley." We think Bro. Lutz would have done well to have introduced some of the popular tunes of the day instead of giving us so much original work, pretty as it is, when it emanates from this original composer. Miss Florence St. John has allotted to her the rôle of Margaret, and throws herself into the part with earnestness. Miss St. John is one of the best ballad singers on the stage of comic opera, and at once won the hearts of her audience by her first song, "A simple little maid." We think this talented lady was not seen quite often enough, perhaps by now some other songs have been introduced for her. Miss Fanny Robina, as Faust, proved herself endowed with talents which will make her a strong favourite at the Gaiety. She sang and danced with much sweetness and grace, this was particularly marked in the song, "I've roamed the world over." Miss Jennie McNulty, as Siebel, shows how to appear in tights and yet remain a lady. She has such a quiet manner and sings and dances so sweetly that she easily ingratiated herself with the patrons. One of the prettiest scenes in the whole burlesque is a pas-de-quatre by Misses Lillian Price, Florence Levey, Greville, and Sprague. It is one of the cleverest and prettiest dances we have ever seen, and was encored again and again until the young ladies were breathless. The first dancer Miss Lillian Price is so extremely graceful and nimble that we hope the management will give her a pas-de-seul. In the absence of Misses Sylvia Grey and Letty Lind, this pretty young lady, who is of their school of dancing, makes an excellent substitute. Mr. George Stone and Bro. E. J. Lonnen share the hard work of keeping the fun from flagging. Bro. Lonnen, as Mephistopheles, leave nothing to be desired, and seems to be as popular now as any of his predecessors in his style of business. We always have looked upon him as a born burlesque actor. "Faust up to Date" is well mounted, and everything betokens another of those Gaiety successes of which there has been no break since Mr. Edwardes caused the sacred lamp to burn so brightly.

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Grace Hawthorne and the manager, Mr. W. W. Kelly, are determined not to let their present patronage fall off for want of enterprise. It would be difficult to suggest a stronger cast for their new production, "Hands Across the Sea," than the one which has been arranged. Mr. Henry Neville, Messrs. Pateman, Abingdon, Cross, Garden, Gurney, and Morell, with Miss Mary Rorke, are already scheduled, and cannot but help to make a successful run of a piece with such a healthy provincial record. The London Princess's is having a palmy season just now.



We are reluctantly compelled to hold over several lodge reports this week for want of space, amongst others the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, which was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Monday last, when Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord George Hamilton was elected W.M., and Bro. George Everett re-elected Treasurer.

GRAND TREASURERSHIP, 1889.—We understand that Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., has consented to act as Chairman of Bro. George Everett's Election Committee.

Bros. General Lord Wolseley, the Bishop of Peterborough, and Admiral Sir L. McClintock were among the guests entertained at dinner, on Tuesday, by the Treasurer and Benchers of Lincoln's Inn.

The Chairman of the Ealing Local Board has received a letter from Bro. Sir Francis Knollys announcing that the Prince and Princess of Wales have fixed on Saturday, the 15th December, as the day on which they will open the Ealing Jubilee Memorial Hall.

At the meeting of St. Petroc Lodge, No. 1785, at Padstow, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., the W.M. for the ensuing year was elected, the choice of the brethren falling upon Bro. Major C. R. Pridaux Brune, S.W. Bro. F. Bray, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. D. Lobb was re-elected Tyler.

Arrangements have been made for a political meeting to be held at Hasingden, in the Rossendale division of Lancashire, on Saturday, the 24th inst., when Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, who represents the division in Parliament, will be the principal speaker.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, arrived in town, on Monday, from his residence, Baron's Court, County Tyrone.

Bro. Lord Onslow has been appointed Governor of New Zealand. The *World* says he is sure to make a popular and successful Governor, and many of his best friends are astonished at the self-denial which has induced him to consent to what may be described as a partial political eclipse. He was, however, honestly anxious to second his old chief Lord Knutsford's laudable desire to make a new departure in the distribution of the more important posts in the Antipodes, and will doubtless make his mark as a high-minded, energetic, and most hospitable Proconsul. His cosmopolitan Parliamentary dinners in Richmond-terrace will be sadly missed next Session, and he is scarcely likely to leave his coach and team of bays at home. Lady Onslow is an admirable hostess, and the Colonial Freemasons may possibly not be sorry to learn that her husband is a Past Grand Warden of England.

Bro. George Reynolds, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, at the last regular meeting, on Tuesday. The installation will take place on the second Tuesday in January, 1889.

The 31st season of the "Monday Pops" was inaugurated at St. James's Hall on Monday, there being a very full attendance and an excellent programme, which was greatly appreciated by all who had the good fortune to be present.

The annual dinners given by the Dolphin and Anchor Societies of Bristol in commemoration of Edward Colston, the philanthropist of that city, were held on Tuesday evening, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., being the principal guest at the former, and replying to the toast of "Her Majesty's Ministers."

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead presided on Tuesday at the sixth annual meeting of the Trustees of the Rowland Hill Memorial and Benevolent Funds, the object of which is to relieve aged and infirm Post Office employés and their widows and children throughout the United Kingdom.

The Company of Sam Deards and Co., of 16, Dashwood house, prospectus of which appeared in our number of November 3rd, and which is supported by the following county families: The Right Hon. Sir H. J. Selwyn-Ibbetson, Bart., M.P., Down Hall, Harlow; J. Todhunter, Esq., J.P., Kingsmoor, Harlow; H. Atherton Adams, Esq., J.P., Harlow; James V. Walmsley, Esq., J.P., Harlow; William Richard Dent, Esq., Solicitor, Harlow, Essex; Edward J. Lowther, Esq., Architect, 16, Finsbury-circus; and Henry T. Gordon, Esq., Surveyor, 16, Finsbury-circus; will close their share list on Wednesday, the 21st inst., all applications for shares should therefore be made at once.

At a meeting last week of the Clothworkers' Company it was resolved to contribute £2500 towards the North London Technical Institutes, namely, £2000 for the Institute in Islington, and £500 towards that in Hackney, in both of which boroughs the Company owns property.

A Special General Court of Assistants of the Honourable Artillery Company was held at the Armoury House Finsbury, on the 8th inst., when nearly 400 members were present, and it was resolved on the motion of Lord Colville, seconded by Bro. the Duke of Portland, and in accordance with the wishes of the Prince of Wales, Colonel and Captain General, and the advice of Bro. General Lord Wolseley, and other Military advisers of the Crown, that the regiment should be brought under the Volunteers Act, retaining, however, all its ancient privileges and its precedence.

The Prince of Wales celebrated the 47th anniversary of his birth at Sandringham on the 9th inst., with the accustomed festivities. The labourers on the estate, to the number of nearly 300, sat down to an excellent dinner in the carriage house at 5 p.m., and were visited in the course of the evening by the Prince and Princess, their family, and the guests staying at the Hall, and later on their Royal Highnesses gave a county ball, the invitations to which were very numerous. At Windsor the day was observed in the usual manner, and in London the illuminations by the Royal tradesmen and Clubs, &c., at the West-end attracted crowds of sightseers.

A Complimentary Dinner to Bro. John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., will be given at Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, Adde-street, Wood-street, on Saturday next, 24th inst., at five o'clock punctually. Bro. Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S.B., has kindly consented to take the chair, and Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., the vice-chair. Tickets may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Bro. R. Baker, at 12, Philpot-lane, E.C.

It has been officially announced that the Queen and Court will arrive at Windsor, from Balmoral Castle, early this (Friday) morning.

Owing to the engagements of Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead, who will preside on the occasion of the distribution of prizes to the students of the City of London College by Lord Justice Bowen, which had been fixed for Tuesday, the 4th December, has been postponed till the following Tuesday, the 11th prox.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon entertained the whole of his labourers on the Highclere Estate at a harvest home supper at Siddon, Warren Farm, on Monday, both his lordship and the Countess being present at the festivity.

Bro. Barnett Barnato, of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, was elected, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the head of the poll, to represent Kimberley in the Cape Legislative Assembly. There were eight candidates, of whom four have been elected, the majority for Bro. Barnato being 350, out of a constituency of about 1800 votes.

Bro. Alderman Whitehead's induction into the office of Lord Mayor of London for the current year took place on Friday, the 9th inst., the weather being unfortunately gloomy, though this does not appear to have had the effect of materially diminishing the crowds of people who assembled in the City and along the line of route to witness the Show. In the evening the usual banquet was held in the Guildhall under the presidency of the new Chief Magistrate and the Lady Mayoress, the distinguished guests including the Prime Minister and several of his colleagues, and, among others, the retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman Sir Polydore and Lady De Keyser, Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Lord Hothfield, Lord Magheramorne, Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., and Lord Charles Beresford, M.P.; Bros. Aldermen Sir F. W. Truscott, Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., Sir H. E. Knight, Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart.; Bros. Sir Roper Lethbridge, M.P., and John Aird, M.P.; Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, Town Clerk, Bros. Sheriffs Aldermen Gray and Newton, and others.

During the early part of the present week the Prince of Wales has been staying at Doveridge Hall, Derbyshire, as the guest of Lord and Lady Hindlip, and on Tuesday his Royal Highness visited the Derby races and was enthusiastically cheered by the people on the course.

THE LATE MASONIC BAZAAR IN LISBURN.—At a meeting of the Committee of the bazaar in aid of the building fund of St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 602 (I.C.), Deragh, held on the 8th inst.—Dr. St. George in the chair—it was stated that the undertaking had been a great success, the sum realised being more than sufficient to clear off the debt on the building. Dr. St. George congratulated the brethren on the result of their efforts, and the proceedings terminated.

Our readers will be very sorry to learn that a serious accident has happened to Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, who, in falling from a ladder sustained a compound fracture of the thigh. We sincerely trust that our much respected brother will only be temporarily disabled, as Freemasonry can ill afford to lose the services of such an able and active worker as Bro. Sandeman has proved himself to be. As Grand Sec. General of the Ancient and Accepted Rite at Golden-square, he has worthily filled the office so long held by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and the admirable administration of that important Order, is in a large measure due to Bro. Sandeman's ability and indefatigable industry. We trust soon to hear that he is in a fair way towards recovery.

It has been decided to erect a Masonic Hall in Blyth. An architect has been empowered to prepare plans, and contracts will be advertised for in the course of a short time. The site selected is a fair area of ground on a level with, but situate some distance south of, the Knight Memorial Hospital. The situation, if not a conspicuous one, is at any rate central; and if, as we hear, the brethren are prepared to spend something like £1800 or £2000 over the building, a very handsome hall should be forthcoming. We hear that the site has been generously offered to the brethren by Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. for Northumberland.

Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., and Viscount Ebrington were among the guests entertained at dinner on Tuesday by the Duke of Bedford at his house in Eaton-square.

On Monday next the Queen will proceed to Port Victoria to meet her eldest daughter the Empress Frederick of Germany, who will arrive there from Flushing, having been previously met at the latter port by the Prince of Wales. On their arrival the Royal party will travel by special train to Windsor.

Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., of Blythwood, President of the Glasgow Exhibition, having telegraphed to the Queen announcing the successful closing of the Exhibition, has been honoured with a reply, in which her Majesty expresses the pleasure she feels at hearing of the success of the scheme.

It was announced in the House of Commons on Monday evening that Bro. Sir Charles Warren had tendered his resignation of the office of Chief Commissioner of Police, and that his resignation had been accepted by the Home Secretary.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS combine both sanative and sanative powers in a high degree—by the former term is understood their ability to preserve health, by the latter their capability to restore health. With these remedies at hand, no invalid need be at fault to guide himself or herself safely through the many trials to which every one is subjected during our long and oft-times inclement winters. Coughs, colds, ulcerated throats, quinsy, whooping cough can be successfully treated by well rubbing this Ointment upon the chest, and by taking the Pills. During damp, foggy weather, asthmatical sufferers will experience the utmost possible relief from the inunction of the Ointment, and all tender-hearted persons will save endless misery by adopting this treatment.

On Monday Bro. S. J. Dalton, was installed Worshipful Master of the Eboracum Lodge, 1611, at York. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. Wm. Brown, P.M., and the following officers were appointed for 1888-9: Bros. G. Chapman, S.W.; G. Lamb, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M.; P.P.G.O., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; Rev. R. Blakeney, Chap.; W. Storey, S.D.; J. H. Shonksmith, J.D.; W. Lackenby, D.C.; W. Child, P.G.O., Org.; P. Pearson, I.G.; J. Spetch, and F. W. Halliwell, Stwds.; and J. Hall, Tyler. The installation banquet was afterwards held in the De Grey Rooms.

Bro. George M. Knight, Mayor elect of Reading, was at the last meeting of the Porchester Lodge of Mark Master Masons elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. Marshal Soult, one of Bonaparte's famous marshals, was a Freemason, and his Masonic certificate was found in his tent on June 21, 1813, after the battle of Vittoria, and came into the temporary possession of St. Nathalan's Lodge, Tullich-on-Mar, Scotland.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 26th instant.

At the last meeting of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, Professor Baldwin, the well-known aeronaut, was initiated; but as he leaves at an early date for Australia, there will not be time to confer on him the other Degrees. There ought not, however, to be any difficulty in the way of his being "raised" in Australia, after his experience at the Alexandra Park and elsewhere.

Bro. Alderman Sir Polydore De Keyser, on taking his seat in the Mansion House Justice room for the last time, on the 8th instant, expressed his thanks to the officials of the Court for the admirable manner in which they had discharged their duties, and the great assistance they had always been willing to render him during his Mayoralty.

The members of the Royal Naval Club of 1765 held their usual dinner on Friday, the 9th instant, in commemoration of its being the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Wales.

The racy *Keystone* says of Bro. E. Macbean's address on his installation as M.E.Z. of No. 50, Glasgow (reported in the *Freemason*), that it was "earnest, scholarly, and fraternal," and that the author "belongs to the band of Masonic students and scholars, now happily increasing, both in Great Britain and in the United States." This encomium is well deserved, and will be appreciated by Comp. Macbean's friends, as it is by us.

The Royal National Life-boat Institution has contributed £400 to the fund which is being raised locally for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the four lifeboatmen who unfortunately lost their lives on the occasion of the capsizing of the volunteer Life-boat Refuge off Gorleston on Saturday last. The Life-boat in question does not belong to the Institution, and is in no way connected with it.

On the occasion of Bro. St. Clair's re-installation in La France Lodge, No. 2060, on the 19th inst., the ceremony will be performed in its entirety by Bros. Thos. Fenn, Pres. B.G.P.; Hy. Bué, P.G. Std. Br.; and E. Monteuis, P.G.S.

We regret to hear that Bro. Colonel Duncan, M.P. for the Holborn Division of Finsbury, has been prevented by illness from resuming his Parliamentary duties. Bro. W. G. Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., is expected to arrive in London by the White Star steamer Germania, this day (Friday). Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Bury and family arrived in town last week for the Parliamentary session.

The Press generally, as might have been expected, have reported pretty fully the Scottish expulsion case, a few treating it seriously, but the majority waxing funny over it. As a specimen of the latter style, we extract the following from last Saturday's *Illustrated London News*:—At the Grand Masonic Lodge of Scotland at its last quarterly (and Edinburgh) meeting, a most terrible outrage was brought to the notice of the authorities. Three "brethren" had been so forgetful of their vows as to introduce two members of the other sex to hear, and "partially through a closed door" to behold, the proceedings of a certain lodge "when tyled in the Third Degree." The expression is a little vague to the outsider, and reminds one of the locking and "double locking" the door, a superfluous caution peculiar to novelists; but it no doubt signifies some apartment thoroughly roofed in, and intended to exclude spectators. These audacious persons, however, we are informed, actually "broke the tiling," so that an opportunity for inspection must have been afforded similar to that of a skylight. For my part, I know nothing of these mysteries except from report; but what I exceedingly resent is that these sacrilegious persons have been only punished with "expulsion" from the Order, and "special censure." One had reasonably looked forward, from all one has ever heard of Freemasonry, to some penalty ("humorous and lingering" as Mr. Gilbert terms it) like boiling oil, or the being put to death to slow music (the bagpipes would hardly have been too bad for them) at the very least. Humanity is all very well, but it is terrible to be thus deprived of our illusions. There is still a chance, of course, that the offenders may mysteriously disappear, when we shall be at liberty to hope for the worst; but to find that, for introducing females to the Secrets of Masonry, offenders are only expelled (as they might be from an anti-tobacco club for smoking a cigarette) is a blow from which the lovers of legend and believers in the Vengeance (with a big V) of a violated cult will not easily recover. As for the ladies, who seem to have escaped (thanks, I suppose, to their nationality) scot free, I tremble to think what, under an older régime, might have been their fate. Everyone knows the story of the inquisitive female who shut herself up in a cupboard in a room where Freemasons were to meet, and was discovered (through sneezing) before she heard anything worth speaking of, and, nevertheless—well, it is almost too horrible to relate—was, on pain of death, herself sworn a Mason, but without the secret being confided to her—a refinement of cruelty that, so far as we know, though he was very cruel to women, never entered into the brain of Torquemada himself.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, November 24th, 1888.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.
1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.
2147, Crays Valley, St. Mary's Cray, Kent.

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.

- 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGES.

- 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
710, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.
1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.
2060, La France, Café Royal, Regent-street.
2265, Barnato, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleonor, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham, at 8.
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, 203, 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.

- 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

MARK LODGES.

- 333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
361, Onslow, 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square, W.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

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.
162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
166, Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1420, Earl Spencer.
2021, Queen's Westminster, 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C.
2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.

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, Chapside, 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 Edgecombe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., 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, Waltham 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.
2, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

- 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

- 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

General Committee Grand Lodge, at 6.

Board of Benevolence, at 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

- Grand Stewards', Freemasons' Hall.
140, St. George, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
700, Nelson, William-street, Woolwich.
969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
1044, Wandsworth, Town Hall, Wandsworth.
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt-town.
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.
1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct.
1803, Cornhill, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.

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.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, 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 CHAPTER.

- 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

MARK LODGE.

- 181, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

- 79, Orpheus, 33, Golden-square, W.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
211, St. Michael's, Café Royal, Regent-street.
766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hotel, North-end, Fulham.
861, Finsbury, 191, Bishopsgate-street.
871, Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford.
1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
1563, City of Westminster, Café Royal, Regent-street.
1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park.
1974, St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington.

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.
Creaton, 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, Feltham.
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 Wolesey, 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.

- 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.
538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.
657, Canonbury, Masonic Hall, Basinghall-street.
1601, Ravensbourne, Town Hall, Catford.
1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

- 211, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill.

ROSE CROIX.

- 97, Rose and Lily, 33, Golden-square, W.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
569, Fitzroy, Headquarters Honourable Artillery Co., City-road.

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.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. at 6.
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.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1679, Henry Muggeridge, Masonic Hall, Coleman-street, E.C.
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, November 24, 1888.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 77, Freedom, New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend.
102, Unanimity, King's Arms, North Walsham.
248, True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
270, Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, Berkeley Arms, Berkeley, Gloucestershire.
302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Bradford, Yorkshire.
307, Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebdon-bridge, nr. Halifax.
331, Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, Masonic Hall, Quay-street, Truro.
359, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
388, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Halesworth, Suffolk.
424, Borough, Masonic Rooms, Half Moon-lane, Gateshead.
455, Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, Kettering.
466, Merit, George Hotel, St. Martin's, Stamford Baron, Northamptonshire.
543, Cleveland, Golden Lion, Stokesley, Yorkshire.
588, St. Botolph's, Corn Exchange, Sleaford.
599, Cherwell, Masonic Hall, Marlborough-road, Banbury.
607, Chicheley, Masonic Lodge Rooms, Thrapston.
725, Stoneleigh, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.
827, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
900, St. George's, Town Hall, Tewkesbury.
925, Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
934, Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield, Lancashire.
985, Alexandria, M.H., Bridge Hotel, Sutton-bridge, Lincoln.
1030, Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris, Lancashire.
1141, Mid-Sussex, King's Head, Horsham.
1168, Benevolence, Digby Hotel, Sherborne.
1199, Agriculture, Ship and Castle, Congresbury.
1205, Metham, Metham Masonic Hall, East Stonehouse, Devon.
1208, Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Snargate-street, Dover.
1255, Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
1272, Tregenna, Masonic Hall, St. Ives, Cornwall.
1443, Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1564, St. John's, Prince of Wales Hotel, St. John's, Woking.
1631, St. Andrew's, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston, Suffolk.
1730, Urnston, Victoria Hotel, Urnston, Lancashire.
1741, Montgomerie, King's Head, Diss, Norfolk.
1757, King Henry the Eighth, Town Hall, Hemel Hempstead.
1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley, Lancashire.
1895, Thames, Masonic Rooms, Henley-on-Thames.
1909, Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.
1977, Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, Essex.
2074, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Landport.
2081, Golden Fleece, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
2114, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
2144, De Tatton, Griffin Hotel, Bowdon, Cheshire.
2208, Horsa, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth.

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.
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.
1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 7.
1221, Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
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.
2101, Bramstone Beach, Masonic Hall, Godalming, at 6.30.
2134, Wilberforce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 36, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.
53, Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath.
100, Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth.
120, Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Broad-street, Hereford.
128, Prince Edwin's, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire.
139, Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
237, Virtue and Hope, Masonic Hall, Swansea.
272, St. Botolph's, Freemasons' Hall, Boston.
277, Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham.
1051, Rowley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Lancaster.
1284, Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devon.
1375, Architect, Town Hall, Wittington, Lancashire.
1863, Priory, Grand Hotel, Tynemouth.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MARK LODGES.

- 9, Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon.
117, Remigius, Masonic Rooms, Mint-street, Lincoln.
188, Sutcliffe, Masonic Hall, Great Grimby.
218, Iyegrove, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire.
318, St. James's, Masonic Hall, Wretham-road, Handsworth.
322, Temple, Wilmington, Dartford.
324, Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex-street, Rhyl.
327, Sincerity, Angel Hotel, Northwich.
330, Godson, Masonic Hall, Kidderminster.
353, Dove Valley, Town Hall, Ashbourne.
362, Wouldhave, Freemasons' Hall, Ingham-st., South Shields.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

39, Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 126, Silent Temple, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
 223, Charity, 193, Union-street, Plymouth.
 293, King's Friend, Lamb Hotel, Nantwich.
 373, Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
 378, Loyal Welsh, Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock.
 384, St. David's, Masonic Hall, Bangor.
 386, Unity, Town Hall, Wareham, Dorset.
 414, Union, Masonic Hall, Grey Friars-road, Reading.
 418, Menturia, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley, Staffordshire.
 432, Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton.
 438, St. James's, Masonic Hall, St. James-place, Halifax.
 452, Frederick Lodge of Unity, Masonic Hall, Croydon.
 468, Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
 506, Mundy Grove, Boat Inn, Shipley-gate, Derbyshire.
 510, St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 511, Yarborough, Masonic Hall, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.
 660, Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Malton, Yorkshire.
 662, Dartmouth, Masonic Rooms, West Bromwich.
 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 779, Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
 830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield, Cheshire.
 855, Sympathy, Swan Hotel, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire.
 958, St. Aubin's Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, Jersey.
 960, Bute, Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.
 1006, Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Cornwall.
 1024, St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maldon, Essex.
 1028, Royal Alfred, George Hotel, Alfreton.
 1036, Bowyer, Masonic Hall, Chipping Norton.
 1046, St. Andrew's, Bush Hotel, Farnham, Surrey.
 1052, Callender, Masonic Rooms, King-street, Manchester.
 1067, Royal Forest of Dean, Town Hall, Newnham-on-Severn.
 1089, De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1197, Nyanza, Masonic Hall, Ilminster.
 1225, Hindpool, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire.
 1266, Honour and Friendship, Masonic Hall, Blandford, Dorset.
 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
 1280, Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Salford, Lancashire.
 1390, Whitwell, M.H., Salthouse-road, Millom, Cumberland.
 1395, Wey Side, Masonic Hall, Woking Station.
 1410, St. Peter and St. Paul, Masonic Hall, Newport Pagnell.
 1427, Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 1522, Olcana, The Crescent, Ilkley, Yorkshire.
 1528, Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1533, Loyalty, Town Hall, Marlborough.
 1551, Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570, Prince Arthur, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 1587, St. Giles, The Bank, Bank-street, Cheadle, Staffordshire.
 1787, Grenville, Town Hall, Buckingham.
 1799, Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-Naze.
 1823, Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk.
 1894, Herschel, Masonic Rooms, Slough, Berks.
 1903, Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth.
 1941, St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley, Staffs.
 2129, Dorothy Vernon, Rutland Arms Hotel, Bakewell, Derby.
 2146, Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton.
 2154, Joshua Nunn, George Hotel, Halstead, Essex.
 2155, Makerfield, Pied Bull Hotel, Newton-le-Willows, Lancs.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 119, Sun, Square, and Compasses, F.M.H., Whitehaven, at 7.30.
 170, All Souls, Masonic Hall, Weymouth.
 241, Merchants, Masonic Temple, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool, 6.30.
 299, Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
 371, Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, Englefield-st., Maryport, 8.
 463, East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45.
 591, Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, at 8.
 820, Lily, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 8.
 897, Loyalty, Masonic Rooms, Hall-street, St. Helens.
 1119, St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Grange-road, Jarrow, at 8.
 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 1473, Bootle, 146, Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.
 1638, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 1783, Albert Edward, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, 8.
 1837, Lullingstone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Dartford.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 41, Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath.
 105, Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
 340, Alfred, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
 446, Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset.
 460, Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
 685, Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 694, Oakley, Masonic Hall, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke.
 764, Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool.
 804, Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant, Hants.
 1006, Rose of Sharon, Masonic Hall, St. Day, Scorer, Cornwall.
 1055, Derby, Masonic Rooms, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 1533, Methuen, Masonic Hall, Marlborough.

MARK LODGES.

- 87, Cornubian, Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, Cornwall.
 126, All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth.
 127, Portal, Barnsley.
 166, East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Wellington-square, Hastings.
 209, St. Wilfrid's, Masonic Hall, Chapel-st., Alford, Lincolnshire.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

90, Restormel, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell, Cornwall.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 20, Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
 121, Mount Sinai, Masonic Hall, Penzance.
 128, Prince Edwin's, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire.
 137, Amity, Masonic Hall, Market-street, Poole.
 175, East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I. of W.
 178, Antiquity, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.
 200, Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough.
 210, Duke of Athol, Bowling Green, Hot., Denton, nr. Manchester.
 221, St. John's, New Masonic Hall, Silverwell-street, Bolton.
 243, Loyalty, Masonic Temple, Guernsey.
 246, Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.
 261, Unanimity and Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton.
 274, Tranquillity, Boar's Head, Newchurch, Lancashire.
 290, Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
 311, South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes.
 325, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Adelphi-st., Salford, Lancashire.
 342, Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-rd., Landport.
 372, Harmony, Rolle Arms Hotel, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
 376, Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Soane-street, Ipswich.
 387, Airedale, Masonic Hall, Shipley, near Leeds.
 409, Stortford, Chequers Hotel, Bishops Stortford.
 430, Fidelity, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 451, Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem.
 533, Eaton, Masonic Hall, Mill-street, Congleton, Cheshire.
 537, Zetland, Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 555, Fidelity, Crown Hotel, Framlingham.
 581, Faith, Church Inn, Openshaw, Lancashire.
 591, Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury.
 592, Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
 606, Segontium, Masonic Hall, the Castle, Carnarvon.
 610, Calston, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 633, Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 681, Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield.
 683, Isca, Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport, (Mon).
 726, Staffordshire Knot, Swan Hotel, Stafford.
 730, Ellesmere, Town Hall, Chorley, Lancashire.
 750, Friendship, F.M.H., Whitcliffe, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire.
 758, Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 824, Holmesdale, Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells.
 889, Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
 938, Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 950, Hesketh, Crown Hotel, Fleetwood, Lancashire.

- 962, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Workington, Cumberland.
 972, St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
 1040, Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorkshire.
 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1114, Joppa, Corn Hall, Fakenham, Norfolk.
 1125, St. Peter's, Freemasons' Hall, Tiverton.
 1129, St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
 1136, Carew, Masonic Hall, Torpoint, Cornwall.
 1212, Elms, Huyshe Masonic Hall, Stoke Damerel, Devon.
 1246, Holte, Victoria Hall, Victoria-road, Aston, Warwickshire.
 1271, Friendship and Unity, Avon House, Bradford-on-Avon.
 1294, St. Albans, Royal Hotel, Grimsby.
 1301, Brighthouse, Masonic Rooms, Bradford-rd., Brighthouse, Yorks.
 1334, Norman, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
 2353, Duke of Lancaster, Masonic Hall, Church-st., Lancaster.
 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Hartfield-road, Wimbledon.

- 1363, Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury.
 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
 1447, St. Matthew, M.H., Barton-upon-Humber, Lincolnshire.
 1478, Longleat, Town Hall, Warminster, Wiltshire.
 1511, Alexandria, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Yorkshire.
 1520, Earl Shrewsbury, Local Board Offices, Cannock, Staffs.
 1529, Duke of Cornwall, Masonic Hall, St. Columb, Cornwall.
 1543, Rosslyn, Saracen's Head, Dunmow, Essex.
 1544, Mount Edgcombe, Masonic Hall, Camborne, Cornwall.
 1634, Starke, Grant Arms Hotel, Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
 1645, Colne Valley, M.H., Britannia-road, Slaithwaite, Yorks.
 1734, Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh, Essex.
 1797, South Down, New Inn, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.
 1868, Suffield, Angel Hotel, North Walsham.
 1854, Weald of Kent, Borough Auction Rooms, Tenterden.
 1868, Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham.
 1893, Lumley, Estate Offices, Skegness.
 1971, Aldershot Army and Navy, M.H., Barrack-road, Aldershot.
 1988, Mawddach, Masonic Hall, Barmouth.
 2120, Abbey, Masonic Hall, Chertsey.
 2135, Constance, Offices Water Company, Consett, Durham.
 2153, Hope, India Arms Hotel, Gosport.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 20, Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Mitre Hotel, Chatham.
 186, Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.
 431, St. George's, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
 439, Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Fleece Inn, Main-st., Bingley, 7.
 404, Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, at 7.30.
 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
 809, United Good Fellowship, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech, 8.
 1166, Clarendon, Bridge Inn, Fairfield-street, Manchester.
 1356, Toxteth, 140, North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 1601, Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
 1942, Minerva, Roebuck Inn, Fenton.
 2099, Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 102, Unanimity, King's Arms, North Walsham.
 262, Salopian, Music Hall Buildings, Shrewsbury.
 288, Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 328, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay.
 417, Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
 481, St. Peter's, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 498, Royal Standard, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley.
 1000, Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend, Essex.
 1071, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Saltash.
 1119, St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Jarrow.

MARK LODGES.

- 123, Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury.
 175, St. Michael's, Masonic Rooms, Helston, Cornwall.
 181, Sir Francis Burdett, The Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
 192, St. Cuthbert, Freemasons' H., Parade, Bervick-upon-Tweed.
 196, Earl of Chester, The M.C., Eastgate-row North, Chester.
 216, Henry, Masonic Hall, Frizington, Cumberland.
 239, Snowdonia, Portmadoc, Carnarvonshire.
 297, Picton Castle, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest.
 323, Peveril, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man.
 334, York, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, Cambridge.
 374, St. Chad, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
 378, Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTERS.

- 15, Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick.
 41, Canute, Freemasons' Hall, Albion-terrace, Southampton.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 51, Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
 78, Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton, Lancashire.
 202, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport.
 208, Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
 214, Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood.
 324, Moira, Wellington Inn, Stalybridge.
 348, St. John's, New Masonic Hall, Silverwell-street, Bolton.
 403, Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 625, Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop, Derbyshire.
 784, Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
 809, United Good Fellowship, Rose and Crown, Wisbech.
 935, Harmony, Masonic Hall, Adelphi-st., Salford, Lancashire.
 971, Trafalgar, Masonic Ro., Commercial-st., Batley, Yorks.
 1151, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall.
 1163, Emulation, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1392, Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire.
 1404, Saint Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 1418, Fraternity, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees.
 1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, Essex.
 1437, Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun Hotel, Romford.
 1464, Erasmus Wilson, New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend.
 1495, Arkwright, New Bath Hotel, Matlock, Bath.
 1501, Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe, Bucks.
 1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 1514, Thornhill, Masonic Hall, Lindley, Huddersfield.
 1626, Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 1705, Prince of Wales, India Arms Hotel, Gosport.
 1748, Castlemartin, Assembly Rooms, Pembroke.
 1817, St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness.
 2017, Duke of Portland, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.
 2214, Josiah Wedgwood, Wesleyan Schools, Etruria, Staffordshire.
 2215, Anfield, Eaton Hall, Brick-road, Liverpool.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 31, United Industrius, Freemasons' Tavern, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, at 7.
 70, St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes-pl., Plymouth.
 77, Freedom, New Falcon Hotel, West-street, Gravesend, at 8.30.
 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
 289, Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
 503, Belvidere, Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, Maidstone.
 788, Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.
 1050, Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester, Kent.
 1209, Lewises, Balmoral Hotel, Broadstairs, at 7.30.
 1224, Stour Valley, Masonic Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk, at 7.
 1325, Stanley, 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30.
 1437, Liberty of Havering-Rising Sun Hotel, Romford, at 7.
 1580, Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, at 7.30.
 1869, Sandown, Masonic Hall, Sandown, at 7.
 1884, Chine, Masonic Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.
 1892, Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton, Surrey, at 7.30.
 1957, Grove, Cock Inn, Hazelgrove, at 8.
 1973, Wallington, Greyhound Hotel, Carshalton, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 42, Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 70, St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
 337, Confidence, Masonic Hall, Upper Mill, Yorkshire.
 394, Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
 1037, Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
 1042, Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
 1776, Landport, Freemasons' Hall, Landport.

MARK LODGES.

- 116, Mansel, Masonic Hall, Carmarthen.
 124, Union, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland.
 132, Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole.
 140, Medina, 85, High-street, West Cowes, Isle of Wight.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 8, Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
 13, Faith, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 785, Twelve Brothers, Masonic Hall, Southampton.
 897, St. Helen's Lodge of Loyalty, Masonic Chambers, Hall-street, St. Helen's, Lancashire.
 1008, Royal St. Edmund's, Angel Hotel, Bury, St. Edmunds.
 1102, Mirfield, Masonic Hall, King-street, Mirfield, Yorkshire.
 1605, De La Pole, 58, Charlotte-street, Hull.
 1621, Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth, Salop.
 1712, St. John's, F.M.H., Grainger-st. W., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 2039, Londonderry, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.
 2195, Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 48, Industry, 34, Denmark-street, Gateshead.
 123, Lennox, Masonic Hall, Newbiggin, Richmond, Yorks, at 8.
 187, Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.
 265, Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Rooms, Keighley, at 8.
 306, Alfred, Private Rooms, 23, Albion-street, Leeds, at 7.30.
 326, Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.
 1000, Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend.
 1034, Eccleshill, Alexandra Hotel, Bradford.
 1071, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Alexandra-sq., Saltash, Cornwall, 8.
 1393, Hamer, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 1462, Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
 1802, Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford, Notts.
 Bristol (Province), Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 230, Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport.
 897, Loyalty, Masonic Rooms, Hall-street, St. Helens, Lancs.
 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1605, De La Pole, 58, Charlotte-street, Hull.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- 79, Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich, at 8.
 946, Strawberry Hill, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

MARK LODGES.

- 76, Charity, 143, Union-street, Plymouth.
 95, Star-in-the-East, Masonic Hall, Globe-street, Scarborough.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 20, Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 67, Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1579, St. James, George Hotel, Enfield, Middlesex.
 1871, Gosling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

- 478, Mersey, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.

MARK LODGE.

- 14, Prince Edward's, Station House Inn, Bottoms, Stansfield, Eastwood, Yorkshire.

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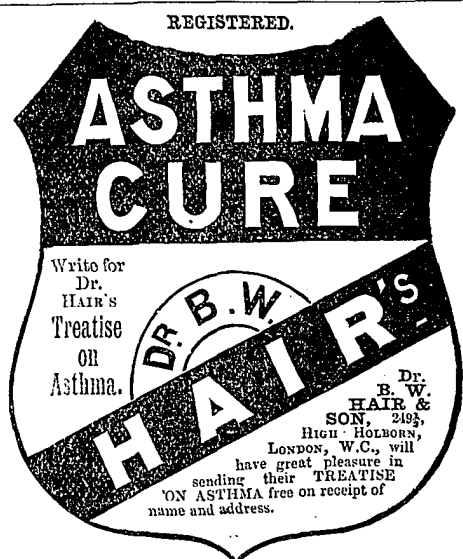
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