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The  
Compliments  
of the Season.

WE are not of those who consider it unlucky to offer their congratulations or good wishes in advance of an anniversary, nor do we imagine it will in the slightest degree affect the heartiness with which our friends and readers will receive, any more than it does the sincerity and goodwill with which we tender to them the usual *Compliments of the Season* which is on the eve of being celebrated. Neither does it occur to us that, in tendering these compliments generally, they will be less acceptable by those who may not regard the season of Christmas as being of the same importance as we do. The closing days of one year and the commencement of another form together a common ground for rejoicing to people of all classes, of every grade of fortune, and of all religious sects. Those who have prospered during the 12 months just completed will look forward to the attainment of still greater prosperity in the year that is coming, while those who have fared indifferently or ill will anticipate its approach at least with hope, if not entirely without anxiety. Certainly in the world of Masonry, we have every reason to rejoice over the events that have happened since last Christmas-tide, and though we cannot hope that the success which has attended the fortunes of our Society will be as brilliant in the immediate future, the evidences around us point strongly in favour of a renewal of our good fortune. If we have lost many old friends, whose departure from among us we deeply deplore, we have gained many new ones, of whose addition to our ranks we have every reason to be proud. Many members of the great Masonic family of the Old Country have severed their connection with the parent stock in order to set up establishments of their own; but we take a natural pride in the strength and self-reliance which has enabled them to adopt this course, while the gaps which their retirement from our ranks has caused, will be, or rather are already being, rapidly filled up. In short, while we have little to regret beyond the changes and losses which Time inevitably brings with it, we have much in the way of gains to be thankful for, and in wishing all our friends the *Compliments of the Season*, we trust that all their hopes and anticipations in respect of the coming year may be as fully realised as have been those in which we indulged about a twelvemonth since in respect of the year which is now approaching its close.

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The late Bro.  
G. Tyrrell-Leith,  
Past Di-t. G.M.,  
of Bombay.

THE news we published last week of the death of Bro. E. TYRRELL-LEITH, Past Dist. Grand Master of Bombay, will, we feel sure, be received everywhere throughout the Craft with the sincerest regret. The deceased was greatly esteemed and respected by those who enjoyed the privilege of his friendship or acquaintance, and even where he may have been personally unfamiliar, his fame was sufficiently known and appreciated. The services he had rendered to Freemasonry were many and important, his principal sphere of Masonic labour having been in the presidency of Bombay, over the lodge and brethren in which he presided as Dist. G. Master and G. Superintendent from 1879 to 1887. In those few years he had done much to strengthen the position of the Craft under his rule, and, if there were no new lodges created during his term of office, the evidences of his work will be found everywhere throughout the District in the improved organisation of the lodges he had ruled, and the more cordial spirit that prevailed amongst the brethren as well as in the harmony which existed between the Masons of the English Constitution and those holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Bro. LEITH was comparatively but a young man, being only 46 years old when he was stricken by the hand of death. His loss, therefore, is the more to be regretted from the fact that he was at an age when we might reasonably have hoped to retain his services for a further and prolonged period. It has, however, been otherwise ordained, and there remains to us only the sad duty of paying our tribute of respect to his memory and expressing our sympathy with his family and friends in their sad and sudden bereavement.

We publish elsewhere a short account of the career of this distinguished brother, who, we regret to say, has at length succumbed to the very serious illness from which he had been for some time past suffering. But we feel that we should be wanting in our duty if we did not take this opportunity of expressing, on the part of our readers as well as for ourselves, the sorrow with which the mournful news will be received throughout the Craft, and the sympathy which we know will be experienced on all sides with the family and friends and brother Masons of the deceased worthy brother. He was deservedly respected, and as popular as he was respected; and by his death the Scotch Fraternity, but particularly the important section over which he presided as Prov. Grand Master, has sustained a loss which will not easily be replaced.

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Freemasonry in  
Madras.

It is evident from the very full report we publish elsewhere of the installation of his Excellency, Bro. Lord CONNEMARA, Governor of Madras, as District Grand Master of the Presidency, that Freemasonry is not only well supported by the English, but likewise that it has firmly established itself, as in the other divisions of our great Indian dependency, in the good opinion of the native population. We know from our old friend “The Cosmo”—which has just made its appearance for the 19th year in succession—that the lodges scattered about the Presidency are some 20 in number, of which nearly one half have Royal Arch Chapters attached to them, that several Mark lodges under a Provincial Organisation are in full working order, and that other branches of modern Masonry are likewise efficiently represented. But some such event as the installation of a new District Grand Master appears to have been needed in order to furnish that ampler information about the doings of the various lodges both severally and collectively, which always is welcome but not always as readily obtainable as we could wish. However, it is very gratifying to us, and we feel sure will be equally gratifying to our readers, to hear that Freemasonry is faring so prosperously in Madras; that the various lodges take a deep interest in their work; and, above all, that the District can boast of a well-organised Masonic Institution, which is capable of rendering important help to those who have been overtaken by misfortune. It is also manifest that in Bro. Lord CONNEMARA the brethren possess a ruler who will never weary of doing his part towards promoting the welfare of the lodges over which he has been called upon to preside; and we sincerely trust that, under his auspices, and with the assistance of able officers like Bro. Col. MOORE, his Dep. Dist. G. Master, Freemasonry will continue in the path of progress and establish itself still more firmly in the affection and respect of the native population.

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Our  
Christmas  
Number.

WE have much pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to the Christmas Number of the *Freemason*, which was published on the 20th instant, and which, we venture to think, will be found to contain an array of matter which is as readable and attractive as the contents of its predecessors. We have endeavoured to the best of our ability to meet the varied tastes of our constituents. There are tales of the lighter class for those who hold that light literature is a necessary accompaniment of Christmas, while for those who prefer more solid pabulum, we imagine that the carefully edited description, by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D., of the “Thomas W. Tew MS.,” which has now to be added to our series of the “Ancient Charges,” and Bro. G. B. ABBOTT'S lighter sketch of the component members, from its constitution till now, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, will serve as a welcome addition to our store of analytical and historical exposition. The principal illustration is taken from the late Bro. ROSENTHAL'S picture of “The Reception of the Prince of WALES in Grand Lodge as Past Grand Master, on the 1st December, 1869,” while the musical element is represented by a Masonic Song, composed by Bro. F. W. DRIVER, and set to music by Bro. W. S. DUNKLEY, whose name alone is a guarantee of its merit. We have suggested—and we trust our suggestion will not prove to be very wide of the mark—that the contents of this number will serve to pass a leisure half-hour very pleasantly; and we need hardly add that our satisfaction will be much enhanced if the pleasure thence derived is supplemented by some useful information, which has not hitherto been generally current.

## MASONIC TOKENS.

Bro. W. Watson, P.M., W.M. 2069, Librarian of the West Yorkshire Masonic Library and Museum, has lately acquired a rare and valuable little book, entitled "A Descriptive List of the Provincial Copper Coins or Tokens, arranged alphabetically by Samuel Birchall of Leeds; from the Originals in his own Possession. Leeds: Printed for S. Birchall and Sold by Henry Young, Ludgate Street, London, 1796." This title-page is engraved, and also has the obverse and reverse of the "Leeds Commercial Halfpenny" [Token] of 1795. The second, or inner, title is printed, and reads—"An Alphabetical List of Provincial Copper Coins or Tokens, issued between the years 1786 and 1796. Leeds: Printed by Thomas Gill, 1796." The size is small octavo, and there are 141 pages of printed matter, besides a short introduction, dated "Leeds, January 30, 1796."

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24, Grinstead (East)—O. Cypher (I.H.B.) and a pair of scales. S. East Grinstead half-penny. Ex. 1795. R. Masonic arms, crest, supporters, and motto. S. Pro bono publico. E. Payable at I. H. Boorman's.

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22, Masonic—O. Arms, crest, supporters, and motto. S. Prince of Wales elected G.M. 24 Nov., 1790. R. Emblems of Masonry in a triangle. S. Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. "Sit Lux et Lux fuit." E. Masonic half-penny token, MDCCXCIV.

23, Masonic—O. and R. The same as last. E. Masonic token, I. Sketchley, fecit, 1794.

24, Masonic—O. and R. The same as last. E. Masonic token, I. Sketchley, R.A. and P & S. Birmingham, fecit.

25, Masonic—O. and R. The same as last. E. Halfpenny, payable at the Black Horse, Tower-hill.

26, Masonic—O. The same as last. R. Head (full Face) S. Geo. Prince of Wales, Halfpenny. E. Payable in Lancaster, London, or Bristol.

27, Masonic—O. The same as last. R. Head (side Face) S. Fredk. Duke of York. Halfpenny, 1795. E. Payable in Dublin or London.

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835 or 353, Masonic—O. and R. The same as No. 22. E. Payable at London or Dublin.

836 or 363, Masonic—O. and R. The same as last. E. Brother Sketchley, Birmingham.

837 or 373, Masonic—O. and R. The same as No. 26. E. Payable at London or Dublin.

The capitals used refer to initial letters of the following words: O.—Obverse. R.—Reverse. E.—edge. S.—superscription. Ex.—exergue.

The Masonic Halfpennies are carefully and almost exhaustively treated by Bro. Marvin, in his "Masonic Medals," 1880, at pp. 42-44, under the numbers LXII. (a) to (h), for the ordinary kind, struck in 1794, to commemorate the Grand Mastership of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, elected in 1790, and installed in 1792. No. 22 of the foregoing is Marvin's LXII. (h), the No. 23 being his (e), which, however, has "fuit" on the edge, and so is virtually another variety. No. 24 in Marvin's (t) reads "Masonic Token I, Sketchley, S.A. and P.G.S. Birmingham, fecit," not "P. and S.," the latter being Birchall's mistake. Bro. James Newton has one of this kind, (and most of those known), having "P.G.S." as Marvin's. \* The No. 25 is Marvin's (a), and is quite common, 35<sup>3</sup> is his (c), and possibly 36<sup>3</sup> is meant for his (g).

The East Grinstead Token, is Marvin's LXVIII., and is much rarer than the foregoing kind, and those relating to the Prince of Wales (26) and Duke of York (27) are quite as scarce, and numbered by Marvin as LXIII. to LXVI. in several varieties; the edges exhibiting fanciful readings as those of the ordinary kind.

It is singular that Birchall does not mention any *Masonic Pennies*, for though they are but little known, and very few to be met with now, one would have thought such a collector would have known them in 1796, unless indeed, which is probable, they were not circulated until the year his interesting work was published. These Tokens are very fine specimens and more noble in style than the smaller kinds.

Bro. Newton exhibited one,† and I have also a beautiful specimen of this scarce coin.‡ One variety has the obverse similar to No. 22 of Birchall's, and another is similar to his No. 26, the former having the reverse of No. 22, save as to the legend which reads *Pro Bono Publico*, and the edge has the words "Manufactured by W. Lutwyche, Birmingham." The reverse of this one dedicated to "Geo. Prince of Wales," is after that of the usual halfpenny design, only has the year 1795.

In the "Notes and Corrections" to Bro. Marvin's splendid volume are a number of other varieties enumerated, mainly as to the edges, one reading "Payable by I. Simmons, Sample House," which is quite unknown to me, and quite a number of *mules* were also circulated, based on the halfpenny, but not on the Penny. Marvin speaks of one in *silver* of the ordinary kind, but none such have ever been noted in this country. One was mentioned as struck in *gold*, owned by the R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex, but that worthy Craftsman wrote to the *Freemason* to say it had been *gilded*, which just made all the difference. I wonder if the other has been *silvered*? Batty's work on "The copper coinage of Great Britain," contains a large number of varieties of the Masonic Tokens. I hope, ere long, Bro. Watson will meet with some more curios of interest and value.

W. J. HUGHAN.

\* Catalogue Masonic Exhibition, Shanklin, 1886, p. 17, (No. 298).

† Worcester Masonic Exhibition, 1884 (No. 20).

‡ Bro. Jno. Lane also has a specimen (Plymouth Masonic Exhibition 1887, No. 722, a).

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire was held, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. There was an exceedingly large attendance of brethren, every lodge in the province being represented. In the absence of the P.G.M., the Marquis of Hartington, the universally esteemed D.P.G. Master, Bro. H. C. Okeover, presided over the gathering, and was supported by the following, amongst other Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past:

Bros. Thomas Cox, P.G. Treas., P.P.S.G.W., as D.P.G.M.; E. R. Ward, P.S.G.W.; Douglas Upton, P.J.G.W.; the Revs. Herbert Price and C. W. Groves, P.G. Chaps.; Edgar Horne, P.G. Reg.; Wm. Naylor, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; T. N. Turner, P.S.G.D.; W. Fletcher, P.S.G.D.; H. Arnold Bemrose, P.G.D.C.; E. J. H. Hoskins, P.G.S.B.; J. Cholerton and J. McLeod, P.G. Std. Brs.; W. Forman, P.G. Org.; W. Silver Hall, P.A.G. Sec.; J. Copestick, P.G. Purst.; Sir John Smith, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W.; G. T. Wright, P.P.S.G.W.; Percy Wallis, P.P.S.G.W.; Coulson, P.P.S.G.W.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B. Eng.; Chadwick, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Secretary East Lancashire; Boden, Thos. Roe, M.P., P.M.; F. J. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Hassall, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Bland, P.P.G.D.; W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O.; Worsnop, P.P.G.P.; Jno. Howell,

P.P.G.W.; H. Twigge, J.W. 850; A. G. Gray, W.M. 884; J. H. Richardson, P.P. A.G. Sec.; H. F. Dakin, P.M. 1179; J. H. Lawson, P.P.S.G.W.; Geo. Day, P.P. G.D.; Jas. Whitehead, P.P.G.D. of C.; A. E. Cockayne, P.M. 2129; J. P. Fearfield, W.M. 2224; and others.

The reports read by the W.M.'s of the various lodges were, on the whole, most satisfactory, indicating steady numerical growth, and much material prosperity. It was a peculiar source of gratification to note that the brethren in every part of the province have been active in promoting the cause of Charity, it being demonstrated by the various returns that, apart altogether from local and private benefactions, a sum approaching £1000 had been contributed during the past year by the Derbyshire brethren in support of the three great Charitable Institutions of the Order. The evidence of harmonious working which the reports afforded was also an exceedingly pleasant feature of the proceedings.

The statements presented by the Charity Committee, by the Masonic Hall Trustees, and the Audit Committee were uniformly satisfactory. References to the removal of brethren by the hand of death were rather more numerous than usual. Cordial tributes of respect were paid to the memory of the late Bro. H. Hillam, P.P.S.G.W., who for many years was Secretary to the Hall Trustees, and to that of the late Bro. George Johnson, W.M. of the Hartington Lodge.

The D.P.G. Master appointed the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year in the following order:

Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, Arboretum Lodge	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. H. Orme, Buxton Lodge	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Herbert Price, Tyrian Lodge	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" E. Morris, Dorothy Vernon Lodge	...	
" Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W.	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Silver Hall, Tyrian Lodge	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" William Naylor, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.S.B. Eng.	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. D. Wragg, Carnarvon Lodge	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. Knowles, Royal Alfred Lodge	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Raymond Slater, Lodge of Repose	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Elphinstone, Mundy Grove Lodge	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. J. Piper, Lodge of Repose	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. C. Webb, Royal Sussex Lodge	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" H. B. Boag, Arkwright Lodge	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. F. Donegani, St. Oswald Lodge	...	
" H. N. Biggin, Scarsdale Lodge	...	Prov. G. Org.
" S. Warhurst, Devonshire Lodge	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. D. Simpson, High Peak Lodge	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" H. V. Edwards, Tyrian Lodge	...	Prov. G. Stewards
" E. McInnes, Tyrian Lodge	...	
" A. Brown, Lodge of Repose	...	
" F. G. Huggins, Lodge of Repose	...	
" Gray, Derwent Lodge	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Hardstaff, Royal Alfred Lodge	...	
" T. Day	...	Prov. A.G. Tyler.
" W. Stone	...	

A large number of the brethren subsequently dined together, their comforts being exceedingly well looked after by Bro. Day. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. F. BINCKES, the Secretary of the Boys' School, who eloquently pleaded the cause of the Masonic Charities, and who gratefully acknowledged the liberal support which he had always received from the Derbyshire brethren on behalf of the Institution with which he was more particularly associated.

It is highly probable that, in view of the special effort made last summer on behalf of the Girls' Institution, the Boys' School will next year receive a goodly measure of local assistance. At all events, we hope so.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTER-SHIRE.

A specially summoned meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Tue-day last. Its special object was "to consider resolutions of the Committee appointed at the last meeting on the subject of the decoration of the reredos in Gloucester Cathedral." The reredos, it should be stated, was erected 15 years ago by the brethren of the province, at a cost of £1300, the work having been executed by Redfern, from designs by the late Sir Gilbert Scott. It is a beautiful structure of white stone, divided into three principal compartments, in which are groups of figures representing the Nativity, the Entombment, and the Ascension of our Saviour; figures of Moses, St. Peter, St. Paul, and David occupy the minor niches at the sides of these compartments, and under the canopies formed by the tabernacle work above are nine figures of angels bearing the emblems of Our Lord's Passion. In connection with a general redecoration of the interior of the Cathedral, and as an improvement in the appearance of the structure itself, the Cathedral authorities were advised that a certain treatment of the reredos with colour was desirable, and at the usual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Stow-on-the-Wold, in May last, a communication on the subject from Bro. Dr. Spence, Dean of Gloucester, was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Prov. G.M. and his Deputy, Bro. Vassar-Smith, Bros. Gwinnett, Nelson Foster, Baron de Ferrieres, Winterbotham, G. Norman, Dr. Needham, and the Masters of the various lodges in the province, and to which Committee the name of the Dean himself was subsequently added. The Committee was authorised "to take steps to ascertain the views of the brethren of the province, and to take such action in the matter, by sanctioning the work or otherwise, as may seem to it desirable;" but having had a section of the reredos tentatively treated in the manner proposed by the architect, Bro. Waller, the Committee, while itself approving of the experiment, decided to ask the Prov. Grand Master to relieve it of further responsibility by again referring the question to Prov. Grand Lodge. The gathering of Royal Arch Masons for the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter was considered a suitable opportunity for consulting the province generally, and the meeting on Tuesday was accordingly called for the purpose.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, there was a large attendance of members. Those present included—

Bros. Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., Prov. G.M.; R. V. Vassar-Smith, D. Prov. G.M.; T. G. Seymour, Prov. S.G.W.; A. V. Hatton, Prov. J.G.W. (pro tem.); Rev. the Dean of Gloucester, Prov. G. Chap. (pro tem.); T. Nelson Foster, Prov. G. Treas.; T. Albin Roberts, Prov. G.R.; James B. Winterbotham, Prov. G. Sec.; E. Dening, Prov. S.G.D.; General Vizard, Prov. G.D.C.; B. London, Prov. G. Stwd.; Baron de Ferrieres, Prov. G.D. of England; W. H. Gwinnett, P.P.S.G.W.;

R. W. White, P.P.J.G.W.; T. J. Cottle, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Walker, P.P.J.G.W.; W. L. Bain, P.P.G.R.; G. Norman, P.P.G.R.; W. R. Porcher, P.P.G.R.; R. Chandler, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Lawrence, P.P.I.G.D.; F. Moore, P.P.G.D.C.; H. S. Crump, P.P.G.D.C.; W. E. Hayward, P.P.G.S.B.; R. F. Pomeroy, 1005; M. L. Evans, 416; F. W. Waller, 839; F. Fenner, 246; B. Bonnor, 839; A. Baker, S.W. 900; J. C. Griffith, 82; Albany R. Grieve, P.M. 702; R. W. C. V. Childe, P.P.G.R. Berks and Oxon, Chapter No. 82; C. Naylor, 839; J. A. Matthews, 82, P.P.G.O.; G. H. Gould, 493; S. Moss, P.M. 493, P.P.S.G.D.; H. S. Stephens, P.M. 702, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Bland, P.M. 493, P.P.S.G.D.; J. L. Butler, P.M. 246, P.P.J.G.D.; Jas. Bruton, P.M. 839, P.P.S.G.D.; Dr. Needham, W.M. 839; J. Weston, P.M. 839; W. C. Ferris, W.M. 1005; G. C. P. Pike, 839; E. L. Rowe, H. G. Chance, R. P. Sumner, and Rev. J. P. A. Bowers, of 839; F. W. Fisher, P.M. 493, P.P.G.S. of W.; L. G. H. Mayer, 839; C. Sewell, P.M. 592; Dr. T. Partridge, P.M. 702, P.P.S.G.W.; J. David, W.M. 702; W. E. Edwards, W.M. 493; J. Campbell, S.W. 839; T. C. R. Taynton, P.M. 839; E. Lea, 1005; and many others.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, and the minutes relating to the reredos having been read,

Bro. T. NELSON FOSTER proposed a resolution to the effect that the decoration of the reredos be carried out in accordance with the plan approved by the Committee, at a cost not exceeding £300, and he did so as representing the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, to which, he asserted, was due the original movement for the erection of the reredos, and which contributed about one-third of the cost. He contended that the experimental colouring had been approved by a general consensus of opinion during the time it had been submitted for inspection.

Bro. J. WALKER, M.A., seconded the resolution.

Bro. GWINNETT proposed an amendment. He contended that the proposed colouring was foreign to the original design of the reredos, and that no idea of its needing so-called improvements was entertained until a few months ago.

Bro. F. MOORE seconded the amendment.

The PROV. G. MASTER, who said he had not before expressed an opinion on the subject, confessed to the belief that the proposed decoration was an improvement, and he thanked the Committee for the opportunity it had given of judging the effect by its tentative experiment.

Bro. WINTERBOTHAM spoke in favour of Bro. Gwinnett's amendment, but on a division the amendment was rejected by a considerable majority, and the original resolution carried.

Provincial Grand Lodge then approved of a report from the Brooksmith Memorial Committee, from which it appeared that, with the exception of 10 guineas purposely left for subscription by Prov. G. Lodge, the full sum required for the erection of a stained glass window to the memory of the late Dep. Prov. G.M. had been raised.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER stated that the Centenary of the Royal Faith and Friendship Lodge, Berkeley, would be celebrated on January 15th, when Bro. Lord Fitzhardinge would again take office as W.M. of the lodge. The Prov. G.M. is to be Installing Master.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

An emergency meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, for the purpose of electing a Provincial Grand Treasurer and of moving a vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. R. Crosskey, who for eleven years filled the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., presided, supported by the following Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, viz.:

Bros. W. Marchant, P.M. 315, P.P.S.G.W., acting Prov. S.G.W.; J. Farncombe, Prov. J.G.W.; F. F. J. Greenfield, Prov. G. Chap.; R. Pidcock, Prov. G. Reg.; J. Adames, Prov. S.G.D.; J. Dennant, Prov. J.G.D.; Lockwood Hawken, Prov. A.G.D.C.; Col. Mortimer Hancock, Prov. G.S.B.; H. H. Jordan, Prov. G.S.B.; G. Cole, Prov. G. Org.; B. Burfield, Prov. A.G. Sec.; and many others.

The lodge having been opened, the PROV. G. SECRETARY submitted a report from the Board of Finance. The Board, deeply regretting the loss the province had sustained by the death of the late Bro. Crosskey, recommended that Bro. W. H. Hallett should be appointed to the vacant post.

On the motion of Bro. FARNCOMBE, P.J.G.W., seconded by Bro. W. MARCHANT, P.P.S.G.W., Bro. W. H. Hallett, P.P.S.G.W., was unanimously elected Prov. Treas.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER briefly expressed the pleasure which he and all present felt in finding Bro. Hallett willing to undertake the duties of the office.

Bro. HALLETT, in responding, said he was much obliged to the brethren for their mark of confidence in him, and would do his utmost, with the kindly promised assistance of Bro. J. M. Reed, in faithfully discharging the duties of the office.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER formally invested the newly appointed P.G. Treasurer, and then addressed the brethren as follows: The reasons for our assembling to-day in this Special Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency are of a saddening description, and are based upon an event which is to all of us one of profound sorrow. The loss, by death, of our late highly respected and esteemed colleague, Bro. Robert Crosskey, the P.G. Treasurer, is an event of much moment, not only as regards his Masonic official position, the duties attaching to which he so conspicuously and admirably performed, but in his more personal capacity as a brother amongst us, in which he displayed, by precept and by example, the highest traditions of our Order. His constant readiness to give his sage counsel, and his unsparing effort towards anything which might conduce to the well-being of the Craft, are matters for which we might not only cherish his memory with grateful recollection, but endeavour to hold them up to ourselves as exemplars of what a true Mason should be. To those who knew our lamented brother it would seem superfluous to dilate upon his many excellences. But to those younger brethren who could not have experienced so much of his high attributes I trust I may not speak in vain when I add that it may well be an object of ambition to them so to go through the Masonic life, and to attain to that standard of personal virtue which has secured the tribute of attachment we have here come together to express. It was my advantage to know Bro. Crosskey in his own home, and to become aware of the unusually wide influence which he exercised in his town and neighbourhood. The list of his appointments, which is a matter of common knowledge, is of itself proof, if proof were wanting, of the great confidence reposed in him.

The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER then called upon Bro. C. J. Corder, P.P.S.G.W., acting Prov. G.D.C., to read the resolution, embodying the vote of condolence, as follows: "We, the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex, assembled in a special Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency, hereby ask leave to be permitted to offer to Mrs. Crosskey and the bereaved family

this expression of our sympathy upon the much lamented death of our greatly esteemed and respected friend, the late Bro. Robert Crosskey, Prov. Grand Treasurer of this Province, one who, for a series of years, has with so much zeal and ability performed the important duties of that office, and who attached himself to every brother with whom he came in contact by his reliable counsels and his personal geniality. We will not add to these words a recital of the many excellent qualities possessed by our departed brother. It would, we feel, be unbecoming to do so whilst addressing those who must have possessed a yet more intimate knowledge of them. We have felt impelled to place on record the high estimation and regard in which he was held by the brethren of the Masonic body, and we pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may soften this blow to the widow and children of our beloved colleague who has been called away. Dated this 15th of December, 1888."

The resolution, feelingly moved by Bro. W. R. Wood, P.G. Purst., seconded by Bro. E. W. J. HENNAH, P.P.G.D. of C., and supported by Bro. J. O. MCCARROGHER, P.P.G. Chap., was unanimously carried.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then duly closed, the brethren dispersing to the strains of the "Dead March" in *Saul*.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Tuesday, after a special meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, elsewhere reported. The Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, as Grand Superintendent, presided, and was supported by the following officers, viz.: Comps. W. R. Porcher, P.Z., Prov. G.J.; E. Trinder, Prov. G.S.E.; J. Bryan, Prov. G.S.N.; S. Moss, Prin. Soj.; G. Norman, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Albin Roberts, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Jas. B. Winterbotham, Treas.; F. W. Fisher, Reg.; Dr. Partridge, D. of C.; and J. A. Matthews, Org. There was a numerous attendance.

The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Comp. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.Z. 82	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Baron de Ferrieres, P.Z. 82	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" James B. Winterbotham, P.Z. 82	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" George Norman, P.Z. 82	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. R. Felton, Z. 82	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" A. Woodward, Z. 493	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. Albin Roberts, Z. 829	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" J. Walker, M.A., P.Z. 82 and 839	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Rev. Dr. Kynaston, H. 82	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Samuel Bland, H. 493	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. L. Bretherton, H. 839	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Dr. T. Partridge, 839	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. A. Matthews, 82	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Henry Phillips	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. Winterbotham was appointed S.E. on Comp. Trinder's resignation of that office. A cordial vote of thanks to Comp. Trinder, who had filled the post since Prov. G. Chapter was founded, was passed. Comp. Winterbotham had therefore acted as Treasurer, and Comp. Walker was appointed to succeed him on his vacating that office.

Prov. G. Chapter having been closed, the companions dined together under the presidency of the G. Superintendent.

### CONSECRATION OF ST. PAUL'S LODGE (E.C.), LIMASSOL, CYPRUS.

A petition having been signed by 27 brethren—members of lodges from different parts of the universe, e.g., from Alexandria, Bermuda, Constantinople, India, New Zealand, Halifax (N.S.), and Malta, besides various places in the United Kingdom—praying for a warrant to form a lodge in Limassol, Cyprus, to be called the St. Paul's Lodge, the prayer of the petitioners was acceded to by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.

A house was then rented, due regard having been taken as to its suitability, and on Wednesday, the 21st ult., the ceremony of consecrating the lodge and installing the officers was carried out by Bro. Geo. R. Harriott, Past Prov. Grand Master of Wigton and Kircudbright (S.C.), who had previously been authorised by the M.W.G.M. to perform the duties of D.G.M.

The acting D.G. Lodge was opened, when the solemn and impressive ceremony of consecration and dedication was admirably carried out by Bro. Harriott, assisted by the brethren selected by him to act as D.G. Lodge office-bearers, and with full musical honours.

The acting D.G.M. then installed and invested the following office-bearers, with the customary charges: Bros. Henry Silvester, W.M.; J. P. White, S.W.; H. Williams, J.W.; W. Mackie, Treas.; E. Hills, Sec.; W. J. King, S.D.; F. T. Alsheed, J.D.; C. Berry, Org.; H. Lockhart, Stwd.; S. Robbins, I.G.; and F. Drew, Tyler.

The District Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

The W.M., Bro. H. Silvester, then opened the St. Paul's Lodge for the transaction of some formal regular business connected with the lodge, when, amongst other things, several applications for initiation and affiliation were received, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren next assembled at a banquet in the dining hall of the lodge, which is admirably suited to such purposes, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were properly honoured.

The want of a lodge in Cyprus has been long felt. Many Masons have resided in the Island since the British occupation in 1878, and, together with the brethren amongst the British troops stationed there, have hitherto been debarred from enjoying the benefits of the Royal Art. All these, now that a lodge has been established, will once more be able to participate in the most honourable work of Freemasonry, and will work together to make this infant lodge (a new institution in the Island) one of the most flourishing under the banner of the M.W.G.M., and an ornament to the Grand Lodge of England, to which it owes allegiance.

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### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Tyler," "South African Freemason," "Keystone,"  
"Masonic Review," "South Australian Freemason," "Australasian  
Keystone," "Freemasons' Repository," "Freimaurer-Zeitung,"  
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1888.

### Original Correspondence.

**"BRO. WOODWARD'S MOTIONS."**  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was neither an uninterested nor inattentive listener to the discussion that took place in Grand Lodge on the 5th inst. on Bro. Woodward bringing forward his motion to amend Rule 210 of the Constitutions, and I have carefully read his letter in to-day's *Freemason*. I have not a copy before me at the present moment of the Constitutions, and therefore I have not the benefit of reference thereto, but I paid great attention to the remarks of Bro. Woodward, as also to those of a brother sitting on the opposite side of the Temple detailing his own experience in support of what the mover had alleged as reasons why the rule in question should be amended, and I cannot help saying that my sympathies were actively enlisted towards the difficulties and troubles which both speakers set before the Grand Lodge, as involved in dealing with members who, in their respective lodges, are in a chronic state of arrears. While quite agreeing with Bro. Pope that all "tinkering" of the Rules of Constitution should be avoided—a point which Bro. Philbrick took a firm hold of in opposing the amendment—I regret (and with great respect) that I cannot follow the last-named learned brother in the analogy which it seemed to me he sought to set up between a brother whose name might be properly struck off (I submit with great deference) in his absence, for non-payment of dues, and the solemn exclusion of a brother guilty of un-Masonic conduct or some moral offence (equally un-Masonic), who, of course, before such an extreme course could be pursued, should have the opportunity of rebutting the charges made against him; and I take it that no lodge would be justified in such a case in moving one step towards excluding the member so accused until it had exhausted every means to bring accuser and accused face to face. Every Master of a lodge, and every Past Master (in England, I suppose, equally, as in the Colonies), finds the subject of "dues in arrears" the bugbear of his year of office. It is always the items at which every Audit Committee, at the close of the lodge year, stuns itself, and so far as I personally know, as President of lodges and chapters for some five or six years, and as Treasurer of one lodge for four years, has been met by that somewhat doubtful procedure of striking an average, and placing among the "assets" on the balance sheet the item "arrears of dues good, £—."

Nothing but the feeling that "a stranger in the house" rising to speak would have been regarded by my brethren as savouring of a spirit of forwardness, not to say impertinence, prevented my joining in the discussion in Grand Lodge.

However, I can effect the same object in, perhaps, a less obtrusive way by taking advantage of your columns, to show Bro. Woodward how we manage these things in the Colonies.

In the by-laws (approved by the D.G.M.) of the Express of India Lodge, Wollahra, N.S.W., which I had the honour of assisting in founding and standing godfather to, and which was opened a few weeks before our Gracious Queen was proclaimed by that title by the then Viceroy, No. 11 reads thus: "Any member 12 months in arrear may be excluded from the lodge, and reported to the District Grand Lodge." In the by-laws of the Prince of Wales Lodge, 1653, the revision of and amendments in which was almost entirely introduced by myself during my office as Treasurer, By-law No. 11 reads as follows: "Any members 12 months in arrears shall be reported to the Worshipful Master, to be dealt with at his discretion, and the Worshipful Master, should sufficient cause be shown to him, may direct such member's name to be erased from the lodge's roll, and instruct the Secretary to report the same to the District Grand Secretary."

When I took the chair of M.E.Z. in the Zetland Chapter (the mother chapter of Australasia), I found in going through the chapter matters before my installation that for several years names were returned, and fees accounted to be due, from companions who in all that period had not perhaps been twice present in convocation.

In my address from the chair after my installation, as also later at the supper table, I stated that the first matter to which I was going to give my attention was the subject of arrears of dues, and I used the language that in the interests of the thriving trees it was necessary that the dead branches should be unsparingly lopped off, and the same night I gave notice "That it be an instruction to Scribe E. to report at the next convocation the names of all companions who were in arrears of fees, distinguishing those in arrear barely twelve months from those of a longer period," and the result was that at the ensuing convocation a long list, positively startling in its length, was presented to the chapter, who formulated a resolution that the names of all such companions, except those last named, be forthwith removed from the roll of members, and that with regard to the others notice be at once given to them that unless their fees were paid within four months from date (*i.e.*, a period covering two convocations) their names would likewise be erased from the roll of the chapter.\* In that interval nearly all whose dues were in arrear within twelve months paid up. A little later in my year of office I moved for the appointment of a Committee to revise the by-laws, the issue of which was that we dispensed with all notice in writing, and By-law 14 runs, "Any companion who shall be in arrears above twelve months shall be ineligible to vote or hold office, and liable also to have his name erased from the list of members."

I do not like the above rule so well as either of the two first quoted, because it is not quite so direct and clear, and of those, though the father of both, I prefer the one I last begot in Lodge 1653.

As I said in the beginning, inasmuch as I have not at the moment my copy of the Book of Constitutions available, I assume myself to be in ignorance of what the powers of private lodges in England are, but if the rule mentioned by Bro. Woodward be a stumbling block, then I say, not "in the interest of any particular lodge," but as a measure of relief which I feel sure would be gratefully welcomed by all Worshipful Masters, Secretaries, and Treasurers, do not "tinker," but cut right through the Gordian knot.

To my mind the obvious, and I was about to say almost first duty of every member of a lodge is to keep his subscription paid up; if he do not do that, then he fails at the very threshold in a right conception of his Masonic duty and his appreciation of the privilege of membership of his lodge, and his retention as an unpaid member is a wrong done to the lodge itself and an injury to the Craft in general.—Dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. LYTON HICHINS.

Brackenhill, Woking, December 15th.

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

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#### RULE 210.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Grand Lodge has done, perhaps, wisely to leave B.C. 210 as it stands; but one wonders, by the way, that the proposers of the emendations did not quote the rule correctly; the words are "shall have received," and not "shall receive."

We are, many of us, of opinion that Rule 210 was intended to apply to grave offenders; but there is a class of minor offenders—who are a burden on a lodge—hard to get rid of, those, viz., who go away without leaving any address, their annual dues being unpaid. Such brethren figure as subscribing members, though they contribute nothing; their names cannot be "erased" by vote of the lodge, as used to be done under lodge by-laws; and they

\* We did not trouble ourselves about the subtle distinction involved in the question of the receipt of the notice by the addressee; sufficient for the calming of our consciences it was that Scribe E. stated in open chapter at the following convocation that he had himself posted such notices.

must be evermore returned to Grand and Provincial Secretaries—"in arrear."

A more ready way of dealing with these defaulters than the solemn procedure of B.C. seems desirable. Let private lodges be enabled to have a by-law, dealing with this class of offenders, to the following effect: When three or four years dues are unpaid, the W.M. to be at liberty to state on the summons that he will move that Bro. A. B.'s name be removed from the list of members for non-payment of arrears; and a return thereof to be made to your Provincial and Grand Lodges. We shall be told this is illegal or unlawful; we reply, make it lawful.

A grave offender, by the nature of the case, can be readily found and judicially dealt with under B.C. 210, whereas your defaulter in payment has, usually, no known address; he would be all along aware of his liability to erasure, after a certain date, and there seems no need to summon him to make his obvious defence—"can't pay."—Yours, faithfully and fraternally,

P.G.S.



#### S18] ARMS OF THE G.L. OF SCOTLAND.

Can our esteemed G. Sec. of the G.L. of Scotland tell us when "Supporters" first appeared in connection with the official Coat of Arms, and why they have been so generally dropped of late years? On a certain circular issued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1855, I see that the supporters are duly given, and were then a Unicorn and a Beaver, the former representing the National, and the latter, the Masonic characteristics. I am not aware, however, that these supporters ever occur in any of the Books of Constitutions published by that Grand Lodge. My friend Lyon has doubtless enough to do without my adding to this call upon his time, but I know he will answer my query, so as to inform many of us on the subject.

W. J. H.

#### S19] INITIATION BY FIAT.

Will any brother kindly explain the origin and meaning of the phrase, "To initiate by Fiat," or by "Fiat of the W.M."? It occurs, or has occurred, frequently on summonses issued by London lodges, and is peculiar, I believe, to Metropolitan Freemasonry. In the country, we use the term, "to initiate under the Emergency Clauses of the Constitutions," when a candidate, for certain reasons (explained prior to the ballot being taken), was not proposed at the previous lodge, as usual. But "By Fiat of the W.M." does not seem to meet such a case; and I cannot imagine wherein the Master has any power to act on his own authority as if he were a Sovereign, as initiations must succeed an approved ballot by the members. Will some London brother kindly enlighten me?

CHISHOLM.

#### S20] TEMPERANCE LODGES.

There are now many lodges in England whose members permit no intoxicating liquors to be placed on their banqueting tables, and they are being well supported wherever and whenever started. Not that the brethren need be total abstainers, for, as a matter of fact, several of the most active upholders of this laudable plan are (what is known as) "Moderate Drinkers." I wonder when the first of the kind was started? The earliest known to me is the Temperance Lodge, No. 739, Birmingham, warranted in March, 1858, the by-law thereon providing that "In no case whatever shall intoxicating beverages of any description be introduced at the festival and social gatherings of the lodge." Whilst anxious that all possible and legitimate freedom be granted the members, I consider that Grand Lodge should prohibit the consumption of intoxicating liquors in open lodge, that is during the period of work, whether in a Board of Installed Masters or otherwise.

SOBRIETY.

#### S21] BRO. LAMONBY AND THE K.T.

Bro. Lamonby may always feel quite sure of a warm welcome in the columns of the *Freemason* from his old confrères. His labours on behalf of the Craft, whilst in this country, have not, and never will be forgotten by students who know and appreciate his History of Freemasonry in Cumberland and Westmorland. Although so many references are to be found in old lodge minute books as to the K.T. and other Degrees, especially early this century, it must not be supposed that such ceremonies were authorised by warrants from the "Ancients," as they were not. It is clear, however, that more than a century since, the "G.L. of all England, at York," did actually recognise and issue charters for the Royal Arch and K.T. Degrees. We want all particulars respecting such matters from the records of the old lodges, and it is to be hoped that Bro. Lamonby's letter from Melbourne—13,000 miles from Old England—will induce competent brethren to look up the treasures buried in lodge chests and neglected corners, and that we may yet obtain more evidence respecting those Degrees during the period from 1748 to 1765 as respects the R.A., and from 1770 to 1780 as to the K.T.

W. J. HUGHAN.

A new Masonic Hall is being erected in Kirkburton, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupation in the course of a few months.

On St. Thomas's Day the whole of the 206 members of the Court of Common Council in the City of London, in the 25 wards in the City, are subject to re-election. Of these, seven will retire, there is one vacancy by death, and the remaining 198 offer themselves for re-election. It is expected that there will be contests in eleven wards. The total number of voters on the lists is now 27,915, as compared with 27,110 last year. The ward of Dowgate possesses the smallest number, 342; and Farringdon Without the largest, 4849. The qualification of a voter is a £10 rental per annum.—*City Press*.



#### Craft Masonry.

##### ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE (No. 19).—

A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Cannon-street, Hotel, when Bro. G. H. Hoyle, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. W. Nicholson, S.W.; Arthur Wormul, J.W.; B. W. Bilby, J.D.; J. Glenn, I.P.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.M.; Treas.; C. B. Barnes, P.M.; Sec.; D. Nicholson, P.M.; W. Pound, P.M.; J. Charles, P.M.; G. A. Conderoy, P.M.; G. Sneath, P.M.; J. P. Hinchel, C. E. Moser, F. W. W. Honischer, W. S. Pound, H. Poston, A. D. Green, Milton Smith, E. G. Young, J. A. Davies, W. F. Stauffer, A. E. W. Gwynn, and G. R. Carsberg. Visitor: Bro. F. A. Barton, 2216.

The principal business of the evening was the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, which was unanimously in favour of Bro. Wm. Nicholson, S.W. Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Poston was elected on the Audit Committee. The W.M. announced that an organ was subscribed for by the members, and presented to the lodge through the instrumentality of Bros. Moser and Gwynn. Bro. Gwynn was appointed Org., and enlivened the lodge working to the great satisfaction of the brethren present. Bro. Glenn, P.M., reported the illness of Bro. Starling, P.M., the father of the lodge, which was deeply regretted by all the brethren. Bro. Glenn also appealed to the brethren to support him at the next Festival of the R.M.B. Institution for Aged Freemasons, saying, he hoped the lodge in its 119th year would become Vice-President of that Charity, as it had done in respect to the Boys' and Girls' Institutions.

The brethren subsequently adjourned, as usual, to the banquet, at which the various toasts were duly proposed and eloquently responded to, which were interspersed by the musical talent of the brethren.

Bro. Conderoy, P.M., sang the National Anthem and "The Lass of Richmond Hill;" Bro. Moser, "Dady;" Bro. Young, "Good Company;" Bro. D. Barton (visitor) treated the brethren to wonderful natural whistle, accompanying himself at the piano.

##### UNITED STRENGTH LODGE (No. 228).—

This lodge held its usual meeting, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Smith, W.M.; Hillhouse, P.M., acting S.W.; Miller, J.W.; Terry, P.G.S.B., Treas.; Jennings, acting Sec.; Ashby, S.D.; Holand, J.D.; Halford, P.M., and Booker, Stwds.; Taylor, D.C.; Lambert, A.D.C.; Curtis, I.G.; Hickman, P.M.; Alford, P.M.; Edis, P.M.; Quartly, P.M.; Reepe, Paine, P. Woodman, J. Woodman, Butler, Woolsey, Fidge, Lobb, King, Baxter, Clarke, Burtle, Cook, Bruton, J. J. Joyes, Jones, F. W. Moss, Candler, R. P. Moss, Williams, Douthwaite, Knight, and A. O. Miller. Visitors: Bros. Bigden, I.G. 160; Hubbard, P.M. 1107; Coombs, W.M. 780; Williams, 553 (S.C.); and Colley, 1571.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. James S. Knight was unanimously elected a re-joining member. Bro. D. J. Douthwaite was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The ballot was taken for Albert Oswald Miller, and, it proving clear, he was duly initiated. The by-laws having been read, the members proceeded to the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, and, owing to the lamented death of their late S.W., Bro. Langley, the choice fell upon Bro. Miller, the J.W., the vote in his favour being unanimous. Bro. Jas. Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B., was unanimously elected Treasurer.

The W.M. having announced his intention of serving as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of R.M.B.I., a sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to his list; and, on the proposition of the S.W., seconded by Bro. Miller, J.W., and supported by the W.M., the acting Secretary was directed to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Langley on the irreparable loss she and the Craft had sustained by the death of her husband, Bro. Langley, the late S.W. of the lodge.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," being responded to by Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B.

In proposing the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Quartly, I.P.M., spoke of the excellent manner in which he (the W. Master) had carried out his duties during his year of office, and he had no doubt but that he would install his successor in such a manner as to merit all the good opinions the brethren of the lodge had of him.

The Worshipful Master, in thanking the brethren for their very hearty reception of the toast particularly appertaining to him, said that the assistance of the brethren had much lightened his task, and now that he had nearly completed his year of office, he should, after installing his successor, retire with happy memories and pleasing reminiscences of the time he had occupied that chair.

The initiate, in responding to the toast proposed in his favour, remarked that the ceremony had very much impressed him, and it would be his endeavour to carry out in himself the principles shadowed forth in that ceremony, so that, as a Mason, he should bring no discredit to the Craft.

The toast of "The P.M.'s" was responded to by Bro. Hickman, P.M.

Bro. Jennings, acting Sec., replied to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge."

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Hubbard, P.M. 1107, and Colley, A.D.C. 1571, who each paid a just tribute to the working of the lodge generally, and the W.M. on that occasion.

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

As is usual with this lodge, the musical arrangements were of a high order, and during the evening Bros. Williams, Jennings, Booker, Ashby, Joyes, Hickman, and G. H. Williams added much to the enjoyment of the brethren.



**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly. Present: Bros. J. G. Doncaster, W.M.; W. J. Coplestone, S.W.; Edwin Lucas, J.W.; H. Purdew, P.M., Sec.; F. Craggs, S.D.; H. F. Williams, J.D.; W. W. Williams, D.C.; A. Williams, I.G.; E. Newland and Hans Schaefer, Stwds.; H. Evenden, P.M.; Tyler; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; James Sims, P.M.; George Read, P.M.; Cartwright, Bank, Boyes, Curtis, Jobson, Rice, Stokes, Morgan, Pinn, Wilkins, Worth, Gerbert, Hardwick, Richards, Spooner, Spencer, Cliburn, Segar, Hewitt, Edward Lucas, May, and Inderwick. Visitors: Bros. Asher Barfield, Grand Treasurer; Fells, 1743; Canning, 906; Rose, 1891; Rogers, 1891; and Smith, 857. Bro. H. Stokes was raised, and Bro. T. Jobson passed. Mr. H. J. Inderwick was initiated. The lodge voted the sum of 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Blake, I.P.M. The whole of the duties of the evening were very ably rendered by the W.M., Bro. Doncaster.

**ECLECTIC LODGE (No. 1201).**—At the usual meeting of this lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 14th inst., Bro. A. J. Foreman, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. Leach Barrett, S.W.; C. Chauffourier, J.W., and a large attendance of brethren.

Mr. Frenlich was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order, and Bro. Reside was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The following officers were unanimously elected for the coming year: Bros. J. Leach Barrett, as W.M.; J. Mander, as Treasurer; and Potter, as Tyler. The deaths of Bros. Johnson and Higgs, also of the daughter of the Secretary, Bro. Taylor, P.M., having been announced, letters of condolence and sympathy were voted, and the lodge resolved to go into Masonic mourning at the next meeting. A letter of sympathy was also sent to Bro. Gaul, P.M., on his severe accident, which had necessitated the amputation of his leg.

**ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. Amongst the members present were Bros. Frank Matthews, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; Hy. J. Thrower, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M. 1524, Treas.; Chas. F. Barham, P.M., Sec.; L. A. Harrison, S.D.; W. Beasley, J.D.; Hy. J. Scott, D.C.; J. W. Griffiths, I.G.; S. Batcheler, Stwd.; W. Shurmur, P.M. 1471, Stwd.; R. Drysdale, P.M.; Elias Benjamin, P.M.; G. T. Barr, P.M.; J. Funston, P.M.; E. Walker, P.M.; Wm. Clarke, P.G.P.; and F. Meriton. Visitors: Bros. H. Jones, 193; J. Smith, P.M. 193; S. Smith, W.M. elect 193; H. Busbridge, 1589; A. J. Budd, 1446; Jas. F. Haskins, Org. 1364; E. Moffatt, 2266; J. Smith, P.M. 45; C. Elledge, 1524; W. Barnitt, J. Page, P.M. 1288; J. Chillingworth, P.M. 1228; J. A. Robson, P.M. 1445; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The Audit Committee's report was received and adopted. The principal business of the evening was then proceeded with, Bro. Joseph Cox being presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair by his predecessor, Bro. Frank Matthews, I.P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. H. J. Thrower, S.W.; L. A. Harrison, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M. 1524, Treas.; C. F. Barham, P.M., Sec.; W. Beasley, S.D.; J. W. Griffiths, J.D.; H. J. Scott, I.G.; S. Batcheler, D.C.; W. Shurmur, P.M. 1471, and F. Meriton, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler. Bro. Louie Stean delivered the 1st and 3rd addresses, and Bro. Clarke, P.G.P., rendered the 2nd. The W. Master, in presenting Bro. Frank Matthews, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, congratulated him upon having been the 10th W. Master. The I.P.M. was one of the first initiates of the lodge who had worked up to the position of the chair. The members were well content with the manner in which Bro. Matthews had carried out his work, and had done well in acknowledging his valuable services by presenting him with a jewel inscribed with the good wishes of the brethren. Bro. Matthews, I.P.M., having briefly returned thanks for the gift, and there being no further business for transaction, the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Wm. Clarke, P.G.P., responded for "The Grand Officers," and said he should be wanting in his duty if he did not do his best in replying for the toast. The Pro G.M. was one whom he was happy to say was always received in the body of Masons with that pleasure they all felt towards the position he occupied, for he was a working Mason, ever ready to study the welfare and best interests of the Craft. That day was the birthday of the Earl of Lathom, which fact was an incentive to receive the toast in a very hearty manner. The Grand Officers would endeavour to uphold the prestige of Grand Lodge and assist in the government of the Order. At the next Communication, they would have the honour of re-electing the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and there was also another office for disposal—and he hoped always would be—that of the Grand Treasurer. He had taken a great interest since the first election for the latter office, and was one of the few Grand Officers who voted for the change. He trusted he should be with them for many years, and should always do his best to assist the lodge, if possible.

Bro. Frank Matthews, I.P.M., said it was his privilege and pleasure to have to propose "The Health of the W. Master." Bro. J. Cox, W.M., was so well known to the members and visitors, and so highly appreciated by all, that it required few words from him on the subject. The W.M. was an old Mason, of 18 or 19 years standing, who went into their lodge as a founder, and who had worked hard as the Secretary for many years. The services rendered by Bro. Cox, W.M., had been so highly spoken of in past years, that he (the I.P.M.) would simply wish him a successful term of office, and was convinced that the members would rally round him to ensure that success.

Bro. Joseph Cox, W.M., said he had to acknowledge the kind manner in which the I.P.M. had proposed, and the brethren had received, the toast of his health. It was quite true, as the I.P.M. had observed, that he was not altogether a young Mason, and it was, perhaps, not to his credit that he had not reached the chair before. In the

proper course, he ought to have arrived at his present position at a somewhat earlier period in his Masonic experience; but, for various reasons, until this present lodge was formed, when he had the honour of being one of its founders, he did not work up for office. As the brethren of this lodge had been so kind as to place him in the chair he should like to say that it would be his desire to be able to conduct the business of the lodge in some approach to the manner in which it had been conducted by the array of Past Masters he saw on his left. Although he had not worked up to the chair until the present time, he had a great regard for the principles and doctrines of Freemasonry. It seemed to him that Masonry stood alone in some of its features, and certainly there was one aspect that was very grateful to his mind, and he believed every Mason would agree with him, that they owed an allegiance to the Almighty Father, the G.A.O.T.U. That carried with it another idea, and that was that with a common Fatherhood there must, of necessity, be a strong bond of brotherhood among Masons. He supposed they were privileged in this respect, because when they were gathered together, whatever opinions they held they never allowed either the conflicting opinions of the political world or their various ideas in regard to their religious duties to mar the harmony of their gatherings. This was a great advantage, and if they carried out, as they should do, those great principles of piety and virtue on which the Order was founded, they were bound to be better men; their families were bound to be better, and the community in which they moved and mankind at large must be the better for the true principles of Masonry. These things seemed worthy of mention on the present occasion, and he hoped that the members of their lodge, while he had the honour to hold the chair, would not fail to observe those principles, and show kindly feeling to each other, and thus prove that their professions were not mere words upon their lips, but that they also had a place in their hearts. He thanked the brethren for the honour done him in electing him W.M., and trusted that his term of office would be a prosperous year in the history of their lodge.

"The Installing Master, Bro. Matthews, I.P.M.," was next given in felicitous terms by the Worshipful Master, and briefly acknowledged by the I.P.M., after which the W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," whom he characterised as the veterans who had borne the heat and burden of the day. The members were at all times pleased to give honour to brethren who had filled the chair and who by their experience were enabled to assist materially in conducting the affairs of the lodge. The I.P.M. was the latest addition to the ranks, and at the head was Bro. Louis Stean, P.M., the father of the lodge, whom they were pleased to see so hale and hearty after so many years. Bro. Barr, P.M., was one of the founders and an early P.M. who continued to take a great interest in the lodge. Bro. Barham, P.M. and Sec., had not only passed the chair in their lodge but also in another lodge, and had rendered valuable assistance. Bro. Benjamin, P.M., was known as a good worker, and Bro. Funston, P.M., had the honour of being the first initiate of the lodge who had worked up to the position of W.M. Bros. E. Walker, P.M., and Drysdale, P.M., were also esteemed P.M.'s, the latter being another initiate of the lodge. The members would heartily drink to the toast of the P.M.'s, wishing them health and prosperity and many years to be present to assist in the work.

Bro. Stean, P.M., in reply, said he felt proud as the first W.M. of the lodge to see the progress made and the assistance they had rendered to the Charities during the ten years it had been in existence.

Bros. J. Smith, P.M. 193; Chillingworth, P.M. 1228; J. Smith, P.M. 42, and other visiting brethren responded for the toast of "The Visitors," acknowledging the hospitable and hearty manner in which they had been received.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," having been duly given and responded to, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. Dr. Haskins presided at the pianoforte during the evening with his usual ability.

**UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE (No. 2128).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Bro. W. Masters, P.M., W.M., in the chair. Bros. Leonard and Battey were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. James Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B. Bro. G. J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.P. Derbyshire, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. E. Carr, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

After the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to supper, when some very excellent music was rendered by the brethren and by the visitors, Bros. Weston and Matthews.

**HENDON LODGE (No. 2306).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 8th inst., at Warner's Old Welsh Harp. There were present Bros. J. Thom, W.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, I.P.M., Sec.; Fraser, S.W.; A. H. Scurrah, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas.; G. H. Lewis, S.D.; A. A. Nottingham, J.D.; W. Langley, I.G.; A. J. Heane, D.C.; E. W. Wheeler, Org.; W. B. Parson and A. M. Parsons, Stewards; C. H. Watts, A.D.C.; F. W. Hearne, Asst. Org.; and a large number of brethren and visitors.

The lodge was opened in due form, after which Bros. Laurance, Cronin, and Wright were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in the W.M.'s well-known style. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Smith, Thomson, and Bintliff, and found unanimously in their favour, and these gentlemen, being in attendance, were duly initiated into Freemasonry.

The W.M. then announced that he had a most pleasing task to perform—that of presenting the portrait of the I.P.M. to the lodge, and said the I.P.M. was aware that the brethren of the lodge had decided to ask him to sit for his portrait to be placed in the lodge. That had been done, but he regretted that he was unable to present the portrait on the last occasion of their meeting. That night, however, he had the honour, and he was very pleased indeed to say that it was a most handsome picture, ably executed, and an ornament to the lodge. He had to ask them to accept the picture, and to let it be placed on the walls of their lodge to commemorate his Mastership and the first year of the existence of their lodge, and, with their

permission, he would hand it over to the Treasurer to take charge of on behalf of the lodge.

Bro. Stiles, taking charge of the portrait, said he accepted with pleasure the very handsome portrait of their first W.M., Bro. Scurrah. He agreed with their W.M. that it was a work of art, and beautifully executed. They were much indebted to Bro. Scurrah for having so largely contributed to the success of their lodge, and they hoped to have him for many years as their guide, councillor, and friend. He thought they should give their thanks to those brethren resident in Hendon who inaugurated the idea of presenting the portrait, and they should also thank the subscribers to the fund.

Bro. Scurrah, in reply, said he did not know how to thank them sufficiently for the honour they had done him that evening. He felt that it was a token of brotherly affection and kindness from the members of the lodge. He could assure the brethren, for the many marks of respect and esteem they had shown him he should ever feel grateful. He was exceedingly pleased with the picture, which reflected the greatest credit upon the artist, their dear old friend Bro. H. Stiles, P.M. 1507. As a memento of this occasion, he would ask every member of the lodge to accept a cabinet copy of the picture, and he hoped when each brother looked at it he would feel that he had a staunch friend and brother in the first Master of the Hendon Lodge.

The W.M., on behalf of the members, accepted Bro. Scurrah's kind offer. Bro. T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507, said he was sure that it was a great pleasure to the visitors to be present on that happy and interesting occasion, and on their behalf he expressed the hope that Bro. Scurrah would long be with the members of the Hendon Lodge, and that he would enjoy the confidence of the brethren in the future as he had in the past. Bro. Clarke, P.M. 1178, bore testimony to the high esteem in which Bro. Scurrah was held in the Craft generally, and hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare the I.P.M. for many years to come.

Nothing further offering the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently dined together. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Scurrah, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said they had seen how he performed the ceremonies that day—letter perfect—which proved to them that their W.M. knew his work thoroughly. He was a thoroughly genial and kind-hearted brother, and meet him whenever or wherever they would, he was always the same, and he augured well for that lodge under his sway.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the I.P.M. most sincerely for the very happy way in which he had introduced that toast, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received it. He felt it a very great honour to be their W.M. He had had plenty of work to do that evening, and he had done it with a willing heart. He said he would not introduce a long speech that night, and would conclude by saying that while he was their W.M. he would do everything in his power to forward the prosperity and uphold the dignity of the lodge.

"The I.P.M.," was given and responded to by Bro. W. H. Scurrah, who reiterated his thanks for his portrait, and hoped the brethren would have a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

"The Initiates" were duly honoured, and responded.

"The Visitors" were responded to by Bro. Hindon, P.M. 1704; H. Stiles, P.M. 1507; Edmonds, P.M. 1507; Halett, 1901; Denham, I.G. 1622; Pointer, Org. 2202; and A. Cronin, 9.

"The Secretary" and "The Treasurer" were replied to by those Officers.

The W.M., in proposing "The Officers," stated that he felt sure those brethren would do their work well and support him in the work of the lodge. Their S.W., he said, was a Mason of some experience in the Craft. He was also the Secretary of their lodge of instruction, which was not a very thankful office. The time would, however, come when he would be rewarded for his labours, and when he occupied his (the W.M.'s) proud position, he would say he was repaid for his trouble. Bro. A. Scurrah, their J.W., carried out his duties to their satisfaction, and he was sure, when his turn came to be appointed to a higher position, he would perform his duties equally well. Bros. Lewis and Nottingham, their S.D. and J.D., did their duties well; and they had introduced good men into the lodge, and both were qualified for higher offices. He complimented the other officers and the lodge choir upon the way in which they performed their respective duties, specially mentioning the labours of Bro. Wheeler in training the lodge choir, of which Bro. F. W. Hearn is the leader.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which had throughout been most enjoyable.

The speeches were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, contributed to by Bros. Hudson, Munson, A. M. Parsons, Dobbs, and F. W. Hearn. Bro. A. Cronin, a visitor, greatly amused the brethren by a humorous reading.

**WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above ancient and prosperous lodge took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. Lieut. W. Tailby, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following Past Masters, officers, and visitors: Bros. J. G. Melbourne, I.P.M.; G. Davis, P.M.; A. Smith, P.M.; W. Akers, P.M.; W. Doddrell, P.M.; A. Cleal, P.M.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; H. Grice, S.W.; J. Bell, J.W.; L. Chasteaneuf, S.D.; W. Mathey, J.D.; A. Deans, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; J. J. West, P.M. 548; G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Roberts, P.M. 700; J. Bagshaw, P.M. 158; R. Lidmor, W.M. 1815; J. Sanderson, P.M. 700; J. J. Gould, P.M. 1685; G. Wells, 1212; J. Taylor, 913; H. Roberts, 700; J. Clarke, 1428; D. Gifford, 213; E. Bryant, 548; W. Doddrell, jun., and A. E. Doddrell, 615; J. McCollough, 700; H. Tufnell, 700; C. Benstead, 700; and C. Jolly, P.M. 1472 (Hon Mem. 13, &c.)

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for a joining member, Bro. Vigeon, P.M. 3, Manitoba, Canada (not in the E.C. list, presumably of the C.C.) Bro. Hill was passed, and Bros. Milbourn, Lowson, Bushby, Hayes, and Roberts, the latter of Lodge 700, were raised. A discussion ensued as to the lodge removing to the new Masonic Hall, Plumstead, but as a lodge under the banner of the Province of Kent already holds its meetings there, grave doubts were ex-

pressed as to whether such an anomaly could exist, as a London lodge meeting in the same hall as a provincial lodge. It was decided, therefore, to form a committee to thoroughly inquire into the matter before deciding the question.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren refreshed themselves.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured,

The I.P.M., Bro. Melbourne, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing said Bro. Talby was a W.M. of whom they ought to be proud. At their last meeting he worked the Three Degrees for the first time as Master of the lodge in a faultless and impressive manner. That they took as a prelude of what was to follow, and they had not been deceived, for that night they had seen their esteemed W.M. perform a ceremony unique in the history of the Union Waterloo Lodge; he had raised no less than five brethren to the Sublime Degree without a fault that might affect even the most critical ear, and he had no hesitation in assuring them, from his own personal knowledge of the abilities of Bro. Talby, that during his year of office he would carry out his duties to the entire satisfaction of the brethren and to the credit of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, who on rising to respond was received with a round of cheering that lasted some few minutes, said that he could only thank them for the hearty and cordial manner in which they had received the toast of his health. The eulogy paid him by the I.P.M. far surpassed his deserts, or anything that he had done to deserve it, irrespective of the fact that as their W.M. he had simply done his duty. It appeared to him, however, that his work was "growing small by degrees and beautifully less," as at their last meeting he had three Degrees to work, at the present one two Degrees, while at the next he had at present literally nothing to do. He again cordially thanked them, and could assure them of his earnest desire for the success and prosperity of the lodge.

Several other toasts followed, and the proceedings were enlivened with some excellent harmony.

#### STONEHOUSE.—Brunswick Lodge (No. 159).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hobart-street, when the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Marshall, was installed. The installing officers were Bros. R. Selmon, the retiring W.M., and B. S. Johns, 159. The Board of Past Masters included Bros. J. C. Stephens, H. J. Trethewy, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Bartlett, A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; H. Mortimer, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. Ellery, N. Radmore, H. Miller, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.J.G.W.; S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; R. Pike, 230, P.P.G.O.; J. Bray, 230; W. T. Hocking, 70; F. R. Thomas, W.M. 189; C. H. Price, R. Jackman, 202; E. T. Cox, W.M. 1212; J. Griffin, W.M.; W. H. W. Macey, and T. Geach, 1847. The officers invested were Bros. R. Selmon, I.P.M.; F. J. Price, S.W.; T. Stoner, J.W.; H. Warren, Chap.; H. Mortimer, Treas.; H. J. Trethewy, Sec.; J. E. Davis, S.D.; H. Roberts, J.D.; C. Wingate, D.C.; W. Smeeth, A.D.C.; R. H. Eden, Org.; W. T. Luscombe, I.G.; J. Endicott, A. Merifield, and J. Dyer, Stwds.; and J. Bartlett, Tyler. Bro. N. Radmore was re-elected Steward. Bro. H. J. Trethewy, P.P.A.G.D.C., is the representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions.

Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.J.G.W., presented to the lodge a gilt framed photograph of the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London, as it appeared after the fire on May 4th, 1883. Bro. Lemon was warmly thanked for the presentation and elected an honorary member of the lodge. In acknowledging the compliment he said it was very much his wish to see the lodge supplied with suitable pictures to adorn their walls.

**YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).**—On Monday, the 17th inst., the above lodge held the Winter Festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, Bro. S. Border being installed W.M. for the coming year. The ceremony of installation was most ably carried out by Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas., and it is worthy of note that this is about a dozen times in succession that the lodge has been indebted to him for this service, and the whole of the brethren he has installed were present on that occasion. Bro. A. Sample presided at the organ. The W.M. then addressed and invested his officers as follows, viz.: Bros. W. Smith, I.P.M.; C. M. Forbes, S.W.; T. S. Brogden, J.W.; Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D.; P.G.C. Eng., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Jos. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; E. W. Purnell, Sec.; J. B. Sampson, S.D.; H. S. Hopton, J.D.; E. Carter, D.C.; A. Sample, Org.; F. Watkinson, I.G.; M. Bryson and T. Archey, Stwds.; and W. G. Calvert, Tyler.

A large number of brethren of the York and other lodges assembled to witness the ceremony, amongst others being Bros. A. Buckle, B.A., P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Kirby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. G. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; A. H. McGachen, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Geo. Garbutt, P.M., P.G.D.; M. C. Peck, P.M., P.G.S., G.S.B. of Eng., and P.P.S.G.W.; Hy. Foster, P.M.; Mark Rooke, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Geo. C. Lee, P.M.; Geo. Balford, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Geo. Epworth W. Staniland, 566; Jas. Mennel, 1611; A. W. Chapman, 289; W. Bellerby, R. E. Triffil, Thos. Luke, C. Anderson, F. S. Gramshaw, and others.

In the evening the brethren again assembled at the Masonic Hall, and partook of a repast served by Bro. J. Ives in his usual efficient style.

The customary toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and songs, recitations, &c., contributed by Bros. Kirby, Todd, Sample, J. D. Thompson, A. B. Everett, Dow, Horner, Gainforth, and others.

#### SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda Lodge (No. 240).

—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Ingham-street, on the 10th inst. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors. Bro. C. F. Sutcliffe, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed by Pro. R. Purvis, jun., W.M., the installation ceremony being gone through in a highly impressive manner. Afterwards Bro. Sutcliffe appointed the following officers: Bros. W. E. Moffett, S.W.; J. T. Henderson, J.W.; the Rev. W. C. Harris, Chap.; G. Robson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; Thorn, S.D.; M. Thompson, J.D.;

J. H. Morton, P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; R. Purvis, I.P.M., Sec.; Jacks and Redmayne, Stewards; and T. Potter, Tyler. Bro. Sutcliffe, W.M., presented a handsome Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), suitably inscribed, to the I.P.M., Bro. Purvis, jun.

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. G. H. Heslop, W.M. 431; Baguley, S.W. and W.M. elect 431; N. K. Brown, P.M. 1119, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Armstrong, P.M. 1119, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Davis, P.M. 1119, P.P.G. Std.; W. Whyte, P.M. 1119; T. D. Marshall, W.M. 1970; T. G. Mabane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; John Wilson, P.P.G.D.; W. Ross, P.M. 1970, P.P.G.S.B.; and J. Sedcole, P.M. 1119.

Subsequently the annual banquet took place at the Royal Hotel, Ocean-road. An excellent dinner was provided by Mr. Hedefine. Bro. Sutcliffe, W.M., presided, and a pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

#### MARPLE.—Lodge of Benevolence (No. 336).

—The brethren of this lodge met on the 15th inst. to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist and to install Bro. John Phythian, the W. Master elect. There are few country lodges which possess, for the Masonic antiquary, greater and more numerous points of interest than that which meets in this out-of-the-way corner of the Province of Cheshire. The lodge is in possession of a set of records dating from New Year's Day in the year of grace 1759, when certain brethren of the good old town of Stockport were moved to commence a new Craft movement at the house of Bro. Robert Kitchen, "at ye sign of ye Unicorn in ye Hillgate," a well-known coaching house in its day. From this beginning, the lodge, No. 83 under its Athol warrant, flourished and prospered until the close of last century. Its roll of members shows that the élite of the town and district were identified with its fortunes. But, from a set of causes which can now only be guessed at, this dove found no resting place for the sole of its foot, but was bandied about from pillar to post with a rapidity which makes one wonder how its members were kept together. No fewer than 10 removals of its place of meeting took place between the years 1759 and 1791, at which latter date business was being conducted at the Red Lion Hotel. Following this, the affairs of the lodge seem to have reached their most extreme point of misery and attenuation, and for a few years it is extremely difficult to say with exactness whether, "having a name, it lived or was dead." Probably the only fact which can really be insisted upon with certainty is that the warrant, furniture, books, and jewels were kept together in the locality, and hence its revival in the early years of the present century at the Stag's Head Inn, Marple Bridge, a locality some six miles distant from the actual scene of its birth. Since this period its existence has been continuous and its records are unbroken. Its vicissitudes have been numerous, but it is to-day in a state of active prosperity which takes second rank to no lodge in the province. Among the many curious and interesting antiquities still in its possession, in addition to the minute and account books dating from 1759, are numerous original articles of furniture and jewels of an antiquity which has hitherto puzzled every Masonic antiquary who has examined them. It is pleasing to think that these objects of Masonic interest have been so carefully preserved, and that they are tabulated with care in a manuscript history, which deals exhaustively with the records of the lodge from its formation in 1759.

A total of 37 brethren were present, of whom the following is a complete list:—Bros. John Sherwin, W.M.; J. Boardman, P.M.; H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; J. H. Hartley, P.M., P.P.G.P., Org.; Tymm, P.M.; Cartwright, P.M.; Hardy, P.M.; T. Eyre Mason, P.M.; Crompton, P.M.; Ridgway, P.M.; Andrew, P.M.; Caldwell, P.M.; Osbaldiston, P.M.; Tyler; W. Boardman, S.W.; Pythian, J.W.; J. E. Radford, Sec.; Twidale, J.D.; J. Charles Wilson, acting I.G.; A. F. Keyworth, W. Fielding, J. Elton Bott, I. Mather, and J. Taylor. Visitors: Bros. A. Walker, W.M. 625; S. N. Brooks, P.M. 361; George Balfie, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Drinkwater, 1166; J. T. Bowker, 461; L. D. Bradbury, 322; Alcock, 322; Knott (Mayor of Crewe), W.M. 979; Dean Sutcliffe, I.P.M. 979; Fred. Smith, 979; Charles Vickers, 979; Edgar Towle, 163; J. G. Willan, Stwd. 300; and Mark Stafford, 361.

One pleasing feature, which is perhaps too little of a distinctive feature in the installation ceremony generally, was noticeable in the fact that the Past Masters as a body took active parts in the work. Bro. Ralph Andrew, P.M., acted as Installing Master, and the consecutive and essential portions of the ceremony having been performed, the following brethren then discharged the respective duties assigned to them. Bros. Jesse Tymm, P.M.; T. Eyre Mason, P.M.; and John Crompton, P.M. presented the working tools. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. Ridgway, P.M.; that to the Wardens by Bro. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; and that to the brethren by Bro. Caldwell, P.M. An efficient trio of vocalists, consisting of Bros. Balfie, Alcock, and Mark Stafford, contributed both to the efficiency of the ceremony and the pleasures of the social board. It is a custom in this lodge to present each retiring Master with a P.M.'s jewel as a memento of his connection with the chair, and that pleasant duty was agreeably discharged at the social board by Bro. Jackson. The W.M. appointed the following officers for the year: Bros. Wm. Boardman, S.W.; J. E. Radford, J.W.; W. H. Lazenby, Sec.; W. Twidale, S.D.; J. Charles Wilson, J.D.; H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; J. H. Hartley, P.M., P.P.G.P., Org.; A. F. Keyworth, Asst. Org.; W. Hardy, P.M., D. of C.; Jesse Tymm, P.M., Almoner; J. Taylor, I.G.; and T. Mather and Haycock, Stwds. Bro. J. Osbaldiston, P.M., was re-elected Tyler. This ancient brother has been a member of the lodge since 1845, and his father was an initiate in 1810, so that the family connection with the lodge exceeds three quarters of a century. Bro. Towle, 163, diversified the proceedings at the social board by a masterly recitation from "Manfred."

#### HUDDERSFIELD.—Lodge of Truth (No. 521).

—On Friday, the 7th inst., the Festival of St. John in connection with this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, when Bro. John Dawson, P.S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Williamson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., and the W.M. invested his principal officers as follows: Bros. Geo. Jackson, S.W.; S. Crossley, J.W.; J. Dunbar, Chap.; J. W. Turner, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; John Davis, Sec.; Wm. Dyson, S.D.; G. H.

Sissons, J.D.; J. W. Sawden, Reg.; J. G. Thompson, I.G.; J. B. Matthewman, P.M., D.C.; and J. F. Dyson, A.D.C.

At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet, at which all the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Many visiting brethren were present.

#### SALFORD.—Zetland Lodge (No. 852).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, The Crescent. There was a large attendance of brethren, including Bros. T. Pike, W.M.; Walter Lee, I.P.M.; W. H. Fulford, S.W.; J. A. Woolley, J.W.; J. G. Edge, P.M., Treas.; J. Robinson, Sec.; John Blackwell, J.D.; J. Beardmore, I.G.; T. W. Porter, C.; T. C. Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; G. A. Packwood, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. H. Wheeler, P.M.; and J. Corney, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. Barker, P.P.G. Treas.; S. Mills, 1077; S. Steatham, P.P.G. Treas.; and G. S. Smith, P.M. 1134.

The lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., the minutes were read and confirmed. The work of the evening consisted of an initiation, a raising, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year (which was unanimously in favour of Bro. Fulford, S.W., and Bro. Edge was, after 23 years' service as Treasurer, again elected. The W.M., Bro. T. Pike, proposed that £10 ros. be voted to the East Lancashire Systematic Fund, which was seconded and carried. There were other charitable subjects discussed.

After all business had been transacted for the welfare of the lodge, and Masonry in general, the lodge was closed, and a most enjoyable social evening followed.

#### SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).

—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Midleton Hotel. Present: Bros. C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P., W.M.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G. Std. Br., S.W.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; T. Hood, S.D.; B. Thomas, J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; A. Vandervord, I.G.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T., Tyler; J. R. Hemmann, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Berry, P.M.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. M. Peacey, C. W. Barnard, C. H. Bowmaker, A. Baker, F. J. Cumine, W. Tyler, E. B. Durham, E. F. Wood, H. Cogill, W. Trigg, L. Warren, jun., E. Cant, N. D. Zucco, J. Pritchard, and G. F. Vandervord. Visitors: Bros. Rev. A. C. Wright, J.W. and Chap. 1927; C. Walton and G. Underwood, 160; and A. C. Hildegarde, 1817.

The minutes were read and confirmed. Mr. J. W. Steward was initiated. Bro. G. J. Glasscock, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. F. Wood, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer (24th year); and Bro. A. W. Martin, re-elected Tyler. Bros. E. B. Durham and C. H. Bowmaker were elected Auditors. Bro. W. Canwarden, S.W. 1613, was unanimously elected a joining member. A P.M. jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

#### HULL.—Kingston Lodge (No. 1010).

—On the 5th inst., the members of the above lodge met in the new Masonic Hall, Kingston-square, Bro. Colonel H. Fawcett Pudsey in the chair. Bro. John Bilson, the W.M. elect for the ensuing year, was duly installed by Bro. Francis Fullerton, P.M. Letters regretting inability to be present were received from Bros. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W., Dep. Prov. G.M.; M. C. Peck, G.J. Std. Br. Eng. Prov. G. Sec.; Walter Reynold, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; W. J. Hughan, P.M., P.G.D. Eng.; F. B. Grotian, M.P.; H. S. King, M.P.; James Fowler, P.P.S.G.W. Lincs.; Vincent Hill, Canon McCormick, D.D., Chap.; and G. Bohn, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. The following brethren were amongst those present: Bros. R. G. Smith, P.M., Prov. S.G.W.; William Hunt, P.M.; C. J. Todd, P.M.; Frank Nicholson, M.D., P.M.; J. Pyburn, M.D., P.M.; B. S. Jacobs, P.M.; W. H. Wellsted, C.E., P.M.; E. Kipps, P.M.; Joseph Gregson, George Lamb, M.D.; T. Bruce, W. Sinclair, W. C. Pearson, and E. Fillingham; and amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Hastings Sissons, P.M., P.S.G.D. Eng.; E. Corris, I.P.M. 57; R. R. Hawley, W.M. 250; J. Hirst, W.M. 1650; W. Gillett, W.M. 2134; H. Watson, W.M. Sykes's Lodge; J. Dalton Humes, J.P.; C. F. Wells, W.M. 1511; Sydney Smith, W.M. 294; D. J. O'Donoghue, P.M. 57; L. Brekke, A. Peat, A. W. Cook, T. B. Redfearn, T. A. Haigh, J. Harrison, R. Barton, J. H. Scott, J. Tindall, Stratford, and other brethren.

The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren officers of the lodge: Bros. F. S. Brodric, S.W.; Herbert Woodhouse, LL.M., J.W.; the Rev. Canon McCormick, D.D., P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Fullerton, L.M.; H. Forder, P.M., Treas.; J. Carill Savill, Sec.; H. H. Briggs, S.D.; F. C. Bishop, J.D.; F. Bentley, Mus. Bac., Org.; T. A. Baldwin, M.D., I.G.; Jas. Forster, J. B. Close, and J. Wright Mason, Stwds.; and T. J. Lambert, P.G.T., Tyler. On a resolution moved by Bro. W. H. Wellsted, C.E., P.M., it was resolved—"That a Committee, consisting of the W.M., Wardens, and P.M.'s, be formed to consider the best means of recognising the Mayoralty of Bro. John Sherburn, M.D." This was seconded by Bro. F. Fullerton, P.M. It is understood that the mode of recognition will be by a banquet.

Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. Fawcett Pudsey, W.M., said, before vacating the chair, he had a most pleasing duty to perform, and that was to ask their worthy Secretary, Bro. Carill Savill, to accept from him a Masonic jewel, as a small token of his regard, and in appreciation of the arduous duties he had had to perform as acting honorary Secretary on behalf of the Kingston and De La Pole Lodges in connection with the removal to their new Masonic Hall. Bro. Carill Savill had been most attentive to his secretarial work in calling the meetings of the General and Sub-Committees, in recording their minutes, drawing up the necessary reports, and conducting the correspondence. This was the last act he (Bro. Colonel Pudsey) had to perform as Worshipful Master, and he had the greatest possible pleasure in asking Bro. Carill Savill's acceptance of a Secretary's Masonic jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. T. Carill Savill by Bro. H. Fawcett Pudsey, Worshipful Master No. 1010, in recognition of valuable services, on removal of lodge to new Masonic Hall. 1888."



Bro. Carlill Savill, in acknowledging the kind gift, stated that he had most cheerfully rendered what little services he could in connection with the removal to new lodge premises. Of course, he desired more particularly to serve the interests of his own mother lodge; but, at the same time, he was very pleased to have been able to assist the brethren of the De La Pole. Their meetings had been characterised with the greatest cordiality and unanimity, and he could only say that if it were necessary that the same amount of work should be required to be done again, he would gladly be at their disposal. He thanked the W. Master most sincerely for his kind sentiments and the beautiful jewel he had so generously presented to him as a souvenir of the occasion.

The jewel was specially manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London.

The brethren then adjourned to the large hall, where the annual banquet took place, presided over by the newly installed W.M., Bro. J. Bilson, who was supported by a brilliant company of Masons.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Jno. Bilson, submitted, in felicitous terms, the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft," which was enthusiastically received.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., with the other Members of the Royal Family," eulogised the efforts made by the M.W.G.M. on behalf of the Craft, which were also well supported by other members of the Royal Family.

The next toast, which was duly honoured, was that of "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G. Master, and Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, J.P., D.L., P.G.W., D.P. Prov. G. Master."

Bro. W. Hastings Sissons, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. England, on rising to respond on behalf of Grand Lodge, was received with loud applause. After thanking the brethren for the great cordiality of the reception accorded him, he said the appointments by the Grand Master were made most carefully and judiciously, and they must not overlook the fact that the higher rank meant increased responsibilities. He (Bro. Sissons) considered it a very high honour when he was made an E.A., and to be attached to a Freemasons' lodge, but he never expected to be made a Grand Officer. However, by diligence and perseverance on the part of the eminent brethren he saw before him they might also have the honour conferred upon them, and of which he was sure they would be found quite worthy. Freemasonry, with its purest principles, had done much to promote peace and friendship amongst men, and the rapid strides the Craft had made of recent years would make its influence and power for good felt still more in the future.

Bro. C. J. O'Donoghue, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., briefly and humorously responded on behalf of Prov. G. Lodge, paying a special tribute of praise to the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Orde-Powlett, for the assiduity he had displayed in personally visiting all the lodges in the province, and making investigations as to the status of those lodges.

Bro. J. Frank Nicholson, M.D., P.M., gave the toast of "The W.M. of the Kingston Lodge and his Officers." Bro. Bilson, the newly-installed Master in the chair of K.S., was, he said, most highly esteemed by all the brethren. He (Bro. Nicholson) had the honour of raising Bro. Bilson to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. during his Mastership in 1884, and since that time Bro. Bilson had displayed much tact and efficiency in the various offices he had held, in fact, he might say, to their entire satisfaction, and the brethren had shown their sense of approbation by unanimously electing him to the highest position in the lodge. The officers Bro. Bilson had selected were well known; some had had much experience in Masonry, whilst others were new to the work; however, he hoped one and all would cordially and loyally support the Master in his arduous duties.

The Worshipful Master was received with enthusiasm. He said that at the time when he was initiated as a member of the Kingston Lodge he had many friends, and he was pleased to say that since then he had made many more. In accepting the position of honour which had been conferred upon him, he was quite aware of the great responsibilities which the office entailed, but he relied upon the support and kindly consideration of the brethren to enable him to discharge those duties. He would no doubt make many mistakes, and in craving their indulgence he (the W.M.) would ask them to

"Be to his virtues very kind,  
And to his faults a little blind,"

and at the end of the year he hoped they would realise that their confidence had not been misplaced. He had the advantage of taking up the reins of office at a very quiet time in comparison with the previous year's work, although the 25th anniversary of the lodge would be celebrated during his term of office, and was glad to be supported that night by Bro. C. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., who was the first Mason initiated at the Kingston Lodge. Recently they had got into their new home, and they had every reason to be satisfied with their new quarters. He sincerely congratulated his respected I.P.M., Bro. H. Fawcett Pudsey, upon the successful manner in which he had carried out a most difficult project in connection with the lodge removal. In conclusion, the W.M. reminded them that much of the success of the lodge depended upon the mutual courtesy and consideration which was due from one brother to another, and upon the careful selection of their candidates—viz., only to admit those who would readily, and at all times cheerfully, conform to those noble principles and tenets of the Order, which were the foundation and glory of Freemasonry. If they kept these matters in mind, he felt no hesitation in predicting a most successful year.

Bro. W. H. Wellsted, C.E., P.M., in eulogistic terms proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. F. Pudsey, and the Retiring Officers," which was duly acknowledged.

"The Installing Officer," "The Sister Lodges," "The Visiting Brethren," and the Tyler's toast followed.

Some capital songs and recitations were given, which added not a little to make the gathering a most pleasurable one.

**MIRFIELD.**—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 14th inst., and, although the attendance was not quite so numerous as last year at the dedica-

tion of the new hall, yet a muster of 27 visitors from 17 of the neighbouring lodges showed plainly in what estimation the brethren of this lodge are held in the district. The Provincial Grand Lodge was also well represented, and the show of purple on the dais made an imposing sight, relieved as it was with the light blue of the Craft.

The lodge was duly opened by Bro. Walter Bailey, W.M., assisted by Bro. F. H. Hare, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Wilson, J.W.; T. Lang, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Crowther, Sec.; J. Womack, S.D.; T. W. Sproule, J.D.; A. A. Stott, P.M., P.G.S. of W., D.C.; J. Hilton, I.G.; W. Beaumont and J. Milner, Stewards; W. Booth, Tyler; John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., as I.P.M.; J. K. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G.R.; T. B. Fairclough, P.M.; W. H. Wilson, T. R. Maddison, W. H. Wilkinson, J. T. Barras, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bro. R. Williamson, P.M., P.P.G.D., and C. K. Hare, P.J.W., of 521; Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; F. Taylor, S.D. 154; H. W. Swindells, 1283; F. W. Reuss, W.M., and J. Peace, of 208; T. R. Robinson, J.W. 827; A. Macaulay, P.M., P.G.R.; G. H. Winch, and J. F. Stott, P.M., of 258; and T. Norfolk, S.W. 600.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., and A. A. Stott, P.M., respectively took the S.W. and J.W. chairs. The following brethren then entered the lodge, viz.: Bro. J. H. Simpson, I.P.M.; James Barker, P.M.; John Walmsley, P.M.; Jas. Walmsley, P.M.; John Crowther, P.M.; C. E. Sutcliffe, and M. Deadman; also Bro. S. Dyson, W.M., W. E. Smithies, P.M., T. I. Walker, P.M., P.P.G.D., Joseph Rhodes, Sec., H. S. Pike, J. W. Baird, and T. Buckland, Treas., of 1231; Rawson Kelly, P.M., P.P.G.W., J. Jessop, and George Horstall, P.M., of 1514; Crossland Hirst, P.M. 1514 and 2261; W. Forrest, S.W. 221, and 37; Alfred Stott, P.M. 1301, P.G. Stwd.; W. Knight, 600; and H. Rickard, 61.

Bro. Fairclough, P.M., presented Bro. F. H. Hare, W.M. elect, and he was duly obligated. Bro. J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., now entered the lodge, and Bro. F. H. Hare was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Walter Bailey. The W.M. invested Bro. Bailey with the collar of I.P.M., and the explanation of the jewel was given by Bro. John Barker, P.M. The working tools were given by Bro. T. B. Fairclough, P.M., and W. Bailey, I.P.M. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bro. W. Wilson, S.W.; F. J. Crowther, J.W.; Thos. Lang, P.M., Treas. (elected); W. Beaumont, Sec.; T. W. Sproule, S.D.; J. Hilton, J.D.; A. A. Stott, P.M., P.G.S. of W., D.C.; J. Milner, I.G.; M. Deadman, Org.; W. H. Wilson and W. H. Wilkinson, Stwds.; and W. Booth, Tyler (elected). The address to the Master was given by Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. James Barker, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. A. A. Stott, P.M. Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., was re-elected member of the Charity Committee of the province. Bro. W. H. Wilson and M. Deadman were elected Auditors. Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and James Barker, P.M., were re-elected members of the General Purposes Committee of the lodge. Two brethren having been proposed as joining member, "Hearty good wishes" were given from Lodges 37, 61, 154, 208, 221, 258, 521, 600, 750, 827, 1019, 1231, 1283, 1301, 1514, and 2261, after which the lodge was closed.

It is worthy of note that no less than six P.M.'s took part in this installation, Bro. Bailey, the outgoing W.M., doing the lion's share; this shows that, in the Mirfield Lodge, at any rate, the P.M.'s "are prepared to perform any ceremony." The presence of Bro. J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., afforded the brethren much pleasure, he being the oldest P.M. of the lodge and one of its founders. No. 1102 has been honoured with Provincial rank being given to four of its brethren, singularly enough, two Prov. G. Regs. and two Prov. G.S. of Wks., all four of whom were present at this successful meeting.

After the business of the day was over, the brethren sat down to a banquet in the supper room, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., who was supported by most of the before-mentioned brethren, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The toast list was embellished with Shakespearian extracts, which added to its interest.

The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the programme of music given by Bros. Rickard, Buckland, Knight, Baird, Pickles, Sinkinson, and Smith, whose efforts were much appreciated by the brethren.

Once more the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion another of these special meetings of the Mirfield Lodge, so much enjoyed both by the brethren of the lodge and their visitors.

**TORQUAY.**—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 11th inst., when a goodly number were present, amongst others, Bro. W. J. Hughtan, P.G.D. England; John Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; John Chapman, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Chap.; John Dodge, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; Thos. Prust, I.P.M.; T. H. Morgan, W.M.; T. H. Wills, S.W.; J. McKellar, J.W.; John Taylor, J.D.; S. Wills, I.G.; F. Hex, P.M., Sec.; G. West and Winget, Stwds.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; and J. Mugford, W.M. 328.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., when the minutes of the former meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. A letter of condolence was unanimously directed to be sent to the widow of a deceased brother. Bro. Henley was passed to the Degree of F.C., the ceremony being ably worked by the W.M. Bro. Chapman then gave his first address on Masonic news. In introducing the subject, Bro. Chapman said it was not his intention to touch upon historical Masonry, or that of tracing the antecedents of lodges, both departments being already in such able hands, the former in those of Bro. W. J. Hughtan, and the latter, Bro. Jno. Lane. The primary object was to bring to the notice of the brethren a summary of the most important Masonic events which transpired throughout the world, particularly those under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England. The transactions of the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland; the formation of the new Grand Lodge of New South Wales; its recognition by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland; the Quarterly Communication to Grand Lodge—all passed under review, to the evident pleasure and profit of the numerous brethren assembled. After a few words from Bro. J. Lane, who referred to the number of lodges which would pass from under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, the lodge was closed.

**THIRSK.**—Falcon Lodge (No. 1416).—On the 13th instant, the annual festival in connection with the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall. Bro. John Thomas Hansell was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bro. Reginald Hartley, I.P.M.; F. R. Hansell, S.W.; J. H. Buchanan, J.W.; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.; C. Greensides, Sec.; W. W. Hall, S.D.; A. W. Cass, J.D.; Rev. Eusebius Richardson, Chap.; A. C. Bamlet, P.M., D.C.; J. S. Moss, P.M., Preceptor; Z. Wright, P.M., Org.; Henry Longford, P.M., I.G.; J. S. Coulson and H. Smith, P.M., Stwds.; G. Ayre, P.M., Almoner and Charity Stwd.; and John S. Farmery, Tyler.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Fleece Hotel.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—There was rather a thin gathering of the members of the above lodge on Friday, the 14th inst. The W.M., Bro. Lieut. T. Cooper, R.A., and the S.W. Bro. A. Murdock, being prevented from attending; however, Bro. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., was present, and took the chair at a moment's notice, passing Bro. C. Warren and raising Bro. Rogers in good style. Bro. W. Sande, of 1936, was unanimously elected a joining member. Notice of motion was given by Bro. Spinks to remove the lodge to the Masonic Hall in Plumstead, and then the lodge was closed in due form.

We had forgotten to mention that the lodge was in mourning for the late Bro. Vallom, proprietor of the lodge room and hotel, who was buried just eight days before the meeting.

The supper always provided for the visitors at this lodge, and at which the acting W.M. and several of the officers and brethren sat down, having been discussed, the usual loyal, Grand, Provincial, and personal toasts were honoured, but, on account of the death of Bro. Vallom, no singing was indulged in.

Among the brethren present were Bros. W. Moulds, P.M.; W. Seager, J.W.; J. Gee, Treas.; T. Couper, S.D.; W. Musquin, I.G.; W. Sayle, Steward; J. Warren, P.M. 700; J. J. Jarvis, S.W. 912; B. Griffiths, J.W. 912; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472 (Hon. Member 1536, &c.), and some 18 brethren of the lodge.

**STONEHOUSE.**—Ebrington Lodge (No. 1847).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Ebrington Temple, Hobart-street. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Griffin, was installed. The installed Masters present were Bros. S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Lose, C. A. Nicholson, and R. Lose, jun., Prov. G. Purs.; W. H. W. Macey, T. Geach, W. H. Williams, and J. Bartlett, all of 1847; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.P.J.G.W.; J. R. Lord, 1247, P.G.T.; J. Gifford, 2025, P.G.D.C.; R. Pike, 230, P.P.G.O.; B. S. Johns, N. Radmore, K. Selmon, and H. Miller, of 159; F. R. Thomas, W.M. 189; J. M. Hufley, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Goodyear, 223; J. J. Meadley, W.M. 230; J. H. Blackell, 1099; W. Powell and H. E. Setters, W.M., of 1205; P. G. L. Pearce and W. H. Hamblin, W.M., of 1247; J. Gidley, 2025; O. G. Withell, W.M. 2025; W. R. Rawling, W.M. 1071; J. Bray, 1212; and W. Stephens, 1136.

The following officers were invested: Bro. W. H. Williams, I.P.M.; J. T. Rooke, S.W.; J. Harvey, J.W.; S. Jew, Chap.; C. A. Nicholson, Treas.; J. Lose, Sec.; G. W. Street, S.D.; B. Mitchell, J.D.; E. Dawe, D.C.; T. L. Foley, A.D.C.; J. Keast, Org.; H. Roberts, I.G.; T. Leigh and W. Warren, Stwds.; and J. Bartlett, Tyler. Bro. A. R. Lethbridge was elected to represent the lodge on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. W. H. Williams as Charity Steward. A handsome gold Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. The Prov. J.G.W., Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., presented to the lodge a framed photograph of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, as P.G.M. of Sussex, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, June 22nd, 1886.

**WINCHESTER.**—William of Wykeham Lodge (No. 1883).—The installation of the Worshipful Master of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, and was very well attended, among the visitors being the following Provincial, Grand, and other distinguished brethren: Bro. W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M.; Jewel, P.G. Treas.; Groves, P.G.R.; Wise, P.S.G.D.; Marks, J. 76, P.J.G.D.; Jenkins, P.S.G.W.; Palsgrave, P.A.G.D.C.; Webb, Stwd. 1705; Taylor and Webber, P.G. Stwds.; Swanborough, W.M. 2016; and J. Harris, W.M. 76.

The ceremony of installing Bro. J. Greig as Master was performed by Bro. W. H. Jacob, P.M. 76, the retiring Master. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bro. Jas. Greig, W.M.; W. H. Jacob, P.M. 76, I.P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; F. Bascomb, S.W.; S. Frampton, J.W.; F. H. King, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Harrison, Sec.; C. Campbell, S.D.; H. Sealey, J.D.; A. Somerset, Org.; D. Davis, I.G.; E. Snook, D.C.; E. Chalkley, A.D.C.; J. Silence and S. B. Cook, Stwds.; and C. Sims, Tyler. The P.G.M. was heartily welcomed, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Jacob for his service as Installing Master.

The members and the visitors, about 40, dined together after the ceremony, and Bro. Greig received a hearty welcome and hopes for a prosperous year of office. Bro. Clowser's catering was excellent, as usual.

**HOVE.**—Stanford Lodge (No. 1947).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Hove Town Hall. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. James Eberall, who was supported by the following officers, viz.: Bro. C. Nye, S.W.; E. S. Medcalf, J.W.; J. W. Stride, Treas.; W. Endacott, Sec.; J. H. Glassington, S.D.; A. DuPont, D.C.; J. J. Clark, I.G.; W. G. Hughes and A. G. Lamette, Stwds.; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler. The brethren of the lodge present also included Bros. L. R. Styer, P.M., F. A. Channing, M.P., C. F. Goode, W. Potter, C. E. Graveley, E. L. Voysey, F. Dudley, and J. Dudley. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Lloyd, W.M. 1726; J. H. Longman, W.M. 56; H. W. G. Abell, S.W. 1797; T. Webley, J.W. 1466; J. H. Gilbert, 1964; C. F. Lewis,

P.M. 2187, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Histed, P.M. 732; R. B. Higham, W.M. 1821; G. Rawlson, W.M. 1797; G. Godfrey, W.M. 315; C. J. Hald, 1636; T. Riling, 271; G. Cole, P.M. 1636, Prov. G. Org.; H. A. De Well, P.M. 1466, P.P.G.D.; H. T. Crump, 1973; W. W. D'Albiac, P.M. 1466; H. S. Gates, P.M. 1636, P.P.G. Org.; H. Edwards, 1679; W. Botting, P.M. 732; R. Willard, W.M. 732; J. F. Musson, W.M. 2187; B. Odam, 247; S. Peters, W.M. 311, P.P.G.P.; J. Morris, S.D. 1636; C. J. Corder, P.M. 271, P.P.G.W.; W. H. Gibson, P.M. 1636, P.P.G.W.; W. N. Roe, 1936, P.P.G. Org.; F. Daniel, P.M. 732, P.P.G.D.; G. S. Godfree, P.M. 1821, P.P.G.S. of W.; Major Edwards, W.M. 1466; and W. R. Wood, jun., P.M. 1636.

The principal business of the meeting was the installation of the newly elected W.M., Bro. E. S. Medcalf. The ceremony was admirably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Eberall, P.P.G.P., the charges being shared by Bros. Eberall and L. R. Styer. The W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and invested those present with the insignia of their respective offices: Bros. F. A. Channing, M.P., S.W.; A. DuPont, J.W.; J. W. Stride, P.P.G.W., Treasurer; J. H. Glassington, Secretary; J. J. Clark, S.D.; A. F. Lamette, J.D.; W. Endacott, D.C.; J. Crapps, Organist; W. G. Hughes, I.G.; W. Potter and C. F. Goode, Stewards; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler. A Past Master's gold jewel was presented by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Eberall, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office. Bro. A. F. Lamette was elected Charity Steward, and Bros. Voysey and Gravelly were chosen to serve on the General Purposes Committee.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. J. Sayers. The W. Master, Bro. E. S. Medcalf, presided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of "The W.M. of the Lodge" being enthusiastically received.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, the various speeches being interspersed by a pleasing selection of vocal music, ably sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, M.S. Edith Hands, Bros. W. N. Roe, G. Cole, and H. Edwards, the duties of accompanist being efficiently carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe, P.P.G. Org.

**KIRKBURTON.**—Beaumont Lodge (No. 2035).—The annual meeting for the installation of W.M. of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, George Inn, on Saturday, the 15th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Cocking, W.M., and his Officers, when Mr. John Dyson Wigglesworth, who had been ballotted for at the previous meeting, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. L. B. Brierley, P.M., P.G.D. of West Yorkshire. Bro. Charles Hargreaves, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. Cocking, I.P.M., in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Rev. R. Collins, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., S.W.; Oswald Drummond, J.W.; Rev. J. N. Lee, B.A., and Rev. T. M. Turnbull, B.A., Chaplains; Joe Kaye, Reg.; Wm. Fitton, P.M., Prov. G. Steward, Treas.; J. W. Bedford, Sec.; J. K. Hirst, Org.; A. Gledhill, D.C.; J. W. Cocking, I.P.M., A.D.C.; W. H. Groves, S.D.; J. W. Senior, J.D.; B. H. Moxon, I.G.; Brierley, A. K. Fillans, and Joseph North, Stewards; and B. Denton, Tyler. The charges to the W.M., Wardens, and the brethren were given by Bro. Brierley, P.M., in his usual well-known style. Bro. Wm. Schofield, P.M., who has been Charity Steward for the lodge since its consecration, was again elected to that position.

After the transaction of other business, the lodge was closed.

There were a good number of visiting brethren present from Lodges 275, 290, 521, 1645, 1783, and others.

The brethren afterwards partook of a capital banquet in the lodge rooms, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with music, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

A composition by Bro. Hopkinson, P.M. 1619, was recited during the evening: "How I was made a Freemason."

**HAMPTON COURT.**—Cama Lodge (No. 2105).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, when there were present Bros. John Read, P.M., P.P.G. Org., W.M.; H. H. Shirley, P.M., as S.W.; W. R. Palmer, P.M., Treas.; T. Poore, P.M. 720, Sec.; S. Hague, P.M., S.D.; A. P. Quicke, J.D.; J. L. Caron, D.C.; H. Gilbert, Tyler; Gillham, Peck, Postans, Norrington, and Manlove. The visitors were Bros. H. H. Room, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; C. B. Cooper, W.M. 449; B. Lyons, P.M. 1329; and H. D. Riddle, Phoenix Lodge.

The lodge was opened in ample form, and the minutes of the regular meeting in August and the emergency in September were read for confirmation. A satisfactory report was received from the Audit Committee. A ballot was taken for Bro. W. H. Postans as a joining member, which proved to be in his favour. A ballot was also taken for Mr. C. W. Cole for initiation, which also proved favourable. Bro. Peck was raised to the M.M. Degree by the W.M., after which Mr. C. W. Cole was initiated. A letter was read from the J.W. resigning his office and membership, which was accepted with much regret. The W. Master appointed Bro. S. Hague, M.D., S.D., as J.W. The next business on the agenda was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. N. D. Francis, P.M.; but, much to the regret of all present, a letter was read from Bro. Francis stating, owing to the fact that he had suddenly been called away on pressing business to Bombay, it would be impossible for him to attend that meeting. This being the case, the W. Master had no alternative but to retain his office until the W.M. elect could be present.

The lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, served in Bro. Sadler's usual good style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, including "The Provincial Grand Officers for Middlesex," which was responded to in very appropriate terms by Bro. H. H. Room, P.M., P.G. Sec., who expressed his satisfaction at being present on that occasion, and still further pleasure at being so cordially and warmly welcomed by all the members of the lodge.

The other usual toasts followed, and were responded to. Recitations from Bros. Poore and Peck and song from Bro. Postans considerably added to the enjoyment of a very pleasant evening, which was brought to a close at an early hour.

## INSTRUCTION.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 14th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; E. Lucas, S.W.; G. E. Higginson, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem); J. Davies, S.D.; H. Cotton, J.D.; M. R. Rice, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; P.P.G.D. Middlesex; D. Stroud, and W. G. Coat.

The lodge opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree, Bro. R. H. Williams having offered himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony was completed in a very impressive manner, including the traditional history. The lodge was closed down in the Third and Second Degrees, Bro. D. S. Long being absent from his post as Secretary through illness, a letter of sympathy was voted to be sent to him by the acting Secretary, Bro. Edwin Lucas, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. G. Wetlar, W.M.; C. W. Francis, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; M. J. Green, S.D.; W. J. Mason, J.D.; G. March, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; J. Woodman, and J. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Woodman and Battley being candidates respectively. In accordance with notice of motion, the lodge will not meet on the 24th and 31st instant. Bro. Francis was elected W.M. for Monday, the 7th January, the officers to be in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," 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 13th inst. Present: Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; W. Proudfoot, S.W.; J. Rowe, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; J. B. Grieve, S.D.; W. Buxton, J.D.; W. Rose, I.G.; J. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. Greenway, W. Groves, C. Frenguelli, W. Hancock, T. A. Seary, G. Fuan, R. J. Harnell, A. Clark, C. Lambert, G. H. Reynolds, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Hancock worked the 1st Section, Bro. J. Greenway, the 2nd Section, and Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Charles Lambert having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Proudfoot was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to Bro. Vernon Smith on account of the severe illness he is now suffering, and hoping that he would soon be restored to health. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Craggs, W.M.; Hubbard, Sec., S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; Sims, P.M., as Preceptor; and Knight, S.D.

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. Knight being candidate. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the lodge be adjourned until Tuesday, January 8th. The lodge was then closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Jennings, W.M.; Craggs, S.W.; Gracie, J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; W. Williams, P.M., S.D.; Josey, P.M., J.D.; Rice, I.G.; Sims, P.M.; Head, and Gilbert. Bro. Horton, 1744, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Horton candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Davies instructed the brethren in entry drill. Bro. Horton, 1744, was elected a joining member. Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 17th instant. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; J. T. Gracie, S.W.; C. Woods, J.W.; J. Collins, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Sec. (pro tem); D. Stroud, S.D.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex, J.D.; M. R. Rice, I.G.; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. A brother offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Thos. Jobson, 834, was elected a joining member. Bro. Gracie was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was adjourned until Monday, January 7th.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. W. G. Coat, W.M.; T. W. Biggs, S.W.; J. Wood, P.M., J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; D. Stroud, P.M., S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; Fox, I.G.; E. D. Aslett, Org.; J. Sims, P.M.; D. Cartnoll, P.M.; R. H. Wimpey, and H. Clark.

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 Degree, Bro. Wimpey answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Wimpey candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. Bro. J. Sims, P.M., worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. E. Fox, 1275, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Biggs was elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Roberts, W.M.; Evans, S.W.; Badderly, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Shaw, S.D.; Lewis, J.D.; Stutfield, I.G.; Green, P.M.; Coleman, P.M.; Dr. Harper, J. Purnell, Bristow, Edwards, and Green.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Green, 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. Green being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Purnell being the candidate. Bro. Eristow, 1248, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Evans 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 17th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Westley, W.M.; Woods, S.W.; Whitaker, J.W.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Cochrane, Stuart, Bate, F. Hill, Partridge, Ayling, Hawkey, Shannaw, Ruth, Donaldson, Gatliff, Burns, Grover, Chapman, Gomme, Kingwell, Mitchell, Russell, Poole, F. Ikard, Hampton, Evans, Alexander, E. G. King, Spencer, Heathcote, Jones, Linett, Churcher, Esling, and Luckhurst.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The Fifteen Sections were then worked by the following brethren: Bros. Chapman, Smith, Folkard, Grover, Andrews, Stuart, Woods, Partridge, Ayling, Whitaker, Westley, Cochrane, Esling, and Ruffe. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bros. Woods and Whitaker were elected honorary members. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Westley for his able working during the evening. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed. The next meeting will be held on Monday, the 31st instant.

## Royal Arch.

**ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 72).**—The installation meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 13th inst. The convocation was opened by the Principals—Comps. J. Smith, M.E.Z.; L. S. Fountaine, H.; and C. T. Axford, J.—and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The members present besides the above were Comps. H. Lovegrove, P.Z., S.E.; F. Dunn, P.Z., Treas.; E. Walker, P.Z.; C. R. Walker, P.S.; A. Darch, S.N.; E. Lewcock, N. Turner, and J. Webb. The visitors were Comps. W. H. Lee, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. Middx., and F. W. Driver, M.A., P.Z.

Comp. Lee installed Comp. Fountaine as Z.; Comp. Axford, H. 2048, took his seat as H.; and Comp. E. Walker installed Comp. Darch as J. The officers were invested as follows: Comps. H. Lovegrove, S.E.; F. Dunn, Treas.; C. R. Williams, S.N.; W. F. Bates, P.S.; W. Davey, 1st A.S.; E. Lewcock, 2nd A.S.; and R. Potter, Janitor. A jewel was presented to the I.P.Z., Comp. J. Smith.

**ALDERSGATE CHAPTER (No. 1657).**—The December convocation of the above chapter was held on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There were present Ex. Comps. Edward Y. Jolliffe, M.E.Z.; George Kenning, Treas., acting H.; Frederick Crookford, P.Z., acting J.; and others.

The minutes of the regular convocation held July 16th were read and confirmed. On the motion of Comp. Jolliffe, a new rule was added to the by-laws.

The companions afterwards dined together.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.**—Industry Chapter (No. 48).—The regular convocation was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Industry Masonic Hall, when there was a full programme of business. There were present: Comps. John Duckett, Z.; Robert Whitfield, H.; John Wood, P.Z.; M. Corbitt, P.Z., Treas.; J. G. Smith, P.Z.; M. H. Dodd, P.Z. 240; John Page, P.Z. 406; W. M. Lyon, J. 406; James McCulloch, J. elect; Wm. Brown, S.E.; Wm. M. Pybus, S.N. (elected); Wm. Richardson, P.S.; T. R. Jobson, A.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; Alf. Simpson, T. R. Short, Jas. Shaw, and others.

The proceedings commenced by Comp. Robt. Whitfield, H., installing Comp. Jas. McCulloch into the chair of J., after which the ballot was taken successfully for Bros. Henry Carrick, Robt. Stewart, and Jos. G. Greener, all of whom, being in attendance, were respectively exalted into the Sublime Degree by Comp. John Duckett, Z., assisted by Comp. M. Corbitt, P.Z. Two candidates were proposed for exaltation, and then the chapter was closed, after a heavy night's work.

**LIVERPOOL.**—St. John's Chapter (No. 673). The annual convocation of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Temple, Hope-street, when there was a good assembly. The chapter, under the presidency of its late Chief, Comp. H. H. Smith, has been successful during the past year, and a satisfactory statement of finances was given at the meeting. There were present: Comps. H. H. Smith, M.E.Z.; G. Musker, P.Z.; T. Roberts, P.Z.; D. Jackson, P.Z.; G. Godfrey, P.Z.; C. Marsh, P.Z.; Dr. Clarke, H.; P. Hocken, P.Z., Treas.; W. Sweetman, S.N.; J. P. Parker, P.S.; and others. Amongst the visitors were Comps. J. C. Robinson, P.G.S.E.; T. Vernon, S.N. 202; J. H. Tyson, Z. 1356; Dr. A. Samuels, P.P.A.G.S.; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.T.; J. P. Bryan, and others.

The installation ceremony was very effectively performed by Comp. C. Marsh, and the following officers were appointed: Comps. Dr. T. Clarke, M.E.Z.; J. Godfrey, H.; J. B. Barker, J.; J. Caldwell, S.E.; W. Foulkes, S.N.; J. Hocken, P.Z., Treas.; R. Rawlinson, P.S.; W. P. Morton, 1st A.S.; and J. Barrow, 2nd A.S.

During the proceedings, in which a handsome donation was voted to the Charities, a valuable P.Z. jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool) was presented to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Smith, on behalf of the chapter.

The companions afterwards dined, under the efficient supervision of Comp. Casey.

## INSTRUCTION.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. Wicks, M.E.Z. elect 742, M.E.Z.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor and H.; Jas. Addington, M.E.Z. elect 1275, J.; C. H. Stone S.N. 1275, S.E.; Oldfield, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Woods, A.S. elect 1275, A.S.; and J. E. Latham, 1329.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. F. Hilton reported the result of his inquiries at Comp. George Kenning's respecting collars for office holders. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Latram personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, when, in proposing Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor and H., as M.E.Z. for the next meeting, Comp. Woods eulogised the manner in which the duties of Preceptor were performed, thanked Comp. Hilton, on behalf of the "listening" members, for the Masonic



knowledge they had an opportunity of gaining, and expressed a hope that many would be present at the next meeting to hear Comp. Hilton's excellent rendering of the work of the First chair. Comps. Addington, J., and Wicks, M.E.Z., took the opportunity of expressing similar sentiments. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and the chapter was closed.

### Mark Masonry.

**MANCHESTER.**—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Monday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Joseph T. Richardson, W.M.; Geo. Hunt, J.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; J. M. Sinclair, P.M., Treas.; Edgar Towell, J.D.; G. S. Smith, I.G.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; Henry Rocca, P.M.; J. Arensberg, P.M.; W. R. Sowter, I.P.M., P.G.D.C.; and J. L. Hine, P.M.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Richardson, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Stephen Chesters-Thompson and Edmund Salmon, and both proving unanimous they were advanced. The election of W.M. then took place, Bro. George Hunt, J.W., being unanimously selected for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. M. Sinclair was again elected Treasurer.

All business being despatched the lodge was closed, after a very interesting meeting.

### Knights Templar.

**CHESTER.**—Grosvenor Preceptory (No. 132).—This preceptory was opened by the E. Preceptor, Sir Knight Wm. M. Lightfoot, assisted by his officers, at the Masonic Rooms, Queen-street, on Saturday, the 15th inst. The V.E. Prov. Prior of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-upon-Tweed, Sir Knight Chas. James Banister, P.G.C. of England, &c., was received and saluted, also Hon. Sir Knight G. Holbrook, P.E. Commander of Jacques de Molay, Liverpool, and the E. Commander, Sir Knight Robert W. Bourne.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. There being no special business, the preceptory was closed.

A Priory of the Order of Malta was afterwards opened by Sir Knight Fredk. H. Stevenson, P.C.P., assisted by the officers of the priory. Visitors: Sir Knights Banister, Holbrook, and Bourne.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Two candidates were balloted for, which proved unanimous; one only being present, he was made a knight of the Order by the acting Prior, who also completed the Degree. The P.E. Preceptor, Sir Knight Woodhead, and the E.P., Sir Knight Lightfoot, were severally installed E. Prior, and placed on the throne, the E. Prior then appointed his officers. P.E.P. Sir Knight W. C. Deeley was unanimously elected Treasurer. Business over, the priory was closed.

The sir knights assembled in the dining hall to partake of a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the E. Preceptor, Sir Knight W. M. Lightfoot, having on his right V.E. Sir Knight C. J. Banister, Pro Prior of Northumberland, &c.; the Hon. Holbrook, Sir Knight Robert W. Bourne, E.P. Jacques de Molay, Liverpool, Sir Knight William Clarke Deeley, Sir Knight Edward Cuznee, Sir George H. Brown and others; and on his left, the Prelate, Sir Knights Sutton, T. C. Thorburn, F. H. Stevenson, W. F. Richardson, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by Sir Knight Lightfoot, E.P., and duly honoured.

In proposing "The Health of their Visitors," the E.P. made an admirable speech, paying high compliment to each.

The D.C. led the sir knights in giving the old honours—which are still retained in this preceptory—most cordially joined by all the members.

Each visitor returned thanks in appropriate terms—a singular coincidence, that all three were P. E. Commanders of the Jacques de Molay Encampment at Liverpool.

Sir Knights Hon. Holbrook and Banister spoke of the handsome way they had both been received in Canada and the United States.

Each toast was interspersed with songs and recitations, by Sir Knights Cuznee, Richardson, Lightfoot, Brown, Deeley, and others.

Other toasts followed, and a truly enjoyable evening was spent.

### Allied Masonic Degrees.

**MARYPORT.**—W. M. Sewell Council (No. 11).—The quarterly meeting of this council was held on the 10th inst., Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, W.M., G.I.G. of Eng., in the chair, and supported as follows: Bros. J. Gardiner, S.W.; A. Walters, J.W.; E. B. Penrice, Sec.; J. Paterson, S.D.; J. Dickinson, J.D.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Messenger, Tyler; Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M., P.G.D. of England; J. Nicholson, P.M.; Robert Brown, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and two candidates, Bros. Rev. Jas. Anderson and Thos. Brakenridge, were balloted for and accepted, and the latter, being in attendance, was admitted to the Degrees of St. Lawrence the Martyr and the Knights of Constantinople.

With other routine business the council was closed.

Bro. Edward Spooner, President of the "New Wandsworth Philanthropic Society," 67, Haldon-road, Wandsworth, informs us that a Christmas dinner of roast beef and plum pudding will be given to 500 destitute children. This announcement merits kind consideration. Contributions sent to our brother will, we are assured, be thankfully received, and faithfully applied in feeding the hungry children on Christmas Day. The Society's report now before us is very satisfactory. We notice that for the last quarter of a century a similar dinner has been provided for upwards of 500 poor children in the school-room of St. John, Usk-road, Battersea, and that 12,825 individuals have been relieved with meat, bread, groceries, &c. The poor are visited, and due inquiry is made as to cause of distress. Preference is given where it is found to arise from sickness or accident among the artisan and labouring classes, and to recent widows and young children.

### Order of the Secret Monitor.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE GEORGE ANDREWS CONCLAVE, No. 11.

The George Andrews Conclave, No. 11, was duly consecrated on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford. The founders were all known to, and personal friends of, the late Bro. George Andrews, whose indefatigable exertions in Masonry are well known in the neighbourhood, and the present conclave was formed for the double purpose of perpetuating his name in the district and of spreading the principles of the Order of the Secret Monitor. The consecration was performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.S.R., assisted by Bros. Issachar Zacharie, the G.S.R.; C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.S.R.; J. Lewis Thomas, Dep. G.S.R.; Rev. G. W. Weldon, G.V.; W. J. Spratling, G. Recorder; and Lewis M. Broder and Frank E. Lemon, G. Stwds. There were also present, as visitors, Bros. Dr. H. W. Roberts, 2; Francis W. Frigout, 6; and Jas. Castello, 5. The members of the conclave included Bros. J. G. Thomas, S.R. designate; R. T. Stringer, C. designate; E. G. G. Bax, G. designate; J. J. Pakes, P.S.R., G. Stwd.; W. Andrews, W. Martin, N. Brokenshire, B. Dingle, F. W. Walden, W. Wright, Waghorn, A. Dealer, J. G. Volmann, A. C. Dandridge, and W. W. Lee.

The conclave having been opened in due form, the following brethren were inducted into the Order by Bro. J. Pakes, P.S.R.: Bros. N. Brokenshire, 871; A. C. Dandridge, 871; A. T. Dealer, 871; W. W. Lee, 1897; J. G. Volmann, 871; B. Dingle, 35; W. W. Wright, 871; F. R. Waghorn, 871; W. Martin, 879; William Andrews, 871; and G. A. Ball, 1981.

The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, and the G.S.R. and members of Grand Council having entered in procession and having been saluted by the brethren, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, P.G.S.R., at the request of the G.S.R. took the chair of S.R. and addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting. He said it must be an interesting occasion to all Secret Monitors. They were aware of the marvellous and rapid strides the Order had made in England owing to the energy and ability of the G.S.R. That night they had a proof of the fresh blood that was still flowing into the Order by the fact that they had met to consecrate the 11th conclave, and that in so short a time—practically a little over a year—was remarkable. Such were the wholesome principles of the Order that they were not surprised to find it taken up cordially, and that evening they had to congratulate the founders on the fact that no less than 10 candidates had come forward. He would proceed with the ceremony by asking the Chaplain to give them the benefit of prayer.

The petition and warrant were read, and the brethren having approved of the officers named therein, Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon, M.A., G.V., delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the Order. He said it would ill become him, considering the amount of work that had yet to be done, to occupy their attention for more than a few minutes, and he trusted in those few minutes he should not be like the man in the play of "Romeo," who spoke and said nothing. He hoped his few remarks would impress upon them the important principles which guided them in the great work they had undertaken to carry out. With regard to the Order, it went back as far as the days of David and Jonathan, and the brethren that evening had had an object lesson by which means they could find references made to the wonderful friendship that existed between them. He was told on reliable authority, and believed, that it went back to the days of Moses, but, however, that might be, he would put before them an illustration, and say that the two great pillars had on one Fidelity, and on the other Friendship, and the arch that spanned them was lost in the clouds. During the long historic Jewish period they had lost a great many particulars, but now, in America, the Order had been revived. At first there were no conclaves, but a brother simply whispered in the ear of another, and this idea of the Secret Monitor, after a time, came here and was organised. The organisation had considerably developed the Order, and they might safely predict that it would occupy a large portion of the thoughts and feelings of the brethren in general. He would just remind them that the Order had been established for the purpose of proving that, although they lived in an age of industrial activity and worry, there was such a thing left as true friendship. It had been bitterly said that "Friendship is a community of interests." They, in the conclaves of the Order of the Secret Monitor, had taken up a different principle. They said "No! it is a community of souls." He had endeavoured to put before them something of the objects, and secondly, the principle of true friendship. He would quote the lines taken from that great poet of human nature and the heart—Thomas Moore:

"So brief our existence, a glimpse at the most  
Is all we can have of the few we hold dear,  
And oft even joy is unheeded and lost  
For the want of some heart to echo it near."

The ceremony was then resumed, and the conclave duly dedicated and constituted.

Bro. Jas. Geo. Thomas was next installed into the chair of S.R., and the following officers appointed and invested: Bros. R. T. Stringer, C.; E. G. G. Bax, G.; W. Andrews, Treas.; J. J. Pakes, P.S.R., G. Stwd., Sec.; W. Martin, 1st V.D.; N. Brokenshire, 2nd D.; A. C. Dandridge, 3rd D.; A. Dealer, 4th D.; J. G. Volmann, D.C.; W. Wright, Guard; Waghorn, Stwd.; E. Williams, Org.; and Ball, Sentinel.

Bro. SPRATLING, G. Recorder, said he would not detain them by any lengthy address, but would simply call the attention of the visiting Deacons to the special portion of the constitution applicable to them.

On the motion of Bro. PAKES, the members of the Grand Council who had assisted in the ceremonies were elected honorary members, Bro. I. ZACHARIE, G.S.R., returning thanks for the compliment. The name of the S.R. was, on the motion of Bro. PAKES, ordered to be submitted to the Grand Council for appointment as Grand Steward.

A Committee to frame the by-laws was appointed, after which the conclave was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the first toasts given were "The Queen and the Order," and "The Prince of Wales, the head of Freemasonry," both being heartily received.

"The Grand Supreme Ruler" was proposed by Bro. J. G. THOMAS, S.R., who said he considered it a high honour to have the G.S.R. present.

Bro. Dr. I. ZACHARIE, G.S.R., thanked the S.R. and the brethren for the kind proposition and reception of the toast of his health. He need not tell them he felt very pleased to be present, and to see how the Order was progressing on this side of the Atlantic even more than they had anticipated. He had been asked on many occasions by brethren what there was in the Order of the Secret Monitor that so many good Masons were joining. He said it was this—it was the sincerity and simplicity of the induction. When a brother was inducted into the Order, he felt he believed, as he did himself when he was first inducted, as though an electric shock passed through his heart, whereby he found himself in the midst of true and earnest friends. When at that ceremony he looked round and saw himself, as no doubt the candidates that night did, in the midst of men who entertained the great and glorious principles of Freemasonry which had been inculcated by their forefathers, he felt there was something that filled up a gap between the Craft and the other Masonic Degrees. That was why they had been successful. It remained for the brethren to be vigilant on all occasions, and to admit no Mason into the Order unless they knew him to be a true and genuine man—a man in whom they could put confidence, whom they could assist in trouble, and who could be called upon in time of trouble as a true and faithful brother. If they were true to themselves, and he was sure they would be, he was confident the God of David and Jonathan would be with them, and the time was not far distant when men would come from the North, South, East, and West to join them, and would be thankful to them for being admitted into their honourable Order.

Bro. J. G. THOMAS, S.R., next gave "The Dep. G.S.R., Past G.S.R.'s, and the Grand Council," and said, that being a new conclave, he was particularly honoured by the presence of Grand Officers, that being the first time many had visited the neighbourhood.

Bro. J. LEWIS THOMAS, Dep. G.S.R., having returned thanks, said it was to him a great source of pleasure to be present, and, indeed, he experienced much pleasure when invited to take a simple part in the consecration. It was not only a new conclave, but a new ground, for he was never in Deptford before, and hoped it would not be his last visit, knowing how splendidly they did their work. After the eloquent speech from the G.S.R. as to the principles of the Order, few words were required from him. There was, however, one thing he would mention, which had struck him particularly as being of an unique character, and that was, that the founders had taken for the name of their conclave the name of a brother who was dear to their hearts, and, above all, who was dependent upon their brotherly love. That was why the conclave had distinguished itself. It was a glorious thing for Deptford for these brethren to come forward and say they had perpetuated the name of a brother whom they loved, and whose declining years they did all they could to soften. That fact showed that the principles of the Order had permeated into Deptford. He again thanked them, and assured them that, to the last moment of his existence, he should remember his kind reception.

"The Consecrating Officers" was then given by the S.R., who said he could not find words to express his gratitude to those brethren for their presence. The work had been admirable, and the manner of his installation he should never forget.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, P.G.S.R., thanked the brethren extremely for the kind reception accorded him, and said that he and his colleagues had been very pleased to have been able to assist that evening. He had had the honour of performing a ceremony; but that ceremony could not have been performed had he not been assisted by the band of brethren to whom he offered his sincere thanks. Owing to their kind help, he had had the pleasure of consecrating that conclave. He belonged to most Orders in Masonry, but had always had a great fondness for this Order, to which he had belonged for 31 years. It had always appeared to be one of the few Degrees in which they had a practical and useful mission performed. If they could carry it out without intrusion on their neighbours, it was a great thing to feel that when they were in distress or trouble there was a visiting Deacon to visit them and find out what could be done to alleviate the suffering. Although there was a large number of Degrees, with different ideas and objects, there had been room for this Order, and he had therefore welcomed it, and as an old member given what support he could. He had also taken part in many ceremonies connected with it under the protecting wing of his all powerful brother on his left (Bro. Dr. Zacharie) who, as the G.S.R. had organised the Order, and without whose energy and ability they would not have been together on the present occasion. He was glad to find that this good old Order—for it was an old Order—had made marvellous progress in this country. They liked to see in Society that which tended to ameliorate mankind and give aid and assistance to the great human family of mankind. He heartily greeted the entrance of the Order into England, and should try to assist it all he could.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.S.R., replied, and said it had been a labour of love to visit Deptford for the first time and to take part in the consecration of this conclave. He wished the conclave all success and prosperity under the genial rule of the S.R.

Bro. Rev. G. W. WELDON, G.V., also replied. He said that having been for eight years a resident Master in Cambridge he had learnt over and over again the well-known mathematical principle never to spoil a good demonstration. Under those circumstances they must excuse him if he kept true to that principle, and asked them not to allow him to spoil the good demonstration that had been made by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

Bro. SPRATLING, G. Recorder, also briefly replied.

"The Supreme Ruler of the Conclave" was proposed by Bro. ZACHARIE, G.S.R., who referred to Bro. J. G. Thomas, S.R., as a man whom the brethren knew very well, as he had lived for many years among them, and a man whom they knew as a good and true Mason, and, above all, a good and true worthy Secret Monitor. The brethren would drink to the health, long life, and happiness to their S.R., wishing him prosperity during the next year as the Ruler of the conclave.

Bro. J. G. THOMAS, S.R., said he did not deserve the flattering words used by the G.S.R., but he agreed with his remark that he had tried to be a good Mason. During



the 16 years he had been a Mason he had endeavoured to be a good Mason by carrying out the precepts learnt at his initiation. He was proud of Masonry in general, and of their conclave in particular. He esteemed it an honour to be the first S.R. of that conclave, and to be at the head of the founders. As long as he lived the Order of the Secret Monitor would be dear to his heart.

"The Inductees" was next given, and duly responded to. Bro. W. ANDREWS, in replying, said that no brother had more right to feel honoured than himself, for they had honoured the memory of his brother by naming that conclave after him.

"The Visitors" was next proposed, and ably replied to by the visiting brethren present.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the S.R. attributed the foundation of the conclave to Bro. J. J. Pakes, Sec., whose work had been indefatigable.

Bro. J. J. PAKES, Sec., said it seemed natural for Bro. Andrews to stand up with him to reply, for he was his father in Masonry. It had been felt that brethren required some kind of inner circle in Masonry, and when he was inducted into that Order he felt it filled up the gap. He also felt that in his native town he should like to see a conclave started. He said it advisedly that no brother existing in their time had done more than Bro. George Andrews, and, in naming their conclave after him, they were erecting a monument that would last longer than any monument they might erect over his grave. After a consultation he felt they could not do better to commemorate his name than by having a conclave, and by endeavouring to carry out those principles that Bro. George Andrews dedicated the whole of his life to further.

"The Officers" was next given, after which the Sentinel's toast closed the proceedings.

### Queensland.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ALBION LODGE, No. 2286, BRISBANE.

The ceremonies of consecrating a new lodge under the English Constitution, and installing the first Master and officers, took place on Monday, August 20th, at the Albion Public Hall, in the presence of over 80 brethren, of whom not fewer than 32 were Installed or Past Masters of the Craft. The provisional warrant for the establishment of the Albion Lodge was granted by the District G. Master on the petition of about 20 Master Masons, who had nominated Bro. J. R. Dickson as the first Master, and Bros. C. Holmes a'Court and A. M'Nish Fraser as the first Wardens.

Shortly after 7.30 the brethren assembled in the lodge-room, which had been exceptionally well furnished owing to assistance received from the Prince of Wales, North Australian, and other lodges.

The District Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. A. C. Gregory, M.L.C., was accompanied by Bro. the Hon. John Douglas, D.G.M. under the Scottish Constitution, and, later in the evening, Bro. E. Mac Donnell, Dep. Provincial G.M. under the Irish Constitution; also Bro. Barron L. Barnett, Deputy D.G.M., P.G.D. England; W. P. Townson, P.D.G. Secretary; J. T. Brigg, P.D. G. Pursuivant; B. Burton, P.D.J.G.W.; Stanley Baldwin, P.P.G.R. Worcester, Eng.; the Rev. Manley Power, M.A., D.G. Chaplain; J. H. Daniels, D.G. Supt. of Works; and the W.M.'s of the Prince of Wales, North Australian, and Victoria Lodges. The following officers were temporarily appointed to the various positions in the lodge: Bros. E. Mansfield, S.W.; J. Clark, J.W.; W. Finucane, Treasurer; J. G. Appel, President of the Board of General Purposes, D.G.R.; J. D. Reeve, D.G. Reg.; D. of C.; Joseph Dean, P.D.S.G.W., and J. E. Meyer, P.D.S.G.D., Standard Bearers; D. Jones, P.D. S.G.W., Sword Bearer; C. S. Young, D.G. Pursuivant; P. Atkinson, D.G. Organist; and J. Harlen, D.G. Tyler.

At the request of the District Grand Master, the position of Presiding Officer was undertaken by Bro. Barron L. Barnett, who delivered the several charges and performed the necessary ceremonies in a singularly impressive manner. He was ably assisted by all the District Grand Lodge Officers, but most notably by the District Grand Chaplain. Indeed, it was generally held that the whole ceremony was the best and most effective of its kind yet seen in this colony.

The D.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. MANLEY POWER, M.A., during the ceremony delivered an excellent oration.

The musical portions of the ceremony were exceptionally well performed by the District Grand Organist, assisted by a quartette, consisting of Bros. Rev. Manley Power, R. Mills, P. H. Robertson, and G. F. Scott.

The lodge having been constituted, the installation of the new Master (Bro. the Hon. J. R. Dickson, P.M.) was then proceeded with by Bro. Barnett. The newly-installed Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Holmes a'Court, S.W.; A. M'Nish Fraser, J.W.; H. Stanwix, Treas.; G. H. Parmenter, Sec.; J. R. H. Lewis, S.D.; L. Fliegeltaub, J.D.; A. L. Petrie, I.G.; and Harlen, Tyler.

The final charge having been delivered, lodge business was proceeded with. Four well-known citizens were proposed for initiation, and several votes of thanks were accorded.

A banquet was subsequently held in the public hall, where an excellent repast had been prepared by Bro. F. Whitehouse.

The usual loyal and preliminary toasts were proposed by the newly-installed Master.

In proposing "The Health of the District Grand Master and of the Deputy District Grand Master," he spoke of both Bros. Gregory and Barnett in terms of eulogy.

The latter proposed "The Health of the Newly-Installed Master, Bro. the Hon. J. R. Dickson," and the latter spoke at some length on the necessity for Freemasons to live their principles in daily life.

The remaining toasts were—"The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Irish Constitution and the District Grand Master Scotch Constitution," proposed by the W.M.; "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. W. H. RYDER; and "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren," proposed by the JUNIOR WARDEN.

The proceedings closed shortly after midnight.

### India.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. LORD CONNEMARA AS DIST. G.M. MADRAS.

A special communication of the District Grand Lodge of Madras was held on Saturday, November 24th, in the large banqueting hall attached to Government House, Madras, to install his Excellency Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Connemara, the new District Grand Master. The brethren began to assemble at 5 p.m., and by 5.45 the largest gathering of brethren ever seen in Madras had assembled, nearly 250 brethren, representing all the lodges in the district, being present, and ranged under the banners of their respective lodges.

At 6.15 the Deputy D.G.M. in charge, Bro. Col. G. M. J. Moore, entered, attended by the following District Grand Officers: Bros. M. Panchaterum Moodelliar, D.G.P.; S. P. D'Silva, J. A. F. Cole, and P. R. Naidoo, D.G. Stwds.; A. Row, E. H. J. Ellis, P.M.; W. Kelly, P.M.; S. P. Andy, W.M. 2031, D.G. Std. Brs.; F. H. D. Pinsert and J. H. Ensor, P.M., A.D.G.D.C.'s; C. Pinsert, I.P.M. 150, D.G.D.C.; M. Abraham, W.M. 465, C. Eduljee, P.M., A. Gerdes, P.M., and J. Bernard, P.M., D.G.S.'s of W.'s; A. B. Pilcher, F. W. Kirkman, and H. M. Apslon, D.J.G.D.'s; A. Edwards and W. H. Bartlett, D.S.G.D.'s; James Gray, D.G. President of Board of General Purposes; J. T. Groatorex, P.A.G.D.C., D.G. Sec.; T. V. P. Pillay and A. Champion, D.G. Reg.'s; J. H. Peebles, D.G. Treas.; the Ven. Archdeacon Browne, D.G. Chap.; J. J. Franklin, J. E. Atkinson, H. B. Bernard, W. F. Hooper, and J. W. Hayes, D.J.G.W.'s; F. M. Wilkinson, A. S. Massey, J. Steven, A. Cutois, W. Grant, and J. H. Spring Branson, D.S.G.W.'s; and W. M. Scharlieb, P.D.D.G.M.

Bro. Col. Moore, D.D.G.M. in charge, having opened Grand Lodge in form, and the D.G. Sec. having read the summons convening the special communication, the roll of lodges was called, and the District Grand Master designate announced.

The patent from the M.W. the G.M. was handed in and declared to be in order. Seven Masters of lodges in Madras then retired and introduced Bro. Lord Connemara, who was conducted to the pedestal.

The patent was then read by the P.G. SEC., and the D. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon BROWNE, offered a prayer.

The D.D.G.M. then addressed the D.G.M. designate on the duties of his office, and obligated him. Lord Connemara was then invested with the insignia of his office, and inducted.

After an eloquent speech, in which his LORDSHIP thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in recommending him for election to preside over them, the District Grand Master proceeded to appoint, obligate, and induct his Deputy, Bro. Col. G. M. J. Moore, at the same time declaring the District Grand Lodge Officers appointed till end of the year.

The D.G. SEC. then read letters and telegrams of congratulation from the other Grand Lodges in India, and Bro. Col. Travers Drapes, Deputy District Grand Master of Burmah, tendered "Hearty good wishes" from the District Grand Lodge of Burmah.

Bro. F. DUNSTERVILLE, W.M. 150, then rose and presented Bro. Col. Moore with the jewel of a Deputy District Grand Master, which had been subscribed for by all the lodges in the District, at the same time drawing attention to the great progress which had been made in Masonry during the past two years under the rule of Bro. Colonel Moore.

The D.D.G.M. having thanked the brethren for their handsome gift,

The District Grand Master closed District Grand Lodge in due form, and retired with the District Grand Lodge Officers.

At 8 p.m., a banquet was held in the gallery of the banqueting hall, at which 120 brethren sat down.

After "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Grand Master of England" had been proposed and drunk, his Excellency the new DIST. G.M. proposed "The Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland," and then

Bro. Col. G. M. J. MOORE, Deputy District Grand Master, rose, and said:—The toast which I now have the honour of proposing is one to which I feel confident it requires no words on my part to make you heartily respond, when I tell you it is the toast of "The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master." It is rather an awkward position for me as a subordinate officer to be placed in, to have to propose the health and talk of the good qualities of my official superior, but the necessities of my office compel me to do so, and from what you have seen already, I am sure you may congratulate yourselves on the choice you have made in recommending to his Royal Highness that our Right Worshipful District Grand Master should be appointed. From the words he addressed to you in the District Grand Lodge we may augur well for the Craft in this District. As he has said, he has been a Mason for upwards of forty years. I think it was forty-eight years ago that he was initiated into the Craft. I have been intimately associated with our illustrious brother, and all I can say is that I feel certain that the District of Madras will never regret the day when their choice fell upon our right worshipful brother, I, therefore, call on you to fill your glasses and to drink, with full Masonic honours, the health of our Right Worshipful District Grand Master.

The toast met with the most enthusiastic response, the band playing, "For he's a jolly good fellow."

His Excellency, in reply, said: I am sure I feel deeply grateful for the honour you have conferred upon me in drinking my health with so much kindness and enthusiasm, and I thank my worshipful brother on my right for the kind terms in which he proposed the toast of my health. He has, brethren, given me credit for living a little longer in this world than I believe I have done, while as the same time I am sure that I have not been quite so long a Mason as I and my worshipful brother on my right thought I had been, for, on consideration, I find that a person must be of full age before he becomes a Mason, and I should be a deal older than I now am if I had been 40 years a Mason after attaining 21 years of age. However, I assure you that I have entertained the greatest gratitude for the kindness with which I have been received upon this occasion. You have just drunk the health of

the Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland. I did not think of it at the moment, but, if the Grand Master and those who represent the lodges of Ireland were present, I am sure they would thank you as heartily as I do for being so kind to me—a humble member of their lodge—as to make me your District Grand Master, an honour of which the Grand Lodge of Ireland would be extremely proud. Unfortunately, other duties have called me to other spheres and to other countries, away from the lodges of Ireland, and I, therefore, cannot speak with authority on Masonry in Ireland. But I am quite certain that every person connected with the Masonic Order in Ireland would hear with joy and satisfaction that a humble member of their Society had become your ruler. I do not think that upon this occasion it is necessary for me to detain you at any length, but I should not be doing justice to my own feelings unless I acknowledged and appreciated the numerous attendance which graces this hall to-night; and it has given me the greatest possible satisfaction to think that the first Grand Lodge which I have had the honour of attending should have been held in the banqueting hall. I hope this will not be the last of such meetings; I hope many more social gatherings of a Masonic character will take place here. If any of the brethren wish to make use of it, this hall will be entirely at their service. Nor should I be doing justice to the feelings of any of my own British-born brethren upon this occasion if I did not express the great satisfaction that has been afforded me to-night in seeing so many native brethren here. I sincerely hope that the principles which we and they practise as Masons will permeate the whole body of native society, making us all what we nominally are—one nation, devoted to her Majesty and to the British Constitution. It has also given me great gratification to have heard that the ceremony which has been gone through in this hall has met with the approval and gratification of all the District Grand Lodges in India. All I can say is that it will not be my fault if in this presidency the practice of Freemasonry is not much augmented during the time I may have the honour of being your District Grand Master.

Bro. Hall then sang "The Anchor's weighed," after which his EXCELLENCY proposed the toast of "The Deputy District Grand Master and the District Grand Officers."

Bro. Col. G. M. J. MOORE, D.D.G.M., on behalf of himself, returned thanks for the cordial manner in which the company had responded. Any labours he might have gone through on behalf of Freemasonry were more than amply repaid by the way in which his brethren had appreciated them. He assured them that all his energies would be devoted to the Craft and to every member of the Craft in the District.

Bro. Justice WILKINSON, in replying for the officers of the District Grand Lodge, said he regretted that the honour of doing so had not fallen on the shoulders of somebody more competent than himself. He assured the District G.M. that, as far as the officers were concerned, their services would always be cordially placed at his disposal.

The next toast proposed by his EXCELLENCY was that of "The Sister Districts of India and Burma."

Bro. Col. TRAVERS DRAPE, whose name was associated with it, said he had very great honour in returning thanks. The district of Burma was the newest in the political world as well as in the Masonic world, and he was the first Deputy District Grand Master of the Masonic District of Burma. One of the first Masonic duties he had been called upon to perform in that capacity was the opening and consecrating of a lodge in Mandalay, recently the capital of a barbaric king. That lodge had been instituted in the centre of the Palace, and was at the present time the most flourishing of all the lodges in Burma, both as regards numbers and financial position. Masonry in Burma had taken a step in advance, and since the annexation he felt sure that it would progress, and emulate even a District such as that of Madras.

Bro. F. DUNSTERVILLE, W.M. of Lodge Perfect Unanimity, replied to the toast of "Prosperity to the Lodges in the District," which he said were in the most prosperous condition. The numbers had, in the present year, increased 50 per cent., and it was still more gratifying that the lodges which had been in a state of suspended animation for some time past were again coming to the front and resuming work; and Lodge Carnatic having also been complimented, and the Tyler's toast honoured, the whole company rose and sang "Auld Lang Syne," the band played the National Anthem, and the brethren dispersed in the utmost harmony.

#### AN ENGLISH BREWERY IN UPPER INDIA.

Bro. H. J. Whymp, whose recently published work on "The Religion of Freemasonry" has attracted so much attention and been on the whole so favourably received, has evidently no idea of allowing his Masonic studies to interfere with his ordinary avocations. He has his theory about the Christian origin of Freemasonry, and he has found time to make that theory known to the Craft generally. But he does not forget that he is the Bass or Allsopp of India, and that the taste for the national beverage of England may be cultivated advantageously among the Anglo-Indian and native populations of Upper India. The beer brewed by the Murree Company, of which he is the managing director, is very popular throughout the Punjab, and a new brewery has recently been established at Rawal Pindi, which, to judge from the glowing reports that have reached us, appears likely to be a great success. It was only at the beginning of May last that the ground on which the premises are being erected was acquired; yet the first brick was laid early the following month, and, from the rate at which the work is progressing, there is little doubt the Company will be able to commence business at an early date. No expense is being spared in the erection of the brewery, which will be of very great capacity, solidly built, and, with every possible security, provided against fire, and, when finished, the fittings and appurtenances will be of the newest and best character. We wish the enterprise all success, and that the wholesome beverage purveyed by the Murree Company will find a profitable market in the new locality into which it is on the point of being introduced, and surpasses the vile drinks so common in India.

The Prince of Wales, having concluded his visit to Mr. de Murrieta, at Warhurst Park, Surrey, returned to Marlborough House on Tuesday, and will unveil the Wellington Statue at Hyde Park Corner to-day (Friday).

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Liverpool Chapter (No. 19).—This charter was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, when the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Robert W. Bourne, 30°, presided, supported by his officers. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector-General of the North-Eastern Division, was received under an arch of steel and saluted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. Banister read a letter which he had received that morning from Ill. Bro. J. Clement Beswick-Royds, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector-General of the district, stating inability to attend, through illness, which was received with much regret by all present. Three out of the four candidates came up for the Degree, viz., Bros. Sutton, Bonner, and Utting, who were perfected into this beautiful Christian Degree by the M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bros. Banister, 33°, and Thorbourn, 30°. Several letters of apology were read from absent members for non-attendance. Ill. Bro. E. Pierpoint, 32°, Recorder, announced that the address of deep sympathy which had been sent from that chapter to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the recent death of his Majesty the Emperor and King Frederick III. through the M.P.S.G.C., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, had been received and graciously acknowledged. Ill. Bro. Robert W. Bourne, 30°, was re-elected M.P.S., and thanked the brethren for their continued confidence. The offices of Treasurer and Recorder having been held for many years by Ill. Bro. Edward Pierpoint, 32°, P.M.W.S., will hereafter be separated. Bro. Pierpoint chose to retain the Recordership, consequently Ill. Bro. Wm. Tyner, 30°, P.M.W.S., was unanimously elected Treasurer. Business of the chapter being over, it was closed in due form.

The banquet was held at the Adelphi Hotel, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Robert W. Bourne, 30°, having on his right Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°; Ill. Bro. John Houlding, 30°; E. and P. Bros. Banner, Sutton, and Utting, E. and P. Bros. W. F. Richardson and George H. Brown, of the Stanhope Chapter, Red Cross, Chester, No. 75, and others; and on his left E. and P. Bro. P. M. Hunter, P.M.W.S., Prelate; Ill. Bro. T. C. Thorbourn, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Ill. Bro. E. Pierpoint, 32°, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. S. Jule, H. Spalding, R. Pruddah, W. S. Sutton, C. H. Lancaster, and R. Foote. The vice chair was filled by Ill. Bro. Wm. Tyner, 30°, P.M.W.S.

After grace had been said by the Prelate, the M.W.S. proposed in succession "H.M.G.M. the Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Patron of our Order, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Supreme Council," all of which were duly honoured.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the Members of the 32°," and their old and valued friend and brother the first M.W.S. of the chapter, Ill. Bro. Banister," who, he hoped, would be long spared to come to their meetings, in flattering terms, which was cordially carried out by all present.

Ill. Bro. Banister, in returning thanks to the M.W.S. and the brethren for the very kind manner in which the former had spoken of him, and the truly fraternal manner in which his health had been received and so generously responded to, said they were all too kind to him. He regretted the cause of the absence of their Inspector General, Ill. Bro. A. Clement Beswick Royds, 33°, through illness, but trusted that he would soon be all right again. He (Bro. Banister) had that morning received a very kind letter from Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, G.S.G. 33°, stating that he was just able to get about with the assistance of crutches, and had great hope to be able to leave home for London by this first of the new year; he desired to be most kindly remembered to all friends. He (Bro. Banister) was very pleased to receive such a hopeful letter, and trusted that it would be realized to the fullest extent, and that they might soon see Bro. Sandeman again in the north. He concluded his speech by again thanking them one and all for the great kindness they always showed him whenever he was able to come amongst them. Before sitting down he proposed "The good Health and every Happiness to their M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Robert W. Bourne, 30°." The brethren had done a graceful act in re-electing him for the second year as M.W.S.; the beautiful and impressive way in which he gave the various ceremonies in the different Degrees in which he was head proved that they had done the right thing.

Ill. Bro. John Houlding, 30°, P.M.W.S., endorsed everything that their Ill. Bro. Banister had said of their M.W.S.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically and with all the honours.

On the M.W.S. rising to respond he was received with rounds of applause, and when silence was restored, made a truly Masonic speech. The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the Candidates," and each responded in appropriate speeches.

"The Health of the Visitors" was handsomely proposed, honoured, and duly responded to by Bros. Richardson and Brown.

Toasts of "The P.M.W.S.," "The Officers," and most of the brethren were duly given and responded to, and a truly happy, instructive, and enjoyable evening was spent, which is always so at these Rose Croix meetings.

## Gibraltar.

**ALAMEDA.**—Friendship Lodge (No. 278).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. V. Thornton, W.M.; J. A. Dagnino, S.W.; G. O'Malley, J.W.; J. T. Harrison, Sec.; F. Loder, S.D.; I. Popper, J.D.; R. Glover, D.C.; A. Ross, P.M.; I.G.; W. F. Roberts, P.M.; Steward; A. Pereyca, Tyler; H. P. Wylie, P.M.; T. A. Doderio, P.M.; N. S. H. Lowe, E. T. Overton, J. Harrison, H. Applewhaite, W. S. Dods, Cavendish Boyle, and C. Baumgartner. Visitors: Bro. Sir Henry B. Buford-Hancock, D.G.M., and Officers of District Grand Lodge; Bros. J. Cunningham, P.M.; J. Harmack, P.M.; H. Cavana, P.M.; A. Discombe, P.M.; P. Lyons, P.M.; J. Pons, P.M.; Freyenne, Hall, Weir, Morasso, and Netto.

The lodge having been opened, the following candidates were ballotted for, approved, and initiated: Captain T. Morse, Major A. G. Wavell, Captain F. C. Baker, and C. Varley.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The last meeting of the Board of Benevolence for the year 1888 was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, Assistant Grand Secretary; W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office. There were also present Bros. Frederick Binckes, P.G. Steward; Wm. Roebuck, Wm. P. Brown, R. J. Taylor, David D. Mercer, Henry Garrod, Walter Hopekirk, G. P. Britten, A. C. Woodward, J. H. Matthews, Charles Dairy, Thomas Cull, W. M. Bywater, Charles Frederick Hogard, L. C. Haslip, Robert W. Tidmas, H. McClelland, James W. Szlumper, Thomas Casely, W. W. Tomkins, W. F. Stokes, T. G. Vohmann, William Carey, John Older, F. A. Pullen, T. W. Lee, H. Massey, Wm. Paas, Thomas Low, J. J. Thomas, George R. Langley, H. Hooper, Frank J. Unite, C. J. Grove, J. J. Marsh, Charles Kempton, F. C. Herbert, R. P. Forge, H. J. Wicks, Thomas Alcock, A. Finlay, D. Haslett, W. F. Crook, F. M. Bilby, T. B. Dodson, George Hill, Charles J. Brown, John G. Tongue, T. E. Bird, and Hy. Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the November meeting to the amount of £400. The new list contained the names of 47 candidates qualified by lodges in the London district, and at Sidcup, Aberystwith, Stonehouse (2), Kynsham, Meeut, Newcastle-on-Tyne, York, Old Brompton, Wisbech, Canterbury, Deal (2), New York, Dagshat, E.I. (2), Ledbury, Croydon, Chard, Port Elizabeth, Netherlands, Calcutta (3), Shanghai, Manchester, Adelaide, and Jersey. Two of the cases were dismissed, and three were deferred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £967. This was composed of five recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each, four to the Most W. Grand Master of £40 each, and six of £30 each. There were 13 grants of £20 each; 10 of £10 each; three of £5 each; and one of £2.

The result of the year's work of the Board of Benevolence is a total amount granted of £11,468, but for the purpose of keeping pace with the demands on the Board £9000 stock has had to be sold out, and before the Board commenced its business on Wednesday evening it was £1100 in debt.

## Obituary.

**BRO. SIR WILLIAM PEARCE, BART., M.P.,**  
PROV. G. MASTER OF GLASGOW.

The death of Bro. Sir William Pearce, Bart., M.P., the esteemed Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, will prove very sad news to many a Craftsman who knew that distinguished brother. The sad event occurred at the London residence of the deceased, 119, Piccadilly, early on Tuesday morning, the 18th inst. As Bro. William Pearce, he was elected Prov. G.M. of Glasgow, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, August 5th, 1880, in succession to Bro. Colonel Montgomery Neilson, of Greenshill, whose resignation was announced at the Grand Lodge, held on February 5th, of the same year. Prov. Grand Masters are elected, under the Scottish Constitutions, after recommendations have been received by the Prov. G. Lodges concerned, and in this case, two nominations were made, viz., Bro. Sir James Bain, who was recommended by the Glasgow brethren, 50 to 18 for the other nomination, and was elected by the Grand Lodge in due course, resigning shortly afterwards, and prior to installation; after which singular circumstance the brother was accepted who afterwards became Sir William Pearce, Bart., M.P. His place will not be an easy one to fill, as the province is one of the most important in Scotland, being quite a small Grand Lodge of itself.

**BRO. H. VALLON, D.C. 1472.**

Bro. H. Vallon, D.C. 1472, and for some years past the esteemed host of the Lord Raglan Hotel, Burrage-road, Plumstead, the old home of the Pattison and United Military Lodges, departed this life on the 29th ult., of heart disease, aged 57, after many years of occasional suffering. That he was universally beloved and respected was proved by the imposing funeral given him. He was buried at Old Plumstead Church, on Thursday, the 6th inst., in the presence of an immense concourse of the inhabitants of the town and vicinity. There were 18 broughams and three cabs following the mourning coach, the former containing many of the elite of the brethren of the district, no less than 20 wreaths and immortelles being deposited in his tomb by sincere mourners. It is intended by the brethren to raise a memorial stone over his grave.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## BIRTHS.

**AMSDEN.**—On the 17th inst., at Cromwell-avenue, Highgate, the wife of S. Amsden, of a daughter.

**GORDON.**—On the 17th inst., at Lansdowne-road, Wimbledon, the wife of G. S. Gordon, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

**HOWARD—JAY.**—On the 17th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Bessborough Gardens, South Belgravia, Lewis Howard, of Royal Crescent, West Cliff, Ramsgate, to Emma Mary, daughter of the late J. I. Jay, of Gilmore-road, College Park, Lewisham, Kent.

**MARTIN—PHILLIPS.**—On the 18th inst., Sidney Harris Cox Martin, M.D., M.R.C.P., son of J. E. Martin, LL.D., of Jamaica, to Frances, daughter of Mrs. B. Phillips, of York-terrace, Regent's Park.

## DEATHS.

**ADDIOUS.**—On the 16th inst., at Fonnereau-road, Ipswich, Mary Ellen, daughter of the late A. H. Addious.

**BRADEN.**—On the 15th inst., at Castle-place, Lewes, Louisa, wife of J. G. Braden, aged 48.

**CRIPPS.**—On the 17th inst., at The Grove, Brislington, near Bristol, Mary, wife of R. Cripps, aged 69.

**DAY.**—On the 16th inst., at the Square, Isleworth, Mary Anne, widow of W. Day, aged 90.



Bro. Charles Wyndham announces the last two weeks of "Betsy," which will be withdrawn about the end of this month, in consequence of the Criterion Theatre being closed for re-decoration.

After "Brantinghame Hall," Mr. W. S. Gilbert's new piece, had been played several nights at the St. James's, we went to see it with mixed feelings—of pleasure to witness something wholesome after the noxious dose we had a few days ago in "The Dean's Daughter"—with reluctance from hearing that the latest London drama is a failure. We felt glad at the end that we had not "assisted" at its birth for our impression is—probably the play has been altered—that Mr. Barrington has got hold of a piece which contains much that is fascinating, though it includes something incongruous. For one reason we welcomed it, because it is such a relief after what we saw there last time. We think there is just a possibility "Brantinghame Hall" may live down the opposition it has obtained. That there is an air of unreality in it is useless to deny, this is specially marked in the third act; but then after seeing Mr. Gilbert's topsy-turvy Savoy works it is difficult to get out of one's mind his line of writing. The author himself must own that he is placed in a similar predicament, for in the "surprise," as it has been termed, in the third act round which the play is written, and in the comedy parts between a boy and girl lovers there is no disguising Mr. Gilbert's style, and had a fictitious name appeared on the programme, every one familiar with "Patience," "The Mikado," "Pinafore," &c., would have discerned a smack of Gilbertism in "Brantinghame Hall." This is a play one can sit by the side of a lady without that sense of uncomfortableness creeping over one which Messrs. Philips and Grundy's produced. Between the acts and after the curtain has gone down one may with pleasure discuss the new play at the St. James's. The play is very simple, and is neatly worked out. Ruth, the daughter of an ex-convict, turned squatter in the Australian bush, is married to the Hon. Arthur Redmayne, whom she had nursed through an illness. She has been brought up far away from the influence of town life, and is a pure country girl, both in health, heart, and mind. She is just too good to be real. Ralph Crampton, who brought his friend Redmayne to the cottage, loves Ruth, and not knowing of the attachment, much less of the marriage, declares his affection for her. Redmayne, supposing that Crampton does know of the relationship, and being aware that Crampton is a married man, denounces his cowardly conduct, in which Ruth also joins. It appears, however, that Crampton has been linked to a bad woman and has just got a divorce. We felt all through for this man, for he does not seem to be a bad man, but we did not understand if Mr. Gilbert meant him to be a villain or a victim of misfortune. Redmayne has just had a legacy of £300,000 left him by his godfather, and, though only married three weeks, must set sail for England. Ruth, broken-hearted, decides to remain to nurse her sick father. Eighteen months elapse, and nothing is heard of Arthur. The ship he sailed in was wrecked, and he is believed to have perished. He had made his will in favour of his wife, but his father, Lord Saxmundham, not knowing of his marriage, applies to the High Courts and obtains the legacy which will enable him to pay off his mortgages. Ralph Crampton has advanced money to him and is about to foreclose when Ruth arrives and declares herself to be his deceased son's wife, and produces both will and marriage certificate. Ruth offers to extricate her father-in-law, but when she tells him she is the daughter of a convict, the old peer, who is as proud as Lucifer, refuses her help. Crampton meets Ruth at the Hall, and now she is a widow renews his declarations of love, which she spurns with utter contempt. He offers that if she will marry him he will not ruin the family. When she finds that is the only alternative to save her husband's father, she yields; but, as the old man has refused her money, she invents a tissue of falsehoods, and before them all declares she was never the lawful wife of Arthur Redmayne, and that she forged both will and marriage certificate, therefore the money is her father's legally. This is the big surprise for the audience, but it spoils the play, for surely no sense of duty could call for such a sacrifice that a pure innocent girl should become a mocking virago and a liar, and bring shame on her own good name, in order to benefit an old man whom she never saw or knew before. Crampton afterwards repented of the price he had laid on her, and tells a mutual friend all Ruth said was untrue, and then and there releases her. Of course, Arthur turns up, having been cast on some island. Miss Julia Neilson is the heroine, and a very beautiful one too. She is tall, fair, pretty, and possessed of a fine figure and intensely sweet voice; but she ought not to have been thrust into such a part all at once. She is too mechanical. She never seems to forget her individuality. She has been too much crammed. Everything she does appears to be to order and well calculated. Nothing but experience and hard work will make her a renowned actress. The best scenes were when she denounces Crampton, and next, when she utters the awful tirade on herself. Evidently tragedy will suit her best. Mr. Barrington contents himself with a very small part. Mr. Nucombe Gould, as Lord Saxmundham, is really excellent, and need we say how Mrs. Gaston Murray acquits herself as Lady Saxmundham. A scene between these old people when they are about to face ruin and turn out of the ancestral domain, brings tears into one's eyes. They have been married 50 years, and are still, and always have been, lovers. It does one good to listen to such lovely sentiments from the old couple. Miss Norreys and Mr. Fleet, as the girl and boy lovers, are very amusing. Mr. William Herbert is Arthur Redmayne, and manfully plays his part. To Mr. Lewis Waller, as Crampton, the very highest praise is due. Without standing out of the picture, he nevertheless is a big feature in it. There is a thorough ring of passion in his scenes with Ruth, and, if he be a villain, his villainy is quite plausible. It is the best thing Mr. Waller has done yet. We shall be much interested watching if Mr. Barrington survives the storm, which we hope he will do, with "Brantinghame Hall."





The usual New Year's Entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place on Wednesday, the 2nd prox., when, for the convenience of visitors, a special second-class saloon carriage will be reserved by the 12.57 p.m. train from Charing Cross or the 1.9 p.m. train from Cannon-street for East Croydon, at a fare of 1s. 6d. We have no doubt the visitors, the members of the Committee of Management, who may be able to attend, and Bro. James Terry, the worthy and indefatigable Secretary, will succeed in gladdening the hearts of our Old Folks, as they have done on all former occasions.

The annual festival in connection with the North York Lodge, No. 602, was held in the Masonic Hall, Marton-road, Middlesbrough, on Friday, the 14th inst., when Bro. Charles Evers Morton was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

At a meeting of the Zetland Lodge, No. 561, held at Guisborough, on Thursday, the 13th inst., Bro. Wm. Bramley, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. Bywater, P.G.S.B., presided at the dinner of the Pattern Makers' Company, of which he is this year the Master, at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Monday last. It was regrettable that the Lord Mayor, who had accepted an invitation, was unable to be present through illness. About 125 sat down.

On Wednesday, the 12th inst., the members of the Rutland Lodge, No. 1179, gave a ball in the Town Hall, Ilkeston, which was splendidly decorated for the occasion. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, the Masons all appearing in their varied regalia, so that the scene in the ballroom was of the most animated and picturesque character. Nearly all the leading Masons in the town and district attended with their families, and the ball was a great success. Mr. T. Wardle's Quadrille Band supplied the music.

HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.—Prince Albert Victor, Sub-Prior, presided recently at a Chapter General of the Order, held at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, when his Royal Highness Prince George of Wales, K.G., was formally received as a Knight of Justice of the Order. The Empress Frederick of Germany has also joined the Order, and has accepted the badge of a Lady of Justice.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince George and the three Princesses, will leave Marlborough House to-day (Friday) for Sandringham, where they will spend Christmas, returning to town about the third week in January.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales has consented to preside at the 83rd anniversary festival of the Society of the Friends of Foreigners in Distress, the day appointed for the festival being the 2nd March.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Royal Humane Society, on Wednesday, a bronze medal was awarded to Bro. the Marquis of Breadalbane for his gallantry in saving the life of a man who had been upset in the river Tay, at Taymouth, and, being unable to swim, was in imminent danger of being drowned.

Bro. Sir George Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., accompanied by Lady Trevelyan and family, arrived at Stratford-on-Avon from London on Wednesday, and proceeded to Welcombe House, the residence of R. N. Philips, with whom the right honourable gentleman will spend Christmas. Bro. Childers, M.P., has also left London to spend some three weeks in the South of France.

The Prime Minister left Hatfield House on Wednesday for Scarborough, where he was received by Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lonsborough, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Raincliffe, by whom he was conducted to Lonsborough House, where he will remain as guest during his visit. Bro. Sir Charles and Lady Legard and Bro. the Earl of Feversham being present to welcome the distinguished visitor.

Mr. Surrey, of 13, Great Queen-street, has issued his Almanack and price list for 1889. The former contains the customary useful information in a small and easily portable compass, while, considering the excellent quality of the cigars, tobaccos, pipes, and other commodities, the prices are extremely moderate.

"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" is a neatly arranged pocket book, giving diary for 1889, and embracing a list of Masonic lodges, and many other details of all the Masonic bodies throughout the world. To members of the Order it forms a most useful and handy means of reference. The publisher is Mr. G. Kenning, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields.—*Western Daily Press* (Bristol).

Bro. James Willing, jun., is a candidate for the County Council for the Hendon Division of Middlesex. Bro. Willing has addressed several meetings in the district, and has been very well received. His well known energy and business experience should eminently fit him for the duties, and we commend him most heartily to the constituency.

Owing to his short stay in England, Prince George of Wales has caused a letter to be addressed to the Corporation of London, requesting that the honour of the freedom of the City, which it is proposed to confer on his Royal Highness, may be postponed till next summer, when he hopes to have the pleasure of attending at the Guildhall to receive it.

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At the last monthly meeting of Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267, Egremont, on the 11th inst., Bro. J. Nelson, W.M., in the chair, 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on behalf of Bro. Dalrymple's Stewardship.

The annual installation in connection with the Madoc Lodge, took place on the 5th inst., at Portmadoc, Bro. W. Jones being installed W.M. Bro. Dr. Jones Morris was the Installing Officer, and was assisted by Bro. Cornelius Davies, P.S.G.W. of North Wales. A similar ceremony took place on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Llandudno, Bro. Burton being installed W.M. of the St. Tudno Lodge. The banquet was served at the Imperial Hotel.

The next meeting of the Shadwell Clerke Chapter, Rose Croix, will be held at 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday, the 5th January. The M.W.S. is Ex. Bro. H. H. Shirley, M.A.; the Treasurer, Ill. Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M.W.S.; and the Recorder, Ill. Bro. John Read, P.M.W.S.

Another oldest Freemason, Bro. William Neilson Allan Bank, celebrated his diamond wedding recently. He has been 67 years a member of the Craft.

The installation of Bro. E. Mainprize as W.M. of the Lonsborough Lodge, No. 734, took place at the Masonic Hall, St. John's-avenue, Bridlington, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. F. Creaser, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. In the evening the banquet was held at the Britannia Hotel, and was well attended, several visiting brethren being present.

The installation meeting of the Duke of Athole Lodge, No. 210, took place at the Bowling Green Hotel, Denton, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when Bro. T. D. Foreman was installed W.M. We hope to give a report in our next.

The newly-installed W.M. of the St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766, is Bro. J. Cox, proprietor of the *Hackney Express*. The lodge meetings are held at the Shore-ditch Town Hall.

The Prince of Wales and Bro. the Duke of Portland have resigned their commissions as Colonel and Captain-General and Lieutenant-Colonel respectively of the Honourable Artillery of London.

The 43rd Anniversary Festival of the Commercial Travellers' Schools was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday, Bros. the Lord Mayor and Edward Ferry being among the principal guests. The subscriptions announced in the course of the evening amounted to £2200.

The *Detroit Free Press* offers prizes for stories to the amount of £600, divided as follows: For best serial story, £320; for second best serial story, £180; for third best serial story, £100—£600. Besides these prizes, they will purchase all stories (not prize winners) that they think suitable for serial publication in the *Detroit Free Press*. The only important conditions attached to this offer (briefly stated) are: MSS. must consist of not less than sixty thousand words, eminently suitable for serial publication in instalments of 3000 to 4000 words, ending in interesting situations—and reach us on or before May 1st, 1889. The conditions in full, with instructions for forwarding MSS. can be seen in any issue of the *Detroit Free Press*. No entrance fee, and anyone can compete.

The Princess Christian, who was accompanied by her husband, visited Shadwell on Tuesday, for the purpose of opening a sale of work and Christmas fête, in aid of the restoration of Christ Church, Watney-street.

It was resolved at a meeting of commercial travellers held at 37, Milk-street, to present the Lord Mayor during his year of office with a marble bust of himself, to be subscribed for by commercial travellers.

The annual banquet and installation festival of the Peveril of the Peak Lodge was held on the 12th inst., at the Crown Hotel, New Mills, when there was a large gathering of members of the Craft from New Mills, Hayfield, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Buxton, Glossop, and other places.

The Fifteen Sections was worked at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., by the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.

Bro. Charles Belton, Chairman of the Bisham Footpaths Preservation Society, has, in conjunction with the Secretary, addressed a letter to the Editor of the *Standard*, stating that the objects for which the Association had been originally formed had been accomplished, and placing before the public an account of the proceedings adopted by the Association for the preservation of the public rights, and the results obtainable therefrom. Bro. Belton and the members of the Association are to be congratulated on their spirited action in protecting the rights of the public, and we have no doubt that should their help be again required it will be forthcoming.

On Saturday last, the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princesses Louise and Maud, drove to Ealing, for the purpose of opening the Victoria Hall, erected by the inhabitants of the suburb to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. The reception which their Royal Highnesses met with was most enthusiastic, numbers of people assembling along the line of route to cheer the Royal party, and Ealing itself being as gay and festive—in spite of the inclemency of the weather—as bunting and floral decorations of every kind could make it. The Prince and Princess were met by an escort of the 19th Hussars and a guard of honour of Middlesex Rifles, and when the ceremony had been performed, returned to Marlborough House. In the evening, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, who represents the Ealing Division of Middlesex, was present at a banquet held in honour of the occasion. Previous to the visit, their Royal Highnesses received at Marlborough House, at the hands of the Duke of Beaufort, who was accompanied by Bros. Alderman Evans and J. C. Parkinson, an offering from the people of South Wales, in the shape of a silver shield, in commemoration of their Royal Highnesses Silver Wedding.

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The annual installation meeting in connection with the St. Tudno's Lodge, No. 755, Llandudno, was to have been held on the 12th inst. Owing to the illness of Bro. Burton, the W.M. elect, the ceremony was postponed until the next lodge.

The Kensington memorial to the Queen in commemoration of the 50th year of her reign, takes the form of a statue, to be executed by the Princess Louise. A sketch model of the statue has been shown to the Committee for the memorial, and accepted. It represents the Queen as a young girl at the time of her accession. The site decided on is the east front of Kensington Palace, looking over the Round Pond and the avenue of trees eastward.

Princess Christian, on Thursday morning, visited the Princess Helena College, Ealing, of which institution she is the President, and distributed the prizes won in the past year to the scholars. The chair was taken Mr. G. C. T. Bartley, M.P.

It is announced in New York that such eminent actors as Messrs. Booth, Jefferson, Barrett, and Boucicault had formally joined the movement to secure the exclusion of foreign stock actors from the United States. About 20 other actors of second rank also favour the movement.

Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M. Essex, was on Tuesday returned as member of Parliament for the borough of Colchester, in place of its late representative, Colonel Trotter, who died last week from injuries received while out hunting.

Messrs. Garden and Co., Aberdeen, have just completed a monument to be erected in London to the memory of Jenny Lind by her husband. It is in the form of a capitol finished cross of polished Swedish granite, measuring altogether about 10 feet in height. In the centre is a handsome marble medallion, beneath which is the following inscription: "In loving memory of Jenny Maria Lind, wife of Otto Goldschmidt; born at Stockholm, October 6th, 1820; died at Wynds Point, Malvern, November 2nd, 1887."

LIFEBOAT RESCUE.—The schooner Hay and Catherine, of Arbroath, bound from Sunderland, with coal, while entering Arbroath Harbour, at two o'clock on Thursday morning, during stormy weather and a rough sea, drove eastward of the channel owing to a sudden shift of the wind, and grounded amongst the rocks at the back of the East Breakwater. The lifeboat William Souter, belonging to the National Lifeboat Institution, and stationed at Arbroath, was launched to the assistance of the vessel, and rescued the crew of five men.

The funeral of Bro. Sir William Pearce has been arranged to take place at 2 o'clock, on Saturday, at Gillingham Cemetery, near Chatham, in which neighbourhood Sir William owned a large estate. A special train will leave Victoria Station at noon for New Brompton, for the convenience of friends, returning to town at 3 o'clock. A large number of members of Parliament have expressed their intention of attending the funeral, and a deputation from Govan is expected to be present.

Bro. Joseph Jefferson was born in Philadelphia, in February, 1829, in the house that still stands at the south-east corner of Sixth and Spruce-streets. He has been on the stage for no less than five and fifty years, for it was when he was but four years of age when he made his first bow across the footlights. Bro. Jefferson is now, in the autumn of his life, one of the gentlest and most kindly of men, without a particle of that swagger which now and again appears to creep into the manners of the theatrical male being, and he is as loveable a gentleman off the stage as is his immortal "Rip" upon the boards.—*Keystone*.

Bro. Ed. Macbean, S. of 2076, London, is rapidly developing into the foremost Masonic Lecturer in Scotland. As M.E.Z. of the Glasgow Chapter, No. 50, he has already done good service, his inaugural address being of especial interest, and promotive of the true interest of the Fraternity. On the 13th inst. Comp. Macbean delivered a lecture in that chapter on "The Mark Custom and Degree," to an appreciative audience. The subject was ably treated, both historically and ritualistically, and it is to be hoped that ere long our energetic brother will bring out an authoritative and exhaustive treatise on this important question, or deliver a lengthy address, in which will be embodied the chief points of value, so that the many who are deeply interested may be duly informed on the facts, as well as the fancies relating to Mark Masonry. We are pleased to report, that at the Provincial Grand Chapter of Glasgow, held on the following day (14th) Comp. Macbean was elected to the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer. This special compliment was well deserved, and proves how much his services are being appreciated in his own city, as well as in London and elsewhere.

"OF LAWFUL AGE."—Our Indianapolis (Ind.) contemporary, the *Masonic Advocate*, in its issue for December 1st instant, presents its readers with a manly greeting. The *Advocate* is 21 years of age, and we congratulate its distinguished and able editor, Past Grand Master Bro. Martin H. Rice, upon the attainment of its majority. The *Masonic Advocate* has been voted by Freemasons an excellent Masonic monthly, by a large majority, and *The Keystone* (itself a veteran) takes pleasure in welcoming it to the ranks of the Masonic veterans among the newspaper craft.—*Keystone*.

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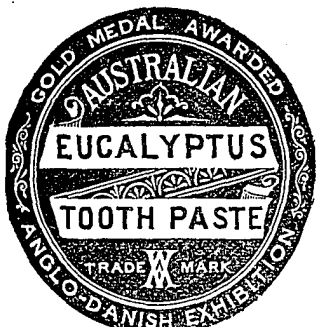


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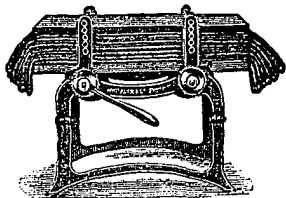
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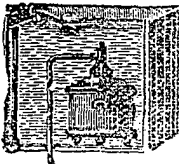
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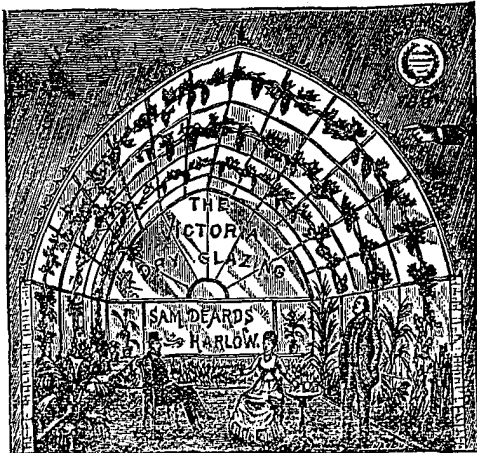


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## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, December 29, 1888.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.

CRAFT LODGES.

1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.

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 24.

CRAFT LODGES.

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, 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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

CRAFT LODGES.

201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.  
898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.  
1017, Montefiore, 1, afe Royal, Regent-street.  
1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.

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.  
Panmure, 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.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1624, Eccleston, Freemasons' Hall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, 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, Wheatsheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Lime-  
house 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 Rail-  
way Station), at 7.  
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, at 8.  
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, 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.

MARK LODGE.

118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.30.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.  
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.  
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. at 6.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.

Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Robert Burns, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden,  
W.C., at 8.  
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 6.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, at 7.30.  
Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.  
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.  
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-  
square, Paddington, at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.

(No Meetings.)

## PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, December 29, 1888.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.

CRAFT LODGES.

43, St. Paul's, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
48, Industry, Masonic Hall, Gateshead.  
330, One and All, Masonic Hall, Bodmin.  
491, Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, Jersey.  
699, Boscawen, Masonic Hall, Chacewater, Cornwall.  
827, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.  
999, Robert Burns, Albion Hotel, Manchester.  
1110, Tyrian, Gilridge Hotel, Eastbourne.  
1177, Tenby, Masonic Hall, Tenby, Pembrokeshire.  
1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, Ashton-under-  
Lyne.  
1258, Kennard, Masonic Hall, Pontypool.  
1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1752, Ogmore, Wyndham Arms Hotel, Bridgend, Glamorganshire.  
1991, Agrícola, 3, Peter-lane, York.  
2068, Portsmouth Temperance, Soldiers' Institute, High-street,  
Portsmouth.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham, at 7.  
130, Royal Gloucester, F.M.H., Bugle-street, Southampton.  
184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, 7.30.  
213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.  
302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
315, Hope York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 8.30.  
378, Loyal Welsh, M.H., Queen-street, Pembroke Dock, at 7.30.  
392, Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.  
429, Royal Navy, Shipwrights' Arms, Ramsgate, at 8.  
521, Truth, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, at 8.  
724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 8.  
962, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-sq., Worthington, at 8.  
1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, at 8.  
1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 7.  
1221, Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.  
1424, Brownrigg, King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, Kent, 7.30.  
1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter's-place, Canterbury, at 8.  
1536, United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich,  
at 7.30.

1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Alford, at 8.  
1776, Unity, F.M.H., 79, Commercial-road, Landport, at 7.  
1799, Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, at 8.  
1804, Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.  
1981, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park-road, Norbiton, at 8.  
2101, Bramstone Beach, Masonic Hall, Godalming, at 6.30.  
2134, Wilberforce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
302, Charity, Masonic Hall, Teignmouth.  
458, Aire and Calder, Masonic Rooms, Boothferry-road, Goole.  
557, Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall.  
730, Urmston, Masonic Hall, Stretford.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MARK LODGES.

64, St. Anbyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport.  
109, Keystone, Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouth.  
317, Youell, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

CRAFT LODGES.

32, St. George's Lodge of Harmony, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
76, Economy, Masonic Hall, Winchester.  
163, Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston.  
250, Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, Hull.  
257, Phoenix, 110, High-street, Portsmouth.  
304, Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-st., Leeds.  
439, Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley, Yorks.  
461, Fortitude, Commercial Hotel, Newton Moor, Cheshire.  
540, Stuart, Swan Hotel, Bedford.  
724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
887, Leigh, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
996, Soudes, Masonic Hall, East Dereham.  
1039, St. John's, George Hotel, Lichfield.  
1083, Townley Parker, Grand Hotel, Manchester.  
1119, St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Jarroo, Durham.  
1219, Strangeways, Old Boar's Head, Corporation-st., Manchester.  
1283, Ryburn, Masonic Hall, Central-bdgs., Sowerby-bdg., Yorks.  
1386, St. Hugh, Masonic Hall, Lincoln.  
1633, Avon, Denmark Hotel, Chorlton-upon-Medlock.  
1714, Albert Edward, Cambridge Hotel, Camberley, Surrey.  
1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1760, Leopold, Masonic Hall, Scarborough.  
1775, Leopold, Commercial Hotel, Church, nr. Accrington, Lancs.  
1809, Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-st., Guernsey.  
1953, Prudence and Industry, M.H., George Hotel, Chard,  
Somersetshire.  
1967, Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent.  
1989, -tirling, Market Hall, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.  
2019, Crook, Masonic Hall, Crook, Durham.  
2064, Smith Child, Town Hall, Tunstall, Staffs.  
2149, Gordon, Masonic Hall, Cheapside, Hanley, Staffs.  
2186, Striguil, Masonic Hall, Nelson-street, Chepstow.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

225, St. Luke's, Masonic Hall, Soane-street, Ipswich.  
226, Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleboro'.  
290, Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.  
311, South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes.  
387, Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley, Yorks.  
430, Fidelity, Astley Arms Inn, Dukinfield, Cheshire.

726, Royal Chartley of Fortitude, Swan Hotel, Stafford.  
1225, Abbey, Masonic Hall, Abbey-road, Barrow-in-Furness.

MARK LODGES.

Northumberland and Berwick-on-Tweed, M.H., Maple-street,  
Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
141, Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
174, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
179, Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.  
237, St. Andrew's, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.

CRAFT LODGES.

39, St. John the Baptist, Freemasons' Hall, Gandy-st., Exeter.  
51, Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.  
70, St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
78, Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton, Lancs.  
82, Foundation, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.  
111, Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington.  
129, Union, Masonic Rooms, St. George's Hall, Kendal.  
202, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport.  
215, Commerce, Commercial Inn, Haslingden.  
289, Samaritan, Green Man, Bacup, Lancashire.  
348, St. John's, New Masonic Hall, Silverwell-street, Bolton.  
590, La Cesaree, Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, Jersey.  
636, Lodge de Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.  
651, Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
707, St. Mary's, Masonic Hall, Bridport.  
784, Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.  
807, Cabbell, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.  
809, United Good Fellowship, Rose and Crown, Wisbech.  
904, Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.  
935, Harmony, Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, Salford, Lancs.  
966, St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek.  
1163, Emulation, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
1166, Clarendon, Commercial Hot., Manchester-rd., Hyde, Cheshire.  
1313, Fermor, Freemasons' Hall, Eastbank-st., -outhport, Lancs.  
1322, Waverley, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1392, Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire.  
1418, Fraternity, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees.  
1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors.  
1625, Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
1630, St. Michael's, Queen's Hotel, Coventry.  
1688, Buxton, Palace Hotel, Buxton.  
1705, Prince of Wales, India Arms Hotel, Gosport.  
1884, Chine, Masonic Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.  
1957, Grove, Cock Inn, Hazel-grove, Cheshire.  
2017, Duke of Portland, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.  
2214, Josiah Wedgwood, Wesleyan School Rooms, Etruria,  
Staffordshire.  
2215, Anfield, Eaton Hall, Brick-road, Liverpool.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

57, Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull.  
113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston, Lancashire.  
175, East Medina, Masonic H., John-st., Ryde, Isle of Wight.  
279, Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
314, Royal Architect, Bull Hotel, Preston.  
394, Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.  
606, Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon.  
1042, Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.  
1496, Trafford, Western Hotel, Moss Side, Lancashire.

MARK LODGES.

34, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
116, Mansel, Masonic Hall, Carmarthen.  
349, Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Barrack-road,  
Aldershot.  
387, St. Oswald, Crowle.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

110, Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne.

RED CROSS.

35, Naval and Military, M.H., Commercial-road, Landport.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28.

CRAFT LODGES.

785, Twelve Brothers, Masonic Hall, Southampton.  
810, Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.  
1008, Royal St. Edmunds, Angel Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.  
1061, Triumph, Market Hotel, Lytham, Lancashire.  
1303, Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes.  
1391, Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
1435, Annesley, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.  
1605, De La Pole, 58, Charlotte-street, Hull.  
1621, Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgorth, Salop.  
1712, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street West, New-  
castle-upon-Tyne.  
1822, St. Quintin's, Bear Inn, Cowbridge, Glamorganshire.  
2039, Londonderry, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.  
2195, Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

123, Lennox, Masonic Hall, Newbiggin, Richmond, Yorks, at 8.  
187, Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.  
265, Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Rooms, Keighley, at 8.  
306, Alfred, Private Room, 23, Albion-street, Leeds, at 7.30.  
326, Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.  
1034, Eccleshill, Alexandra Hotel, Bradford, at 8.  
1071, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Alexandra-sq., Saltash, Cornwall, 8.  
1393, Hamer, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1802, Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford, Notts.  
Bristol (Province), Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

152, Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
223, Concord, 193, Union-street, Plymouth.  
242, Magdalen, Nether Hall, Doncaster.  
291, Vale of Jehosaphat, Railway Hotel, Highbridge, Somers-  
etshire.

364, St. David's, Masonic Hall, Neath, Glamorganshire.  
680, Sefton, Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1001, Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Hall, Harrogate.  
1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
1605, De La Pole, 58, Charlotte-street, Hull.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MARK LODGES.

95, Star-in-the-East, Masonic Hall, Globe-street, Scarborough.  
213, Fletcher, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.  
265, Fleming, Savings Bank, Newark-on-Trent.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTERS.

49, St. Thomas, Gloucester.  
95, Antiquity, Bath.