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It has often occurred to us that, notwithstanding the general excellence of the arrangements for carrying out the duties of Freemasonry, the provision made for the reception and entertainment of distinguished visiting brethren from abroad is lamentably deficient—if, indeed, there can be said to exist any provision whatever for such a purpose. This deficiency is especially noticeable in the case of visitors from the United States and the Dominion of Canada, the former of which, though for the last century and upwards it has enjoyed a separate political existence, is nevertheless part and parcel of our own kith and kin, while the latter is an integral part of the British Empire. In both these countries Freemasonry is not only immensely popular, but it likewise enjoys a fair degree of prosperity. The two together can boast of having between them 50 and 60 Grand Lodges, and the private lodges that are scattered over their vast expanse of territory can be numbered by the thousand, and the subscribing members by the hundred thousand. And, whatever in the opinion of English brethren may be the shortcomings of these numerous Masonic communities, and however much, in some matters of minor and even of major importance, they may differ from us in their method and practice of Freemasonry, there can be no doubt whatever on this one particular point, namely, that whenever brethren of distinction from the Old Country, or brethren deputed to perform a particular task, pay them a visit, the Masons of these countries lay themselves out to entertain them with a generous and even profuse hospitality. We had an instance of this in 1871, when our then Grand Master, the Earl of Ripon, and the other members of the British Commission that visited Washington to arrange the Alabama Claims who happened to be Masons, were right royally entertained by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia; while this very year we have had the Anglo-American Lodge Deputation to Grand Master Shryock, of Maryland, which, though it was rather a personal and private lodge arrangement, was nevertheless greeted and entertained at Philadelphia, at Baltimore, in New York, and wherever it visited. True there have been the Knights Templar pilgrimages from the United States of 1878 and 1887, the former of which was received at a grand banquet at Freemasons' Tavern by Bro. GEORGE KENNING, while the latter experienced a similarly enjoyable fate in York, and from the Baldwyn Preceptory, K.T., and the Anglo-American Lodge in London. Nor must we omit to mention that during the last few years two private lodges of a special character have been constituted for the express purpose of affording facilities for the reception of visitors from abroad; the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, directing its attention to those hailing from our Colonies, and the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, to those from the United States. Still, even when we have made due allowance for the facilities for reception and membership which are afforded by these lodges, and for the welcome extended by private brethren on behalf of the Masonic community generally, it seems to us there is still something wanting on our part in order to make the visiting Mason from abroad as much at home as he should be made, and as the English Mason is when visiting other Masonic Communities. As a matter of course, he is greeted with courtesy and kindness by the Grand Secretary, who shows him every attention in his power, and if he is so fortunate as to include some English Masons among his friends and acquaintances, they, too, will extend towards him the rites of hospitality on every possible occasion and to the utmost of their ability. But many brethren visit this country on business or for pleasure who are of good standing in their own Grand Lodge, and have with them the necessary credentials, and who are desirous of learning something of the inner life of our lodges. The reception of such visitors in our lodges is not to be thought of without that after reception at the festive board, which has almost grown to be a part of our lodge duty; but then there is that "dining fee" to be thought of, and it is not always in the power of the private member who introduces the visitor, or of the private lodge which receives him, to entertain all comers, however hospitably inclined they may be. Clearly some provision in this respect should be made for the stranger within our gates; yet it is not just that it should be left to the private brother or private lodge to find it. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to suggest some plan by which this difficulty, which is by no means a new one, may be remedied.

OUR attention has been called to a recent innovation on the usage ordinarily in vogue at Masonic banquets which occurred not a hundred miles from Freemasons' Hall, and which, in our judgment, cannot be too severely condemned. It seems that in the course of the after dinner proceedings two songs of a distinctly political character were sung without a word of protest being uttered either by the Master in the chair, or any of the brethren present. It is always in questionable taste for any one to introduce or refer to politics at the festive board, where the company is a mixed one; what is likely to please or amuse certain of the guests, is almost sure to prove distasteful or annoying to others. But Freemasonry is essentially a non-political Society, and it is among its proudest boasts that the discussion of political questions being strictly forbidden, brethren of different political creeds are able to meet each other in lodge or at the banquet, and after spending a few pleasant hours in each other's society, to separate with mutual feelings of respect and goodwill. This boast, however, will no longer remain good if a political song may be sung without protest at a Masonic banquet, and we trust that if any similar innovation should be again attempted, either in the same or in any other lodge, the Master or presiding officer will exercise his undoubted authority, and forbid an attempt at harmony, which is certain, sooner or later, to create discord.

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THE familiar phrase to which the Calendars of the Craft have accustomed us, will serve very well to usher in the short notice we are obliged to give in our present issue, of a scheme that is now on foot to commemorate the services of a veteran in the ranks of Masonic literature. The publication of Bro. GOULD'S famous "History of Freemasonry," clearly formed one of those "Remarkable Occurrences" which demand a place in our annals, and we venture to think that a lukewarm reception by the brethren at large, by the appeal now made to them by the influential and representative Committee, a list of whom appears elsewhere in our columns, would, as certainly, though in an entirely different sense, constitute another. Such a contingency need not, indeed, be anticipated for a moment, but in order that the success of the testimonial may be placed beyond all doubt, we earnestly hope that the Masonic press, both here and abroad, will cordially unite in the grand aim of bringing fully home to the minds of all reading Freemasons the greatness of the service rendered by our Bro. GOULD, as the Historian, par excellence, of the Craft.

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It is evident from the particulars published in the October number of the *Australasian Keystone* that the steps which are being taken in the Colony of Victoria to establish a United Grand Lodge on the lines of that which has been established in New South Wales, and of which Bro. Lord CARRINGTON, Past S.G.W. of England, was in the month of September last installed M.W.G.M., are very likely to prove successful. It appears that at a meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on the 26th September, of the General Committee of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions for the establishment of a United Grand Lodge of Victoria, the Executive Committee reported that in reply to the circular which they had addressed the June previous to the W. Masters of 119 lodges in the colony requesting their opinions as to the advisability of establishing a local Grand Lodge, with Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart., as the first Grand Master, replies had been received from 94 lodges with an aggregate membership of 4825, of whom 3212 had voted in favour of such establishment and 74 against it, while 1538 had not voted at all. In other words, while between 66 and 67 per cent had expressed themselves as favourable to the proposal, only a little over 1½ per cent were unfavourable, and the remainder, having probably no very strong inclination one way or the other, had voted neither in favour of nor against the scheme. Under these circumstances it was determined, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, that steps should be at once taken to invite the co-operation of the authorities of the Victorian Constitution in establishing a United Grand Lodge, and we may reasonably assume that ere long the example set by the brethren of the adjoining colony of New South Wales will be followed with every prospect of an equal measure of success by those of the prosperous Colony of Victoria, and that before many months have passed we shall be in a position to welcome a third independent Australasian Grand Lodge into the congregation of Grand Lodges which have sprung directly or indirectly from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. The brethren of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions in Victoria have already for some time past been presided over by one and the same chief in the person of Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart., and it is only one step further in the same direction for them to adopt a unity of Masonic system, while as regards the members of the Victorian Constitution, it is most unlikely that they will stand aloof from a movement, which will so effectively accomplish the purpose they have always had in

view, namely, to establish a separate and independent Grand Lodge, which shall exercise supreme authority over the Craft in Victoria. Nor, in the event of the proposal being adopted unanimously or with some approach to unanimity by the various Constitutions in the Colony, have we any doubt as to its being readily and gracefully acquiesced in by the Grand Lodges of the Old Country, with the usual proviso that any lodges which may elect to remain in their old allegiance in preference to joining the new organisation shall be at liberty to do so. It would also perhaps be as well that our home authorities, in view of the recent wanton invasion of their jurisdiction in this very colony of Victoria by the Grand Chapter of Canada, should stipulate for a retention of their supremacy over all these colonies and dependencies of the British crown which are not governed by Grand Lodges of their own. However, it will be time to take these and similar matters into consideration when a United Grand Lodge of Victoria has been established and applies for recognition. It is enough for the present that steps are being taken to this end with every probability of success, and for a time, therefore, we content ourselves with expressing the hope that, whatever happens, the interests of the Craft generally will remain unimpaired.

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The Question of Jurisdiction again. A WRITER in the *New Zealand Masonic Journal* for October, is merry at our expense over an article we wrote in the month of March, in which we objected to a statement by its predecessor, the *New Zealand Freemason*, to the effect that "the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland," and *all other Grand Lodges*, have a full right to establish lodges at will, and pointed out that "a United States Grand Lodge could not warrant a lodge in New Zealand or any other English Colony, nor could the Grand Lodge of Canada grant warrants for lodges outside the limits of its own jurisdiction." He considers that these remarks are an indication that we look upon Freemasonry as a political society, and gravely asks where we get our law from. We believe there is no law on the subject, but the late Bro. Dr. MACKAY, who entered more fully into the difficult question of jurisdiction than any other known writer on Masonic jurisprudence, laid it down, we believe, that the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge was, usually, and by courtesy, considered as co-extensive with the political jurisdiction of the state or country in which it was located. Thus, the various Grand Lodges in the United States limit their claims to the exercise of jurisdiction to the States or Territories in which they are severally situated, the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York being co-terminous with the political jurisdiction of the State of New York, that of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with that of the State of Pennsylvania, and so forth. Where there are colonies and dependencies politically connected with the country which established them, there also the Masonic jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge or Orient is co-terminous with the political jurisdiction of the Mother Country. Thus, the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands and the Grand Orient of France claim and exercise jurisdiction, the former over all Masonic lodges in Dutch Colonies and dependencies, and the latter over those in French Colonies and dependencies. The matter is more complex in the case of the British Empire, as the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, by the unwritten law of usage, claim and exercise concurrent Masonic jurisdiction over all those British Colonies and dependencies which do not possess Grand Lodges of their own. In short, though Masonry is not a political body, the authority exercised by a Grand Lodge does not extend beyond the territorial limits of the state or country in which it is established. Were it otherwise, there would be little else than discord among the Grand Lodges and Grand Orients of the world, and Freemasonry, instead of being a means of promoting goodwill among men of different races, would be the cause of infinite strife and ill-feeling. In the early days of modern Masonry, when the only G. lodges in existence were those of England, Ireland, and Scotland, these difficulties about jurisdiction seldom or never occurred; but it soon became evident that, with or without a law upon the subject, it was desirable that the Masons resident in each country should have some Masonic authority of their own to preside over them instead of paying allegiance to one in a foreign State. To permit or encourage a system which would enable a Grand Lodge to plant Grand Lodges wherever it pleased would be an act of madness.

"THE RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY,"*

We have much pleasure in reproducing Bro. Hughan's Introduction to Bro. Whympers work, which was reviewed in our columns on the 27th ult., feeling sure it will prove interesting to our readers.

On agreeing to write a short introduction to Bro. Whympers work, I had no idea the latter was to be of such an extensive character. As it is, however, nothing appears to be needed to ensure its careful perusal, for the volume tells its own tale in unmistakable language, and requires no sponsor. This is fortunate, as it is rather awkward for my part to be done when not quite in full sympathy with the author on the general question.

It is quite clear that my friend has every confidence in the stand he has taken and fears no opposition, so that my task is certainly the easier under such happy circumstances, and the more so, when it is noted how thoroughly Bro. Whympers has treated this confessedly difficult subject. His industry and perseverance have been unbounded, and no researches or enquiries appear to have been spared to make the work thoroughly comprehensive and authentic. The result is an invaluable repertory of facts, which constitute an excellent and trustworthy foundation on which to build our theories and opinions, whether favourable or otherwise to the views propounded by

* "The Religion of Freemasonry," by Bro. Josiah Henry Whympers, edited by Bro. G. W. Speth, with an Introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan. London: George Kenning. 1888.

the enthusiastic and distinguished author, besides furnishing us with the matured observations and convictions of a zealous Masonic student.

One of the chief objects of the work is to illustrate "the circumstance that the original principles of Freemasonry were based on Christian Catholicity," as evidenced by the premier "Constitutions" of 1723, and more distinctly by the 2nd edition of 1738; several portions of which, submitted for that purpose, are given in parallel columns, with some later variations, to 1884. To my mind, however, they all tend in the direction of Cosmopolitanism and Religious Universality, save the copy of 1722 (which is scarcely suitable for comparison with the *Modern Speculative Regulations*), that of 1723 particularly, being indicative of the altered conditions of the Society of that period.

That English Freemasonry was Christian prior to the organisation of the premier Grand Lodge cannot be doubted by those who are familiar with the "Old Charges" used by the Craft during the preceding centuries. In this respect, as in several others, I entirely concur with Bro. Whympers, and am, moreover, bound to admit that no record exists of any express agreement to change the Fraternity from an exclusively Christian to a Religious or Theistic organisation.

But if the original Christian basis of the Society should be continued, because never expressly altered by the "Revivalists," it appears to me that logically such a condition could not be observed by favouring the platform of *Catholicity*, inasmuch as Freemasonry until the era of Grand Lodge was distinctly *Trinitarian*, and hence Unitarians were but little more suitable as members under the old system than Jews or men of other faiths. Precisely when other candidates than Jews were admitted into the Brotherhood with professed Christians, it is not easy to determine, but as respects our Israelitish members, we shall not be far wrong if we date their first welcome into the Fraternity as far back as 150 years, or even more.

The R. W. Bro. McIntyre, Q. C., P. G. W. (as Grand Registrar), declared in Grand Lodge (5th Dec., 1877) that "up to 1813, the two Grand Lodges of England were *Christian* Grand Lodges. In 1813 we became a *Universal* Grand Lodge, and Jews were admitted amongst us." I am not aware of any facts to corroborate such an assertion, the simple truth being that they are all in the opposite direction, the less exclusive Constitution having been in force long before the "Union."

The lamented Lord Tenterden, K. C. B. (Prov. G. W. Essex), declared at the same Communication that "when Freemasonry was *introduced* into Germany last century, it was constituted on the Christian system of St. John. . . . The Three Globes Lodge was constituted in 1740 as a *Christian* Lodge." According to Bro. Gould, P. G. D. (and there is no better guide), this lodge was started by the sole authority of Frederick the Great, so that we are not much concerned with what was done under those circumstances; but in reference to the *introduction of Freemasonry* into that country, we may be assured that, so far as England was concerned, there was no departure from the ordinary usage of that period, and that no warrants of constitution were granted of a different character to those authorised for other countries by the premier Grand Lodge.

It must be conceded that even now Freemasonry is "simply and purely Christian" under some Grand Lodges, but so long as such organisations are willing to admit visitors from England and other countries, where the Craft is established on broader lines, it is not for us to object to their narrower system. The late Earl of Zetland, as Grand Master, obtained all necessary concessions from such Grand Lodges during the fifth decade of this century by securing the recognition of all regular brethren as visitors, without regard to their Religious Faith and Creed. More than this we cannot fairly require; though it leaves much to be desired.

It was distinctly announced by authority of the M. W. G. M., in 1865, that there was nothing to prevent anyone "who believes in the Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent God, and who in private life practises the sacred duties of morality, from being initiated into the secrets and mysteries of our Order." This decision was officially communicated, because the then Dist. G. M. of Bengal objected to Hindoos being proposed as candidates for initiation, notwithstanding one of that number had offered to make a declaration that "he was not a Pantheist or Polytheist, and did not identify the Creator with any of his creatures, but believed in T. G. A. O. T. U."

Lord Zetland but followed in the steps of his illustrious predecessors H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex, M. W. G. M., who aided in the arrangement, for the initiation of a Mahommedan in 1836, and was in full sympathy with those who desired to extend rather than curtail the foundation on which Freemasonry rests.

It is clear, however, that such authoritative decisions presuppose that candidates cherish or have adopted some particular form of religious faith, and are not simply Deists, because the obligation to secrecy and fidelity is to be taken on those "Sacred Writings" which to them are binding on their consciences.

Still, with all the predilections for a comprehensive and cosmopolitan basis, nothing can obliterate the evidences of the Christian origin of our Fraternity, and hence, whilst prepared to the fullest extent possible to accept worthy neophytes without respect to their creed, colour, or clime, one cannot but feel that those brethren who are neither professed Christians, nor Jews, will meet with numerous references in our ceremonies founded on the Old and new New Testament Scriptures, which will not favour their own notions of theology.

The Bible should be "the Great Light of the Craft," and never be closed in open lodge, whatever volumes else may be at times essential for the purposes of reception. I have never heard of any objections to such a rule, and trust that none will ever be urged, for unless other religionists are prepared to practise as well as expect toleration by thus maintaining the

actual and obligatory foundations of the Society, the continuity and identity of the Institution cannot be permanently and uniformly preserved.

Bro. Whymper evidently favours separate Jewish, Parsee, Hindoo, and Mahomedan Lodges, but would such a plan really meet his objections to the present régime? He emphatically states that "It is impossible for any man, no matter what his former religion may have been, to become a Fellow-Craft Mason in English Masonry and refuse to accept both the Old and the New Testaments." How, then, would those distinctive combinations provide for such a contingency? If we cannot do with these religionists in our Lodges, I do not see how we can do without them—i.e., in separate Lodges. We meet on the *Level* or not at all, and therefore, if we cannot as votaries of various Faiths become members together in Lodge, and thus illustrate the "Brotherhood of Man," better far to refrain from all attempts at Universality, and revert to an exclusively Christian Constitution, as in the olden time.

I am anxious to look at the question in all its aspects, and do not mention difficulties because of any fondness of them, but simply to suggest that if a return to the old system is to be recommended, and primarily because it prevailed prior to the inauguration of Grand Lodges, it is well we should understand what is involved in such a course.

At all events, it seems to me that we are at the present time observing the old rule of 1723, in promoting the "Religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves," as well as respecting some of the usages and customs of our Grand Lodge. Besides which, by thus extending the scope of our Ancient and Honourable Society, we are adding immensely to its beneficial influence and practical usefulness, especially abroad.

Holding this view, and bearing in mind the esteemed Brethren who hold and advocate otherwise, I am prepared to accept the opinion and advice of the reverend Brother, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G. Chap., who maintained that "the Christian School and the Universal School can co-exist in Freemasonry. Though their views are necessarily antagonistic, yet they need not be made the subject of contention; they can be held in peace and consideration, and all fraternal goodwill. Indeed, we think, upon the whole, that Freemasonry has, curiously enough, a two-fold teaching in this respect."

According to Bro. Whymper's convictions, the spread of the Craft in India amongst Parsees, Hindoos, and Mahomedans calls for serious consideration, and increasingly so when brethren of each of those faiths become sufficiently numerous to support lodges composed mainly of members of their own persuasion.

Should difficulties arise in consequence, we may yet have to try the ingenious suggestion of chartering lodges for each particular faith, subject to the rights of mutual visitation; but I confess to the feeling that, should ever such be deemed requisite, an element of religious distinction and classification will be of necessity introduced, which will considerably modify or weaken the unsectarian character of the Institution.

Clearly, then, this important subject deserves—in fact, demands—our earnest attention and careful consideration, and our hearty thanks are due to Bro. Whymper for having so fraternally introduced the matter to our notice in the following pages.

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

Torquay, September 15th, 1888.

NOTES ON THE CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION.

BY BRO. H. SADLER.
(Continued from page 666).

John Bott, J.G.D., was initiated in the Corner Stone Lodge on the 9th of January, 1804, and presided several years as its Master, in which capacity he was a frequent visitor at the Lodge of Promulgation. He served the office of Grand Steward in 1807, and was a liberal contributor to the Masonic Charities. His biographer says of him: "Our lamented brother possessed a most amiable and intelligent disposition, ever ready to communicate instruction to his brethren."

Edward W. Cleere appears to have been appointed on account of his Mastership of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, at that time considered the standard authority on Masonic ritual and ceremonies. He was not of an age as a Mason to have attended either the Lodge of Promulgation or the Lodge of Reconciliation, having only been initiated in 1816. He served as Grand Steward in 1820, and was elected a member of the Board of General Purposes in 1821 and 1823.

"Thomas R. Smith, P.M. of the Lodge No. 1," was initiated in that lodge in 1820; he was elected on the Board of General Purposes in 1824 and 1825, and again in 1828 as Master of the Grand Stewards' Lodge. In 1830 he was appointed S.G.D., and died in 1836. Bro. Richard Percival was initiated in the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, on the 23rd of January, 1822; he was appointed S.G.W. in 1827, and elected Grand Treasurer in 1837, to which office he was re-elected every year till his decease in 1851. Thos. Cant was initiated in the Enoch Lodge, No. 11, in 1820, was one of the founders of the Emulation Lodge of Instruction in 1823. As Master of No. 11, he was elected on the Board of General Purposes in 1824, and again as Master of No. 9 in 1826, joined the Albion Lodge, No. 9, in 1825, and continued a subscriber to the end, 1867. I can find no record of his death; perhaps some of my readers can enlighten me on this point.

Joseph Taylor was initiated in the Lodge of Emulation, No. 22 (now No. 21) in 1819, as Master of which lodge he was elected on the Board of General Purposes in 1826; he was a warm supporter of the Charities, and subscribing member of this lodge till his decease in 1859.

Thomas Moore, the next brother in rotation, who was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge in 1812, and joined the Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 29 (now No. 26), in 1824, passed the greater part of a long and active life in works of Masonic beneficence too numerous to mention in this article; was appointed J.G. Deacon in 1827, and he continued a subscribing member of both these lodges, and also the Lodge of Antiquity, down to the year of his decease, 1845.

The December part of the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review" for that year contains an obituary, not apparently the work of a very dear friend, in which the writer says: "Brother Moore, in addition to his acknowledged character of a scholar and a gentleman, was also distinguished for his knowledge of the Masonic art, not only in the Craft and Royal Arch, but also in the other higher Degrees."

Bro. Broadfoot I have already referred to as one of the later members of the Lodge of Reconciliation. After a most active

and useful Masonic career of upwards of a quarter of a century, he left London in 1835 to reside at King's Lynn, where he died in 1858. I think enough has been said to evince that the brethren who composed this Board of Installed Masters were carefully, as well as impartially, selected; indeed, it seems to me that a more truly representative body could not at that period have been nominated. Had a Board of this description been appointed some years later, no doubt it would have been differently constituted, probably much larger, and provincial brethren called on to assist; but in those days country Masons scarcely ever attended Grand Lodge, for obvious reasons, and were seldom heard of outside their own provinces.

I am not in a position to speak with certainty as to the actual *modus operandi* of this Board, for up to now I have not been fortunate enough to meet with a record of its proceedings. If minutes were kept they were, doubtless, of the briefest description, and may have been forwarded to the Grand Master along with Bro. Meyrick's papers. The available documents, however, leave very little to be desired in the way of direct evidence, as they include the draft of the warrant in the handwriting of W. H. White, several sheets of paper containing the signatures of all the Masters and Past Masters who attended the three meetings, and a paper endorsed by Bro. White—"1828. Draft Report from Board of Installed Masters to the M.W. Grand Master." The body of this document is apparently in the handwriting of Bro. Meyrick, and is as follows:

"To, His R.H. Prince Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, Earl of Inverness, &c., &c., &c., M.W.G.M. of the Most Ancient & Honorable Society of Free & Accepted Masons of England.

"In pursuance of the Warrant under the Sign Manual of your R.H.'s bearing date the 6th day of February, A.L. 5827, stating that it had been represented to your R.H.s that from the want of immediate source for information and instruction there existed some diversity of practice in the Installation of Masters of Lodges, and that it was important that all Rites and Ceremonies in the Craft should be conducted with uniformity and correctness, and with a view therefore to produce such uniformity your R.H.s thought proper to appoint and did accordingly nominate and appoint us the undersigned to constitute a Lodge or Board of Installed Masters authorising and requiring us to hold Meetings for the purpose of communicating instruction in such Rites and Ceremonies, giving Notice thereof to the Masters of the several Lodges enjoining their attendance, as well as the attendance of their several Past Masters at such Meetings; and whereby the said Lodge or Board of Installed Masters were empowered to instal into Office all such Masters of Lodges as might not theretofore have been regularly installed, and who should require the same.

"Now we the said Board of Installed Masters humbly make known to your R.H.s that we have held several meetings at stated periods to consult on and arrange the best means for carrying into effect the directions contained in your R.H.'s Warrant, and having agreed upon the Ceremonies which we conceived should take place upon the Installation of all Masters of Lodges, the same were respectfully submitted to your R.H.s for approbation and which your R.H.s was graciously pleased to signify, whereupon we proceeded to convene public meetings at Freemasons' Hall of the Masters and Past Masters of all Lodges within the London District on the 17th the 22nd and the 28th days of December (1827) and with each Notice convening such Meetings we transmitted a copy of the said Warrant and we are happy to be enabled to report to your R.H.s that such Meetings were numerous attended and that all the Forms and Ceremonies of Installation as settled and agreed upon by us and which had previously been honoured by your R.H.'s approbation were fully communicated and practised and we also proceeded to Install into Office all such Masters of Lodges as had not been before regularly Installed and who required the same, when all the Brethren present at such Meetings expressed themselves highly satisfied with the Ceremonies and explanations which were then afforded them and truly grateful for your R.H.'s kind and condescending attention to the interests of the Craft upon the occasion.

"In concluding our Report we beg to state that we have been duly impressed with the importance of the Trust delegated to us by your R.H.s and fully sensible of the Honour conferred upon us individually in being nominated to the Office and we humbly hope that the result of our labours will meet with your R.H.'s approbation and prove beneficial to the Fraternity at large."

The following are the names and lodges of those who signed the attendance sheets at the different meetings of the "Board of Installation;" doubtless many of them will be recognised by older Masons than myself as Craftsmen of mark and merit, who have been mainly instrumental in transmitting to us the rites and ceremonies which they then witnessed and adopted.

I give the names according to the register number of the lodges represented, and shall afterwards direct attention to the Masonic services of some few of the brethren who attended.

Visitors.	Old No.	Name of Lodge.	Present No.	Remarks.
Wm. Sandys, W.M.	1	Grand Masters	1	
* Edward Harper, P.M.	1	" "	1	G.S. 1813-39, Ob. 1854
R. F. Mestayer, P.M.	1	" "	1	J.G.D. 1815, Ob. '41.
(2) M. Gunston, W.M.	3	Fidelity...	3	In Reg. 1845.
J. Wheeler, P.M.	3	" "	3	Ob. 1844.
J. B. Simpson, P.M.	4	Royal Somerset House	4	
Henry Rogers, P.M.	5	St. Geo. & Corner Stone	5	Ob. 1835.
W. Ballard, W.M.	5	" "	5	
† G. Taylor, W.M.	8	British ...	8	
(2) C. Robson, W.M.	9	Albion ...	9	
Robert Lemon, P.M.	10	Westminster and Key-stone	10	J.G.D. 1830, Ob. '35.
J. O'Brien, W.M.	11	Enoch ...	11	
(2) G. Hall, P.M.	11	" "	11	
2* Wm. Grey, W.M.	12	Fortitude and Old Cumberland	12	
* J. W. Shorman, P.M.	12	" "	12	
* Wm. Feldwick, W.M.	19	Royal Athelstan	19	
2 C. Geary, P.M.	19	" "	19	Ob. 1880.
2 S. C. Norris, W.M.	22	Emulation	21	S.G.D. 1839, Ob. '57.
F. W. Bossy, P.M.	22	" "	21	S.G.D. 1836, Ob. '58.
* 2 C. Meyer, P.M.	25	Globe ...	23	Ob. 1833.
	and 409	R. York of Perseverance	7	
2 W. H. Fenn, P.M.	25	Globe ...	23	Ob. 1857.
Robert Burton, W.M.	27	Robert Burns	25	
3 John Fortune, P.M.	27	" "	25	Ob. 1852.
B. Elam, W.M.	34	Old King's Arms	28	
Wm. Madox, W.M.	35	St. Alban's	29	
H. L. Robins, P.M.	35	" "	29	
Charles Chapple, P.M.	39	Castle (extinct)		
Charles Lawrence, P.M.	39	" in Reg. to 1844		
J. Bowring, P.M.	61	Strong Man	45	
J. Purdy, W.M.	61	" "	45	
H. C. Wharton, W.M.	62	Old Union	46	

Visitors.	Old No.	Name of Lodge.	Present No.	Remarks.
James Burra, P.M.	62	St. John's	46	
and	278	Old Union	167	
2 Joseph Rackstraw, P.M.	62	Constitutional	46	
† Wm. Neale, P.M.	71	Felicity	55	Ob. 1839.
† G. Margerison, P.M.	71	Peace and Harmony	55	J.G.D. 1847, Ob. 1855
L. Thompson, M.	75	St. Mary's	58	
G. Reiley, P.M.	82	Grenadiers	60	
E. Jones, P.M.	86	Unity	63	
* Samuel Sparrow, P.M.	92	Royal Jubilee	66	
Geo. Skelton, P.M.	96	Vitruvian	69	
Thos. Coffey, P.M.	100	Regularity	72	
H. S. Cafe, M.	128	Moir	87	
L. E. Thornton, P.M.	142	Temple	91	
J. H. Battier, P.M.	142	Caledonian	91	
J. Cruchley, W.M.	143	St. Paul's	92	
2* Jas. Blackmore, W.M.	163	Caledonian	101	
J. Stephens, P.M.	218	Caledonian	134	
and	329	Caledonian	194	J.G.D. 1844, Ob. 1856
Chas. Baumer, P.M.	218	Caledonian	134	In Register 1847.
Thos. Wallas, P.M.	218	Faith	141	Do. 1840.
Robt. Sargent, P.M.	235	St. Thomas	142	Ob. 1842.
3 A. L. Thistelton, P.M.	237	St. Thomas	142	Ob. 1869.
* A. U. Thistelton, P.M.	237	St. Thomas	142	In Register to 1855.
Thos. Waring, W.M.	237	St. Luke's	144	
Frederick Lacey, P.M.	240	Bedford	157	
Hugh Dalrymple, P.M.	257	St. James's Union	157	
*2 John Marshall, W.M.	257	St. James's Union	157	
John Nutland, P.M.	257	St. James's Union	157	
* Peter Paul, P.M.	257	St. James's Union	157	
John Canham, jun., W.M.	274	Honour and Generosity	165	Now living.
Wm. Jackson, W.M.	275	Union	166	
Robert Sholl, P.M.	275	Union	166	
A. Webster, P.M.	278	St. John's	167	
W. J. Wright, P.M.	284	Amity	171	
R. Smith, P.M.	284	Amity	171	
*2 H. Oliver, W.M.	287	Old Concord	172	
*3 G. Moultrie, P.M.	287	Old Concord	172	
S. Beckwith, W.M.	293	Domestic	177	
2 J. Bird, P.M.	293	Domestic	177	
Wm. Blount, P.M.	293	Domestic	177	Ob. 1866.
† J. Bradford, W.M.	299	St. James's Union	180	
2 John Harris, P.M.	299	St. James's Union	180	Ob. 1873.
2 John Canham, W.M.	300	Universal	181	
J. Stainton, sen., P.M.	300	Universal	181	
Geo. Sawyer, P.M.	300	Universal	181	
Wm. Claremont, P.M.	305	Unity	183	
Geo. Aarons, W.M.	319	Joppa	188	Ob. 1848.
Robt. Smith, W.M.	325	Lion and Lamb	192	
P. Thomson, P.M.	325	Lion and Lamb	192	S.G.D. 1844, Ob. 1851
2 Thos. Lightfoot, W.M.	327	Confidence	193	
G. Kloer, P.M.	327	Confidence	193	
J. R. Gortz, P.M.	327	Confidence	193	Ob. 1836.
G. Cole, P.M.	327	Confidence	193	
S. Rogers, P.M.	327	Confidence	193	
Thos. F. Savory, P.M.	334	Jerusalem	197	S.G.D. 1825, Ob. 1847
Wm. Harris, P.M.	334	Jerusalem	197	
2 Nevil Oliver, P.M.	334	Jerusalem	197	
F. Jeyes, P.M.	334	Jerusalem	197	Ob. 1843.
G. Bartrup, P.M.	334	Jerusalem	197	
*3 P. Gilkes, W.M.	367	St. Michael's	211	
Saml. Jarvis, P.M.	370	Euphrates	212	
Wm. Brind, M.	370	Euphrates	212	
J. Black, P.M.	381	Stability	217	
Saml. Noble, W.M.	397	Ionic	227	
Geo. Borrett, P.M.	397	Ionic	227	
W. Seton, P.M.	399	United Strength	228	
* Wm. Longstaff, W.M.	407	St. Andrew's	231	Ob. 1857.
Jas. Cull, W.M.	409	Royal York of Perseverance	7	
N. Lewis, P.M.	458	Hirams (extinct)	—	
*2 E. S. Garner, P.M.	481	Unions	256	
* R. Field, W.M.	499	Bank of England	263	Ob. 1846.

(To be continued).

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGE-SHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Friday, the 16th inst., for the despatch of Masonic business. Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, Prov. G.M., was unable to attend, through temporary indisposition. The proceedings were, therefore, presided over by Bro. Andrew H. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br. of Eng., D.P.G.M. Bro. E. Armitage, P.M. 859, acted as Deputy, and the other Prov. Grand Officers present were Blos. I. Nichols, P.S.G.W.; E. Hills, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. Imrie, P.G. Chap.; C. Geldard, P.G. Treas.; J. Bonnett, P.G. Sec.; S. H. Sharman, P.S.G.D.; T. Jennings, jun., P.G.S. of W.; J. F. Symonds, P.G.D.C.; G. Whitmore, P.G.S.B.; W. Purchas, P.G. Org.; W. B. Rediarn, P.G. Purst.; and J. Robinson and C. H. Bauham, P.G. Stewards.

The attendance also included—

Bros. B. Chennell, P.M. 88, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. Cunningham, 859, P.P.G. Chap.; J. S. Youngman, P.M. 441, P.P.G. Reg.; J. R. Ling, P.M. 88, P.P.J.G.W.; G. McCallum, P.M. 88, P.P.J.G.W.; E. H. Jennings, P.M. 441, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Hunnybun, P.P.G.D.C.; Oliver Papworth, W.M. 88, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Watts, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Fuller, P.M. 88, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Vail, P.M. 441, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Cole, P.M. 441, P.P.J.G.D.; C. A. Vinter, P.M. 441, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Sheldrick, P.M. 441, P.P.J.G.D.; W. G. Bell, W.M. 859; J. R. Green, S.W. 1492, P.P.G.D.C.; W. M. Fawcett, W.M. 1492, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Frank Piggott, S.D. 88, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Cole, 441, P.P.G. Purst.; W. P. Spalding, J.D. 88, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. V. Pryor, S.W. 88, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Wood, 88; Dr. W. R. Roper, 441; A. H. Ruston, 2107; Jas. Catling, 441; John Turner, 2107; A. J. Lyon, 88; H. J. Whitehead, 441; A. E. Chaplin, 88; and Jas. French, 441.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER having announced the indisposition of Lord Hardwicke, proceeded to open Provincial Grand Lodge, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, the roll of lodges was called.

The present number of members in the several lodges was reported to be as follows: Scientific, No. 88, 77; Three Grand Principles, No. 441, 58; United Good Fellowship, No. 809, 43; Isaac Newton University, No. 859, 130; Alma Mater, No. 1492, 18; and Etheldreda, No. 1492, 31. Total, 357, as against 342 at the same period last year.

Bro. GELDARD read the Treasurer's statement, which showed a balance of £8 17s. 7d. on the year. The estimated balance for next year was £50. The SECRETARY read the annual Report of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association, as under:

Brethren who attended more than one meeting of the Board of Installation have a figure against their names, showing the number of their attendances.
* Brethren who were members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in 1827.
† Brethren who were founders of the above-named lodge.

In presenting to you the Fifth Annual Report of the Province of Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association, the Committee feel that the Province is to be again congratulated on a very successful year as regards the election of a candidate to one of the Masonic Charities, and also upon the sums collected by the Stewards attending the Girls' Festival for the present year.

At the April Election in this year for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Kate Lilian Boning, daughter of the late Bro. Henry Boning, of the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441, Cambridge, was placed 2nd on the list of 12 successful candidates out of 42 applicants, with a total of 2736 votes, the highest successful candidate polling 3888, and the lowest successful one 2014 votes.

The province was represented at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls by Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, R.W.P.G.M., who took up with him £10 10s.; by Bro. A. H. Moyes, W.D.P.G.M., who took up with him £147; by Bro. Oliver Papworth, W.M. of Scientific Lodge, No. 88, who took up with him £21; by Bro. J. Taylor, P.M. and Treasurer of the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441, who took up with him £84; by Bro. E. Armitage, W.M. of Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, who took up with him £89 5s.; and also by Bro. J. R. Green, W.M. of Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1492, who took up with him £10 10s. The sum of £31 10s. was contributed by the Association to Bro. A. H. Moyes' list, and the sum of £10 10s. to Bro. O. Papworth's list.

The amount collected by Bro. A. H. Moyes includes the sum of twenty guineas given by the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Masonic Charities, and the sum of five guineas collected at the last P.G.L. banquet.

The Committee wish to express their thanks to Bros. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, R.W.P.G.M.; A. H. Moyes, W.D.P.G.M.; Oliver Papworth, J. Taylor, E. Armitage, and J. R. Green, who so ably represented this province as Stewards at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to those lodges and brethren who contributed so generously to their lists.

The Committee have during the year paid off 409 Boys' votes and 996 Girls' votes out of 871 borrowed for Kate Lilian Boning, and have lent 77 Benevolent votes. The votes due from and owing to the Committee are as follows, viz.:

	Boys.	Girls.	Men.	Women.
Votes owing to the Committee are	441	271	33	—
Votes due to the Committee are	58	—	36	41

The votes in the province are now about 179 Boys and 303 Girls, half-yearly, and 325 Benevolent yearly.

The brethren subscribing to the Association in the province are 92, distributed amongst the six lodges as follows, viz.:

Scientific, No. 88	...	...	...	39
Three Grand Principles, No. 441	...	...	...	24
United Good Fellowship, No. 809	...	...	...	15
Isaac Newton (University), No. 859	...	...	...	13
Alma Mater, No. 1492	...	...	...	—
Etheldreda, No. 2107	...	...	...	1
Lady Subscriber	...	...	...	92
Non-Mason	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	94

The contributions from the six lodges and four chapters in the province during the year 1888, to the Masonic Charities were—

	R.M.I.G.	R.M.B.I.
Scientific, No. 88	£10 10 0	£10 10 0
Three Grand Principles, No. 441	10 10 0	—
United Good Fellowship, No. 809	5 5 0	—
Isaac Newton (University), No. 859	21 0 0	—
Alma Mater, No. 1492	—	—
Etheldreda, No. 2107	5 5 0	—
Pythagoras Chapter, No. 88	5 5 0	—
Fidelity, No. 441	—	—
Etheldreda, No. 809	—	—
Euclid, No. 859	—	—

The contributions through Stewards from the province during the years 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, and 1888, to the three Masonic Charities were as follows, viz.:

Year	Stewards.	Institution.	Amount.
1883	Bro. J. N. York, No. 88	R.M.I.G.	£130 4 0
1884	" C. A. Vinter, No. 441	R.M.I.B.	174 6 0
1885	" J. T. Hiscox, No. 809	R.M.B.I.	110 5 0
1886	" A. H. Moyes, W.D.P.G.M.	R.M.I.B.	131 5 0
"	" O. Papworth, No. 88	R.M.B.I.	68 5 0
"	" W. Welchman, No. 809	R.M.B.I.	99 15 0
"	" C. A. Vinter, No. 441	R.M.I.G.	273 0 0
1887	" A. H. Moyes, W.D.P.G.M.	R.M.B.I.	220 10 0
"	" S. H. Sharman, No. 441	R.M.I.B.	137 11 0
"	" C. Geldard, No. 859	R.M.I.G.	200 0 0
1888	" The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, R.W.P.G.M.	R.M.I.G.	10 10 0
"	" A. H. Moyes, W.D.P.G.M.	R.M.I.G.	147 0 0
"	" O. Papworth, No. 88	R.M.I.G.	21 0 0
"	" J. Taylor, No. 441	R.M.I.G.	84 0 0
"	" E. Armitage, No. 859	R.M.I.G.	89 5 0
"	" J. R. Green, No. 1492	R.M.I.G.	10 10 0
	Total		£1907 6 0

The Recipients from the Province of Benefits from the Masonic Charities are:—
BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—Bro. W. H. Exley, Lodge 809, Wisbech, Annuity of £40.

Boys' SCHOOL.—Percy Neville, Lodge 441, Cambridge; James McCallum Mitchell, Lodge 441, Cambridge; cost of maintenance £41 13s. 10d. each.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.—Kate Lilian Boning, Lodge 441, Cambridge, cost £36 6s. 7d.
The Committee most urgently request that all subscriptions and donations to any of the Masonic Charities, whether given by lodges or individuals, should be paid through the Treasurer of the Association, in order that as many votes as possible may be added to the voting strength of the province, whether the subscriptions or donations are added to any Steward's list or not.

In conclusion, the Committee would desire to express their thanks to those ladies and brethren who sent their voting papers to the Secretary for disposal; also to thank all those who have subscribed to the various Charities during the year, whether through the Association or not, and they earnestly hope that the success which has been achieved in the past five years may be but an earnest of continued activity and increased support in the future.

OLIVER PAPWORTH, Hon. Secretary.

The D.P.G.M. having spoken of the very satisfactory nature of the report,

Bro. C. A. VINTER moved its adoption. He knew he was but giving expression to the feeling of the whole province when he said how deeply indebted they were for the continued and successful exertions of the Hon. Secretary of the Association, Bro. Oliver Papworth, W.M. 88. Might they have the benefit of his services for many years.

Bro. EDWD. HILLS seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Bro. S. H. SHARMAN proposed "That the best thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. Oliver Papworth, W.M. of No. 88, for his faithful and successful services as Hon. Secretary of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association, and that the same be entered on the minutes."

Seconded by Bro. W. M. FAWCETT, and agreed to.

Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH, in acknowledging the vote, said it had been a work of pleasure to him, and this resolution would, if possible, make him more zealous still.

Bro. T. NICHOLS moved that the resolution passed at Provincial Grand Lodge on the 12th November, 1885, "that a sum of £20 be annually granted from the Provincial Grand Lodge funds to the lodge under whose banner the Provincial Grand Lodge is held, towards the expenses of the banquet," be rescinded.

Seconded by Bro. G. McCALLUM.

It was urged that the terms of the resolution were objectionable, and that special expenses for the reception of Prov. Grand Lodge and its guests should be met in a different way.

After remarks from Bros. SHARMAN, PIGGOTT, JENNINGS, CHENNEL, VINTER, and the Chair, the motion was adopted.

Upon the motion of Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH, it was resolved that the sum of ten guineas be voted to the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association for current expenses.

Upon the motion of Bro. SHARMAN, it was resolved that ten guineas be voted to the R.M.I. for Boys, and ten guineas to the R.M. Benevolent Institution, to be paid through the Cambridgeshire Masonic Association.

Bro. C. GELDARD, P.G. Treas., proposed, and Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH seconded, that Bro. Henry John Whitehead, 441, be elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Carried unanimously.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master proceeded to invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

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| Bro. W. M. Fawcett, W.M. 1492 | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " C. A. Vinter, P.M. 441 | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " Rev. F. J. Foakes-Jackson, P.M. 859 | ... | } Prov. G. Chaps. |
| " Rev. J. Imrie, Chaplain 2107 | ... | |
| " H. J. Whitehead, 441 | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " W. Purchas, J.W. 88 | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " J. Bonnett, 859 | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " J. Fuller, W.M. 441 | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " W. G. Bell, W.M. 859 | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " J. Kennerell, S.W. 809 | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " A. J. Gillott, J.W. 859 | ... | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| " W. R. Girling, I.G. 809 | ... | Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
| " John Turner, Org. 2107 | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " A. H. Ruston, I.G. 2107 | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " A. P. Tilley, 859 | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " J. Robinson, 859 | ... | |
| " T. Collier | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " C. H. Ellis | ... | Prov. A.G. Tyler. |

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. C. Geldard for his services as Prov. G. Treasurer during the past two years.

Bro. ARMITAGE then presented the Deputy Provincial Grand Master with the Charity jewel. He observed that it was only in recent years that certain members of the province had taken up the matter of the Masonic Charities. Most prominent amongst these was Bro. A. H. Moyes, and they felt assured that, so long as the Deputy Prov. Grand Master held his position, the cause of the Charities would not be permitted to languish, nor the province lose the good name it had gained. He then attached the jewel.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said he should ever think of and wear that jewel as the one he was the most proud of; and he hoped that, always remembering the smallness of the province, it would continue to maintain its average of support to the Charities.

After some other business, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in form. At the banquet which followed, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." were given from the chair.

Bro. CHENNEL proposed "The Grand Officers," to which the DEPUTY PROV. G.M. responded as P.G. Std. Br.

Bro. FAWCETT next gave "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. (the Right Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke)," and expressed great regret that his lordship had been unavoidably prevented from attending. He, however, had a good representative in his Deputy, Bro. A. H. Moyes.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said his lordship held his telegram until within two hours of their meeting, in the hope that he might be able to come. They all regretted his absence, for there could be no more genial President or more genial Mason than his lordship. They looked forward to his presiding at Prov. Grand Lodge as one of the opportunities they had of meeting him, and they hoped to meet him there again for many years, for the more they saw of him the more they appreciated him. He (Bro. Moyes) was very pleased at the manner in which he had been received. He was proud of his position in the province, and it would be his endeavour to keep the province together. The work done in the various lodges had been seen by him, and he could say it was done well. He did not believe it could be surpassed. He was glad to notice a small advance in their numbers during the year. This was a healthy sign, so long as they got the right men to join. With regard to the motion rescinded that day, with his approval, he might state that Prov. Grand Lodge would always be ready to bear the necessary expenses of reception.

Bro. A. J. LYON gave "The Health of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," which was acknowledged by Bro. H. J. WHITEHEAD, Prov. G. Treasurer.

Bro. S. H. SHARMAN proposed, in suitable terms, "Success to the Masonic Charities."

Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH, in responding, pointed out that the province received a good return for its support to the Charities, inasmuch as they had four recipients, whose cost amounted to about £160 a year. Having been successful with these candidates, they must work on steadily to help others outside the province. They should lay themselves out to give at least 100 guineas a year towards the Charities, and he appealed to non-subscribers to join their Masonic Charity Association.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The Health of the W.M.'s of the various Lodges in the Province."

Bro. W. G. BELL, W.M. of the Isaac Newton Lodge, responded to the toast, remarking that this gathering showed they were in all senses of the word brethren. He trusted they would always remain united as now. The speaker also alluded to the importance of the University Lodge in supplying Masons to all parts of the country and the world.

The proceedings, which were enlivened with harmony, terminated with the Tyler's toast.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Hulme Town Hall, on Friday, the 16th inst. Amongst those present were:

Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M.; Edmund Ashworth, S.G.D., acting Deputy P.G.M.; J. Heelis, P.S.G.W.; Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, P.G. Chap.; Joseph W. Allison, P.G. Treas.; W. H. Vaughan, P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; Wm. Bagnall, P.S.G.D.; Nathaniel Nicholson, P.S.G.D.; George Board, P.J.G.D.; C. D. Cheetham, jun., P.J.G.D.; John Holroyd, P.G. Supt. of Works; Abraham Pemberton, P.G.D. of C.; T. Parkinson, P.G.D.D. of C.; F. Woodcock, P.A.G.D. of C.; Joseph Mellor, P.G.S.B.; Samuel Warburton, P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Cooper, P.G. Std. Br.; Will Tattersall, P.G. Org.; James Newton, P.A.G. Sec.; Joseph Harling, P.G.T.; John Heap, P.A.G. Purst.; R. R. Lisenden, E. L. Irving, Wm. Cartwright, E. G. Lingard, Kenneth Maclean, and James Cookson, P.G. Stwds.; Thomas Higson, P.G. Tyler; J. Buckley, P.P.J.G.D.; Geo. F. East, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies; P. Ratcliffe, P.P.G.T.; S. Barnes, P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Jackson, P.P.G.S.B.; John Greaves, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G. Dir. of Cer.; R. Collinge, P.M. 54, P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Livesey, P.M. 226, P.P.G.S.; Abraham Clegg, P.M. 277, P.P.S.G.W.; John Tennant, P.M. 1519, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Thos. Hindle, P.M., D.C. 1145, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Sawyer, P.M. 1077, P.P.G.S.B.; Henry Heys, P.M. 1634, P.P.G.D.C.; John Bollard, P.M. 126, P.P.G.S.B.; Jas. Andrew, P.M. 1219, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Seddall, P.M. 268, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Gibb Smith, P.M. 44, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Schuster, P.M. 62, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Ramsden, P.M. 1166, P.J.G.D. Cheshire; J. T. Richardson, P.M. 581, P.P.S.G.D.; G. T. Hardman, P.M. 283, P.P.J.G.W.; J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1030, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.J.G.W., Past G.S.B.; Robt. Williamson, P.M. 1055, P.P.A.G.R.; J. W. Kenyon, P.M. 42, 191, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T.; John Barker, P.M. 1134, P.P.G.T.; E. G. Harwood, P.M. 1723, P.P.J.G.D.; Joseph Wildgoose, P.M. 163, P.P.J.G.D.; Jas. Walker, P.M. 37, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M. 317, P.P.G.T.; J. Arensbergh, P.M. 1161, P.P.G.P.; J. H. Clark, P.M. 317, P.P.S.G.D.; J. A. Forster, P.M. 1253, P.P.G. Reg.; J. E. Lees, P.M., Sec. 645, P.P.G.T.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M. 317, P.P.S.G.D.; W. H. Cunliffe, P.M. 269, P.P.G.D.C.; H. H. Warburton, P.M. 163, P.P.S.G.D.; James Rowe, P.M. 1009, P.P.G.S.; E. Hulton, P.M. 62, P.P.S.G.W.; H. L. Rocca, P.M. 815, P.P.S.G.D.; Jas. MacLaren, P.M. 62, P.P.S.G.W.; W. S. Barlow, P.M. 128, P.P.J.G.D.; John Roberts, P.M. 204, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Grundy, P.M. 42, P.P.G.D.C.; Walter Newton, P.M. 268, P.P.J.G.D.; E. J. Cumings, P.M. 1459, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Jaffrey, P.M. 152, P.P.J.G.D.; Carl Götz, P.M. 645, P.P.J.G.W.; J. L. Hine, P.M. 64, P.P.J.G.W.; Frank A. Huet, P.M. 1009, 1170, P.P.G.F. Staffordshire; Thos. Schofield, P.M. 288, P.P.J.G.D.; James Arthur Birch, P.M. 1170, P.P.J.G.W.; W. R. Sowter, P.M. 815; George Hunt, P.M. 1009, 1170; W. H. Fulford, S.W. 852; G. Enticknap, P.M. 1009; J. Halden, W.M. 1009; and others.

The brethren, numbering over 200, were in their places when the P.G.M. entered, attended by a large number of Present and Past P.G. Officers. Bro. E. Ashworth, S.G.D., acted as Dep. P.G.M., in the absence of Bro. George Mellor, who was unavoidably absent, through illness, and Bro. G. T. Hardman, P.P.G.W., took the position of P.J.G.W., in the absence of Bro. J. J. Meakin.

The P.G.D.C., Bro. A. PEMBERTON, then called upon the brethren to salute the P.G.M., the acting D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Officers in the customary manner, which was done.

The P.G. SECRETARY then read out the names of the Prov. G. Officers, who responded, with three exceptions. The absentees, however, sent the necessary apologies.

On the roll of lodges (97 in number) being called over by the P.G. SECRETARY, it was found all were represented but one.

The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, held in May last at Heaton Norris, were taken as read, and confirmed, the P.G. SECRETARY informing the P.G.M. that copies of same had been forwarded to the W.M. of each lodge.

Bro. J. L. HINE, P.P.J.G.W., nominated Bro. J. W. Edwards, P.M. 317, for the office of P.G. Treasurer, the election for which will take place in May next.

Bro. R. RUSHTON, P.M. 1145, seconded the nomination. Bro. W. ROWE, P.M. 1009, P.P.G. Steward, nominated, and Bro. C. D. CHEETHAM, jun., P.M. 933, seconded, Bro. George Hunt, P.M. 1009 and 1993, for the same office.

For Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts Bro. J. WILDGOOSE, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C., proposed Bro. John Studd, W.M. 163.

Bro. J. E. LEES, P.M. 645, P.P.G.T., proposed Bro. Arthur Middleton, P.M. 645.

Bro. H. L. ROCCA, P.M. 815, P.P.S.G.D., proposed Bro. W. R. Sowter, P.M. 815.

All these brethren were elected. A satisfactory report of the proceedings of the Charity Committee was read by Bro. JOHN CHADWICK, P.G. Secretary, and endorsed by Bro. J. A. BIRCH, P.P.J.G.W.

Bro. BIRCH moved the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, and Bro. J. H. SILLITOE, P.G.S.B., P.P.J.G.W., seconded the proposition, which was carried.

Bro. JAMES ARTHUR BIRCH, P.P.J.G.W., addressing the P.G.M., said a movement had been on foot for some little time past among the Provincial Grand Officers to raise sufficient funds for the purpose of purchasing enough votes in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls that would entitle the purchaser to become a Patron of that Institution and the recipient of 80 votes annually. Bro. Birch further stated that the Provincial Grand Officers were made acquainted with the fact of the P.G.M. being a Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a suggestion was made that if the sum required (100 guineas) could be raised, it would be a graceful act to purchase the Patronship in the name of, and present it to, their P.G.M. Bro. Birch went on to state he was pleased to say the appeal had not been made in vain, the money having been raised with very little difficulty, and invested as previously explained, and he now felt the greatest pleasure in handing the P.G.M. the receipt, hoping he would live many years to exercise his voting privileges.

Bro. Birch's address was listened to very intently by all present, and loudly applauded.

The P.G.M., who on rising to acknowledge the compliment was heartily applauded, said he was totally unaware that such a presentation was going to be made him, and he tendered to all who had subscribed his most heartfelt thanks. It had been his intention at no distant date to make himself a Patron of the Girls' Institution, and it was therefore very gratifying to him to receive such an affectionate and fraternal mark of zeal, regard, and esteem from those brethren who had received Provincial Grand honours. He considered it redounded very much to their credit, and was a proof of the good feeling that existed, and he trusted always would exist, between himself and them, and hoped God might long spare them to meet together.

A report of the Committee for altering a portion of the Provincial Grand By-laws was, after considerable discussion, approved and adopted.

Bro. WILLIAM NICHOLL, P.M. 317, P.P.G.T., then rose to propose his notice of motion on the agenda paper, viz.—“That there shall be a Finance Committee.”

Remarks on this motion were made by Bros. JAMES ARTHUR BIRCH, P.P.J.G.W.; ROBERT WILLIAMSON, P.P.G.P.; J. A. FORSTER, P.P.G.R.; JAMES HEELIS, P.S.G.W., and others; the PROV. GRAND MASTER suggesting that the motion should stand over until the May meeting.

This was assented to by Bro. NICHOLL, and seconded by Bro. ROBERT WILLIAMSON, but Bro. J. A. BIRCH moved as an amendment—“That the notice of motion be quashed, which, being seconded by Bro. JOHN STOVOLD, P.M. 993, was put to the meeting and carried.

Bro. Nicholl's motion was therefore lost.

Invitations to hold the next meeting in May were given from the Friendship, 277, and Tudor, 467, Lodges in Oldham; also the Tranquillity, 274, Newchurch.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his thanks for both offers, and said he would consider which he would accept. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

A Court of Governors of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was subsequently held, when a report of the financial position and general working of the Institution was submitted. The following motion, proposed by Bro. JAMES HILL SILLITOR, Treasurer, was adopted: “That it is desirable to give to our local Institution, during the next year, our first consideration and principal support, and, in order to give effect to the same, a Garden Party or Festival be organised, and that the General Committee of the Institution be asked to undertake the necessary arrangements.”

CONSECRATION OF THE ARMITAGE LODGE, No. 2261.

Thursday, the 8th inst., was a red-letter day in the annals of Milnsbridge, when Bro. Thomas W. Tew, P.G.D. Eng., Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, with the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, assembled for the purpose of consecrating the Armitage Lodge, No. 2261. The new lodge is situated in the centre of the village, close to the railway viaduct, and the premises are eminently adapted for the purposes of Freemasonry. The lodge is named after Bro. Edward Armitage, J.P., Prov. G.W., the crest of his family, by kind permission, being adopted by the lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened by Bro. Tew, the PROV. G. SECRETARY read the petition for consecration, and the PROV. G. REGISTRAR requested the Provincial Grand Master to consecrate the lodge. The PROV. G. SECRETARY having read the warrant of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Provincial Grand Master proceeded to the ceremony of consecration, which was performed in a most impressive manner, the Prov. G. Organist and Bros. J. Stocks, Riley, Rickards, Mellor, and Buckland rendering the musical portion of the service in an efficient manner.

The lodge having been duly consecrated, Bro. TEW said:

I recognise the speciality of the occasion to all who surround me, and I recognise the interest to the districts and all concerned in the establishment of a new Masonic lodge for Longwood and Milnsbridge. I cannot command varied and new ideas for a Masonic subject like the flow of waters from the Longwood reservoirs into the county and town of Huddersfield. The address and the sermon delivered and preached on the 8th of September at Kirkburton, by Bro. W. Schofield, as first Master of the Beaumont Lodge, and Bro. Collins, and by the Rev. Bro. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.G.C. of England, on the occasion of the new corner-stone for a new hall being laid in Shelley-road, with full Masonic rites, and the sermon by the Dean of York last Sunday leaves the matter of this address difficult to grapple with. Therefore, I must trespass upon your patience and forbearance in the discharge of my straightened position as this day's Consecrating Officer. The circumstances surrounding the inauguration of this new lodge seem to arise from the growth of the population of the surrounding places, and the increasing development of the peculiar industries and peculiar geographical situation of these valleys. The parishes of Longwood, Golcar, Milnsbridge, and Linthwaite are almost wholly in a valley between two hills of considerable elevation, each hill having a steep ascent. All these parishes meet within a distance of about two hundred yards from the lodge room wherein we are assembled. Here the local streams of water which mark out the boundaries of these various townships and valleys have their confluence. Along these streams and valleys are many large wooden mills, which, with other works around them, employ a dense population of over 20,000 persons. There is no communication either by the railway or tramcar between this valley and over the hill to Thornhill Lodge, which is the nearest lodge, and to Colne Valley, about three miles distant, and which latter lodge was consecrated by me on the 23rd of December, 1876. Therefore, as there are upwards of 20 resident Masons about here who will shortly become members of this new lodge, I presume they naturally desired to become formed into a lodge, and to meet as members of a lodge according to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England. An application was made in a regular way for a warrant and recommended by me to Grand Lodge on the 5th of May, 1888, the petition being backed by the W.M., S.W., J.W., and 16 members of the Thornhill Lodge. The founders of this new lodge, having such faith in its future success, entered into a contract to lease two rooms and a dwelling house for a period of 10 years, specially arranged and set apart for Masonic purposes only. It is a pleasure to mention two such well known and honoured names in this district—Bro. Edward Armitage, P.M., P.P.G.W., and Bro. Joseph Armitage, of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, who are large owners of property in the neighbourhood—have graciously consented that the new lodge may be named the Armitage Lodge, and also that the lodge may use their crest as the armorial bearings of this lodge. Bros. Fitton and Ruddock are most ardent promoters of the lodge, to which the Grand Lodge has granted the warrant, name, and No. 2261 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, the first W.M. nominated being Bro. Charles Henry Crowther, the first S.W., Bro. Sam Hirst, and the first J.W., Bro. Thomas William Thorpe. May I make a few remarks on what seems to me to be the characteristics and specialities of a lodge of Freemasons—fellowship and brotherhood. What is fellowship but companionship for the mutual association of persons on equal and friendly terms? And has not the whole scope of Freemasonry in its symbols and ceremonies for its object to make its novitiates more fit for society and for each other's mutual fellowship and brotherly association? It teaches us the striking lessons of mutual equality and mutual dependence. It inculcates the active principles of benevolence and Charity; to free the soul from the dominion of pride and prejudice—above all, to bend with humility and resignation to the G.A.O.T.U., and to dedicate our hearts, thus purified from every malignant passion, and to prepare for the reception of truth and wisdom, to God's glory and the good of our fellow creatures. Do not these doctrines define the communion of a Mason's nature, and set forth the great principles that he is to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness? Thus through Masonry we are linked together in one indivisible chain of sincere affection, brotherly love, relief, and truth. The qualities enjoin every Freemason, as an enrolled member of the Antient Order, to promote the good of another; as that old Freemason, Milton, says:—

“Thou to mankind

Be good and friendly still, and oft return.”

Thus is formed true friendship, which is a noble and virtuous attachment, springing from the pure sources of sincere affection and brotherly love, a respect for worth and amicable qualities. Lord Bacon has told us “there is little friendship in the world;” but in a Mason's lodge friendship is the essence of companionship and of fellowship, because, as the “Rambler” puts it, “there can be no friendship without confidence,

and no confidence without integrity.” Socrates said, “For his own part, he would rather have a good friend than the different objects of man's ambition all put together.” Cicero says, “As to the value of other things most men differ; concerning friendship, all have the same opinion.” Lord Bacon says, “Without true friends, the world is but a wilderness.” He adds, “Friendship introduces daylight in the understanding out of darkness and confusion of thoughts.” The influence of friends is as the flower of a beautiful nature, which expands, and the colours grow brighter when stimulated by the warmth and sunshine of friendship. Is the flower and aroma of friendship more beautifully displayed in their natures, than that of Jonathan, the faithful friend of David, and the tenderness evinced by David towards his friend Jonathan, and for whom David mourned for a whole year? “I am distressed, for thee, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant hast thou been to me; thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.” Here is an example of friendship for Freemasons in their lodges to follow to the end of time. Much, certainly, of the happiness and purity of our lives depends on our admitting and making a wise choice of our members for the lodge as our companions and friends. Do not trust in this matter to the accident of a candidate's proposal, or because he lives near the lodge, because he is in the same business, travels on the same railway, or for some other similar reason. There cannot be a greater mistake in Masonry. In the words of Plutarch, “These are the idols and images of friendship” only. Surely Marcus Aurelius wisely advises, “When thou wishest to delight thyself, think of the virtues of those who live with thee; for instance, the gratitude of one, the kindness of another, the liberality of another, the modesty of another, and some other good quality of a fifth.” “Wherefore me must keep the examples of their virtues and morals before us, and admit only such perfect and upright men.” We must be as careful, having made Masonic friends, to keep them. There are several lodges in this province whose names are symbolical of friendship; for example—Probity, Peace, Unanimity, Harmony, Hope, Fidelity, Integrity, Truth, Friendship, Sincerity, &c., the brethren of which lodges live in “friendship” and dwell in “peace.” You have, brethren, these lodges as your examples. You have your own poets and philosophers and good men to guide you; such as the Armitages, the Radcliffes, the Mellors, the Brookes, and many others, who in 1811 showed by their patriotism and friendship for their country what spirit they were of. Shakespeare says:

“Civil dissension is a viperous worm,

That gnaws the bowels of this commonwealth.”

These worthies of your district baffled the Luddite rioters and restored the district to public order, and have incurred that debt of gratitude, by their friendships and manliness, to the hearts of all lovers of peace, order, and fellowship, which, as Ruskin says, “can only be discharged to the dust.” “Death cannot sever friendship.” “Friends, though absent, are still present; though in poverty, they are rich; though weak, yet in the enjoyment of health; and, what is more difficult to assert, though dead, they are alive in our memories. To us, indeed, Scipio still lives, and will always live, for we love the virtue of that man, and that worth is not yet extinguished. Assuredly, of all things that either fortune or time can bestow upon us, we have none which we can compare with the classical friendship of Scipio,” or the sacred friendship of David and Jonathan. Brother Masons, make this lodge worthy of the fame of the district and the personages I have named to you, and of the deeds of friendship, benevolence, tenderness, and heroism I have hinted at. Choose your initiates for what they are, not for what they have; and if they prove themselves true Masons, and make themselves to deserve so great a blessing as your Masonic friendship, then they will always be with you, preserved in absence, and even after death, in the chamber of memory.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the Armitage Lodge opened in the Three Degrees.

Bro. C. H. Crowther was duly installed W.M. of the new lodge by Bro. Crosland Hirst, P.M., in a most satisfactory manner.

The officers of the lodge were invested as follows: Bros. Sam Hirst, S.W.; T. W. Thorpe, J.W.; J. E. Bottom, Chap.; D. Beaumont, Treas.; Walker Dyson, Sec.; Elliot Hallas, Reg.; H. J. Leech, S.D.; E. Beaumont, J.D.; J. A. Stocks, D.C.; F. Heppenstall, I.G.; W. H. Rhodes, Asst. I.G.; C. Walker, Purveyor; and H. W. Gee, Tyler.

There was a large number of brethren present, including members of the new lodge.

After the lodge had been duly closed the brethren adjourned to the Baptist Schoolroom, where a first class banquet, prepared by Bro. G. Hesketh, of the Queen Hotel, Huddersfield, was served. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, and a large number of brethren.

After the tables had been cleared the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave “The Queen and the Royal Family,” “The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers,” and “The R.W. P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, P.G.D. of England, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P.” to which Bro. TEW suitably responded. He expressed a hope that the new lodge would become a distinguished part of the 73 lodges forming the Province of Yorkshire. They had done right to name the lodge after the Armitage family; it perpetuated for all time the name of a family beloved, respected, and esteemed in the district. He could not but think there was a great deal in a name. He sometimes thought one rose did not smell as sweet as another. He compared the name of Armitage to a flower, and said the founders in choosing a name—the Armitage Brothers—for their lodge, had chosen a rose, which to all time would smell to them sweeter than any other rose.

Bro. J. CROWTHER, P.M., proposed “The V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Hy. Smith, and the rest of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past,” to which Bro. COOMBE, P.G. Chap., responded.

Bro. S. HIRST proposed “The W.M., Bro. C. H. Crowther,” remarking that the selection was made unanimously by the founders, and those present would agree with him that they had made a wise selection.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER responded.

“The Installing Master, Bro. C. Hirst, P.M.,” was proposed by Bro. T. RUDDOCK, P.P.G. Treas., and suitably acknowledged.

“The Officers of the Armitage Lodge” was proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and acknowledged by the S.W.

Bro. WALKER DYSON proposed “The Past Masters of Armitage Lodge,” to which Bro. JAMES HIRST responded.

Bro. E. ARMITAGE proposed “The Founders,” and said that day was a red-letter day for Milnsbridge, and sketched a history of the village. He was initiated in 1841, at which time he and his brothers were the only Freemasons in the district. He never, in those days, thought he should live to see a lodge founded in Milnsbridge; and the fact that such had now been done reflected great credit on the Freemasons in that district for the manner in which they had come forward and founded the lodge. If a man was a good Mason, he said, he must be a good citizen. He acknowledged the great compliment that had been paid to him and his nephew in naming the lodge after them. He thanked them most heartily for having done so, and should always look with pride and satisfaction to that lodge, and anything he could do to promote the good of the lodge he should be happy to do. He intended, in honour of the event, to endow a chair for Widows and Aged Freemasons in the name of the lodge.

Bro. BOTTOM responded.

Bro. RUDDOCK proposed “The Health of Bro. E. Armitage,” and said the family of Armitage was not only respected but loved in the district. He never met a more faithful or sincere friend than Bro. Armitage.

Bro. ARMITAGE, in responding, said, during the time he was senior partner in the firm, he tried to do his duty, both as an employer and a Mason, and he had never had a turn-out during that time. There had

been something since; but that, he hoped, had now happily passed. Turn-outs neither profited the masters nor the workmen in the long run.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. D. WALKER, P.M., "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. CROSLAND HIRST, and "The last Masonic toast," proposed by the J.W.

Bros. J. R. Mellor, J. A. Stocks, Buckland, Riley, Jenkinson, Rickards and T. D. Ruddock added to the pleasure of a most enjoyable evening by their songs and duets.

The jewels, &c., were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Manchester.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 13th inst., the annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle. The lodge was duly opened by the Prov. G.M.M., Bro. Canon Tristram, D.D., who was supported by a large number of officers and brethren from all the lodges in the province. The brethren rose to receive the Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers. Among those present were: Bros. T. Y. Strachan, Deputy Prov. G.M.; John Wood, P.P.S.G.W.; J. S. B. Bell, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Straker Wilson, Prov. G. Sec.; C. B. Ford, Prov. J.G.D., A. S. Fowler, Prov. G.D. of C.; W. Atkinson, P.P.G. Tyler; Joshua Curry, Prov. G. Tyler; R. B. Reed, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Robertson, P.P.S.G.W.; K. A. Luck, P.P.G.M.O.; C. S. Lane, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Armstrong, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Hudson, P.P.G.M.O.; Col. Addison Potter, C.B., P.G.M.O. England, Prov. S.G.W.; William Thomas Tate, Prov. J.G.W.; Michael Corbitt, Prov. S.G.O.; Thomas Coulson, Prov. J.G.O.; Rev. Joseph Lawson, acting Prov. Grand Chap.; John Skynner Bailey Bell, Prov. Grand Treas.; John Stonehouse, Prov. G.R. of M.; J. C. Moor, W.M. 124; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting, at Darlington, were read and confirmed, and the roll of P.G. Officers was called.

Bro. J. STRAKER WILSON, P.G. Sec., read the Report of the General Purposes Committee, which showed that the lodges in the province were in a very satisfactory state. It was recommended that the sum of 15 guineas be passed to the Mark Benevolent Fund and the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons.

The Report was unanimously adopted on the motion of Bro. T. Y. STRACHAN, D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Col. ADDISON POTTER, C.B., P.G.M.O. England.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, P.G.D. Eng., thanked the lodge for the vote.

The roll of lodges was then called and responded to in each case.

Bro. T. Y. STRACHAN, D.P.G.M., proposed the re-nomination of Bro. Canon Tristram as Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing three years. The Provincial Grand Lodge had an opportunity every three years of expressing its desire, and, in re-nominating their highly esteemed Provincial Grand Master, he could not feel it necessary to adduce any arguments or reasons; they had the same respect and love for him that they had shown during the 15 years that he had presided over them.

Bro. R. B. REED, P.P.S.G.W., seconded the resolution.

The nomination was unanimously passed by the Prov. G. Lodge.

The Prov. G.M.M. (Canon TRISTRAM) was greeted with loud applause on rising to address the Provincial Grand Lodge. He need not say with what pleasure and gratification he received this repeated testimony of their kindly confidence in his humble endeavours. He need not tell them how highly he esteemed this honour, and how proud he was of the chair which, by their suffrages, he had filled for so many years. Referring to the reports from the various lodges, he was sure that they would all see the progress of Mark Masonry in their province was not spasmodic. They had gone on gradually, steadily, and effectually, and Mark Masonry had planted itself in every centre of these two counties, their numbers and financial position were very satisfactory, and the support they were able to give their Mark Masonic Charities was such that they had no need to be ashamed of it. He then acknowledged the able services for some years of Bro. T. Y. Strachan, their able Deputy, who had removed from their midst; and, on looking round, he found there was no one so fully suited in every way to fulfil the duties of the office as Bro. R. B. Reed, P.P.S.G.W., whose assistance would be most valuable in the interests of Mark Masonry in the province. He felt that in Bro. Reed he had everything that he could wish and that could be desired to make him a worthy successor to Bro. Strachan, a first-rate Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master.

In appointing and investing his officers, the P.G.M.M. invested Bro. R. B. Reed his Deputy, amid loud applause.

The other officers were invested as follows:

Bro. Jno. Strachan ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. S. Fowler ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. C. Moor ...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. F. Carmon ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. F. Wilson ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Jos. Reynolds ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. S. B. Bell ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Davidson ...	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" J. Straker Wilson ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. G. Riddle ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. G. Anderson ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Ferguson ...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" T. Bell ...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. E. Bell ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Brown ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Pilling ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Luck ...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. Curry ...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The following brethren were elected on the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year: Bros. Jno. Wood, No. 293, P.P.S.G.W.; Col. Addison Potter, C.B., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Logan, No. 356, P.P.S.G.O.; and Thos. Coulson, No. 362, P.P.J.G.O.

The P.G.M.M. announced that the next annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge would be held under the banner of the St. Cuthbert's Lodge, Berwick-on-Tweed.

The lodge was afterwards closed.

In the evening the annual festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Central Station Hotel, at which Bro. Canon Tristram, P.G.M.M., presided, and Bro. John Strachan, P.S.G.W., occupied the vice-chair. The P.G.M.M. was supported by Bros. R. B. Reed, D.P.G.M.; T. Y. Strachan, P.D.P.G.M.; Col. Addison Potter, C.B., P.P.S.G.W.; Robt. Hudson, P.P.G.M.O.; and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVON.

The annual Provincial Grand Chapter of the above province was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at Torquay. The first business was a meeting at the Queen's Hotel, of the Educational and General Purposes and Financial Committees of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. Among the members present were Comps. F. B. Westlake, P.P.S.G.D., who presided; J. Stocker, P.P.G.T.; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G. Sec.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Prov. J.G.W.; H. Stocker, P.P.G. Treas.; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T.; D. Cross, P.P.G.T.; R. Cawsey, P.P.G.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Hambly, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Jerman, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. A. Gregory, P.P.G.D.C.; W. E. Warren, P.P.G.O.; W. Taylor, P.M. 328; and J. Gidley, P.M. 2025.

The question was raised whether a by-election from among the candidates for the fund should be held or the election be postponed to the annual meeting in April.

The SECRETARY advised the adjournment. It was pointed out that all the votes derived from the subscriptions for the year from April 1st, 1888, would be available on April 1st, 1889; that there would at the latter date be vacancies for at least two and, possibly, three candidates, and that only one cost to the fund would then be incurred.

On the proposition of Comp. H. STOCKER, seconded by Comp. J. W. CORNISH, it was resolved to postpone the next election to April next.

Comp. CROSS asked to have 5 guineas voted towards the advancement in life of one of the boys, an annuitant on the fund who had become ineligible for the continuance of the usual grant on account of age.

The case was unanimously approved of, but it was pointed out that the Committee could only recommend the grant to the general meeting; they could not vote it. In the meantime it would be perfectly safe for a brother in lodge to advance the money.

The Provincial Grand Chapter subsequently met at the Masonic Hall. The M.E. Comp. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., presided, supported by the following officers of the year:

- Comps. W. G. Rogers, P.G.H.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.P.G.J., P.G.J. (pro tem); Major G. C. Davie, P.G.S.E.; W. Densham, P.G.T.; R. Hambly, P.G. Reg.; J. Jerman, P.G., 1st Asst. Soj.; J. T. Browning, P.G.S.B.; J. Dodge, P.G.D.C.; R. Cawsey, P.A.G.D.C.; T. Brooks, P.G.O.; H. Shuter, 112, P.G. Janitor; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T.; G. C. Searle, P.P.G.P. Soj.; J. R. Gover, P.P.G.P. Soj.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G. Reg.; W. E. Warren, P.P.G.P. Soj.; J. Stocker, P.P.G.P. Soj.; W. Harris, P.P.A.G. Soj.; J. S. Kersteman, P.P.G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. Chapman, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. C. Hallett, P.P.G. Std. Br.; B. Knight, Z. 328; Rev. G. Townsend Warner, H. 1138; H. L. Friend, P.P.G.O.; L. E. Bearne, P.Z. 1138; J. Olver, P.Z. 1138; J. Lane, H. 329; J. Palmer, H. 106; R. F. Kingdon, P.Z. 105; H. Stocker, P.Z. 112; W. A. Gregory, P.Z. 1284; A. T. Blamey, P.Z. 328; J. W. Cornish, P.Z. 223; W. Taylor, P.Z. 328; D. Cross, P.Z. and T. 1205; R. J. Fisher, Z. 444; T. Mitchelmore, I.P.Z. 710; F. C. Frost, H. 303; J. J. O. Evans, P.Z. 303; E. H. Littleton, Z. 230; C. Pope, P.Z. 1138; J. Gidley, P.Z. 1205; R. P. Morrison, P.Z. 251; J. Algar, Z. 112; J. Bradford, P.Z. 1358; R. Light, 1358; W. S. Gervis, S.N. 1138; G. Burt, T. Prust, P. Soj.; T. J. Crossman, S.E.; T. W. Morgan, Treas.; J. Taylor, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Salter, S.N.; T. Beckett, R. L. Mugford, and W. Hill, 328.

The P.G.S.E. reported that the dues had been received from all the chapters with the exception of Fidelity, held at Brixham, which had not made any returns for two years.

The TREASURER reported receipts for the year, £76; expenditure, £33 8s.; balance in hand, £42 12s.

Comps. W. ROGERS and J. W. CORNISH proposed that ten guineas should be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the Steward's list of Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon.

Comps. J. STOCKER and J. R. LORD proposed that thirty guineas should be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and Freemasons' Widows. This, they said, would be very appropriate, as, at the next Election, the province would do its best to elect on that Institution the widow of a very deserving brother who had worked hard for the province in connection with those Institutions as the London representative.

Comp. GOVER objected to both propositions, and proposed that twenty guineas should be given to the Devon Educational Fund and twenty guineas to the aged Masons. He afterwards modified that proposition, and proposed that the Fortescue Fund should also be remembered.

Comp. AITKEN-DAVIES said it was to be regretted that companions should propose to vote such comparatively large sums for their especial Charities. It would be far better to endeavour to fairly divide the money.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT said at a Past Grand Chapter there was not so much money to be divided as at a Prov. Grand Lodge meeting. The Boys' School was certainly just now more in want of money than it was likely to be one or two years hence. He proposed that ten guineas be given to the Boys' School as proposed, £7 10s. to the Devon Educational Fund, fifteen guineas to the Aged and Widows' Fund, and five guineas to the Fortescue Fund.

The proposition was seconded by Comp. W. D. ROGERS, and unanimously adopted.

Comp. ROGERS reported for the by-laws Revision Committee that the by-laws had been considered and drafted by the Committee. He proposed that those laws should be printed, submitted to the lodges, and that any amendments suggested should be forwarded to the P.G.S.E., before March 25th, preparatory to a special Grand Chapter being held next summer to consider the adoption of those laws. This proposition was adopted.

On the motion of Comps. J. STOCKER and J. R. LORD, Comp. W. Taylor (328), was elected the Treasurer, and Comps. J. Lane and J. Dodge (328), were elected Auditors.

The Grand Superintendent invested the following officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. W. G. Rogers, 112	Prov. G.H.
" J. S. Kersteman, 303	Prov. G.J.
" Major G. C. Davie, 251	Prov. G.S.E.
" S. Harding, 444	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. Taylor, 328	Prov. G. Treas.
" Lieut. E. Wilson, 944	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Morrison, 251	Prov. G.P.S.
" A. T. Blamey, 328	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. J. O. Evans, 303	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" L. E. Bearne, 1138	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. F. Kingdon, 106	Prov. G. Std. Br.
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To Correspondents.

The following communications among others unavoidably stand over:—

CRAFT LODGES—Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2 (S.C.); Robert Burns, Mo. 25; Lodge of the Marches, No. 611; Whittington, No. 862; Priory, No. 1000; and Lodge La France, No. 2060.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION—Starkie; Temperance, No. 169; Covent Garden, No. 1614; Chiswick, No. 2012; Stockwell, No. 1339; Hyde Park, No. 1425; Islington, No. 1471; and Kensington, No. 1767.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—Star, No. 1275.

ROYAL ARCH—Friendship Chapter, No. 202.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—Jacques de Molay Preceptory, No. 36.

Presentation to Bro. H. Oxley Wakefield.

Historical Notes on Scotch Lodges, by Bro. D. Murray Lyon.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Liberal Freemason," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba," "The Tyler," "Masonic Review," "South African Freemason," "Keystone," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "La Chaîne d'Union," "Die Bauhütte," "South Australian Freemason," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick," "Voice of Masonry" (Chicago), "Australian Keystone," "New Zealand Masonic Journal," "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Boletín Oficial," "Victorian Freemason," "Freemasons' Repository," "Masonic World," and "Canadian Craftsman."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1888.

Original Correspondence.

"AN OLD MASONIC SONG."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

This seems to have been a popular song with the brethren of last century, as it appears to be in many of the lists of songs then published. As well as in the works mentioned in your last week's edition, it is found along with others in "Wm. Auld's History of Masonry," dedicated to Patrick Earl of Dumfries, Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Edinburgh, 1772.—Yours fraternally,

B. W. D. MONTGOMERY, Sec. X. (I.C.)
November 19th.

Reviews.

GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS, 1888.

The proceedings, &c., of this large and vigorous Grand Lodge extend to nearly 500 pages, and together make a very readable volume. The Grand Master is M.W. Bro. John C. Smith, who was re-elected to that important office on October 3rd, 1888, as was also the Deputy G.M., the R.W. Bro. J. M. Pearson, and, as a matter of course, the Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Loyal L. Munn, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Wardens being similarly complimented. The Grand Master is much respected, and rules ably as the chief Master Mason out of over 40,000 Craftsmen and 700 lodges and upwards. Illinois is only second to New York as respects size, the latter Grand Lodge numbering some 72,000 members on its roll, being the largest in America. The returns by Bro. Munn, compiled by him as the beloved Grand Secretary, are most elaborate, and extend to many scores of pages, the "directory" portion giving the names of the several lodges, post-offices for correspondence, stated meetings, and the names of the several Masters and Secretaries, and a tabular statement showing, with other particulars of value, the membership of each of the 700 odd lodges during 1887, the number raised, admitted, died, expelled, suspended, and admitted during 1888, as also statistics respecting the number of rejections, initiations, passings, amount of dues, and net totals of members to date. The address of the G.M. is well written, and met with the warm approval of the Grand Lodge. Portions of the correspondence is interesting to us on this side of the "big pond," as it deals with the American doctrine of *personal*, side by side, with that of the British custom of *territorial* jurisdiction, our well-known Bro. D.

Murray Lyon taking up the cudgels on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. All was conducted in the best of taste, and we feel assured that the exchange of views on this question will tend to bring about a better understanding of our position. M.W. Bro. Joseph Robbins is the "Committee" of Correspondence respecting the Transactions of other Grand Lodges, owing to the lamented decease of Bro. Gurney, who for several years discharged that duty most efficiently. Our belief is that no one in the State could have been selected who was more suited as his successor in this important department than our friend, Bro. Robbins, of Quincy, who wrote his first report in 1869. We agree on so many points in reference to the origin and character of Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, in relation to the continent of America, and also as to those Degrees in this country, that it would be a great pleasure to consider many of his "deliverances" in this brief notice, were it not so tempting a theme as to defy brevity.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND PRAYERS (arranged by request) by the Rev. JOHN A. LLOYD, M.A., Grand Chaplain of England, &c., &c. London: George Kenning; 4to, cloth.

This handsome looking and very useful book meets a want which has long been felt. For years a similar work has been in use (printed and published by the same brother, as the foregoing) for Royal Arch Chapters, but, until now, none of the kind has been forthcoming for the guidance of Chaplains of lodges. Bro. the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, must, himself, have needed such an authoritative guide, having been Chaplain for the Provinces of Oxford, Wilts, and Somerset, besides, whilst serving as W.M. of 379 and 1533, &c. The Prayers for the Three Degrees, with the appropriate Scripture Readings, are duly arranged, and, we must say, as duly printed, (for the typographical excellence of the volume adds much to its usefulness), after which, the Installation Prayer is inserted, and those of the opening and closing of Prov. G. Lodge. The Prayers, "which may be used at the funeral of a Master Mason, at the conclusion of the office for the Burial of the Dead," could not be in better taste, or more reverential in tone, and, those at Laying Foundation-stones, and Dedication of Masonic Halls, are equally suitable. Even a "Grace" before and after Meat, is provided for, and the first mentioned is most Masonic in aim, the conclusion being "Whilst partaking of His benefits, make us ever mindful of the wants of others." We consider these "Readings and Prayers" for the Craft, in one tasty volume, a fit companion for the work (so well-known and widely appreciated) for the Royal Arch Ceremonies, and we trust that our respected Grand Chaplain will be pleased with the reception that his efforts will meet with from brethren at home and abroad.

PETTITT'S AND BLACKWOOD'S DIARIES FOR 1889. London: Griffith, Farran, Okeden, and Welsh, West Corner of St. Paul's, and Sydney, N.S.W.

These well-known diaries are already published for the year 1889, and the specimen copies we have received of "Pettitt's Shilling Folio Scribbling Diary," the "Weekly Enlargement Indicator," price, one shilling, intended for the Counting House and presenting the engagements for one week on each leaf; "The Royal Exchange Calendar," price, half-a-crown, and very artistically ornamented; and the annual Diary, fully maintain the character they have enjoyed since their first issue, while the Diaries contain a mass of valuable information which people engaged in business or professionally require to have ready at hand for purposes of reference. We can strongly recommend them to the notice of our readers.

VIEWS IN BELGIUM. Pictures by the London Stereoscopic Company, from negatives taken by an English amateur. John Heywood, London and Manchester.

This is a series of reproductions of eight charming photographs of notable views in Belgium, including the Cathedrals of Malines and Antwerp. The tone of the originals is perfectly preserved, in fact they are in every respect equal to the photographs, with the advantage of being permanent. The many tourists who visit Belgium could not do better than obtain this set of pictures, which, by the way, is issued at an almost nominal price, as a souvenir of their visits to that picturesque corner of Europe.

BRAVE LITTLE WOMEN. Tales of the Heroism of Girls, founded on Fact. By MARIE TRVELYAN. Illustrated. London: John Hogg, 13, Paternoster-row.

The series of stories which have been gathered together in this volume are excellent reading, and will excite all the greater interest from being founded on fact. They are various in the characters they present and the scenes they depict, but all have the same purpose in view, namely: to illustrate the heroism of girls; and we have no doubt this collection of tales will be as popular as it deserves to be. They have the further advantage of having been written by a practised writer, and possessing the skill to marshal the incidents of her stories in the manner most likely to impress the reader. Among those we have noted may be mentioned "Californian Dessie," "A Wild Ride," and "A Struggle for Life;" but all are readable, and will entertain the young folk round the Christmas fireside.

We have also received from the same publisher, "A Living Story; or, the Would-be Authoress"—a tale for boys and girls, by A. W. Wright, and illustrated by E. L. Thomas; "Red Herring; or, Allie's Little Blue Shoes"—a tale for young readers, by Frances Armstrong, and illustrated by E. L. Thomas; "That Boy Jack!"—a story for young folk, by Helen H. Rogers, with illustrations by A. Hitchcock; and, "Children's Evergreens," being a selection of the old favourite tales, with numerous illustrations. All these deserve a word of commendation, both for the letterpress and the illustrations, as well as for the manner in which they have been printed and bound. They are, indeed, an excellent batch of seasonable gift books for young children; but the "Children's Evergreens," which include such old time, yet evergreen, stories as those of "Jack the Giant Killer," "Blue Beard," "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp," in our opinion bear off the palm.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

S10] QUEBEC V. ENGLAND.

Bro. Robinson will find a leaderette in the *Freemason* for August 4th, 1888, relative to the several interesting articles by Dr. Graham, and also in regard to those previously inserted by me, either in that paper or in Masonic Magazines in America. The Editor therein decided not to open the subject again for general discussion, at least he was reluctant so to do, and as there did not appear to be any advantage in continuing the friendly discussion, both Dr. Graham and myself have respected that decision, believing with the Editor, that "it rests now with the members of the three lodges in Montreal, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, to say how long the present dead lock shall continue." Bro. Robinson and myself are in entire agreement as to the rights and privileges of the minority, who dissent from the movement in Quebec or elsewhere, in favour of establishing Grand Lodges, but whilst agreeing on this point, I cannot but feel that it would be more truly Masonic to join the majority for the sake of peace and harmony, than to hold out in isolation and promote discord. I am rejoiced to find that all our English lodges have joined the new Grand Lodge of South Australia, which is so flourishing, and I trust that a similar result has followed the inauguration of the recently formed Grand Lodge of New South Wales. If any object to do so they are strictly within their rights, and will be upheld by us in this country, yet we hope all will fall into line and thus be united as "the heart of one man."

W. J. HUGHAN.

S11] SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

The by-laws of "the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, including Aden and Ceylon," possess a special value now that Bro. Whymper's interesting work on the "Religion of Freemasonry" has been issued. These new regulations of 1886, passed the vigilant "official eye" of the Grand Secretary of Scotland on August 5th, 1885, and so are beyond question as respects their provisions. In Chap. xxiii on *Precedence*, there are many titles that will be new to English brethren, especially those following the "Grand Bible Bearer," which had not been noticed by me, until the advent of Bro. Whymper's valuable volume, I refer to the offices of "Grand Zend Avesta Bearer," and "Grand Koran Bearer." I am not aware that any other District Grand Lodge, or any Grand Lodge permit of such titles, save the aforesaid, and certainly the points involved in such a custom are not few or unimportant. Other officials, mainly peculiar to Scottish usage may be enumerated, such as "Substitute Grand Master, Grand Bard, Grand Director of Music, &c.," but they call for no special remark, but the Bearers of "Sacred Volumes," other than the Holy Bible, strike me as the only provision of its kind, and is not even to be found in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge which authorises them. The present "Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India," is the esteemed W. Bro. Sir Henry Morland, by patent of the Grand Master of Scotland, dated Feb. 1st, 1883. The first to hold this unusual title was Dr. James Burnes, in 1846, followed by Bro. Henry Morland, in 1874, who resigned in 1878, and was succeeded by Bro. Mackintosh Balfour, on whose resignation, Bro. Captain (now Sir) Henry Morland again consented to occupy the high position for which he is so competent, and in which he has the hearty support of the numerous brethren enrolled in the thirty lodges under his genial rule. Provision is made for the installation of Grand Officers who are "members of up-country lodges" by the Master or P.M. of their respective lodges "after taking the oath of fidelity as directed by the Grand Master." The G.M. (Sir Henry Morland) is assumed and recorded as a member of every lodge holding of this Grand Lodge of Scotland in India, but is not liable to payment of any contributions in consequence, just as with the G.M. of Scotland. Cap. x reads (*Grand Bible Bearer, Zend Avesta Bearer, and Koran Bearer*) "The duties of these Grand Office Bearers are to see that the volumes of their respective Sacred laws are always on the pedestal at all the Quarterly Communications and Festivals; to open them at the parts appropriate to the occasion; to carry them at all public processions or laying of foundation-stones, and to shut them at the close of Grand Lodge." Surely this regulation more than justifies Bro. Whymper's strictures on this most extraordinary legislation. The several laws regarding the financial arrangements prove that this flourishing Masonic Body is established on a sound basis, its constituent lodges not seeking to render the privileges of the Craft as cheap as possible, which is the case with some lodges in Scotland. One of the rules expressly arranged for the Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India, conferring the distinction of "Honorary Depute G.M. or a lesser title, or upon any distinguished Grand Officer, in power," which, in England can only be exercised by our M.W. Grand Master. Another chapter provides for the compliment of Honorary Membership; many of the rules are excellent, and all are suggestive of vitality and Masonic enthusiasm.

W. J. HUGHAN.

S12] JUBILEE OF THE EARLDOM OF ZETLAND.

The Freemasons of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire are justly proud of having had a member of the noble house of Dundas to preside over the province since the year 1821. First the Rt. Hon. Lawrence Lord Dundas, D.G.M. 1821-33; next the Hon. Thomas Dundas, M.P., afterwards the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, 1834-74; and now his nephew, the Rt. Hon. Lawrence Dundas, the present Earl of Zetland. As a Yorkshire Freemason, and one of the first upon whom his lordship conferred the honour of provincial rank on his succeeding his uncle as Provincial Grand Master, I wish heartily to congratulate him on the celebration of the Jubilee of the Earldom of Zetland, for I find that, at the coronation of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, 28th June, 1838, among the distinctions conferred in honour of that auspicious event, which was celebrated with a joy as deep as it was universal, there was none that the public considered better deserved, or more appropriately

bestowed, than that which advanced Lord Dundas to the Earldom of Zetland. The Earldom, though only a creation of fifty years ago in the British Peerage, is notwithstanding of very ancient date, and it is a circumstance not perhaps generally known that the blood of the first Earl of Orkney and Zetland, R. GVALD, or RONALD, of Moeri, in Norway, flows in the veins of Queen Victoria. Such, however, is the fact. HAROLD, the fair-haired, having subdued the Orkney and Zetland Islands towards the close of the ninth century, constituted them an earldom, dependent on the crown of Norway, and gave them in charge to the above-mentioned powerful chieftain. HROLF, or ROLLO, as he is generally called, the founder of the Norman dynasty, was the son of the Earl RONALD, and from ROLLO, William the Conqueror was the fifth in descent. The Province of the North and East Ridings has received, and I trust, will receive, many benefits from the noble house of ZETLAND.

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S13] EPITHETS (809).

"Indoctus" will find a reference to Bro. Sir Walter Scott's initiation in most Masonic Cyclopaedias, and also in Bro. Lyon's History of No. 1, Edinburgh. The great novelist was initiated in St. David's Lodge, Edinburgh, on March 20th, 1801. Gavin Wilson brought out a work, *Masonic Songs and Anecdotes*, in 1788. The custom alluded to was possibly in connection with the Degree of the "Royal Order of Scotland," which is continued to this day, and is one of the strange and curious features of that quaint ceremony. "Indoctus" will find an immense number of particulars concerning the Scottish Craft in my friend Lyon's History, and also in the new volume respecting the Lodge, No. 2, Edinburgh, by Bro. Allan Mackenzie, both of which are great favourites of mine.

W. J. H.

S14] SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

I observe that Bro. Murray Lyon has, with his usual courtesy, supplied the information asked for by Bro. Macbean, of Glasgow. Touching the matter of the Third Degree, it may be of interest to mention that the earliest reference to it in the records of C. K., No. 2, is contained in a minute, of which the following is an extract:

"Canongate, 6th March, 1734—5,
"Year of M., 5735.

... Present—R.W. Thos. Trotter, Richd. Bulkley, S.W., Edward Miller, J.W., Richard Cooper, M.M., Wm. Robinson, Robert Blisset, George Frazer, David Horne, F. Crafts, William Clark and John Campbell, End. Apces. Absent—Willm. Wescomb, M.M., Willm. Hendry and William Montgomerie, Entd. Apces."

A. MACKENZIE, P.M.
Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2.



Craft Masonry.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).—This lodge held its installation meeting at the Cannon-street Hotel on Tuesday, the 13th inst. The only business before the lodge was the installation ceremony, all other work having been cleared off at an emergency meeting held for the purpose. The lodge was opened by Bro. Archibald Hamilton, the W.M., who, after the confirmation of the minutes of previous meetings, at once proceeded with the installation. Bro. Frederick Egbert Roberts, S.W., having been unanimously elected by the brethren to fill the office of Master during the ensuing year, Bro. Forss, P.M., D.C., presented him to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. A Board of 18 Installed Masters was then formed, in whose presence Bro. Roberts was installed in the chair of K.S., after which he invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Carlo Tichiaz, S.W.; Thomas Draper, J.W.; Lovell Keays, P.M., Treas.; L. Stean, P.M., Sec.; E. Francis, S.D.; J. J. Bull, J.D.; James Davie, I.G.; H. Forss, P.M., D. of C.; George Selwyn Davies, Asst. D. of C.; G. M. Taylor, P.M., and R. Prime, Stewards; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler. The investiture of officers having been completed, Bro. Hamilton delivered the customary addresses to the principal officers and brethren, and, as usual, concluded the ceremony with the oration on the mystic art.

After the lodge had been closed, the members of the lodge and their guests adjourned to the banquet room, where, under the presidency of the new W.M., they did ample justice to the sumptuous dinner provided for the occasion. When the waiters had retired, the W.M. proceeded to deal with the customary list of loyal and Masonic toasts. Each toast was well received, heartily drunk, and answered by a capital fire; from "The Queen and the Craft" to the Tyler's toast, they all received due attention. But, Bro. Egbert Roberts is not a talking, but a singing man, as is very well known, and consequently he was surrounded by a host of musical friends, who gladly assembled to do honour to his installation; and the musical programme was therefore a full one. Possibly Bro. Egbert Roberts can, when he gives his mind to it, be an eloquent speaker, but did not choose to air his oratory when there was so much good music to be got through. Whatever may have been the cause of the Chairman's brevity in announcing the toasts, the effect was remarkably pleasant, for instead of having an evening of speeches enlivened with a song or two in the intervals, the after-dinner entertainment on Tuesday was, virtually, a concert, interspersed with drinking of healths and formal unimportant speeches. In proposing "The Master's Health," Bro. Hamilton said that it was a great pleasure to him, on the threshold of his Immediate Past Mastership, to have the honour of proposing the health of the W.M. He did it with a will, because it was Bro. Egbert Roberts, who was such a jolly good fellow; he was always ready to benefit the lodge in every way. He (the I.P.M.) was glad to have had the pleasure of installing him, and trusted that he would have even more prosperity and happiness than himself, and that was saying a good deal.

Bro. Roberts returned thanks in a few words, promising to do his best in the working of the lodge, and for the

enjoyment of the brethren when the working of the lodge was over. In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. Roberts eulogised his performance of the installation ceremony, and in the name of the lodge presented Bro. Hamilton with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, for which Bro. Hamilton expressed his thanks in appropriate words.

Bro. Bailey, an Australian Mason, in responding, among others, for "The Visitors," mentioned a curious coincidence. He now said that on the eve of his return voyage he found himself in that room, to which same room he had on the night of his arrival in this country been brought as a visitor to the Lion and Lamb Lodge. He referred to the good effect of the Earl of Carnarvon's visit to Australia, and mentioned the fact of Masonic signs and acts of Freemasonry having been found to exist among the savages of Northern Australia.

As regards the music, the first item of importance after "The Grace," "The National Anthem," and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" (which were all well sung), was Webbe's glee "The Mighty Conqueror," the performers being Bros. Hugh Davies, William Price, Selwyn Davies, and Egbert Roberts. The only female vocalist was Miss Rosa Hyde, a pretty little lady with a pretty voice, which would have been heard to still better advantage in a somewhat smaller room. Miss Hyde's solos were Edith Cooke's song "Why not to-day?" and later in the evening Mattei's song "Dear Heart," both of which she rendered very prettily. There was some fine instrumental music produced by Bros. Silberberg, Derham, and Willie Wright, and Messrs. Sargeant, Collins, and Riant, who first performed the "Adagio-spiritoso" from Haydn's first symphony, and afterwards Kottaun's gavotte "Beatrice." Bro. William Price sang Blumenthal's "Evening Song," and Bro. Selwyn Davies sang Moir's "Yes, I love you," two solos that were deservedly applauded. There was also a trio—Randegger's "Mariners"—sung by Miss Hyde and Bros. Davies and Roberts; two glees, namely, "By Celia's Arbour" (Horsley), and "Strike the Lyre" (Cooke), that were admirably sung; and to wind up Bro. Roberts was persuaded to sing (though not in the programme) the song "Drinking," which he seems to have made his own. There was a lovely violin solo by Bro. Silberberg, and a waltz, "Amoretentaze," which was so inspiring that it set all the brethren longing for partners, and regretting that ladies had not been invited, at least to that banquet.

Among the visitors present were Bros. W. H. Leghton Bailey, W.M. 1944 (Sydney, Australia); W. Hill, 1539; George Blackburn, 429, P.P.G.P.; John T. May, S.W. 429; J. H. Proffy, 1298; T. Humphreys, 1437, P.P.G.S. of W.; John Armour, 1437; H. G. Holland, 1624; J. H. Walker, 1329; J. Samson, P.M. 591, P.P.G.D.; C. Lister, S.W. 1320; G. Ashton, 242; F. Williams, 15; James P. Allen, P.M. 1056; A. B. Archer, S.W. 1163; H. Pamment, 700; T. Arthur, 898; J. M. Carter, 1716; S. Smith, S.W. 193; W. Price, 1685; H. Fonseca, 1563; E. Gosling, 1287; S. J. Derham, I.G. 1622; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx.; G. J. Bell, S.D. 1557; R. B. Greenwood, P.M. 1623; L. Silberberg, 1319; F. Dewsbury, I.P.M. 1599; Hugh Davies, 1685; and E. C. Massey.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This prosperous lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 13th inst. Among those present were Bros. R. Lingley, W.M.; Foalé, S.W.; Westley, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Ruffe, S.D.; Koch, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.W. Middx., P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. E. Ayling, P.M., and George Gardner, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. J. Potter and F. W. Belleini were passed to the Second Degree. Ballot was taken for Messrs. J. T. Barns and J. Barry, and it proving to be unanimous, they were impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

The toast of "The W.M." was given, and his work spoken very flatteringly of.

The W.M. having replied, gave "The Initiates," who duly acknowledged the compliment.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed.

Bros. Ayling and Gardner replied at length. In their respective speeches they complimented the W.M. upon his working, and the lodge upon its harmony and hospitality. They also called attention to the now well-known fact of Bro. George Everett's candidature for the Grand Treasurership of England in 1889, and spoke in sanguine terms of his probable success.

"The Past Masters" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Everett and Walls.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" came next in order. In giving this toast the W.M. touched upon the long career of Bro. Everett as a Mason, and his excellent record as a Founder, Master, and Treasurer of No. 1381. He said that no effort would be spared on the south side of the Thames to secure Bro. Everett's return at the top of the poll for the Grand Treasurership. Having also spoken in high terms of Bro. Stuart, the Secretary of the lodge, he called upon the brethren to drink the toast with all sincerity and respect.

Bros. Everett and Stuart having responded, "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Westley, J.W., terminated the proceedings.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The usual meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Friday, the 16th inst., and rendered interesting by a valuable watch and testimonial being presented to the I.P.M., Bro. R. F. Brickdale. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. C. Brasher, W.M., assisted by the officers and brethren. The minutes of the last lodge were then read and confirmed. Through the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. R. F. Brickdale, the I.P.M., performed the ceremony of raising four of those brethren he had initiated during his year of office, viz., Bros. W. G. C. Buer, H. Armbruster, T. Turner, and S. T. Seymour. The W.M. then resumed the gavel, and passed Bros. J. Smith and C. Humble to the Second Degree, after which Mr. Henry Lewis was successfully

balloted for and most ably initiated into the mysteries of the Craft.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for the banquet, which was served in the usual excellent manner. All loyal and Masonic toasts were given in a felicitous manner and received full honours.

Bro. R. F. Brickdale, I.P.M., then rose, and in a congratulatory speech, eulogised the manner in which the W.M. had performed his duties for the first time, and elicited marked expressions of sympathy from the brethren towards the W.M.; by the way, he expressed his hope that the severe bronchial affection the W.M. was suffering from would soon pass away.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner with which they had received his toast, and for their kind expressions of sympathy, and said he would do anything during his year of office to further their interests.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Initiate," who responded in a very effective speech.

The toast of "The Visitors" was warmly received, and heartily responded to by them, congratulating the W.M. on his excellent working, the valuable assistance of his officers, and their generous hospitality.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," coupled with the name of the I.P.M. He said the P.M.'s of the lodge were all hardworking Masons, and were always ready with their advice and assistance in everything connected with the lodge. He then said he had a very pleasing duty to perform in presenting Bro. R. F. Brickdale, their I.P.M., with a handsome gold watch and illuminated testimonial, on vellum, as a memento from the brethren of the satisfaction he had given them during his year of office. He had initiated 11 brethren, raised the initiation fee to 10 guineas, had seven meetings during the past year, had left it financially sound, and most ably installed him in the chair of K.S., also the arrangements for the summer outing were so well made, that everything went off extremely satisfactory from first to last.

The watch and testimonial were then handed round the room, and very much admired.

Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M. and Sec., then read the inscription on the watch, as follows: "Presented to Robert Favell Brickdale by the officers and brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge, 1623, as a souvenir of their high appreciation of the zeal and energy displayed by him in everything connected with the welfare of the lodge during his year of office as Worshipful Master, Sept., 1887-8." Also a similar one from the testimonial. Bro. Lardner congratulated the I.P.M. on being thus honoured, at the same time calling attention to the fact that a comparatively young member, Bro. C. J. Pratt, who was Secretary to the "Testimonial Fund," had thus given evidence of his practical energy and organising ability.

Bro. C. J. Pratt replied that when the idea was first mooted by several brethren, they only thought of presenting a small token in the shape of a "brick," to form a pendant for the watch chain; but the money came in so fast, that they were enabled to enlarge on their original idea, and give not only a handsome testimonial, but a substantial gold watch.

Bro. R. F. Brickdale, I.P.M., then rose, and was warmly received by the brethren. He was visibly affected by the heartiness of his reception, and when silence was restored, he said he was totally unable to find words to express his feelings, as he had no idea that the brethren had such an high opinion of him, as to think they would thus show their sentiments towards him. He felt quite overwhelmed, not only with the value of the gift, but also for the kind sentiments expressed towards him in the testimonial. He felt it was a high honour, as well as pleasure to preside over so united and genial a lodge as theirs was, and whenever he met any of the brethren he was sure to be heartily welcomed. He disclaimed having had the entire management for the summer outing, as he had been most ably assisted and advised by Bro. J. J. Howes, P.M., Treas., Bro. R. B. Greenwood, P.M., Bro. J. F. Rumball, Stwd., and the rest of the Stewards. That was the proudest moment of his life, and he considered the honour they had done him that evening was a priceless one, for it was not one that could be bought with money. Wherever he went among Freemasons it would be a lasting proof of the confidence of his lodge, and in years to come, when the grand lessons taught in the Third Degree were realised, it would be handed down to his children, and prove to them that their father was thought something of amongst Freemasons.

Bro. R. B. Greenwood, in returning thanks as P.M., thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast, and, as he had been the father of the summer outing in his year, so had the arrangements for the last one been virtually carried out by the I.P.M. He hoped the present W.M. would still go on progressing.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was warmly proposed, and heartily responded to by Bro. J. J. Howes, P.M., Treasurer, and Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., Secretary.

"The Officers" came next, and the W.M. expressed his satisfaction in having such excellent workers around him.

The toast was received with all honours, and Bros. J. F. Rumball, S.W., and C. Renaut, J.W., replied.

The Tyler's toast brought this most happy meeting to a close, nearly fifty of the brethren being present.

Bros. J. W. Short, Kuhl, Humble, and Linnett, assisted in the musical arrangements of the evening, ably accompanied by Bro. R. B. Greenwood.

The members present were Bros. W. C. Brasher, W.M.; R. F. Brickdale, I.P.M.; J. F. Rumball, S.W.; S. Renaut, J.W.; J. J. Howes, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.Z., P.A.G.D.C. Surrey, Sec.; F. G. Cooper, I.G.; S. H. C. Rumball, Stwd.; R. B. Greenwood, P.M.; A. B. Langman, W. H. England, A. Ellenden, D. Kuhl, W. G. C. Buer, C. W. Fink, H. Armbruster, C. Barter, C. J. Attwood, C. Humble, O. Wermann, J. Billings, E. Bickerton, J. G. Henrich, F. Goering, A. Bishop, W. J. Short, D. Jones, B. F. Linnett, F. H. Linnett, C. Bradsell, C. J. Pratt, S. T. Seymour, J. C. Smith, A. Luson, P. D. Catroni, M. W. Worrall, I. G. Hodges, and H. Lewis. Visitors: Bros. R. Britten, 527 (U.S.A.); S. Earl, 186; E. Smith, 1743; J. G. Plummer, I.G. 1597; and J. Start, D.C. 1743.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—On Thursday, the 8th inst., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, when there was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren to see the last of Bro. H. Pearson as W.M., and to witness the installation of Bro. John Woodmason, P.M., S.W., the W.M. elect. There was a noticeable addition to the embellishments of the lodge room in the shape of a portrait of Bro. Cama, P.G. Treas., which has been presented to the lodge. It was painted by Miss Read, of Bond-street, and is a striking likeness of that worthy brother, who is an honorary member of the lodge.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and some other formal business transacted, after which Bro. G. Davis, P.M., at the request of Bro. Pearson, assumed the chair in the capacity of Installing Master, whereupon Bro. Lander, P.M., D.C., presented the W.M. elect for installation, an office which Bro. Davis performed with the skill and ability to be expected from so able a worker. There was a capital muster of Installed Masters, the Bard, in whose presence the installation took place, numbering 24 members, and, as might be expected, it was a very hearty salute which Bro. Woodmason received from them at the conclusion of that portion of the ceremony. He was also cordially saluted by the lay brethren on their readmission in the Three Degrees. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint his officers for the current year, of whom the following is the list: Bros. R. C. Green, S.W.; J. R. Roberts, J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec.; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.G. Chap. Middx., Chap.; T. W. Heath, S.D.; Dr. F. E. Pocock, P.M., J.D.; F. Delevante, P.M., Org.; E. Rogers, P.M., I.G.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Rutherglen, Asst. D.C.; G. A. Williams and J. M. Huish, Stwds.; and R. Schofield, Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and the general body of the brethren were not all delivered by the Installing Master; the first being given by Bro. Wood, P.M., the second by the Installing Master, and the concluding oration by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. and Treas. The Secretary announced that their I.P.M., Bro. Pearson, had signified his intention of going up to the Festival of the Benevolent Institution as Steward for the lodge, and gave notice of motion for a vote from the lodge funds to be placed on Bro. Pearson's list. He also intimated that Bro. Roberts, who had been that evening appointed J.W. (but who was absent on account of illness) had, in writing to say that it was his wish to take office, at the same time sent him a cheque for £10 10s. for Bro. Pearson's list; an announcement which was received with applause.

The Secretary having read various communications he had received, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where Bro. Woodmason proved himself to be an excellent host, and, by his geniality, added much to the enjoyment of an excellent dinner.

When the waiters had retired, the W.M. proceeded to propose the time-honoured loyal and Masonic toasts, customary on these occasions.

After "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. the Grand Master" had been duly honoured,

The Chairman said it was customary in that lodge to make the health of the Earl of Carnarvon a separate toast; and he therefore asked the brethren to drink to "The Health of the Pro Grand Master," whose work in Grand Lodge—he was sure all those who had had the privilege of witnessing it would agree with him—it was a treat to see.

In proposing "The Health of the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master, and that of the rest of the Grand Officers," the Chairman called on Bro. Clark, P.G.P., to respond.

Bro. Clark, in reply, said that, in the presence of so distinguished a Grand Officer as the brother on his right (Bro. Cama, P.G. Treas.), he found himself in a somewhat difficult position in being called on to respond for the Grand Officers. On behalf of the Earl of Carnarvon, he would not say much, because, that lodge being named after the Pro Grand Master, it was a privileged toast; but all who had seen that nobleman carrying on the work of Grand Lodge must feel it an enviable thing to belong to a lodge named after him. The Earl of Lathom they all knew to be one of those good Masons who were always ready to be of assistance wherever assistance was required. The rest of the Grand Officers were all desirous of upholding the prestige of G. Lodge. It was very pleasing to find that so many young Masons were taking a deeper interest in the Craft than had hitherto been the case, and he thought that they all should take their part in the management of Masonic work, which was extended throughout the country and throughout the colonies. And for those who visited Grand Lodge it must be a pleasure to see the manner in which the business was conducted—how that friendly spirit prevailed which had distinguished the Craft.

Bro. Cama, P.G. Treas., also added a few words, endorsing what Bro. Clark had said of the Earl of Carnarvon and Earl of Lathom in particular, and concluding by saying he was delighted to see in the chair of that lodge a brother who was an illustrious colleague of his own in the Province of Middlesex.

Bro. Pearson, I.P.M., on rising, said they all knew it meant, when he took the gavel in hand, that he was about to propose "The Health of the W.M." They were all delighted to see him in the chair; he believed he was one of the oldest members of the lodge, and had gone through all the offices. Their W.M. was a great swell in the Province of Middlesex, and he was sure he had only to mention the health of the W.M. to call all the brethren to their legs. He would, therefore, content himself by calling on them to drink Bro. Woodmason's health, and wish him a happy and prosperous year of office.

In reply, the W.M. said he was proud of the position he had attained to. He had worked hard in the lodge. He was initiated in the Carnarvon Lodge on its first night, and he had worked in every office, and had done all in his power for the lodge, to which he was devoted heart and soul. He hoped to do well in his year of office, with the assistance of his officers, whom he knew to be good Masons. He was very proud that Sir Francis Burdett had done him the honour to give him office in the County of Middlesex. He did not believe in long speeches, but asked them to believe that he was sincerely grateful for the way in which his health had been drunk.

"The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by the

W.M., and was responded to by several brethren, including Bros. Jefferson, Tomlinson, Bailey, and Williams.

The next toast was "The Health of the I.P.M.," to whom the W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services.

Bro. Pearson returned thanks for the way in which the toast had been received, and also for the handsome jewel with which the W.M. had invested him. Bro. Pearson then proceeded to notice the early successes of the lodge, and to suggest an alteration in the by-laws. Bro. Pearson, at the request of the W.M., proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and Bro. Davis having replied, several other toasts were drunk, including "The Health of the Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Wardens and other Officers of the Lodge."

The Treasurer and Secretary both replied, Bro. Murlis saying that this was the twelfth Master he had had the honour to serve in the lodge. He was himself the original founder and first Master, and it was the pride of his life to have founded so good a lodge in the west of London. If they had not prospered so well of late years as they did at first, they had at least succeeded in Freemasonry, since their name had become a household word for kindness and goodness to the Charities.

The Treasurer, Bro. Parkhouse, in acknowledging the compliment, said that they were all gratified to see Bro. Woodmason in the chair, and would do all in their power to make his year of office a prosperous one. Referring to the presence of Bro. Cama, P.G. Treasurer, as holding an exalted type of the office which he filled in the Carnarvon Lodge, Bro. Parkhouse mentioned the coming election of Grand Treasurer, and, in allusion to the candidature of Bro. Everett and others, said that it was a duty which Freemasons owed to themselves to find out beforehand who was the best man. The nomination to the Grand Treasurership was, as they were aware, in the hands of the whole body of the Craft—the only Grand office, in fact, not in the gift of the Grand Master and his advisers, the Grand Officers—and, in making up their minds, they should measure the fitness of the candidate by the work that each had done for the spread of Freemasonry and the benefit of the Craft.

Between the speeches there was some capital singing, in which the brethren who chiefly distinguished themselves were Bros. Thomas, W. J. Harris, and C. Gammon.

Among the visitors present were Bros. Clarke, 114, P.G. Purst.; W. C. Williams, W.M. 1585, P.P.G.S.B.; J. M. Jefferson, W.M., Stephen A. Cooper, P.M., and C. Webster, P.M., of 1637; Joseph Bailey, W.M. 1805; Dr. Jackson Gawith, P.M. and Sec. 2045; Nathaniel Goodchild, P.M. 704; F. L. Chandie, P.M. 1656; Philip Monson, W.M. 1194; J. H. Tomlinson, W.M. 1238; W. Hicks, S.D. 1694; J. M. Belsham, J.D. 733; W. J. Mason, J.W. 2246; Woodbridge Biggs, 1275; W. J. Harris, 1521; and E. C. Massey.

Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, in responding as Treasurer of the lodge, reminded the brethren that the nomination of Grand Treasurer would take place in December, and the election in March, he urged the brethren to select from the candidates the one who had rendered most service to the Masonic Charities. From all he could gather Bro. Everett was most deserving of their support, and he should do all he could in favour of his candidature.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The November meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bros. Edward Arderton, W.M.; E. Y. Jolliffe, I.P.M., Sec.; A. B. Hudson, acting S.W.; Alderman J. Renals, J.W., W.M. elect; A. Brookman, P.M., Treas.; F. Crookford, J.D.; James Shotton, I.G.; George Kenning, P.M.; Samuel White, P.M.; W. H. Froom, P.M.; and E. C. Philpot. Visitors: Bros. W. F. Coles and J. Kinnear.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Croft, Philpot, and Shotton were elected on the Audit Committee. Bro. A. Brookman was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Thomas, Tyler. The brethren dined together under the gavel of the W.M., Bro. Edward Arderton.

ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—The members of this lodge gave their annual installation banquet at the Guildhall Tavern on Wednesday, the 7th inst., under the presidency of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Henry Clarke, a member of the Court of Common Council. A programme of excellent music was carried out under the supervision of Bro. F. A. Jewson (Organist to the lodge), the vocalists being Bros. Arthur Court and Frank May.

One of the most interesting speeches of the evening was that of the newly-elected W.M., in which he referred to the influences exercised upon the world around them by Freemasonry. He said it was interesting to compare Masonry of the present day with that of the past. A large number of new lodges had been inaugurated, a large number of new Masons had been initiated, and it was difficult to realise the largely increased influence and power which those lodges and those Masons exercised among their concomitants outside the pale of the brotherhood. He would not give any statistics to prove this statement, because he understood that statistics did not assist digestion. The fraternal development was more palpably marked in the country. Those who had lived all their lives in London found it extremely difficult to appreciate to the full the continual growth and added influences of Freemasonry, for it was only in smaller towns that members of the Craft daily met their brethren. It was there that they met more frequently for the exchange of amenities; it was there that a better possibility was provided for Masons to assist Masons; it was there that the natural differences with regard to religious and political principles were more distinctly coloured; and it was there that those differences were ameliorated by Masonry. The immediate intercourse between Freemasons in small towns of the provinces was immensely marked, and of immense value. He did not know whether it had occurred to their younger brethren, but he might inform them, advisedly, that in all the walks of life there always occurred differences between members of the community except among those connected one with another by Masonic ties. They all worked under one Constitution, under one authority, and under the principles which extended universally over the Craft; there was no schism, no grievances, and no proselytism.

A compliment to the Grand Officers was proposed by the Chairman, and was acknowledged by Bro. Col. Peters, P.G.S.B., and by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, the first Master

of the lodge, who remarked that the brotherhood had now completed their decade of existence.

In responding to the drinking of his own health, upon the proposition of Bro. H. Squire, I.P.M., Bro. Clarke referred to an old script, which ordered that the Master should "provide food for all members of his lodge, and pay the wages regularly."

The toast of "The Past Masters" was submitted by the Worshipful Master, and was acknowledged by Bro. H. Squire, to whom a Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented. In an excellent and interesting speech, Bro. Squire referred to the attention which had been drawn by the Chairman to the fact that he had been instrumental in obtaining the membership in the lodge of the present Lord Mayor.

A compliment to the visitors was proposed by Bro. G. N. Johnson, and was responded to by Bro. Hyde Clarke; and the toast of "The Wardens" was acknowledged by Bro. H. Wright, J.W., one of the Past Masters.

In addition to the speakers, the company included Bros. Lieut.-Col. Wilde, Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell, Major Joseph, Captain Ewer, Deputy Goodinge, F.R.G.S., Rev. J. H. Smith, Rev. G. J. Scott, J. Perkins, Barrow Emanuel, M.A., B. E. Fitch, H. Mead, and Dr. E. Clarke.

At an installation meeting prior to the meeting, when Bro. Clarke was elected W.M., the following officers were also appointed: Bros. J. C. Whiddington, D. of C.; J. Turner, Sec.; R. J. Pawley, Treas.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; Godfrey, S.W.; B. E. Fitch, J.W.; F. S. Jackson, S.D.; Rev. G. J. Scott, J.D.; T. Roderick, Whiddington, B. Emanuel, and O. Timme, Stwds.; Col. E. T. Wilde, I.G.; and T. Lovell, Tyler.

SHADWELL CLERKE LODGE (No. 1910).

An emergency meeting of this distinguished lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 15th instant, for the purpose of initiating Mr. Charles Lord, who has during the past cricket season been the assistant manager of the Australian team, and is about returning to Sydney, N.S.W., to resume his duties in the Australian Joint Stock Bank, of which he is one of the principal officials. The lodge was opened by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.M., P.G.S.B., as W.M.; Bro. Charles Belton, P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks, V.P.B.G.P., as S.W.; Bro. C. H. Driver, P.G. S. of W., as J.W.; and many other brethren, including Bros. Percy Wallis, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; R. L. Homer Mole, and others. The ballot being favourable, Mr. Lord was initiated by Bro. C. F. Matier, and the charge and working tools were explained by Bro. Percy Wallis.

Before the lodge was closed, the newly-initiated brother warmly expressed his pleasure at being admitted to the ancient Craft, and regretted that before the next meeting he would be far away from England.

ST. MARK'S COLLEGE LODGE (No. 2157).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant. There were present Bros. Thomas Cross, P.M., W.M.; Jas. Easterbrook, M.A., S.W.; John O'Connell, J.W. and W.M. elect; Rev. J. Henry Smith, P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland, I.P.M. and Treas.; A. Preece Lye, Sec.; W. R. Carter, B.A., S.D.; J. Tidmarsh, J.D.; W. Goulden, I.G. and Org.; J. R. Phillips and R. H. Catling, Stwds.; G. W. Stevens, P.M., D.C.; A. G. Fleming, G. H. Heathcote, J. Stanton, J. L. Johnson, A. Streeter, J. Thompson, B.A.; R. Hennings, J. Bell, D. J. Rowland, J. H. Stanton, and W. Tidmarsh. Visitors: Bros. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; W. Seward, P.G.S.B. Middx.; J. King, P.M. and Sec. 172; R. Voisey, P.M. 1329; W. Wingfield, P.M. 1360; F. Whiting, P.M. 1772; J. Chisman, 275; W. Jones, S.W. 548; W. J. Ball, 1197; T. W. Poole, 1539; and J. Andrews, 1799.

Bro. T. Cross installed his successor, Bro. John O'Connell, in an exceedingly able manner, and the new Master appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Jas. Easterbrook, M.A., S.W.; W. R. Carter, B.A., J.W.; Canon W. Benham, B.D., Chap.; Rev. J. Henry Smith, Treas.; T. Cross, I.P.M. and Sec.; J. Tidmarsh, S.D.; W. Goulden, J.D. and Org.; A. Preece Lye, I.G.; J. R. Phillips and R. H. Catling, Stwds.; G. W. Stevens, P.M., D.C.; and G. W. Rowe, Tyler. Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation.

After the ceremony, the brethren dined together in the Prince's Room of the restaurant.

Subsequent to the "Non nobis" the grace always sung by the brethren, the Masonic toasts were honoured with enthusiasm.

When the toast of "The Past Masters" was given, Bro. T. Cross was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. Voisey, J. King, Whiting, and Ball.

The glees and songs by the members were a most pleasing feature of the evening. The songs by Bros. J. H. Smith, R. Hennings, G. H. Heathcote, and J. R. Phillips were specially well given. Bro. J. H. Stanton's recitation was touchingly rendered, pathos and humour being happily combined.

DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE (No. 2168).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th instant, at the Athenæum, Camden-road, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas Eccleston Gibb, W.M. The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last regular lodge, also a lodge of emergency, were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation. Mr. Frederick William Webb and Mr. Robert Arrock both were accepted and admitted. The Secretary of the lodge, Bro. R. D. Cummings, P.M., then installed Bro. James Percy Fitzgerald as W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. Halliday, S.W.; J. Corbett, P.M., J.W.; E. Jolliffe, P.M., Treas.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec.; J. P. Harding, P.M., S.D.; W. F. Lord, J.D.; G. Rawlinson, I.G.; S. Garcia, D. of C.; J. F. Davey, and C. Michie, Stwds.; Dr. Haskins, Org.; and Bro. Cummings completed the ceremony of installation, delivering the addresses in an earnest and impressive manner, receiving the approbation of the brethren.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a banquet awaited them, which was excellently well-served.

Among the visitors were Bros. R. J. Emerson, 1507; E. Wright, P.M. 1364; W. Cook, P.M. 22; James H.

Hale, 2045; J. Bangs, 27; S. de B. Holmes, J.W. 1310; G. E. Fairchild, W.M. 1319; H. Tinney, P.M. 1319; G. W. Neave, W.M. 1228; E. W. Scattergood, P.M. 753; R. Pittam Stevens, W.M. 901; A. Prince, S.D. 901; James Stevens, P.M. 1426; R. A. Kirkaldy, P.M. 1321; A. T. Yardly, 901; T. Edgar, W.M. 1287; H. Ryan, 68; E. White, P.M. 177; W. Garston, P.M. 1607; M. H. Hale, P.M. 27; J. C. Frank, P.M. 212; T. A. Williams, 2020; A. James, 1706; and others.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Master," the Chairman referred to the fact that the next day would be H.R.H.'s birthday, when he would doubtless receive, as he deserved, the congratulations of a devoted people, for the Prince of Wales had gained for himself respect in every part of the country.

The S.W. proposed the toast of "The Pro Grand Master," and the J.W. proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The latter toast was responded to by Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., who thanked the brethren for the kindness evinced towards him, not only by that lodge, but throughout the Craft; he considered his own career was a living example of the honours which might fall to any man's lot in Freemasonry. He had not sought them; but when he had them conferred upon him, he had striven to show how much he appreciated the confidence reposed in him. He had been elected to one of the most dignified positions in the Craft—that of Grand Treasurer, and fully appreciated the compliment. As evidence that he had not completed his work in becoming a Past Grand Officer, he referred to the Committee of Investigation then sitting in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He had been selected as one of a few appointed to conduct that inquiry, and he could assure the Craft he was devoting his best attention to the work entrusted to him. That Committee had already held several meetings, and it was hoped that the first section of the inquiry would be completed that week. They would then listen to what could be said in the way of suggested improvement, and, after that, would submit their report, which report they all hoped would prove of benefit to the Institution concerned.

Bro. Gibb next proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He felt the members owed to their present Master all the honour which was at present associated with the lodge. He it was who was the suggester and prime mover in its foundation, and to him they had looked for a solution of all the difficulties they had so successfully surmounted. In submitting the toast, therefore, of the W.M. he had no hesitation in asking the brethren to do honour to it, while he had equal confidence in promising the Master all the help it was in the power of the members to afford.

The Worshipful Master replied, thanking the brethren and assuring them their kind expressions would act as an incentive to the other members to do more for the lodge. Personally, it would be impossible to do more, every thought had been given to it, and that day it held a position in the front rank of London lodges. He then submitted the toast of "The Immediate Past Master," and presented to that brother the jewel provided by the lodge, to which Bro. Gibb suitably replied.

The W.M. gave "The Health of the Initiates," which he described as a most important toast at all times, but particularly so in a young lodge such as theirs, while they were anxious to have new members they were also desirous that none but worthy men should be associated with them. He had no hesitation in offering a cordial greeting to the two brethren admitted that day.

In reply, Bro. Webb said he hoped he should profit by the excellent lessons that had been set that day, and that he might eventually become a useful member of the lodge.

In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," the Worshipful Master said that Bro. Cummings was not only a zealous and painstaking Freemason, but was always most anxious for perfection in Masonic ritual. As evidence of that, the installation ceremony as performed by him that day would be remembered as a perfect piece of Masonic work in every particular.

Bro. Cummings responded. "The Visitors," of whom the Worshipful Master said there were 26, were next honoured, and several of the guests responded.

The remaining toasts were proposed and responded to, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual manner.

A splendid programme of music was excellently rendered under the direction of Bros. Dr. Haskins and James Kift, assisted by Bros. R. Grice and Albert James, and Mr. Coward.

BARNATO LODGE (No. 2265).

—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Station, on Monday, the 19th inst. The members present included Bros. Joseph Da Silva, W.M.; J. de Leeuw, S.W.; L. Kool, J.W.; J. Joel, Treas.; M. J. Jessop, P.M., Sec.; Thos. Honey, S.D.; E. Ackworth, J.D.; S. B. Joel and J. B. Joel, Stwds.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Sid. Br., acting I.P.M.; H. Barnato, and others. Visitors: Bros. A. M. Cohen, P.M. 205; M. J. Emanuel, P.M. 205; Lewis Abrahams, 60; F. H. Campbell, 60; B. Moss, 1016; G. Hodgkins, P.M. 1026, P.D.G.P. China; T. A. Ranson, 1638; J. Lichtenfeld, J.D. 205; S. Genese, 138; D. Walter, 185; Michl. Walter, 185; Arthur Combes, S.W. 820; Willie Wright, Org. 1897; and W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Louis Tannenbaum, Hy. Walters, and Solomon Haim Coronel as candidates for initiation, and resulting unanimously in their favour, they were impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The exhortation was effectively rendered by Bro. Hodgkins, P.M. 1026. A ballot was also successfully taken in favour of the following brethren as joining members: Bros. Alan Brodrick, 1747; Albert Brodrick, 766; Robt. North, 1853; and Norris Walters, 188. Bros. John Jonas and E. Jacobs were then passed to the Second Degree. On the motion of Bro. Hogard, acting I.P.M., seconded by the S.W., it was resolved that a lodge of instruction should be formed in connection with the lodge, to meet at Hatton Garden on each Monday in the month. A sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of the W.M., who intends representing the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It was agreed "nem,

con." that a ball should be held by the members of the lodge, and a Committee consisting of the officers (with power to add to their number) was formed to make the necessary arrangements. Three brethren having been proposed as joining members, and numerous communications having been read from brethren expressing regret at their inability to attend, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a *recherché* repast, which was served in an excellent manner, Bro. Sams being complimented by the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, for the care and attention shown.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently duly honoured.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., on behalf of "The Grand Officers," tendered hearty thanks for the way in which the toast had been received. When the members considered that the Barnato Lodge had only been founded a few months, they might well be proud of the number of Grand Officers who had visited them. It proved that their lodge had taken a firm hold on the Craft, for those Grand Officers who had been unable to visit them regretted their inability to attend, for they had watched with wonder the remarkable progress made. As there were several lodges meeting that evening in London many Grand Officers had been prevented from being present, but on their behalf he begged to return sincere thanks.

In proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," Bro. Hogard said he knew of no prouder position for a brother to attain than that of W.M. of the Barnato Lodge. The immense progress made by their lodge gave their W. Master great cause to be proud. It was by the suffrages of the founders that Bro. Da Silva was placed in the chair as W.M., and he felt confident that neither that brother nor himself, nor, in fact, any member connected with the lodge, had any notion at the time of its foundation that it would be such a success. In less than five months they numbered over 40 members, which was a result to be proud of. He would not say more than ask the brethren to cordially drink to the health of the W.M.

Bro. Joseph Da Silva, W.M., returned sincere thanks for the hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He could assure the brethren that it had given him great delight to see the great progress made since the foundation of the lodge. That progress had been caused not only by the way in which the officers had worked, but also by the united energy thrown into it by every individual member enrolled in its ranks. During their various meetings they had always succeeded in getting a good muster, but, unfortunately, there were numerous reasons against a good attendance that evening. He hoped that when they, who were officers that evening, had been in the realm of the Past Masters for some years, they could look back with satisfaction on the efforts they had used to bring the lodge to a successful issue. He thanked them sincerely for the co-operation they had given him during his year of office.

"The Initiates" was next given by the W.M., who remarked that the members welcomed new blood and fresh vigour on to the old stem; but when they had such new blood as they had that evening, they could be proud of the array of talent to be found among the initiates. The brethren initiated that evening had been known to the majority of the members for a long time. One of their number was a brother who had distinguished himself under the burning sun of South Africa. He referred to Bro. Walters, who had returned to England with a very creditable position, and whom he knew from report to have been considered one of the leading men in Kimberley. Bro. Tannenbaum was also highly esteemed, and he asserted fearlessly that they might search from one end of the business with which he was connected to the other and not find a man who could say that Bro. Tannenbaum had offended or acted contrary to the ordinary usages of civilised society. Last, but not least, was Bro. Coronel, who, with indomitable perseverance, had acquired a position that many would like to aspire to.

The Initiates having briefly replied, The W. Master gave the toast of "The Visitors," and expressed the hope that the visiting brethren would go away not only feeling that they had been hospitably entertained, but also that the Masonic ceremonies had been carried out in accordance with the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. Various attacks had been made upon him by certain members of the press that he had not carried out his duties in conformance with the principles of the Order. He had not hitherto referred to this subject, but he took pride in the fact that, from the foundation of the lodge to the present time, the business had been carried on with order and decorum. He had conscientiously carried out the tenets of Freemasonry, and performed the various duties appertaining to the office of W.M., and he felt sure that at the end of his year, when he came to be weighed in the balance against any W.M. in their great city, it could not be said—and he said it fearlessly—that he had erred in one iota from the established principles of the Order. There were brethren present that evening from various parts of the world, some of whom had presided many years ago over their respective lodges, and he would ask them if he had erred in the ceremonies that evening from the tenets of Masonry. There was present a highly esteemed brother—Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M. 205—who had presided over a Jewish Lodge, in London, 40 years ago, and who had presided at the 30th anniversary of his being in the chair of the lodge for the first time, and he could fairly appeal to him as to whether his work had been done well. Among the visitors from distant climes was Bro. Hodgkins, P.G. Purst. of the District Grand Lodge of China, who had beautifully rendered a portion of the initiation ceremony in the lodge, and Bro. Campbell, who had presided over a lodge in South Africa. If any brother had seen anything directly going against the principles of the Order, he asked them to say where they had erred, and it should not occur again. He had been assailed for months past—he knew not for what reason; but whatever he had done on one occasion was done under the sanction of the Grand Secretary, who sat on his right. He heartily welcomed the visitors present, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Hodgkins, Campbell, Cohen, and Combes.

Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M. 205, in reply, said he was grateful to the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, as it was with great pleasure that he had visited the lodge. The W.M. in his few remarks had called upon the old P.M.'s to support him in his character of W.M. of the Barnato Lodge. He could assure the brethren, without any fear of contradiction, that when he received an invita-

tion he knew perfectly well that if he attended he should hear a first-class W.M. With regard to any fault to be found, he did not know to what the W.M. alluded, but he could say, as a P.M. of 40 years' standing, that Bro. Da Silva could not do wrong, for he was an excellent working Mason, and knew every rule concerning the Order. The visitors could not go away dissatisfied, for a more cordial reception it was impossible to receive. He came prepared to hear excellent working, and had not been disappointed. He had met many old friends he had not seen for years, and if any member of the Barnato Lodge visited the Israel Lodge they would receive the same cordial reception he had met with that evening.

Bro. F. H. Campbell also replied. He had been a very short time in England, but had visited several lodges, and had never seen the work of that evening equalled.

Bro. Hodgkins, P.M. 1026, endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers. It was his first visit, but he was not surprised, as Bro. Hogard had been, at the progress made by that lodge. He saw many present whom he had known under the tropical sun of South Africa, and they were men known for their energy and enterprise, without which it was impossible to succeed. Those qualities were represented very fittingly in that lodge, and therefore it was not surprising that it had assumed a good position in so short a time. As an old Mason and a P.M. he could say without flattery that he had never seen better working than he had that evening.

Bro. Arthur Combes, S.W. 820, also replied, and added his testimony to the profuse hospitality and excellent working.

The W. Master said he had taken upon himself to send a telegram to Bro. Barnett Barnato, of Joppa Lodge, 188, congratulating him on having been elected as a member of the Legislature of South Africa. They hoped soon to welcome him in that lodge, but, in anticipation of his coming, the least they could do was to give him a cordial welcome in advance by drinking his health. Bro. B. Barnato had succeeded in a great undertaking against numerous influential antagonists, having been elected at the head of the poll. He asked them to cordially drink to "The Health of Bro. Barnett Barnato," and should ask Bro. H. Barnato to reply.

Bro. H. Barnato said he scarcely knew how to thank them, on behalf of his brother, for their kindness. When his brother returned, with his Parliamentary experience and eloquence, he would be in a position to thank them more than he could.

The W.M. announced that the total amount placed on his list that evening, on behalf of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, was £77 14s. It was his ambition to take up £100, in order to show that, although they were a young lodge, they were not new to the dictates of Charity.

"The Officers" having been given, and responded to by Bros. Leeuw, S.W.; Jessop, P.M., Sec.; and Joel, Treasurer.

The Tyler's toast brought a successful meeting to a close.

Bro. W. Wright, Org. 1897, presided at the pianoforte with his accustomed skill and ability, and Bro. A. Combes delighted the brethren with several songs, rendered in his best style.

LIVERPOOL—Merchant's Lodge (No. 241).

The usual meeting took place on Tuesday, 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and was distinguished by the presence of several Prov. Grand Officers and a large attendance of the brethren in the vicinity. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for two new candidates, and it proving unanimous, both were introduced and ably initiated by the W.M., Bro. Macnab, into Craft mysteries. Two brethren were also passed to the Second Degree. The routine business being afterwards concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall and enjoyed an excellent repast.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Winsor, P.M., in a happy way, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was heartily greeted.

Bro. Macnab, W.M., in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to preside over a lodge which had for upwards of a century done excellent work in the province, and he intended to devote the greater part of his spare time to the furtherance of Masonic work. They all knew the interest he took in the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and he would only remind them that without their help the usefulness of that Charity would be greatly impaired. He had, however, no doubt but what the members of the Merchant's Lodge would contribute now as readily as they had done hitherto, and from what he saw of the good that Institution was doing, no worthier object could merit their support.

A well-arranged programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Ewart, the Organist, assisted by Bro. Hogarth, Griffith, Latham, and others, was performed during the evening.

SHAW HEATH.—Concord Lodge (No. 323).

—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Florist Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. A. Breen, W.M.; Thos. Walley, I.P.M.; J. Smith, S.W.; H. Morrison, J.W.; W. Pritchard, Treas.; Thos. Brookes, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; T. O. Wilde, S.D.; E. Stevens, J.D.; John Scott, P.M. 322, Tyler; S. Lowe, J. K. Green, J. Knott, H. Newton, W. Walmsley, J. Coates, A. Brookes, J. Jones, P.M.; Wm. Wood, and Jos. Wood. Visitors: Bros. Thomas Walker, 225; E. A. Ehlinger, S.W. 1161; D. Hyson, W.M. 322; W. Williams, 1609; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd. East Lancs.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Jos. A. Penny, and being announced favourable, he was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Brookes was subsequently raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Thos. Brookes, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. At the proper time the election of W.M. was proceeded with, and Bro. J. Smith was unanimously elected. Some other business having been disposed of the lodge was closed.

At the social board "The Healths of the Initiate and Newly-raised Brother" was proposed and responded to.

"The Visitors" toast was responded to by Bros. Ehlinger, Hyson, Lisenden, and others, and some capital songs were sung by Bros. Walley, Smith, &c.

IPSWICH.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 959).

—The anniversary meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday evening, the 5th inst., when Bro. John White, P.P.G.S. of W., was for the second time installed as W.M. of the lodge. There was a very large attendance. The members of the lodge who signed the presence book included Bros. A. R. Trew, W.M.; John White, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., W.M. elect; G. T. Pick, J.W.; A. A. Bennett, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; C. T. Townsend, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; E. J. Sherman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Robertson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; E. J. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. B. Hancock, P.M.; S. Snow, P.M.; W. Cuckow, P.M., Treas.; A. Raphael, P.M.; J. Hardwick, J.D.; J. T. Gaul, C. Markwell, G. Turner, J.D. 376; Edward Black, W. Leathers, G. D. Wenham, W. Kemp, H. G. Watton, W. Cuckow, jun., and George Gould, Tyler.

The visitors included Bros. N. Tracy, P.M. 376, P.G. Sec.; H. C. Casley, P.M. 114, P.P.J.G.W.; J. A. Napier, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. L. Brook, P.M., P.G.S.B., and Geo. Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., of 225; Boulton, P.M. 28 and 1056; Edgar S. Scrivener, W.M. 225; F. A. Bales, W.M. 376; I. J. Noble, P.M. 225; R. Tidbury, S.W. 114; J. W. F. Cox, 1314; J. R. Geard, I.G., C. E. Tempest, T. B. Read, and George Butler, of 114; Fred. C. Atkinson, J.W., and H. E. Leech, S.D., of 376; H. Chown, 1349; J. H. Brown, S.W. 233; W. Henson, 65; J. R. Butler, 51; John Driver, 376; Geo. Scott, 24; and others.

Before vacating the chair, Bro. Trew announced that Bro. Townsend had presented to the lodge a handsome loving cup. He proposed that the cup be accepted, and that the thanks of the lodge be recorded on the minutes. This was seconded, and carried unanimously. The ceremony of installation was very ably performed by Bro. E. J. Brown. The officers for the year were invested as under: Bros. G. T. Pick, S.W.; A. A. Bennett, P.P.G.S. of W., J.W.; W. Cuckow, Treas.; C. T. Townsend, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; J. Hardwick, S.D.; P. J. Jolly, J.D.; W. Kemp, I.G.; F. J. Foakes-Jackson, Chap.; E. J. Brown, P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; W. Leathers and J. T. Gaul, Stwds.; and George Gould, Tyler.

The installation banquet was served in first class style by Bro. J. Hardwicke, of the Queen-street Restaurant. The menu and toast list were embellished with Shakespearean quotations, many of which were very happily chosen.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen," the I.P.M., Bro. Trew, gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and Bro. E. J. Brown proposed "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. C. T. Townsend, who was introduced by the W.M. as the oldest Prov. G. Officer in the province, gave "The Health of the Prov. G.M., Lord Henniker."

Bro. W. B. Hanson proposed "The D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," for whom Bros. C. T. Townsend and E. J. Sherman responded.

Bro. Trew proposed "The W.M. of the Lodge," and said the way in which Bro. White conducted the business of the lodge when he occupied the chair in a previous year reflected the highest credit upon him, and he predicted that the coming year would be one of great prosperity for the lodge.

The W.M., in response, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast was received, and said he was rather sorry that it had been necessary for a Past Master to go into the chair. He thought it would have been better for a younger member, who had worked through the various offices, to have been selected, but some difficulty was caused by the fact that the lodge had lost one of its senior officers by death, and another had left the country. In obedience to the wish of the Past Masters, backed up by the unanimous vote of the lodge, he consented to accept the honour a second time, and he hoped he should be able to discharge the duties of the office in a manner which would give satisfaction to the whole of the brethren.

The W.M., in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Installing Master."

Bro. Brown, in response, alluded to the progress the lodge had made since he filled the chair, and said at the present time the lodge would compare favourably with any of the other lodges in the town.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Immediate Past Master," and spoke of the high estimation in which Bro. Trew was held, not only in the Prince of Wales Lodge, but throughout the Craft. He had passed through the chair in a manner which could not but be satisfactory to the brethren, which was creditable to the lodge, and reflected the highest honour upon himself.

Bro. Trew, on rising to respond, was received with prolonged applause. He thanked the brethren for the courtesy which had been extended to him during his year of office, and said the work he had undertaken had been a labour of love. He thanked the brethren for the liberal manner in which they had supported him on the occasion of his Stewardship at the Girls' Centenary Festival, and expressed the hope that at the coming Festival of the Benevolent Institution he should have the honour of representing the Prince of Wales Lodge with a very liberal contribution.

Bro. A. Raphael proposed "The Visitors," for whom Bros. H. C. Carley, E. S. Scrivener, F. A. Bales, and Boulton responded.

Bro. A. A. Bennett proposed "The Masonic Charities," for which Bro. Tracy responded in eloquent terms.

The other toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Pick, S.W., and the Tyler's toast.

The toasts were interspersed with capital songs by various brethren. Bro. Charles Cooke presided at the pianoforte.

NEWHAM-ON-SEVERN.—Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 1067).

—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Town Hall. Present: Bros. W. G. Roberts, W.M.; S. W. Hadingham, S.W.; J. T. Nundy, J.W.; Rev. Wm. Lynes, P.M., Chap.; Thos. Cadle, P.M., Treas.; M. F. Carter, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Spence, S.D.; J. Shaw Carleton, P.M., J.D.; John Shiles, acting I.G.; Chas. Gould, Org.; Job Webb, Russell Jas. Kerr, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Andrew Parker,

P.M.; J. S. Bradstock, P.M.; A. D. Pringle, and A. M. Irwin.

The lodge was opened, and Bros. A. D. Pringle and A. M. Irwin were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. Bro. J. Shaw Carleton gave part of the traditional history.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

STOKE.—Huyshe Lodge (No. 1099).—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, 8th inst., at Home Park. The Prov. Grand Warden of Devon attended, and presented the lodge with a framed photograph of the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London, as it appeared after the fire in May, 1883. On a panel was inscribed, "Presented to Lodge Huyshe, No. 1099, Stoke Damarel, by W. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 (70, 223, 1071, 1200, and 2025 honorary), P.P.G.C., and Prov. Junior Grand Warden of Devonshire, November 8th, 1888." Bro. H. W. Pengelly, the W.M. elect, was installed as W.M. The Installing Officers were Bros. W. A. Staton, the retiring W.M.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. Allen, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Gillman, P.P.A.G.D.C.; and W. T. Walter, all of the lodge. Among the Past Masters present were also Bros. H. Rogers; W. L. Lavers, 1255; W. H. W. Macey, 1847; and R. Selmon, 159. Through the very inclement weather there was not a large attendance of visitors, but the members of the lodge were well represented.

The following officers were invested: Bros. W. A. Staton, I.P.M.; W. G. Sprague, S.W.; J. Foster, J.W.; S. Panter, Treas.; J. Allen, Sec.; G. Vanstone, S.D.; S. J. Page, J.D.; W. H. Dillon, D. of C.; P. Symons, Asst. D. of C.; W. Penrose, Org.; S. L. Edgcombe, Asst. Org.; J. Stevens, S. Fry, G. Miller, and W. H. Bird, Stewards; and J. Rashbrook, Tyler. Bro. Gillman presented a satisfactory financial report and a handsome sum from the balance in hand was directed to be applied to the reduction of the debt on the hall. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies was re-elected the representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions and the Charity Steward for the Devon Educational Fund.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. T. Jordan, W.M.; R. T. Davison, M.D., S.W.; T. J. Walder, J.W.; Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M., Prov. G. Chap., Chaplain; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, I.P.M., Sec.; J. B. Foster, S.D.; W. E. Skinner, as J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. J. Pepper, I.G.; C. Leary, Tyler; J. B. Sargent, P.P.G.P.; J. Chance, C. J. Honisett, George Smith, and others.

The only item of business was the passing of Bro. Geo. Smith, which was proceeded with immediately after the usual matters appertaining to the formal opening of the lodge. The ceremony, including the lecture on the 2nd tracing board, was most ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Jordan. A candidate for initiation having been proposed and seconded, the lodge was closed.

EGREMONT.—Kenlis Lodge (No. 1267).—The usual meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Bro. John Nelson, W.M., presided, supported by his officers and many members and visitors, including Bros. Dr. J. G. Anderson, S.W.; Jas. Stout, J.W.; Robt. Jukes, Sec.; Jas. Lowrey, S.D.; John Kitchin, J.D.; J. Wakefield, I.G.; S. Braithwaite, Tyler; H. Hartly, Ed. Clarke, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Dr. S. Braithwaite, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. L. Towerson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; J. J. Wilson, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Robson, P.M.; Wm. Burnyeat, Alex. Cross, H. P. Armstrong, T. P. T. Wilde, Wm. Armstrong, J. A. Parker, Thos. McLeod, F. Moordaff, W. J. Blythe, W. D. P. Field, W.M. 872, P.A.G.D.C.; Ed. Rose, P.M.; Thos. Brakenridge, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.D.C.; and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and one candidate was balloted for, and initiated by the W.M. in a faultless manner. It is nearly twenty years since this lodge was consecrated, and it has enjoyed a success perhaps second to none in the province. The choice of Masters has also been a happy one, each in his turn having proved himself a master of the art. The W.M. read a circular from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution asking the lodge to support Bro. Dalrymple's Stewardship next February. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Anderson, it was carried that the lodge duly consider the same. One candidate was proposed, and, with "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren spent a very pleasant hour in the banquet hall.

HARRINGTON.—Curwen Lodge (No. 1400).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Bro. R. Ward, W.M., in the chair, who was supported as follows: Bros. J. Rubery, I.P.M.; H. Wynn, P.M., as S.W.; J. Kerley, J.W.; W. Carlyle, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; J. Rimmer, Sec.; L. Ferguson, Org.; L. Ward, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., as I.G.; T. B. Roxby, Tyler; G. G. Glen, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; W. D. P. Field, W.M. 872, P.A.G.D.C.; Thos. Brakenridge, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; George Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.D.C.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer submitted his balance sheet for the past year, which was passed as read, and which showed favourable. The W.M. next called the brethren's attention to a circular that had been sent anent Bro. Dalrymple's Stewardship on behalf of the province to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution next February. On the motion of Bro. H. Wynn, P.M., it was carried unanimously that the lodge support the Stewardship.

With other general business and "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently partook of refreshment.

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., a large number of brethren being present, amongst others being Bros. T. W. Morgan, W.M.; T. Prust, I.P.M.; T. H. Wills, S.W.; J. McKellar, J.W.; T. Crossman, S.D.; John Taylor, J.D.; S. Wills, I.G.; F. Hex, P.M., Sec.;

J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; J. Chapman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Chap.; John Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; W. Hersey, G. West, E. Henley, and W. Hill.

The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Edward Henley, which was in his favour, and, being present, he was duly initiated by the W.M. in an impressive manner. The charge was delivered by the I.P.M., Bro. Prust, in a most able and efficient manner. Bro. John Chapman presented the lodge with a framed photograph of an ancient tracing board, the frame bearing the inscription; "Presented to the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, by W. Bro. John Chapman, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.D." Bros. Lane, Dodge, Prust, and the W.M. suitably returned the thanks of the brethren for the kind gift. The lodge already possessing some valuable Masonic works, on the motion of Bro. J. Taylor, seconded by Bro. J. Lane, it was unanimously resolved that a suitable bookcase be provided for them, and that they be the nucleus of a lodge library, Bros. J. Chapman, J. Lane, and J. Taylor promising donations of books and pamphlets. The genial W.M., ever ready to improve the shining hour, Masonically and otherwise, spoke of having spent some profitable hours, when the work of the lodge permitted, by Bro. Chapman giving a short address containing a summary of the Masonic events of the month. At the request of the brethren, Bro. Chapman very readily consented to resume those little addresses.

Other matters of purely lodge interest were then transacted, after which the lodge was closed.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, there being present the following brethren: Bros. W. B. Dyson, W.M.; W. Brown, I.P.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.W.; G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. T. Seller, P.P.G.D.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; S. J. Dalton, S.W.; W. Lackenby, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; G. Lamb, S.D.; W. Storey, J.D.; P. Pearson and F. W. Halliwell, Stewards; J. H. Shonksmith, I.G.; J. Hall, Tyler; F. H. Vaughan, W. H. A. Coats, C. Tuff, A. Bellerby, G. Fletcher, R. Ware, Rev. R. Blakeney, J. L. Procter, S. J. Scott, A. Archer, M. Cooper, J. Smith, J. L. Spetch, T. Masterman, G. Tindale, G. Wilkinson, P. Matthews, J. Horner; and amongst the visitors were Bros. the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.G.C.; J. Barker, P.M. 1102, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Sollitt, 1991; J. H. Staniland, P.M. 556, P.P.S.G.D.; B. Kilner, S.W. 1019; W. H. B. Atkinson, 910; W. Baldwin, P.M. 630; T. C. P. Barlow, W.M. 566; J. S. Winn, W.M. 1337; T. Russell, 1337; G. W. Hudson, J.W. 566; J. T. Hansell, S.W. 1416; R. Hodgson, S.D. 566; A. H. H. McGachen, 1991, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. Sample, 236, P.P.G.O.; A. W. Turner, 236; H. C. Pickersgill, P.M. 837; J. Marshall, P.M. 660, P.P.G.R.; G. Chambers, P.M. 1760; J. Bowes, I.P.M. 1760; S. Border, S.W. 236; W. Smith, W.M. 236; C. M. Forbes, J.W. 236; T. Laverack, 1991; E. W. Purnell, Sec. 236; W. N. Cheeseman, I.P.M. 566; F. Smith, P.M. 837; and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, two successful ballots were taken for a brace of joining members, and the chair was assumed by Bro. Wm. Brown. The W.M. elect, Bro. S. J. Dalton, was then presented to the outgoing W.M., and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. Brown, assisted by Bro. W. B. Dyson. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. George Chapman, S.W.; G. Lamb, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; James Kay, Sec.; Rev. R. Blakeney, M.A., Chap.; W. Storey, S.D.; J. H. Shonksmith, I.D.; W. Lackenby, D.C.; W. Child, Prov. G. Org., Org.; P. Pearson, I.G.; J. Spetch and F. W. Halliwell, Stwds.; and J. Hall, Tyler. Bro. Wm. Brown, P.M., undertook the duties of Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., those of Librarian. Bro. Whytehead was elected Charity Representative of the lodge.

Many apologies for absence were read from brethren, including Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M.; T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; and others; and the lodge was closed after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed.

The brethren and their visitors afterwards dined at the De Grey Rooms, where they were well catered for by Bro. F. W. Halliwell, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the proceedings being enlivened by harmony, to which many brethren of the lodge contributed.

KINGSTON - ON - THAMES.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—On the 14th inst., an emergency meeting was held at the Sun Hotel for the purpose of carrying to completion what could otherwise not have been done till June next. The W.M., Bro. H. W. Humphreys, was supported by Bros. Geo. Moorman, P.G.P. Surrey, I.P.M.; W. Drewett, W.M. 889, S.W.; Montague, J.W.; and his assistant officers, and there was a much larger attendance of brethren, both members and visitors, than had been looked for, the number being close on fifty. Having opened the lodge, the W.M. stated the reason of emergency, and courteously invited the I.P.M. to assume the chair and raise Bros. Dorey and Bugler to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremony was conducted with the utmost regularity and efficiency, the working all round being admirably performed. The W.M. then resumed his seat, and initiated Messrs. Massey and Harwin into the mysteries of the Order, and, by his eloquent and easy manner, a great impression was evidently made on the initiates. The lodge may congratulate itself on having such a proficient W.M., who is naturally gifted as to pronunciation and expression. A provisional grant of £5 was made to each of the three Masonic Charities, at the next Festivals of which the Brownrigg Lodge will be represented by Stewards.

After harmoniously working for two and a half hours, the brethren turned attention to the excellent supper which Mrs. Frayling had prepared, and passed the remainder of the evening very pleasantly.

The most noticeable feature was the singing of Bro. Reuben Bayley. He has a baritone voice of exceptional power and compass, and knows how to use it, and is a decided acquisition to the lodge. Bros. Rumbelow and F. J. Hunt, P.P.G.O., who proved an able accompanist, also contributed to the harmony. The usual toasts were given, and compliments paid and returned.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This lodge met for the despatch of business at the Rose and Crown Hotel on the 12th inst. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.W. Middx., W.M.; Drummond, S.W.; E. Dare, J.W.; Featherstone, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M., Treas.; W. T. Peat, Sec.; Sapsworth, S.D.; Grant, J.D.; Bond, I.G.; Page, P.M., Org.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; Parkins, Gerhold, Smith, Suggett, and others. Bro. Room, P.M., P.G. Sec. Middx., visited the lodge, and was received with the usual honours.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A notice of motion to alter the months of meeting was adjourned, in consequence of the absence of the proposer, Bro. F. Chandler, P.M., P.A.G.P. Middx. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Raymond Thrupp, Prov. G.D.M.; Pillar, P.M.; Simpson, and others. Two propositions for initiation and joining having been handed in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The usual toasts followed.

The proceedings were enlivened by the instrumental and vocal contributions of Bros. Page, Grant, Smith, Suggett, and others.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Hadrian Lodge (No. 1970).—On Tuesday, the 6th inst., the annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Ingham-street, when there was an unusually large attendance of visitors and brethren. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Jos. Athey, P.M., P.P.A. G.D.C., assisted by Bros. T. D. Marshall, S.W.; J. T. Ross, J.W., and officers. The brethren rose to receive the Deputy Prov. G.M., the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and Bro. R. H. Holmes, Deputy Prov. G.M. and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland. Among the Provincial Officers present were Bros. R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; the Rev. T. B. Nichols, M.A., P.P.S.G.W.; J. G. Tulloch, P.P.S.G.W.; the Rev. H. Bott, P.G.C.; John Strachan, P.G.R.; T. B. Winter, P.P.S.G.W.; J. M. Winter, P.P.G.R. Northumberland; T. G. Mabane, P.P.G.D.; T. Renton, P.P.G.D.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; T. Coulson, P.P.G.D.; J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Heppell, P.D.G.D. of C.; W. Ross, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Davidson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; George Robson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Jos. R. Pattison, Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; T. Potter, P.M. 240, P.G. Tyler; N. K. Brown, P.P.D.G.D. of C.; H. Heslop, W.M. 431; W. Whyte, P.M. 991; Jas. Hudson, W.M. elect 80; Ed. Clark, W.M. 1676; J. O. Wallace, W.M. 1863; Fred. West, W.M. 1643; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. T. Dunn Marshall, S.W., was presented to Bro. J. Heppell, Installing Master, by whom he was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the musical portion of the ceremony being performed by Bros. Leatham and Nutton, of Durham Cathedral Choir, and Bros. John Young and E. C. Walton. After the installation, the W.M., Bro. T. D. Marshall, invested the following officers: Bros. J. J. Athey, I.P.M.; J. T. Ross, S.W.; J. H. Penney, J.W.; the Rev. W. C. Harris, P.P.G.C., Chap.; T. Coulson, P.M., Treas.; G. Harland, Sec.; J. W. Henderson, S.D.; E. Brown, J.D.; M. J. Wheafley, P.M., D.C.; James Tate, Org.; J. Ashworth, I.G.; R. H. Copeland and C. Walton, Stewards; and T. Potter, P.M., P.G. Tyler, Tyler. Hearty congratulations of the province of Durham were expressed to the newly-installed W. Master by Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.P.G.M., and of the Province of Northumberland by Bro. R. H. Holmes, D.P.G.M., and the representatives of a large number of lodges also spoke their best wishes to the W.M.

The annual festival was held in the evening at the Royal Hotel, Ocean-road, the W.M., Bro. T. D. Marshall, presiding, supported by a distinguished body of visiting Prov. G. Officers of Durham and Northumberland, and W.M.'s of lodges on the Tyne.

The toast of "The Grand Lodge Officers" was coupled with the names of Bros. the Rev. Canon Tristram, P.G.C. of England; R. H. Holmes, P.G.D.; and R. Hudson, P.G.S.B.

Bros. Tristram and Hudson also responded to the toast of "The Officers of the Province of Durham."

During the lodge meeting, a letter was read from the Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., saying how ably he would be represented by his Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Canon Tristram, who received quite an ovation from the brethren.

The Rev. Canon also proposed the toast of "The R.W. P.G.M. of Northumberland (Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., M.P.) and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," to which Bro. R. H. Holmes ably responded.

"The Health of the W.M.," "The Visiting Brethren," and other toasts were duly honoured.

The music by the choristers and brethren was very excellent, Bro. Tate presiding at the organ.

INSTRUCTION.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W. Present: Bros. W. T. Dillon, W.M.; J. W. Cuff, S.W.; A. G. Boswell, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; C. J. Biorn, S.D.; V. Shaw, J.D.; J. Tapping, I.G.; H. W. Davie, P.M. 173; D. Dillon, P.M. 1567; S. J. Humphress, P.M. 733; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; W. J. Stratton, and W. Chapple. Visitor: Bro. G. Wood. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. Dillon candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Biorn. Bro. W. T. Dillon was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. W. T. Dillon candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Cuff was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed, and entered on the minutes, to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he presided over the lodge for the first time. All Masonic business being ended, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 9th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. J. Sims, P.M., W.M.; J. Collings, P.M., acting I.P.M.; J. Dane, S.W.; S. Cochrane, P.M., J.W.; A. Williams, Treas.; D. S. Long, Sec.; H. Purdue, S.D.; H. J. F. Williams, J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; M. Rice and W. W. Williams, Stwds.; A. Cubitt, P.M.; W. Williams, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; Cartline, P.M.; R. Josey, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; D. Stroud

P.M.; J. Gillingham, P.M.; W. C. Williams, P.M.; Austin, P.M.; G. Read, P.M.; J. Cory, A. J. Turner, G. E. Higginson, R. H. Wimpey, J. Gracie, W. Hillier, J. Brown, J. Pattison, E. F. Nash, W. G. Coar, T. W. Biggs, C. Hopkins, H. Cotton, J. Whittle, and W. Fayers.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren: Bros. J. Pattison, A. Williams, C. Hopkins, W. W. Williams, G. E. Higginson, G. Read, D. S. Long, E. F. Nash, W. G. Coar, H. J. F. Williams, J. Collings, F. Craggs, W. C. Williams, J. H. Wood, and J. C. J. Walker. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, a cordial vote of thanks was given and recorded to the W.M. for his efficient services; after which a vote of thanks was given and recorded to the officers and brethren who had so efficiently filled the respective offices, and rendered the Sections in a very able manner. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Craggs, W.M.; Wood, P.M., S.W.; Dresden, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.G.D. Middx., Treas. and Preceptor; Hubbard, Sec.; Fayers, S.D.; Wilton, J.D.; Wiles, I.G.; Sims, P.M.; Neville, Woods, and Betts.

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. Neville being candidate. Bro. Hubbard having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Wood, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. G. Higginson, W.M.; W. Jennings, S.W.; W. Williams, P.M., J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; L. Cox, S.D.; J. B. Johnston, J.D.; W. T. Marsh, I.G.; A. Cavers, Stwd.; Child, P.M.; Head, Burbrook, Martineau, Rice, Whittell, Cotton, Sansom, and Woodard.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rice candidate. Bro. Cotton having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing completed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Jennings was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this lodge on Thursday, the 29th instant, when the lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. Bro. John Davis, Preceptor, will occupy the chair of W.M.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 19th instant. Present: Bros. D. Stroud, W.M.; W. H. Bolt, S.W.; W. G. Coar, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. Worth, S.D.; P. Skar, J.D.; M. R. Rice, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex; J. B. Cory, and J. T. Gracie.

The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, Bro. Gracie offered himself as a candidate for passing, and, after examination, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed in Bro. Stroud's well-known careful manner, the working tools being explained at length. Bro. J. B. Cory offered himself as a candidate for raising, and, having proved his proficiency, was entrusted, and the ceremony was completed in a most impressive form. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The 2nd Section of the Second Lecture was worked. Bro. Gracie was elected a joining member. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his able presidency of the meeting for the first time in this lodge, and Bro. W. H. Bolt was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. S. cele, W.M.; Poole, S.W.; Folkard, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Hudson, S.D.; J. Wright, J.D.; Jones, I.G.; Cochrane, Bye, Sandals, Smith, Newton, Limozen, Hill, Chapman, Coe, and Stokes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Sandals having proved his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Sandals as candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Westley gave the long answers in his usual impressive manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree, and the 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Poole was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Poole returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The Secretary took the names of several brethren who volunteered to work Sections on the Fifteen Sections night. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

TORQUAY.—JORDAN LODGE (No. 1402).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-street, on Wednesday, the 7th instant, when the following, among others, were present: Bros. John Dodge, Preceptor; John Taylor, Secretary; T. Frust, S. Willis, W. Hersey, Geo. West, J. McKellar, W. Hill, and J. E. Newton, Tyler.

In the absence of the W.M. and the acting W.M., Bro. J. Taylor took the chair, and opened the lodge in due form, when the minutes of the former meeting were read and signed. Bro. J. McKellar offering himself as a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by Bro. J. Taylor. The lodge was then closed down, and a successful ballot taken for Bros. J. Salter, P.M., D.C. 328, and Conroy Couch, 328, as joining members. After a few words of congratulation from the Preceptor, the usual questions were asked, and the lodge was closed.

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FIDELITY CHAPTER (No. 3).—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Hall on the 2nd inst. Among those present were Comps. A. T. Pearce, M.E.Z.; Heming, H.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.E. Surrey, J.; Weeks, P.Z., Treas.; W. J. Collins, S.E.; Capt. W. Williams, S.N.; Ratcliffe, acting P.S.; Withers, Stevens, T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; and others. Comp. W. Hale-Hilton, 1623, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. W. Hale-Hilton as a joining member, and for Bros. G. J. Bell, J.D. 1557, and J. Withers, 211, for exaltation, and, it proving to be unanimous, the two brethren were duly and most impressively exalted to the R.A. Degree. The election of officers for the year ensuing resulted in favour of Comps. Heming, M.E.Z.; C. Greenwood, H.; W. J. Collins, J.; Capt. Williams, S.E.; Birch, S.N.; Radcliffe, P.S.; and Withers and Stevens, Asst. Sojs. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the retiring M.E.Z. The resignation of Comp. Craig was received with regret.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. the Rev. G. Amos, P.Z.; Graves, P.Z.; McDougal, P.Z.; Birch, P.S.; and others.

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

The usual toasts received full justice.

The M.E.Z. was particularly happy in his remarks, and his speeches were of great merit.

The proceedings were agreeably enlivened by the vocalization of Comps. Heming, Greenwood, and others.

ORPHEUS CHAPTER (No. 1706).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Holborn Restaurant on the 17th inst., when there were present Comps. H. M. Imbert Terry, Z.; Rev. Dr. Stainer, H.; Dr. Walmsley Little, J.; Shirley Hodson, P.Z.; Geo. Cowell, S.E.; Richard Eve, P.G.T., Treas.; Geo. Cooper, Past A.G. Soj.; J. H. Thomson, F. W. Imbert Terry, H. Bullock, C. Beckett, N. H. Turner, J. Pollard, W. R. Macaulay, and Jos. Miller. Visitors: Comps. F. R. Page, H. 214; and H. Gamble Hobson, 214.

The companions were all in mourning, owing to the recent death of Dr. Lavies, P.Z., and it was proposed by the M.E.Z., seconded by Comp. S. Hodson, P.Z., that a letter of condolence should be sent to his family. The report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and entered on the minutes. The M.E.Z. then most effectively installed Comp. Rev. Dr. W. Stainer into the chair of Z., and Comp. Geo. Cooper inducted Dr. Walmsley Little into the chair of H. The J. elect, Comp. P. H. Waterlow, was unavoidably absent. The other officers were then invested: Comps. Geo. Cowell, S.E.; G. H. McLoughlin, S.N.; Richard Eve, Treas.; F. W. Imbert Terry, P.S.; Henry Bullock, 1st A.S.; Rev. G. P. Merrick, 2nd A.S.; and R. Potter, Janitor. The first duty of the M.E.Z. was to present a handsome P.Z.'s jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning) to the I.P.Z., Comp. H. M. Imbert Terry, with the thanks of the chapter for his services during the past year.

All business being ended, the companions adjourned to an admirable banquet, which was followed by the usual harmony.

STONEHOUSE.—Brunswick Chapter (No. 159).—The members of this chapter held their annual meeting on the 31st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hobart-street. The Principals elect were installed: Comps. T. Geach, as Z.; W. H. Williams, H.; and N. Radmore, J. The installing Officers were Comps. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.J.; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T.; W. Allsford, 202; R. Pike, 230; and J. Gidley, 1205. Among the Past Principals present were also Comps. E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G. Reg.; S. Willoughby, P.P.G. S.B.; C. A. Nicholson, B. S. Johns, J. D. Cobeldick, H. Mortimore, members of 159; S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T.; J. Bray, 358; and J. H. Blackell, 1099.

The officers invested were Comps. H. Mortimore, I.P.Z.; F. J. Price, S.E.; F. Hayward, S.N.; J. E. Davis, P.S.; C. Selleck, 1st A.S.; T. Stoner, 2nd A.S.; C. A. Nicholson, Treas.; J. Harvey, D.C.; R. H. Eden, Org.; J. Endacott, Stwd.; and J. Bartlett, Janitor. A pair of framed miniature hand-painted R.A. tracing boards were presented to the chapter, with the inscription: "By Ex-Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.Z. No. 189 (70, 223, 404, 2025 honorary), P.P.G.P.S., and Past Provincial Third Grand Principal."

In the evening the companions dined together at Cousin's Hotel, where the catering of Mr. W. Murch gave every satisfaction, and a pleasant evening was spent.

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MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).—This influential chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 6th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. Lieut.-Col. E. Gardiner, 30°, P.M.W.S., acting M.W.S.; Captain J. E. Anderson, 30°, Prelate; G. Graveley, 30°, 1st General; W. B. Kidder, 2nd General; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S.; T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S.; H. J. Lardner, 30°, G.M., Captain; J. Stohwasser, 30°, Raphael; D. Coffin, 30°, P.M.W.S.; C. Tayleur, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; Coad, Nelson, Prower, M.A., Charles Belton, 30°, Thompson, J. Hawkins, W. Hale-Hilton, and others. Ill. Bros. C. F. Matier, 32°, P.M.W.S., and Dr. Ramsay, 30°, P.M.W.S., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken for Bro. Bell, J.D. 157, he was most impressively perfected by the acting M.W.S. The resignation of Bro. Captain Bassano was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Rocknell, 31°, P.M.W.S.; Captain W. B. Williamson, J.P. 30°; Lamb-Smith, A. Pears, F. Binckes, 30°, P.M.W.S., and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where a most excellent banquet was admirably served. The brethren were here joined by the M.W.S., Bro. Berkeley, who presided most ably and genially. The usual toasts received full justice, and an agreeable evening was spent.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—This old and distinguished conclave met at the Masonic Rooms, 16A, Great Queen-street, on the 5th inst., when there were present, among others, Sir Knights H. J. Lardner, G. Asst. Recorder, M.P.S.; W. Lake, V.E.; T. C. Walls, G.A., P.M.P.S., acting S.G.; Heard, I.G.; T. Cubitt, P.G.S.G., P.M.P.S., Treas.; John Mason, P.G.I.G., P.M.P.S., Recorder; Nelson Prower, M.A.; Pakes, Proudfoot, W. Harris, C. Codd, E. A. Harris, Marsh, P.M.P.S.; Dr. Mickley, P.M.P.S.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M.P.S.; H. Harris, and others. Sir Knights C. F. Matier, Inspector General Lancashire, and Dr. Lott, P.M.P.S. (Jersey), were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Scurrah, P.M., and L. Steele, P.M., were most ably installed by the M.P.S. Sir Knight H. H. Shirley gave the historical lecture in a most impressive manner.

The M.P.S. having given an important notice of motion, and an illuminated testimonial having been given to Sir

Knight T. Cubitt, the conclave was closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern to dine.

The long list of toasts received full justice.

In giving "The M.P.S.," Sir Knight Mason congratulated the conclave upon possessing so excellent and so able an exponent of the Red Cross ritual as Sir Knight Lardner. Everything he took in hand he mastered. In conclusion, he trusted that the M.P.S.'s year of office would end as successfully as it had commenced.

Both Sir Knights Scurrah and Steele expressed themselves delighted with the ceremony, in responding to "The Health of the newly-installed Sir Knights."

"The Visitors" followed, and gave Sir Knights Matier and Dr. Lott an opportunity of saying many complimentary things in connection with the Premier Conclave in general, and the M.P.S. in particular.

"The Past Sovereigns" was acknowledged by Sir Knights Thiellay, Shirley, and Walls.

In giving "The Treasurer and Recorder," the M.P.S. referred to the long services of Sir Knight Thomas Cubitt, and of the esteem in which he was deservedly held by the conclave, which had been proved that day by the handsome illuminated testimonial which had been presented to him. Sir Knight Mason's efforts as Recorder were also highly appreciated, and he trusted that for many years to come both would occupy those executive positions in the conclave which they so much adorned.

Sir Knight Cubitt, in reply, made a most exhaustive speech. He said that he should prize their gift most highly as it marked his seventeen years connection with the Premier, and he hoped that the testimonial would be kept in the family as an heir-loom.

Sir Knight Mason having also replied, The toast of "The V.E. and Officers" terminated the proceedings.

JUBILEE OF FREEMASONS IN HALIFAX.

The Lodge of Probity, No. 69, celebrated its third jubilee on Sunday the 11th inst. Fifty and a hundred years ago the jubilees were commemorated by attending divine service at the parish church, and on Sunday the same course was followed. The Lodge of Probity is one of the oldest in the district, having been established in 1738. With the exception of about 20, the lodge is the oldest on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England. So far as Yorkshire is concerned, it is the oldest lodge in the county. It was founded by a Bro. John Senior, and two brethren who assisted in its formation were Bro. William Horton, of Coley, and Bro. C. Edward Rooke, of Royds Hall, Low Moor. Subsequently these two brethren were successively appointed two of the first Provincial Grand Masters for the West Riding of Yorkshire, before the Yorkshire province was made. It would seem that the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge was somewhat premature, as only one lodge is known to have been in existence in the West Riding of Yorkshire at that time. A number of lodges may, therefore, have been in existence in the neighbourhood which were not connected with any Grand Lodge. The first proof of the existence of the Lodge of Probity is obtained from lists which were published by the authority of the Grand Lodge in London, and the first records of the lodge which are available commence in 1762, and are continued up to the present day. These records are in the possession of the Lodge of Probity. The first meeting place was at the Black Bull Inn, Halifax, and afterwards the lodge had its quarters at the Rose and Crown Inn, the Old Cock Hotel, the Union Cross Hotel, the Bath Tavern, and then to the Union Cross Hotel again. In 1869, the lodge again held its meetings at the Old Cock Hotel, where they were continued up to the year 1869, when the Freemasons' Hall was built. The meetings have of course since been held there.

The officers for the present year are: Bros. Francis Fleming, W.M.; Herbert Crossley, S.W.; William Cash, J.W.; R. W. Evans, Chap.; J. W. Davis, P.M., Treas.; Walter Wright, Sec.; Fred Buckley, S.D.; F. P. Horton, J.D.; R. Patchett, I.G.; Charles Pole, Almoner; W. Emmott, D.C.; J. H. Sykes, Org.; Alfred Binns, Asst. Sec.; W. Dobson, G. H. Smith, R. M. Kerr, H. G. Davis, Geo. Patchett, James Duff, Wm. G. White, Alexander Scott, and G. W. Baxter, Stwds.; and Joseph Sagar, Tyler.

Most of the brethren met at the Masonic Hall about 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, and walked in procession to the parish church. Some others who came by train were met at the station by Bro. Jas. Booth, Mayor of Halifax, and went direct to church. The wet weather marred the effect of the procession, overcoats and umbrellas hiding largely the gay Masonic habiliments which were worn, but as it was a number of people congregated in the streets to witness the sight.

Among those present at the church were the following: Bros. T. W. Tew, P.G.D. Eng., Prov. G.M.; H. Smith, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; Gration, P.S.G.W.; C. W. Keighley, P.J.G.W.; Buckley, P.P.G.D.C.; Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.; Scratcherd, P.P.G.D.; Menzies, P.P. J.G.W.; Gaukroger, P.P.G.D.; Booth, P.P.G.W.; Stott, P.P.G.S.B.; Whiteley, P.G.P.; Darling, P.P. G.D.; Wright, P.J.G.W.; Roberts, P.P.G.D. of C.; Rhodes, P.P.G.D.; Holdsworth, P.P.G.D.C.; Oxley, P.G.T.; Wellsman, P.G. Steward; Lupton, P.G.D.; Green, P.G. Sec.; Nicholson, P.G.O.; Barker, P.G.S. of W.; Rev. A. B. Coombe, P.G. Chap.; T. I. Walker, P.P.G.D.; Stott, P.G. Steward; Asquith, P.G. Std. Br.; Seed, P.P.G.P.; Normanton, P.P.J.G.D.; Monkman, P.P.G.D.C.; Riley, P.G. Std. Br.; and Atherton, P.P.G.D.C.

The lodges represented were—Britannia, 139; Amphibious, 258; Nelson of the Nile, 264; Royal Yorkshire, 265; Harmony, 275; Fidelity, 289; Hope, 302; Philanthropic, 304; Prince Frederick, 307; Prince George, 308; Shipley, 387; Three Graces, 408; Scientific, 439; St. James's; Wakefield, 495; Truth, 521; Harmony, 600; Zetland, 603; St. Oswald, 910; Pentalpha, 974; Sincerity, 1019; Eccleshill, 1034; Mirfield, 1102; Royal Wharfedale, 1108; Goderich, 1121; Savile, 1231; Ryburne, 1283; Brighouse, 1301; De Warren, 1302; Friendly, 1513; Baildon, 1545; Colne Valley, 1645; Prince of Wales, 1648; St. John's, 1736; and Prudence, 2069.

The service in the church (where a very large congregation had gathered) had been specially arranged by Bro. W. H. Garland, the organist, and was of an exceptionally attractive character. Printed copies of it were circulated among the members of the Order. Two of the hymns

date back, it is believed, to 1738, and were found among the records of the lodge. The settings to these were specially composed for this Jubilee by Bro. Garland and Bro. John Naylor, organist of York Minster. After the processional hymn, "Eastward, ever eastward," the music to which was also by Bro. Garland, Wesley's anthem, "Solomon's prayer," was sung by the choir with excellent effect. Stanford's arrangement of the Te Deum, in B flat, was taken, and also his Jubilate Deo, in the same key. Before the sermon another beautiful anthem, Sir F. Ouseley's "It came even to pass," was sung, and at the close of the service Beethoven's Hallelujah Chorus. Dean Pigou, the Rev. A. B. Coombe, Chaplain of Armley Prison, and the Rev. R. P. Stedman took part in the service. Bro. Garland, of course, was at the organ.

The Very Rev. the Dean of York, Dr. PUREY-CUST, was the preacher, and took for his text Acts x., 35: "In every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him." What, he asked, was the ideal of Freemasons? Surely a commendable one—that of the text, to fear God and to work righteousness. That was the essence and the aim of their Craft. It were surely nothing irreverent or incongruous that men should perceive in their simple handicraft types and expressions of those principles which they felt to be essential to the peace and stability of daily life, and to adopt them as expressions of those principles of faith and order and conduct which they would inculcate and practise. Nor was it unreasonable that, while they had nothing in their ritual to be ashamed of, they should seek to fence their Order from the ridicule, sarcasm, and contempt of those who had neither part nor lot with them, and to exclude from their community any but those who had given solemn pledges of their sincerity to seek out the great principles of the Order—principles which they would fain preserve untampered with and inviolate. Was it a matter for condemnation that all their members had not grasped this high ideal, but from less exalted motives had become members of their Craft? Should they forfeit the respect of this generation because every member of their Craft had not been spotless—because men could put their finger upon some blot in their community? No body of men, not even excepting the flock of the Great Shepherd himself, was altogether without black sheep. Their philanthropy, their reverence, their loyalty were attested in many ways. But it might be urged that the aims of Freemasonry were out of date; that what their predecessors had professed to seek had been found; that what they essayed to prove had been long ago established; and, therefore, for all practical purposes, in these practical days, their Craft might well be swept away as something which had served its purpose and was effete. On the contrary, he ventured to submit that such a community as theirs, with its high object, its long history, its grand tradition, was as much, if not more, needed to-day than ever. This age of self-sufficiency—when the recognition of God was being swept away by the Legislature; when national education was becoming more and more mere secular instruction; when an invertebrate, jelly-fish agnosticism was paraded as a panacea for the wants of humanity; when the Disestablishment of the Church was being clamoured for—an age like this was not the time, surely, to disparage those who at least put the being and attributes of God in the forefront of their Society, and who never met without His attributes being frequently and reverently uttered, and His open Word placed upon the pedestal before them. The preacher went on to urge his brethren to seek to make the principles which they professed more than ever realities. It was not enough in these days to assert the antiquity of their Order, or point to the roll of honoured and illustrious names which have filled, and still filled, their ranks. It was not enough to point to its expediency—it would be weighed, and was being weighed, in a sterner balance, and by what they were themselves individually, not by what they professed their Craft to be, would it be approved or condemned as regarded its worthiness to be professed by Christian men. The preacher then made some references to Probity Lodge, and commented on the name they bore. Looking through the records of the lodge, he found that in 1764 the members came forward to bear a large part of the expense towards providing a suitable organ for the parish church, thereby indicating their true desire to promote harmony. In 1809, which was the Jubilee year of the great and good King George III., a special effort was made by them to commemorate the same, and a sum of money was raised and devoted towards the Halifax General Dispensary. In 1815 the lodges took the initiative in trying to unite all the lodges of the district into one brotherhood. In 1817, and again in 1838, the brethren attended that church, thereby showing how the spirit of real and true religion existed among the members. These, meagre details though they were, were like the feather on the water, they showed which way the stream was running. God grant that it might be given to the present members to maintain the high prestige of their lodge, and to make it more deserving of respect and esteem in the future.

A collection was taken on behalf of the poor of the parish, and realised £26 6s. 6d.

In the afternoon a large party of the visiting brethren was conducted through the Akroyd Art Gallery at Bankfield by Councillor Clayton, whose readiness in explaining the arrangements of the mansion, and the various interesting collections of art treasures, was much appreciated and warmly recognised by a hearty vote of thanks.

In responding to this, Mr. CLAYTON said his sentiments were quite in accord with those brethren who were in favour of opening such institutions to the public on Sundays. It was, he said, an anomaly in considering that vast sums of national and private wealth should be expended upon art collections, and then putting them under lock and key on the only day the great party of the people could view them with anything like leisure and comfort.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

This Association met for the second time this season at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday evening, the 16th inst., when the room was filled by a select and appreciative audience. Mr. J. Swinford Francis occupied the chair. The first to claim attention was Mr. W. J. Packer, who sang "The last of the boys," being followed by Mr. W. A. Glass with a recitation. Mr. C. Howard Uwins sang "Will o' the wisp," and, being favoured by an encore, gave the German Drinking Song. A recitation by Mr. R. H. Williams was well applauded, and Mr. E. Pontis Lines

sang in good style "The owl" and "Maid of Athens" (encore). In the second part, Mr. Frank Scurr amused the company by a recitation of "Pain in a pleasure boat," whilst Mr. W. M. Collins was heard to advantage in "They all love, Jack." Mr. L. W. Palmer gave four comic songs, with his usual humour.

We notice that this Association intends to hold a Cinderella dance on Friday, the 30th inst. We wish them a pleasant and enjoyable evening. Tickets may be obtained from the Secretary, 17, Abbey-gardens, St. John's Wood.

BOARD OF MASTERS AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence were held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided; and Bro. J. Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective places. Grand Secretary's office was represented by Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; Alfred A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee; and Bro. Henry Sadler, G. Tyler. The other brethren present were Bros. W. P. Brown, F. R. Spaul, J. M. Case, Walter Hopekirk, George A. Cundy, Charles Dairy, J. B. Grieve, David D. Mercer, L. C. Haslip, R. J. Taylor, J. H. Matthews, Henry Garrod, Geo. Read, A. C. Woodward, G. P. Britten, Frederick Mead, Frank Richardson, Thos. Cull, Frederick Binckes, George Gardner, Wm. Boyce, John Oliver, George R. Langley, John Oldis, H. Hooper, Geo. W. Larter, Louis A. Leins, William Carey, John Osborn, Arthur E. Gladwell, Robt. S. Walker, Thomas Low, Edward W. Braine, J. Mitchell, J. Vickery, Albert Escott, W. C. Williams, A. F. Howard, G. S. Judge, J. P. Moore, Henry Osborne, W. Bircham, John West, H. Mann, jun., John McCameron, J. Medwin, J. Mason, John L. Anderson, Adolphus Clark, Charles Beaumont, N. Lingley, A. Darch, Thomas Edmonton, H. Massey, C. I. Doyley Mears, James Thorn, J. G. Dale, W. Browne Kidder, John Messy, Thos. Casely, S. H. Goldschmidt, Robt. K. Bull, Henry Harbord, Frederick Perl, F. M. Bilby, Carl Leon Bibra, Charles J. Benson, W. Englefield, Walter F. Crick, C. J. Grove, N. Brown, J. W. Robinson, Thos. Walton, and T. E. Walker.

At the Board of Masters, which was first held, the agenda paper for the next meeting of Grand Lodge in December was submitted to the brethren. At the Board of Benevolence which followed the brethren confirmed the recommendations to the Grand Master to the extent of £510.

Bro. JAMES BRETT trusted the Board would excuse him while he moved a vote of thanks to the President of the Board, who had now presided over them for another year, and in his capacity of President had displayed that courtesy to all the brethren for which he was so well known. He hoped that he might yet preside over them for many years.

Bro. G. P. BRITTEN seconded the motion, which was put, and carried unanimously.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, in acknowledging the compliment, said he would not occupy the time of the brethren at this Board, which was purely a Board of business. He could only thank the brethren very much for having carried this motion, and for the uniform kindness which he had always received at their hands.

On the new list of applicants for assistance were 41 names, whose qualifications for relief were through lodges in the London district (28 cases), Upper Mill (2), Sidcup, Devonport, Doncaster, Melbourne, Weymouth, Newport (Isle of Wight), Bruton, Illinois, Halesworth, Gainsborough, and Harwich.

Three cases were deferred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved with a total of £984, which was composed as follows: One recommendation to Grand Lodge of £100, and two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each, four recommendations to the M.W.G.M. of £40 each, and eight of £30 each; 13 grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, three of £10 each, and two of £5 each. The Board sat three hours and three-quarters.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. FRANK RICHARDSON.

A very pleasing event took place at the Junior Athenæum Club on Wednesday, the 14th inst., on the occasion of the completion of the enlargement and alterations of the building. This was a presentation of a service of plate to Bro. F. Richardson, P.G.D., who for some years has devoted much of his time to the interests of the club. The service consists of four candlesticks of the period of Queen Anne, a large silver bowl, four small ones, and four large fruit spoons.

On the large bowl was engraved—"Presented by the members of the Junior Athenæum Club to F. Richardson, Esq., in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the Club."

The presentation was made at a dinner in the principal dining room of the club house, Down-street, Piccadilly, when about 20 members sat down. Bro. P. McLagan, M.P., presided. At one of the tables was a little knot of some 15 Masons, all personal friends of Bro. F. Richardson, who had felt it their duty and pleasure to be present on this occasion to do him honour, and to show him how they also appreciate all he has done for the club, which has now one of the finest and handsomest club houses in London.

Bro. F. Richardson has, we may say, secured a double event within the week, as on Monday last the W.M. and brethren of the Lodge La France, No. 2060, presented him with the jewel of the lodge.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM WATSON DAWSON, P.M. 1219, P.Z. 204, P.P.G.D.C. East Lincs.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. W. W. Dawson, of Manchester, which occurred on the 9th instant, from typhoid. The deceased brother was 53 years of age, and was interred at Bowden Church on the 14th instant, in the presence of a large number of brethren, relatives, and friends. Bro. Dawson was initiated in the Strangeways

Lodge, No. 1219, Manchester, in January, 1871, and after serving various offices—Steward, Deacons, and Wardens—was elected W.M. in 1880. He was appointed Secretary in 1882, and continued in same office until his death; he was always able and willing to assist in the various duties of the lodge. He was appointed Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies at the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire in May, 1885. Bro. Dawson was proposed a member of the Caledonian Chapter, No. 204, in March, 1875, and he served the offices of S.E., P.S., 3rd Prin. in 1882, 2nd Prin. in 1883, 1st Prin. in 1884, and was elected Treasurer in 1887; he was installing Principal for the last two years, and was appointed Director of Ceremonies in March, 1885, at Prov. Grand Chapter. Bro. Dawson was also a member of the St. Joseph Preceptory of Knights Templar—P.E.C. and P.G. Ward. of Reg. and Registrar—at the time of his death. He also became a joining member of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1170, in 1887. At the last meeting of the Caledonian Chapter, on the 15th inst., a vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Comp. Dawson, and great sorrow and sympathy was expressed. In reply to the letter sent by the S.E. the following letter was received:

"Dear Sir,—On behalf of my mother and the other members of our family, I beg most sincerely to thank you and the members of the Caledonian Chapter for the warm sympathy expressed in your letter of the 16th inst. The respect so abundantly manifested for my beloved father has been a great comfort and consolation to us all in the terrible bereavement which it has pleased an All-wise Providence to call upon us to bear. The esteem and regard shown by the various Masonic Institutions in which he took so much interest has been especially consoling. The Caledonian Chapter is an institution in which my father always found great pleasure, and it is a great satisfaction to find that the members appreciated his character so well.—I am, dear Sir, very sincerely yours,

"WILLIAM H. DAWSON.

"Jas. Andrews, Esq., Hon. Sec.
Caledonian Chapter, No. 204.

"18th November, 1888."

BRO. DR. WM. HILL EVANS.

We have to record the death of a highly esteemed member of the Craft, on the 14th inst., viz.: Bro. Dr. Wm. Hill Evans, of Horton-lane, Bradford. He was initiated in Pentalfa Lodge, No. 974, July 16th, 1866, and served the office of Master in 1871 and 1885, and Prov. Grand Deacon in 1881. He was exalted in Charity Chapter, No. 302, Dec. 16th, 1867, and was First Principal in 1875, and Prov. Grand J. in 1880. The funeral took place at Undercliffe Cemetery on Saturday, the 17th inst., after a short service in St. John's Church, which was conducted by Bro. the Rev. James Gallie, M.A. A large number of Freemasons attended, and Prov. Grand Lodge was represented by Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M.; Thos. Senior, W. J. Smithson, W. C. Lupton, J. Rhodes, J. Ambler, B. Broughton, Chas. Gott, James Ambler, J. W. Monckman, W.M. 974; R. N. Rhodes, W.M. 302; Charles Brumm, and brethren from other lodges, the church being filled by ladies and sorrowing friends.

BRO. ROBERT CROSSKEY, PROV. G. TREASURER SUSSEX.

The Province of Sussex has suffered a severe loss in the removal by death of Bro. Robert Crosskey, of Lewes, who for many years had discharged so admirably the duties of Provincial Grand Treasurer of that province. The news of his decease, at Grape, in the Alpes Maritimes, to which region he had been in the habit of resorting for some winters past, came upon his many friends within and beyond the domain of Masonry as a most painful experience, for, notwithstanding the sad inroads upon his health, arising from a complication of disorders which was only too plainly to be observed, it was yet considered that in the milder climate of the South of France he had a better chance than in England of prolonging his life. This however, was not to be, and we greatly regret to announce that after a period of much suffering he breathed his last on the 9th inst., at the age of 60. It is a satisfaction to learn that he was not without the solace of his devoted wife and some of his children, and it may be added that others of his family reached Grape in order to be present at the obsequies which took place in the English Cemetery at Cannes. Bro. Crosskey had been Prov. G. Treasurer of Sussex since 1877, was Treasurer of both the local lodges—the South Saxon, No. 311, and the Pelham, No. 1303—of the Prov. G. Chapter of Sussex, and of the Prov. Charity Fund. He had been a J.P. for 14 years, was President of the Lewes Chess Club, Hon. Secretary of the Lewes Bowling Green Society, and took an active part in all matters affecting the interest and well-being of the locality. He liberally supported all the local and county Charities, and was a Life-Governor of those connected with Freemasonry. We understand that a special Prov. Grand Lodge of emergency will be summoned for the 15th proximo, at Brighton, to be presided over by the D.P.G.M., and to consider the somewhat difficult task of selecting a brother to succeed Bro. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treasurer, as well as to offer those condolences to his family, which we are convinced will be thoroughly felt throughout the length and breadth of Sussex.

BRO. JOHN TRICKETT, P.M. 1194.

Bro. John Trickett, C.E., who was late Engineer-in-Chief and Inspector of Steam Machinery at Woolwich, died after a long illness on the 9th inst. Bro. Trickett was initiated into Masonry in the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, on March 20th, 1866, and was a subscribing member till his death. He was exalted into a Royal Arch Masonry in Mount Lebanon Chapter, and ultimately filled the chair of Z. Having joined the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, he passed the chair and was appointed P.G.D.C. Middx. when the province was formed. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Southwark Lodge, No. 22; he was a Knight of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, in which Order he had been Intendant General for Kent. He served four Stewardships to the Charities, and was a Life Governor of all of them. He had arrived at the ripe age of 75 years, and his quiet and dignified manner had won him hosts of friends.



The installation meeting of La France Lodge took place, on Monday last, at the Café Royal, Regent-street. The proceedings were of a very interesting character. Bro. St. Clare, who had been re-elected W.M., was again placed in the chair of K.S., the whole of the ceremony being admirably rendered in French by Bros. Buè and T. Fenn, Bro. Richardson acting as D.C. We regret to be obliged to withhold the report until next week for want of space.

Bro. Arthur Combes, S.W. 820, will give a grand smoking concert on Thursday, the 29th inst., in the Grand Hall, Freemasons' Tavern. A large number of eminent artistes will appear, and there is no doubt the result will be an enjoyable entertainment.

THE STAGE AND HUNGRY CHILDREN.—Miss Grace Hawthorne has kindly given permission for a ticket benefit at the Royal Princess's Theatre from Monday, November 10th, to Friday, November 30th, on behalf of the Christ Church East London Halfpenny Dinners. All tickets bought direct of Mrs. Priscilla Jay, Christ Church Vicarage, Watney-street, E., will benefit the Charity. Last year over 40,000 dinners were provided for £131 12s. 5d., including all working expenses and a new cooker. This year want of funds delays the carrying out of the same object. "Hands Across the Sea," by Henry Pettitt, will be played each evening, and on Saturday afternoons, and "The Love that Kills" (L'Arlesienne), on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons, November 26th to 30th.

The installation festival of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, will be held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Monday, the 26th inst., when Bro. Gen. Lord John Tylour, J.G.W., will be installed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.

Bro. Lawson, M.P., has accepted the unanimous invitation of the West St. Pancras Liberal Association to become a candidate for that division on the County Council of London.

PROPOSED PIER AT LITTLESTONE-ON-SEA.—Application has been made to the Board of Trade for permission to construct this new pier and promenade. The corporation of New Romney have approved and passed the plans, which have been prepared by Bro. C. H. Driver, C.E., of Westminster. The plans show a pier and promenade of over 1200 feet long, with the necessary shelter kiosks and an extensive pavilion at the end, and we have no hesitation in saying that when completed it will be one of the handsomest in England. The scheme is well and influentially supported, so that its success is practically ensured.

For the second year in succession the Mayor and Sheriffs of Lincoln have been chosen from amongst the members of the Witham Lodge, 297, Bro. Wm. Watkins, P.P.G.S. of W., being Mayor, and Bro. Rd. Whitton, Sheriff. Bro. H. E. Cousins, P.P.G.W. and P.G. Charity Steward Lincolnshire, ex-Sheriff, has been appointed High Constable of the city for the ensuing year, and Bro. Alex. Trotter, Under-Sheriff.

The members of the Holy Cross Preceptory and Priory of Malta Masonic Knights Templar held a convocation on the 16th inst. at the Masonic Rooms, Union-street, Plymouth. The E.P., Frater Dr. E. B. Thomson, Prov. H., presided. Frater Fritz P. Regarr, Prov. S.B., was elected the Preceptor for the ensuing year, and Frater W. Frank Westcott, P.P.G.G., re-elected the Treasurer. It was unanimously resolved to obtain permission to remove the holding of the future convocations of that preceptory to the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth.

At a meeting of the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle, held recently, Bro. F. W. Thomas, J.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. F. Harvey, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., was elected Treasurer; and Bro. J. V. Bray, P.P.G.T., Tyler for the ensuing year.

We are glad to see that Olympia is to be again utilised for the public entertainment, and that a Winter Exhibition of Manufactures and Industries of all kinds, appropriate to the season, will be opened on the 1st December, and remain open till the 23rd February. There will also be a winter fair of all nations; a children's pantomime daily at 3 p.m.; promenade concerts nightly, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., in the Grand Hall; a gigantic Christmas tree at 7 p.m. nightly, when prizes to the value of £20—including a £5 Bank of England note—will be distributed among the holders of tickets, price one penny each, sold between 11 a.m. and 6.45 p.m. each day; while a special day's special entertainment of a high class will be provided. The price of admission will be one shilling, and half price for children under 12 years of age. Full particulars as to Exhibition, entertainment, &c., may be obtained of Bro. H. D. Rowley, Olympia, Kensington, W. We may add, as an additional reason for supporting the Exhibition, that the entire proceeds from the daily sale of tickets for the Christmas tree, which it is estimated will yield at least from £12 to £15 a day, will be devoted to the various hospitals and Metropolitan objects of Charity. We wish the scheme every success.

In our report of the Regent's Park Lodge last week Bro. Mehta was represented as being a member of the Cyclist Lodge, No. 2246, instead of the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202.

At last accounts there were no fewer than 1648 newspapers and periodicals published in Paris. Of this number Freemasonry claimed 24.—*Echo*.

The Electric Light in its vast superiority to gas and all other forms of artificial light, is an apt illustration of the position which "Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy" maintains in comparison with all other Liqueurs, in its perfection of rich fruity flavour. Comforting in cold weather. Sold everywhere. Be sure and ask for Grant's T. Grant and Sons, Maidstone. Makers also of the non-alcoholic wine "Morella," and of the delicious "Morella Marmalade." Sold by Grocers.

The ceremony of installation to the J. chair will be rehearsed at the Star Chapter of Instruction to-day (Friday), at 7.45 p.m., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell.

Bro. H. Lynn, J.W. 217, has been addressing several enthusiastic meetings during the past week in favour of his candidature for the London School Board (W. Lambeth Division).

We regret to announce that last week the reports as to the condition of Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, Past G.M. of Scotland, were less favourable, and according to the news published on Tuesday, there had been no improvement since.

The 20th Annual National Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and Rabbits was opened at the Crystal Palace on Monday, the quality of the exhibition being higher than usual.

Bro. F. Penna, who, we are glad to hear, has recovered from his severe illness, announces an entertainment of vocal and instrumental music with recitations at Neumeyer Hall.

The Ubique Lodge of Instruction; No. 1789, which holds its meetings at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., will meet on Monday evenings, at 7.30, instead of Fridays. Bros. Major J. Ritchie, R.A., P.M. 1789, Preceptor; J. Christian, S.D. 1789, Treas; and W. R. Arnold, S.W. 1789, Sec.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Col. Duncan, M.P. for the Holborn Division of Finsbury, the sad and unexpected event taking place on the morning of the 16th inst. The funeral of the deceased took place with full military honours in Charlton Cemetery on Tuesday, there being about 1500 troops present on the occasion. Bro. Col. Duncan was an officer of Artillery and had seen service in the Soudan war, for which he had received the Soudan medal, the Companionship of the Bath, and the Order of the Osmanieh. He was only in the 53rd year of his age.

At the meeting of the Royal Commission to inquire into the condition of the National Defences on Friday, the 16th inst., Bro. the Marquis of Hartington presided, and Bro. General Wolsey was under examination for three hours.

We are sorry to hear that Lord Porchester, eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., who has recently returned to England, after a long yachting cruise, is lying unwell at Highclere Castle, near Newbury.

On Saturday last, the Treasurer and Masters of Gray's Inn entertained a number of distinguished guests, among whom were Bros. the Earl of Milltown, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., and Victor Williamson, C.M.G.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Henry of Battenberg and her two children and the Princess Alice and Duke of Albany, arrived at Windsor Castle from Scotland early on Friday morning. Bro. the Hon. A. Yorke was one of the suite in attendance. Bro. Lord Henniker has also arrived at the Castle as Lord-in-Waiting on her Majesty.

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

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead presided on Monday evening at the 12th annual meeting of the friends and supporters of the Working Lads' Institute, Mile End-road.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn presided at a meeting on Monday of the National Conservative Club, Pall Mall, there being a full attendance of members present, among them Bros. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., and Sir J. H. Puleston, M.P.

CARLETON COLLEGE, TUFNELL PARK.—Mrs. Wm. Harris Saunders' annual birthday party was, as usual, a great success. There were gathered together former and senior pupils, also many neighbours and friends of Bro. W. H. Saunders. Among the brilliant assembly of over 160 persons, were those interested in this thriving Educational Establishment from the West and East Indies (including Mrs. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, accompanied by her nephew, Bro. Cama), China, Russia, Austria, Italy, Germany, France, Switzerland, &c. The dancing was well sustained for some hours, the large class-rooms on the five floors being thronged simultaneously with those who were fond of "tripping it on the light fantastic toe," many remarks were made as to the elegance and grace of the pupils. The supper was most recherché, and was served in the large dining-room of the college.

Bro. J. B. Mella, late of the Criterion, Piccadilly, has made many improvements already during his short occupancy of the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. He has at the present time excellent accommodation for lodges which meet 40 to 50 strong in an ordinary way; and is preparing a suite of rooms suitable for smaller numbers. A grand dining saloon has been made on the ground floor, and was used for the first time on the 15th inst., when the Hemming Lodge met. Great alterations are going on from basement to attic, and Bro. Mella, who has a long lease of the house, is determined to do his level best to restore to the old "Greyhound" the prestige which attached to it in the palmiest days of the late Robert Coombes.

The 58th anniversary festival of the Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society of London was held on the 15th inst. at St. James's Hall, the subscriptions, announced in the course of the evening, being over £2000. Bros. Sir Tindal Robertson, M.P., and the Marquis of Carmarthen, M.P., were present among the principal guests, and responded for the toast of "The Imperial Parliament."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—When inclement weather checks to a considerable extent the action of the skin, an alternative is required to compensate the body by means of other channels. Holloway's Pills can be confidently recommended as the easiest, surest, and safest means of attaining this desirable end without weakening the most delicate or incommoding the most feeble. When from frequently recurring chills or the inhalation of impure air the blood becomes foul and the secretions vitiated, these Pills present a ready and efficient means of cleansing the former and correcting the latter. By this process disease is arrested at its outset, its pains and inconveniences averted, and the nervous structures saved from the depressing effects entailed upon them by illness.

The Priory Lodge of Instruction, No. 1996, meets every Thursday at the Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-street, Acton, at 8.15 p.m. The members of this lodge will be pleased to welcome any brethren of the surrounding neighbourhood.

An excellent orchestral concert was given by the Students of the Guildhall School of Music in the large hall of the City of London School, on Saturday evening last, among those present being Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead and the Lady Mayoress, who distributed certificates to female students.

An interesting exhibition of British and Foreign Cage birds was opened at the Peoples' Palace, Mile-end-road, on Saturday last, the entries, which were about 1000 in number, being ranged in 45 classes. Prizes to the value of about £70 were offered for distribution among the successful exhibitors.

Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot will be a candidate for the representation of the Staffordshire Division in the Staffordshire County Council.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom was present at the meeting of the Committee of Council for Agriculture, which was held at the Privy Council Office on Tuesday.

Bro. Earl Cowper was somewhat indisposed last week, and was unable to preside, as arranged, at a meeting of the National Defence Committee. His lordship was suffering from a slight affection of the throat.

DERBY FREEMASONS AND THE MAYOR.—On Wednesday evening the 14th inst., at a meeting of the Arboretum Lodge, of which the Mayor of Derby, Bro. Woodiwiss, is I.P.M., his health was proposed by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Brigg, who congratulated him upon his elevation to the civic chair. The Mayor, in reply, said his aim would be to discharge the duties of the office in the same spirit and with the same desire to promote the well-being of his fellows, which had actuated him as a Freemason.

We are asked to announce that on and after Saturday the 1st December, the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, will meet at the Dover Castle, Deptford Broadway, S.E., close to New Cross Station (S.E.R.). Hours of meeting 7 to 9 p.m.

DEATH OF AN OLD KILBARCHAN FREEMASON.—William Hay, a working tailor, Kilbarchan, who died on the 15th inst., was one of the oldest Freemasons in Scotland. He was 92 years of age, and had been a Freemason for upwards of 64 years.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead, on taking the chair for the first time on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Court of Common Council of the City of London, was greeted with hearty cheers, and expressed a hope that the good feeling already existing between him and the members of the Court would still further strengthened by the events of his year of office. A vote of thanks to Alderman Sir Polydore de Keyser, for his services as Lord Mayor during the past year, was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, the Town Clerk (President), will occupy the chair on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the third annual dinner of the Guildhall Cricket Club, to be held at the Manchester Hotel.

For his Airedale terriers, Bro. Ex-Sheriff Higgs obtained this week, at the Royal Aquarium Show, no less than seven first prizes.

The new Mayor of Nottingham is Alderman John Renals, who served the office of Sheriff in the year 1875. His worship is the twin brother of Bro. Alderman Renals, of London.

MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL.—At the half-yearly meeting of the Board of Governors on Tuesday, the 13th inst., the result of the ballot for the election of four pupils was declared as follows: J. G. Bradbury, 469; B. Dixon, 1718; R. R. Foster, 426; J. A. Gilmour, 210; R. T. Henderson, 546; Thomas Hunter, 269; J. O. Irwin, 1038; Wm. H. James, 571; D. P. Johnstone, 653; F. J. B. Milligan, 85; J. M. Newbourn, 790; S. J. Patterson, 293; Thomas Pelan, 110; J. H. Porter, 136; J. G. Rockett, 113; E. N. Tate, 1495; W. J. Taylor, 172; and Thos. C. Woods, 1437. Dixon, Tate, Woods, and Irwin were accordingly declared elected.

A well-merited compliment was paid by the brethren of the City of Prahraun Lodge, under the Irish Constitution, to two of their members—Bro. Skinner, J.W. and S.W. elect, and Bro. Cumming, on the 7th of June last, on the eve of their departure, and visit to the Old Country, which neither of them had seen for many years, when the brethren held a special meeting in the new warehouse of Messrs. Goldney and Co., Preran, and, after a pleasant dinner, wished them God speed on their journey. Both Bros. Skinner and Cumming were taken by surprise by this act of kindness, but in acknowledging the compliment and good wishes expressed by their brother members, they both of them thanked the lodge for its kindness, and promised that on their return they would give it the benefit of any additional knowledge they might obtain of Masonry.

Our readers will no doubt call to mind that on Monday, the 5th instant, the town of Brixham was the scene of great rejoicing, it being the Bi-centenary Commemoration of the landing, at that popular seaside resort, of the Prince of Orange, afterwards William III. of Great Britain and Ireland, and the laying the foundation-stone of the monument which is about to be erected in honour of the illustrious Prince, who played the leading part in that important historical event. The celebration passed off most successfully, but it is hardly necessary to point out that the erection of such a memorial is somewhat expensive, and though the good people of Brixham and of Devonshire generally have contributed freely towards the cost, there is still a further sum of about £500 needed to carry out the scheme thoroughly. Doubtless there are many of our readers who will readily assist in the completion of so admirable a project. Full particulars may be had of Bro. Chas. Atkins, of Brixham.

RARE CLARET.—Messrs. Spiers and Pond have recently secured some Château Lafite of 1864, bottled at the Château, and possessing all the distinctive qualities of this magnificent wine. It is emphatically a *grand vin*, soft and silky, and having an unrivalled bouquet and flavour. Connoisseurs of claret should not lose the opportunity of acquiring a wine that is hardly ever in the market, the supply indeed being well nigh exhausted.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, December 1st, 1888.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

CRAFT LODGES.

1079, Henry Muggeridge, Masonic Hall, Coleman-street, E.C.
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

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 CHAPTER.

176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

CRAFT LODGES.

4, Royal Somerset and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.
183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms, Kilburn Gate.
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square, W.
1632, Stuart, Bridge House Hotel.
1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Goldolphin-road, W.
1910, Shadwell Clerke, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square,
Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.
St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hotel, West Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, E.C., at 7.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

188, Joppa, Albion Tavern.
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall.

RED CROSS.

2, Plantagenet, Café Royal, Regent-street.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel.
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
1348, Ebury, Café Royal, Regent-street.
1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.
2108, Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
1365, Caxton, 191, Bishopsgate-street, E.C.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

29, Palestine, 33, Golden-square, W.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

CRAFT LODGES.

2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.

754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham.
898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.
1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
1818, Clapham, Army and Navy Hotel, Victoria-street.
1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

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.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-square, W.

RED CROSS.

15, St. Andrew's, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

23, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.
1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
2192, Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, 6.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creston, Wheat-sheaf 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 Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

House Committee Benevolent Institution, at 3.

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.

134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

1, Grand Master's, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-street Hotel.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Brixton.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, December 1, 1888.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

CRAFT LODGES.

43, St. Paul's, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
48, Industry, Masonic Hall, Gateshead.
62, Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
377, Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, Kidderminster.
491, Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Stoford-road, Jersey.
699, Boscawen, Masonic Hall, Chacewater, Cornwall.
1110, Tyrian, Gilridge Hotel, Eastbourne.
1177, Tenby, Masonic Hall, Tenby, Pembrokeshire.
1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, Ashton-u-Lyne.
1258, Kennard, Masonic Hall, Pontypool.
1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1752, Ogmere, Wyndham Arms Hotel, Bridgend, Glamorgan.
1753, Obedience, White Hart Hotel, Okehampton.
1991, Agricola, 3, Peter-lane, York.
2068, Portsmouth Temperance, Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham, at 7.
130, Royal Gloucester, F.M.H., Bugle-street, Southampton.
184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, 7.30.
213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
315, Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 8.30.
378, Loyal Welsh, M.H., Queen-street, Pembroke Dock, at 7.30.
382, Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.
429, Royal Navy, Shipwrights' Arms, Ramsgate, at 8.
521, Truth, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, at 8.
724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 8.
962, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-sq., Workington, at 8.
1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, 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.
1479, Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans, at 7.
1536, United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.

1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Alford, at 8.
1692, Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30.
1776, Unity, F.M.H., 79, Commercial-road, Landport, at 7.
1799, Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, at 8.
1804, Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
1981, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park-road, Norbiton, at 8.
2134, Wilberforce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

219, Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
302, Charity, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
321, Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe.
395, Guy's, Crown Hotel, Leamington.
411, Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.
458, Aire and Calder, Masonic Rooms, Boothferry-road, Goole.
889, Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston, Surrey.
1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MARK LODGES.

Old York, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
55, University, Masonic Hall, Frewin-court, Oxford.
64, St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport.
109, Keystone, Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport (Mon.)
143, Preston, Bull Hotel, Preston.
162, William de Irwin, Chough's Hotel, Yeovil.
177, Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
235, Leopold, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading.
309, Saye and Sele, Essenden House, Belvedere, Kent.
317, Youell, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

CRAFT LODGES.

253, Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
299, Emulation, Bull Inn, Dartford, Kent.
310, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
335, Rectitude, Methuen Arms, Corsham, Wilts.
357, Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Frewin-court, Oxford.
364, Stability, Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge.
597, St. Cybil, Masonic Hall, Holyhead.
859, Isaac Newton University, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge.
943, Sincerity, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
954, St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport.
1007, Howe and Charnwood, Bull's Head Hotel, Loughborough.
1016, Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1358, Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton, Devon.
1479, Halsey, Town Hall, St. Alban's.
1566, Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead.
1609, Liverpool Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1636, St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
1650, Rose of Raby, Scarth Memorial Hall, Staindrop, Durham.
1675, Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1678, Medway, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge.
1726, Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor, Sussex.
1774, Mellor, Corporation Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1779, Ivanhoe, Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1834, Duke of Connaught, F.M.H., Commercial-road, Landport.
1896, Audley, Victoria Hotel, Newport, Salop.
1942, Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton, Staffs.
1958, Hundred of Bosmere, Masonic Hall, Havant.
2025, St. George's, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

24, Newcastle-on-Tyne, M.H., Grainger-street, Newcastle.
119, Sun, Square, and Compasses, F.M.H., Whitehaven, at 7.30.
131, Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Quay-street, Truro, at 7.30.
241, Merchants, Masonic Temple, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool, 6.30.
286, Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup, at 8.
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.
814, Parrett and Axe, George Hotel, Crewkerne, at 8.
820, Lily, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 8.
855, Sympathy, Swan Hotel, Wootton-under-Edge.
940, Philanthropy, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-st., Stockton.
1098, St. George, Temperance Hall, Tredegar.
1244, Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar, at 8.
1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo.
1390, Whitwell, M.H., Salthouse-road, Millom, Cumberland.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
1638, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
1833, Albert Edward, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, 8.
1837, Lullington, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Dartford.
2028, Granite, Narborough Hotel, Narborough.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
84, Doyle's of Fellowship, Masonic H., Court-place, Guernsey.
103, Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
124, Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158, Adam's, Britannia Hotel, Mill Town, Sheerness.
309, Harmony, Red Lion Hotel, Fareham.
815, Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester.
859, Euclid, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge.
960, Sir George Elliot, Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.
1007, Charnwood, Bull's Head Hotel, Loughborough.
1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

MARK LODGES.

39, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool.
96, Metham, Masonic Hall, Home Park, Stoke, Devonport.
243, St. Ethelbert, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
255, Robinson, Bell Hotel, Maidstone.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28.
CRAFT LODGES.

- 12, St. George's of Harmony, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
- 76, Economy, Masonic Hall, Winchester.
- 82, Foundation, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.
- Salopian Lodge of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
- 117, Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 163, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston.
- 220, Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, Hull.
- 250, Phoenix, 110, High-street, Portsmouth.
- 257, Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
- 304, Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley, Yorks.
- 439, Fortitude, Commercial Hotel, Newton Moor, Cheshire.
- 461, Stewart, Swan Hotel, Bedford.
- 549, Derby, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 724, Leigh, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 887, Soudes, Masonic Hall, Dereham.
- 996, St. John's, George Hotel, Lichfield.
- 1039, Townley Parker, Grand Hotel, Manchester.
- 1033, St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Jarrow, Durham.
- 1119, Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, Manchester.
- 1219, Ryburn, M.H., Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge, Yorks.
- 1283, St. Hugh, Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
- 1386, Avon, Denmark Hotel, Chorlton-upon-Medlock.
- 1386, Albert Edward, Cambridge Hotel, Camberley, Surrey.
- 1714, St. George's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton, Lancashire.
- 1723, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1726, Leopold, Commercial Hotel, Church, near Accrington.
- 1793, Sir Charles Bright, Clarence Hotel, Teddington.
- 1809, Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, Guernsey.
- 1953, Prudence and Industry, M.H., George Hotel, Chard, Somerset.
- 1967, Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, Brompton, Kent.
- 1984, Earl of Clarendon, Freemasons' Hall, Waterford, Herts.
- 1989, Stirling, Market Hall, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.
- 2019, Crook, Masonic Hall, Crook, Durham.
- 2044, Smithchild, Town Hall, Tunstall, Staffs.
- 2149, Gordon, Masonic Hall, Cheapside, Hanley, Staffs.
- 2186, Strigull, Masonic Hall, Nelson-street, Chepstow.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 20, Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Mitre Hotel, Chatham.
- 97, Palatine, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland, at 7.30.
- 117, Salopian, Music Hall Buildings, Shrewsbury.
- 175, Vectis, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, Isle of Wight, 7.15.
- 186, Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.
- 439, Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Fleece Inn, Main-st., Bingley, 7.
- 464, Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, at 7.30.
- 574, Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
- 972, St. Augustine, Masonic Temple, Canterbury, at 8.30.
- 1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 7.
- 1356, Toxteth, 140, North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.
- 1601, Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
- 2099, Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 258, Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
- 284, Shakespere, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick.
- 311, South Laxon, Masonic Hall, Lewes.
- 322, Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport.
- 329, Brotherly Love, Chough's Hotel, Yeovil.
- 357, Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
- 376, Royal Sussex Chapter of Perfect Friendship, M.H., Ipswich.
- 387, Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
- 430, Fidelity, Astley Arms Inn, Dunkerfield, Cheshire.
- 503, Belvedere, Freemasons' Hall, Maidstone.
- 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester.
- 1225, Abbey, Masonic Hall, Abbey-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
- 1335, Lindsay, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.

MARK LODGES.

- Northumberland and Berwick-on-Tweed, M.H., Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 75, Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
- 142, Wike, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
- 178, Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
- 179, Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
- 237, St. Andrew's, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
- 359, Excelsior, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

- 52, Philips, Masonic Hall, Athenæum, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29.
CRAFT LODGES.

- 39, St. John the Baptist, Freemasons' Hall, Gandy-st., Exeter.
- 111, Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington.
- 129, Union, Masonic Rooms, St. George's Hall, Kendal.
- 132, Unity, Masonic Hall, Ringwood, Hants.
- 215, Commerce, Commercial Inn, Haslingden.
- 286, Samaritan, Green Man, Bacup, Lancashire.
- 353, Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Burton-on-Trent.
- 590, La Cesaree, Masonic Temple, Stophord-road, Jersey.
- 636, Lodge de Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
- 651, Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
- 707, St. Mary's, Masonic Hall, Bridport.
- 772, Pilgrims, George Hotel, Glastonbury.
- 807, Cabbell, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
- 904, Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
- 966, St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek.
- 1097, St. Michael, Swan Hotel, Tenbury, Worcester.
- 1166, Clarendon, Commercial Hotel, Manchester-rd., Hyde, Cheshire.
- 1313, Fermor, Freemasons' Hall, Eastbank-st., Southport, Lancs.
- 1322, Waverley, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- 1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors.
- 1630, St. Michael's, Queen's Hotel, Coventry.
- 1688, Buxton, Palace Hotel, Buxton.
- 1884, Chine, Masonic Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.
- 1957, Grove, Cock Inn, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 70, St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes'-pl., Plymouth.
- 77, Freedom, New Falcon Hotel, West-street, Gravesend, at 8.30.
- 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
- 289, Fidelis, 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.
- 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.
- 1887, St. Hilda, George Hotel, Wallingford.
- 1957, Grove, Cock Inn, Hazelgrove, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 57, Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull.
- 393, Benevolent, Masonic Hall, Teignmouth.
- 360, Northampton, Masonic Hall, Northampton.
- 448, Regularity, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
- 395, Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking-station.

MARK LODGES.

- 32, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 121, St. Mary's, Masonic Hall, Bridport.
- 194, Simon De Montfort, Freemasons' H., Halford-st., Leicester.
- 225, Abbey, The Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon.
- 241, Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
- 349, Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Barrack-road, Aldershot.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 34, Albert, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30.
CRAFT LODGES.

- 602, North York, M.H., Marton-road, Middlesbrough-on-Tees.
- 1061, Triumph, Market Hotel, Lytham, Lancashire.
- 1295, Gooch, Queen's Royal Hotel, New Swindon.
- 1303, Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes.

- 1391, Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
- 1435, Annesley, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.
- 1822, St. Quintin's, Bear Inn, Cowbridge, Glamorganshire.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 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.
- 320, Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.
- 1034, Eccleshill, Alexandra Hotel, Bradford.
- 1071, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Alexandra-sq., Saltash, Cornwall, 8.
- 1664, Gosforth, Masonic Hall, Gosforth, Cumberland.
- 1802, Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford, Notts.
- Bristol (Province), Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 223, Concord, 193, Union-street, Plymouth.
- 242, Magdalen, Nether Hall, Doncaster.
- 291, Vale of Jehosaphat, Railway Hot., Highbridge, Somerset.
- 364, St. David's, Masonic Hall, Neath, Glamorganshire.
- 471, Silurian, Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport (Mon.).
- 998, Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.
- 1001, Harrowgate and Claro, Masonic Hall, Harrowgate.
- 1754, Tennant, Masonic Hall, Penarth, Glamorganshire.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MARK LODGES.

- 213, Fletcher, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

- 95, Antiquity, Bath.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 66, De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1.
LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

- 478, Mersey, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.

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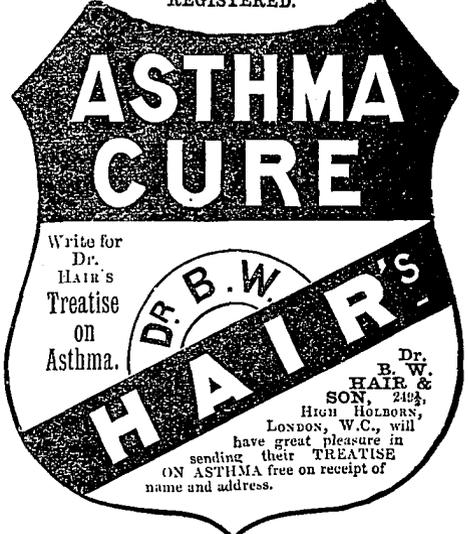
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