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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire, which took place at Swindon on the 22nd ult., and was fully reported in our last week’s issue, passed off most satisfactorily, the only drawback to the pleasure which was experienced by all present at the gathering being the absence of Bro. Lord METHUEN, Prov. G. Master, which, however, was unavoidable, and the illness of Bro. NOTT, who has worked so hard and so successfully for his Province, and who was thus unable to render an account of his doings during the past year as Provincial Charity Steward. But with these exceptions there was everything to gratify the members, who had assembled in considerable numbers, and who would have been quite contented had the reports been even less favourable than they were. The PROV. GRAND TREASURER was enabled to give a very excellent account of the funds of the Province, the balance on the General Account being small because the Province had voted a contribution of 50 guineas to the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India; but the balance on the Charity Account amounted to very nearly £76, out of which it was recommended—and the recommendation was unanimously adopted—that the sum of 25 guineas should be placed on the list of Bro. W. H. BURT, as Steward for the Province at the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution. The PROV. G. REGISTRAR reported that the number of subscribing members in the Province had increased, while Bro. NOTT’s report, which was read in his absence, showed that the Benevolent Fund, which had been established eight years, had a considerable amount in Consols and over £78 in cash to its credit. Bro. NOTT, however, expressed the hope that those lodges in the Province which had done nothing as yet to help this Fund would take its circumstances into consideration and contribute towards its effective maintenance, on the reasonable ground that, as all were entitled to participate in its benefits, so all should help to sustain it to the extent of their ability. The voting power of the Province was also explained satisfactorily, and Provincial Grand Lodge in accepting Bro. NOTT’s account of his proceedings during the past year and the position of the Fund, was pleased to express its sympathy with him in the illness which had compelled him to be absent. The proceedings concluded with a brief address from Bro. Sir GABRIEL GOLDNEY, Bart., who had presided in the absence of his chief, and the brethren afterwards gathered round the festive board, and cultivated that good fellowship which is so material an element in our Masonic system.

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WE consider that Grand Lodge was well advised when it rejected Bro. WOODWARD’s proposed amendments of Rule 210 of the Book of Constitutions; nor, indeed, after the lucid explanations of the GRAND REGISTRAR, do we see how it could well have adopted any other course. As regards the first of Bro. WOODWARD’s amendments, namely, that the “due notice” required by Rule 210 to be given to any member against whom a complaint is made shall be sent to him “in writing by the Secretary of his lodge in a registered letter to his last known address,” the Rule, as it stands, appears to us to contain all reasonable precautions against the hasty and unjust exclusion of a member; nor do we see that the dispatch of the requisite notice “in a registered letter” would add to the value of those precautions, either in favour of the lodge or in favour of the member. As Bro. SAMUEL POPE, P.G.D., explained in the letter of his we published last week—if the obnoxious member appears in lodge, he can be served with personal notice of the intended proceedings against him; and if he never appears, then he virtually excludes himself. Then, as to Bro. WOODWARD’s second amendment, that the words “who vote” should be inserted after the word “present,” so that the sentence should read—“This power of exclusion can only be exercised by a majority—not less than two-thirds of the members present *who vote*”—the words proposed to be added being in italics, if we remember rightly, the late Bro. Dr. OLIVER, in his “Masonic Jurisprudence,” expresses it as his opinion that a brother who is present in lodge is under an obligation to give his vote one way or the other, and states that under the Scottish Constitutions he is required to do so. It is evident, however, that our Constitutions contemplate the possibility that a brother may be present and yet may not feel competent or justified in voting either way. He may be absolutely indifferent as to the decision at which the lodge may arrive, or, in the case of a motion

for the exclusion of a member, “it is conceivable,” as Bro. POPE puts it, “that brethren present may not be able to make up their minds to exclude, but still hesitate to vote so as to express any toleration of the conduct objected to.” In other words, he may recognise that such conduct is objectionable, and yet not be willing to inflict the penalty of exclusion. But the opinion of these silent members is worth taking into account, and the law has, therefore, wisely provided that a sentence of exclusion shall be valid only in the event of its having been agreed to by a two-thirds majority of the brethren present in the lodge at the time. Thus in a case where 12 brethren are present in lodge, the law requires that a sentence of exclusion, in order to be valid, must be agreed to by 8 out of the 12; but Bro. WOODWARD thinks it should be enough, in the event of three members not voting at all, that the motion should secure the support of six out of the nine who vote. He appears, however, to have lost sight of the not improbable contingency that, if the law were altered as he proposes it should be, the three—or one of the three—brethren who had sat as silent spectators of the voting, with the full knowledge that their presence would prevent the motion for the exclusion of a particular member being carried, might change from passive into active opponents of the resolution—in other words, while admitting the brother complained of had done wrong, they would vote against his being visited with the penalty of exclusion. For ourselves we think the law is better as it stands, as it certainly is more considerate towards the offending brother.

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IN an article entitled “Freemasonry in Victoria,” which we published in our issue of the 24th ult., we very confidently predicted that it would not be long ere a United Grand Lodge of Victoria was constituted on a basis substantially the same as that of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales; and from information which appears elsewhere, and for which we are indebted to our worthy Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, it is evident that our prediction is in a fair way of being, if indeed it has not already been, fulfilled. The position at the date referred to in our aforesaid article—which was derived from particulars contained in the October number of the *Australasian Keystone*—was as follows: The General Committee of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions for the establishment of a United Grand Lodge of Victoria had reported that as regards the replies received from 94 out of the 119 lodges applied to on the subject, two-thirds of the subscribing members had expressed themselves in favour of the proposal, less than 2 per cent. as opposed to it, while the remaining 32 per cent. had expressed no opinion whatever, either favourable or unfavourable. Under these circumstances, it had been resolved to invite the co-operation of the Victorian Constitution in carrying out the scheme which had thus far progressed so satisfactorily. It now appears from the particulars which are printed elsewhere that a special meeting of Masters and Past Masters under the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions was held on the 31st October, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Executive Committee appointed some time previously to prepare the basis of union; and that the Chairman, Bro. JOHN JAMES, P.D.S.G.W. (E.C.), announced that 101 out of the 120 lodges had signified their intention of joining the new Grand Lodge, 3306 of the members having voted in favour of, and only 79 against, the scheme, the rest being neutral. The Articles of Union, as agreed upon between the Executive Committee of the several British Constitutions and that of the Victorian Constitution, were then submitted, and almost unanimously adopted. A meeting of the United Executive Committee was held the following evening—that of the 1st November—when the Articles of Union were adopted, and it was agreed that steps should be taken to inaugurate the United Grand Lodge and instal the Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart.—Dist. or Prov. G. Master under the three British Constitutions—having been invited to accept that office. It was anticipated that this solemn event would take place on the second Tuesday in the current month—the 11th instant—and therefore, in the event of no unforeseen obstacle to the proposed Union having presented itself in the interim, we may reasonably assume that the Union of the lodges under the four Constitutions in Victoria is an accomplished fact. If this is the case, then we may also anticipate that the United Grand Lodge of Victoria will meet with the same kindly and fraternal greeting from the United Grand Lodge of England as its sister United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

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It must be acknowledged that a brother who is called upon to deliver the customary address at the consecration of a new lodge has by no means an easy task to fulfil. Under the most favourable circumstances there is not much scope for the introduction of any new or commanding ideas. The subject of his address has been worn pretty well threadbare, and consequently, if he is content with saying what

others have said before him, he is voted tiresome, while if he launches out into something with which his audience is not familiar, he runs great risk of being charged with the grievous sin of heterodoxy. Occasionally, however, we are treated to an address which satisfies our love of orthodoxy by comprising whatever is just and requisite to the circumstances which called it forth, and which, at the same time, is sufficiently interesting to be worth listening to, on the score of its own merits, and not because it is an acceptable reproduction of somebody else's ideas. Such an address as this was delivered the other day by Bro. the Rev. E. BIGOE BAGOT, Prov. Grand Chaplain of East Lancashire, at the consecration of the Thornham Lodge, No. 2279, Royton. It was an address which admirably set forth the purpose as well as the virtues of Freemasonry. It was rich in ideas which, if not absolutely novel, had about them all the charm of novelty, as well as the sustaining power of truth to recommend them. Lastly, these ideas were presented in language which it must have been a treat to listen to—simple, yet polished, as is the language of a man of culture; brief, and to the point, yet comprehensive and far-reaching enough to satisfy the most exigent of critics. The attributes of Masonry to which Bro. BAGOT gave his attention principally were its universality, its unity, and its large-heartedness, and on each and every of these our reverend brother enlarged most eloquently, without ever being carried by his eloquence from the strict, undeviating path of truth. In short, the address impressed us most favourably when we read it first, and the more carefully we have read it since, the more firmly persuaded are we that it is one of the best, and truest, and most eloquent expositions of Freemasonry which have been delivered in our day.

### OFFICIAL BULLETIN S.C. 33° U.S.A. (S.J.)

Another grand volume—the eighth—is now completed and circulated by the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, U.S.A. (S.J.), edited by the Masonic veteran, General Albert Pike, Grand Commander.

This part is of special value for the reproductions of "Old Registers of Lodges" preserved in the archives of the "Supreme Council," Washington, D.C. These include the "Annual Register" of the members of the various Degrees, from the 4° to the 33°, at Charleston in 1802, "Tableau" of the French Prov. Lodge, the "Sagesse," Portsmouth, Virginia, for the years 1794 and 1795, of "Loge de St. Jean de Jerusalem," No. 12, Charleston (established in 1796), for 1801, called "La Candeur," also for 1803; the "Reunion Francaise" (formed 1799), No. 45, for 1804 and 1807; "Loge des F. Réunis," No. 87, for 1801, at St. Domingo, also for the same year the "Réunion Désirée" (constituted by Grand Orient of France in 1784 at Port-au-Prince), and another for No. 47, "Réunion des Cours," Port Republic, and one for the "Sept Frères Réunis," at St. Domingo, of 24th June, 1802, besides others of great interest and importance, many of the curious emblems being reproduced as vignettes on the title pages of each tableau. Several certificates are also given of brethren celebrated as Craftsmen and distinguished in this Rite, such as Auguste de Grasse Tilly's, of 1796, for the "Higher Degrees," John Mitchell (native of Ireland), as Deputy Inspector General, A.D. 1795, Dr. Dalcho, 1801, and others.

The copies of the warrant and constitution (laws, &c.) granted by the G.C. of Princes of Jerusalem to the Lodge of Perfection in Charleston in 1801 are worth preservation and study, and so also as respects several parchments and sets of laws of various bodies of the Ineffable Degrees from 1788 onwards. The earliest of the kind preserved date as far back as 1767, for Albany, New York.

A transcript of the warrant granted by the Grand Council of the Princes of Jerusalem to the

Mark Lodge, No. 1,

was made and duly printed in the work, and, being of special interest to the brethren in England, where the Mark Grand Lodge controls that Degree, a copy has been made for their information.

WARRANT FOR "MARK LODGE, No. 1," 1802.

By the Glory of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Lux e Tenebris.

From the East of the Grand of the Most Sublime Council of Princes of Jerusalem under the Celestial Canopy of the Zenith which answers to 32 deg., 45 minutes North Latitude.

Health Stability and Power.

Whereas on the 9th day of the month of January Anno Lucis 5802 and of the Christian Era 1802, A petition was addressed to the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem by sundry Brethren *Master Mark Masons*, praying that a warrant may be granted to enable them to establish a Lodge of Mark Masonry, to be known and distinguished by the name of the American Eagle Mark Lodge, No. 1. And whereas the Symbolical Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons in this State do not acknowledge the extension of Masonry beyond the three first degrees, whereby the Petitioners could not address their prayer to that body. The Grand Council, as well for preventing illegal Masonic Associations as from a conviction that the establishment of a Lodge of Mark Masonry would facilitate and advance the progress of the Royal Art in the Sublime degrees, do deem it expedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners, hereby authorizing and empowering by virtue of this warrant, our beloved and Worshipful Brother the Reverend William Best, as Master, our beloved and Worshipful Brother Emanuel De la Motta, as Senior Warden, and our beloved and Worshipful Brother Isaac Auld, as Junior Warden, to congregate and establish a Lodge of Mark Masonry, who, as well as their successors in office, shall diligently and faithfully, discharge and execute the duties and functions appertaining to such Lodge (which duties and functions shall be considered as comprising the passing of the Symbolic Chair previous to their initiation in the mysteries of the said Lodge) agreeably to ancient forms and usages as heretofore established in such Lodges, and also to frame Bye Laws for their Local Government—Provided nevertheless that such forms, usages, and Bye Laws shall receive the sanction and approbation of the Grand Council.

In witness whereof we, the undersigned members of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem in open Council in Charleston, South Carolina, have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Grand Seals of our Illustrious Order in the place where the greatest Treasures are deposited, the beholding of which fills us with comfort joy and acknowledgement of all that is great and good near the B.B. under the U.C. this twenty-first day of the month called Shebat which answers to the twenty-first day of January Anno Lucis 5802 and of the Christian Era 1802.

(Signed)

Fredk. Dalcho  
S. Grand Treasurer  
E. Elizer.  
S. Grand Secy.

John Mitchell  
M.E. and President  
Benj. Cudworth  
K.D. pro tem  
Em. D. L. Motta  
J.M.E.S.M.E. pro tem.  
[Seal of the Sublime Lodge.]

### NOTES ON THE CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION.

BY BRO. H. SADLER.

(Continued from page 716).

From the fact of the names of Bros. Dowley, Cooper, and S. B. Wilson being mentioned conjointly as successors to Peter Gilkes in the guidance of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, I should think it probable that the lodge was then conducted in a similar manner to that in vogue in the present day, i.e., by a Committee selected by the members from amongst the most experienced of the brethren that attend the weekly meetings.

Although it is not quite clear that Stephen Barton Wilson directly followed Gilkes in the leadership, there can be no doubt that he took an active interest in the affairs of the lodge from the period of his joining it—1832, for in 1834 his name is mentioned amongst those who attended for the purpose of instructing their younger brethren; and, at the Annual Festival in 1837, a motion was "unanimously carried that a subscription should be opened for the purpose of presenting Brother S. B. Wilson with a Masonic jewel, to mark the high sense entertained by the Brethren for the great and valuable services rendered by him to the Lodge."

Replying to a correspondent, the Editor of the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, 1838, says: "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement (now held at Evans' Hotel, Covent Garden) may be considered as a standard in working." Formerly, very few, if any, of the lodges of instruction worked the ceremony of Installation of Master; and I am inclined to think that credit is due to Bro. Wilson for having introduced that ceremony as a portion of the regular programme in his favourite lodge, for, in the report of the Festival for 1841, the writer says: "We were much pleased to observe that one of the most important ceremonials of the Order, that of the Installation of Master, was fixed to be practised on the first Friday in the months of November, December, January, and February. This intelligence will be gratefully welcomed by the Metropolitan and the Provincial Brethren, the latter more especially, as they will have an opportunity of witnessing the most correct mode of conducting this great Masonic duty."

In the report of the Festival of the following year reference is again made to the ceremony of installation, "which is here performed with the most scrupulous regard to correctness, and is, as may readily be conceived, very attractive. We were greatly delighted to find, at our last visit, that Bro. S. B. Wilson was sufficiently recovered to be able to conduct this important ritual with his accustomed zeal; and although the attendance was very numerous, our only surprise was, that the Provincial Masters did not muster in greater strength." I may observe that from the year 1841 down to the present time this ceremony has been regularly practised during the winter months in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; I do not wish to insinuate that it was not worked even at an earlier period; on the contrary, I am inclined to the opinion that it was worked occasionally, probably for some years, before it was deemed advisable to introduce it as a part of the regular programme. It is quite certain, however, that from within 14 years of the promulgation of the authorised ceremony of installation it has been constantly rehearsed under the eyes, as it were, of the lawfully constituted Masonic authorities; it is most unlikely, therefore, that any material deviation from the ceremony sanctioned by the Grand Master would have been allowed or even attempted. A few verbal alterations have probably been made from time to time; but I have every reason to believe that the ceremony now worked in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement is substantially identical with that of "Board of Installation" of 1827. My own connection with the lodge extends only over a period of 19 years, but Bro. James Pike, who, if I recollect rightly, was my proposer, had been an active member of it from the year 1833. Bro. John Hervey (late Grand Secretary) who held the office of Treasurer for upwards of 30 years, joined the lodge in 1844, his successor, Bro. Thomas Fenn, present Treasurer, who, if tradition is correct, was a favourite pupil of Bro. S. B. Wilson, became a member in 1857, and Bro. C. A. Murton, Past Grand Deacon, many years Secretary, joined during the same year. I mention these brethren because it is mainly to them that I am indebted for whatever knowledge of the Emulation ritual and practices I am in possession of, although I might reasonably consider myself as having been the adopted child of the whole of the Committee during my working days in that lodge, as each and all were most zealous in their endeavours, both by precept and example, to inculcate and propagate the knowledge they had themselves acquired by a regular attendance at the weekly meetings. I embrace with pleasure this opportunity of recording my gratitude to the late William Farnfield, Past Assistant Grand Secretary, for information particularly interesting to me, having reference to the history and management of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement at a very early period of its career. This brother was initiated in the Lodge of Unions, No. 481, now No. 256, in the year 1825, and joined the Emulation Lodge of Improvement the following year; his name is not amongst those of the brethren who were present at the meetings of the "Board of Installation," as at that time he was not qualified to attend, he was, however, installed Master of his mother lodge on the 29th January, 1828, just one month after this Board finished its labours; he evinced a warm and active interest in the affairs of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement until advancing age compelled him to take a less prominent part in the esoteric concerns of the Craft generally, but up to within a few years of his death (1876) his well known and venerable figure was invariably found occupying the distinguished post of "father of the lodge" at its Annual Festivals. On his retirement from the office of Assistant Grand Secretary in 1866, Bro. Farnfield had been 41 years in the service of the Grand Lodge, consequently his knowledge of the ceremonies, customs, and laws of the Order must have been very nearly as extensive as that of his former

colleague, W. H. White. I am happy to say that there are many active members of the Craft who knew him well, more intimately, probably, than I did, and to them I appeal for confirmation of my opinion that he was as little likely to have sanctioned, or even tacitly permitted, any material departure or omission from the authorised ceremonies as the distinguished brother last mentioned. I find I have omitted to mention that Stephen Barton Wilson was appointed J.G.D. in 1857, and that he kept up his connection with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement until shortly before his death (1866.)

Considerations of space preclude my noticing several other old and well-known lodges of instruction which merit "honourable mention," as having been instrumental in promulgating the recognised ritual of the Craft, and, as I wish on the present occasion to confine my remarks as closely as possible to the ceremony of Installation of Master, I shall only offer a few observations on one which has been known and referred to for many years as "The Sister Lodge of Instruction" to the "Emulation." I allude to the "Stability," No. 217, mentioned in a previous article as having been founded by the exertions of Brother Philip Broadfoot, one of the members of the Board of Installation appointed by the Duke of Sussex in 1827. The name which heads the signature sheet of the first meeting of this "Board," is that of Peter Thompson, P.M. 325, a personal friend and pupil of Broadfoot's, and also his coadjutor in establishing and conducting the above-named lodge of instruction; the ninth name on the sheet being that of Peter Gilkes, so that in all probability these two enthusiastic Masonic worthies were both waiting to append their signatures at the same time, and the latter having had the misfortune to lose his right eye in his early life, may possibly have been somewhat under a disadvantage in the matter of signing first. The names will be found in the printed list of attendances, not as they appear on the sheet, but in accordance with the numerical order of their lodges. On Broadfoot's departure from London in 1835, the leadership of the "Stability" naturally fell into the hands of his colleague, and, according to contemporary reports, he well discharged the trust reposed in him.

Peter Thomson was appointed S.G.D. in 1844, and died in 1851. The late Bro. John Havers, P.G.W., in one of the most eloquent of the many eloquent addresses delivered by him in the Grand Lodge, moved "That the Brethren constituting this Grand Lodge desire to express the deep regret with which they have heard of the death of the W. Bro. Peter Thomson, P.S.G.D., and gratefully to record their sense of the great and lasting benefits which have been rendered to the Craft in general by the long-continued labours of that worthy Brother." I need scarcely add that this motion was carried unanimously.

After referring to the successful exertions of the departed brother in the cause of Charity, Bro. Havers proceeds: "How far has our late brother shared in bringing about this prosperous result? I reply—much, very much! I claim for his memory far higher honour than that due to the mere teacher of Masonry! I claim for the memory of Peter Thomson, and the active Teachers of his time, a large share of merit in our present position. When all was disarranged—when all was unsettled—when every difficulty beset the young aspirant after Masonic knowledge—then Godwin and Gilkes, and Broadfoot and Thomson—then White and Goldsworthy, Laurence Thompson and Satterley were the Masons who manfully and zealously attempted to procure uniformity in Masonry, and to disseminate the genuine principles of our Order." . . . "Void of ambition, save to do good—homely in speech, unburdened with, and uncaring for, much classic lore—he gloried in being a Mason, and a Mason only. He was a striking instance of the possibility of every man, placed in whatever station he may be, rising to eminence. He obtained his great influence partly, in the first instance, by his acquirements in Masonry and his willingness to assist all who sought him, but chiefly from his inflexible honesty—his unbending integrity! Independent to a fault! honest as the Sun! I do not believe that the power exists upon earth which would have tempted that good old man to swerve from that course, or that opinion, which conscience and duty told him were correct."\*

Doubtless many of my readers are more or less familiar with the personal character, and Masonic abilities of Bro. Henry Muggeridge, more especially such of them as were subscribers to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls prior to the year 1877; they will look back with pleasure, perhaps not unmingled with regret, upon the time when this estimable and venerable brother, in the pursuit of his avocation as Collector to that Institution, used to pay his periodical visits to remind them in the amiable and hearty way, peculiarly his own, that the guinea, or guineas, as the case might be, would "be thankfully received and faithfully applied." To those who have not the pleasure of his acquaintance, and who wish to be fully informed as to his Masonic services and qualifications, I would refer them to an amusing sketch, under the title of "Old Mug," to be found in a volume designated "Masonic Portraits," published by W. W. Morgan, in 1876. I am sure Bro. Muggeridge's numerous Masonic friends will be glad to know that, although prevented by his inveterate enemy—the gout—from taking an active part in Masonry, he is able to read his Masonic journals regularly, and by that means keeps himself well posted in the current events of the Craft. My reason for introducing him here is the fact of his being the immediate successor of Peter Thomson in the leadership of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, which responsible office he filled with characteristic ability and energy, until compelled, by age and infirmities, to relinquish his attendance. Shortly after the appearance in print of the first instalment of these "Notes," I was highly delighted at receiving an invitation from Bro. Muggeridge to call upon him, and

also conveying a fraternal offer to place at my service his Masonic knowledge and experience.

I lost very little time before responding to this kindly invite, and as my visits of pleasure are necessarily somewhat restricted, I mentally arranged to spend a portion of the evening with another old Masonic friend who resides in the same locality. I am glad to say I found Bro. Muggeridge looking better than I had expected to find him, and although, in his 78th year (I think) age does not appear to have dimmed his faculties nor impaired his geniality. After a cordial introduction to Mrs. Muggeridge and the other members of his family, he suggested that as we were going to "talk Masonry" we had better adjourn to the drawing room, and a very snug little "drawing room" it is, profusely ornamented with testimonials, presents, Masonic relics, portraits of eminent brethren, &c., &c., all tending to show the very high estimation in which our venerable brother is held by numerous members of the fraternity. On entering the room I was immediately struck with an idea that some modification of my original plan of spending the evening might be advisable, for the contrast between the cold drizzly night without, and the cosiness within was most forcibly exemplified by a cheerful fire blazing in the grate, small kettle singing on the hob, tray on the table containing two large bottles, one of Irish, and the other of Scotch nationality, two tumblers and a wine glass, a bowl of sugar (I am not quite sure there was not a lemon), two long pipes, and a something that looked uncommonly like a jar of tobacco in the centre. After this little descriptive hint I need scarcely say that I spent a most enjoyable evening, and having been at considerable pains to acquire a reputation for keeping early hours, I shall not risk the loss of that reputation by mentioning the precise time at which I shook hands with my host over his front garden gate; suffice it to say that "circumstances over which I had no control" compelled me to perform the homeward journey from Kingsland to Great Queen-street on foot, and that I arrived quite safe at my destination.

In the course of a very agreeable conversation, I received from Bro. Muggeridge confirmation of what I had previously only imagined, that *there is no material difference between the ceremony of Installation as practised at the "Emulation" and the "Stability."* I also learnt that the last-mentioned lodge has been in constant work since the year 1817, and, is in all probability the oldest lodge of instruction in existence, and that Peter Thomson initiated Bro. Muggeridge in 1839, and installed him in 1845; another piece of information of the greatest possible value to me was, that one of the brethren whose names I mentioned as having been present at the meetings of the "Board of Installation" in 1827 was, until recently, if not still in "the land of the living," and, being a life governor of the Girls' School, Bro. Muggeridge had frequently called upon him, and a friendship had sprung up between them, but he had not seen him for some years. Having obtained this brother's last address, I paid him a visit the next day, and opened an acquaintance, which, I trust, will not soon be closed, with one of the most genial and thorough Masons it has ever been my good fortune to meet with. Brother John Canham (who is described on the attendance sheet as "John Canham Junr.," W.M. of the Lodge of Honour and Generosity, No. 274, now No. 165), was initiated in 1825, and was installed Master of his mother lodge in 1827. I found him confined to his room in consequence of a stroke of paralysis having affected the lower extremities, some few years back. His affliction rendered it extremely difficult for him to get up or down the stairs, but, with the aid of two sticks, he manages to walk about his room in comparative safety. On seeing him in his chair at the table, on my introduction, and not being then aware of his affliction, I began to fear that I had made a mistake, for his 85 years seem to have dealt kindly with him; but on my producing the signature sheet, and showing him his autograph, 61 years old, I had no doubt as to his identity. I have had several interviews with him since my first visit, and I hope to have many more, for on each occasion I learn *something*, not to mention my own extreme gratification in being able to hold converse with a brother who was a personal friend of Gilkes, Broadfoot, Thomson, Dr. Crucefix, and a host of other celebrities, whom hitherto I have only read about, who had frequently attended Grand Lodge when it was presided over by the Duke of Sussex, and who could remember the various peculiarities of most of these eminent personages, and relate amusing anecdotes of many of them. I think it is rather fortunate for Bro. Canham that my time is so well occupied, or I should run the risk of becoming an intolerable nuisance, notwithstanding that he assures me to the contrary.

Here is an anecdote of Peter Gilkes; but I must premise that P. G. was a man of goodly stature, and a bachelor, while my new found friend is remarkably small, for his age, and now a widower. I will endeavour to tell the story in his own words:

"One day Peter came up to me, at a lodge of instruction, I think it was, and putting his hand on my shoulder, in his brotherly way—you know Peter was a big man—and he says, 'John, I want to give you a word of advice. You are not married, are you?' I said, 'No, Peter, not yet.' 'Well then,' says he, 'if ever you feel inclined to take a wife, you just bear in mind what I say—be sure you marry a woman *bigger* than yourself, for if you have a wife no bigger than you are, what a puny race you'll become.' Well, soon after I *did* get married, I met him again, and I said, 'Peter, I want to tell you something.' 'Well, what is it, John?' I said, 'You remember what you said to me some time back; well, I have taken your advice, and I have got a wife a *good deal* bigger than myself.' He burst into a hearty laugh, and, clapping me on the back, said, 'That's right, my boy! that's right!'"

Bro. Canham has not been much in Craft Masonry for the last 50 years, because his mother lodge, of which he was Secretary, underwent consider-

\* *Freemasons' Quarterly Magazine and Review*, 1851, p. 73.



able changes, and, from being what was then called a "supper lodge," meeting at six or seven in the evening, it became a "dinner lodge," and met too early for him to be able to attend without neglecting his business; he, however, continued to attend his chapter until nine or ten years ago. He did what was very rare in those days, i.e., installed his successor to the Master's chair, but his father was a most enthusiastic Mason, and taught him the ceremony. Upon my asking him who generally installed the Masters of the lodge after his year of office had expired, he could not remember at first, but the next time I saw him he reminded me of my question, and was highly amused at his being unable to remember that it was he himself who generally performed that ceremony; he also mentioned the names of brethren who used to come to him to learn the installation.

(To be continued.)

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE ISLE OF MAN.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Hall of the Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, Douglas, on Thursday, the 29th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Major J. S. Goldie-Taubman, P.G. Master. The attendance was very large, amongst those present being—

Bros. J. S. Goldie-Taubman, P.G.M.; John A. Brown, P.S.G.W.; Rev. E. Ferrier, P.G. Chap.; James Hodgson, P.G. Reg.; H. Brearley, P.S.G.D.; R. Swinnerton, P.G.D.C.; J. C. Bradshaw, P.G. Std. Br.; Walter J. Brown, P. Asst. G. Sec.; G. Harrington Quayle, W. R. Davis, and W. Colquhoun, P.G. Stwds.; W. Laughlin, P.J. G.W.; Rev. W. Morris, P.G. Chap.; Thos. H. Nesbitt, P.G. Sec.; W. L. Wild, P.S.G.W.; J. A. Mylrea, P.G. Org.; C. M. Challenger, P.G. Std. Br.; M. W. Corran, P.A.G. Purst., John Craine and W. P. J. Pittar, P.G. Stwds.; J. Lanaghan, P.G. Tyler; S. Webb, P.M., and J. Lawton, J.W., of 1004; S. Parkes, 1004; F. C. Poulter, J.W. 1242; E. Russell, 1264; P. A. Killey, S.W. 2039; John P. Callow, J.W. 2050; J. C. Corris, W.M. 2164; G. Watterson, J.W. 2164; R. E. Cain, W.M. 2197; E. Black, Sec. 2197; T. S. Aylen, J.D. 2197; F. W. Spencer, I.G. 2197; F. W. Watson, Org. 2197; J. Sharp, Steward 2197; W. H. Wyld, J.D. 1004; M. MacAllister, 1004; A. W. Brearey, S.W. 1242; J. Bre-gazzi, 1242; M. Carine, 1242; R. Whiteside, W.M. 2049; W. Broughton, W.M. 2050; A. H. Fayle, J.D. 2050; J. Clucas, P.M. 2164; C. Morrison, S.D. 2164; E. Anderson, J.D. 2164; P. T. Screech, S.W. 2197; F. J. Johnson, P.M. and Treas. 2197; and D. Fish, 2197.

The Prov. Grand Master, Major J. S. Goldie-Taubman, having opened the lodge,

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read the circular convening the meeting, and called over the roll of the insular lodges, when it was found that they were all represented.

The minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge held in Douglas, on October the 11th, were read and confirmed.

Letters of apology for inability to attend were read from Bros. J. E. Hunt, I.P.M. 2049; J. C. La Mothe, S. Harris, G. C. Heron, Dep. Prov. G.M.; A. N. Laughton, Alured Dumbell, Deemster Sir W. L. Drinkwater, W. Kissack, Prov. G. Purst; and C. F. Johnson, Prov. G. Sword Bearer.

Prov. G. Lodge having been opened, the roll of lodges was called, and it was found that everyone was represented; and letters of apology for non-attendance from numerous members having been read, the minutes of the meeting on the 11th October were read and confirmed, and the P.G. Secretary presented a very elaborate report of the condition of the various lodges in the province, the particulars respecting each being far too ample to reproduce in full. We may state, however, that nearly all the lodges appear to be in a satisfactory position, the attendance of members for the most part being regular, and the duties fulfilled with due regard to the requirements of the Constitutions and, at the same time, with commendable ability. The members, too, appear to be prompt in the payment of their dues, with the exception of one lodge, more than half the members of which are reported to be in arrear.

This report was listened to with great attention and much applauded, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Nesbitt, P.G. Sec., for the labour he had bestowed on its compilation.

The financial condition of the Provincial Grand Lodge appeared to be also in a satisfactory state, there being a balance in hand on the General Fund of £45, on the Benevolent Fund of nearly £25, and on the Special Charity Fund of £13.

Reference was made to the fact of the province having been represented at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls by six Stewards, among whom were the Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Secretary, the amount remitted, in addition to the customary Stewards' Fees, being stated at about £40.

The nomination of Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year was entrusted to the PROV. GRAND MASTER, and the latter announced as his selection Bro. A. Bruce, an appointment which was received with loud applause.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER mentioned, amid much enthusiasm, his intention to appoint Bro. J. A. Brown as his Deputy P.G.M., and Bro. Brown was accordingly obligated and invested with the insignia of his office, and, the rest of the Prov. G. Officers having been appointed and invested with the insignia of office, P.G. Lodge was closed, and the proceedings of the day terminated with the usual banquet.

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### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

A half-yearly communication of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Tuesday last, the principal business being the appointment and investiture of Bro. O. Shellard (ex-Mayor of Hereford), as Deputy Prov. G.M. Master, in succession to the late Bro. H. Jeffs, whose death took place a few weeks after his appointment in July last. The Prov. G.M. Master, Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, presided, supported by the P. Prov. G.M.M., Bro. J. Walker, M.A.; Bro. R. V. Vassar Smith (D.P.G.M., Gloucestershire), P.P.S.G.W.; and Bro. W. Forth, P.D.P.G.M.M.

The following were the Officers of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge present:—

Bros. O. Shellard, P.M. 243, P.S.G.W.; J. Balcomb, P.M. 10, P.J.G.W.; W. R. Porcher, M.A., 10, P.G.M.O.; J. Marchant, P.M. 243, P.S.G.O.; Dr. Gregory, 10, P.J.G.O.; Rev. Dr. Lynes, P.M. 340, P.G. Chap.; W. L. Bain, P.M. 10, P.G. Treas.; J. Davies, P.M. 243, P.G.R.; G. Norman, P.M. 10, J.G.D. Eng., P.G. Sec.; G. Caldwell, P.M. 243, P.S.G.D.; E. Lea, W.M. 340, P.J.G.D.; T. E. Gandy, P.G. Org.; and W. R. Felton, P.M. 10, P.P.G.M.O., P.G. Stwd. There was a good attendance of the brethren.

The minutes of the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in July last, when Movable Grand Lodge was held in Cheltenham for the installation of the Baron de Ferrieres as Prov. G.M.M., having been read and confirmed, the PROV. GRAND MARK MASTER referred in feeling terms to the loss the province had sustained in the death of Bro. Jeffs, and then duly invested Bro. Shellard as his successor.

The appointment of Bro. Shellard was evidently a popular one, and he was warmly greeted as he took his seat at the right of the Prov. G.M.M.

Subsequently a vote of condolence with the family of Bro. Jeffs was passed, and ordered to be inscribed on the minutes.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren dined together in the banqueting hall. An incident of the meeting was the gift to the lodge of a banner (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), by the Prov. G.M.M.

### NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT KIMBERLEY, S.A.

The foundation-stone of a Masonic Temple was laid on October 10th, in Dutoitspan-road, Kimberley, the capital of the South African diamond fields. The building will consist of two blocks, attached and communicating with each other, the first block consisting of a double storey building, and the back being the temple. The order of architecture is Corinthian, access to the building being gained through a handsome portico supported by six Corinthian columns and capitals. This opens into a spacious entrance hall, 30 feet by 20 feet. This entrance hall leads into the Tylers' hall, which forms a lobby to the temple which is contiguous. The entrance hall is flanked on each side by two degree rooms of the same dimensions, approached from the Tylers' hall through separate preparation rooms. These degree rooms will be provided with platforms and pedestals. The temple itself is to be a very substantial building with a good floor, with the three steps and platform at the end. The interior measurement is 60 feet by 35 feet, or about the same size as the town-hall. The decorations will be appropriate Masonic panels on the walls. These panels will be formed between projections which form part of the walls. The masonry work will be two feet thick, and the height of the temple from floor to ceiling will be 30 feet; the roof will be massively constructed, and be of the description known as a hammer-beam roof, the projections in the walls noted above being carried right up to the ceiling. The ventilation of the temple is on a novel system, and one which seems particularly suited for such a building. In the solid walls air shafts are being built, about 10 feet high, at stated intervals, and these shafts connect with the underside of the floor, inside the walls; the fresh air is let in under the floor by means of ventilators between the air shafts, so that plenty of fresh air will be constantly supplied, and no fear need be entertained of anything being heard outside. The vitiated air will be drawn off by means of exhaust pipes fitted in the apex of the roof; thus a vacuum will be caused in the interior, which will be immediately filled by fresh air drawn by the inlets connecting with the underside of the floor. On each side of the building lavatories and offices are to be built in a substantial manner, and these will be accessible from the outside as well as the inside, thus forming, in case of necessity, additional exits. In the entrance hall is to be a handsome ornamental staircase in the centre, which will be lighted by a large landing light about 10 feet square. The upstairs of the building consists of four Degree rooms, which average about 20 feet by 15 feet. The front wall is to be finished with balustrading and parapet coping, and other enrichments will be brought into play to add to the appearance of the building. All the windows are to be fitted with revolving window shutters inside. The steps and floor of the portico, all the sills, dressings, &c., are to be of Modder River freestone, so it will be seen that everything is to be done to make the building handsome and substantial. The architect is Mr. H. A. Reid, who was the successful competitor when plans were called for. His design was submitted, and the estimates being within the limit the Committee had allowed for, the plans were accepted. The successful tenderers were Messrs. Beckett and Morgan, and, remarkable to say, the tender was not above the estimate. The work is to be carried on under the occasional superintendence of the architect, and it promises to be one of the most massive buildings in Kimberley, and an ornament to the place.

The Masonic Temple is to cost about £4600, and in it the business of the various lodges in Kimberley—the Richard Giddy, Cosmopolitan, Athole, Peace and Harmony, and Concord Chapter—will be transacted.—The Architect.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., presided as Chairman, and there were present: Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; J. Newton, Samuel Brooks, W. A. Scurrah, Charles Kempton, A. H. Tattershall, Alexander Forsyth, M.D., Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. H. Webb, W. Hilton, Hugh Cotter, H. M. Hobbs, J. J. Berry, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the deaths of three annuitants (two men and one widow), and the Warden's report for the past month was read.

The Committee then took into their consideration the petitions, which were 15 in number, ten being from men and five from widows, the result being that seven of the former were accepted, two rejected, and one deferred, while four of the latter were accepted and one rejected.

The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

### THE POET BURNS.

In face of repeated testimony recorded in the minutes and other documents subsequent to the event, and after a lapse of over 100 years after the occurrence, during which it has never been contradicted, it is, I think, absolutely absurd to question the fact of Burns' connection with Canongate Kilwinning as its Poet Laureate. Whilst making every allowance for the apparent truth of some of the assertions advanced by my friend, Bro. W. Officer, in the *Freemason* of the 1st inst., I may be excused for here quoting lines written by Burns with reference to one of his most valued patrons—by way of introducing his name as a Past Master of the lodge—the Hon. Henry Erskine, advocate, who died in October, 1817:

"Collected, Harry stood awae,  
Then open'd out his arm, man;  
His lordship sat wi' ruefu' e'e,  
And ey'd the gathering storm, man;  
Like wind-driv'n hail, it did assail,  
Or torrents owre a linn, man;  
The Bench sae wise, lift up their eyes,  
Half wauken'd wi' the din, man."

It is recorded that he was elected to the chair on 24th June, 1780, but the records may be searched in vain for any minute of his having joined the lodge, yet he must have done so constitutionally. This is but another regrettable instance of the omissions resulting from the brevity of the minutes at this period, and for many years subsequently.

The work, published in 1846, entitled "A Winter with Robert Burns," is referred to in my History of No. 2 as giving a faithful exposition of the picture of Burns' Inauguration, which is reproduced by me; but Bro. Officer states that it is the picture that "is referred to as a faithful representation" of what actually took place on March 1st, 1787, and my object in mentioning the names of the persons who signed the minute of that date is to point out that *one of them*—the Dep. Master, Charles More—was the same individual who seconded the motion anent the lodge's subscription to the mausoleum on 9th June, 1815, when it is intimated that the Poet was referred to as "the lamented Bard, Robert Burns, who had been Poet Laureate of the Lodge." As this important fact is not noticed in Bro. D. Murray Lyon's "History of Freemasonry," I fail to understand how my calling attention to it is a "reflection made" on the esteemed author of that famous work.

At a meeting of the lodge held on 12th November, 1845, Bro. W. Campbell, W.S., alluding to the motion for painting the inauguration picture, said that he had "spent two of the most happy days with him (Burns) at Auchtertyre Castle," that he "had many opportunities of giving testimony in favour of the particulars," and concluded his remarks by stating that "he was happy that he had lived to second such an admirable motion." But, besides the statement of the R.W. Master, Bro. Alexandra McNeil, advocate, that he had "no doubt" on the subject, a statement which Bro. Officer asserts "amounts to little," the following extract from a letter in my possession ought, I think, to be considered as satisfactory proof that Robert Burns was spoken and written of—or "recognised" and "acknowledged"—as Poet Laureate of Canongate Kilwinning by men who must have associated with him, and proves also that there is documentary evidence in existence, signed by the highest officials in the lodge—"distinguished lawyers," all of them—which clearly establishes the fact of the office in question having been held by the Poet. This letter is dated "2nd January, 1817," is written and signed by "Geo. Simson, W.S., Past Master," and addressed to "George Burnet, Esq., Advocate, M. of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge." . . . "I beg leave to report to you that having been furnished by your Secretary with the sum of Twenty Guineas voted by the Lodge as a contribution towards the erection of a mausoleum to the memory of our late Poet Laureate, Burns, I, in obedience to the instructions of the Committee, remitted that sum to the Rev. Dr. Duncan, Dumfries." . . .

Bro. Officer repeatedly alludes to the want of any record of the poet's "installation," but it is a notorious fact that during last century, and even down to the present day, the minor office-bearers receive but scant notice in the minutes of Scotch lodges, unless, indeed, as in the case under review, where the brother attained a high standard of fame after the event; or the reverse, as in the case of James Hogg, the "Ettrick Shepherd."

I may be allowed to explain that the statement in the correspondence referred to by Bro. Officer regarding the jewel which "had the name of Robert Burns engraved upon it," alludes to the date—1835—when the Poet Laureateship was conferred upon Hogg, the "Ettrick Shepherd."

The "tattered rhymes" and the artist's licence, with the "inauguration" picture, are two subjects which it is needless to enter upon here.

Bro. Officer says that the Poet's last visit to Edinburgh took place on 20th October, 1787, but this is certainly not in accordance with well authenticated facts, for he paid, at least, three subsequent visits. It is on record that Burns wrote a letter to Robert Ainslie from Mauchline, dated 3rd March, 1788, and that on the 10th of the same month he

visited Edinburgh, when, among other matters, he settled for the farm of Ellisland. About 12 months thereafter he again visited Edinburgh—in February, 1789—when accounts with Creech, his publisher, were closed. On March 9th, 1789, he wrote to Clarinda—"I would have called on you when I was in town, indeed, I could not have resisted it . . . but;" and, finally, on 6th December, 1791, the Poet visited Edinburgh, a visit which he afterwards celebrated in an off-hand effusion, beginning—

"O May, thy morn was ne'er so sweet  
As the mirk night o' December."

It is very probable that on all these occasions Burns would have taken an opportunity of paying a visit to Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, especially as the winter meetings were in full vogue at the times specified.

A. MACKENZIE,  
Author of History of No. 2.  
Edinburgh, 7th December.

### THE LATE BRO. SIMEON MOSELY.

The following oration on the death of Bro. Simeon Mosely, P.M. and P.Z. 250 and 1010, P.P.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, was delivered at the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, by Bro. M. C. Packer, G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Secretary North and East Yorkshire, on the 14th ult:

Once again, my brethren, has the arrow of our mortal enemy been despatched on its dread mission, and another of Minerva's greatest Masters has fallen beneath the blow. It is but a few months since we mourned the deaths of our beloved Past Masters Kemp and Hardy; a few weeks since we laid our Brother and Past Master Balchin in his cold and narrowed cell; now our ranks are again broken by the death of our senior Past Master, Bro. Simeon Mosely, who was once the leading spirit and shining light in this lodge. During many years his bodily afflictions have prevented his attendance at those Masonic meetings in which he formerly played an active part, and few, indeed, are left amongst us who knew him in his strength and power; but of those few all can bear witness to the great value of those services he rendered to the Minerva Lodge, which may truly be said to have attained its zenith of prosperity under his able rule. Our distinguished brother received the light of Masonry in London, and joined this lodge and Royal Arch Chapter in the year 1855, being then in the full vigour of the 40th year of his age. His great ability, energy, and polished manners, brought him with a bound to the front, and accordingly we find that in 1857 (only two years after his joining) he was elected to the Master's chair. There he distinguished himself in a remarkable manner; the great care he bestowed upon our ritual, the strictness of his discipline, the earnest and impressive manner in which the ceremonial was rendered by him, were the admiration of the Craft, and attracted to the lodge large numbers of candidates of the highest respectability, no less than 47 having been initiated during his first year of Mastership. At the following election (1858) the brethren were so charmed with his presidency that he was unanimously re-elected; and 36 candidates were initiated in his second year. It was at this period that I had the honour of being initiated by him, and I need scarcely say that I soon became his enthusiastic disciple. Being thoroughly proficient in the emulation system of working, he instituted the weekly lodge of instruction on Saturday evenings, at the Royal Station Hotel, and for the first time the authorised lectures of the Order were regularly taught in the town of Hull, and proud and happy we ought to be that our Minerva Lodge still perpetuates (and is the only lodge in the town that does so) those invaluable lectures which comprise every part of Craft Masonry, and afford a rational and philosophical explanation of our entire ritual. Then our worthy brother was in his glory—his means were ample, his heart generous, and his liberality and hospitality unbounded. In this lodge the refreshment arrangements were conducted on the simplest scale. Having no other apartment than the hall in which we are now assembled, it was customary, at the conclusion of the business of the lodge, for a few tables to be drawn out, and a frugal supper of cheese and biscuits, with punch, formed our humble fare. Bro. Mosely was, however, not contented with this plain diet; perhaps he felt it inconsistent with the class of candidates then being introduced into the Order; and so he would frequently invite the brethren to meet him, after lodge, at the Station Hotel, where an elegant banquet would be found ready, provided at his expense. He spared no effort to make himself popular and esteemed, and he certainly succeeded. His brilliant Mastership brought him to the notice of his Provincial Grand Master, who appointed him Provincial Junior Grand Warden in 1857. Nor were his labours confined to the Craft; but in Royal Arch Masonry he was equally, if not even still more, successful. He was elected to the chair of First Principal in 1859, and again in 1863. Here his knowledge of the Hebrew language and his majestic style invested the ceremonial with a dignity and grandeur which few have equalled, none excelled! Having had the pleasure of acting under him many times as Principal Soj., I can testify to the great popularity which attended the Royal Arch Meetings held here under his rule. He was appointed Prov. Grand Third Principal in 1860. I take the present opportunity of gratefully recording the kindness and courtesy which I ever received at his hands. Entering the lodge as a young man, you may be sure that the notice of my superiors was pleasing and encouraging; and Bro. Mosely commended my work in a manner which was very grateful to me. He was always my constant friend and Masonic teacher both in the Craft and Royal Arch, and we spent many hours together at his residence, for his rehearsals of our ritual were my instruction. I should not omit to mention that the lodge elected him one of its Trustees, also a Trustee of its Benevolent and Building Funds. He was Master of the Mark Lodge in 1858. At the foundation of the Kingston Lodge in 1864, he was chosen the first Master, and after this period his increasing afflictions did not permit his Masonic energies the same display as in his younger and stronger years. A consistent member of his ancient nation, he was President of the Hull Hebrew Congregation for many years, during which his strict discipline and liberality caused him to be respected and admired. Having assisted him as Secretary in this phase of his career, I can well remember the great tact and judgment he displayed under very serious and trying contentions which then disturbed the peace of the

congregation. Bro. Mosely took a conspicuous part in our local history, having been a Captain in the Artillery Corps a member of the Town Council, of the Microscopical Society, and the Literary and Philosophical Society, and was identified with nearly every important institution in the town. And now, brethren, he has departed; his labours are ended, and his task accomplished. He has gone before us, we hope and trust to a brighter world, where the pain and suffering, which were, alas! his sad portion here for many years, may be exchanged for peace and tranquillity. As a Mason, he did his work well and squarely; let us hope that he may form a perfect ashlar in the Grand Temple built upon the living rock, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. I shall now conclude this brief tribute of respect to departed worth by quoting the beautiful poem of a brother, also recently deceased, himself one of the noblest and most gifted of the Sons of the Widow:

"Not far from me, not far from me,  
When first on chequered floor  
I bow, in humble trust, the knee,  
My Maker to adore,  
I bow, and fervently declare,  
That God is all my portion there.

"Not far from me, not far from me,  
In Middle Chamber led,  
I pass the mystic portals three,  
And up the stairway tread;  
I pass before that mark divine,  
Whose light is Masonry's and mine.

"Not far from me, not far from me,  
In holiest place betray'd,  
When human hopes all fade and flee,  
And there is none to aid;  
And there is none to hear me cry,  
But Thee, all-pitying Deity.

"Not far from me, not far from me,  
These mystic labours done,  
My body 'neath the deathless tree,  
My soul before the Throne!  
Oh God! through blest Eternity  
Be mine a place not far from Thee!"

### Obituary.

BRO. W. H. BIBBY, P.M. 993, P.P.J.G.D. EAST LANCASHIRE, AND P.Z. 993.

We have most regretfully to announce the sudden death of this very highly respected and esteemed brother, which took place at his home, Oakfield House, Burnage, on Friday, the 30th ult. The deceased brother was one of the founders of the Alexandra Lodge, consecrated in 1863, and took an active part and great interest in its affairs down to the time of his death. His zeal for Freemasonry and highly appreciated services was acknowledged by the P.G.M., some five years since, in being appointed Provincial Grand Junior Deacon, an honour that he was very proud of, and which gave great satisfaction and pleasure to every member of the lodge. Bro. Bibby was interred in the Dedsbury Parish Churchyard, on Monday, the 3rd instant, and over 100 sympathetic personal friends attended the burial service, including a large proportion of members of the Craft, members of the Levenshulme Local Board, and fellow tradesmen. The coffin was of polished oak and thickly covered with handsome floral wreaths and crosses, sent by relatives and brethren of the Alexandra Lodge. The church service was performed by the Rev. Canon Eagar, of Ashton-under-Lyne, assisted by the Rev. G. Bradley Jones, rector of Levenshulme, and the Rev. Henry Grelhier, curate. After the service, the Rev. Canon Eagar said he could not allow the opportunity to pass without paying a last tribute of respect to the deceased gentleman who had been taken so suddenly from their midst. He (the Rev. Canon) had known the deceased brother for very many years, and could testify to his many merits and exemplary life. Seeing so many of his brother Masons present, he sincerely trusted all would be equally as well prepared to meet their end as their lamented brother was. The coffin was then taken to the grave, and the brethren dispersed. On all sides we hear the most profound expressions of grief over the deceased brother's sudden death, and general commendation of his amiable, courteous, and kindly manner during his life—one who delighted in doing good by stealth, and blushing to find it fame.

BRO. THOMAS BOYLE, P.M., &c.

It is with the deepest regret we have to record the death, quite suddenly, on the 6th inst., of Bro. Thomas Boyle, surgeon, of Newquay. Our esteemed brother had been known to have been suffering from an insidious disease for some time, but it was of such a character as not to presage a sudden termination, and it was, therefore, with much surprise and dismay that the inhabitants of Newquay heard of his death. Bro. Boyle had been spending the evening with a friend, and, feeling unwell, left to go home, but before reaching his house he was found in a dying condition, and expired before he could be taken home. Bro. Boyle was much beloved in Newquay; his unostentatious and quiet demeanour and attention to rich and poor alike, whenever called on to act in his professional capacity, had endeared him to a host of friends, while, although unmarried, his domestic virtues and devotion to the members of his family was beyond all praise. Bro. Boyle was connected with most of the philanthropic and charitable societies of the district, as well as the Orders of Odd Fellows and Foresters; the School Board, of which he has been Chairman since its formation; the Local Board of Health, &c. He was a founder and P.M. of the Fort Lodge, No. 1528, and has been Treasurer for some years; also a member of the Mark and other Degrees. It is not too much to say that the death of Bro. Boyle, at the comparatively early age of 54, will leave a void which will not be filled for many years to come, and that all, both rich and poor, have lost in him an excellent friend and neighbour.

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On Saturday, December 22nd, the 6.20 p.m. from Paddington to Bristol will run to Exeter, calling at Weston-Super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton (for Barnstaple), and Tiverton Junction, reaching Exeter at 11.40 p.m.

On December 22nd and 24th, the 11.45 a.m. from Paddington will carry passengers to the Minehead Branch. The 1.0 and 5.0 p.m. trains (1, 2, and 3 class), from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance. On December 24th, the 5.0 p.m. train will convey passengers to the Barnstaple Branch.

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On Christmas Day the usual Sunday service of trains will be run, but the 5.30 a.m. Newspaper Train will run as on week days to Oxford, Weston-Super-Mare, and Swansea. The train will be five minutes earlier than usual between Didcot and Oxford, so as to connect at Oxford with the 7.40 a.m. train, thence to Worcester, Malvern, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton, &c.

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### To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Die Bauhutte," "South African Freemason," "Liberal Free-  
mason," "New Zealand Masonic Journal," "Voice of Masonry,"  
"Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in  
India," "The Tyler," and "La Chaine d'Union."



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1888.

### Original Correspondence.

"BRO. WOODWARD'S MOTIONS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to Bro. Pope, my proposed amendments to Rule 210 involved three, not two issues, as he states:

First, That a lodge should not enter on a question of exclusion until it was in possession of evidence, viz.: a Post Office receipt for the registered letter, showing that the lodge Secretary had sent the requisite notice to the brother. Second, That there should be some finality as to a lodge's responsibility as regards service of the notice, which should be accepted by the Board of General Purposes in case of appeal.

The statement by a Secretary that he had sent a notice is not evidence. The Post Office receipt for the registered letter is evidence.

I find in 6 and 7 Vic., cap. 86, sec. 41, which also includes 16 and 17 Vic., "That every summons or other notice required by this Act shall be deemed to be duly served, provided the same or a copy of thereof be either personally served or left at the usual place of abode of the party to whom it is directed."

It is left at the usual place of abode, when the postman gets the receipt for the delivery of the registered letter.

Third, My contention most certainly is, that only brethren who vote should be counted. I now ask Bro. Pope to tell me if there is any law in England which can compel a man to vote when he does not wish to do so? I further contend that the Master of a lodge, when putting any question from the chair, is bound to put both the affirmative and the negative, and ascertain the numbers, both of those who vote for and of those who vote against the motion, and have them entered in the minute book. Then any brother who did not wish to vote would not be compelled to do so by being counted against his will, as he is at present, under Rule 210. As long as this rule is in force unaltered a brother is neither a free man or a Freemason.

Bro. Pope has most certainly fallen into an error when he states, "If the brother never appears, the lodge need do nothing, for he excludes himself, and his name without much strain of legality may reasonably drop out of the list of members."

The Grand Secretary has always refused to remove the names of brethren from Grand Lodge register simply because they have been dropped out from the returns by the Secretary, as Bro. Pope now suggests may be done; and in all cases he has required the brother's name to be restored to the lodge roll. A brother remains a member until either he resigns or is lawfully excluded—this is Bro. Philbrick's ruling. If Bro. Pope's method of exclusion becomes Masonic law, viz., the lodge Secretary dropping out the members' names from the lodge returns, there would not be any necessity for Rule 210 at all.

My first amendment was to prevent a brother being excluded until every precaution had been taken to ensure his receiving the notice. The second, the assertion of the principle that every Freemason has a right to vote or abstain from voting, as he chooses. Rule 210 does not provide for the first, and ignores the second. Owing to the M.W.G.M. putting the amendment so quickly from the chair, I had not the opportunity of reply, which I was entitled to, and the brethren allowed themselves to be carried away by the eloquence of Bros. Philbrick and Fenn, and the authority their distinguished services to the Craft most deservedly command in Grand Lodge.

I must confess I was surprised neither of them attempted to show that either of my proposed amendments were wrong, or impracticable.

I have just been informed several brethren voted for Bro. Philbrick's amendment thinking the M.W.G.M. was putting my motion. This is not the first time such a mistake has occurred in Grand Lodge. The Parliamentary mode of putting a motion is certainly not generally understood by the brethren. Cannot a simpler method be adopted?—Yours fraternally,

J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.G.S.B.

December 10th.

### THE "ANTIENS" AND THE KNIGHT TEMPLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have just read Bro. Hughan's interesting article in your issue of the 29th of September, under the heading of "The Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull," and I note a reference to the presumed connection of the Knight Templars with the "Antient" or Athole Masons.

It is something of a coincidence that a similar reference appears more than once in the minutes of the second oldest lodge in my mother province of Cumberland and Westmorland, viz., Sun, Square, and Compasses, No. 119, Whitehaven. This lodge holds its warrant from the

"Antients," the only one in the province, and in the minutes of the year 1805 is a cash item of 2s. 7½d. paid for sending a K.T. (Knight Templar) certificate to a brother in London. Further, in 1809, it is recorded that "Patrick M'Fadian was tried by a Committee of Knights Templar, and was admitted." The Cryptic Degrees are also mentioned in connection with this old lodge—then numbered 157. On October 14, 1804, it is recorded that "James Leech, William Armstrong, George Cowell, John Saul, and William Martin, were made Excellent and Super-Excellent Masons," and it is subsequently stated that the same brethren had taken the Royal Arch Degree. In 1807, in fact, it is recorded that the "W.M., S.W., and J.D., were on report for the Arch;" while, in 1812, "Bro. Patrick McGuire is to be here at eight of the clock, to get the Order of the Holy Royal Arch, on the 21st day of August." It also appears that Royal Arch certificates were frequently received from the Grand Lodge. The foregoing circumstances, which show that other than the Craft (including the Arch) Degrees were worked in the "Antient" lodge referred to, will be found in my little book on "Craft Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland," published in 1879.

When you receive this communication at the other end of the world—13,000 miles away from here—the facts may appear stale and somewhat out of date; but as I have for many years taken a deep interest in Masonic archæology—I was a coadjutor of our late lamented Bro. Woodford in a small and humble way—I trust you will pardon the infliction and trespass on your otherwise valuable space.—Very fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

Masonic Club, Melbourne,  
November 2nd.

#### THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

But for a temporary indisposition, I had intended troubling you with these few lines a day or two earlier; but I still trust to your fraternal kindness to a brother who, though he has returned to his native land, finds himself, Masonically speaking, quite a stranger in it, and to the space at your disposal to allow of this letter appearing in this week's journal.

When I learned, through the *Freemason* of the 1st inst., that, at the Quarterly Communication, to be held on the following Wednesday evening, the very important (and to me deeply interesting) recommendation from his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in favour of the recognition of the newly-formed United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, was to be submitted to the Grand Lodge of England, I felt it incumbent upon me, as a New South Welsh Freemason, as a duty I owed in a special degree to my brethren and friends in Masonry in that colony, and particularly as a Past Officer of the late District Grand Lodge under the English Constitution in that district, to be present in Grand Lodge, on the evening of the 5th, to hear and see for myself the mode and manner in which the communication from its illustrious head would be received and dealt with by that august body.

For that purpose alone I travelled to town an hour or two before the meeting took place, when, thanks to the courtesy I met with from Col. Shadwell Clerke, shortly after my arrival in the old country, I found my name duly entered on the roll as P.M. of my old Lodge, the Empress of India, entitling me to a seat in the Grand Lodge.

The manner in which the resolution was introduced by the right hon. the mover, the Most Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the felicitous terms in which he spoke of the great and important colony of New South Wales and its popular Governor, Lord Carrington, the Grand Master of the infant Grand Lodge, were most gratifying to me as a returned colonist, and the enthusiastic and unanimous way in which the proposed recognition was greeted, was an additional proof, if any were needed, of the fraternal affection which binds Masonry in the same bonds all the world over, as well as of the great warmth of the attachment which both as men and Masons Englishmen, wherever they are met together, feel towards those "homes beyond the seas"—the English-speaking colonies grouped together on the great Continent of Australia.

Not less happy was the Grand Registrar, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., in supporting the resolution.

There were, however, two points that struck me in connection with the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, fully reported in your issue of the 8th inst., one of which was not brought to the front at all, and the other of them I desire, with very great respect, to "somewhat extenuate."

The "dissensions and disunions" spoken of by the Earl of Carnarvon must be regarded, at least as to the former, in a qualified sense.

That "disunion" has existed until the late "noteworthy event," alluded to by the Most Worshipful the mover, blended together the disintegrated particles into what we must hope will prove to be for many successive generations an harmonious whole goes without saying.

Amidst all the years of disunion, however, I am thankful to say, and I speak with the authority of a Ma-on of 15 years standing, and a District Grand Officer of several years also, the element of "dissension" taken in its generally accepted sense, has been through the good taste and tact of the leading Masons, both of those who remained firm in their attachment to their respective Grand Lodges, and the (for want of a better term, I will, in passing, call the) schismatic body.

All right minded Masons deplored, as they were bound to do, the guilt of separateness that had thus come into being, yet the bond of brotherhood and fraternal feeling, except in some rare and isolated instances was, through all the years of trial, respected, and remained unbroken, and I can well imagine with what warmth of grasp brother greeted brother, when the barriers were thrown down, and the various divisions of the great camp of Masonry sat once more (to use a figurative expression) round the same bivouac fire.

The other point to which, in conclusion, I would briefly refer, as one which I very much regretted the noble brother did not allude to in speaking of the past, was the *loyalty* which so prominently distinguished throughout the whole counter movement, not alone the English District Grand

Lodge, but the great body of Masons under the English Constitution through the Colony. While the so called "New South Wales Constitution" could count its initiates by hundreds, I think I am not wrong in saying it could not much more than count by tens those who had left the banner of the Grand Lodge of England for that of the "Southern Cross."

To that fact, to that intense loyalty to all that is English, which in everything seems in so remarkable a degree to characterise the colonists of the vast dependencies of Australasia must be ascribed the happy result arrived at in Grand Lodge the other evening. The Grand Lodge in reviewing the position had not to regard the action of a band of recalcitrants, but a community of Masons who, as the Earl of Carnarvon remarked while asking for the privilege of self government, would in the exercise of that franchise, only exhibit, if it were possible, a stronger attachment to the Grand Lodge, and prove, to use an old expression, "that parting is such sweet sorrow," that even in their parting they would (as they will) be yet the more firmly united.

May I further trespass by adding that whatever value the Grand Lodge of England has in the past attached to the loyal adherence to it of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, this notice should not close without reminding that body that to Bro. John Williams, for so many years its worthy representative in New South Wales, and whose whole life has been spent in the cause of, and for the progress and advancement of, Masonry in that distant province, and whose name is held in the highest respect and reverence by thousands of Masons, who, until lately observed his supreme authority, is due, and, to the firm and immovable stand he took at the time of the rupture and has ever since maintained, until a suitable opportunity arose for him to place the sceptre in other hands.

In addition to the accounts I had previously received from time to time from my intimate friend and brother, the Grand Registrar, Bro. Remington, of all that had taken place up to the date of the installation of Lord Carrington, I have this morning to hand, an interesting documents, the "Report of the Executive Committee," presented at a "Special Communication of Grand Lodge on 22nd October, 1888," which with other particulars have been kindly forwarded from the same brother, and I am pleased to notice how closely the daughter Grand Lodge is determined to work on the lines and in the spirit of its august parent, and prove itself a worthy offspring.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally and obliged,

E. LYTON HITCHINS,

P.M. and Founder 1761 (E.C.), P.D.S.G.D.

District G. Lodge (E.C.) New South Wales.

Brackenhill, Woking, December 11th.



#### TRANSACTIONS OF PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX, 1888.

Although no Calendars for some of the provinces are published, the loss has been, and is, partly compensated for by the issue of the excellent annual reports in octavo or folio sizes. In Sussex, however, both Calendar and reports are printed through the indefatigable Prov. G. Sec., Bro. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D. A few other provinces publish similar accounts of their proceedings, and we venture the opinion that, if all did, more interest would be manifested in all that concerns the welfare of the constituent lodges. The Prov. G.M. is H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., &c., who is also Dist. G.M. of Bombay. Happily, H.R.H. has an excellent substitute to rely on in the person of Brother Gerard Ford, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M., who presided at the annual assembly held on October 11th. The letter from Mrs. Scott, widow of the lamented Bro. J. H. Scott, P.G.D., late Dep. Prov. G.M., thanking the province "for the very handsome tablet the members of the several lodges have erected to the memory of her dear husband," on behalf of herself and daughters, read at that meeting, is duly reproduced, and also other correspondence, most interesting to the brethren of the province. During the year nearly £800 have been contributed for our Charities, which speaks volumes for the Masonic zeal and generosity of the Sussex Craft. The original picture by Mr. Burt Sharp, representing the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, was purchased, for the sum of £62 15s., by the co-operation of 18 lodges and chapters, and, for the further sum of 10 guineas, subscribed for by the Masonic Rooms Committee, a copy of the picture taken by Bro. Russell on the lawn of the Royal Pavilion, after the meeting, has also been secured. We quite think, with the Committee, that "it was very undesirable that the picture, containing more than 600 original photographs of brethren, should be taken out of the province;" and thus these two grand souvenirs become the property of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The statistical table is ably compiled, and enables brethren, at a glance, to note the position of the province for 1888, compared with 1887, and is a veritable *multum in parvo*. There are 27 lodges in the province, with 1179 members, being an advance of 38 on previous return, the quarterage and fees running up to £136 13s., and £117 18s. paid to the "Provincial Charities Committee." The address of the Dep. Prov. G.M. is given in full, and a number of reports add much to the value of the very readable publication.

The annual dinner of the Savage Club was held at the Prince's Gate Hotel, Knightsbridge, on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Sir Albert Rollit, M.P., Bros. Sir A. Borthwick, M.P., Sir Morell Mackenzie, Alderman Sir Henry Isaacs, and Sir J. R. Somers Vine, who is W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, being among the principal guests.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., who was accompanied by Bro. Lawson, M.P., introduced a deputation to the First Lord of the Treasury, on Saturday last, on the subject of the Libel Law Amendment Bill, and made sundry suggestions, which the right honourable gentleman promised should receive the careful attention of her Majesty's Government.



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#### LODGE HISTORIES.

It was suggested to me some time ago that I should compile a List of all the Lodge Histories, published as separate books or pamphlets, and that suggestion I am now carrying out. My own collection is all but complete, as respects England and Scotland. For Ireland I only know of one, and that is the extinct "Minden" Lodge, in my Library. Can any brother procure for me any of the following "Histories of Lodges?" Fair prices will be gladly paid, or extreme value given by exchanging for other works, my desire to have a complete set being my excuse for the request. Another reason may occur to many, in the fact that information so acquired will be gladly placed at the service of the Craft universal.

England.

1. History (with By-laws) No. 48, Gateshead, 1870.
2. Centenary St. John's Lodge, Stockport, 1865.
3. List of Members Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, 1869. (I have the 2nd edition, 1876.)
4. History Eaton Lodge, No. 533, Congleton, 1877. (With Illustrations—I have ordinary issue.)
5. Freemasonry in Durham, 1836.
6. History (with By-laws) Bedford Lodge, No. 157. (I have later edition in "Rosicrucian," but no separate issue with By-Laws.)
7. Harmony Lodge, Richmond, No. 255, 1868. (I have copy of 2nd edition by Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp.)

Scotland.

8. History Thornhill Lodge by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.

There may be others, but I fancy the above and those in my possession will make a complete register. Glad to have any reports of those not considered likely to be known to or possessed by me.

W. J. HUGHAN.



#### Craft Masonry.

#### UNITED SERVICE LODGE (No. 1361).—

The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Thursday, the 6th inst. The members present included Bros. Albert J. Ellis, W.M.; J. J. Wedgwood, M.D., S.W.; W. D. Harding, J.W.; E. D. Lister, P.M., Treas.; Major E. H. Finney, P.M., Sec.; P. H. Smiles, S.D.; J. Simpson, J.D.; Chatham Ellis, I.G.; Percy Langdale, P.M.; E. M. Cockell, P.M.; Frank G. Beresford, P.M.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C.; C. H. Wilkinson, R. B. Johnson, G. R. Jackson, R. Grant Watson, Geo. Bergel, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. H. Hamer, W.M. 1035; W. H. E. Alexander, Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, Scotland; Donald Baynes, Gooch Lodge; Henry Avern, 1704; H. Montgomerie Hamilton, I.G. 1610; F. W. Frigout, S.W. 2141; E. L. Harding, 1524; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A. G.D.C.; E. Anderson, 1102; Harold Smith, S.W. 222; Chas. Motter, 34; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which Bro. George Bergel was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. J. J. Wedgwood, W.M. elect, having been presented, was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Ellis, the retiring W.M., according to ancient custom. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. D. Harding, S.W.; P. H. Smiles, J.W.; E. D. Lister, P.M., Treas.; Major E. H. Finney, P.M., Sec.; J. Simpson, S.D.; Chatham Ellis, J.D.; G. R. Jackson, I.G.; and Harrison, Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. A. J. Ellis, I.P.M. Routine business having been transacted, the lodge was formally closed.

The brethren having partaken of an excellent banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and received in the customary hearty manner.

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., in responding for "The Grand Officers," said the W.M. had told them in eloquent terms how much that lodge respected the Grand Lodge of England in the persons of the Grand Officers, and especially the Earl of Carnarvon, whom they saw presiding over Grand Lodge on the preceding evening. The speech made by the Pro Grand Master on that occasion was one that would be read with the greatest delight by every member of the Craft, with respect to Lord Lathom, he was the most genial and most kindly brother possible. With regard to the Grand Officers, the members had such a splendid specimen ever before them, that he would not dilate upon their excellences. He returned his sincere thanks, and felt honoured to be invited by the W.M. and to dine with the United Service Lodge for the first time.

Bro. Raymond Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., also replied. Bro. Albert J. Ellis, I.P.M., said it gave him great pleasure to propose "The Health of the W.M." Bro. J. J. Wedgwood, the newly-installed W.M., came into the lodge as a joining member, and since his entry had been through every office. The brethren had seen the way in which he had done his work, and had been impressed with the dignified manner in which he allowed himself to be installed into the chair. He was convinced, from the manner in which Bro. Wedgwood grasped the situation, that he felt the importance of the duties connected with his office, and would preside over the lodge in a manner quite equal to his predecessors. He gave them with all enthusiasm "The Health of the W.M."



He knew the officers would support him in his endeavours, and he felt sure that the lodge would not lose any of the dignity it had attained.

"The Visitors" was given in cordial terms by the W.M., who heartily welcomed the visiting brethren, and expressed the hope that they had enjoyed themselves.

Bros. Hamer, Baynes, Anderson, and Frigout replied in suitable terms.

Bro. Ellis, I.P.M., returned thanks for "The Past Masters," and Bros. Lister, P.M., Treas., and Major Finney, P.M., Sec., for "The Treasurer and Secretary." Bro. Finney said he was very pleased to see so many good men and true around the lodge. Since he was installed as the first W.M. many good men had succeeded him, and he trusted would continue to do so. If the brethren were satisfied with his work as Secretary he was very gratified.

Bro. W. D. Harding responded in appropriate terms for the toast of "The Officers," and assured the W.M. that the officers would do their best to support him during his term of office.

The Tyler's toast then brought the proceedings to a close.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—This prosperous transpontine lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 4th inst., when there present, among others, Bros. R. Lingley, W.M.; Foalé, S.W.; Westley, W.M. 186, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Ruffe, S.D.; Dennis, I.G.; Lundie, D.C.; Davis, Stwd.; Koch, P.M.; Henry Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W. Middx.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors was Bro. Bailey, S.D. 1732.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. J. Potter and F. W. Belleini were raised, and Bros. J. Barns and J. Barry were passed, and Mr. W. J. Potter duly inducted into Craft mysteries, the three arduous ceremonies being admirably performed.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Buxton and assistants.

The usual toasts followed.

"The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by Bro. La Feuillade.

The W.M., having replied, gave "The Initiate," who responded in a few short sentences.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed.

Bro. Bailey, among others, acknowledged the compliment, and congratulated the lodge upon its excellent working, delightful harmony, and profuse hospitality.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. La Feuillade and Walls, who replied.

In giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M., after speaking most highly of the zealous and efficient services rendered to No. 1381 by Bros. Everett and Stuart, concluded his speech by reminding the lodge that on the following night, at Grand Lodge, Bro. George Everett would be nominated as Grand Treasurer, when he hoped that as many of them who were eligible would attend, and give their approval of the nomination by hand and voice.

Bros. Everett and Stuart having replied,

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Foalé and Westley, terminated the proceedings.

**ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney Bridge, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; Wing, S.W.; Harding, J.W.; Fayers, acting S.D.; Oliver, J.D.; Coombe, I.G.; Bowler, acting Tyler; Watkins, Treas.; Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Collings, P.M., D.C.; Stacey, P.M., Org.; P. M. Pardoe, P.M.; Grundy, Green, Howard, Knight, Keene, Price, Warlow, Baker, and about ten others. Among the visitors were Bros. Wingfield, P.M. 1,60; Silcock, S.D. 144; Tucker, 144; Betts, 865; Cory, 865; and Turner, 1767.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Hague was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Bro. Marshall was passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot was taken for Mr. J. H. Morrish and Mr. J. Cox, and it proving unanimous in their favour they were duly initiated. The whole of the ceremonies were carried out by the W.M. in such an able and impressive manner as to elicit the highest encomiums from the brethren and visitors present. Some routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

After discussing the good things provided by the host, Bro. Silcock, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were pithily proposed and enthusiastically received.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Robinson, P.M., who complimented the lodge on having such an able Master and the W.M. on having such a prosperous and harmonious lodge.

On proposing the toast of "The Initiates," the Worshipful Master remarked how fortunate the lodge had been lately in the quantity and quality of its initiates.

Bros. Cox and Morrish replied, the latter at some length, referring to the impression made upon him by the beautiful ritual and the impressive manner in which it had been rendered.

To the toast of "The Visitors" all the brethren named responded in brief but felicitous terms.

Bros. Robinson, Collings, and Pardoe replied for "The P.M.'s."

The Secretary replied for himself and Treasurer to the toast proposed in their favour, the Treasurer having had to leave owing to his long journey home.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers," complimenting them generally on their ability, but forcibly impressing upon them the necessity of attending lodges of instruction, and remarking on the small number who availed themselves of his invitation to meet him at the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction on the previous Monday evening.

Bros. Wing, S.W.; Harding, J.W.; and Fayers, acting S.D., responded.

The Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable evening.

During the evening Bros. Green, Howard, Knight, and Price gave songs and recitations in a most satisfactory manner.

**GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).**—On Saturday, the 8th instant, this lodge held its installation meeting at Brixton Hall, Brixton, but before the installation of the new Master, Bro. Dr. Robert Jones Griffiths, LL.D., was celebrated, a considerable amount of lodge business had to be transacted by Bro. John C. Duckworth, the out going Master. The lodge was therefore opened as early as half-past two o'clock, when, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken with regard to the candidature for initiation of Mr. Alfred Farthing Robbins, London Correspondent of the *Birmingham Daily Post*, and the ballot being in favour of his admission, he was forthwith initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the First Degree. The ceremony of raising Bro. E. L. Drogez to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason was also celebrated, and sundry other lodge business, including the voting for the reception and adoption of the Auditor's report upon the accounts of the past year, was transacted. The installation of Bro. John Duckworth, in 1887, was rendered a gloomy event by the death of his predecessor in office, Bro. Goldsmith, and it is a melancholy fact that since that time several deaths have occurred among the members of the lodge. The business before the lodge on Saturday included notices of motion relating to the most recent losses of this kind, namely that of Bro. Turner, and that of Bro. Robt. A. Hancock, J.D., the last-named being one of the first initiated members of the lodge, and one of its most consistent and devoted supporters. All the members of the lodge wore Masonic mourning, and, before separating passed a vote of condolence and sympathy with Bro. Hancock's family. When the ordinary business of the lodge had been concluded, the Master gave directions that the brethren should be called off for refreshment.

On the brethren returning to the lodge, Bro. Robt. Jones Griffiths, S.W., was duly installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Henwood Thomas, P.M., D.C. After the newly-installed Master had been duly proclaimed and saluted, and after the customary orations had been delivered at the close of the ceremony, Bro. Dr. Griffiths proceeded to invest his officers, of whom the following is a list: Bro. Herbert Wright, S.W.; W. T. Perkins, J.W.; H. Massey, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Minstrell, P.M., Sec.; Robt. J. Albery, S.D.; C. Basil Cooke, P. Sec., J.D.; E. E. Peacock, I.G.; J. H. Thomas, P.M., D.C.; Fredk. H. Gale, Asst. D.C.; Percy Wallace Husk, Org.; Chas. Greenwood, Charles K. Moore, Francis W. Pattison, and Wm. Macdonald, Stewards. The following were among the visiting brethren: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Fred. Binckes, P.G. Swd. Br.; Secretary Masonic Institution for Boys; Wm. Smith, 222; J. H. Fisher, late 93; Geo. Drysdale, P.M. 708; E. Putnam, D.C. 1362; Frank Williams, Stwd. 101; J. H. Hawes, 38; J. L. Cross, P.M. 90; C. Cowper Cripp, W.M. 1626; Edward Dalzell, P.M. 1549; T. W. Hanson, Sterndale Bennett Lodge; J. A. Brown, W.M. Chough Lodge; and E. C. Massey.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren and their guests adjourned to another room on the same premises, where dinner was served, and when full justice had been done to the various viands set before them, and the waiters had retired, the toast list was proceeded with, the speeches being interspersed with songs and recitations.

The musical arrangements were left to the care of Bro. Frederick Bevan, who was assisted by Bros. Edw. Dalzell, T. W. Hanson, and J. A. Brown, artistes sufficiently well known to render it superfluous to add that their singing contributed materially to the success of the evening.

The first toast was, of course, "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured by all present.

The toast to "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," followed, and was in like manner drunk with enthusiasm.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said that in this and most other lodges that was considered very much as a formal toast, because the brethren, as a body, did not understand very much about the work the Grand Officers had to do; but when it was considered that there were more than 2000 lodges holding directly from the Grand Lodge of England, and that there were questions constantly arising which had to be determined within the purview of the Grand Lodge; that these 2000 and odd lodges are controlled, and helped, and stimulated by the Grand Lodge; that there are three Charitable Institutions depending, more or less, upon the patronage of Grand Lodge; that the whole fabric of Freemasonry is crystallised at Freemasons' Hall—when the whole system was contemplated, the thought must arise in the mind which in the days of old found expression in the exclamation, "Oh, wonderful Masons." Among the guests that evening were Bro. Eve, P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Philbrick, the Grand Registrar, two of the men who helped to uphold the wonderful fabric he had described, men who deserved well at the hands of the brethren; and it was therefore not as a formal toast that he gave "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling with it the name of Bro. Eve.

Bro. Eve, in returning thanks, said he was not the most suitable person present to perform that task. Bro. Philbrick was the Grand Registrar, and many of the W.M.'s observations were especially applicable to that brother. There was no brother who did more in Grand Lodge, or performed more of those onerous duties which fell on the shoulders of Grand Officers than Bro. Philbrick. He (Bro. Eve) had merely passed the office of Grand Treasurer, an office conferred by the brethren generally, the duties of which were comparatively light. But the duties of Grand Registrar were many and onerous. During the last month he had given up many days out of his much occupied time for the benefit of Freemasonry; he was constantly relied on to peruse numerous documents in the name of Grand Lodge, and as the Lord High Chancellor was said to be keeper of the Queen's conscience, he might say of Bro. Philbrick that he was the keeper of the consciences of those who ruled in Grand Lodge. The Grand Officers and the Craft owed him a deep debt of gratitude for the way in which he performed his duties, which were always done in the best interests of the Craft.

Bro. H. Bussey, P.M., said he rose, in the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. John Duckworth, absent through the exigencies of business, to propose "The Health of the W.M. of the Gallery Lodge," which, he was sure, they would drink with enthusiasm. Looking back to the day

when they were an incipient lodge, remembering the day when Bro. Griffiths became a member of the lodge, they saw Bro. Griffiths as the first joining member of the lodge, they saw in him one who had shared in all the hard work of the lodge, they saw in him a Steward for the lodge who had taken up a large sum of money for one of the Masonic Charities, and also as one who had distinguished himself among them by the exuberance of his wit and also by his eloquence, on more than one occasion; and he believed that he was held in high esteem by all those with whom he was associated in journalistic work. The members of the lodge had all been sorry to know that Bro. Griffiths had been prevented by illness from attending regularly at the lodge; but they were pleased that he had been placed in the chair of K.S. that evening, when he had given them a taste of his quality, from which, and owing to the better state of his health, they had the utmost confidence in him for the future; and, trusting that he might long be an effective member of their Fraternity, he asked the brethren to rise and drink the health of their W.M., Bro. Dr. Griffiths.

Bro. Griffiths said he had to thank the lodge generally and his Bro. Bussey, P.M., in particular, for the manner in which he had proposed that toast, and for the way in which it had been received by the brethren. He regretted that on the night he was elected he had been unable to be present; but he now thanked them very much for the honour conferred on him, and would always do his best to carry out his duties. Bro. Griffith then referring to the programme for the year, spoke first about the annual ball, trusting it would be a great success. He hoped also that in the month of March the brethren would enable him to get together an entertainment, with recitations and something of a more substantial character—an attempt at a general "at home" of the lodge. Bro. Griffiths then proceeded to propose the next toast, saying that for certain reasons he would give them now the toast of "The Masonic Charities." He himself intended to beg hard for the Old People, and their exceedingly energetic Past Master, Bro. Massey, would stand for the Boys' School; but he thought that there was enough money in the Gallery Lodge to enable them to send something to both of these Institutions.

Bro. Binckes, while he felt extremely the compliment, assured the brethren very sincerely that he deeply regretted the transposition of toasts that had been made, and that for three reasons. In the first place, he was speaking that night for the first time as a visitor to the Gallery Lodge in the presence of a body of brethren, a great number of whom had constant opportunities of listening to the highest oratorical effort of the members of the finest Parliament in the world; and therefore anything that he could say must fall extremely flat upon their ears. Secondly, because it was hard to have to speak after the W.M.; for he thought that, whether they were there as members or as visitors, all present must recognise the fact that the Master of the Gallery Lodge was one of the ablest of orators. And then, thirdly, because when, two or three months ago, he accepted the very kind invitation of his good friend, Bro. Basil Cooke, it was a condition laid down, and in impressive terms, "If you do come, stereotype is to be altogether ignored." Feeling his deficiencies to speak in such a presence and after such an orator (to say nothing of the coruscations of the P.G. Treasurer), and bound by his obligation to his friend, Bro. Cooke, all that he had to say was this, that he was perfectly sure that no appeal was necessary to the Gallery Lodge to stimulate their efforts on behalf of the Masonic Institutions. His task was an easy, a grateful, and a simple one—to return his grateful thanks on behalf of the Institution holding its festival in February to the W.M. for his promised Stewardship, and still more gratefully to his old friend for having volunteered to stand for the most needy and the most deserving of the Masonic Institutions. He thanked Bro. Massey for undertaking a Stewardship for the Boys' School. He had now only to thank them for the very kind, indulgent welcome they had given him; he thanked them most sincerely for the support they had given in the past, and that which they were giving in the present, but for their earnest desire to give in the future, and to ask them to bear in mind that after all said and done of Faith, Hope, and Charity, that without Charity the other two were but as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Initiate," which was responded to by Bro. Robbins in a very neat and effective speech.

The next toast was "The I.P.M., the Installing Master, and the other P.M.'s of the Lodge," with which the Chairman coupled the name of Bro. Bussey, P.M., who, in replying, said he had not expected to be called on to respond to that toast, and regretted that Bro. Massey, the first Master of the lodge, and perhaps the worthiest, had not been called upon. He would come on in another scene. He and every Master of the Gallery Lodge had been indebted for much large-hearted kindness to their worthy Bro. Massey. He (Bro. Bussey) thanked them very cordially for the very kind manner in which the toast had been received, and could assure them that he should be among them as long as life lasted and he was able to attend to the duties of the Gallery Lodge.

The toast to "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Philbrick, who said he rose in trepidation, more perhaps than he was accustomed to feel, on the present occasion. He knew that the faces before him were those of the ready writers to whom one was indebted for one's sentences being grammatical, who gave the speaker the verb he so often omitted, and reduced to order that dim chaos of ideas of which a speaker on his legs had such a dim perception. But there was one consolation; he did not see the pencils, and he felt, therefore, that he ought not to take advantage of that mercy which was shown him by making what was called a speech. He desired to express in the fewest and simplest words the gratitude of the visitors for the entertainment that had been given them, both in the lodge and at the festive board.

The toast to "The Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens, and other Officers of the Lodge" was next proposed by the Master, who associated with it the names of Bro. Massey, the Treasurer, and Bro. Herbert Wright, the S.W.

Bro. Massey said he had heard a large number of compliments passed on different brethren, and he did not know that on the present occasion he should have replied to the compliment that had been bestowed upon him in any more than the ordinary terms; but he would at once say that, ever since he had been in that lodge, he had tried to do his best, and he was quite sure that every brother in the lodge would give him that credit. He never wanted, never ex-

pected, never desired any compliments. What he had done he had done on the purest principle of Freemasonry, desiring to promote the good of the Craft, more especially in the order to which he belonged. Everything he had done was due to the good will of those who had promoted him to the position in which he stood; he had no desire to put himself forward. The lodge was deep in his heart; he had always striven for its wellbeing to the best of his ability, and to the end of his days he should do the same. He took no credit to himself; he was put into the position of first Master by the kindness of the brethren who were in the Gallery at the time the lodge was promoted, and ever since the lodge was consecrated he had done everything in singleness of heart. He was very much obliged to the brethren for recognising the efforts of all the officers. He could not have done anything at all but for the assistance he had had from other brethren. They desired to promote the good of the lodge, and more especially the good of Freemasonry, in connection with journalism.

Bro. Herbert Wright said that after all that had been said it would ill become him to do more than to thank the brethren for the kind compliment they had paid him. How much he had the interest of the lodge at heart they had had an opportunity of seeing in the past; they had the opportunity of endorsing the Master's choice; but in the position which he occupied by the W.M.'s favour he felt that he was standing in the place of another brother who ought to be in that position. Their Bro. Albery had rendered services to the lodge which entitled him to that position, and it was no fault of his that Bro. Albery did not then stand in the position of S.W.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of a very successful meeting.

**ST. PANCRAS LODGE** (No. 2271).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., Sec., occupied the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., P.G.W. There were also present Bros. J. Powdrell, S.W.; H. R. Graham, J.W.; J. R. Webster, Treas.; H. Longman, S.D.; W. T. Perry, J.D.; R. S. Chaffy, I.G.; S. E. Smith, J. W. Maude, C. Jacob, J. Irvine, and C. Challen. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B.; C. B. Cooper, W.M. 449; J. W. Smith, P.M. 1744; J. Hemming, S.W. 1287; C. Mote, S.W. 1732; J. Barnett, S.D. 2192; J. Spraggs, 865; E. W. Wheeler, Org. 2206; J. Greenway, 1310; A. H. Scurrah, J.W. 2206; and W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the consecration and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bros. S. E. Smith, J. W. Maude, and Charles Jacob were passed to the Second Degree, also Bro. S. J. Ross, 1744. The ballot was taken for Mr. H. H. Raphael, which proved unanimous in his favour, and, being in attendance, was regularly initiated. Bros. James Irvine, W.M. 862, and C. Challen, P.M. 3, were elected joining members. After some routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, where the customary toasts were given and received with great heartiness. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

**HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge** (No. 40).—A meeting was held, on Monday, at Castle Hotel. Present: Bros. Markwick, W.M.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G.C., S.W.; W. S. Allen, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Edwards, S.D.; G. Randall, J.D.; W. C. Duke, P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; R. Walmsley, I.G.; G. H. Gaye, Stwd.; W. Leslie, Tyler; F. H. Hallett, P.P.G.O., I.P.M.; W. M. Glenister, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; Capt. Hennah, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; P. Robinson, P.M.; T. Trollope, M.D., P.M., P.G.D.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; A. Wells, P.M.; T. J. Rubie, P.M.; H. C. Bennett, E. J. McCormick, L. J. Jukes, H. Boyce, C. Reinmann, F. Duke, H. J. Rodda, A. Bray, C. J. Lindridge, G. W. Bryant, S. T. Weston, J. T. Edmed, J. Taylor, and L. O. Glenister. Visitors: Bros. P. H. Palmer, 811; T. Bumper, P.M. 232; W. J. Jordan, W.M. 1184; and C. H. Chandler, 1184, P.P.G.P.

Bro. Bennett was raised, and Bro. Taylor was passed. Bro. Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G.C., was elected W.M., and Bro. F. Rossiter, Treasurer. It was unanimously resolved to respectfully suggest the advisability of the meetings of P.G. Lodge being held at different parts of the province. Bro. C. W. Duke, C.S., promised to do all in his power to further the interest to secure the election to the R.M.I. for Boys of the boy Lewns. Heartly congratulations were accorded Bro. Trollope on his first appearance after his recent severe illness. Mr. Heophy was proposed as a candidate.

**NOTTINGHAM.—Newstead Lodge** (No. 47).—On the evening of the 4th inst., the usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall. The attendance was numerous and representative, and the meeting of exceptional interest, in consequence of bringing to a close the W.M.'s year of office. Bro. I. Roberts, the retiring W.M., whilst occupying that enviable position has gained the permanent esteem of all the brethren of the lodge. The numerical strength, as well as the influential character of the meeting, paid graceful tribute to his Masonic worth. Bro. Wilson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation of whom was fixed for the 18th inst. The W.M. elect has secured the good opinion and fraternal regard of the members of the lodge, by whom he was heartily congratulated.

Amongst visitors present were Bros. A. Lawson, P.G. Treas.; P. P. Truman, P.G. Org.; G. W. Dominy, W.M., and H. Clarke, of 1405; J. Levy, W.M., C. H. Gascoyne, P.M., W. E. Hartshorne, P.M., C. W. Wariner, and S. V. Holgate, of 1435; T. Salisbury, P.M., C. A. Bolton, P.M., Byng, and Phelps, of 1909; G. M. Howard, W. Oakden, and J. Burton, of 1794; Rev. T. B. B. Ferris, 2017; Renshaw, P.M., P.G.P. Leicester, and C. H. Archer, of 1391; and J. M. Parker, 904.

At the close of the business of the lodge, most of the brethren joined the W.M. at the festive board.

After the loyal toasts had been enthusiastically drunk, the retiring W.M. proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire," and alluded in graceful terms to the Provincial Grand Officers who had honoured them with their presence.

Bros. A. Lawson, P.G. Treas., and P. P. Truman, P.G. Org., responded.

Bro. Stevens (Chief Constable of the County and Town of Nottingham), at the request of the W.M., proposed "The Visitors." In speaking in the name of the lodge, he expressed the pleasure he felt in being able to welcome so many excellent and able representatives of other lodges whose presence he accepted as satisfactory evidence of love and regard for the mother lodge of the province, and as a mark of appreciation of the important and efficient services of the W.M. during the past year.

Bros. Renshaw, P.M. 1391, P.G.P. Leicestershire, G. W. Dominy, and B. J. Levy responded.

Bro. Gee, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the retiring W.M.," and bore testimony to his uniform courtesy and kindness, and to the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge and performed the varied and important duties of W.M.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, tendered his best thanks to all present, and expressed his deep thanks of indebtedness to his officers, by whom he had been so ably supported, and whose hearty co-operation had largely conducted to the success and harmony of the lodge.

An attractive feature of the entertainment was an admirable musical programme, prepared and officially carried out by Bro. Cockram.

**FOLKESTONE.—Temple Lodge** (No. 558).—An unusually large muster of the brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., for the purpose of initiating two gentlemen into the mysteries of the Craft—Mr. A. H. Gardner and Mr. J. T. Sams. There were several visiting brethren present, and nearly fifty of the brethren of the lodge. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Dunk, W.M.; A. J. Crane, I.P.M.; F. Francis, S.W.; G. Spurgeon, J.W.; J. Kennett, P.M., Sec.; F. Hall, S.D.; W. Griffin, J.D.; G. L. Hart, P.M., D.C.; L. Banks, I.G.; H. S. Roberts, Org.; J. G. Cheney and C. Saunders, Stwds.; S. Joseph, P.M.; J. Klatt, P.M.; J. H. Clarke, P.M.; H. D. Stock, P.M.; W. Francis, P.M.; A. Petts, P.M.; R. Pope, E. T. Ward, G. Peden, J. Dunk, W. G. Prebble, J. Ward, T. F. Makin, C. J. Pursey, T. B. Hammond, D. Devereux, W. K. Westropp, T. J. Vaughan, H. Tolpitt, S. J. Petts, F. Brown, J. Eldridge, F. Clements, D. P. W. Jones, W. D. Goddard, T. A. Franks, F. J. Jarvis, H. H. Barton, H. E. Brooke, F. C. Stevenson, and T. H. English. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Kent, P.M. 546; J. Lathey, 126; R. M. Hazell, 125; G. J. E. Marsh, P.M. 1586; A. Thompson, 1601; C. S. Clarke, 1760; and J. D. Goddard, 1056.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Dunk. The above-named gentlemen were then introduced, and the ceremony of initiation was ably and impressively performed by the W.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. G. L. Hart rose and said he had been asked to undertake one of the most pleasing tasks he had ever been called on to do. It was to present to the lodge, subscribed for by every member of the lodge, a most beautifully-executed coloured photograph of their senior P.M., Bro. Stock, as a mark of the very high esteem and regard in which he was held. It was in the year 1857 Bro. Stock filled the chair, and in the following year was appointed a Prov. G. Officer. In making the presentation, he begged the W.M. to receive it on behalf of the lodge, to be held by them in perpetuity.

The inscription below the portrait is as follows: "Worshipful Bro. Henry Stock, W.M. 1857; Prov. G. Sup. of W., 1858; Prov. Gr. J.W., 1857. Presented to the Temple Lodge, No. 558, by the brethren, as a mark of the esteem in which they hold their senior Past Master. December, 1888."

The W.M., Bro. Dunk, then acknowledged and accepted the very valuable gift, stating that the picture, which was a wonderful specimen of the art of photography, was the work of their esteemed Bro. Clarke.

Bro. Stock then rose, and, with considerable feeling, said: "Worshipful Master and Brethren,—When you, worshipful Sir, first intimated to me the desire of the brethren to present to my mother lodge this valuable token of their fraternal regard and esteem, I was filled with emotion; indeed, I can but now feebly express to you my deep inward feelings of gratification and pleasure that I should have been chosen as the first representative of that long array of worthy Past Masters whose portraits may some day grace the walls of this noble temple. And, further, I feel the great honour which will be accorded me of a place in close proximity to our M.W. Grand Master, our R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and to our old and esteemed Bro. Eastes, his Deputy. I cannot disguise from you my feelings that this last act of your kindness may be somewhat in recognition of the fact that I, as your senior Past Master, for a long series of years fought nobly for my lodge, and zealously endeavoured to keep together the frequently dying embers of the Temple; neither can you fail to judge of my unbounded satisfaction at being permitted to see it rise, like another Phoenix, from those ashes, to assume the very large proportions it now does. It will be in the recollection of you all that only a few months ago I was presented by the Provincial Grand Lodge with the jubilee medal and the honorary rank of a P.P.J.G.W. I considered this as one of the greatest honours that could be conferred upon a humble individual like myself; but, believe me, my brethren, that this honour even pales before the circumstance of to-night. My Brother Hart has kindly wished that I might be spared to be with you for very many years. This, in the ordinary course of things, I can scarcely expect; but I do venture to hope that for some little time longer yet I may be permitted to be with you, and to retain that fraternal regard, love, and esteem which I have already earned, so that in death I may not be forgotten. But whenever you gaze upon that picture, it may elicit some passing thought and a kindly word of one who went in and out among you, and of one who, throughout his long life, ever sought to maintain and practise those three grand Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Bro. Stock then resumed his seat amid the acclamations of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

**BROUGHTON.—St. Thomas Lodge** (No. 992).—The installation of Bro. Percy B. Welch, S.W., took place and the Festival of St. John celebrated at the Griffin Hotel, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., there being present Bros. A. Grice, W.M.; P. B. Welch, S.W.; J. Johnson, P.M., Treas.; Jos. H. Lamb, Sec.; J. W. Millward, S.D.; J. J. Meakin, P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; H. Y. Rutter, P.M.; Henry Fisher, P.M.; T. Southern,

P.M.; Wm. Riddell, Tyler; Wm. Craig Royle, Wm. H. Southern, W. Hawkins, F. H. McGill, and A. H. Kellett. Visitors: Bros. A. Pemberton, P.M., P.G.D.C.; R. Williamson, P.P.A.G.P.; W. H. Robinson, P.P.G. D.C. West Lincs.; J. H. P. Leresche, P.P.G.R.; P. G. Zolers, 1009; T. Pike, W.M. 852; A. Hope, S.W. 1588; Walter O. Pettitt, I.P.M. 1055; G. S. Smith, P.M. 1134; H. T. Everitt, P.M. 1140; A. S. Kinnell, 2156; Wm. Cooper, P.M. 152; W. B. Russell, W.M. 1219; Chas. Welch, 979; Chas. Stott, I.P.M. 999; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011 and 2156; S. Dawson, W.M. 1011; and C. Turner, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The duties of Installing Master were undertaken by the retiring W.M., Bro. A. Grice, whose pride it is to conduct the business of the lodge with undeviating Masonic integrity. The W.M. elect, Bro. P. B. Welch, S.W., was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Fisher, P.M., and, after the usual formula, he was inducted into the chair of K.S. On the readmission of the brethren, Bro. Welch was proclaimed and saluted. The working tools in each case were presented by the Installing Master. Bro. Hancock, P.M., invested the officers as follows: Bros. Millward, S.W.; Lamb, J.W.; Hancock, P.M., Treas.; A. Grice, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Southern, S.D.; W. Hawkins, J.D.; Craig Royal, I.G.; H. Y. Rutter, P.M., D.C.; Kellett, Org.; McGill, Stwd.; and W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. A. Pemberton, P.G.D.C.; to the Wardens by Bro. Southern, P.M.; and to the brethren by Bro. J. J. Meakin, P.M., P.J.G.W. E.L. The musical ceremony was very effectively rendered by Bros. W. O. Pettitt, I.P.M. 1055; W. Dumville, P.M. 2156; C. Turner, P.M.; and Kennell. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. J. J. Meakin, P.J.G.W., presented to the lodge a very valuable proof steel engraving of the Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, handsomely framed in ebony and gold, which was briefly acknowledged by the W.M. It was proposed by Bro. Hancock, P.M., and seconded by Bro. H. Y. Rutter, P.M., that the best thanks of the brethren be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Meakin for the very handsome gift.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet, admirably served by Bro. Ollitt, P.M., during which, a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. A. Grice, P.M., which had been subscribed to by the members of the lodge, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by them. Bro. A. Grice thanked the brethren in a few but graceful words. The rich gold jewel, which was of unique pattern, was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

**SALTASH.—Zetland Lodge** (No. 1071).—The members of the above lodge held their annual meeting on the 3rd inst., and the high esteem in which both the W.M. and the W.M. elect are held resulted in a very large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. W. R. Rawling, the W.M. elect, was installed. The ceremony of installation was carried out with marked ability by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. Revell, assisted by the following Board of Past Masters: Bros. J. T. Brooking, P.P.G.S. Wks.; W. H. L. Clarke, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Pearce, J. Pearce, P.P. G. Purst.; E. Herring, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. C. Vosper, T. D. Deeble, Geo. Burns, E. R. Doney, H. Bowden, and James Babbage, all of the lodge; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, Prov. J.G.W.; J. R. Lord, 1247, Prov. G.T.; S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T.; C. H. Cooper, 105, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. Wks.; W. T. Hocking, 70; W. H. Terrell, 202; J. Pearce, 1136; W. Powell, 1205 and 2258; J. Gidley, 1205; E. T. Cox, W.M. 1212; J. J. C. Elliott, 1212; W. L. Lavers, 1255; W. H. Williams, 1847; and N. Bray, 2166.

The W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. R. C. Revell, I.P.M.; W. T. Nancarrow, S.W.; T. Shaddock, J.W.; J. Pearce, Treas.; T. D. Deeble, Sec.; E. Herring, Chap.; J. Lander, S.D.; T. D. Netting, J.D.; R. I. Meadows, I.G.; F. A. Rawling, D.C.; W. Prout and C. Hunt, Stwds.; and J. Deeble, Tyler.

The oldest Past Master present, Bro. S. Jew, said he felt it incumbent upon him to bear testimony to the admirable manner in which the installation had been conducted by Bro. Revell. He had never seen that duty carried out with greater ability.

The annual banquet was held on the following day.

**OSWESTRY.—St. Oswald Lodge** (No. 1124).—On Monday, the 3rd inst., the feast of St. John and the installation festival was celebrated at this lodge. The members present were Bros. John Thomas, P.P.G.D. (Mayor of Oswestry); W. H. Spaul, P.A.G.D. of C.; Geo. Owen, P.P.G.W.; Chas. Drew, P.P.G.D.; L. A. Manning, Prov. G. Std. Br.; G. J. Morgan, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. C. Corfield, P.M.; J. B. Meredith, P.P.G.C.; J. P. Cartwright, S.W.; Rev. R. Trevor-Owen, Chap.; W. F. Rogers, Treas.; Rev. Henry Duncan, I.G.; W. H. Bott, Stwd.; P. O. Gill, W. H. G. Weaver, C. Whitley Owen, J. W. Edwards, and Geo. Bonner, Tyler. The visitors present were Bros. Rev. Thos. Hughes, P.P. G. Chap. North Wales; J. F. Edisbury, P.P.G.W. North Wales; C. K. Benson, P.P.G.D. North Wales; Thos. E. Young, Prov. G.S. of W. North Wales; A. T. Ake-royd, Prov. A.G.D. of C.; J. Maclardy, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Parsons, P.P.A.G. Sec.; R. Brayne, P.P.A.G. Sec.; Wm. Aston, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Ogg, Prov. G. Std.; J. England, P.P.G. Std.; Rev. Llewelyn Jones, Chap. 1143; W. T. Jones, J. Parry-Jones (Town Clerk of Oswestry); J. D. Andrew, F. Felix Jones, W. H. Smith, A. S. Trevor, F. Reeks, A. Knight, A. Nelson, S.W. 1432; Kyffin G. Salter, S.W. 2131; R. H. Giles, J.W. 2131; Dr. Burrell, W. A. Lewis, W.M. 1432; J. Whitridge, J. Trevor Jones, and T. B. Barton.

The lodge was opened, and Bro. George Owen installed Bro. J. P. Cartwright as W. Master for the ensuing year. Owing to the accident that befel him some time since, Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn was unable to be present, and, therefore, Bro. G. Owen was invested for him I.P.M., and the W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Rev. J. B. Meredith, S.W.; Rev. H. Dunkin, J.W.; Rev. R. Trevor-Owen, Chap.; W. F. Rogers, Treas.; W. H. Spaul, Sec.; W. H. Bott, S.D.; P. O. Gill, J.D.; G. Owen, D.C.; and G. Bonner, Tyler. Several resignations and propositions were received. The lodge granted the use of their room to the Lord Harlech Lodge of Instruction for their meetings.



A number of letters were read from brethren expressing their regret at being unable to be present, amongst them were Bros. Sir Offley Wakeman, P.G.M.; Lord Harlech, P.G.M. North Wales; R. G. Venables, D.P.G.M.; V. C. L. Crump, P.G. Treas.; A. C. Spaul, P.P.G.R.; F. R. Spaul, P.P.G.R.; J. P. White, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Avery, P.A.G.P.; Roff King, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. D. Lees, R. Blaikie, Rev. W. Humphreys, P.P.G. Chap.; Captain Geo. Humphrys, Jno. Cottam, W. H. Hill, and others.

Afterwards the brethren sat down to a banquet, served in Bro. Drew's usual good style, and having duly honoured all the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, they returned to the lodge room, and resumed the work of the lodge, when a resolution was proposed by the W.M., Bro. Cartwright, seconded by the S.W., Bro. Rev. J. B. Meredith—"That this lodge desires to express their sympathy with their Immediate Past Master, Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, at the sad accident that had befallen him, and trusted that by the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, he would be in a short time completely restored to his usual health."

The lodge was then closed, and a most enjoyable evening brought to a close.

**SALFORD.**—Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at Adelphi House, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. There were present Bros. S. Ayland, W.M.; J. Waring, I.P.M.; T. McClellan, S.W.; A. H. Duffin, J.W.; J. Holroyd, P.M., P.G. S. of W., Treas.; J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; Geo. S. Smith, P.M., S.D.; E. Eccersley, I.G.; C. Driver, R. W. Martin, James Ward, J. Ogden, W. Flett, J. G. Green, T. B. Kirk, Tyler; and J. K. McMyn, 269 (visitor).

There was a passing due, but, from circumstances of an unavoidable nature, the candidate was not present. However, the W.M. wisely adopted a lodge of instruction, the whole ceremony being gone through, and this being the first meeting after the installation, it is very pleasing to relate the W.M. did the ceremony without a fault, being most ably supported by every officer who took part in the ceremony, which was most interesting and instructive to all present.

**TEDDINGTON.**—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge met at the Clarence Hotel on the 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. Finch, W.M.; W. J. Porter, S.W.; A. J. R. Simmonds, J.W.; J. Piller, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D. of C., Sec.; J. R. Barnes, S.D.; A. H. Gomme, J.D.; J. E. Ruffell, Org.; W. Middleweek, D. of C.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W., and E. H. Dines, Stewards; F. Chandler, P.A.G.P., P.M. 1656; W. Smith, W. R. Plaford, J. Barnes, jun., T. Middleweek, J. Hall, E. Hall, T. Plaford, J. Gilbert, Tyler; and others. Bro. W. Beard, P.P.G.D.C., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. J. Porter, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. Piller, P.M., re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Gilbert, re-elected Tyler. The Audit Committee having been appointed, Bro. Plaford was elected to represent the lodge at the R.M.B.I. Festival in 1889, and Bro. Porter, the W.M. elect, the R.M.I. for Boys' Festival also in 1889. Notices of motion were given to vote each Charity the sum of five guineas.

A P.M.'s jewel having been unanimously voted to Bro. Finch, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were duly honoured. An excellent programme of music was furnished by Bros. Ruffell, Porter, J. and E. Hall, and others.

## INSTRUCTION.

**JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Williams, W.M.; Jackson, S.W.; Morgan, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Turpin, S.D.; Penrose, J.D.; Jones, I.G.; Milbourn, P.M.; Faulkner, Sayers, H. G. Pitt, Varrall, Percy, Dryman, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sayers personating the candidate. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, including the appointment and investiture of officers. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bros. D. Varrall, 1155, and H. W. Percy, 1853, were elected joining members of the lodge. The W.M. being elected for the next meeting, and all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**TEMPERANCE LODGE (No. 169).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 30th ult., at the Railway Tavern, New Cross, S.E. Present: Bros. Talbot, W.M.; Gedy, S.W.; Morgan, J.W.; Milbourn, Preceptor; Vellenoweth, Sec.; Davis, S.D.; Penny, J.D.; Roberson, I.G.; and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed. On the first rising, Bro. Morgan, 833, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. The W.M. having risen for the third time, the lodge was closed.

**ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).**—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Kew, W.M.; G. Wood, S.W.; T. Casely, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, Preceptor; C. Sheppard, Sec.; H. Lichtenfeld, Asst. Sec.; R. Corry, S.D.; H. F. Hazel, J.D.; H. Palmer, I.G.; H. Slyman, P.M.; J. Ellwood, P.M.; C. A. Itter, A. A. Itter, J. F. Holden, F. Holden, G. Clappitt, S. Hill, S. Lichtenfeld, S. Passingham, C. Shemmons, Goldfinch, Schew, C. Rex, J. Sunderland, W. Eaton, J. Rayner, W. C. Rayner, G. Dunton, J. G. Wade, A. F. Marriott, Ludwick, C. Lawrence, J. P. Polegate, Monson, and many others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren: Bros. H. Palmer, C. Sheppard, C. Shemmons, S. Lichtenfeld, Goldfinch, G. Wood, J. Kew, T. Casely, E. C. Mulvey, J. Rayner, and R. Cursans. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bros. G. Dunton and Ludwick were elected joining members. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bros. Kew and Wood, and the honorary membership was accepted by them. A vote of thanks was also recorded on the minutes to the other brethren taking part in the Lectures. A ballot will take place on Monday next for the sum of £5 gs.; brethren who have attended 20 times during the year are entitled to participate. The lodge was then closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; E. Lucas, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; H. Purdue, P.M., Sec. (pro tem); G. E. Higginson, S.D.; J. C. Walker, J.D.; H. Cotton, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.I.G.D. Middlesex; J. H. Cumming, P.M.; J. Davies, L. Cox, M. R. Rice, and Stonnill.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Rice offered himself as a candidate for passing, and, having answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Cox offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Cox being candidate. Bro. A. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. W. Clarke, W.M.; J. M. Scarlett, S.W.; R. Loomes, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. G. Cobb, S.D.; H. T. Wright, J.D.; C. Hiller, I.G.; J. Petch, J. Duncan, and J. W. Cluff.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Cobb candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Duncan answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Duncan candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Scarlett was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

A meeting of the Second Islington Masonic Charities Association was afterwards held, when subscriptions were received and a ballot taken for the 26th Life-Governorship, which was allotted to Bro. Snook, 1471.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting was held on the 4th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Luckhurst, W.M.; Evans, S.W.; Holland, J.W.; Brindley, P.M., Preceptor; Clarkson, Sec.; Smales, S.D.; Rymer, J. D.; Goldfinch, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Hobbs, Sheppard, Jones, Bailey, Quick, Glover, Holmes, Holden, Goode, Morgan, Brooking, and Beasley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brindley, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bailey candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Brindley, assisted by the brethren, worked the 3rd Section of the Lecture. Bro. Holmes was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Evans was unanimously elected to the chair for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; G. S. Russell, S.W.; W. Proudfoot, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; Walter Hancock, acting as Sec.; J. D. Graham, S.D.; R. E. Cursons, J.D.; R. Clare, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; C. B. Shemmons, F. Moss, jun., J. R. Meyrick, E. D. F. Rymer, C. Lambert, Henry G. Marsden, F. W. Buxton, E. A. Ronaasen, C. Frenguelli, A. Clark, and W. Andrews.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Charles Lambert having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in order to allow Bro. W. Andrews, P.M. 1933, Jamaica, West Indies (introduced by Bro. Charles Lambert), to work the ceremony of the 3rd Degree, which he accordingly did, with the Second part of the Traditional History, as observed and practised in the lodges of Jamaica. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 1st Section of the Third Lecture, the whole of the answers being given by Bro. W. Hancock. Bro. W. Andrews vacated the chair, which Bro. F. M. Noakes, W.M., resumed. The lodge was closed in the 3rd and 2nd Degrees. On rising for the first time, Bro. W. Andrews was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Proudfoot, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. Brindley proposed that a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. Andrews, P.M., for the admirable and clear manner in which he had rehearsed the Degree of M.M., as practised in the sister lodges of Jamaica, also for occupying the chair for the time being—seconded by Bro. W. Hancock, and carried unanimously. Bro. W. Andrews thanked the brethren for the kind vote, and also for having given him the opportunity of working the Degree of M.M., as practised in the West Indies. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington. Present: Bros. Hubbard, Sec., W.M.; Geflowski, S.W.; Dresden, J.W.; Read, Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., Treas.; Keene, S.D.; Higginson, J.D.; Marsh, I.G.; Sims, P.M.; and Cotton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in Second Degree, and Bro. Cotton having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Geflowski was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 3rd instant. Present: Bros. W. G. Coat, W.M.; M. R. Rice, S.W.; J. B. Cory, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. T. Gracie, S.D.; J. S. Pattison, J.D.; W. H. Bolt, I.G.; Jas. Sims, P.M.; G. Rogers, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; P. Skar, J. C. Conway, E. Mitchell, W. Hide, and C. E. Everett.

The lodge having been duly opened in the First and Second Degrees, Bro. Everett offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony was completed. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Coat for his excellent working for the first time in this lodge. Bros. Hide, Everett, and Mitchell were elected joining members. Bro. Rice was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Ayling, P.M., W.M.; J. Sims, P.M., S.W.; J. Davies, J.W.; G. Gardner, Treas.; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; W. Hyde, J.D.; T. W. Biggs, I.G.; E. D. Aslette, Org.; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; H. Purdue, P.M. 834; Dr. Lawrence, P.M. 2012; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middlesex; D. Stroud, W.M. 2090; Osborn, A. Williams, and F. Craggs. Visitor: Bro. E. E. Barratt-Kidder, P.M. 12.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Dr. Lawrence then assumed the chair, and proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of installation. Bro. G. Gardner, P.M. 2012, being the W.M. elect. Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., acted as D. of C. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Davies. Bro. R. H. Williams was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro.

Ayling proposed, Bro. J. Sims seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Bro. Dr. Lawrence for his excellent working of the ceremony of installation. Bro. G. Gardner then, with very kind terms of expression, presented to Bro. A. Williams, the late Secretary, a handsome silver cigar case as a token of the regard and esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge. Bro. A. Williams heartily thanked the brethren for their unexpected kindness. The lodge was then closed.

**THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Piper, W.M.; Goffin, S.W.; Hobbs, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Dottrell, J.D.; Moloney, I.G.; Dr. Harper, and Edwards.

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. Edwards being the candidate. Bro. Dottrell, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Dottrell being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Goffin was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Wood, W.M.; Hudson, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Russell, S.D.; Folkard, J.D.; Mitchell, I.G.; Chapman, Cochrane, Hill, Partridge, Chapman, Linett, Shannaw, Newton, Grover, Cowland, and Wingham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Partridge as candidate. Bro. Wood then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Chapman, W.M. 177, who opened the lodge in the Second Degree. Bro. Wingham was presented as W.M. elect, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed with all the usual formalities, the Installing Master, Bro. Chapman, giving the charges. The W.M. rose for the first time, and was elected a joining member. Bro. Wood returned thanks, and hoped to attend frequently. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Chapman for his excellent rendering of the ceremony of installation. Bro. Chapman returned thanks for the favour shown to him by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the third time, and Bro. Westley called the attention of the members to the working of the Fifteen Sections on Monday next. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

**CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).**—The installation meeting of this well-established select chapter was held on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, City. The chapter was opened by Comps. F. Elder, M.E.Z.; J. E. Cockett, H.; and H. F. Paget, J. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. It showed a good balance in hand, and no liabilities. Comp. P. A. Nairne, P.Z., D.C., by unanimous desire of the members, took the chair, and, in an excellent manner, installed Comps. J. E. Cockett, M.E.Z.; H. F. Paget, H.; and Mihill Slaughter, J. The other officers appointed were Comps. J. B. Sonell, P.Z., Treas.; Fred. Walters, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middx., S.E.; T. H. Wilson, S.N.; T. C. Strong, P.S.; A. L. Moore, 1st A.S.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z., D.C.; W. M. Goss, P.Z., Stwd.; R. W. Goddard, P.Z. 174, Janitor; and A. W. Thorpe, P.Z. The S.E., D.C., S.N., Soj., and Janitor were re-appointments. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Comp. P. A. Nairne, P.Z., D.C., for his admirable rendering of the installation ceremony. The usual ten guinea P.Z. jewel (unanimously voted from the funds) was presented to Comp. Frederick Elder, P.Z., who duly acknowledged the gift. The chapter was then closed.

Banquet and dessert followed.

The visitors present were Comps. W. A. Barratt, P.Z.; A. Haines, P.Z. 142; H. H. Room, H. 91; Dr. Dixon, P.Z., Hon. Member; and others.

**KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).**—This chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 6th inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br., Surrey, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S. Middx., P.Z., acting H.; W. W. Westley, J.; H. Higgins, S.E.; Salter, P.S.; George Everett, P.Z., Treas.; Reinardt, Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. J. W. Grower, J.D. 186, and Bro. T. R. Chamley, 141, and it proving to be unanimous, the former, being in attendance, was most ably exalted by the M.E.Z., whose working as a Royal Arch Mason is widely and deservedly known. It was resolved unanimously "That the best thanks of this chapter are due, and be hereby given, to Ex. Comp. H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E., for his kindness in presenting an old family Bible of the 17th century to the chapter. The gift is rendered more appropriate by the circumstance that it is partly printed and bound in red. The chapter is also indebted to Ex. Comp. H. J. Lardner, M.E.Z., for his kindness in having had a brass tablet recording the gift duly affixed thereto."

The chapter was then closed.

At the banquet which followed, the toasts were duly honoured.

In giving "The Treasurer and Scribe E," the M.E.Z. mentioned the circumstance that at Grand Lodge on the previous night Comp. George Everett had been duly nominated as Grand Treasurer, and if the warmth accorded to the announcement meant anything, he (the M.E.Z.) augured well for the ultimate success of their popular and genial Treasurer. The M.E.Z. also paid a high compliment to Comp. Higgins for the painstaking way in which he carried out his duties as S.E.

The other toasts received full justice, and a most agreeable evening was passed.

**SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.**—Adams Chapter (No. 158).—The annual installation of this ancient chapter took place at the Britannia Hotel, on Tuesday, 27th ult., when the following companions were installed and invested for the ensuing year by Comps. W. Pannell, I.P.Z., and A. Spears, P.Z. and P.P.G.O.: Comps. J. Tower, Z.; E. J. Penny, P.Z., P.P.G.O., H.; J. Copland, J.; W. Pannell, I.P.Z.; John Bagshaw, P.Z., S.E.; A. Spears, P.Z., Treas.; Henry G. Boorman, S.N.; Henry E. Pannell, P. Soj.; Wm. W. Copland, 1st Asst. Soj.; William Matheson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Joseph Akhurst, Janitor. Among the visitors and others were Comps. George T.



Green, P.Z., P.P.G.O.; Major Fairtlough, R.A., of St. John's and St. Paul's, Malta; and Lieut. Hugh Elwes, R.A., Prov. G.H. The ceremonies having been completed, the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to banquet, supplied by the hostess, Mrs. Green, in her usual excellent style, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given by the newly-installed Z., the companions then separated, after spending a very enjoyable evening.

### INSTRUCTION.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. Wicks, M.E.Z.; Grumman, P.Z. 1275, H.; Wingham, 25, J.; J. S. Latham, S.E.; Benedetti, S.N. elect 1275, S.N.; Eedle, P.S. 141, P.S.; C. Woods, A.S. elect 1275, A.S.; J. Hill, P.S. 1329; Addington, M.E.Z. elect 1275; G. Powell, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1185; J. Stevens, P.Z. 720, 721; and Acocks, 1350.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and Comps. J. Stevens, P.Z., Acocks, and Eedle were unanimously elected joining members. The dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Wicks was elected to re-occupy the chair of M.E.Z. at the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, when a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Wicks for the very able way in which he had filled the chair of M.E.Z. for the first time in this chapter. A motion by Comp. Grumman to purchase collars for the use of the three Principals, S.E., S.N., and P.S., was unanimously carried. The Preceptor very kindly answered queries from members present, after which the chapter was closed.

### Knights Templar.

#### PRIORY OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

At a meeting of the Priory of West Yorkshire of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales, held at the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax, on Saturday, the 3rd ult., under the banner of the Salamanca Preceptory, No. 21. The following knights were present and represented the various preceptories to which they respectively belong; Sir Knights John Spencer, P.P. Aide-de-Camp; F. W. Turner, P.P.C. of G.; Wm. Darling, Prov. Std. Br.; Thos. Heaton, and Wm. Harrison, of 3; R. Williamson, P.P. Marshal; Thos. Ruddock, P.P. Constable; Alfred Gill, P.P. Reg.; J. Hy. Gration, P.P. Vice-Chancellor; Squire Denton, Prov. Chamberlain; C. W. Fincken, Prov. Org.; and Wm. Watson, of 4; T. W. Tew, J.P., V.E. Prior; Thomas Hill, P.P. Sub-Prior; Henry Smith, P.P. Chancellor; J. G. Hutchinson, P.P. Reg.; J. L. Atherton, P.P. Marshal; J. W. Monckman, Prov. Chancellor; Chas. Crabtree, Prov. Treas.; J. R. Welsman, Prov. Vice-Chancellor; W. C. Lupton, P.P. Swd. Br.; J. Paget Priestly, Thos. Norfolk, Geo. Beanland, Prov. Equerry; and John Hill, of 13; W. Shackleton, Prov. Marshal, and Joseph Longbottom, of 18; I. Booth, P.P. Chancellor; Wm. Stott, P.P. Treas.; B. W. Jackson, P.P. Constable; R. D. Kendall, G. Buckley, jun., P.P. Marshal; F. Whiteley, P.P. Treas.; G. Scarborough, P.P. Herald; W. Gaukroger, Prov. Constable; H. S. Holdsworth, P.P.C. of G.; F. Fleming, P.P. Org.; J. W. Balme, P.P. Chamberlain; A. Roberts, P.P.C. of G.; T. Gaukroger, Prov. C. of G.; M. G. Dobson, C. Greenwood, A. Stott, W. Hanson, W. Emmott, R. Hodgson, and W. Smithies, of 21; Thomas Pickles, P.P. Reg., and C. Woollons, P.P.C. of G., of 39; John Shaw, Prov. Constable, Septimus Short, P. Prov. Standard Bearer, G. B. Owen, and R. Roper, of 66; Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., Prov. Prelate, and Prelate Great Priory of Eng.; W. F. Smithson, P. Prov. Constable; John Barker, P. Prov. Marshal; J. W. Fourness, Prov. Sub-Marshal; H. G. E. Green, P. Prov. Vice-Chancellor; J. Quarterman, Prov. Prior's Banner Br.; H. C. Pickersgill, Prov. Swd. Br.; and Thomas Drake, of 114. Visitors: Sir Knights T. B. Whythead, Prov. Sub-Prior N. and E. Yorks, Hon. Prov. Prior Canada, and P. Grand Capt. of Guards Eng.; and Donald Grant, of Belfast.

The knights having been arranged under their respective banners, the V.E. Prior, the acting E. Sub-Prior, the Great Officers, and Officers, and Past Great Officers entered the hall, and were received under the arch of steel.

The V.E. Prior having taken his seat upon the throne, opened the Provincial Priory in ample form, supported by the following Great Officers and Officers: Sir Knights Henry Smith, as E. Sub-Prior; Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D. and LL.D., Prov. Prelate; J. W. Monckman, Prov. Chancellor; William Gaukroger, Prov. Constable; William Shackleton, Prov. Marshal; C. Crabtree, Prov. Treas.; W. F. Smithson, as Prov. Reg.; J. R. Welsman, Prov. Vice-Chancellor; J. W. Fourness, Prov. Sub-Marshal; John Barker, as Prov. Almoner and Chap.; Geo. Buckley, jun., as Prov. Warden of Regalia; Squire Denton, as Prov. Herald; Thos. Pickles, as Prov. 1st Std. Br.; Wm. Darling, Prov. 2nd Std. Br.; J. Quarterman, Prov. Prior's Banner Bearer; A. Gill, as Prov. 1st Aide-de-Camp; Fred Whiteley, as Prov. 2nd Aide-de-Camp; Thomas Drake, Prov. Chamberlain; Thos. Gaukroger, Prov. 1st C. of G.; H. G. E. Green, as Prov. 2nd C. of G.; H. C. Pickersgill, Prov. S.B.; C. W. Fincken, Prov. Org.; and George Beanland, Prov. Equerry.

The muster roll of the preceptories of the province was called by the REGISTRAR; all preceptories being represented.

The V.E. Prior, Sir Knight T. W. Tew, J.P., and the acting Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Henry Smith, were saluted in proper form. The distinguished visitors were saluted.

The V.E. PRIOR responded to the salutation, and delivered an address as follows:

"Sir Knights,—It is my privilege this afternoon to open the Priory of West Yorkshire again under the banner of the Salamanca Preceptory, No. 21, meeting in the Masonic Temple, at Halifax. By the kindness of the Eminent Preceptor and sir knights of this valued preceptory, the knights of West Yorkshire are invited to assemble themselves together for the transaction of the annual business of the Priory of West Yorkshire to-day. The Salamanca Preceptory has entertained the Priory of this province on eight previous occasions—1863, 1871, 1875, 1878, 1879, 1881, 1883, and 1886; for the ninth time our acknowledgments are due to this preceptory for taking such special

interest in the welfare of Knight Templary under my immediate jurisdiction in West Yorkshire. At the time of the last-named Priory meeting, Salamanca had 26 knights upon the roll, one of whom has now retired. This preceptory has to record the death of two knights—Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., and Sir Knight James Gooding Lee. Since we last met under Salamanca banner it has installed eight new knights, leaving the number in Halifax of 31 knights on the books of this preceptory. Since the last annual meeting of the West Yorkshire Priory in Halifax, in 1886, Templars have increased in numbers. The returns received from the various preceptories in January, 1886, showed the number of subscribing knights in the province to be 125; in January, 1887, 152 knights; and in January, 1888, to be 159 knights on the Registrar's muster roll. Since then ten knights have been installed. This sure increase in our numbers, and the stability of this priory, is due to the pains which the Sub-Prior and Chancellor and officers take in promoting the prosperity and welfare of the eight preceptories in West Yorkshire. As the province contains 73 lodges, perhaps it is not unreasonable to look forward to a more continued and rapid addition of knights to our ranks, and an addition to the number of preceptories. There is one sir knight whose career I should like to mention; he has recently been taken away from the Faith Preceptory, of which he was a knight. That preceptory laments the death of Sir Knight Fred. Smart. He was admitted into the Knights Templar Order April 21st, 1884; he was made a Knight of Malta 12th March, 1885. He had already discharged the duties of Captain of the Guards and Sub-Marshal respectively, and at the time of his death was the Marshal of the Faith Preceptory. It is a somewhat remarkable coincidence that in 1886 the Faith Preceptory was deprived of its Marshal by the death of Sir Knight J. Buckley Sharp. This preceptory has also lost seven knights from its ranks with a very few years; this is serious. You are aware that a demonstration of the Craft takes place in the parish church of Halifax, on Sunday, to record the 150th year of Masonry in this town. On 30th July, 1838, brethren and members of the Craft attended Divine Service at the parish church to celebrate the Centenary. We are invited by the Dean of York and the new Dean of Chichester to attend again, and to offer up our prayers and praises to the Most High God, in this venerable and restored edifice, for the blessings He has vouchsafed to our Orders, and to our Queen and country. I earnestly desire a large attendance. Sir Knight Isaac Booth will explain arrangements, if necessary. Since we assembled at Bradford, on the 5th May, Sir Knight J. W. Woodall was installed at York on the 20th July, 1888, Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and others of National Great Priory, as the Very Eminent Prior for North and East Yorkshire. We congratulate Sir Knight Woodall on his installation, and wish him many years of happiness in his exalted office. Sir Knights, I thank you for assisting North and East Yorkshire by your presence in such large numbers as you did on that memorable occasion. At this ceremony the Cope for the Provincial Prelate of West Yorkshire was worn for the first time, by the Rev. T. C. Smyth, LL.D., Prov. Prelate and Prelate of Great Priory; it was a pleasure for that assembly indeed to be graced by so learned a Prelate wearing so appropriate and suitable a vestment. We are favoured to-day by the presence of Sir Knight T. B. Whitehead, Sub-Prior of North and East Yorkshire, and also Sir Knight Donald Grant, from Ireland. We welcome these knights right well; North and East Yorkshire is a Province with which West Yorkshire is always desirous to be in the most fraternal harmony and knightly fellowship, therefore, we are proud to have the representatives of that province in our Priory. Our sympathies are due to Sir Knight W. S. Smithson, the chairman of the Charity Committee, in his recent domestic bereavement; like a brave knight he was present at the recent Masonic election in London, when 24 boys were elected out of a list of 75 candidates. The three boys from that province were all successfully elected, viz., Geo. Rushforth, 2250 votes; Kenneth Kendall, 2204 votes; and William Herbert Pinder, 2175 votes. We thank him and Sir Knight Henry Smith and Bro. William Harrop for their valuable services rendered to this province on that occasion. The sum of £10 10s. voted at the last meeting, has been paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for the Centenary Festival, held in the Albert Hall, on the 7th June, 1888, to which this province generously contributed the sum of £26 15s. The guinea given to the Provincial Library has gone toward the purchase of rare books. "Pilot's Natural History of Staffordshire in the Reign of James the Second" has been acquired; it was printed in 1686. In chapter viii, on the customs relating to the county, is an account of the charges and manners of the Society of Freemasons in Staffordshire, and of the Masters and Fellowes of this (as it is called) right worshipful Craft. I believe, in the history of any county, this is one of the very earliest printed accounts of the "Congregations and Confederacies, Chapters, and Assemblies" of the Craft in England. We have to thank Sir Knight Wm. Watson, our Librarian, for securing this most beautiful and rare work to West Yorkshire and to Templary. The distribution, as is our knightly custom, the collars of our Order for the next year upon worthy knights, is the best recognition in our power to give of the chivalry of modern Templary. We can never too much imitate the qualities of the Knights of Malta and of the East of old. The tales of the old Crusaders are all so glorious because we feel all through them the charm of their knightly respect and veneration for all beautiful and worthy things. How gentle they were to the fair sex! how intolerant of meanness and cowardice! how jealous of their honour and careful of their knightly word! I commend the charm of their courtesy and reverence, tenderness, and generosity to your attention and imitation. I ask you, like them, to respect one another, and see good in one another, and hold sacred the mind and will and life of another even as your own. Templary justifies its perpetuation, as its members succeed in cultivating these chivalric qualities of the heart and mind; and thus helps the world to better understand the duties, and more greatly enjoy the privileges of companionship in related life—even as Tennyson puts it in his own wise way:—

"How'er it be, it seems to me

'Tis only noble to be good;

Kind hearts are more than coronets,  
And simple faith than Norman blood."

The ACTING SUB-PRIOR returned thanks for salutation. Sir Knights T. B. Whythead and DONALD GRANT returned thanks.

The roll of Great Officers and Officers was called by the E. SUB-PRIOR.

The minutes of the meeting held at Bradford on Saturday, May 5th, 1888, were presented for confirmation.

It was proposed by Sir Knight Dr. SMYTH, and seconded by Sir Knight W. GAUKROGER, "That the minutes be taken as read."—Carried.

Proposed by Sir Knight T. RUDDOCK, and seconded by Sir Knight J. G. HUTCHINSON, "That the minutes be confirmed."—Carried.

The V.E. Prior, Sir Knight T. W. Tew, J.P., presented to the Priory of West Yorkshire a rich velvet and gold embroidered cope for the Prov. Prelate.

Sir Knight Dr. SMYTH, Prov. Prelate, and the Prelate of Great Priory of England, proposed "A vote of thanks to the Very Eminent Prior of West Yorkshire for his generous gift of so handsome a cope."

This was seconded by Sir Knight Wm. GAUKROGER, and unanimously carried.

The Prov. Sub-Marshal Sir Knight J. W. FOURNESS, presented to the Priory of West Yorkshire a beautifully embroidered alms-bag.

The Prov. Chancellor, Sir Knight J. W. MONCKMAN, presented to the Priory of West Yorkshire eight scarlet banners, one for each of the eight Preceptories; each banner having the name and number of the Preceptory.

Proposed by Sir Knight AUSTIN ROBERTS, and seconded by Sir Knight HENRY SMITH, and unanimously carried "That a hearty vote of thanks be presented to the Prov. Chancellor, and to the Prov. Sub-Marshal for these gifts."

The Prov. Treasurer, Sir Knight CHAS. CRABTREE, in presenting the balance sheet, which shows cash in the bankers' hands £14 13s. 9d. on general account, and £3 18s. 9d. alms account, proposed "That it should be passed," which was seconded by Sir Knight J. R. WELSMAN, and carried.

Proposed by Sir Knight CHAS. CRABTREE, and seconded by Sir Knight J. G. HUTCHINSON, "That Sir Knight J. W. FOURNESS be elected Treasurer for the ensuing year."—Carried.

The V.E. Prior appointed and invested the following knights as Great Officers and Officers for the ensuing year:

Sir Knight J. D. Kay	...	The Eminent Sub-Prior.
" Rev. T. C. Smyth,	...	
" D.D., LL.D.	...	Prov. Prelate.
" J. W. Monckman	...	Prov. Chancellor.
" Jas. Hy. Gration	...	Prov. Constable.
" H. S. Holdsworth	...	Prov. Marshal.
" J. W. Fourness	...	Prov. Treasurer.
" Septimus Short	...	Prov. Registrar.
" J. R. Welsman	...	Prov. Vice-Chancellor.
" J. W. Balme	...	Prov. Sub-Marshal.
" R. D. Kendall	...	Prov. Almoner & Chap.
" W. R. Massie	...	Prov. Warden of Reg.
" Squire Denton	...	Prov. Herald.
" Joseph Longbottom	...	Prov. 1st Standard Br.
" A. H. J. Fletcher	...	Prov. 2nd Standard Br.
" J. Quarterman	...	Prov. Prior's Banner Br.
" Thomas Drake	...	Prov. 1st Aide-de-Camp
" M. G. Dobson	...	Prov. 2nd Aide-de-Camp
" J. P. Hanson	...	Prov. Chamberlain.
" Aulay Macaulay	...	Prov. 1st Capt. of Gds.
" G. B. Owen	...	Prov. 2nd Capt. of Gds.
" Thomas Heaton	...	Prov. Sword Bearer.
" J. Paget Priestly	...	Prov. Organist.
" Geo. Beanland	...	Prov. Equerry.

Sir Knight H. SMITH proposed "That the best thanks of the Priory of West Yorkshire be given to the knights of the Salamanca Preceptory, No. 21, for their cordial reception this day."

This was seconded by Sir Knight J. H. GRATION, supported by Sir Knight THOMAS HILL, and unanimously carried.

Sir Knight AUSTIN ROBERTS, the Eminent Preceptor of the Salamanca Preceptory, responded and acknowledged the vote.

The Almoner and Chaplain collected the alms, which amounted to £1 18s. 2d.

The Priory was closed in due form, and the V.E. Prior, Sub-Prior, Great Officers, and Officers, and Past Great Officers retired under the arch of steel.

The knights, numbering 63, then proceeded to the banqueting room, and partook of refreshments bountifully and kindly provided by the knights of the Salamanca Preceptory, No. 21.

### Australia.

#### THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

A special meeting of Masters and Past Masters under the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions was held on Wednesday evening, October 31st, in the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Executive Committee, elected some weeks previously, to prepare a basis of union for the consolidation of the Masonic bodies in the colony, under the title of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. Bro. John James, P.D.S.G.W. (E.C.), Chairman of the Executive Committee, presided, supported by many of the leading officers of the three Constitutions, and there was also a large attendance of Masters and Past Masters both of town and country lodges.

The CHAIRMAN, in detailing the progress of the movement, stated that 101 out of 120 lodges had signified their intention of joining, these embracing a total of 3306 members in favour, with only 79 in opposition. The basis of union, as agreed to by the Executives of the British Constitutions, as well as of the Victorian Constitution, was put to the meeting, and carried almost unanimously, after which a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman in recognition of his valuable and energetic services in the furtherance of the movement.

The joint Executive Committee of the four Constitutions it was agreed meet the following evening, to draw up articles of union, and it was anticipated that the new United Grand Lodge of Victoria would be formally opened, and a Grand Master elected, on the second Tuesday in December. In such case the Grand Master would be installed, and he would invest his officers at a special communication on the following day, when there was expected to be a great

gathering of the Craft from all parts of the colonies. Bro. Sir William Clarke, Bart., the present District and Prov. Grand Master of the three British Constitutions, was to be asked to accept the position of Grand Master of the new body.

The following is a copy of the basis of union under which the Masonic bodies at present existing under the English, Irish, Scottish, and Victorian Constitutions have agreed to unite and form one Grand Lodge, to be called the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria:—

1. That the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of lodges, under the existing four Constitutions, viz., English, Irish, Scottish, and Victorian, meet mutually (by summons), and form themselves into a Grand Lodge, to be called "The United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria."

2. That Sir W. J. Clarke (if willing) be elected first Grand Master.

3. That the United Grand Lodge adopt the Book of Constitutions and mode of procedure of the Grand Lodge of England, so far as the same may be applicable, until otherwise decided.

4. That the lodges under the "United Grand Lodge" (when formed) shall be registered, and rank in precedence according to the dates of the warrants they at present hold under their respective Constitutions; and where two lodges shall have adopted the same name, the older lodge shall have the right to retain the name.

5. That the United Executive shall be appointed a Committee to nominate to the M.W. Grand Master the first Grand Lodge Officers to be appointed, same to be confirmed by Grand Lodge. The question of election or appointment of Grand Lodge Officers shall be submitted to the votes of all lodges in Victoria within six months after formation of the United Grand Lodge.

6. That whatever rank any brother at present holds, or has held, under any of the four Constitutions shall be confirmed, and that relative Past Grand Rank be conferred on all Grand, Provincial, or District Grand Lodge Officer, Present and Past.

7. That the M.W. Grand Master shall, at the time of appointing his first officers, have the privilege of conferring Past Grand Rank on brethren in acknowledgment of past services rendered to the Craft.

8. That the officers of private lodges may either be appointed by the W. Master or elected by the members, as their by-laws may direct, until otherwise decided.

The United Executive Committee met on the evening succeeding the foregoing proceedings, when the draft of the Articles of Union was submitted, and approved as amended. The Executive Committee was appointed a Committee of the whole to make the necessary arrangements for the inaugural ceremonies, as also the installation of the M.W. Grand Master, which it was decided should take place on the day following his election, in the Town Hall, Melbourne. It was also agreed to invite Lord Carrington, M.W. Grand Master of New South Wales, and Mr. Justice Way, M.W. Grand Master of South Australia, to perform the ceremony of installation.

The following is the draft copy of the "Articles of Union":—

Articles of Union of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria:

Freemasonry was first established in this Colony in the year 1839, by the Lodge of Australia Felix, No. 697 (now 474), English Constitution, under dispensation. It was followed in 1843 by the Australasian Kilwinning Lodge, No. 339, under the Scottish Constitution; and in 1847, the Australia Felix Lodge of Hiram, No. 349, was opened under the Irish Constitution.

The Provincial (now District) Grand Lodge of Scotland was opened in the year 1847, and has now working under its jurisdiction 13 lodges. The Provincial (now District) Grand Lodge of England was opened in the year 1857, and has now 102 lodges working. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ireland was opened in 1856, and has now 16 lodges working; and in the year 1883, the Grand Lodge of Victoria was established, and has now working under its jurisdiction 18 lodges.

It is expedient, in the best interests of Freemasonry, and for the better ordering of the Craft in this Colony, that there should be full, perfect, and perpetual union, and uniformity of obligation and discipline among the members thereof, at present divided into, and working under, the above four separate and distinct Constitutions, so that in all time to come they shall form and constitute but one Brotherhood, and be represented in one Grand Lodge.

In conformity with the Basis of Union adopted and confirmed by the representatives of the said four Constitutions, IT IS HEREBY AGREED:

Article 1. That the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of lodges, under the above Constitutions, having been summoned, attend a meeting on the 11th day December next, at the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne, and form themselves into a Grand Lodge, to be styled "THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF VICTORIA," and proceed then and there to elect some distinguished brother to be the Grand Master of the said United Grand Lodge.

Article 2. That the United Grand Lodge adopt the Book of Constitutions and Mode of Procedure of the Grand Lodge of England as far as the same may be applicable, until otherwise decided.

Article 3. That the lodges shall be registered and rank in precedence according to the dates of the warrants they at present hold under their respective Constitutions; and where two lodges have adopted the same name, the older lodge shall have the right to retain the name.

Article 4. That whatever rank any brother at present holds or has held under any of the four Constitutions shall be confirmed; and that relative Past Grand Rank be conferred on all Grand, District, or Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, Present or Past, provided that they had been subscribing members of some lodge in Victoria, which shall have given in its adhesion to the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Article 5. That warrants under the Seal of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria be issued for those lodges that within six months have declared their allegiance to the said United Grand Lodge.

[For the foregoing we are indebted to Bro. W. F. Lamonby, who, it will be noticed by the dates, lost little time in dispatching the particulars by the very first mail, which left Melbourne the very day after the latter proceedings.—*Ed. Freemason.*]

## CHRISTMAS RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

### THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The London and North Western Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, December 17th, to Monday, December 24th, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time—Sundays and bank holidays excepted—at the following Town Receiving Offices of the Company: 15, Queen-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3, Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, Gresham-street, E.C.; 13, Eastcheap; Cross Keys, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22, Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 65, Aldgate, E.; 30, West Smithfield, E.C.; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, 64, Fleet-street, E.C.; 116, Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, 285, High Holborn, W.C.; 43, New Oxford-street, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus, W.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; Hotel Windsor (late Army and Navy Hotel), Victoria-street, S.W.; 231, Edgware-road, W.; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.; 70, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.; Lion, 108, New Bond-street, W.; 496, Oxford-street, W.; Griffin's, Green Man and Still, 241, Oxford-street, W.; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater, W.; Knightsbridge, 34, Albert Gate, S.W.; Kensington, 33, High-street, W.; 117, Borough, S.E.; 233 and 234, Blackfriars-road, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington Causeway, S.E.; 194, Westminster Bridge-road, S.E.; Islington, "Angel," 5, Pentonville-road, N.; and at Gaze and Son's Offices, 142, Strand, W.C.

A special train for the conveyance of horses and carriages will be run from Euston at 12.20 noon each day from December 17th to 22nd inclusive. Horses and carriages for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Stafford, Shrewsbury, Crewe, and the North will be conveyed by this train instead of by the 1.15 p.m. from Euston. On Saturday, December 22nd, a special express will leave Euston Station at 2.50 p.m. for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Trent Valley, and Stafford, at 4.20 p.m. for Rugby, Coventry, and Birmingham, and at 6.50 p.m. for Rugby. On Christmas Eve the night Irish mail, due to leave Euston at 8.20 p.m., will not leave until 9.15 p.m. Passengers from Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester for Holyhead and Ireland will leave at the usual hours, and will be taken forward to Holyhead in advance of the London train. The mail packet for Kingstown will not leave Holyhead until the passengers from London are on board. The 12.0 night train from London (Euston), due at Warrington at 5.15 a.m. on Christmas Day, will be extended from Warrington to Carlisle, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. The train will call at Wigan at 5.36 a.m., Preston at 6.2 a.m., Lancaster at 6.33 a.m., Carnforth at 6.45 a.m., Windermere at 7.55 a.m., Oxenholme at 7.12 a.m., Tebay at 7.43 a.m., Penrith at 8.18 a.m., and reach Carlisle at 8.45 a.m. On Christmas Day the usual Sunday service of trains will be run, with the following additions:—The 5.15 a.m. Newspaper Express Train from London will run to Northampton, Birmingham, Stafford, Shrewsbury, Liverpool, Manchester, Warrington, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster, Carnforth, Kendal, Windermere, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, and Glasgow, but will have no connection to Chester and North Wales. The 7.15 a.m. Down Day Irish Mail from Euston to Holyhead, and the 11.30 a.m. Up Day Irish Mail from Holyhead to Euston, will be run on Christmas Day the same as on week-days, and will also call at Bangor, the Down Mail at 12.45 p.m., and the Up Mail at 12.3 noon. On Bank Holiday, Wednesday, December 26th, the express trains to and from the City, St. Albans, Watford, and Kensington will not run. Numerous residential trains in the neighbourhood of important cities and towns will not be run on Bank Holiday.

### GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Great Western Railway Company have, as on previous occasions, made liberal arrangements for the convenience of their Christmas passengers.

Following their usual custom, they have arranged to issue tickets at no less than 11 of their City and West-end offices in the Metropolis, viz.:—193 and 407, Oxford-street, 23, New Oxford-street, Holborn Circus, 29, Charing Cross, 5, Arthur-street, London Bridge, 82, Queen Victoria-street, 43 and 44, Crutched Friars, 26, Regent-street, 67, Gresham-street, and 4, Cheapside; at either of which places tickets can be obtained on and after Tuesday, December 18th. The issue of tickets at these offices cannot fail to be a boon to those travellers who desire to avoid the trouble of obtaining a ticket at a crowded railway station. The booking office at the Paddington Station will also be open for the issue of tickets each day during the week preceding Christmas day. Ordinary tickets obtained in London between December 18th and 24th will be available for use on any day between (and including) those days. Cheap tickets at reduced fares will be issued from London to the Yeovil and Weymouth districts, and to stations in the West of England; similar tickets will also be issued from those districts to London.

In order to meet the extraordinary demand upon the company's resources, occasioned by the enormous parcels traffic despatched both from and to London at Christmas time, special fast trains carrying parcels only, and calling at the principal intermediate stations, will run between London and Plymouth, Birkenhead, Worcester, and New Milford.

On Saturday, December 22nd, the 6.20 p.m. Fast train from Paddington, usually running to Bristol only, will run to Exeter; and on Saturday, December 22nd, and Monday, December 24th, the 1.0 and 5.0 p.m. Fast trains (1, 2, and 3 class), from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance; a special Fast train to the West of England going through to Penzance, will leave Paddington at 12 o'clock midnight on December 22nd and 24th, and carry third class passengers at reduced fares. On Monday, December 24th, special trains will leave Paddington at 9.45 and 10.0 p.m. for Penzance and New Milford,

calling at the same stations as the 9.0 and 9.15 p.m. ordinary trains.

On the Christmas day the usual Sunday service of trains will be run, but for the convenience of persons who are unable to leave town before the morning of Christmas day, the 5.30 a.m. train will run as on week days to Oxford, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, and Swansea.

## South Africa.

### MARK MASONRY.

**DURBAN.**—Port Natal Lodge (No. 288).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on September 30th last, in the Masonic Hall, Smith-street, Bro. Julius Schulz, M.D., in the chair, and was numerously attended, the Prov. Grand Master and officers having been announced to visit the lodge. There were present Bros. R. I. Finnermore, P.G.M.; T. Cook, Deputy P.G.M.; W. F. Stanton, P.S.G.O.; J. Crowe, P.J.G.O.; H. W. Hampton, P.G. Sec.; H. Rutherford, P.G. Treas.; G. Leask, P.S.G.D.; J. Fletcher, P.G. Inspector of Works; T. L. B. Tuckett, P.G.D. of C.; G. Pullock, P.G. Org.; C. H. Dunn, P.G.I.G.; T. H. Upton, T. W. Bower, A. Elstob, St. Clair Liston, Hammond, H. O. Sahlstrom, and others.

After the ordinary routine business of confirmation of minutes, reading of correspondence, ballot for and advancement of approved candidate, &c., Bro. T. Cook took the chair, and, as Installing Master, installed Bro. J. Crowe, as W.M. for the ensuing year, who appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. Schulz, I.P.M.; G. Leask, S.W.; T. L. B. Tuckett, J.W.; H. Rutherford, Treas.; T. W. Bower, Sec.; St. Clair Liston, M.O.; Hammond, S.O.; A. Elstob, J.O.; T. Cook, S.D.; J. H. Upton, J.D.; G. Pullock, Org.; H. O. Sahlstrom, I.G.; and J. P. Carter, Tyler.

A lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was then opened, and Bro. J. Crowe installed as Commander, with the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. Leask, S.W.; T. L. B. Tuckett, J.W.; H. Rutherford, Treas.; T. W. Bower, Scribe; T. Cook, S.D.; J. H. Upton, J.D.; and G. Pullock, Org.

The brethren afterwards assembled at the banquet table, when the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and received.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

**BARBOUR.**—On the 7th inst., at Bolesworth Castle, Cheshire, the wife of George Barbour, of a daughter.

**CLIVE.**—On the 8th inst., at Tazanrog, the wife of Edward Clive, Esq., of a son.

**GUNSTON.**—On the 7th inst., at Lindisfarne, Ellison-road, Streatham Common, Surrey, the wife of Arthur Percy Gunston, of a son.

### MARRIAGES.

**DONKIN-PALMER.**—On the 8th inst., at St. George's, Hanover-square, Dr. Donkin, of 108, Harley-street, eldest son of Bryan Donkin, Esq., of Blackheath, to Auguste Margarethe, widow of Professor E. H. Palmer, of Cambridge.

**GREEVES-WHITE.**—On the 5th inst., At St. Mary's Church, Stoke Newington, N., Arthur Owen Greaves, of Great Yarmouth, to Kate, eldest daughter of Alexander Dow White, of Green-lanes, N.

### DEATHS.

**BOYLE.**—On the 6th inst., at Newquay, Cornwall, Bro. Thomas Boyle, Surgeon, aged 54 years.

**CUMMING.**—On the 7th inst., at Alabama House, Brixton, Isabel A., the wife of Bro. John B. Cumming, P.M., Treas. Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, and daughter of the late Rev. John S. Ebaugh, of New York. *American Masonic papers please copy.*

**LEITH.**—On the 10th inst., at Heidelberg, Edward Tyrrell Leith, of Bombay, Barrister-at-Law, aged 46.

**PUGH.**—On the 9th inst., at Toronto, Canada, William Carrington Pugh, only son of Emma and the late William Pugh, Esq., of Croydon, aged 39.

We are able to confirm our preliminary notice regarding the new drama by Bro. H. Pettitt, which is nightly drawing crowds to the Princess's. "Hands Across the Sea" beats all the dramas which have lately been played there. We are of opinion that it is the best play of that kind since the days of "The Silver King" at this theatre. The plot, though not in the least intricate, is too lengthy for our columns just now. It is well worked out, and for the most part is quite probable; but we would suggest an alteration in the prison scene, where Bro. Henry Neville is made to escape from his cell by knocking down at least half-a-dozen stalwart warders. The distinguished actor gets a great cheer from the gallery boys at the expense of common sense. Miss Mary Rorke charmingly plays the heroine. Bro. H. Morell, as a "Chicago pig sticker," is better than we have ever seen him. Mr. R. W. Garden and Miss Webster play the comedy parts, and cause much laughter by their smart lines. Mr. Pateman well deserves his cheers for his portrayal of the part of a French gambler. His death scene sends a thrill through the house, which no one will easily forget. Miss Ina Barnard, who, we understand, is a young lady of large means, and who is the principal, if not the sole, financier of the drama, has modestly contented herself with a very small part. As she has not yet learnt the art of using her voice, or of acting, she shows much wisdom in not obtruding herself. When ladies have a large stake in a play, they usually cast themselves for the best part, disregarding their unfitness, and then wonder why they are not as well received as those who can act. They often live in a fool's paradise, for few have the courage to tell a lady she cannot act if she thinks she can. "Hands Across the Sea" ought to have a long run at this home of the real drama. It has a healthy vein of sentiment running through it. Its story is well worked out, and interests all classes and ages.





Bro. J. H. McQueen, P.M. 11, will be installed as W.M. of the Sandown Lodge, 1859, on Thursday, the 20th instant.

Bro. T. E. Heller, P.M. 1641, P.Z. 1329, &c., with other friends, is arranging for a complimentary banquet to Bro. G. Collins, 1641, in commemoration of his victory in the recent School Board Election. The date is fixed for the 4th proximo.

In the report of the Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571, which appeared in our last issue, we gave the place of meeting as the White Hart Hotel, Borough, instead of the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., where the lodge now meets.

The third social evening concert of the Old Masonians will take place this (Friday) evening, at 8.30 p.m., at Anderton's Hotel, Mr. R. Harold Williams being the Chairman on the occasion. As usual, an excellent programme has been prepared, and we have little doubt the meeting will prove another great success to the credit of our old Boys.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), and Lord George Hamilton were present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on the 7th inst.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs, presided, on Saturday evening last, at the annual distribution of prizes to the 3rd City of London Rifle Volunteers, the ceremony of distribution being performed by the Lady Mayoress, to whom a hearty vote of thanks for her kindness was accorded.

The annual distribution of prizes to the members of the 3rd Middlesex Artillery Volunteers took place at St. James's Hall on Friday, the 7th inst., among the successful competitors being Corporal Acton G. Abbott, eldest son of Bro. G. B. Abbott, who won the first prize of his battery (No. 6) for carbine practice, and the second attendance prize. This makes about 14 or 15 prizes which Corporal Abbott has won during his membership of the corps. An excellent concert followed the presentation.

The Winter Exhibition and Fair of all Nations at Olympia, Kensington, is now open, and so far has proved a great success, the Promenade Concerts, in particular, proving a great attraction, with its admirable orchestra, and many of our most distinguished vocal artists to delight their audiences.

A dinner took place in the hall of Chester College, Cambridge, on Tuesday evening, to celebrate the completion of the ninth edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" (publishers, Messrs. Adam and Charles Black) the guests comprising the editors, publishers, and contributors, who met under the presidency of Professor Robertson Smith, Librarian of Christ's College, who was the editor-in-chief. Bro. Sir Frederick Abel was present as one of the contributors.

The Royal Albert Hall was crowded in every part on Tuesday, when Madame Adelina Patti took part in the concert which had been so eagerly looked forward to, and for which all the reserved seats had been taken prior to the 7th inst. Madame Patti sang so brilliantly, that every number for which she was entered on the programme was redemanded and repeated, or something equally attractive substituted. There was, indeed, no end to the enthusiasm displayed, and as a result we are promised two extra concerts on the 8th and 22nd prox.

At Cambridge, Bro. J. B. Ledsam Whitehead, M.A. (Town Clerk), has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles, No. 441, and will be installed on Monday, January 7. Bro. James V. Pryor has been elected W.M. of Scientific Lodge, No. 88, and will be installed on Monday, January 14.

Whilst a party of gentlemen were out pheasant shooting in Taymouth Castle policies on Thursday, two beaters had to cross the River Tay in a boat. The river was in high flood, and the boat was swamped in mid-stream. One of the men swam ashore, but the other was carried rapidly down the stream. Bro. the Marquess of Breadalbane entered the water, but failed to reach the drowning man, and got ashore with difficulty. The Marquess then ran along the bank and again plunged in, and, after a severe struggle, he succeeded in getting hold of the man and in bringing him safely to land.

ROYAL PRINCESS'S THEATRE, LONDON.—The Christmas bill of this theatre will include the production at daily matinees except Saturday, of "Oliver Twist," in which drama Miss Grace Hawthorne will appear as Nancy Sykes. These matinees will commence on Monday, 24th instant. "Hands across the Sea" continues in the evening bill.

The Queen has been awarded several prizes in the Cattle Classes at the annual show of the Smithfield Cattle Show at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, which closes to-day (Friday), so that those who are anxious to see the display of fat stock, but have had no opportunity of seeing it as yet, must pay their visit to-day or not at all.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princes Albert Victor and George and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, arrived at Marlborough House from Sandringham on Monday morning, and in the afternoon, with the Prince of Wales, proceeded on a few days' visit to the Queen at Windsor.

Dr. J. P. Wagstaff is a candidate for the Brixton Division of the new County Council.

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Bro. the Duke of Portland has been entertaining a distinguished shooting party at Welbeck Abbey during the present week, Bros. Lord A. Gordon-Lennox and the Earl of Zetland being of the number.

We regret to announce that the latest reports as to the condition of Bro. Sir William Pearce, Bart., Prov. G. Master of Glasgow, are very unfavourable.

The Princess Mary of Cambridge (Duchess of Teck) was present at a meeting held on Monday at Buccleugh House, Richmond, the residence of Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., in behalf of the Rochester Diocesan Deaconess Institution.

The first prize in the sheep classes at the 29th annual Cattle and Poultry Show at Leeds was, on Tuesday, awarded to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The remains of Lady Kinnaird, widow of the late Bro. Lord Kinnaird, a former Grand Master Mason of Scotland, who died at Plaistow Lodge, Bromley, Kent, on the 1st inst., in the 72nd year of her age, were interred in the family burying ground, Rossie Churchyard, Perthshire, on Saturday last.

To-day (Friday) being the anniversary of the death of the Prince Consort, in 1861, and the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt, in 1878, there will be Divine Service in the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore, at which her Majesty the Queen, the Empress Frederick of Germany, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family in England will be present. On Tuesday next, it is expected that the Queen and the Empress Frederick, with the Court, will leave Windsor Castle for Osborne, where they will remain, and spend Christmas.

The annual installation banquet of the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, was held on Thursday evening, the 6th inst., at the Eversfield Hotel, St. Leonard's, under the presidency of Bro. W. Dawes, P.M., W.M. The usual toast list was gone through.

The members of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 105, at their meeting held on the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess square, Plymouth, elected Bro. A. W. Spinyer their W.M. for the ensuing year. They also re-elected Bro. J. T. Browning as Treasurer, and Bro. W. H. Phillips Tyler.

At a recent meeting of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, Bro. Geo. Hawken was elected Treasurer, in the room of the late Bro. T. Bayly. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Chap., P.P.G. Chap., and Prov. J.G.W., presented to the lodge a handsomely-framed photograph of a picture of the Temple of King Solomon, with sections of council chamber, sanctum sanctorum, belonging to the Yarrow Lodge, No. 554. A panel of the frame bore the inscription—"Presented to Lodge Sincerity, 189, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, by W. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189, 170, 223, 1071, 1205, and 2025 (Honorary), P.P.G.C., and P.G.J.W. of Devonshire. December 10th, 1888."

The ceremony of formally opening the new City of London Court Guildhall buildings was performed by Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead on the 6th inst., in the presence of the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs, Alderman Gray and Bro. A. Newton, and a deputation from the Law and City Courts Committee.

The annual livery dinner of the Tanners' Company took place at the Holborn Restaurant on Friday, the 7th inst. Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., P.S.G.D., who is Master of the Company, occupied the chair, and among the principal guests were Bros. Lord Mayor Whitehead, Sir Albert Rolitt, M.P., R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., and A. M. Broadley.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the selection of Bro. Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., K.C.B., at present commanding the troops in the Eastern District, to succeed Lieut.-General Sir Archibald Alison, in command of the Aldershot Division. It is expected that Bro. Sir Evelyn Wood will take up his command on the 1st prox.

In our report of the proceedings of Grand Mark Lodge last week, we omitted to state that Bro. W. M. Stiles, who was proposed as Grand Treasurer, is a P.M. of the Royal Savoy Lodge, as well as a founder.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, held at Northampton House, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, has resumed its meetings for the Winter Session at the above address, on Thursday evenings, at 8 o'clock.

We much regret to hear that the worthy and respected Treasurer of the Anglo-American Lodge, 2191, Bro. John B. Cumming, P.M. 890, has suffered a sad bereavement in the loss of his wife. The state of her health for some time has caused anxiety to her many friends. She passed away on Friday, the 7th inst. Bro. Cumming has the sincere and fraternal sympathy of all.

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Among those who are offering themselves for election on the London County Council, we are very pleased to find that our worthy Bro. Wm. George Lemon, of Montpelier Lodge, Blackheath, has, in a response to a numerous signed requisition from electors of every shade of political opinion, consented to come forward as a candidate for the Lewisham Division. Bro. Lemon, as a resident of Blackheath for over 30 years, has had ample opportunities of gaining a practical knowledge of the wants of the locality he aspires to represent; indeed, he has taken an active part in public business during this period as a member of different Local Boards. He will contest the seat entirely apart from all political considerations, with which he considers County Councillors have nothing to do; and, if elected, Bro. Lemon will use his opportunities and abilities in promoting as far as possible the welfare of the Lewisham Division and the County of London generally.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead presided at a meeting held at the Mansion House, on Friday, the 7th inst., of the Finance Committee of the Mansion House Fund for the Metropolitan Exhibition of the Royal Agricultural Society in 1889. The Fund was stated to amount to £4300, and additional entries, reaching £278, were handed in.

It is stated that Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., intends to pay an early visit to South America, and that his lordship will include both Peru and Chili in his trip.

The Prince of Wales has been pleased to forward a large quantity of grouse for the use of the patients at St. George's Hospital, London, and the Great Yarmouth Hospital.

The annual festival of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 976, took place on the 6th inst., when Bro. W. Moody, the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. Palmer, I.P.M.; Buckley, S.W.; Phippen, J.W.; Austen, Chap.; E. R. Hayter, P.M. 976, P.P.G.O. Somerset, Treas.; Clarke, Sec.; T. G. Vincent, P.M. 976, P.P.G.D. of C. Somerset, D.C.; Cruse, S.D.; White, J.D.; J. W. Pearce, Org.; Creed, I.G.; Shaw and Bowring, Stwds.; and Swain, Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together.

Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., has addressed a letter to his constituents in the Dartford Division of the County of Kent, in which he states that there is no foundation whatever for the report that he intends accepting a Colonial Governorship, and in fact that if such a position were offered to him, he should decline it.

Bro. Sir Roper Lethbridge, M.P., has been appointed Chairman, and Bro. Edward Jenkins, formerly member for Dundee, Vice-Chairman of the Indian Uncovenanted Civil Service Association.

The Prince of Wales having concluded his visit to Bro. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., at Widlington Hall, Norfolk, arrived at Marlborough House on Saturday last, attended by the Hon. H. Tyrwhitt-Wilson. On Monday his Royal Highness visited the Smithfield Club Cattle Show at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, and spent some time in inspecting the exhibits. To-morrow (Saturday), the Prince, who will be accompanied by the Princess, will open a Jubilee Memorial Hall at Ealing.

It is expected that on the occasion of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Yorkshire, in January, their Royal Highnesses will be the guests of Bro. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, and the Countess of Zetland, at Aske Hall.

It has at length been arranged that a Spanish Exhibition shall be held at Earl's Court, on the site of the recent Italian Exhibition, and a Committee has been formed, with the Duke of Wellington, who is a Grandee of Spain, as President, for the purpose of organising the arrangements.

The members of the Prudence Lodge, No. 1550, of which Bro. A. Goodman is the W.M., will hold their annual banquet at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, to-morrow (Saturday). As this will be the first banquet held in the new building, it is expected that there will be a large attendance of brethren belonging to the various lodges in the Three Towns, as well as of the lodge members themselves. The occasion promises to be one of more than ordinary interest.

The Chelmsford Chronicle says:—"The ladies who have been curious to find out what goes on at the Chelmsford Club, and more especially at the smoking concerts, will be glad to learn that a proposal is on foot to have a concert without smoking, and to admit ladies, some time after Christmas. Surely there never was a proposal so fraught with consequences! At present, the ladies are said to be dying to know what proves so attractive at the Club to their husbands and sweethearts. Now the sealed book is to be opened to them; but will they be able to read it? When they see the rooms, comfortable, indeed, but destitute of those feminine adornments which lend a charm to the home, will they not say 'And is it for this that you desert us?'—understanding nothing of the attraction which a free and unconventional life has for 'the male man thing.' Let us hope they will be more edified than were the ladies who, concealed in the organ loft of an Edinburgh Lodge of Freemasons heard the proceedings while the lodge was 'tyled in the Third Degree'—whatever that may mean. For admitting the ladies to this mystic ceremony, two Freemasons were expelled with ignominy. Something of the same sort would happen, no doubt, if private members of the Chelmsford Club were to introduce their female friends to club-life; but if all combine to invite the ladies, no opprobrium will be incurred, everybody will be on his best company manners, and the visitors will doubtless be highly edified. Perhaps a few ladies will not only attend the concert but take part in it?"

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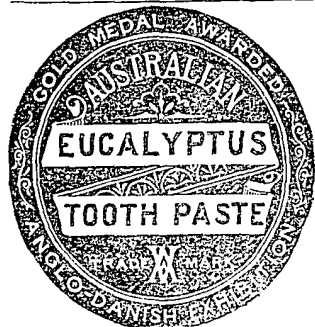
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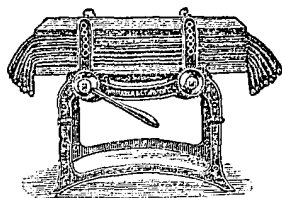


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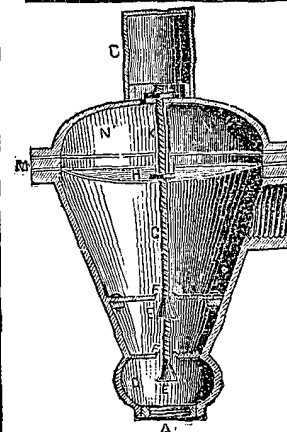
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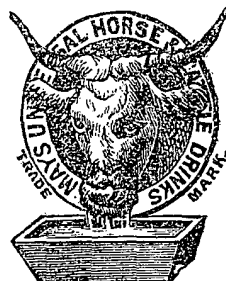
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## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, December 22, 1888.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15.

## CRAFT LODGES.

1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.

## CRAFT LODGES.

1, Grand Masters', Freemasons' Hall.  
8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.  
185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.  
720, Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.  
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.

## MARK LODGES.

173, Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
294, Royal Naval College, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

## CRAFT LODGES.

30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.  
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.  
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.  
166, Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.  
1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.  
2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.  
2146, Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton.

## 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 7.35.  
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, 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.  
11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel.  
205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.

## MARK LODGE.

350, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby-place, Poplar, E.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19.

Board of Benevolence, at 6.

## CRAFT LODGES.

174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.  
909, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.  
1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, E.  
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.  
1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
1803, Cornhill, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.  
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.  
Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-street, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 8.  
Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.  
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.

Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.  
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 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., at 6.  
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 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.

105, Cœur de Lion, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

## CRAFT LODGES.

49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.  
169, Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.  
179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.  
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.  
1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.  
1320, Blackheath, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.  
1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tavern.  
1681, Londesboro', Cafe Royal, Regent-street.  
1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, at 6.30.  
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Creation, Wheatheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.  
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, at 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., at 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, at 8.  
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.  
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 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, at 7.30.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

## MARK LODGE.

Bon Accord, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.

House Committee Boys' School, at 4.

## CRAFT LODGES.

6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.30.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.  
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.  
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. at 6.  
Great Northern, Bervick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Robert Burns, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., at 8.  
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 6.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, at 7.30.  
Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.  
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.  
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

## MARK LODGE.

226, Excelsior, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

## ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

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

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

6, St. George's, Albion Tavern.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.

## CRAFT LODGE.

1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.

## PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, December 22, 1888.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.

## CRAFT LODGES.

61, Probity, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax, Yorks.  
77, Freedom, New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend.  
85, Faithful, Swan Hotel, Harleston, Norfolk.  
89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield, Cheshire.  
102, Unanimity, King's Arms, North Walsham.  
248, True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.  
264, Nelson of the Nile, Masonic Hall, Park-road, Batley.  
270, Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, Berkeley Arms, Berkeley, Gloucestershire.

302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Bradford, Yorks.  
307, Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebbden Bdg., nr Halifax.  
312, Lion, Masonic Hall, John-street, Whitby.  
331, Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, Masonic Hall, Quay-street, Truro.

359, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.  
388, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Halesworth, Suffolk.  
408, The Three Graces, Masonic Rooms, Haworth, Yorks.  
424, Borough, Masonic Hall, Half Moon-lane, Gateshead.  
433, Hope, Swan Inn, Brightlingsea, Essex.  
455, Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, Kettering.  
466, Merit, George Hot., St. Martin's, Stamford Baron, Northants.  
467, Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Olham.  
543, Cleveland, Golden Lion, Stokesley, Yorks.  
557, Loyal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall.  
588, St. Botolph's, Corn Exchange, Sleaford.  
599, Cherwell, Masonic Hall, Marlbro'-road, Banbury.  
607, Chicheley, Masonic Lodge Rooms, Thrapston.  
613, Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Eastbank-street, Southport.  
725, Stoneleigh, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.  
884, Dervent, George Hotel, Wirksworth.  
900, St. George's, Town Hall, Tewkesbury.  
925, Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
934, Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield, Lancashire.  
1030, Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris, Lancashire.  
1141, Mid-Sussex, King's Head, Horsham.  
1168, Benevolence, Digby Hotel, Sherborne.  
1170, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-st., Manchester.  
1199, Agriculture, Ship and Castle, Congressbury.  
1205, Metham, Metham Masonic Hall, East Stonehouse, Devon.  
1208, Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Snargate-street, Dover.  
1255, Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
1286, Bayon's, Corn Exchange, Market Rasen, Lincoln.  
1443, Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.  
1477, Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold, Flintshire.  
1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1542, Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford, Yorks.  
1564, St. John's, Prince of Wales Hotel, St. John's, Woking.  
1575, Clive, Corbet Arms Hotel, Market Drayton, Salop.  
1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Alford, Lincolnshire.  
1631, St. Andrew's, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorseston, Suffolk.  
1730, Urmston, Victoria Hotel, Urmston, Lancashire.  
1741, Montgomerie, King's Head, Diss, Norfolk.  
1757, King Henry the Eighth, Town Hall, Hemel Hempstead.  
1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley, Lancashire.  
1895, Thames, Masonic Rooms, Henley-on-Thames.  
1909, Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.  
1977, Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, Essex.  
2074, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Landport.  
2081, Golden Fleece, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
2086, Dacre, Assembly Rooms, Stevenage.  
2114, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
2144, De Tatton, Griffin Hotel, Bowdon, Cheshire.  
2208, Horsa, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

39, St. John the Baptist, Freemasons' Hall, Exeter, at 8.  
74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham, at 7.  
184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, 7.30.  
213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.  
261, Unanimity and Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton, at 7.  
315, Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 8.30.  
378, Loyal Welsh, M.H., Queen-street, Pembroke Dock, at 7.30.  
382, Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.  
429, Royal Navy, Shipwrights' Arms, Ramsgate, at 8.  
521, Truth, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, at 8.  
823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.  
872, Lewis, Masonic Hall, Duke-street, Whitehaven.  
902, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-sq., Workington, at 8.  
1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, at 8.  
1138, Devon, Masonic Hall, Newton Abbott, at 8.  
1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 7.  
1221, Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.  
1424, Brownrigg, King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, Kent, 7.30.  
1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter's-place, Canterbury, at 8.  
1536, United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.  
1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Alford, at 8.  
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.

32, Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Ranelagh-place, Liverpool.  
36, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.  
40, Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.  
53, Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath.  
237, Virtue and Hope, Masonic Hall, Swansea.  
272, St. Botolph's, Freemasons' Hall, Boston.  
296, Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
345, Perseverance, Old Bull Inn, Blackburn.  
428, Sincerity, Angel Hotel, Northwich.  
482, St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth.  
734, Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.  
779, St. Augustine's, Masonic Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.  
1803, Priory, Grand Hotel, Tynemouth.

## CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## MARK LODGES.

9, Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon.  
17, Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth.  
117, Remigius, Masonic Rooms, Mint-street, Lincoln.  
146, Moore, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Lancaster.  
148, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.  
266, Amherst, The Masonic Hall, Sandgate.  
294, Royal Naval College, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

5, Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

## CRAFT LODGES.

47, Newstead, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.  
126, Silent Temple, Bull Hotel, Burnley.  
160, True Friendship, Old Ship, Rochford.  
213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.  
223, Charity, 193, Union-street, Plymouth.  
255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey.  
293, King's Friends, Lamb Hotel, Nantwich.  
306, St. David's, Masonic Hall, Milford, Pembrokeshire.  
373, Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.  
378, Loyal Welsh, Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock.  
384, St. David's, Masonic Hall, Bangor.  
386, Unity, Town Hall, Wareham, Dorset.  
402, Royal Sussex, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
414, Union, Masonic Hall, Grey Friars-road, Reading.  
418, Menturia, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley, Staffordshire.  
432, Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton.  
448, St. James, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
468, Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.  
484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Hotel, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire.  
506, Mundy Grove, Boat Inn, Shipley Gate, Derbyshire.  
510, St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.  
551, Yarborough, Masonic Hall, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.  
624, Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-upon-Trent.  
632, Concord, Masonic Hall, Trowbridge.  
660, Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Malton, Yorks.  
662, Dartmouth, Masonic Rooms, West Bromwich.  
667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
779, Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.  
789, Dunheved, Masonic Hall, Launceston.  
830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield, Cheshire.  
855, Sympathy, Swan Hotel, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire.  
958, St. Aubin's, Masonic Temple, Sturford-road, Jersey.  
990, Bute, Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.