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The School
Quarterly
Courts.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall to-day (Friday), and that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to-morrow (Saturday); but in neither case will there will be a lengthy programme of business to transact, the most important item being the settlement of the lists of candidates and the declaration of the number of vacancies to be competed for in April. As the PHILBRICK Committee has acceded to a request that further evidence should be taken in respect of a certain point, or points, it may reasonably be assumed that there will be no report from the said Committee; but a motion will be made by Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND that the laws of the Institution be referred for the purposes of revision and correction to a Committee, which shall report to a Quarterly Court in April, or to one specially convened under Law 31. At the Girls' School Court, to-morrow (Saturday), Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL will submit a motion with reference to the qualifications of candidates for admission into the School, precisely similar to one submitted by Bro. JAMES STEVENS at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School in October last, and accepted, after careful consideration. With these exceptions, there will be nothing to occupy the attention of members.

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Board of
Benevolence.

IT will be seen from the report we publish in another part of our columns of the meeting of the Board of Benevolence on Wednesday, that during the last ten years the expenditure has very considerably exceeded the income, and, as we have before noted in our remarks on this subject, that the capital which, at the beginning of this period, exceeded £50,000 has been, by slow but sure degrees, reduced to about £38,000. We have no time to say more just now, but as these figures have been issued officially from the Grand Secretary's office, it is clear the question we hinted at a little while ago about increasing the quarterages is one of greater imminence than the Craft generally imagines.

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Bro.
Earl of Onslow,
P.S.G.W.

THE banquet to Bro. the Earl of ONSLOW, on the eve of his departure for New Zealand to assume the Governor Generalship of that distant colony, was a fitting compliment to one of the most accomplished, and at the same time, one of the most enthusiastic Freemasons of our day. His lordship has done good service to the Craft. He is a Past Senior Grand Warden of United Grand Lodge, as well as of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, and under both of these ruling bodies there are lodges which have adopted his name and will do credit to his fame. Like his brother Past S.G. Warden, Lord CARRINGTON, Governor General of New South Wales, he is visiting a colony in which Freemasonry has firmly established itself and is very popular, and in which the question of setting up an independent Grand Lodge has been raised by some of the lodges and brethren, if not fully and to any great extent discussed. The case is not precisely similar to those of South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria, for these were separate and distinct Masonic districts as well as separate colonies, while New Zealand, though it is a separate colony, is parcelled out, Masonically, into several districts. However, there is little doubt that Lord ONSLOW will show himself as anxious to promote the welfare of New Zealand Freemasonry and as zealous, so far as his duties will permit, in cultivating the acquaintance of the brethren as his neighbouring Governor, Lord CARRINGTON, and we trust good fortune may attend him in all his undertakings, in the responsible office he has been called upon to fill.

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The new P.G.M.
West
Aberdeen.

THE vacancy caused in the Prov. G. Mastership of West Aberdeenshire by the lamented death of Bro. Dr. BEVERIDGE has been well filled by the appointment of Bro. Lord SALTOUN as his successor. His lordship is well known, both here and in Scotland, his connection with our Mark Grand Lodge having brought him into great prominence. Bro. Sir A. CAMPBELL, Bart., M.W.G.M., by presiding at his lordship's installation, showed his sense of the worth of the new P.G. Master, and at the same time had the satisfaction of being able to pay a compliment to a well-ordered and staunch province. We congratulate his lordship; and we have every confidence that his relations with West Aberdeenshire will prove to be to the satisfaction and fame of both.

OUR INSTITUTIONS AND THE CRITICS.

People who play at bowls must expect rubbers, and those who are now assailing our Institutions with charges of gross mismanagement, which we believe will be proved to be utterly groundless, must not be surprised if their assaults are resented in language which is not particularly complimentary to their sense of self-esteem. We are prepared to admit that, in the war which is now being carried on against the administration and expenditure of our several Charities, some of the movements are conducted in a manner which is almost entirely unobjectionable, the weapons employed being fair, open, and honest criticism, and their purpose a genuine desire to befriend the Institutions and, if possible, enlarge their sphere of usefulness. Our belief is that a full and friendly discussion between the leaders of these movements and the authorities of the Institution more immediately concerned would set all doubts and difficulties at rest. Our chief, indeed, almost our only objection to this class of attack is, that with some seven months available for discussion it should have been delayed till a period when the officers and Festival Stewards are engaged in the endeavour to raise the necessary supplies for the coming year. Unfortunately, however, these movements are in a woful minority. The bulk of the warfare is conducted in a manner opposed to all good feeling, the principal weapons being, not reason and argument, but abuse, assertion, wordy declamation, and innuendo. The authors of these attacks make pretence of being actuated by the most friendly desire to benefit the Charities, but it is a question with us whether their open and declared hostility would not be preferable to their alleged friendly interest. Here, for instance, are a few specimens of the criticism which, we presume, is intended to benefit our Institutions, and which, although we might have used a far stronger expression, we have contented ourselves with describing as “silly.”

One Critic, whom we will designate as No. 1, speaking of the payments to the collector of the R.M.B.I., writes: “Granted that the collector is entitled to commission at all, surely it should only be on sums collected by him; it appears, however, that no matter through what agency funds may flow into the coffers of the Charity, Mr. Collector gets a percentage thereon.” Now it may or may not be “preposterous”—to use this Critic's own word—to pay “Mr. Collector” the commission agreed upon in the conditions of his bond, because in a particular year he has had more money to collect, has worked harder and more successfully, and is therefore entitled to a larger sum than usual; but the suggestion in the latter part of the sentence we have quoted is certainly untrue, namely, that no matter through what agency funds may flow into the coffers of the Charity,” he “gets a percentage thereon.” The amount received in respect of “donations and subscriptions” during the year in which “Mr. Collector's” commission, taking the two funds together, amounted to £639 15s. 8d. was £18,266 13s. 10d., and as the commission is payable at the rate of five per centum there must have been sums paid to the Institution under this head of receipt amounting to about £5500 on which no commission whatever was paid. It is no part of our duty to furnish this class of writer with the information which he is in honour bound to obtain before he turns critic and condemns what he does not know; but, if he is entitled to inquire at the offices of the R.M.B.I., we have no doubt the Secretary or “Mr. Collector” himself will tell him on what sums the latter is entitled to charge commission, and on what he is not so entitled. It is sufficient that the conditions on which he is employed were clearly defined at the time of his election to office, and that the sums he has since received as commission have been strictly in accordance therewith. It should likewise be stated to the credit of “Mr. Collector” that night after night, and at his own expense, he visits lodges in town and country, pleading the cause of the Charity, and obtaining many a steward and many a handsome contribution as the result of these voluntary services.

But a still more flagrant case of error will be found two or three paragraphs further on in the letter from this same Critic, in which he says; “The Boys' annual report, issued in 1888, gives no account whatever, that I can find, so what they do with their funds it is impossible to say. This is a serious defect, and ought not to be allowed. Large sums of money are paid to this Charity, and we ought to have certified accounts as to its expenditure.” Now we have lying before us, at the moment of writing, the “Annual Report” of the Boys' Institution, which was issued by the Secretary in May, 1888, in accordance with a custom which has prevailed for many many years, of issuing such a Report a few weeks before the Anniversary Festival of the year is appointed to be held. It contains on page 6 and following pages, a certified Statement of Accounts for 1887, signed by Bros. “Chas. Fred. Hogard, Thos. Griffiths, H. S. Goodall,

Thomas Cubitt, and Geo. P. Gillard," as members of the "Audit Committee," and dated "28th January, 1888." The "Farm and Stock, &c., Account," contained in this statement, was the subject of comment by Bro. Viscount Ebrington, P.G.M. Devonshire, who was Chairman of the Festival held in Freemasons' Tavern on the 27th June, 1888, and was fully explained by the Secretary. Moreover, the whole statement, so far as the expenditure was concerned, was set forth in a Tabular Statement compiled by Bro. Greatbatch, which appeared in our columns as an advertisement on the 23rd June, 1888, and in which it was attempted to be shown that such expenditure, as compared with that of certain other institutions, was excessive. There is no Statement of Accounts in the Boys' School List of Subscribers for 1888, and therefore, according to this enlightened Critic, none is issued. So much for the assertions of this individual, for the present at all events.

Critic No. 3, writing about the collectorship of the R.M.B.I., states as follows in respect of its Receipts and Expenditure: "With regard to the statement of receipts, may I ask why the expenditure is not given? Surely there is not a shareholder in any company in the world that would accept such a bare statement from their directors, and why should we, as donors, be expected to accept receipts only without seeing the other side of the ledger? It is high time that this state of things should be altered, and properly qualified auditors appointed to go through the accounts and issue a balance-sheet in the customary way." The writer of these remarks, who no doubt expects the public he is addressing will accept him at his own valuation as a competent critic, whose opinion is worth respecting, has wilfully and deliberately ignored (a) Rule 16 of the Rules and Regulations of the R.M.B.I., which provides that "Three Auditors shall be annually elected by the Subscribers at the Annual General Meeting"; (b) the fact which is set forth in the "Report of the Proceedings of the Governors and Subscribers at the Annual Meeting, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, the 18th May, 1888," and will be found at the bottom of page 23 of the "Annual Report, Regulations, and Lists of Governors and Subscribers," published in the summer of last year, that "Bros. A. H. Tattershall, John Newton, and John J. Berry, were severally proposed, seconded, and declared re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year"; (c) Rule 45, which provides for the appointment of a Finance Committee, to meet quarterly and to examine every voucher; and (d) Rule 47, which says "The Accounts of receipts and disbursements of the Male Fund, and of the Widows' Fund, shall be kept separate and distinct, and a general statement of the finances of the Institution shall be annually prepared; and, after having been duly audited, shall, together with a Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of Management, be presented to the Annual General Meeting in May, and to Grand Lodge in June following." These Statements of Accounts were presented at the said annual meeting, and will be found at pages 20-23 of the said Report of its proceedings, while a reference to the Proceedings of United Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication on 6th June, 1888, will show that the Report and Statements were presented in accordance with the above Rule 47. So much for Critic No. 2, who has made the very important discovery that something is wanting in the organisation of the R.M.B.I., which is expressly provided for in the Rules and Regulations of that Charity and carried out by the authorities.

Critic No. 3 is another kind of person altogether. He is not at all surprised at his own stupidity, but he decidedly objects to our dubbing him "silly." He tells us he is greatly bewildered by a plain statement of fact, with which everyone, we suppose, is tolerably familiar, namely, that "the actual amount received" by the Girls' School "in donations and subscriptions during the whole year"—that is, in 1888—"was only £44,660 14s. 11d., while the total of donations and subscriptions at the Centenary Festival on the 7th June last was announced as amounting to upwards of £50,500." He has "always thought that an 'undertaking to contribute a certain sum and its payment' were one and the same thing." And he adds, most pathetically, "I have never, and cannot find any one who has, heard of a percentage of promised donations and subscriptions being *always in arrear*, or that such arrears fluctuated between hundreds and thousands of pounds." Happy man! to have lived so secluded from the world as never to have realised what is within the experience of most men of business, certainly of most secretaries of charitable institutions which are mainly supported by voluntary contributions. There is hardly one such official who would not readily surrender a tithe, or even a greater proportion, of his well-earned salary if only he knew that every sum entered on his Festival Stewards' lists was either paid, in course of being paid, or would be remitted to him at an early date, without any application on his part or on the part of "Mr. Collector." It is sufficiently well known for us to be justified in describing it as a matter of everyday knowledge, that there is always a considerable proportion of arrear subscriptions and donations, the bulk of which are paid ultimately, but not in time to be always traceable as items in the particular total of which they were announced as parts. At all events, it is clear that the authorities of the R.M.B.I. were aware of the fact when they passed their Rule 29, "that all annual subscriptions shall be payable on the first of June in each year, and every new subscription or donation shall entitle the Subscriber or donor to vote immediately on its payment; but no one shall be entitled to vote on any occasion whose *subscription shall be in arrear*."* The same may be said of the authorities of our two Schools, who have provided in their respective codes of Regulations that "No votes shall be given, nor shall any privileges of any kind or description be acquired in respect of any *promised donations and subscriptions** until the respective amounts thereof shall have been *actually paid to the Institution*."* We fear it is not much good our pointing these things out to a man who admits

* The italics are ours.

that he is exceptionally ignorant; but we are desirous that none of our readers shall be misled by his display of ignorance into the belief that payments and promised payments are the same thing, and arrear donations and subscriptions unheard of by the officials of our Masonic Charities, or undreamt of in their philosophy. The truth is that this matter of arrears would never have attracted any notice but for the magnitude of the sum announced at the Centenary Festival and the delight which some ill-natured people take in depreciating whatever is worthy of admiration and respect.

The same person is funny at our expense for stating—what is a fact—that we "know something about these matters," and with that exquisite refinement of feeling which characterises the man of ignorance, he asks in the same letter—"Why should any scribbler be favoured with information more than any other contributor? . . . Do the shekels he gives in charity weigh heavier than mine?" Our answer to this clumsy attempt at an apology for his own ignorance is, that we—"the scribbler," in question—have always made it our business to ask for information when we have needed it, and have obtained it for the asking; and that every other contributor, by following our example, may obtain the knowledge we have pleaded guilty to possessing.

A fourth Critic—to whom, however, a reply has been vouchsafed by an outsider—is indignant because two months have elapsed since the Philbrick Committee of Inquiry into the management of the Boys' School held its first and second meetings on the 1st and 2nd November, and no report as to "the result of this solemn conclave" is as yet forthcoming. As a Governor of the Institution he might easily have learned that the meetings of this Committee were continued well into the month of December, and he might easily have surmised that even such capable men as Bro. Philbrick and his coadjutors must have time to digest the mass of evidence that has been taken in order to do themselves justice and deliver a clear and exhaustive report on the evidence so taken. But to have taken steps to ascertain or surmise anything of the kind might have given this Critic some trouble, and therefore he starts by giving publicity to the indignation he feels, and then has to be told there is no ground whatever for the display of any such feeling. To this we may add that a further meeting—or meetings—of this Committee has been arranged to be held shortly, and it is impossible, therefore, that any report can be submitted to the Quarterly Court which will be held this day (Friday).

There is yet another writer who merits our attention. He considers we are wrong in expressing it as our opinion, that "it reflects great credit on the Girls' School Secretary and his staff, that they should be able to record payment of so large a proportion of the Returns at the aforesaid Festival," and he asks "what have they done to influence one penny of the £44,660 14s. 11d. that has been received? Has not that amount come into the Institution 'of its own free will and accord?' and would it not have been possible to secure the other £6000 if a proper system of collecting had been in vogue?" To this we reply that all donors and subscribers entered in the School Festival Stewards' Lists who are dilatory in paying their promised contributions, are applied to by letter, the applications being in some cases repeated even to the fifth or sixth time, while those donors and subscribers who reside in the London district are visited by one of the clerks, who thus varies his routine of duty in the office by a round of duty as "Mr. Collector." This Critic has only to apply at the offices of the Girls' or Boys' School, and he will have our statement verified, either by the Secretary, or, in his absence, by a member of his staff.

But, says this most accurate of Critics, elsewhere in his valuable communication—"It has hitherto been the custom to recognise the close of the year as closing the record of that year's Festivals." No one, however, has ventured to lay it down as a law absolute that all promised contributions included in the totals as announced at the year's Festivals must be paid on or before the 31st December or written off as "bad debts"—or, as, for the sake of euphony, this Critic prefers to call them "the deficiency." Indeed, as regards this particular Festival—the Centenary of the Girls' School—and the promised contributions as yet unpaid, a large proportion of these, amounting to about £3000, is, as we pointed out in our article of the 5th instant, on "Masonic Benevolence in 1888," Association Money, and will be paid over to the Institution as the Life-Governorships and Life-Subscriberships are balloted for and assigned; while, as regards the balance of the alleged or apparent "deficiency," we are able to inform our readers that quite £1000 in respect of donations and subscriptions to this Festival was paid in advance during 1887, and that a further sum of between £500 and £600 has been received on the same account since the 31st December; so that after these three amounts—the Association money, the payments in advance, and the payments since 31st ult.—have been added together, there remains only from £2000 to £2500 to come from other than Association sources—the Centenary total, now that the final corrections have been made, being, in round figures, £51,500. Possibly some one, who is more than usually sapient, may suggest that Association money, as it takes so long a time to collect, should not be included in the Festival Returns. If so, there will, sooner or later, be an end of these useful organisations, which enable men of small means to act as Stewards and qualify as Life Governors or Life Subscribers without too serious a stress on their purses, and thus the Charities will find these very fruitful sources of income closed to them. But, after all, we must never lose sight of the fact that the contributions to our Festivals are voluntarily made, and if some of the donors and subscribers prefer paying through the medium of Associations, or if they ask for a little or even a long grace in completing their promised payments, they are entitled to the consideration they ask for. The Secretaries of our Institutions know too well the value of these little acts of kindly consideration and forbearance to refuse the services and

promised contributions of brethren or write off the latter as "bad debts," when they are not paid by the 31st December of the year they belong to. Perhaps, however, some stern critic will formulate a plan by which it will be possible for each Secretary to announce at the Festival of the Institution he is connected with—not the total of the donations and subscriptions which have been returned to him in the Stewards' lists, but the total of the donations and subscriptions which have been and will be paid during the year ending 31st December. To enable him to do this it will be necessary he (the Secretary) should possess the power of divination and foretell the total of the year's receipts, six, eight, or ten months before the year is ended. Perhaps, also, the same or another critic will explain why the limit of the 31st December, beyond which all promised but unpaid contributions must be written off as "deficiency" or "bad debts" is to be applied equally to all three Institutions, seeing that they hold their respective Festivals at different periods of the year—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the end of February; the Girls' School, as a rule, about the middle of May; and the Boys' School at the end of June? Why must the Benevolent Institution be allowed ten months for collection and the Boys' School only six? Yet this will be the case if a hard and fast line is to be drawn at the 31st December.

But we cannot prolong this article indefinitely. Indeed, we have prolonged it thus far, only because our Institutions are being attacked, mercilessly and without cause, while the brethren whom we have described as having no particular opinions of their own, and no desire to form any, will imagine there must be some foundation for charges and innuendoes, which are made so clamorously and to which the authorities assailed very properly vouchsafe no answer. We write under no "inspiration," but such as is supplied by our own knowledge, and by means of this knowledge—which every one of these assailants might have obtained for the asking—we are enabled to deny point blank some of the most flagrant of their assertions, and demonstrate beyond the possibility of question the utter fallacy of others. We do not claim infallibility either for ourselves or for the authorities of our Institutions—indeed we cheerfully acknowledge that whatever is human must exhibit some imperfections. But taking our cue from the well-known maxim, which forbids us attaching too great importance to trifles, we assert, without fear of contradiction that, while it is quite possible there may be some things in the management of our Charities which are capable of improvement, their administration as a whole has been most beneficial to the English Craft, a credit to our Society, and worthy in every way of the encomiums it has elicited from all just and honourable men. We maintain that it is impossible that the affairs of our Institutions can have been irregularly or improperly administered, when it can be shown that, during the ten years which have elapsed between the summer of 1878 and now—during which the present Secretaries of all three Charities have been in office.

(a). THE GIRLS' SCHOOL has increased its establishment of children from 189 to 244; has spent many thousands of pounds in the purchase of Lyncombe and other houses and contiguous grounds, and in re-arranging them for the purposes of the Institution; and, at the same time, has augmented its invested capital by some £22,000, and doubled the value of its original property.

(b). THE BOYS' SCHOOL has increased the number of its children from 195 to 263; has purchased Lindum Villas and ground and built a new Hall and Preparatory School at an expense of over £22,000; and enlarged its invested capital from £8000 to £17,000.

(c). THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION has increased the number of its annuitants from 145 on the Male Fund to 180; and from 125 on the Widows' Fund to 229; and has raised its expenditure in annuities from £10,182 to close on £15,000, and its invested capital from between £51,000 and £52,000 to £71,000.

We readily concede that different men may hold different opinions as to the adoption of this or that policy—as in the matter of employing a Collector, after the plan adopted by the R.M.B.I., or not employing one, as is the case with the two Schools. But we deny the right of the knowing nothing critic, merely because he happens to be a Mason, and it may be, not even a contributor to our Charities, to hold up to public ridicule and contempt Institutions which are the glory of our Craft, and would be an honour to any society in the world; which have done their work so admirably in the past; and which, if their progress is not too seriously hindered by these groundless attacks, will continue to do still more beneficial work in the future.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. LORD SALTOUN AS P.G.M. OF ABERDEEN.

CONSECRATION OF THE SALTOUN LODGE, No. 761.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., a great Masonic ceremonial took place in Aberdeen, when Lord Saltoun was installed as Grand Master of Aberdeen City Province, and a new lodge, to be known as the Saltoun Lodge, was also consecrated. The ceremonies were performed by the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythwood, who was accompanied by Lord Haddington (Depute Grand Master) and other office-bearers of the Grand Lodge. The paraphernalia of the new lodge, it is stated, are of an exceedingly rich and ornate character, the badges being all of Saltoun tartan and the jewels bearing the Saltoun arms. At the consecration, the Rev. Somerville, Glasgow, the Grand Chaplain, gave an address on the nature and objects of Masonry, declaring that every lodge was dedicated to virtue and set apart to the purpose of preserving the memory of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and was the sacred shrine of Jehovah.

Lord Saltoun, who is R.W.M. of the new lodge, was presented by the Grand Master with a beautiful emblem of office, and Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, in making the presentation, said it was well known that Lord Saltoun had already done good service to the cause of Masonry, and the fact that he had been presented with this jewel showed that they had confidence that he would do equally good work in the future.

Lord SALTOUN replied, thanking the Grand Master and other members of Grand Lodge for coming to Aberdeen to open the new lodge.

The installation of Lord Saltoun as Provincial Grand Master took place in the Masonic Hall in the presence of a large number of Freemasons, and Lord Saltoun, having taken the oath and been invested with the insignia of office, introduced the office-bearers whom he had appointed, who also took the oath.

Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL afterwards addressed the brethren of the province, and expressed a hope that the divisions which had existed among them for some time past would now disappear under what he was sure would be the able and prudent guidance of the new Provincial Grand Master.

Lord SALTOUN, in reply, said he entered on his duties thoroughly assured that they would all cordially co-operate with him in restoring harmony and good feeling among the brethren of the province.

In the evening a banquet was held under Lord Saltoun's presidency.

Lord SALTOUN gave "The Health of Sir Archibald Campbell," who, in reply, said there was at present a great revival among the lodges in Scotland. He also asked the cordial support of the Aberdeen Province to a contemplated great bazaar in order to add £10,000 to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.

In the course of other speeches the hope was generally expressed that under Lord Saltoun all the differences which existed among the Body in Aberdeen would disappear.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

BRO. HUGHAN'S NEW WORK.

Another work by Bro. Hughan, of Torquay, England (formerly of Truro), will be good news to many in America, especially as it to some extent concerns this country. Its title is "The Engraved List of Regular Lodges of A.D. 1734. In Facsimile. With an introduction and explanatory notes by William James Hughan, P.S.G.D. of England, etc.," and the price will be \$1.25, post free, if remittances are made direct to the author, to the foregoing address. The volume will be bound in blue cloth, 8vo., and being now ready for the binder, its advent may be expected in a few days.

We have before us a proof of the facsimile portion, and unhesitatingly pronounce it to be a perfect and handsome reproduction of the original and unique copy, owned by Bro. James Newton, of Bolton, England. It seems that after one of 1729, the only one known is for the year 1734, and then but this solitary copy. The value of the reproduction is considerable, but in Bro. Hughan's hands is still more so, as the sketches he furnishes of the several lodges, with their quaint "signs" where they assembled, taverns, inns, &c., in 1734, are all fully described, and particulars duly given of those still on the roll. Special attention will be drawn, doubtless, to the number of *old* lodges that joined the Grand Lodge, from time to time, working by "Time Immemorial" rights, as Bro. Hughan claimed, in the columns of the *Keystone*, for the lodge meeting in the "City of Brotherly Love," in 1731, &c. These lodges comprise 23 now on the English roll, besides 100 more, either long ago extinct or still existing under the wing of other Grand Lodges. First and foremost is the "Lodge of Antiquity," and also that of the "Royal Somerset House and Inverness," with one farther down called the "Fortitude and Old Cumberland," being the present *trist*, out of the quartette or more which formed the premier Grand Lodge of England in 1717.

There are several noted in the Provinces, of which the senior is the "Anchor and Hope," No. 37, Bolton, Lancashire; followed closely by "St. John the Baptist," No. 39, Exeter; the "Regal Cumberland," No. 41, Bath; the "Relief," No. 42, Bury; and "St. Paul's," Birmingham, of 1732-3. Two others, originally London, are also noted, viz.: "Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity," No. 20, Chatham, of A.D. 1723, and the "Medina," No. 35, Cowes, Isle of Wight.

The second foreign lodge on the roll was No. 51, Gibraltar; the next being No. 72, Bengal; but the first was held at Madrid and numbered 50. One at Paris was formed in 1732, as No. 90; at Hamburg in 1733 as No. 124; in Boston, New England, during the same year, as No. 136; and Valenciennes, possibly in 1734, as No. 127.

Intending subscribers will do well to obtain copies at once, as Bro. Hughan's books are soon at a premium. One of our respected collectors in our city last month, had to pay \$6.50 for a copy of Bro. Hughan's "Memorials," 1874, in open competition, though published at \$2.50. "A word to the wise is enough."—*Keystone*.

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By Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL, V.-Pres.:

1. To amend Law 55 as follows: "That a Girl shall not be eligible for election unless the father has been a subscribing member to some Lodge for seven years, but should death, or permanent incapacity occasioned by paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck or other calamity have occurred within seven years of his initiation, this rule shall not apply, providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the father was a subscribing member to some Lodge."

2. "That any candidate whose petition may be approved by the General Committee before this amendment of Law 55 may be confirmed, shall not be affected thereby."

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To Correspondents.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Australian Keystone," "South Australian Freemason," "La Chaine d'Union," "Keystone," "Masonic Review," "Masonic World," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "The Tyler," "South African Freemason," and "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 1888."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1889.

Original Correspondence.

"RULE 210."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with much interest the correspondence in your esteemed paper about arrears of subscription and Rule 210. Herewith I enclose copy of notice, which, I think, meets the difficulty, and which I have found very useful.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
P.M., SEC.

January 19th.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"In accordance with the By-law No. 10 of the above Lodge, I have to inform you that your subscriptions, amounting to £ : : are over twelve months in arrear, and I shall be obliged if you will remit the same to me, here, on or before —day, —, 18—, or attend the Lodge Meeting on that date at — p.m., and state any reasons you may have against your name being returned to Grand Lodge as a defaulter.

"I am, dear Sir and Brother,

"Yours fraternally,

"P.M., Sec.

"Brother—

"BYE-LAW No. X. — LODGE, No. —.

"That no Member whose subscriptions are six months in arrear shall be allowed to vote in the Lodge or partake of any refreshment at the expense of the Lodge, and if he continue in arrear more than twelve months, he shall, after notice in writing, be liable, at the expiration of one month after such notice, to be excluded in accordance with Art. 210, Book of Constitutions, and be returned to the Grand Lodge as a defaulter."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

When I wrote my first letter upon Bro. Woodward's motion, I did so simply to give that brother the benefit (whatever it might be worth) of my own experience of the way in which the difficulty in question is met by the by-laws of certain lodges in what was, until quite recently, the District of New South Wales; and it was furthest from my desire to be involved in a prolonged correspondence. My letter was a simple statement of facts—facts which no amount of legal argument against their validity on the part of "Flej" can get over.

It is all very well, and I thank him for the copious quotations he has given from the Book of Constitutions; but they do not alter the fact of such by-laws having been in existence for years past in that district, and of having been unflinchingly acted upon in cases too numerous to mention. Not only have such lodges the power to pass such a by-

law, but, what is more, I find in four copies of by-laws in my possession a by-law (variously numbered) as follows: "The lodge shall have power to amend or alter these by-laws at any time."

The by-laws of the "Empress of India" were passed by the lodge in December, 1877, and are marked "Approved. John Williams, District Grand Master, 7 Jan., 1878." That is, of course, before 1884; but, notwithstanding the revision of the Book of Constitutions, the by-laws are the same to this day. The very stringent by-law which I quoted from the "Prince of Wales" Lodge is the outcome of a revision made 24 March, 1885.

I shall be curious to know when those amended by-laws were "approved by the Grand Secretary for the Grand Master;" likewise, in how many instances by-laws of private lodges in N.S.W. have been referred to him.

If the practice of dealing with defaulting brothers in that district differs from that of private lodges at home (and apparently it does), it has in all probably arisen from the interpretation put upon the words "complaint," in Rule 210, by the Colonial authorities, who have seemingly not regarded (and if I may humbly say so, I think rightly), how payment of dues, as coming under the heading of a "complaint," in its strict Masonic sense, though a very bad complaint for any lodge to be afflicted with, no doubt it is.

In answer to "P.M.," I would, in the first instance say—and I trust he will excuse me for so saying—that I think it scarcely within the limits of courtesy, for a brother writing *anonymously*, to so flatly and curiously contradict, as he does, and he must pardon my declining his *ipse dixit*.

Bro. Hitchens is not entirely mistaken as to the powers of District Grand Lodge, and in spite, also, of what the brother, signing himself "Flej," brings forward, still maintains, that the powers, until lately, exercised by the District Grand Master of N.S.W., were not simply co-extensive with those given to a Prov. Grand Master in England. Thirty years ago, Bro. John Williams exercised jurisdiction over the whole of Australasia, Tasmania, and New Zealand, and even his district of New South Wales alone would, in its extent, swallow up the whole of the Masonic Provinces of England.

To tell me, therefore, that such an officer, with such a wide jurisdiction, was clothed with no more authority than that which pertains to a puny province of the Old Country, at all times, within 24 hours' hail of the Grand Lodge, as compared with the 16,000 miles of ocean washing between the same Grand Lodge and her distant Deputy in Australia, is to tell me something which, my own common sense and my active experience in Masonry there for some 14 years alike contradict. I could, but that it would be unprofitable, say very much more upon the same subject, and which would show that the D.G. Lodge has not *always* been in strict accord in its practice with the Grand Lodge of England, and had at times grave reason to complain of the way in which both its wants and its representations were treated by the latter; but these are things of the past, and later intercourse has only, from year to year, more firmly rooted the feeling of cordiality on the one side, and of trust and confidence on the other.

In fact, the whole "legality" question may very well drop, inasmuch as the District Grand Lodge has, of its own motion, ceased to exist.

I heartily agree with "Flej" that the matter lies in a nutshell. Let us then, without wasting more words, legalities and validities, or contrariwise, crack the very hard shell which surrounds Rule 210 by such an amendment of the Rule as will be hailed with satisfaction by numbers of W. Masters and Secretaries of lodges, and if it be not an impertinence to suggest, make it somewhat to assimilate to the by-laws of the reprobate lodges from which I hail.

The learned Registrar the other night spoke, and, no doubt, with much truth, of the great care that had been bestowed upon the revision of the Book of Constitutions, "even to the dotting of the i's and the crossing of the t's," to use his own words. But there is an authority which says that the *letter* of the law (by itself) killeth, whereas the *spirit* maketh alive.

Sir, I perceive that the beginning of correspondence is like the beginning of strife, and with your permission and with that of those who differ with me, I will, with this communication close the floodgates, and will trouble neither you nor them with any further remarks.

In all that we say and all that we do may we ever have but one object in view—the good of the Order—and to that end may the correspondence which has arisen upon this subject likewise conduce.—Dear Sir and Brother, Your faithful Brother and Servant,

E. LYTTON HITCHINS.

January 22.

OLD EDITIONS OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to Bro. Lamonby's note, No. 825, my copy of Noorthouck's Edition 1784 Book of Constitutions is bound in a similarly splendid manner as that to which he alludes; the emblems are elaborately tooled at the back and sides; the name of the lodge, "Lodge of Concord, Southampton," is also lettered on a black centre piece, surmounted by the Prince of Wales's feathers and motto. This leads me to think that the edition was thus originally issued. Will brethren possessing this splendid book, with Bartolozzi's frontispiece, kindly say if theirs are similarly bound?—Yours fraternally,

J. E. LE FEUVRE.

January 20th.

GRAND PORTRAIT PAINTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In Bro. Stephen Jones's "Masonic Miscellanies" a list of the Grand Officers appointed in 1811 is given; among them appears the name of the "Rev. William Peters, Grand Portrait Painter," immediately after that of the Rev. Dr. Coghlan, the Grand Chaplain.

Would Bro. Hughan, or some other of our talented historians who have access to ancient lists, enlighten us on the duties, institution, and cessation of this no longer existing office?

In the same little curious collection is given a "Ceremony and service at a Masonic funeral;" and in the preliminary service in lodge these words of instruction occur: "The body

being placed in the center (*sic*) on a couch, and the coffin in which it is laid being uncovered, the Master proceeds to the head of the corpse, and the service begins." Later on the Master strews herbs or flowers over the body, and after a quotation from the Psalms, "puts the *Sacred Roll* into the coffin." After a short prayer, prior to which the brethren have given "the grand honours" thrice, an oration is said and the coffin is covered.

Has such a custom ever been in vogue among the brethren? R. O. DAVIES, 555.

January 19th.



PROVINCIAL CALENDARS, 1889.

1. YORKSHIRE.

Bro. Whytehead is always early with his "Masonic Guide for the County of Yorkshire," and hence, every year, amongst the first, we have pleasure in welcoming his *gift* to the two provinces located in the county. It is a remarkable fact, that save a card published for West Yorkshire, there is nothing in the shape of a Calendar else to be met with in the two provinces, though West Yorkshire has 73 lodges and 3416 members, and North and East Yorkshire has 29 lodges, with 2104 members. Why this we cannot tell, but the fact remains; and it does not seem fair that it should be left to our ever active brother to produce, at his own cost, the only Directory worthy of the name in a county having 5430 members! The little "Guide" is similar to previous recent issues, and is now in its 13th year of publication. We trust that its courteous editor will be spared many years thus to meet the wants of his province, for which he has so long and so ably laboured. The wee brochure is neatly printed and carefully edited, as usual, and is a capital friend for the pocket.

2. HERTFORDSHIRE.

The "Masonic Calendar for the Province of Hertfordshire," edited by the indefatigable Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. G. E. Lake, is a credit to the province, and deserves an extensive circulation. There are 17 lodges, with 571 members, being an increase of 41 brethren and one lodge (No. 2278), or an average of over 33 members to each lodge. North and East Yorkshire, however, averages nearly 70 to each lodge, which is possibly the largest in England. In West Yorkshire the average is close on 47 members; both provinces being much heavier than usual. Bro. Lake gives (under each lodge) the name, number, place of meeting, date of consecration, and date of the warrant. Then follows a list of the officers, with the date of investiture, the roll of Past Masters (the year of office and Provincial rank being noted), the number of members, all the days of meeting (each Festival being stated), and finally, the names and addresses of the Secretaries. Joining P.M.'s are distinguished by having their lodges of service noted by numbers in parentheses. Lodges of instruction are prominently described, and the four R.A. chapters are duly detailed, as with the lodges; so also "Knights Templar Masonry" and "Mark Masonry," &c. The particulars respecting the Central Masonic Charities are very fully given, and it would not be an easy task to indicate any omissions in any part of this excellent Calendar, printed by Gilbert and Rivington (Limited).

3. SUSSEX.

The "Masonic Almanac, Province of Sussex," is edited anonymously; but one can easily fancy who has undertaken that duty, and, what is more, done it exceedingly well. As before, Farncombe and Co., Lewes, are the printers, and have ably arranged the work, as respects type, to secure clearness of details, there being a mass of figures and particulars in a small compass. The Masonic Calendar is wrong as to the "A.L.," which is found by adding 4000, *not* 4004, under the G.L. of England. Look at your certificate, Bro. Editor! There have been eight Prov. G. Masters from 1774, and the lists of Prov. G. Officers appended, for many years past, adds much to the value of the information in this part. There are 27 lodges, with 1179 members (an average of over 43 to each lodge), being a slight advance on previous year; nine R.A. chapters, with 253 members, being a decrease on last return; and six Mark lodges, with other Degrees. We should much like to see the names of the W.M.'s and Wardens of the lodges added, and a roll of Past Masters, with their Provincial rank (if any), as the lack of such particulars is a misfortune to any Calendar, however good else. The annual reports of the energetic Prov. G. Sec. (Bro. Freeman) are published separately, and cannot be surpassed.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. HARLING, P.M., TREAS. No. 30.

At the installation meeting of the United Mariners Lodge, No. 30, held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., the brethren of that lodge made it the opportunity of presenting to Bro. J. E. Harling a handsome testimonial in the shape of a clock, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to Jos. E. Harling by the brethren of the United Mariners Lodge, as a token of esteem after 25 years membership. January 15th, 1889."

The **WORSHIPFUL MASTER**, in making the presentation, said it gave him great pleasure to bear testimony to the many services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Harling, and he trusted that he might live many years and continue to be a member of the United Mariners Lodge.

Bro. **HARLING**, in thanking the brethren, said that if he had had any notion that so great an honour was to be bestowed upon him he should have taken care to be prepared with a speech, but it had taken him so much by surprise that he found himself at a loss how to express sufficiently his thanks. Whatever he had been able to render to the lodge he looked upon it as a labour of love, and if he had given satisfaction in the past he should strive to do even more so in the future. He was very thankful that he had been blessed with excellent health, which enabled him to make his record a good one (only absent four times from the lodge during 25 years) and he trusted that he might be spared an equal term to be still identified with the good old United Mariners.



Craft Masonry.

MOIRA LODGE (No. 92).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 22nd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present: Bros. Adam Pringle, I.P.M., in the chair; G. C. Andrew, P.M., as S.W.; G. Greiner, J.W.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.; Josiah Howle, Sec.; J. P. Murrugh, S.D.; Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G., P.M.; J. A. Maitland, W. Kidner, and J. P. Fearfield.

After the transaction of some routine business, it was proposed by Bro. Sir Alfred Dent, seconded by the I.P.M., and carried unanimously, "That the sum of 10 guineas should be voted to the testimonial which had been recently set on foot, to mark the exceptional services to the literature of the Craft of Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., and P.M. 92."

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at Anderton's Hotel. Bro. Arthur Hughes, W.M., and Bro. Ellwood, P.M., passed Bros. Hoggins and Austin to the Second Degree, after which Bro. James Kew, P.M. and Sec., installed Bro. Ebenezer Charles Mulvey as Master of the lodge. As Bro. Mulvey is W.M. of the Cyclists Lodge, a dispensation was granted by the M.W.G.M., authorising him to hold the two offices at the same time. This dispensation was read in open lodge previous to the installation.

The following brethren were appointed and invested: Bros. Arthur Hughes, I.P.M.; J. Gittens, S.W.; J. H. Kew, J.W.; James Kew, P.M., Sec.; Walter Hopekirk, P.M., G.P., Treas.; James Cain, S.D.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.D.; R. Hughes, I.G.; Scheu, Asst. Sec.; Simkins, D.C.; W. Hughes, P.M., Stwd.; C. J. Eastman, Asst. D.C.; R. Peace, Musical Director; Angel, Asst. Mus. Director; A. E. Holt, Asst. Stwd.; and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Arthur Hughes. A choice banquet followed the working of the lodge, which was numerously attended. Among those present were Bros. H. A. Lovett, P.M.; W. J. Mason, J.W. 2246; W. J. Mulvey, P.M. 1230; C. Barrett, 743; C. Sheppard, P.M. 1366; T. Dally, 1475; A. G. Shenstone, 2077; A. Woolsey, 228; N. Goodchild, 207; G. Wood, W.M. elect 1681; R. A. Homan, P.M. 1602; T. E. Pratt, P.M. 957; F. W. Harvey, P.M. 25; A. Seary, 1989; G. Bickerton, P.M. 9; F. Jackson, 2191; A. S. Lyons, 2246; J. J. Blyth, 1681; F. J. Eedle, W.M. 1441; J. Lewis, 1681; C. B. Shemmonds, 201; J. H. Wood, 145; G. Garrett, P.M. 1366; T. Spinks, W.M. 398; T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507; G. Goldfinch, 1664; P. Wharton, 65; M. H. Embley, 2202; C. H. Thomas, 1696; D. W. Tough, 905; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; B. Ricketts, 1777; H. Dickey, 1764; H. Slyman, P.M. 753; F. Marks, P.M. 957; J. Hooper, 1986; F. J. Holden, 2202; G. Langley, 183; J. P. Poynter, 1420; and R. Ball, 134.

After the banquet the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. Walter Hopekirk, P.M., P.G.P., in reply, to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said the brethren all knew the Pro G.M. did all that was possible in the high position he filled to carry out the great principles of Masonry. When he came back from his journey to Australia it was found that he had created feelings there that he was one who was an honour to Masonry. With respect to the Deputy Grand Master, they all knew how well he supported the Masonic Institutions; and the officers of the past had done good service to the Craft. They had been placed in positions on account of their great ability. The present Grand Officers were anxious to follow in the footsteps of those great, good, and clever men. He hoped Masonry would always have such brethren, who would confer honour to the Craft, and the popular world would look up to them with respect.

Bro. Arthur Hughes, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said he had known that brother now some time, and he knew him to be a good fellow. He hoped he would carry out the W.M.'s duties in the lodge in a way that would please the brethren, and he believed that this would be so, and that during the coming year the brethren would have a treat.

The **Worshipful Master**, in acknowledging the brethren's kindness, said he would do his best in the forthcoming year to please the brethren. As the Master he was still the servant of the lodge. He considered that the Master was the lowest servant in the lodge. As their servant and their Master he would endeavour to meet the brethren in every way. He now begged to propose "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Arthur Hughes." Bro. Hughes was now among the rank of the P.M.'s, but he could safely say he had been as good a Master as they had in stock; he was a jolly good fellow.

Bro. A. Hughes, I.P.M., in response, thanked the brethren for the toast and for the support they had given him during his year of office. He was pleased, and he was sure the brethren were pleased, with the little services he had rendered to the lodge, or they would not have presented him with the beautiful P.M. jewel he had received in the lodge. He hoped he should live long to wear it. He should prize it very much indeed. He thanked the brethren for assisting him, especially the brother who was absent that night through illness. Now he had got through the chair, he would say when he went into it he never thought he should live to see the end of his year, but he had had support on every rainy day, and had got through his work well. He hoped he should meet the brethren on many occasions.

The W.M. proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. James Kew, P.M." Those who had listened to Bro. Kew knew they had in him a brother as Secretary, and an Installing Master, who was the best of Masons, an old member of the lodge, and a respected one.

Bro. James Kew, P.M., and Sec., thanked the W.M. for the very flattering manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the hearty way in which they had drunk it. Since he had been a member of the Manchester Lodge, he had always endeavoured to do his duty whether as Secretary or in any other office. As to the

installation of the W.M., he knew the ritual of Freemasonry, and had always paid a great deal of attention and care to render it in a proper way. If they were pleased with the way he had performed the ceremony, he was amply repaid; to him it was a work of love.

The W.M., proposing "The Visitors," the complete list of whom he read, said he and the lodge were pleased to see so many. They had quantity and quality too in the visitors.

Bro. Eagle, in responding, said he had met the W.M. in Masonry and out of Masonry, and, from what he knew of him, he congratulated the brethren of the lodge on the choice they had made of a W.M.

Bro. Slyman, after recognising the most hospitable reception of the visitors, congratulated the W.M. on the working of the lodge from beginning to end, and on the installation ceremony. The lodge was most fortunate in having a brother in it who could perform the ceremony so admirably at a moment's notice. He was pleased with the perfection with which the W.M. invested his officers, and all this was a convincing proof that the prestige of the old Manchester Lodge would be sustained by the W.M. and his officers.

Bros. Barnett, W. J. Mulvey, and W. J. Mason also replied.

Bro. Dickey said he and the W.M. had known each other several years in Masonry, and he was very proud to see Bro. Mulvey in the proud position he now occupied. He had not accepted Bro. Mulvey's invitation till that evening, although he knew so many of the members of the Manchester Lodge that he had only to present himself to obtain admission immediately. He gloried in coming at Bro. Mulvey's invitation, and he was pleased to know that the W.M. had a first rate set of officers in front of him, and he was sure he would have a very prosperous year of office.

In proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," the W.M. regretted the absence of Bro. Dickson through illness; but, though absent in body, he was present in spirit. Bro. Dickson, if he had been able to be there, would have performed the installation ceremony, and the brethren all knew how well and perfectly he could do it. While drinking that toast the brethren would hope that Bro. Dickson would soon be with them in his usual health.

Bro. H. A. Lovatt, P.M., replied. The P.M.'s, one and all, individually and collectively, were ever ready and willing to do all they practically could for the welfare and interest of the Manchester Lodge, and of Freemasonry in general.

In giving "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. said that Freemasons, as a rule, were generous, especially towards those who were not able to help themselves. The Manchester Lodge in particular was generous. For the last three or four years they had sent three Stewards each year, and made a good list for each of them. That year they were going to send but one Steward, and give him a bumper list. Bro. Hopekirk had kindly consented to act as Steward for the Old People. It was not the first time or the twentieth he had been Steward for the Charities. He had done it out of kindness for the lodge, and he would be well supported by the officers and brethren.

Bro. Hopekirk, in reply, said Charity was an old tale, but there was nobody of gentlemen upon whom that tale made so deep an impression as Masons. When he looked back on the time when he first became a member of the Manchester Lodge, and attended meeting after meeting, and saw the joyous faces of men in prosperity and of advantage, and then as time passed on and stern facts stared them in the face, and some of them were reduced to the lowest state of poverty and distress in their old age, and left to the mercy of the world, he could not but feel that there was some need to appeal to the kindness of brethren in Freemasonry. There was no body of men who were more staunch to Charity than Masons. It was looked up to as a sort of life-line—to teach them to feel that they should not trust in their own strength. He felt sure that the money given to the Masonic Charities was never lost to Masons, and he was confident that they would be generous and give out of their abundance. Of all the Institutions, the Benevolent Institution was the one that demanded all their support. He saw round the table as distinguished a number of brethren as he had ever seen in the Manchester Lodge, and if they would make the evening's enjoyment bear the morning's reflection, they would follow the W.M.'s advice by giving the Steward such a list as would keep up the prestige of the Manchester Lodge. The Boys' and the Girls' Schools, no doubt, wanted all they could get, and he trusted they would get it, but if the brethren would give him their money on this occasion, he could assure them it would be as thankfully received as it would be faithfully applied.

Bro. James Kew, P.M. and Sec., responding to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said that both those officers had worked hard and well for the Manchester Lodge. The Treasurer was the father of the lodge, whom they all looked up to with reverence. For himself, as Secretary, he was quite sure the W.M. would not have re-appointed him if he had not been convinced it was for the advantage of the lodge and met with the approbation of the brethren. While he had the honour of serving the lodge he should have much pleasure in doing all he could for the satisfaction of them all.

The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed the business of the evening.

Bros. C. Eastman, Embley, R. P. Angel, Shemmonde, J. Costello, W. J. Mason, R. Ricketts, and Messrs. Tom Smart, Rex Watney, and Bro. Cheeseman, largely contributed to a most pleasant evening's entertainment by some capital singing and recitations. Bros. Seary and Poynter presided at the pianoforte.

LODGE OF CONFIDENCE (No. 193).—A large number of brethren attended the installation meeting of this lodge, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 14th inst. Amongst the members present were Bros. Geo. P. N. Nightingale, W.M.; Samuel Smith, S.W.; E. J. Davey, J.W.; F. Silvester, I.P.M.; B. D. Kershaw, P.M. Treas.; J. Shackell, P.M., Sec.; W. A. Colyer, S.D.; J. H. Clare, J.D.; J. Hart, I.G.; W. Saint, P.M.; W. Wood, P.M.; W. A. Cubitt, P.M.; Jas. Smith, P.M.; and Samuel Webb, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Haskins, 1364; Samuel Flint, 1613; F. Simmonds, 1471; G. Edwards, P.M., W.M. 907; W. Snellgrove, 907; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treasurer 1524; J. Botibol, W.M. 188; J. Wilson, P.M. 1155; H. W. Humphreys,

W.M. 1638; C. F. Miller, 1366; John C. Cross, W.M. 902; J. H. Martin, 1329; Geo. Sadler, 172; J. C. Mander, W.M. 1828; Hy. Forss, P.M. 917; C. H. Baker, P.M. 1571; C. F. Barham, P.M. 1766; C. M. Campbell, P.M. 975; J. H. Staton, P.M. 1287; John Sale, 1613; Chas. Steel, 1365; A. J. Rogers, 1326; S. W. Fell, 1743; A. P. Little, P.M. 1685; E. G. Cherry, 861; F. W. Downes, 1158; W. Barnett, 2290; J. P. Creasey, 1607; H. W. Alabone, 151; A. Tiltman, 1685; F. Beard, 1423; Chas. Handley, 475; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which Mr. Robert Wallace was impressively initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Samuel Smither was presented as the W.M. elect, and, a Board of Installed Masters numbering 21 brethren having been formed, he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Webb, P.M. The following officers were subsequently appointed and invested: Bros. Nightingale, I.P.M.; E. J. Davey, S.W.; W. A. Colyer, J.W.; B. D. Kershaw, P.M.; Treas.; J. Shackell, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Clare, S.D.; J. Hart, J.D.; Samuel Webb, P.M., D.C.; J. E. Fells, P.M., Stwd.; W. Belchamber, I.G.; and Reinhardt, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Samuel Webb, P.M. The W.M. having had the felicity of proposing his eldest son for initiation, and routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the usual toasts were given by the W.M. with his customary geniality, and heartily received by all present.

Bro. Nightingale, I.P.M., said he had to propose the special toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M." He was sure the brethren would agree with him that Bro. Smither, W.M., had given them a great treat in the entertainment he had provided, and they all hoped he would give them a great deal of work during the coming year. The brethren could not have done a better thing than to have elected Bro. Smither to the chair, for he was quite capable of occupying the position in an able manner. The W.M. would not doubt introduce new blood into the lodge, and would bring in good men and true, who would be able and willing to perform their duty in any office. He asked the brethren to give their W.M. a good reception on this occasion.

Bro. Samuel Smither, W.M., returned thanks for the kindly way in which they had drunk his health. It was not his intention to occupy their time for any considerable length, but there were one or two remarks he wished to make. It was nine years ago since he joined the lodge, and was initiated by a Past Master who was unfortunately absent that evening through illness. He was introduced by Bro. Smith, P.M., and was told that Freemasonry was something he would like in after-life, and he had never found anything in it to cause him to regret the step he had taken. He worked steadily from the lowest rung of the ladder, and had missed but two evenings since his initiation, one being through illness. The members had honoured him with their confidence, and he hoped and trusted, if God spared his health, that he should not bring disgrace to them. It was his mother lodge, and it was a proud thing for an initiate to aspire to the chair. He came into the lodge comparatively unknown, as the brother on his right had done that evening, and had made many friends and, he trusted, no enemies. He thought it was an additional honour to be the 99th W. Master, and would redound to his credit in years to come. He had had another honour thrust upon him—that of proposing his eldest son, whom he hoped to initiate in the way it should be done in the Lodge of Confidence. He felt overpowered by the trust the brethren had reposed in him. The P.M.'s had been through the fire, and knew it was hardly possible for a brother, occupying the chair for the first time, to command his feelings. By the time he had succeeded in doing that and feeling easy in his position, they would have met to install his successor. He thanked the I.P.M. and brethren most heartily for their kindness.

"The Initiate" was next given, and appropriately responded to by Bro. Wallace.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. said it was a most important toast, and especially for the Lodge of Confidence. The members were always glad to receive visitors, and that evening they had a large array, numbering 33 brethren. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Edwards, P.M.; Little, P.M.; Baker, P.M.; Campbell, P.M.; and Steel, P.M.

Bro. G. Edwards, W.M. 907, thanked the W.M. for associating his name with the toast. It was always a pleasure to visit a lodge where everything was done well as it had been that evening. He had been pleased to see the working, which was excellent.

Bros. Little, P.M.; Baker, P.M.; and Campbell, P.M., also replied.

"The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was next proposed by the Worshipful Master. He said a man on reaching the chair might make many promises, but the brethren had to wait for time to solve whether they were carried out. Bro. Nightingale, I.P.M., made them promises which he had carried out well, and they were therefore going to honour him by drinking his health and presenting him with a Past Master's jewel. Their I.P.M. was an efficient officer, whom he had had the pleasure of working with in the minor offices, and a more able brother never filled the chair. During the past year Bro. Nightingale had but two initiates, but he had seen him perform the ceremonies of the Second and Third Degrees in an excellent manner. He had a pleasurable duty to perform, for he was deputed by the members to present the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, which he had earned as a matter of right and which had been unanimously voted to him. He hoped Bro. Nightingale would be spared for many years to wear it, and that when he was called to the Grand Lodge above, those he left behind him would look upon it as a token of his integrity of purpose. Without the Past Masters a Master would be of little use, for they were the backbone of a lodge. He would include in this toast the P.M.'s and couple the name of the I.P.M.

Bro. Nightingale, I.P.M., said he was quite honoured by having a jewel placed upon his breast. He thanked the W.M. for kindly saying that he had done his duty well and to the satisfaction of all the members. It afforded him great pleasure and pride to know that, and he hoped he should be as successful in the future. He hoped the members would support the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, for by doing so they would qualify themselves for positions in the lodge, and thus maintain its reputation.

Bro. Webb, P.M., also replied on behalf of the P.M.'s. "The Treasurer and Secretary" was given by the Worshipful Master, who eulogised the services rendered by those two officers; a compliment which was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Shackell, P.M., Sec.

"The Officers" having been honoured, the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening.

Bro. Haskins presided with his usual efficiency at the pianoforte, and several brethren rendered songs and recitations. Bro. Alberto delighted and mystified the brethren with his dexterity in the illusionary seance, "Mystification."

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Robert James Paton, W.M., and a very large number of members and visitors were present.

The lodge adopted the prudent course of holding over all ceremonies besides the installation till a future meeting, and after the Audit Committee's report had been adopted, Bro. Paton, W.M., proceeded at once to install the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., in the chair of the lodge. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. Robert James Paton, I.P.M.; Marcus Bromet, S.W.; M. I. Emanuel, P.M., J.W.; Abraham Mark Cohen, P.M., Treas.; Joseph Da Silva, P.M., Sec.; Rev. M. Haines, Chap.; S. Dancyger, S.D.; J. W. Corrie, J.D.; H. M. Harris, P.M., D.C.; R. J. Paton, Org.; M. Bash, I.G.; J. Levy, Asst. D.C.; I. H. Gluckstein and B. Marcus, Stewards; and R. J. Morley, Tyler. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Paton. Five guineas were voted to the list of Bro. Joseph Da Silva, P.M., Sec., as Steward of the Barnato Lodge for the Benevolent Institution, and 20 guineas were voted to the list of the W.M., Bro. Hogard, as Steward for the Lodge of Israel at the next festival of the Boys' School, and after the closing of the lodge, the brethren, to the number of about 150, sat down to a choice banquet.

The usual toasts were afterwards honoured.

The W.M., in giving "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," said the brethren knew the services that the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, had rendered to Freemasonry during the years he had been Pro G.M., and he thought they ought not to think the less of him for the union he arranged in Australia between the four lodges holding sway there. Under his auspices the connection of the English, Scotch, and what he might call the two illegal lodges in Australia, had been brought about, and that was sufficient to prove his excellence as a Pro G.M. During his tour round the world he visited South Africa, and he wrote on the subject of the Colonies in the *Contemporary Review*, in which he said that however strong the difference of race, colour, and religion were in Kimberley, still he found the brethren of the Mystic Tie sank all those differences. Nothing more was required to make this toast acceptable to the brethren.

The W.M., in proposing "The Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that the services of the Earl of Lathom were acknowledged by all the brethren. He might have an extra claim on this lodge because two members of it were honoured by him in West Lancashire with the provincial purple. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Philbrick, the Grand Registrar. Bro. Philbrick had held the office of Grand Registrar for some years, and the decisions that Grand Lodge had given under his advice had never been challenged in the slightest degree. The brethren of the Lodge of Israel hailed his company with delight, and while he had not been very well lately, they wished him renewed health and strength. Bros. Dr. Hogg, J. Lewis Thomas, and Frederick Binckes were also with them, and they hoped it would not be the last time they were honoured with the presence of those Grand Officers.

Responding on behalf of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., said that, though the P.G. Officers were supposed to have retired on their laurels, they upheld their positions with dignity, and still desired to further the great interests of Freemasonry. He looked upon the Lodge of Israel as more cosmopolitan than any other lodge, containing as it did more brethren of foreign nationalities.

Bro. Philbrick, G.R., said it was the kindness and confidence of the Craft generally which had supported him. In whatever he had done in advising Grand Lodge he had endeavoured not to know A B, or C D, but only to do what he thought right, and let the consequences follow. If he had met with the approbation of the Craft, it was more than he had striven to get, except it be by endeavouring humbly and honestly to do the best he could for the great cause they all had so much at heart. Masonry was a great power; he trusted and thought it was a power for good, and those who had the management of the Craft had not been entirely unmindful of the high interests of the Order. The Craft had been very successful in consequence of the efforts of the brethren of the Order. Referring to Bro. Eve's remark as to the cosmopolitan character of the Lodge of Israel, and the universality of Masonry, that Lodge of Israel was a reminder of the antiquity of Masonry, and of the fidelity Masons bore to the traditions of the Order. Those who were not of the stock of Israel must always remember—certainly in Masonry—that they were grafted into the tree, and could not forget the stock from which they had sprung; therefore, they must acknowledge the universality of Freemasonry, and do reverence to the antiquity of the Order and to the principles, whose attractions were so great that they brought together all those who recognised the G.A.O.T.U., which afforded a common meeting place where they could ignore the smaller divisions which troubled mankind.

Bro. Paton, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M." said that 15 or 16 years ago a brother stood in the position he (Bro. Paton) now occupied to propose the toast of W.M., that brother was Bro. Hogard, who now again occupied the chair. It was needless for him (Bro. Paton) to try to say any words of recommendation on behalf of this toast, because Bro. Hogard was so well known to all the brethren, and therefore he should content himself with asking the brethren to drink most cordially "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Charles Frederick Hogard."

The W.M. said he responded to the toast with a large amount of diffidence. From his point of view it was an immense honour to occupy the chair of this Lodge of Israel for the second time, although he should have been very

pleased to see either of the Wardens in his position. By their own right or the suffrages of the brethren they would have held it but for their own modesty. It was to him a very proud moment to be again installed as W.M. of the Lodge of Israel. After having vacated the chair 16 or 17 years ago he could not of course look to occupying it again, but he felt extremely the brethren's kindness in electing him to fulfil the most important and highest office of the lodge. In that position he should do his best, as he thought they all knew he had done in the past, to merit the approbation and esteem of the brethren. He could only ask the brethren to look kindly on any failings he might exhibit. The Israel Lodge was his mother lodge, the lodge in which he first saw the light, and he had never once regretted the step he then took. He trusted he should be spared many years to continue a member of the lodge.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., replying to the toast of "The Visitors," as one of that body of brethren, said when he received the invitation to the lodge he accepted it with the greatest pleasure, because he felt it a very great honour. The visitors were not at all surprised to see Bro. Hogard again in the chair of the lodge, knowing how many years he had worked for the harmony of the lodge in which he was associated. The P.G. Officers did not retire on their laurels, as the W.M. could testify. The W.M. and he (Dr. Hogg), met every month—no brother was more constant—at the Benevolent Institution, and conducted a great deal of work on its behalf, so that they never thought of retiring on their laurels. The W.M. and himself took the deepest interest in the Benevolent Institution, and he (Dr. Hogg), was pleased that the lodge had that night subscribed to it through the list of a brother who represented another lodge. He was not surprised that the Lodge of Israel took the lead in such a step for the benefit of the Craft, and he always expected to see the Lodge of Israel lead the way in adorning that great moral and social virtue which they all regarded with such great interest.

Bro. Andrews, of Jamaica, also replied. In foreign countries a great deal depended on the decisions of the Grand Registrar; continually they had to refer questions to him, and his judgment must guide the brethren. He happened to be in Grand Lodge last time, and was pleased with the Grand Registrar's exposition of Masonic law, and he came to the conclusion that Bro. Philbrick was a man able to guide the Grand Lodge of England. When he went back to Jamaica he should carry with him a pleasant memory of the welcome extended to strangers from abroad.

Bros. Botibol, Maple, Jessop, Vallentine, and J. Lewis Thomas also responded.

In proposing "The Installing Master," the W.M. said he did not know an occasion on which the Master of the Israel Lodge did not install his successor. They had for many years had Masters who had conferred honour on the lodge by the masterly manner in which they had performed all their duties. He had had the pleasure of pinning on Bro. Paton's breast in lodge the P.M.'s jewel, which was unanimously voted to him, together with the presentation of a P.M.'s collar and jewel.

Bro. R. J. Paton, I.P.M., in reply, acknowledged the kindness of the brethren, and informed them that when he first entered the lodge he resolved to attain, if he possibly could, the high position of W.M.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Swd. Br., responded to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," which the Lodge of Israel always took a prominent part in supporting. The W.M. would support the Boys' School, and he would carry with him the sympathy of all the members, together with their most liberal, generous, and practical support. Last year the Girls' School Centenary Festival completely crushed the Boys' School, though no one grudged the Girls' School their success. In 1889 he hoped there would be something like compensation. The Boys' School had 263 boys, for whom the best was being done.

The other toasts were "The P.M.'s," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Tyler's Toast," which were given by Bro. Morley, after which the entertainment of the evening came to an end.

The brethren were accommodated with a bountiful selection of charming music, executed by Miss Louisa White, Miss Marian Forder, Bro. G. Goddard, Bro. H. J. Phillips, Bro. I. White, and Bro. Arthur Coombs, with Bro. J. Wright at the piano.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—

This flourishing lodge held its installation meeting at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday, the 21st inst. There was a numerous attendance of members, including Bros. R. P. Stevens, W.M.; D. Hughes, I.P.M.; J. Hoddinott, S.W.; W. R. Haylock, J.W.; Charles Beaumont, P.P.G.D. Essex, Sec.; D. Hughes, P.M.; Treas.; A. Prince, S.D.; G. Rubardt, J.D.; Geo. W. Gross, D.C.; E. Venner, I.G.; J. Eade and R. Gillard, Stwds.; A. Ginger, P.M.; David Hughes, P.M.; G. A. Cundy, P.M.; H. Harbord, P.M.; H. McClelland, P.M.; A. H. Smith, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. A. H. Hickman, P.M. 228; R. A. Kirkaldy, P.M. 1321; J. H. Pettengell, W.M. 1562; C. B. Price, 1585; F. J. Potter, S.W. 1321; W. Kent, S.D. 1321; B. Wicking, 1016; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; C. N. McNorth, S.D. 1559; W. Cambden, 228; W. Poole, 1901; C. Jenner, 957; J. H. Quartly, P.M. 228; C. A. Doggett, P.M. 1704; G. Browning, 957; T. D. Sewell, P.M. 1827, P.G.S.; J. Cooper, P.M. 1769; G. Knott, 503; R. I. West, 1744; S. A. Mostyn, J.D. 2045; W. Thomas, W.M. 2045; R. S. Cummings, P.M. 2108; K. Kew, 697 and 2222; D. L. Cohen, 29; W. T. Wallond, 1065; A. W. Sealy, 548; F. Hurdle, 548; H. Carman, P.M. 528; W. Martin, P.M. 579; E. M. Lotz, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.; R. Chivers, F. Walder, J.D. 2012; C. H. Cox, J.D. 1839; J. Hyman, 2068; L. E. Wilson, J.W. 754; C. Webb, 34; J. P. Fitzgerald, W.M. 2168; W. G. Sayer, P.M. 1475; S. Cooper, P.M. 1637; G. Wallis, 172; T. Stamper, 34; Geo. Bussell, P.M. 969; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes were confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted, after which Bro. Harris was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. W. R. Haylock was presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair by his predecessor, Bro. P. Stevens, I.P.M. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. J. P. Hoddinott, S.W.; A. Prince, J.W.; John

Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; G. Rubardt, S.D.; E. Venner, J.D.; G. M. Gross, I.G.; W. G. Toll, Org.; Gillard, D. of C.; Ginger, P.M.; Eade, Newman, and W. Venner, Stwds.; and Woodstock, P.M., Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Pittam Stevens, I.P.M., rendered the addresses in an able and impressive manner. Messrs. W. F. Austin, W. Walker, and N. E. Campbell were next regularly initiated into Freemasonry by the newly-installed W.M., whose working of the ceremony was well up to the excellent example set by the Past Masters of this lodge.

Routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a *recherché* repast, during the progress of which an excellent programme of music was performed by the Band of the Tower Hamlets Battalion Royal Engineers, of which the W.M. is bandmaster.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently proposed by the W.M. in suitable terms, and with commendable brevity, and were received by the brethren with the customary heartiness.

In response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Dr. Lott, P.G. Org., said he was sorry he was the only representative of that body present, but on their behalf he tendered sincere thanks for the reception accorded the toast. He had so frequently visited the lodge that he was sometimes under the delusion that he was a member, but he assured the brethren of the great pleasure it at all times gave him to visit them.

Bro. Pittam Stevens, I.P.M., said that from the fact of the gavel being placed in his hands, the brethren must be aware of the important toast he was about to introduce. It afforded him great pleasure to propose "The Health of the W.M." He was convinced from what he knew of Bro. W. R. Haylock, W.M., that he would be most popular during his year of office. The majority of the brethren had known their W.M. for many years, for he was one of their old members, and he (the I.P.M.) had the honour of either being proposed or seconded by him. By some means or other, however, the W.M. had followed him through the various offices. It was a great pleasure to him to see Bro. Haylock occupying the chair, and following him so closely, until he had attained the summit of his ambition. During the years the W.M. had been in the lodge he had carried out his various duties in an able and efficient manner, and the brethren present that evening had witnessed his investiture of the officers, and his rendering of the initiation ceremony, and would agree that great credit was due to him for the ability he had displayed. Their W.M. had made a good start that night with three initiates, and he hoped there would be plenty of work during the forthcoming year. He asked the brethren to cordially drink to the health of their W.M., wishing him a prosperous term of office.

Bro. W. R. Haylock, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks and the brethren for their reception of the toast. It was the proudest moment of his Masonic career, for it was his ambition to attain the chair of the City of London Lodge. He hoped that any shortcomings on his part would be overlooked, and that at the expiration of his year of office the same good feeling would be prevalent as was evinced that evening.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Installing Master," and said that the manner in which Bro. Stevens, I.P.M., had conducted the lodge during the past year was beyond praise. The I.P.M. had followed in the footsteps of the P.M.'s, who had set a hard task to those officers following them. He had much pleasure in presenting Bro. P. Stevens, I.P.M., with the P.M.'s jewel voted by the lodge, and wished him many years of happiness to wear it.

Bro. R. Pittam Stevens, I.P.M., said his thanks were due to the W.M. for the kindness with which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received it. He was proud to have had the opportunity of going through the chair of the City of London Lodge, for since his entry into Masonry he had had it at heart, and it was his ambition to occupy the position of W.M. Through the suffrages of the members he had occupied that honourable position, and he hoped he had given them satisfaction, for if such was the case he was well repaid for any trouble he had taken. He could assure them that when he approached the lodge room that evening it was with great diffidence, for after the able manner in which every P.M. before him had carried out his duties in the lodge, and the excellent manner in which he had installed his successor, he was afraid he should not be able to follow in their footsteps, which would be to bring discredit on the lodge. They had been blessed in the past with good W.M.'s and good officers, and there were not many lodges who could boast of such excellent occupants of the chair as he had witnessed since 1880. The officers had been equally capable, and the officers coming on would make equally effective W.M.'s. He tendered his best thanks for the jewel presented to him. He felt he had won a prize when he was installed into the chair, and that night he had to thank them for that further prize which he hoped to be spared many years to wear in the lodge. With these remarks, he would simply thank them one and all for their kindness.

Bro. W. F. Austin, in response to the toast of "The Initiates," said he wished to return hearty thanks to Bros. Beaumont and Gillard for so kindly proposing and seconding his introduction into that lodge, and he was pleased that the old friendship existing between them had ripened into Masonic brotherhood. He had long associated Masonry with congenial conviviality, and he had found out that night that it was founded on the broad basis of Masonic fraternity. He was aware that in Masonic circles it was bad to entertain feelings of envy, but at that present moment he certainly envied his brother initiate, who had departed. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that his membership of the lodge would not be an unworthy one.

Bro. Walker having also replied, the W. Master gave "The Visitors," and cordially welcomed them into the City of London Lodge.

Bro. Hickman, P.M. 228, assured the brethren that it was with a great deal of pleasure that he took the opportunity of responding. It was also a gratification to him to see his old friend—Bro. Haylock—presiding over his mother lodge. He regarded that brother as a future good W. Master, a good brother, and a true friend; and combining these three qualities they had the acme of perfection. He was aware that Bro. Haylock had tried to emulate those

who had gone before him, and at the end of his year in the chair the members would say his work had been well done.

Bros. Martin, P.M. 579, Thomas, W.M. 2045, and Cummings, P.M. 2168, also replied, expressing their gratification at the excellent working they had witnessed, and their thankfulness for the bountiful liberality with which they had been entertained.

Bro. Cundy, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and, after returning thanks, said he did not know why he had been selected to respond. It might be for the reason that he was the oldest P.M. now holding office in the lodge. On behalf of the P.M.'s, he would say that anything they could do for the benefit of the lodge they were at all times ready and willing to do. It had been said that evening that the P.M.'s were the backbone of that lodge; but he had grave doubts if they were needed, for the younger brethren showed such great ability, and the officers knew the work so well, that the assistance of the P.M.'s was little needed. He hoped the lodge would continue to prosper, and that he would live many years to represent it as one of its oldest P.M.'s.

"The Officers" having been duly honoured,

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

The musical arrangements, which gave great satisfaction to the brethren, were under the direction of Bro. Alfred South. He was ably supported by Bro. Dr. Lott, P.G. Org., who kindly presided at the pianoforte, and Bros. Reginald Groome, G. Bassett, and A. Prince.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. John Petch, W.M.; H. Hunt, S.W.; S. Napper, J.W.; John L. Mather, P.M.; P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; J. M. Scarlett, S.D.; H. B. Harding, J.D.; W. T. Tyrrell, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, D.C.; R. Loomes, Stwd.; J. H. Thompson, I.P.M.; H. Cox, P.M.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; J. G. Cobb, J. A. Blount, C. Hiller, W. H. Jones, A. Cox, N. Amy, F. Simmonds, P. Faber, C. H. Stevenson, C. A. Chapman, Weber, John Baker, T. W. Smith, D. C. Ritchie, J. W. Snook, A. J. Fearhead, and E. A. Beer. Visitors: Bros. G. I. Christien, I.G. 1328; W. G. Ball, P.M. 45; J. W. Clarke, 1512; T. Goddard, 1524; A. Cook, S.D. 1366; and T. Cakebread, 1178.

The lodge was opened, and Bro. W. H. Jones was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bros. Chapman and Weber were passed to the Degree of F.C. Ballots were taken for Messrs. Walter Taylor and William George Hiller, which, proving in their favour, they, with Mr. William Baker Hartridge, for whom a ballot was taken at the last meeting, were duly initiated. The election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, when Bro. H. Hunt, S.W., was declared unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M., unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The W.M. elect and Treasurer briefly thanked the brethren for their confidence. Bro. G. Couchman was re-appointed Tyler. Bros. J. G. Cobb and C. Hiller were appointed Auditors. As a fitting sequel to the large amount of work which has fallen to the lot of the W.M., a P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted him.

This being the last item of business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, which was served, under the direction of Bro. Sams, in a manner which reflected credit on the house.

After justice had been done to the menu, the W.M. proceeded with the usual toast list. For "The Grand Officers," Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., responded. "The Initiates" was responded to by Bros. Hiller, Hartridge, and Taylor.

Bro. Thompson, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated him on the close of a very successful year of office, during which a great deal of work had to be done, there having been more candidates for initiation than in any year except that in which the lodge was founded. All the work had been performed by the W.M. with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for their kind appreciation of his services. During his year of office he had done his best for the lodge and for the comfort of the brethren, and in his endeavours he had been ably and loyally supported by his officers.

"The Past Masters" was next proposed by the Worshipful Master, coupled with the name of Bro. J. H. Thompson, I.P.M., who replied, regretting that was the last time he should occupy, by right, the seat of the I.P.M., but he relegated to the end of the long line of Past Masters and become the junior member of the upper house. He spoke in earnest tones of his attachment to the lodge, the various offices of which he had filled to the best of his ability.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. W. G. Ball, P.M. 45, replied in an interesting speech, drawing on his experience of Freemasonry on both sides of the Atlantic.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The W.M. Elect," expressing his feeling of satisfaction that he was to be succeeded in his office by a brother whom he held in such high esteem. They had been neighbours and friends for years before they came into Freemasonry, they were initiated together, and it was only by chance that he had preceded the W.M. elect in the chair. The brethren would find in him a careful and painstaking Master, whose excellency in working would be a credit to the lodge.

Bro. H. Hunt, S.W., W.M. elect, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and the W.M. for his flattering remarks. He could but reiterate what he had said in the lodge—that he appreciated the honour that had been done him. He would promise that during his term of office the duties of the chair should be carried out efficiently, and he hoped that when his year expired he should merit their approval.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was replied to by Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was briefly responded to by those present.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bros. Bayne, Stevenson, C. Hiller, and Halestrap, P.M., contributed to the harmony of the evening.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Monday, the 14th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Carey, W.M.; Packer, S.W.; Blake, J.W.; Bartlett, P.M., Treas.; Penney, P.M., Sec.; Kemble, S.D.; Dormer, J.D.; Morgan, I.G.; Duffield, P.M., D.C.; Colley, A.D.C.; W. Youngman, Org.; Johns, Stwd.; A. Youngman, P.M.; Kent, P.M.; Barnes, Hampson, Lowe, Herman, Gee, Lague, Saunders, Presland, and Young, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Beavis, P.M. 879 and 1310, P.G. Purst. Middx.; Iron, P.M. 1379, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; Haslip, P.M. 813; Martin, P.M. 879; Cushing, I.P.M. 1607; Mitchell, W.M. 1743; Porter, W.M. 1178; Mann, W.M. 144; W. Smith, W.M. 228; Jones, W.M. 2099; Rich, S.D. 1524; Bennett, J.D. 1057; Larter, Org. 902; Antunovich, 917; Allen, 1963; Barrett, 879; J. Franklin Clive, 1319; Collings, 1950; Gooding, 1329; Holditch, 1614; R. Smith, 871; Talbot, 65; Whitaker, 73; G. H. Williams, 228; and Wells, 1743.

Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed, the auditors brought up their report of the finances of the lodge, which was received, and the discussion upon it was adjourned until the next lodge meeting. Bro. W. F. Packer was then presented for installation by Bro. Youngman, P.M., the ceremony being performed and the addresses given by Bro. Carey in a manner which left nothing to be desired. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Kemble, S.W.; Dormer, J.W.; Bartlett, P.M., Treas.; Penney, P.M., Sec.; Morgan, S.D.; Colley, J.D.; Johns, I.G.; Duffield, P.M., D.C.; Barnes, A.D.C.; W. Youngman, P.M., Org.; Lague, Steward; and Young, Tyler. Ballot was then taken for Mr. H. Wells, and, it proving unanimous, he was initiated by the W.M. in so able a manner as to prove to the brethren that they need have no fear for the working of the lodge during the ensuing year.

Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where the hospitality of the lodge was tested, and not found wanting.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured,

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was received with so much enthusiasm as to prove his popularity.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he thanked them sincerely for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast, and also the hearty way in which they responded to it. He could assure them that during his year of office in the chair in which he was placed he would do everything that laid in his power to promote the welfare of the lodge. During the time he had been in the lodge they had often heard him sing, and he had been flattered by their applause. If he could sing a good song he could not flatter himself that he could make a good speech, but they must all take the will for the deed, and in thanking them for the high position in which they had been pleased to place him he trusted that when the time came for him to vacate that chair no brother would regret his choice, for he should do all and everything he could to aid the cause of the Craft in general, and the Leopold Lodge in particular.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Carey, I.P.M.," spoke as to the beautiful manner in which the ceremony had been performed, and referred to the fact that in every office which Bro. Carey had filled, not only had he performed his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, but in such a way as to gain their entire respect. If he (the W.M.) left that chair with the same feelings for him by the brethren which he felt sure they had for Bro. Carey, P.M., he should know he had done his duty. It was a great pleasure to him to present Bro. Carey with a P.M.'s jewel, and in doing so he hoped he would live many years to wear it and attend the lodge.

Bro. Carey, in reply, said he thanked the W.M., P.M.'s, officers, and brethren very much for the kind way in which they had received the toast proposed in his name. He was also extremely obliged to the brethren of the lodge for the jewel they had presented to him. If at any time he had ruled anything in the lodge which might appear hard, they would, he knew, believe him when he said that he had always endeavoured to hold the scales with an equal poise and do justice to all men. He had always endeavoured to do his duty as Master of that lodge, and work with the tools placed in his hands. If all Masters of lodges would do that, he did not fear that they would merit or, in fact, receive anything but the esteem of their brethren. It was enough to make any man proud when he felt—and it was testified to him in such a hearty manner—that he had done well; and that he was proud of that honour he need not assure them. He again thanked them, and trusted they would all live and die as Masons.

The toast of "The Initiate" was, as is usual in the lodge, most heartily received.

In reply, the newly-initiated Brother expressed the hope that he should never in any way do aught but what became a true member of the Craft.

The toast of "The Visitors" was heartily received, and was coupled with the names of Bros. Mann, W.M. 144; W. Smith, W.M. 228; Martin, P.M. 879; and Beavis, P.M. 879.

Bro. Mann, in responding, said that it was no empty or unmeaning compliment he paid the W.M., P.M.'s, officers, and brethren of the lodge when he said that the work of all was done well, and the entertainment good. But in being called upon to respond he was enabled to remind the brethren that he had been rather a frequent visitor to their lodge, and well he remembered being present on the night of the initiation of the W.M. That he (the W.M.) well deserved the honour conferred upon him no one who had heard him perform the first ceremony could doubt, and that the installation ceremony could have been more ably performed he could not believe. Thus, the working of the W.M. augured well for the prosperity of the lodge, and with such P.M.'s and officers as the lodge had, and with such good entertainment placed before the visitors, it was not surprising that the Leopold Lodge should prosper, and all brethren be pleased at the intellectual and substantial fare placed before them.

Bro. Smith remarked that he could but endorse all the previous speaker had said, both as to the working of the lodge and the entertainment afforded the visitors. He was not in the habit of praising merely out of compliment, or with a view to flattery, but, speaking with 20 years' experience of Masonry, he had never seen the installation ceremony more perfectly or beautifully rendered, or the

initiation ceremony performed by a newly-installed Master in a more perfect manner. He was sure from what he had seen that the lodge had a good Master, and he wished it all prosperity.

Bro. Martin would commence with what was called the Fourth Degree, and say that he had most thoroughly and heartily enjoyed himself. As to the working, or the more laborious part of the evening, it had afforded him very great pleasure as an old attendant of the lodge to see the W.M. perform his duties in such a masterly manner. He looked upon him rather as a child of his own, for it was upon his recommendation that the W.M. had joined the Leopold Lodge when he found he could not attend the meetings of the lodge of which he himself was now a P.M. The W.M. was heart and soul in the Craft, as he well knew, and he was sure the lodge duly appreciated his worth.

Bro. Beavis, P.M., was pleased to be able to be present to see one whom he had known so long occupying the chair, and to see the way in which he had performed his duties. Bro. Carey's working was well known, but in the installation ceremony he had surpassed himself. He wished the W.M. a prosperous year of office and the lodge increasing numbers.

Bro. Mitchell also responded, and in thanking the brethren, spoke of the excellent manner in which the work had been performed and the visitors entertained.

The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers of the Lodge" were responded to by Bro. Kent, P.M., and Bro. Kemble respectively, and the Tyler's toast brought one of the most successful evenings of the lodge to a close.

During the evening songs and recitations were given by the W.M., Bros. Franklin Clive, G. H. Williams, Mann, Laque, Hampson, and Kemble.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1805).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, E., on the 15th inst. The lodge was opened, and the ballot was taken in favour of Mr. C. W. Hankey, which having proved unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, after which Bro. Henry Johnson was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the out-going W.M., Bro. J. Bailey, who also gave the addresses in a most impressive manner. A P.M.'s jewel was then presented to the retiring W.M. for the admirable way the duties had been carried out during his year of office. The officers appointed were Bros. R. Toole, S.W.; Ben Johnson, J.W.; John Collier, Treas.; W. Maxfield Mead, Sec.; Percy Jackson, Org.; Tom Green, S.D.; G. E. Warn, J.D.; C. Lewsey, I.G.; W. Barnes, D.C.; W. J. Roberts and W. T. Potts, Stwds.; and C. Sheppard, Tyler.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the banquet, presided over by the W.M., was held. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a most harmonious evening was spent.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).—This celebrated lodge held its annual Installation meeting on the 18th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the able presidency of its W.M., Bro. Leon Victor Walker. The gathering was, as usual, numerous, The Past Masters present were Bros. Neville Green, A. Haig-Brown, Walter McDougall, Arthur H. Sandle, Andrew McDowall, Treas.; and Walter Claridge, Sec.; and the visitors Bros. Henry Nuding, I.P.M. 1924; James Bass, 1987; J. B. Burnard, P.M. 1662; Walter Secrett, 988; J. Margetts, 1598; J. G. Berry, P.M. 554; E. F. Fitch, J.W. 1827; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Geo. Austin, 1457; R. T. Godfrey, 141; E. H. Lea, 1293; H. E. Simcox, 49; E. W. Brookings, 569; W. H. Hobbiss, S.W. 858; Jno. Allen, P.M. 173; W. Sandle, 1336; Henry A. Johnson, P.M. 869, P.P.G.S. Herts; W. H. Andrews, 857; Maitland Dicker, P.M. 1470; V. Day, S.D. 852; C. P. Bellerby, I.P.M. 2021; Alf. J. Pritchard, P.M. 1597; Richd. Birkett, 569; George Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br.; and W. H. Kelly, W.M., 435.

According to a custom sensibly adopted by this lodge and several other lodges at present, no work was left for the installation day than that of the installation and the necessary adjuncts, and, therefore, after the preliminary routine had been observed, the W.M. proceeded to install Bro. J. Curtler Tilt, S.W. and W.M. elect, the first initiate in this lodge, as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed to perfection, and the following brethren were then invested as officers for the year: Bros. J. Geen, S.W.; H. F. Bing, J.W.; A. McDowall, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Claridge, P.M., Sec.; G. Gregory, S.D.; H. H. Nuding, J.D.; G. Woodley Smith, I.G.; A. H. Brown, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Lowe, A.D.C.; R. H. Brooks, Org.; and C. Stein and E. Beard, Stwds. The Installing Master was admirably assisted by all the brethren of the lodge, as the marches past and salutes were given in true military fashion. A beautiful P.M.'s jewel, unanimously voted at the previous meeting, was presented to the outgoing Master.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a beautiful banquet, at which the requirements of the members and guests were assiduously attended to by the Stewards and Secretary.

Subsequently the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

In giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said, fortunately, it was a toast that always had been received, and he hoped would always be received, with great enthusiasm. It always had been so received by the London Rifle Brigade Lodge. They were bound to do it twice over, first as being loyal Masons, and secondly as having sworn allegiance to H.M. as Volunteers.

The W.M., in giving "The M.W.G.M.," said they were told the Prince of Wales was a most excellent worker in Masonry, but they knew he was an excellent Master, for they had seen him in that character at the Albert Hall on two occasions, which justified them in saying Masons were honoured by having the Prince of Wales as their Grand Master.

Bro. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., replied to the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." To Lord Carnarvon Masons were under very considerable obligations, as he had done great suit and service in traversing from this little Britain to our greater Britain in Australia, to cement, if possible, more firmly the two parts of the country by recommending that they should be recog-

nised as a Grand Lodge. Lord Carnarvon deserved their best praise because he was always willing and ready to undertake any office that might be imposed upon him in fulfilling the chair when the G.M. was unable to be present in Grand Lodge. He might say the same of the Earl of Lathom, for, although he did not live in London but in Lancashire, he felt that no time or trouble ought to be spared in attending the various Committees and also Grand Lodge. It could well be understood that where we had so many lodges under our rule there must be work for the Grand Officers to discharge, and he could say that those who did it, did it with fervency and zeal. He thought by the wise selection made they got the right men in the right place—men who were willing to discharge any obligation that might be put upon them, and they did it with the greatest friendliness and the greatest desire to please every person. In Grand Lodge it must have been noticed that they constantly got applications and addresses from various Grand Lodges in Provinces and Districts, where men who were not satisfied with the ruling of the Provincial or District Grand Master referred to Grand Lodge of England; and the brethren must have noticed with what care and ability Bro. Philbrick read through the whole of the papers sent and laid the facts before Grand Lodge, in order that those Provincial or District Grand Lodges might be satisfied with the decision of Grand Lodge of England. It was very rarely they were not satisfied. They did not know the people on whose cases they adjudicated, and therefore the adjudication was as a rule correct. To the London Rifle Brigade Lodge he had to say he was delighted they had done him the honour of inviting him that evening. It was a great pleasure to him that the London Rifle Brigade Lodge was ready and willing to assist in getting up a shooting match at Caterham, and they were indebted to their good friend, Bro. Bellerby, for organising that match. Putting the Grand Officers aside for a moment, he trusted the day would shortly come, and early in the season, when the Queen's Westminster Lodge might be able to shoot against the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, and with the greatest sincerity he hoped and trusted the London Rifle Brigade Lodge would carry the gavel he had presented for competition into their own camp; but not if the Queen's Westminster Lodge knew it! The Queen's Westminster Lodge were true and staunch, and would trouble and bother those who did not go up to their rifle butts as often as they should, and did not shoot as well as they ought. The same remark would apply to the Queen's and other regiments. He wanted to organise and bring about good, capital shooting corps. The London Rifle Brigade Lodge were in the forefront, but only as a Masonic lodge, and he wanted to keep them in that position. That they might win the gavel was his desire, and if they did it would be the proudest moment for him; not that the Queen's Westminster Lodge were going to part with it very handily. No! He believed that if they brought the best team they could, the Queen's would bring a better to drive them out of the market. They acknowledged the shooting of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge was admirable, as they got a score of 926 at Caterham; but then the Queen's Westminster Lodge made 936. He hoped that, not only as Masons but as shots, the Queen's Westminster Lodge might have the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge for many years to come. And might he be there to see it.

Bro. Walker, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." It was a pleasing duty which fell to the lot of every I.P.M. It needed very few words to commend that toast to the brethren when the subject of it was such an excellent friend as Bro. Tilt. He had known Bro. Tilt a good many years; some of the brethren could carry their friendship with him back 30 years, and a friendship of 30 years was not a light one. During the 30 years they had seen him in connection with the regiment he had passed through all the grades till he rose to be colour sergeant, and then drill sergeant, and then back again to colour sergeant, in all of which capacities he had carried out his duties well. He supposed few men had passed through the hands of an amateur drill sergeant better than those who passed through his. They knew what the words of the colonel were when he retired, and they were re-echoed by every one. So might he perform the duties of the chair in which he had been installed that night. No one had been more esteemed. If anything could enhance the pleasure with which they drank his health now it was that he was the first initiate in the lodge. All these circumstances—their long friendship for him, their esteem and respect for him as a Volunteer; knowing the work they had elected him to—all pointed to the fact that he would receive from them a very hearty and cordial support and protection—as comrades as well as brethren.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said it was very kind of Bro. Walker to lay the butter on so thick as he did. When he joined the regiment (that was past and gone) he tried to do his duty there. Since he had been initiated in Freemasonry it had been his endeavour to render himself capable of filling up any office he might be called upon to fill. He was not going to tell the brethren he could perform his duty, but he only hoped they would give him the opportunity of trying, and they might depend upon it he would do his level best. When the time came that he should have to make way for his successor, he hoped they would say he had discharged his duty properly.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master," and said there was no occasion to flatter Bro. Walker as Bro. Walker flattered him, for his work was before the brethren, and they knew what he had done. He would not say they had not had one to equal him, but he could say they had hardly any one to excel him among the Masters of the lodge. Bro. Walker had always been at his post, and had always done his duty properly and to the satisfaction of every one in the lodge. He only hoped that now when he (Bro. Walker) had passed the chair, he would not leave the lodge, but would remain with it as long as the lodge lasted.

The Benevolent Fund box was here announced to have realised £2 5s. 6d.

Bro. Walker, I.P.M., in reply, said that with the W.M. he hoped the lodge would continue many, many years to come, and that he might be spared to be a member of it; but he trusted the lodge would last a good deal longer than he should. As long, however, as he lasted, he hoped he should be a member of it. During the time he had been Master he had endeavoured to discharge his duty to the best of his ability, but he was conscious that on some occasions that best had not been very good. He would like to have performed the installation ceremony better

than he had performed it. He was rather unfortunate here and there, in some few words slipping him; but, however, he had carried out his duties to the best of his ability, and if he had met with the satisfaction and approval of the brethren, he was more than repaid for his trouble, and the beautiful jewel with which they had presented him he should look upon as a reminder of having passed one of the happiest years of his life as their Master.

Bro. W. Kelly, W.M. 435, responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said that it was the first time he had been in a lodge outside his mother lodge, but he congratulated the brethren on having elected a brother to rule over them who was so competent to perform his work.

Bro. H. A. Johnson, P.M. 869, said this was not the first occasion he had been to this lodge. Although not having the honour of being enrolled as a member of the L.R.B., an honour which anyone would feel proud to have, he was quite certain all were animated by a desire to defend their country. From the manner they had heard the fire from the chair, he was convinced that, should they at any time be confronted by the enemy, their fire would be as fair and true as it had been that evening. The brethren of provincial lodges were at all times pleased with the opportunity of mixing with the London brethren, and if at any time the brethren of this lodge went into Hertfordshire, they would find the same hospitality extended to them by the Hertfordshire lodges as they had extended to their visitors that night.

Bro. Bellerby, I.P.M. 2021, thanked the brethren and the I.P.M. for their very great hospitality. As to the Masonic match, he hoped they would all be able to meet in the same field as last year. They then meditated on taking in other regiments. They thought the H.A.C. were very worthily represented. That evening they might possibly have gone astray. From a little conversation he had had, he thought they would be taking a step in the right direction (if the H.A.C. were organised in a proper manner) if they took them in to try what they could do. If they could muster six, the Queen's Westminster could find eight. They might extend the match to the H.A.C. and the Victorias, and he did not see why they should not make it a Metropolitan affair. Bro. Lambert, having laid down rules as to the gavel being shot for, might extend them so as to include the H.A.C. and the Victorias.

Bro. Birkett, 569, said the brethren were well aware that the H.A.C. were, to a certain extent, under a cloud, and if it was not for the support they had had from other Volunteer corps, they would be the most broken-hearted corps in the world. He thought they could muster six fairly good shots, and, perhaps, one or two other fairly good shots would join the lodge. If the match took place this year, he feared they would have to ask their brethren to lend them rifles.

Bro. Hobbiss, S.W. 858, thought it the greatest possible happiness to be present to see the magnificent working of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, and also to see round the table those who were his friends before he saw the light of Masonry. He thanked Major Lambert for the handsome present he had made to be shot for, a compliment which was very beautiful. They all knew the meaning of the gavel. If there was one vain or unbecoming thought entered their minds, he hoped it would be that vainglorious desire to win it which Major Lambert had shown that evening. He did not think the Queen's Westminster would win it, but that it would go to the London Rifle Brigade. He thus fancied it would be a long time before the Queen's would get it again.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The P.M.'s," remarked that some of the P.M.'s of this lodge had passed the chair in other lodges, some of them in several lodges. That was a great example to those who were initiated in the lodge. When the Masters were in doubt what to do, they had only to apply to the P.M.'s, when they got the assistance they were so much in want of.

Bro. W. McDowell, P.M., said it certainly gave him very great pleasure to have his name received in the manner in which it had been received. It gave him great pleasure to occupy the office of Treasurer, and with respect to what the W.M. said to him when investing him, he might be a friend to the lodge if the lodge was a little behindhand. At the same time, he was happy to say that the balance sheet was such that it showed a very good balance in hand, which everyone who had seen it would note with pleasure. As long as they adhered to that principle they would be successful. They did not want to save a lot of money, but only to pay their way and treat their visitors in the way in which the London Rifle Brigade wished to receive visitors. So long as that duty was imposed on him, it would be the work of his life to do the best he possibly could for the London Rifle Brigade Lodge.

Bro. W. Claridge, P.M., Sec., acknowledged that there was a great deal of work for the Secretary of such a lodge to do. It started with a large number of founders. Many of them had disappeared—not that they had ceased to be active Masons, but they had ceased to be members of the regiment. That alone involved a good deal of correspondence. They were glad to have a member of the regiment and of the lodge, one who at the present time was sergeant-major of the 3rd battalion of the King's Royal Rifles at Gibraltar. They had another member in Western Australia (Bro. Haynes); one was at Buenos Ayres, and one in the United States of America. That would show that in a regiment like the London Rifle Brigade the members were constantly spreading themselves over the face of the globe, and the name of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge must consequently be very well known. It was the wish, and had been the hope, of all the founders that that lodge should be a great success. He thought they could claim it. In seven years Bro. Walker was seventh Master. It had been a success Masonically, and also in the slight work it had done for the Masonic Charities. It very often fell to his lot to have to inflict the Charities upon the brethren; but he was happy to say that in that he was received with the same hearty feelings as they received everything in the Masonic world. Hardly a Master had gone through the chair of that lodge without some one being a Steward, and during the seven years that lodge had been founded they were in the proud position of being able to say they had sent up something like £850 for the three Charities. He then pleaded the cause of an old lady candidate for the Benevolent Institution, 76 years of age, and asked the brethren to assist him in getting votes.

Bro. McDougall, P.M., also replied. He always enjoyed himself very much when he came to that lodge. They all had known each other as Volunteers many years, and when they came to Masonry that seemed to increase the kindly

feeling they had to one another. No doubt the London Rifle Brigade would be very successful. Everything they had taken up had been successful. Although he spoke as a P.M., he thought they were satisfied with the P.M.'s and the work they had done. Having their present W.M. in the chair—the first initiate in the lodge—it was a matter of congratulation. They must support him at every meeting, and do all they could to have a successful year, and they hoped he would enjoy good health to carry on his good work.

The W.M., in proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," candidly confessed that when he was initiated he thought this toast unnecessary. Especially did he think so when he was first stuck up to respond. He was then but a child in Masonry—he thought as a child, spoke as a child; but as he grew up he found how important it was to have good officers of a lodge. Nothing was more painful than to see Masters and other officers go through their work stumbling. In the officers he had appointed he was sure there were brethren who would do their work, and be anxious and willing to do it. They met as brother Masons, but were all acquainted with each other in the same regiment, and had been used for years past to work together. He was sure he should have the loyal support of all the officers that evening, and so would his successor. It was a great advantage that the officers should be well acquainted with each other outside the lodge.

Bro. Geen, S.W., assured the W.M. that he would receive the cordial support of all his officers. It would be their pleasure as well as their duty to support him at all times to the best of their ability. The W.M. had been during the whole of the time he had been a Freemason an example to them all. They could all call him a success. In the natural course of events they would follow his footsteps, which was the only method by which they could hope to achieve his position, which they all aspired to. The only way to make themselves efficient was by following his steps, and attend lodges of instruction at every opportunity.

Bro. Beard said it was true that "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," for, no sooner did a brother get into office than he was called upon to make a speech. He promised to make himself perfect in his duties, and he had a splendid example in the officers that had preceded him. All his brother officers were actuated by the same feeling. They were all regular attendants at lodges of instruction, and there was not one officer present who was not fit to fulfil the office imposed on him.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Some excellent singing was given during the evening.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).

—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. W. H. Lomax, W.M.; J. Naylor, S.W.; R. Nightingale, J.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Newton, Prov. A.G. Sec. Treas.; F. W. Brockbank, acting Sec.; W. Golding, S.D.; W. Forrest, J.D.; Johnson Mills, P.M., D.C.; T. Murphy, I.G.; J. W. Thompson and Thos. Barnes, Stewards; Thos. Higson, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler; E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W.; S. Isherwood, P.P.G. Treas.; Wm. Slater, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Mitchell, P.P.G.S.B.; J. M. Bentley, P.P.G. Org.; W. H. Horrocks, P.M.; J. Booth, P.M.; J. Hardcastle, P.M.; M. Robinson, H. L. Hinnell, G. Crowther, F. W. Broadbent, F. W. Isherwood, W. D. Smith, C. G. Sundell; also, as visitors, Bros. J. M. Rutter, P.M. 221, P.P.G.R.; N. Nicholson, P.M. 1723, Prov. S.G.D.; W. Cooper, P.M. 146, Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. Barrett, W.M. 146 (Mayor of Bolton); Geo. Taylor, P.M. 146; R. Cuerden, W.M. elect 221; Jas. Eckersley, W.M. 348; T. B. Tong, P.M. 1723; Col. Robinson, Sec. 269; and others.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. W. H. Lomax, proceeded to install his successor, Bro. Jas. Naylor, the W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., after which the W.M. appointed his officers, who were invested by Bro. J. Booth, P.M., viz.: Bros. R. Nightingale, S.W.; W. Golding, J.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, Chap.; John Booth, Treas. (elected); H. L. Hinnell, Sec.; W. Forrest, S.D.; T. Murphy, J.D.; J. Mills, D.C.; W. D. Smith, Org.; T. Barnes and F. W. Brockbank, Stewards; and T. Higson, Tyler (elected). The customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bros. Cooper and Nicholson. The Auditors' report on the Treasurer's accounts, which was of very satisfactory nature, was read, and the accounts were unanimously approved and adopted. Bro. Wm. Forrest was unanimously elected as Charity Representative of the lodge. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. Lomax, for his services in the chair. A candidate for initiation was duly proposed and seconded, as also a joining member.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a banquet in the dining hall.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and a pleasant evening ensued.

HALIFAX.—Lodge of Probity (No. 61).—The annual meeting and installation of the W.M., Bro. Herbert Crossley, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's place, on Monday, the 14th instant. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Geo. Buckley, P.P.G.D.C., assisted by Bros. Isaac Booth, P.P.S.G.W.; F. H. C. Scralchud, P.P.G.D.; F. Whiteley, P.G.P.; and Jno. W. Balme, P.M. Bro. W. Tew, P.G.D., P.G.M., attended the meeting, and was supported by a number of Provincial Officers. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Fleming, I.P.M.; Wm. Cash, S.W.; W. Right, J.W.; R. W. Evans, B.A., LL.D., Chap.; F. Whiteley, P.M., Treas.; F. Buckley, Sec.; F. Horton, S.D.; W. Emmott, J.D.; Alf. Burns, I.G.; W. Dobson, Asst. Sec.; G. H. Smith, D.C.; S. Goodman, Org.; R. M. Kew, H. Davis, G. Patchett and J. Duff, Stwds.; and J. Sagar, Tyler.

After the installation ceremony had been completed, the Prov. Grand Master congratulated the brethren on the very successful year which had just closed. To him the commemoration of the third jubilee of the lodge, which took place in November, had been one of the most pleasing and interesting episodes in Freemasonry which it had been his lot to witness. The great accession of members to the lodge was also a grati-

fying proof that the Craft was making headway in the town. He thanked the brethren who had so kindly acted as Stewards, and who had contributed so handsomely towards the Girls' Masonic School, and the other brethren who had also contributed towards the other Charities. He then complimented the W.M. on the successful completion of the history of the lodge which he had written, and he understood that during the month he should be able to peruse it in the finished form. The Provincial Grand Master then, in most eulogistic terms, congratulated the Worshipful Master on his installation into the chair of the premier lodge of the province, and hoped the 151st year of the lodge might be as successful as the recent years. He then presented, on behalf of the brethren and officers of the lodge, a gold Past Master's jewel to Bro. F. Fleming, I.P.M., as a mark of their esteem, who acknowledged the gift in most suitable terms. Votes of thanks were then most heartily accorded to Bro. Rowley for his gift to the lodge's library of a copy of "Gould's History of Freemasonry," and to Mr. R. Sowerby, of Halifax, for two very interesting books which had belonged to his father, a late brother of the lodge. Several other brethren were thanked for their contributions to the same cause. A handsome rug, made from the carpet used on the occasion of the installation of the Grand Master, was also presented by Bro. Wheelwright.

The business of the lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, and the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was suitably commemorated. Sixty-five of the brethren attended.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most pleasant and harmonious evening was spent in conclusion of the fraternal gathering.

The Halifax Harmonic Glee Party were in attendance, and rendered in splendid style a number of glees and part songs.

The banquet was excellently served by Bro. Webb, of the Old Cock Hotel, and gave great satisfaction.

CAMBRIDGE.—Scientific Lodge (No. 88).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel on Monday, the 14th inst., and was attended by about 60 brethren, including the Deputy Prov. G.M. (Bro. A. H. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br. of Eng.); the Grand Superintendent of the province (Bro. Col. R. T. Caldwell, P.M. 859); and a number of other visiting brethren. The lodge having been duly opened, and certain general business transacted, Bro. James Valentine Pryor, S.W., P.P.G. D.C., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the duties of Installing Master being efficiently performed by Bro. Oliver Papworth, the outgoing W.M. The newly-installed W.M. subsequently appointed and invested his officers, as follows: Bros. Oliver Papworth, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; W. Purchas, P.G. Reg., S.W.; F. Piggett, P.P.G. Swd. Br., J.W.; Rev. J. C. Saunders, P.M. 859, P.P.G. Chap.; T. Hunnybun, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; A. E. Chaplin, Sec.; W. P. Spalding, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., S.D.; W. B. Redfern, P.P.G. Purst., J.D.; G. McCallum, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; J. R. Ling, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Org.; B. W. Beales, sen., Stwd.; C. H. Banham, P.G. Stwd., I.G.; C. F. Charlton, Std. Br.; C. H. Ellis, Tyler. At the termination of the ceremony of installation, "Hearty good wishes" were proffered by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a recherche banquet, at which the customary toasts were given.

PENZANCE.—Mount Sinai Lodge (No. 121).

—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. Jno. Jas. Ross, was installed by Bro. G. H. Small, P.M., assisted by a large Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Dale, I.P.M.; G. Mockridge, S.W.; J. Tregarthen, J.W.; Rev. R. Bowden, P.M., Chap.; C. Read, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Colenso, P.M., Sec.; B. Shakerley, S.D.; Jno. Quick, J.D.; B. C. Mathews, I.G.; R. White, Org.; T. H. Cornish, D.C.; S. Y. Dale and J. H. Gartrell, Stewards; and R. Reynolds, Tyler. Bro. Jas. Lovell, P.M., was appointed Steward to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Mitchell's Western Hotel, where a banquet was served, the W.M. presiding. A very pleasant evening was spent, the toasts being interspersed with songs and music, under the management of Bro. R. White, Org.

MARGATE.—Union Lodge (No. 127).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, High-street, this being the first installation meeting held on Tuesday, the nights of meeting having been altered from the first and third Friday in the month to the first and third Tuesday. A large number of brethren attended, both members of the lodge and visitors. Bro. F. W. Willett, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. W. Jones Lane, I.P.M.; W. Crawford, P.M.; H. Wootton, P.M., P.G.S.; J. Healing, S.W., W.M. elect; B. L. Moor, J.W.; A. Wootton, P.M. 127 and 1219, P.P.J.G.W.; J. G. Henning, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; F. Stanley, S.D.; J. Brighurst, J.D.; J. A. Fagg, D.C.; H. W. Bamber, I.G.; G. H. Chexfield, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Org.; E. Croisier, Steward; H. Tookey, Tyler; A. B. Pilcher, J. Lewis, L. Wright, W. J. Clarke, J. Thurston, J. Phipps, J. Moore, H. Manning, J. L. Hume, E. H. Rayner, and T. Goodyear. Visitors: Bros. R. J. Emmerson, 1206, P.J.G.W.; W. A. Valon, W.M. 1209; P. Sankey, 1150; R. Morley, P.M. 429; Henry Morris, W.M. 1273; H. Black, P.M. 1273; J. T. May, W.M. 429; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; F. Binckes, P.G. S.B.; W. H. Harris, P.M. 1076; M. H. Gill, S.W. 1209, J.D. 429; G. Baker, P.M. 503; Henry Radcliffe, P.M. 858, P.G.S.; J. Roberts, Steward 1607; J. W. Simpson, S.W. 907; and H. Jones, W.M. 2099.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was subsequently received and adopted, when Bro. J. Healing, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. A. Wootton, P.M., and duly installed into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. J. Lane, I.P.M., in a very impressive manner. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. B. L. Moor, S.W.; J. Brighurst, J.W.; Rev. W. T. Jones, Chap.; Alf. Wootton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; Hy. Wootton,

P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; J. Brighurst, S.D.; W. H. Bamber, J.D.; G. H. Chexfield, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Org.; John Fagg, I.G.; D. Croisier, D.C.; W. J. Clarke, A.D.C.; J. Moore and H. D. Reeve, Stewards; and Henry Tookey, Tyler. Bro. A. Wootton was then unanimously elected to serve as Charity Representative. The W.M. then, in a very appropriate speech, presented the I.P.M., Bro. F. W. Willett, with a P.M.'s jewel, voted to him at the previous lodge in recognition of his services during his year of office. The I.P.M. suitably returned thanks.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visiting brethren and officers, the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Elephant Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, at the conclusion of which, the usual loyal toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was proposed by Bro. A. Wootton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., and responded to by Bros. Terry, Binckes, and Col. Radcliffe.

The toast of "The Prov. G.M., Lord Amherst," was proposed by Bro. J. G. Henning, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and that of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes," was entrusted to Bro. Lane, P.M.

Bros. H. Wootton, P.M., P.G.S., and G. H. Chexfield, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., responded.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M., Bro. F. W. Willett.

Bro. J. Healing, W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received the toast, and assured them that nothing would be wanting on his part—with the assistance of his officers—to carry out the duties of the chair to the best of his ability, and trusted he might have plenty of work to do.

"The Health of the Visitors" and "The Installing Master" were duly proposed and responded to.

"The Masonic Charities" were proposed by Bro. W. Crawford, P.M.

Bros. Terry and Binckes responded to the toast at great length.

The remaining toasts—"The I.P.M. and P.M.'s" and "The Officers of the Lodge," with the Tyler's toast—brought a most successful meeting to a close.

BOLTON.—Lodge of Antiquity (No. 146).

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, including Bros. J. T. Voce, W.M.; W. Downs, S.W.; C. B. Wingfield, J.W.; Wm. Cooper, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; J. Morris, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; Richd. Duxbury, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Ainsworth, P.M.; R. Horridge, P.M.; J. Dooley, P.M.; G. Taylor, P.M.; H. Broughton, P.M.; T. Galloway, P.M.; T. Nightingale, P.M.; J. Barrett, P.M.; and many other members. Visitors: Bros. S. Pope, Q.C., P.G.D. Eng.; N. Nicholson, P.M. 1723, P.S.G.D.; J. Newton, P.M. 37, P.P. S.G.D., P.A.G. Sec.; J. W. Taylor, P.M. 221, P.P.S. G.D.; W. H. Lomax, W.M. 37; A. Cuerden, W.M. elect 221; J. Eckersley, W.M. 348; J. F. Elliston, 221; and others.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Barrett, P.M. 1723 (Mayor of Bolton), was duly presented to the Installing Master, Bro. W. Cooper, and was by him regularly installed into the chair of K.S., and the following officers were invested by Bro. J. Morris, viz.: Bros. W. Downs, S.W.; C. B. Wingfield, J.W.; W. Nicholson, Treas.; W. Cooper, Sec.; J. Whittaker, S.D.; F. M. Miller, J.D.; J. Morris, D.C.; J. F. Skelton, A.D.C.; J. Binns, Org.; E. Gee, I.G.; H. L. Harner and Bromley, Stwds.; T. Higson, Tyler; and H. Walker, Asst. Tyler.

The customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bros. Morris, Newton, and Duxbury respectively. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. J. T. Voce, as a mark of appreciation of his services in the chair. A beautiful illuminated address was presented by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, to Bro. Robt. Johnson, in recognition of his many services to the lodge. A candidate for initiation was balloted for and unanimously elected. Bro. John Morris was appointed Charity representative of the lodge. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren, numbering about 55, adjourned to the dining room, where banquet was celebrated, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." being proposed by Bro. Samuel Pope, P.G.D. (Recorder of Bolton), who, in the course of his remarks, referred to the pleasing fact of the unanimity in the election of his worship the Mayor to the W.M.'s chair of this ancient lodge, and also to the kindly feeling prevailing in the minds of the old officers in consenting to accept the same positions under the new W.M.

In the course of the evening the usual collection was taken for the benefit of the Masonic Charities, resulting in the handsome sum of about £15.

LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Union Lodge (No. 203).

—The installation of Bro. Thomas Wood as Master of this old lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 17th inst. There was a very large attendance. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. C. R. Ashton, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. Hounsell, P.M., Treas. The following officers were appointed: Bros. J. W. Baker, S.W.; C. J. Clough, J.W.; Hounsell, Treas.; J. Clarke, Sec.; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O., Org.; Rowson, P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; J. McEwen, S.D.; J. R. Tester, J.D.; H. R. Powell, I.G.; J. Worthington and J. C. Highfield, Stewards; and Ball, Tyler.

Over 60 members and visitors assembled in the dining hall of the Temple, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. T. Wood, having on his right Bros. Goodacre, P.G. S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; E. Pierpoint, P.P.J.G.W. West Lancs.; C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B. Eng., &c.; Callon, P.P.G.T. West Lancs.; Jackson, P.P.G.D. West Lancs.; and others; and on his left by Bros. Ashton, I.P.M.; James, P.M.; C. Bromley, P.M.; Hounsell, P.M.; and Rowson, P.P.S.G.W., a very able Director of Ceremonies.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Bros. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., and Banister, P.G.S.B., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. E. Pierpoint, P.P.J.G.W., responded for "The Prov. G. Officers."

After replying for his own health, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Installing Masters."

Bros. Ashton and Housell responded.

Other toasts followed, including "The Masonic Charities," "The Visitors," "The P.M.'s," and a special toast of "The Health of their old and valued Friend and Past Treasurer of 26 years, Bro. Bromley," which was admirably proposed by Bro. Rowson, who at the end presented Bro. Bromley with a very beautiful illuminated address, framed and glazed, as a token of esteem and friendship.

Bro. C. Bromley returned thanks to the brethren in a feeling and truly Masonic speech.

The last toast being duly honoured, brought a most enjoyable evening to its close.

The musical arrangements, which were highly appreciated by all present, were under the management of Bro. Bryan, Organist, and an excellent choir of vocalists.

JERSEY.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, when there were present Bros. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.M., W.M. 958, P.G.M.; John T. Baker, W.M.; F. Bennett, S.W.; C. Baker, J.W.; C. Donaldson, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Du Jardin, P.M., Sec.; T. Adderson, S.D.; J. A. Balleini, J.D.; F. P. Cabot, P.M., D.C.; J. Durell, P.M.; Geo. Rogers, P.M., Tyler; and a large number of members. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Leslie de Vine, of the Grand Orient du Peru; Major Raven, W.M. 877; P. Sohler, P.M. 877, P.G. Sec.; J. Gray, P.M.; P. Blampied, P.M.; T. Leat, P.M., of 245; E. Kelley, W.M. 491, P.M.; A. Roden, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Goldsmith, P.P.G.D.C., of 491; P. G. Hamilton, P.M. 1603, P.S.G.D.; E. Kelley, P.M. 1003, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Elliott, I.P.M. 1003, P.P.G.S. of W.; and many others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Le Quesne and Drury were duly passed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Hyne for initiation, and having proved unanimous in his favour and being in attendance, with Mr. H. B. East, who had previously been accepted, were duly initiated in a very impressive and efficient manner by the W.M., who also gave the working tools. The W.M. then called on the P.G.M. to present Bro. Charles Naylor, the I.P.M. and P.P.G. Reg., with a P.M.'s jewel for his past and valuable services to the lodge. The P.G.M., in a very able speech, said that it gave him a great amount of pleasure to have been called upon to make that presentation, especially to such a worthy and distinguished a Mason as Bro. Naylor, who had proved a thorough working Mason, for by his exertions the lodge was now numerically in a better condition than it had been for years. There was also the Masonic Charities, which Bro. Naylor also took a great interest in, by supporting them and getting others to follow him in that noble work, in fact Bro. Naylor, with the aid of two brethren of the Province, had founded the Jersey Masonic Benevolent Association, which now numbers about 40 members. He (the P.G.M.) felt proud to place the jewel upon Bro. Naylor's breast, and the members, he felt sure, united with him in the wish, that he might be spared many years to wear it, as an honour to himself, his family, and the lodge. Bro. Naylor, in thanking the P.G. Master for his presence on that occasion and for the kind expressions he had used towards him in making the presentation, said that words failed him to sufficiently thank the brethren for having voted him that P.M.'s jewel, which, as they all knew, he would prize as long as he lived. If all that the P.G.M. had said of him was true—that the lodge owed its prosperity to him—he could only say that it made him proud to hear it, for in advancing the prosperity of the lodge he was only doing his duty, and which he would continue to do as long as he was a member of the lodge. The P.G.M. had alluded to his connection with the Masonic Charities; well, he thought that it behoved every Mason who had it in his power to support those Charities. He was pleased to see that many brethren had put their shoulders to the wheel by becoming members of an association which would augment the voting power of the province.

There being no other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, were, after disposing of the substantial viands, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, the Tyler's toast bringing a very enjoyable evening to an end.

TAUNTON.—Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge (No. 261).—The Festival of St. John in connection with this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when Bro. Brigadier-General Adair, the retiring W.M., installed as his successor in the chair Bro. G. Saunders, jun., S.W. There was a large gathering of brethren of this and other lodges in the province. After the ceremony of installation had been performed, the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following for the ensuing year: Bros. Rev. F. W. Aveling, P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; G. C. Strawbridge, J.W.; W. H. Wake, S.D.; T. H. Chaffin, J.D.; A. Hammett, Sec.; J. Showers, Treas.; Rev. H. S. Hume, Chap.; R. U. Hartnell, D. of C.; J. Lewis, I.G.; F. W. Baker, Org.; C. Barrett, W. Potter, C. Roberts, and J. G. Loveday, Stewards; J. Tidbury, Tyler; and W. Jones, Asst. Tyler.

BERKELEY.—Royal Faith and Friendship Lodge (No. 270).—Wednesday, the 16th inst., being the 100th anniversary of the above lodge, held at the Town Hall, when the Right Hon. Lord Fitzhardinge, P.M., was installed W.M. by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Prov. G.M., assisted by Bros. J. Wheatley, W.M.; C. Cox, S.W.; Alfred Bond, J.W. and Chap.; J. V. Thomas, Sec.; A. T. Price, S.D.; W. C. Harding, J.D.; W. P. Hadley, D.C., P.P.G.P.; Warren, G. Smith, S.G.; E. G. Morse and E. Gregory, Stwds.; D. Dutton, P.M.; John Gamble, P.M.; Laurence Preston, P.P.G., Std. Br.; W. Pinnell, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Octavius Long, P.M. (late member); B. H. Ransford, R. Mackenzie, and Jos. Merrett, Tyler. The visiting brethren were Bros. D. B. Morris, 387 (I.C.); Edward Hulbert, 702, P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Banbury, 762; George Hawkins Cooke, 493; S. Moss, P.M., 493, P.P.S.G.D.; R. J. Weston, S.W. 493; O. J. Brooke, 833; Benjamin London, 1005; James Rudge, 1005; G. Winterbotham, P.M. 82, P.G. Sec.; H. J. Small, P.M. 761, P.P.S.G.D.; Henry Blandford, P.M.

761, P.P.G.P.; Edwin Lea, S.W. 1005; W. C. Ferris, W.M. 1005; W. E. Hayward, 900, P.P.G.S.B.; Ralph Chandler, 900, P.P.G.S.G.; G. H. Perrin, R. M. Worlock, J.D., H. F. Gould, W.M., and Ernest H. Henly, S.D., of 855; R. R. Summers, J.W. 839; Ino. Bruton, 839, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Renwick, 493, P.G.S.B.; R. W. White, P.M. 839, P.P.J.G.W.; W. J. Vizard, W.M. 761, P.G.D.C.; T. George Seymour Tyndall, P.S.G.W.; Frank Willman, 855, P.P.G.W.; W. K. Thomas, I.P.M. 1755; G. R. Dauntun, 68; Fred Needham, W.M. 839; Albert Stephens, W.M. 457; P. Hattersley Smith, I.P.M. 82; the Rev. W. Heeling, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and John Davies, 1067, P.P.G.D.C.

The banquet, which was of a recherché description, was provided by Bro. E. Gregory, and took place at the Berkeley Arms Hotel, under the genial presidency of the W.M.

The toast list included "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master," "The Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master and Installing Master," "Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," "The Worshipful Master," "The Immediate Past Master," "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Visitors."

BANGOR.—St David's Lodge (No. 384).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Albion Buildings. Bro. T. E. Harris, P.G.S., was the Installing Master. The selection of W.M. for the ensuing year had fallen upon Bro. T. Mills, who appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. E. Harris, I.P.M.; R. Dougall, S.W.; S. Evans, J.W.; Rev. J. Morgan, Chap.; R. Roberts, Treas.; D. Wynn Williams, Sec.; E. W. Thomas, Org.; R. Langford Jones, S.D.; T. G. Williams, J.D.; W. Thornton Jones, D.C.; J. R. Griffith, I.G.; J. Davies and R. Parry Jones, Stwds.; and H. Stubbington, Tyler. The brethren present included Bros. H. Platt, D.P.G.M.; R. H. Pritchard, P.M., P.G.R.; W. E. Sackville West, P.M., P.J.G.D. Eng.; John Pritchard, P.M., P.G.S.; James Smith, P.G. Chap.; R. H. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Cutts, S.D. 755, P.G.D. of C.; and Hugh Thomas, W.M. 1849, P.P.G. Chap.

The banquet was held at the Castle Hotel, and during the evening Bro. Harris, I.P.M., was presented with a gold P.M.'s jewel, mounted in diamonds.

GAINSBOROUGH.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 422).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 7th inst., when there were several brethren and visitors present. Bro. Henry Wright was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Mason, S.W.; F. J. Sowby, J.W.; Rev. C. E. Laing, P.G.C., Chap.; A. Kirk, Treas.; C. F. Liversidge, Sec.; C. Shipham, S.D.; C. Greenhalgh, J.D.; G. Housham, D.C.; A. Curtis, I.G.; and G. Scott, Tyler.

The annual banquet followed, after which the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

WINCANTON.—Lodge of Science (No. 437).—The installation of the W.M., Bro. S. W. Bewsey, P.M., took place at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 14th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., and P.G.D. of England. The W.M. invested his officers with collars as follows: Bros. R. Leach, I.P.M.; J. L. Bewsey, S.W.; C. W. Goodfellow, J.W.; Rev. C. H. Locke, Chaplain; R. R. Hutchings, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Treas.; W. H. Good, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; Linton, S.D.; Tompkins, J.D.; J. H. Hill, D.C.; A. Edwards, P.M., Org.; E. O. Scallon, I.G.; and Sandall and A. Sims, Stwds.

The business of the lodge being over, the brethren adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Host Goodfellow, whose catering gave universal satisfaction, and he was very heartily thanked by all for his care and attention.

A large number of visiting brethren were present, amongst whom were the following: Bros. Lockford, S.D. 1658; J. P. Green, J. White, E. R. Hayter, T. G. Vincent, G. Phippen, W. Palmer, A. Shaw, W. Pearce, H. Harold, W. P. Buckley, E. Creed, J. Lock, 976; S. Spill, P.M. 973; H. J. Phillips, W. H. Terrell, J. H. Hartgill, 472; and numerous others.

HITCHIN.—Cecil Lodge (No. 449).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Sun Hotel. Present: Bros. C. B. Cooper, W.M.; P. Franklin, S.W.; Hales, J.W.; F. Shillito, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Herts, Treas.; W. Fitch, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Sec.; J. Shilcock, W.M., P.P.G.W. Herts, S.D.; J. H. Gilbertson, Prov. G. Stwd., I.G.; H. Worsley, Tyler; R. Shillito, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Herts; Heard, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts; C. H. J. Cooper, F. J. Fordham, R. S. Brookes, J. Brookes, and Lloyd. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 162, P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Middx.; John Read, W.M. 2105, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; Andrews, P.P.S.G.W. Jamaica; J. B. Emmerson, 803; S. P. Nash, 2086; J. E. Porr, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the previous meeting were also read and confirmed. Messrs. A. Balding and J. J. Miller, whose names appeared on the summons, were duly balloted for, and the result being in their favour, they were initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being ably rendered by the W.M. This being the annual period of election, Bro. P. Franklin, the W.M. elect, was presented by the W.M., and was by him installed into the chair of K.S. in a most efficient manner, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Hales, S.W.; Shilcock, J.W.; F. Shillito, Treas.; W. Fitch, Sec.; J. H. Gilbertson, S.D.; A. S. Gilbertson, J.D.; R. Shillito, D.C.; Lloyd, I.G.; Greillah and Brooks, Stwds.; and Worsley, Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the installing Master, Bro. C. B. Cooper, and ordered to be placed on the minutes, for his able conduct in the chair during the past year—a memorable year in the annals of this lodge, being its jubilee, the lodge having been consecrated in 1838. Bro. Cooper was warmly complimented by all for his excellent working of the installation ceremony. Subsequently the lodge was closed.

ACCRINGTON.—Bank Terrace Lodge (No. 462).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Hargreaves Hotel, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. There was a large amount of interest shown at this meeting on account of its being the jubilee year of its formation, on which occasion the members of the lodge took the opportunity of presenting two Past Masters with jewels for valuable services rendered to the lodge for many years past, consequently there was a large number of brethren present, including Bros. Wm. Ormerod, W.M.; T. W. Duckworth, S.W.; W. Rodgers, J.W.; John Hindle, Treas.; E. Knowles, Hartley Goddard, S.D.; T. Cunliffe, I.G.; A. France, W. P. Farnworth, Charles Dewhurst, W. H. Pilkington, and W. Birtwistle. Visitors: Bros. G. Nabb, P.M. 678; Thos. Hindle, P.M. 1145; C. Furness, P.M. 1145; S. C. Thackers, Thos. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Jas. Taylor, 1948; G. Whittaker, P.M. 159; H. Taylor, P.M. 286; A. Sutcliffe, 283; J. T. Skelton, P.M. 146; Geo. S. Smith, P.M. 1134; and others.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Ormerod, W.M., when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was also quite satisfactory. The chair was taken by Bro. E. Knowles, P.M., Installing Master, and Bro. T. W. Duckworth, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. W. Ormerod, W.M., and after the usual formula inducted into the chair of K.S. The working tools were presented by Bro. Knowles. The officers were invested by Bro. Nabb, P.M., who also gave the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens, Bro. Knowles addressing the brethren. After all business was completed the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

The two handsome jewels which were presented to Bros. Knowles and Hindle were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

BERKHAMPTSTEAD.—Berkhamptstead Lodge (No. 504).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, when there were present Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M.; F. Q. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., acting for W.M.; T. Graham Robinson, P.G.S. of W., S.W.; S. Rowland Timson, J.W.; J. E. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; C. Bullock, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; A. Prudames, S.D.; A. W. Vaisey, J.D.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; W. Lowndes, I.G.; C. J. Langley, Org.; J. T. Woodstock, Tyler; A. Pavitt, Asst. Tyler; H. J. Foster, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. H. Hobson, P.M., P.P.G.W.; T. H. Hill, P.G. Stwd.; E. C. Knight, P.M. 348; G. Austin, P.G.S. of W. Leicester and Rutland; T. Woodman, P.P.G. Purst.; and others. Visitors: Bros. C. P. Cooper, W.M. 449, P.P.G.D.; J. Robbins, P.G. Chap.; L. O. Myers, W.M. 1479; W. Lewis, W.M. 1385; G. Finch, P.P.G. Chap.; J. A. Robinson, P.P.G.D. Lincolnshire; H. C. Heard, P.M. 449, P.P.G.D.; and others.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read, showing a balance to the credit of the lodge of £63 3s. 4d., and to the Benevolent Fund of £28 8s. 6d. Mr. George Mather Horsey was initiated by Bro. F. Q. Lane, acting for Bro. A. Johnson, P.P.G. Chap., W.M. (absent through illness). Bro. T. G. Robinson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the Prov. G.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. R. Timson, S.W.; A. Prudames, J.W.; J. E. Lane, Treas.; C. Bullock, Sec.; A. Johnson, Chap.; A. W. Vaisey, S.D.; W. Lowndes, J.D.; R. L. Batterbury, I.G.; C. J. Langley, Org.; J. T. Rowe, D.C.; W. H. Rowe, Stwd.; J. T. Woodstock, Tyler; and A. Pavitt, Asst. Tyler. Bro. H. J. Burt, 1312, was proposed as a joining member, and three new candidates for initiation were also proposed.

The brethren, to the number of 38, afterwards sat down to a banquet, at which the W.M. presided, being supported by the Prov. G.M., Bro. Halsey, and others.

The usual Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

In responding to the toast of "The Prov. G.M.," Bro. Halsey alluded to the unprecedented success which attended the Centenary Festival in connection with the Girls' School, held in June last, when a sum of £50,000 was subscribed, towards which the Province of Hertfordshire had, in proportion to the size of the county, contributed an unusually large share, the Berkhamptstead Lodge itself having sent up the sum of 50 guineas. The P.G.M. also referred to the vast strides which Masonry was making throughout the country, and particularly in the Province of Hertfordshire, where the number of lodges had been doubled since he first became Prov. G. Master. He congratulated the officers of the Berkhamptstead Lodge on its present prosperity and finances, and spoke in terms of approval of the way in which the duties of the lodge had been carried on that evening.

The Secretary, in responding to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him and all the other members of that lodge to have had the P.G.M. amongst them on that occasion, and further said that he thought it was a source of great congratulation that the Berkhamptstead Lodge, which had during the past year received an addition of two joining members and eight initiates, not to mention those who had been proposed that evening, was now the largest lodge but two in the province. He added that it must not be inferred from those remarks that that lodge had aimed at quantity at the expense of quality, since the greatest possible care had been taken to admit only such persons as would be likely to sustain in the highest degree the honour and dignity of the Craft.

TROWBRIDGE.—Lodge of Concord (No. 632).—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Silver-street. The W.M., Bro. G. L. Palmer, presided, and amongst those present were Bros. Jas. Pocock, S.W., the W.M. elect; W. J. Mann, Treas.; T. S. Hill, Sec.; F. Selfe, Asst. Sec.; W. R. Brown, S.D.; H. Chapman, J.D.; A. Cox, Org.; H. White, I.G.; H. Mundy, Stwd.; J. W. Jones, P.M.; F. B. Norris, P.M.; A. Parry, P.M.; J. H. Foley, P.M.; W. Walker, James Huntley, O. Leak, Geo. Snaitum, F. Garlick, J. Lansdown, A. J. G. Stancomb, F. Barton, P.M., P.G.S.B.; H. Reeves, J.W. 2227; H. Millington, P.G.O.; J. Chapman, Hy. Mead, R. H. Gowing, C. F. Hart, W. Collins, and W. A. Gouldsmith. The visitors mustered in considerable strength, and amongst them were Bros. R. W. Merriman, W.M.

1533; T. S. Fletcher, P.M. 586; A. Wallington, J.W. 1271; Thos. Reeves, P.M. 1478, P.P.J.G.D.; G. J. Farrington, P.M. 1271, P.G.S. of Wks.; J. J. Trask, S.D. 2227; Jas. Sparks, P.M. 1271, P.P.G. Reg.; A. J. Beaven, P.M. 1271, P.P.S.G.D.; W. H. Reed, P.M. 2227, P.S.G.D.; S. Anderson, 2227; J. Magrath, 1271; T. Thompson, 1271; G. Walker, 2227; F. S. Hancock, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., W. H. Burt, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Thomas Hopkins, I.P.M., H. J. Johnson, S.W., W. Young, and H. Howse, P.M., P.P.G. Org., all of 663; A. F. Brereton, S.W. 1271; J. Maslin, 663; and others.

After the usual routine business, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Pocock, was duly presented, and the ceremony of installing him in the chair was ably carried out by Bro. G. L. Palmer, after which the W.M. was duly saluted by the brethren. Bro. Foley acted as D. of C., and Bro. Millington presided at the organ. The new W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Brown, as S.W.; F. Selfe, J.W.; H. White, S.D.; H. Mundy, J.D.; T. S. Hill, Sec.; J. Lansdown, Org.; Albert Cox, I.G.; and W. A. Gouldsmith, Stwd. During the subsequent proceedings, in response to an appeal from Bro. W. H. Burt on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which Charity he is Steward, a sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds. The W.M. also presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Palmer as an acknowledgment of his services during his year of office.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, served at the Woolpack Hotel by Bro. Barton. The usual loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through, and Bros. Reed, Howse, Sparks, Hill, Selfe, and others contributed vocally to the pleasures of the evening.

An interesting event during the proceedings was the presentation of a jewel to Bro. T. S. Hill, Sec., which was done by Bro. W. R. Brown in an impressive manner, as a personal token of the admiration he felt at Bro. Hill's work in the lodge.

CHESTER.—Lodge of Independence (No 721).

—On Monday, the 14th instant, the Festival of St. John was celebrated by this lodge, one of the strongest in the province, and Bro. John Humphreys, who had been unanimously elected by his brethren at the December lodge, was installed W.M. for the year. There was a considerable gathering of P.M.'s and members of the lodge, as well as of Past Provincial Officers and visiting brethren, among them being Bros. W. M. Lightfoot, P.M. 425; Thomas J. E. Young, 1336, P.P.S.G.W.; Arthur P. Akroyd, 1432 and 2131, P.A.G.D.C. Shropshire; J. Salmon, P.P.J.G.D.; John Morris, P.M. and Treas. 1576; J. Sheriff Roberts, J.W. 425; W. Johnson, P.J.P.G.D.; J. J. Cunnah, P.M.; J. Dennis, P.M.; J. M. Jones, P.M.; Felix Thomas, retiring W.M.; R. C. Edwards, P.M.; and T. Knowles, P.M.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. W. Johnson P.M., and J. Dennis, P.M., the address being delivered by the retiring W.M., Bro. Felix Thomas, while the whole of the remainder of the ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., Bro. I. Matthews Jones. Bro. J. Humphreys invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Felix Thomas, I.P.M.; W. H. Finchett, S.W.; Edw. Rush, J.W.; Anthony Stevenson, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Knowles, P.M., Sec.; William Peers, S.D.; G. F. Adams, J.D.; John Bennett, I.G.; Thomas Browne, Stwd.; Herbert Ellis, P.M., Org.; R. C. Edwards, P.M., D.C.; W. M. Richmond, Almoner; and J. W. Hall, Tyler. Bro. Thomas Knowles, P.M., delivered the address to the Wardens. Letters of apology were read from his Honour Judge Horatio Lloyd, Deputy Prov. G.M. of Cheshire, and from several other local Masons.

After some ordinary business had been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Masonic Hall, where they dined together under the presidency of the W.M.

SALFORD.—Zetland Lodge (No. 852).—The

annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, The Crescent, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., and there were present Bros. T. Pike, W.M.; W. Lee, I.P.M.; W. H. Fulford, S.W.; J. Woolley, J.W.; J. G. Edge, Treas.; John Robinson, Sec.; J. W. Porter, Chap.; W. Booth, S.D.; J. Blackwell, J.D.; J. Beardmore, I.G.; J. Corney, P.M.; R. Holland, P.M.; U. Nichols, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Willis, Org.; W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; W. E. Wood, D. Williams, R. B. Robinson, T. Bradbury, A. W. Sidebottom, J. Wild, J. Ford, J. L. Taylor, W. Martin, J. R. Leach, Geo. Hackin, Thos. Williams, N. Hooke, J. Abbott, T. Hulme, G. W. Pettinger, W. Therlock, J. T. Margerison, G. Sidebottom, W. Ison, John Hamer, H. Denlith, W. Barrington, E. Burgess, R. Watkinson, J. Boyden, H. Baron, J. Smith, and M. Baxter. Visitors: Bros. J. Wilson, 1161; W. A. Wright, 1129; S. Ayland, 1134; V. B. Welch, 992; V. Royle, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. Hopkinson, 852; J. H. Leresche, P.P.G.R.; J. L. Hine, P.P.S.G.W.; S. Duxoro, W.M. 1011; W. Briggs, 325; G. S. Smith, P.M. 1134; and F. Tomlinson, 325.

The ceremony of installation was carried out with marked ability by Bro. T. Pike, the retiring W.M., who was ably assisted by Bros. U. Nichols, P.M., P.P.G.P., and W. Lees, P.M. The interesting ceremony being concluded, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently at the banquet a very large number of brethren assembled, and received the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with great enthusiasm.

A large amount of interest was shown when it came to the toast of "Bro. T. Pike, I.P.M.," who is held in such high esteem by the whole of the brethren of the lodge that they decided to present him with a P.M.'s jewel of a unique design and of rare value, which was presented to him by Bro. Fulford, W.M., with appropriate remarks.

Bro. Pike, in returning thanks for that mark of the brethren's esteem, said he should prize it above all the jewels that he possessed, and although he had been praised for doing his work well, still he should not relinquish his energies towards Freemasonry, and that lodge in particular.

The above-mentioned jewel was handed round to the brethren, and was much admired, being a handsome square and problem of frosted gold, and highly burnished edges, with three magnificent bars of frosted gold, relieved with burnished edges, and raised letters. It was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Griffin Hotel, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The members present included Bros. W. Drewett, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; J. Drewett, P.P.A.G.P., S.W.; B. Colburn, J.W.; T. Long, P.M., Treas.; R. T. Elsam, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Hayward, S.D.; A. M. Levy, D.C.; F. Honeywell, P.P.G.O. Middx., Org.; J. Edgell, Steward; W. Chapman, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; C. Veal, T. Weaver, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. W. Coleman, 1604; W. W. Wakeford, I.G. 2146; R. Sebastian Hart, P.M. 2146; G. Nissen, 757 (Bombay); R. T. Turner, P.M. 1720; G. Milne, 375; Jno. Hughes, P.M. 901, S.W. 2222; D. Hughes, I.P.M. 901; J. Montagu, J.W. 1638; H. W. Humphreys, W.M. 1638; Jas. Chilcott, 1512; F. West, D.P.G.M.; T. E. Fenn, P.P.G.C. Middx.; G. Moorman, P.P.G.P.; J. Mayo, 1614; C. Hogg, 1872; C. Oldridge, J.W. 1638; G. Salmon, P.M. 1260; G. Gabb, P.M. 902; W. H. Causton, P.M. 162; S. J. Dodd, P.M. 1223; W. Lane, 1638; A. Lawrence, P.M. 1638; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bros. Rushbridge and Littleton were passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Henderson initiated by the W.M. Bro. Wilkinson, P.M., was unanimously elected a joining member. The installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. J. Drewett, P.P.A.G.P., was duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year by his younger brother, Bro. W. Drewett, P.G. Steward. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Colburn, S.W.; Haywood, J.W.; Long, P.M., Treas.; Elsam, P.M., Sec.; Levy, S.D.; Edgell, J.D.; Honeywell, P.P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey, Org.; Bond, I.G.; Marshall, D.C.; Wilkinson, P.M., Steward; and Gilbert, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bros. Chapman, P.M.; W. Drewett, I.P.M.; and Elsam, P.M., Sec. Bro. F. West, D.P.G.M., said that, as he should have to leave early for London, and should therefore not have another opportunity of addressing the brethren, he wished to assure them of the pleasure it had afforded him to witness the installation of Bro. J. Drewett by his younger brother. It was a rare occurrence in Masonry, and was a matter for congratulation by the members of that lodge that they had two brothers so respected and esteemed as the W.M. and the I.P.M. He was proud to see the W.M. supported by such a large array of the purple of the province. The W.M. well deserved that support, and he wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

The W.M. said he regretted that their D.P.G.M. would have to leave early, for he was in the habit, when addressing them, of giving them good and sound advice. He (the W.M.) should not easily forget the address delivered by Bro. West at the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, when he urged the necessity of strictly inquiring into the case of every candidate proposed for initiation. He thanked the D.P.G.M. for the advice he always gave, and hoped it would be carried out in the province.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed. The brethren then partook of an excellent banquet, served under the superintendence of the worthy host, Bro. Clifford, and at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

"The Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers" was proposed by the W.M., who referred to the absence of the Prov. G.M. abroad, and the hopes they all entertained of his speedy recovery. They had had the D.P.G.M. with them that evening, and had been pleased to listen to his remarks. There was a good attendance of Prov. Grand Officers present, and he should couple the names of Bros. Chapman, P.G.S.B., and Moorman, P.P.G.S.B., with the toast.

Bro. Chapman, P.G. Std. Br., in reply, said that having but recently appointed to office, a lengthy reply would not be expected from him. His experience was limited, but he was of opinion that the greater portion of the work in the province devolved upon the D.P.G.M. and the P.G. Sec. The Provincial Grand Officers would be at all times ready to do their best for the benefit of the province.

Bro. Moorman also briefly replied.

Bro. W. Drewett, I.P.M., said he rose to propose a toast which he was sure would be welcomed on that and every occasion on which the lodge met during the next 12 months. It was "The Health of their W. Master." Through circumstances with which they were all familiar it would not be becoming for him to say much respecting Bro. John Drewett, the W.M., for the brethren knew the position they stood in respecting each other. He would, however, say that if the lodge did not have a successful year it would not be the fault of the W.M., for if there was one brother who had endeavoured, and successfully, to do his duty as a Mason in the fullest sense of the word, it was Bro. John Drewett, the newly-installed W.M. of their lodge. He asked the brethren to join in wishing the W.M. health and strength to carry out his duties in the manner in which he was so well qualified to perform them.

Bro. John Drewett, P.P.A.G.P., W.M., in response, said he felt himself to be in a difficult position that evening. They all knew that as an old Kingstonian he had tried to live with his fellow men on the best of terms, and that, therefore, he was considerably gratified by the position in which he was placed. "Deeds, and not words," was the motto he tried to act upon. He hoped that during the years he had lived amongst them he had made many friends and no enemies. He little thought when first connected with the lodge that he should so soon occupy the chair, but his rapid advance was owing to the kindness of the P.M.'s and brethren. He trusted he should be successful in his efforts to maintain the traditions of their lodge and of Freemasonry in general. Should there be any little matter which did not meet with the approval of any of the brethren, he hoped they would not hesitate to mention it, for it was easy to make a mistake, and easier to continue it. It was pleasing to see the fathers of the lodge always in their places, but that evening there was one face missing. He referred to their late Secretary, Bro. Squire, who had sent a letter excusing himself on account of illness, but who was with them in heart, for there could not possibly be a better Mason. It was a great pleasure for a young Mason like himself to feel that anything he might do while he was W.M. would be satisfactory, and he hoped that would prove to be the case. He should do all he could to follow in the steps of his brother. He had listened with pleasure and emotion whilst a brother was singing "My Old Friend John," and he hoped the sentiment of that song would be in his heart for many years.

"The Initiate" was next given in cordial terms by the W.M., who referred to the fact that the initiate had three brothers and a father occupying positions in the Craft.

Bro. Henderson, in appropriate terms, returned thanks for the kindly reception accorded him.

The W.M. proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Masters," and said he felt a double honour in introducing that toast, as the I.P.M. was his brother in the flesh as well as in Freemasonry. He omitted to present the I.P.M. with the jewel voted to him in the lodge-room, but he would now ask Bro. Wm. Drewett, I.P.M., to stand up whilst he pinned it to his breast. The jewel was presented in recognition of the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year, and which had given complete satisfaction to the members. Everything had gone smoothly during the I.P.M.'s term of office in the chair, and it was therefore a pleasure to ask him to accept the jewel. The brethren wished the I.P.M. many years to wear it, and hoped his pleasant year in the chair would never fade from his memory.

Bro. W. Drewett, P.M., P.G.S., said that the jewel presented to him would always be a pleasing reminder of that evening and of the years he had spent in that lodge. It was his mother lodge, and he had never regretted joining it, but hoped it would continue in the same happy condition. He was fortunate, at an early period of his Masonic career, to obtain office, and had made rapid progress to the chair. The memory of his year of office would be present with him for many years. He thanked them heartily for the handsome jewel and for their kindly reception of the toast.

Bro. John Hughes, P.M., 901, replied for "The Visitors," and returned grateful thanks for the reception accorded them. Bro. Elsam had many times mentioned this lodge to him with affection, and from his remarks, he concluded that it was no ordinary lodge. He found that Bro. Elsam had in no way flattered the lodge, for he was gratified to find that the working of the installation ceremony had far surpassed his expectations. This was his first visit, but he hoped to be with them on many future occasions. With regard to the hospitality shown the visitors, his thanks were due, for it left nothing to be desired. He felt sure that his connection with the Frederick West Lodge, in which he hoped to take the chair in May, accounted for his being selected to reply for this toast, but he should be happy to welcome any member of the Dobie Lodge on that occasion.

Bro. Humphreys, W.M., 1638, said he rose with pleasure to respond, having served under the W.M. for some years past. It had given him great satisfaction to visit the lodge and witness the installation of a W.M. of whom the members would be proud.

Bros. Hogg, 1872; Gabb, P.M. 902; and Dodd, P.M. 1223, also replied.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters" was next honoured, the task of replying falling upon Bros. Long, P.M., Treas.; Elsam, P.M., Sec.; and Veal, P.M., who assured the W.M. of the support he could rely on from the P.M.'s during his term of office, congratulated him on attaining the chair, and wished him a prosperous year as the head of the Dobie Lodge.

"The Officers" was given by the W.M., who referred to the excellent services rendered by the brethren in office, and especially thanked Bro. Wilkinson for undertaking the somewhat thankless office of Steward, he having been elected that evening as a joining member.

The Officers having responded, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. Honeywell, P.P.G. Org., presided in his usual brilliant style at the pianoforte, and several brethren contributed to the success of the evening by well rendered songs and recitations.

GOSPORT.—Gosport Lodge (No. 903).—The

installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms on the 8th instant, and proved the most successful gathering for several years past. The officers and members mustered in force. The Prov. G. Secretary, the W.M.'s from most of the neighbouring lodges, and a large number of visiting brethren also attended, to show by their presence the high respect in which Bro. W. A. Rowe, S.W. and W.M. elect, is held.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Rowe was undertaken and carefully performed by Bro. W. J. Smith, I.P.M., in the presence of a Board of 18 Installed Masters. At its close, the W.M. invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. J. Hathaway, S.W.; Wm. Yeardey, J.W.; Sidney Smith, Treas.; R. W. Mitchell, P.M., Sec.; H. Long, S.D.; J. Boghurst, J.D.; J. Jolliffe, D.C.; W. H. Churcher, I.G.; J. E. Thornton, P.M., Org.; M. Hart and F. Hazzard, Stwds.; and Sewell, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the lodge business an adjournment was made to the hotel, when about 50 brethren sat down to a recherché banquet, provided under the management of Mrs. Reynard.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. Altogether, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

BARROW.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1021).—

On Monday afternoon, the 14th inst., Bro. W. Roberts was duly installed as W.M. of the above lodge in the presence of a large number of his brethren, including many visitors from the neighbouring lodges. There were present the following members of the lodge: Bros. Geo. H. Parke, W.M.; H. Cook, P.M.; W. Roberts, S.W.; J. Hague, J.W.; H. Bagot, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. John Henderson, Chap.; J. Waddington, I.G.; J. Threlfall, Org.; J. Murray, P.M., D. of C.; H. F. Wright, jun., Stwd.; J. Huartson, P.M.; G. S. Heath, P.M.; Robt. Bowker, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. P. Richards, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; P. L. Booth, P.M.; J. Reid, P.M.; R. C. Turner, J. F. Davison, B. Willans, W. Stewart, J. Benson, Joseph Comber, J. Waddington, P.S.W.; Thos. Clarkson, J. P. Williams, J. P. Capstick, T. R. McCarthy, S. Townsend, A. Brown, J. S. Garner, J.W. 343; J. Thornborough, F. A. Widdows, and J. Artis, Tyler. The following visiting brethren were present: Bros. J. Coward, J.W. 1715; W. Turvey, P.M. 1225; E. H. Barnett, P.M. 1225; W. Whiteside, P.M. 1398, P.P.G.S.B.; F. H. Clarke, P.M. 1398, P.A.G.D.C.; T. Scully, 1225; G. H. Bees, 1225; C. Harrison, 1225; W. Mandall, P.M. 1398 and 1390; R. Pearson, P.M. 995, P.P.G.R.; T. Pollitt, J.W. 1225; C. Atkinson, W.M. 1715; and A. Hampton, P.M.

The ceremony of installation was performed with marked efficiency by Bro. G. H. Parke, the retiring W.M. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. H. Parke, I.P.M.; J. Hague, S.W.; F. A. Widdows, J.W.; Rev. J. Henderson, Chap.; Dr. P. L. Booth, P.M., Treas.; Dr. J. Murray, P.M., Sec.; J. F. Davison, S.D.; J. Waddington, J.D.; G. Nelson, P.M., D. of C.; J. F. Wardley, Org.; B. Willans, I.G.; W. Stewart and C. Hunter, Stewards; and J. Artis, Tyler. The occasion was taken advantage of to present Bro. H. Bagot, P.M., with a testimonial of considerable value on his leaving the Secretaryship after holding the office for 21 consecutive years. The presentation took the form of an admirable portrait of himself, a large and valuable silver loving cup of chaste design and exquisite workmanship, and an artistically illuminated address. The address was as follows:

"Hartington Lodge, No. 1021, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.—At a regular meeting of this lodge, held on the 12th December, 1888, it was proposed by Bro. George H. Parke, Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. Henry Cook, P.P.S.G.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, and carried unanimously: 'That a suitable testimonial be presented to Bro. Bagot in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to this lodge as Secretary for 21 consecutive years.' To Bro. Henry Bagot, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works. Dear Sir and Bro.,—In giving effect to the above resolution, we ask your acceptance of a silver bowl; and, further, the members of the lodge desire to testify their individual appreciation of the zealous, faithful, and impartial manner in which those services have been given, by presenting you with this address and your portrait, believing that the great success of the lodge is mainly due to your unwearied exertions. Although you have finished your active working connection with our lodge, yet we hope we may rely on your cordial support and co-operation in all that concerns the prosperity and welfare of the lodge, of which you are so distinguished a member.—Signed, on behalf of the members, George H. Parke, W.M.; Wm. Roberts, S.W.; John Hague, J.W. January 14th, 1889."

The loving cup was engraved by Mr. Gaythorpe with emblems illustrative of the office of Secretary, P.P.G.S. of W., and also of P.M., the whole being also embodied in the initial letters in the address. The inscription was as follows: "Presented to Bro. Henry Bagot, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works, by the members of Hartington Lodge, 1021, at the close of 21 consecutive years as Secretary. January 14th, 1889. Hearty good wishes."

Bro. Bagot, in returning thanks for the handsome present, asked the Worshipful Master to accept the photograph of himself on behalf of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master accepted the photograph with thanks, and promised to find a suitable place for it on the walls of the Masonic Hall.

In the evening the brethren partook of a *recherché* banquet, provided by Bro. E. Hinks, at the Imperial Hotel.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Lodge (No. 1086).—On Wednesday, the 16th inst., the brethren met in strong force at the Skelmersdale Hall to celebrate their annual festival and install the incoming W.M. This lodge was formed over 20 years ago for the convenience of North-end Freemasons, and has admirably filled its original purpose. At the present meeting there was a very numerous gathering of visitors, the chair being taken by Bro. Jos. Unsworth, W.M., who afterwards installed the W.M. elect (Bro. John Pennington) in a very praiseworthy manner. He was supported by Bros. J. Shield, I.P.M.; F. Ewart, P.M.; Jno. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.; John Pennington, S.W.; J. G. Coope, J.W.; Dr. W. Crozier, Sec.; J. Miller, S.D.; W. E. Walker, J.D.; T. Garrett, I.G.; G. Eyton, Org.; and G. Wynne, P.M. 1325. Among the visitors were Bros. Jno. Milne, S.D. 1756; C. Bargery, P.P.G.D.; R. H. Webster, P.M., Treas. 2215; T. Wood, S.W. 203; H. Marshall, P.M. 1756; Dr. Herbert Taylor, W.M. 1473; J. F. Booth, S.W. 1299; W. M'Gauley, S.W. 1570; J. Molyneux, S.W. 1756; J. Pilling, P.M. 1395; W. Addison, P.M. 1035; Jno. F. Newell, J.P., P.P.S.G.W.; C. H. Ashton, W.M. 1215; J. Alexander, P.M. 1094; Alfred Cross, P.S.G.D.; C. Johnson, J.W. 1756; H. Round, W.M. 1609; W. Lewis, S.W. 2042; R. Bulmer, J.W. 1035; W. Forrester, S.W. 1035; J. Croxton, Treas. 1756; Morris Davies, P.M. 249; and T. C. Fargher, S.D. 2042.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C., and J. Shield, P.M., and the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Joseph Unsworth, I.P.M.; George C. Coope, S.W.; Dr. W. Crozier, J.W.; W. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); Isaac Evans, Sec.; Geo. Eyton, Org.; W. S. Walker, S.D.; Thomas Garrett, J.D.; John M. A. Maclean, I.G.; Joseph Lawson, George Young, and Joseph Wild, Stwds.; and John Lunt, P.P.G.D.C., D.C. Bro. M. Williamson was elected Tyler.

After dinner, which was supplied by Bro. Eves, of 1505, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a handsome P.M. jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the lodge through the W.M., with a fine set of mounted cutlery on behalf of the lodge of instruction.

MIRFIELD.—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Friday, the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. F. H. Hare, W.M.; W. Wilson, S.W.; F. J. Crowther, J.W.; W. Beaumont, Sec.; J. Milner, I.G.; W. Booth, Tyler; John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. K. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. H. Wilkinson, and others.

After the minutes of the installation meeting had been read and confirmed, two brethren were balloted for as joining members, the same proving unanimous. After the ordinary routine of lodge business had been transacted, the lodge was closed.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. W. T. Jordan, W.M.; R. T. Davison, M.D., S.W.; T. J. Walder, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, I.P.M. and Sec.; J. B. Foster, S.D.; W. A. Raper, J.D.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; W. J. Pepper, I.G.; J. Fielding, Org.; C. Leary, Tyler; J. B. Sargent,

P.M., P.P.G.P.; C. Martin, W. C. Till, T. W. Avis, F. W. Hotham, H. Foster, D. White, F. G. Ticehurst, J. Chance, C. J. Honisett, G. Smith, and others. Visitor: Bro. W. S. Allen, S.W. 40.

The first business on the agenda, after the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, was to receive the annual report of the Audit Committee, but the audit not having been completed, this was adjourned to the next meeting. A successful ballot having been taken for Mr. J. Hodson, he, and Mr. Jas. Bellchambers, who had been elected at the last meeting, were respectively initiated into the mysteries, the ceremony being performed in the usual able manner characteristic of the W.M., Bro. Jordan. The draft of the revised by-laws then came under discussion and, after a lengthened debate, were finally approved and ordered to be submitted to Provincial Grand Lodge for confirmation. Resolutions of sympathy and condolence with Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M., P.G. Chap., on the death of his father, and with Bro. F. G. Ticehurst, on the death of his sister, having been unanimously agreed to, the lodge was closed.

CLEVEDON.—Coleridge Lodge (No. 1750).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., in the Masonic Room, Public Hall, when Bro. Michael H. Clark, S.W., was formally installed in the chair. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., in the presence of a large attendance of brethren from this and neighbouring provinces. The newly-installed Master invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. Dawes, I.P.M.; E. G. Rivers, S.W.; Captain Rose, J.W.; Major-General Montague, C.B., S.D.; A. B. Wickenden, J.D.; C. A. Hayman, I.G.; T. Barnes, Treas.; J. Jupp, P.M., Sec.; W. Somerton, Org.; and F. Stevens, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the banquet was held at Regent House, when upwards of 40 brethren partook of a *recherché* banquet, provided by Bro. Wickenden. Regret was expressed by the brethren present that Bro. T. Barnes, who had just arrived at his jubilee year as a Freemason (having been initiated in 1838), was, through illness, unable to be present.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Clarence Hotel, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Finch, W.M.; W. J. Porter, S.W.; A. J. R. Simmonds, J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; J. R. Barnes, S.D.; J. E. Ruffell, Org.; W. Middleweek, D.C.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W., Stwd.; E. W. Warner, P.A.G.D.C., I.P.M.; W. R. Plaford, J. Barnes, T. Middleweek, J. Hall, E. Hall, P. Plaford; Gilbert, Tyler, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. E. Hopwood, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Austin, Sapsworth, and others.

Lodge having been opened, Mr. Frederick Rivenhall was most efficiently initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. An application from Bros. Forge, Stevens, Simmonds, and six other brethren for approval of petition to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for permission to found a new chapter, to be called the Sir Charles Bright Chapter, was considered and approved by the lodge. The accounts were next audited. Letters from Bros. J. Piller, P.M., Treas.; R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; Room, P.G. Sec.; and others, were received and read.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

MIDDLESBOROUGH.—Ferrum Lodge (No. 1848).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. There was a nice muster of members and a few visitors from Darlington, Hartlepool, &c. The Installing Master was Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.P.G.W., and he appointed as his officers for the ceremony Bros. A. Farmer, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., S.W.; W. J. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.R., J.W.; and Dr. Walker, P.M., I.G. The W.M. elect was Bro. Dr. George Longbotham, who was presented by Bro. Dr. Malcolmson, P.M., and was duly installed in the chair, afterwards appointing as his officers the following: Bros. Henry Cochrane, I.P.M.; T. H. Ward, S.W.; J. Winterschladen, J.W.; Rev. J. W. Dales, P.P.G. Chap.; Chap.; W. H. Cowper, P.M.; P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; M. W. Proudlock, Sec.; Dr. J. Glen, S.D.; W. P. Cochrane, J.D.; F. Brewster, I.G.; J. V. Cooper, P.M., D.C.; J. F. Stewart, P.P.G.O., Org.; Dr. D. M. Jones and W. Harkess, Stwds.; and J. Ingram, Tyler.

A banquet was subsequently held at the Corporation Hotel, at which the members and their visitors assembled, and a very pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by abundance of music.

HEATON MOOR.—Prince Edward Lodge (No. 2109).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Assembly Hall, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when Bro. E. Broadbent, S.W., was duly installed W.M. The ceremony, which was conducted strictly on "Emulation" lines, was most ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. J. H. Wells. The following were invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. H. Wells, I.P.M.; S. I. Thomson, S.W.; J. W. Berra, J.W.; the Rev. R. W. Buckley, D.D., Chap.; T. T. Shann, Treas.; T. A. Hopewell, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; J. Gardner, S.D.; A. W. Reynolds, J.D.; W. Cole, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Mortimer, Org.; G. Seager, I.G.; J. Hurst, W. Coffey, G. Garnett, and W. McElroy, Stewards; and C. Birchall, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the banquet and Festival of St. John was held, at which, as is customary with this lodge, ladies were present. The suite of rooms had been superbly furnished and decorated for the occasion, and the walls artistically hung with oil paintings, water colour drawings, and mirror-ettes, generously provided by Bro. A. W. Reynolds, J.D.

At the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing that of "The W.M.," Bro. Wells said that the enthusiastic manner in which it had been received convinced him that the ladies and brethren were of the same opinion as himself, viz., that that was the toast of the evening. Bro. Broadbent, although not one of the founders of the lodge, assisted at its constitution, and became one of

the first officers. After referring to the various posts he had filled with distinction to himself and advantage to the lodge, Bro. Wells complimented Bro. Broadbent in the most flattering terms on the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of S.W. during the past year, and concluded by remarking that an exceptional proof of his ability had been manifested in the lodge whilst investing his officers, which must have convinced the brethren that the prestige of the lodge was in safe hands for the year.

The W.M. responded in feeling terms, and then proposed "The Installing Officer—the I.P.M., Bro. Wells." He regretted that a limited vocabulary might prevent him from expressing fully the warm sentiments of his heart, and thereby doing full justice to the toast. He referred to the uniform courtesy and kindness which had been extended to himself and the brethren generally by Bro. Wells, and characterised his work in the lodge as of the highest order. The efforts of Bro. Wells on behalf of Prince Edward Lodge could never be repaid; it would be useless to attempt even to estimate them; they had been simply invaluable.

Bro. Broadbent then, amid the cheers of the assembled guests, presented a handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2109, to Bro. J. H. Wells, P.M., in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. 1888."

Bro. Wells responded in a suitable manner.

The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was given by Bro. J. Gardner, S.D., in responding to which Bro. W. Webster, P.M., P.G. Steward, said that the P.M.'s had always shown the deepest concern in matters relating to the well-being of the lodge. They had the laudable ambition to make the history of Prince Edward Lodge bear thinking about, and such as might be reviewed with profit and pleasure. Not only during the three short years of its existence had the lodge made its mark in the province, but it had been, he fully believed, a blessing, both socially and morally, to the immediate neighbourhood. He assured the W.M. of the ungrudging support of himself and colleagues.

"The Ladies" was most ably proposed by Bro. A. W. Reynolds, and humorously responded to by Bro. Dr. Jordan.

Bro. the Rev. R. W. Buckley, D.D., Chap., gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities" in the following terms: At this late hour it is highly expedient that I should not occupy your time with anything which deserves the name of a speech, and if I did inflict such a thing on you, have I not a good basis to go upon in the splendid Charities of the Order? There are the schools for Masonic orphan boys and girls, and institutions for aged Freemasons and Masonic widows, and the Board of Benevolence spent over £11,000 on necessitous cases during 1888. The sum total of contributions from the Order for charitable purposes for that year was above £94,000. As I see that heavenly form of Charity I begin to pity her for having so weak an advocate, but I look again, and I find that she and I are supported by two angel forms—"Memory" and "Hope." Memory whispers to me that I am to look back at the efforts of our I.P.M. The Wells of Gadkeel were not more welcome or grateful to our troops hurrying over the Soudanese desert than was our "Wells" of the Prince Edward Lodge to the Masonic Charities; in fact, they found in him never-failing springs of benevolence. Then Hope suggests that the future under our present Master will be bright, for I recognise in him a strong tendency—a "broadbent"—towards the lines so ably followed by his predecessor. In asking you to drink this toast, I am reminded that the Charities are aptly illustrated by an Egyptian hieroglyph—a naked child having his heart in his hand, and giving honey to a bee without wings. The heart in hand signifies the cheerfulness of giving, and the bee without wings the worthiness and helplessness of the object relieved. Are not orphan boys and girls, aged Masons, and Masons' widows our bees without wings? Let us toast them and support them, and may the Masonic Charities flourish and grow, and be more and more widely supported as the years roll by.

It might here be stated that over £60 has been handed over to Charities from this lodge during the past year.

The Tyler's toast brought the banquet to a close, and the rest of the evening was spent in the most enjoyable manner, songs and instrumental music taking place in the drawing room, the large hall being utilised for dancing.

The musical arrangements were of the most elaborate and varied description, assistance being rendered by Miss A. Thomas, Miss Webster, Mrs. Seager, Bros. J. H. Greenwood, Coffey, Seager, Thomas, Hesketh, Cole, Beaver, and others.

The catering, which gave every satisfaction, was by Bro. W. H. Mortimer.

INSTRUCTION.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held at Bro. Harvey's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, on Friday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. Thom, W.M.; Elliot, S.W.; G. Deaton, J.W.; J. Hemming, acting Preceptor; Harrell, jun., Asst. Sec.; Dickson, S.D.; Hodson, J.D.; and Harvey, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. Bro. Elliot, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 18th instant, at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. M. Rice, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; J. Davies, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; and E. Nash.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Davies being the candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The W.M., having risen, Bro. D. S. Long was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his efficient services and able rendering of the ritual for the first time, and the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on the 16th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. G. Holland, W.M.; Luckhurst, S.W.; V. Wing, J.W.; Brindley, P.M., Preceptor; Clarkson, Sec.; Smales, S.D.; Goldfinch, J.D.; F. Holmes, Stwd.; Weekes, Tyler; G. Boulton, P.M.; Bull, P.M.; Bailey, Bowles, Mimms, and Ogg. 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. Bro. Ogg answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Ogg was duly raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, and Bro. Boulton was installed in the chair of K.S. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Greenway, W.M.; F. M. Noakes, S.W.; C. T. Smale, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; A. Bullen, S.D.; C. Foan, J.D.; O. Lamare, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Robert E. Bennett, W. Williams, J. D. Graham, J. B. Grieve, C. Lambert, W. Hancock, P. Frangellucci, A. Clark, and G. S. Russell.

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. Bro. P. Frangellucci having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. After the by-laws had been read by the Secretary, Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, gave notice of motion with reference to an alteration of Rule 17. Bro. W. Brindley was unanimously re-elected Preceptor, being proposed by Bro. Charles Lambert, and seconded by Bro. J. D. Graham. Bro. G. Reynolds was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Secretary, being proposed by Bro. J. B. Grieve, and seconded by Bro. G. S. Russell. Bro. W. Hancock added a few kind words. Bros. W. Brindley and G. Reynolds thanked the brethren for the proof of their confidence in having re-elected them. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 1st Section and Bro. W. Hancock the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bros. Robert E. Bennett, 1637, and Walter Williams, 1022, South Africa, were unanimously elected joining members. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. M. Noakes was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. R. H. Williams, P.M., W.M.; W. C. Williams, P.M., S.W.; Dresden, J.W.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Hubbard, Sec.; Fayers, S.D.; Wood, J.D.; Gellowski, I.G.; Sims, P.M.; Stroud, P.M.; Knight, Turner, Neville, Coleman, and Guntrip.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Turner having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lecture on the tracing board was given by the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. C. Williams, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. L. Cox, W.M.; Bick, S.W.; Woodard, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791, S.D.; W. Jennings, J.D.; Arnott, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; Blazey, P.M.; Head, Marsh, and West.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Marsh having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Blazey, P.M., candidate. Bro. Bick 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 21st inst. Present: Bros. W. Fayers, W.M.; J. Sims, P.M., S.W.; P. Skar, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. Blake, S.D.; W. Dresden, J.D.; C. E. Everett, I.G.; J. B. Cory, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very effective manner, the W.M. giving the charge at the conclusion of the ceremony. The ceremony of passing was also rehearsed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, the Six Grand Periods being described by Bro. J. Sims, who was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Fayers for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge. The lodge was then closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Ray, W.M.; Evans, S.W.; Baddery, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Stutfield, S.D.; Brindley, P.M., J.D.; Hobbs, I.G.; Coleman, P.M.; Green, Bristow, Molony, and Dr. Harper.

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. Bro. Green, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Green candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Evans was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual meeting was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Russell, W.M.; Steele, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; J. Wright, S.D.; Evans, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochrane, Wood, Luckhurst, Moore, Newton, Chapman, E. G. King, Jones, Poole, Esling, Folkard, and Mitchell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Newton having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, with Bro. Newton as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Wood as candidate. Bro. Russell vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Esling, W.M. elect 1321, who appointed and invested officers. Bro. Russell resumed the chair, and rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Steele was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Steele suitably replied, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Benevolent Association was held, and a ballot was taken for £5 5s. to one of the Charities.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR.—"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-book" for the year 1889, has just been issued from the office of Bro. George Kenning, Great Queen-street, London. It contains lists of lodges, chapters, preceptories, conclaves, colleges, and Grand Councils, with the names of officers and particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the world. The book is neatly got up, and forms a comprehensive Masonic book of reference.—*Newcastle Daily Journal*.

Bro. Major-General Sir Charles Warren, who at present is attached to the head-quarters of the Royal Engineers, is not expected to take over the command of the Shorncliffe Division until March.

Royal Arch.

CHAPTER OF STABILITY (No. 217).

—This chapter held its usual quarterly convocation at Anderton's Hotel on Tuesday, the 17th instant, when there were present Comps. C. G. Cutler, Z.; J. F. Lovelock, P.Z., H.; A. J. Manning, P.Z., J.; when the following companions were elected officers for the year ensuing: Comps. J. F. Lovelock, P.Z., Z.; Henry Stephens, H.; W. H. Duckett, J.; W. S. Webster, P.Z., Treas.; G. A. Taylor, P.Z., S.E.; C. F. M. Erhardt, S.N.; T. E. Mundy, P.S.; P. E. Campbell 1st A.S.; and Reinhardt, Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. Cutler in recognition of his services as Z.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).

—The installation meeting of this chapter took place on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Present: Comps. Darnell, Z.; Taylor, H.; Holland, J.; Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; Hughes, S.N.; Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Harmsworth, P.S.; Cohu, P.Z.; Copestick, P.Z.; Dixon, Dr. Dingle, Kent, Hawes, and Cotton. Visitor: Comp. Carr.

The minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Comp. F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., then occupied the chair of First Principal, and proceeded to install Comp. J. Taylor, as Z.; Comp. Holland, as H.; and Comp. J. Hughes, as J. The following officers were then invested by the M.E.Z.: Comps. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; Dixon, S.N.; Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Harmsworth, P.S.; Dr. Dingle, 1st A.S.; Hawes, 2nd A.S.; and Marsh, Janitor.

After the presentation of a P.Z.'s jewel to the retiring M.E.Z., the companions adjourned to dinner, the M.E.Z., Comp. Taylor, presiding.

BATH.—Tynte Chapter (No. 379).

—A regular convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Comps. the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, A.G. Soj. Eng., Z.; C. M. Penley, H.; the Rev. G. E. Gardiner, J.; B. H. Watts, P.Z., Treas.; C. E. Davis, P.Z.; C. Beckett, P.Z.; H. C. Hopkins, S.E.; the Rev. S. J. G. Fraser, S.N.; and Bigwood, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the installation of the Principals elect was then proceeded with, and Comp. Penley was installed in the chair of Z. by Comp. the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, Comp. Watts installing Comps. Rev. G. E. Gardiner and Rev. S. J. G. Fraser in the chairs of H. and J., respectively, after which the following officers were appointed: Comps. Watts, Treas.; Hopkins, S.E.; Rev. F. W. Macdonald, S.N.; Rev. C. J. McConnell, P.S.; the Hon. and Rev. S. Meade, A.S.; R. Berndt, Organist; and S. Bigwood, Janitor. The Treasurer's accounts were duly audited, and there being no further business, the chapter was closed.

SOUTHPORT.—Bridson Chapter (No. 613).

—A regular convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, East Bank-street. There were present Comps. Herbert Kidson, H.; William Platt, J.; Geo. Duxfield, S.E.; Robert Scott, P.S.; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.S., Treas.; D. Jones, P.P.G.T.; James Hesketh, P.Z.; George Rockliffe, Janitor; John Hatch, H. Sherrington, W. Harling, T. Adams, P.Z.; George Bailey, P.Z.; William Whittle, F. Harling, and G. S. Smith, 634 (visitor).

The minutes of the previous convocation being read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. R. W. T. Hatch and J. Hough, of 613, and, proving favourable, they were most impressively exalted as Royal Arch Masons by Comp. T. Adams, P.Z., the acting M.E.Z. The ceremonies having been completed, the chapter was then closed.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).

—The usual quarterly meeting of the above chapter took place on Thursday, the 17th instant, at the New Masonic Hall, Bull Fields, Comp. R. J. Cook, presiding, as Z.; there being also present Comps. J. H. Roberts, as H.; H. Palmer, as J. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.J.G.; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; A. Penfold, P.P.G. 2nd Asst. S., Treas.; T. D. Hayes, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd Asst. S.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. H. Lawson, P.S.; E. Morris, 1st Asst. S.; W. Larder, Janitor; L. C. Chasteaneuf, J. Topp, W. C. Taylor, G. Campbell, F. Clapham, Dr. H. Bernays, R. Hewitson, G. Frost, G. H. Porter, J. Farrier, C. Ellis, G. Nichols, W. Harris, D. C. Capon, R. H. Taylor, and C. Jolly, M.E.Z. elect, 1427 (Hon. Member), all of the chapter. The visitors included Comps. Dr. H. W. Roberts, F. A. White, A. Robinson, G. Kennedy, G. Mitchell, and W. Batchelor.

The chapter having been opened, the ballot was taken for Bro. F. Tyler, Mus. Bac., Organist of the Pattison Lodge, and proving unanimous, he was, with the full Pattisonian ritual, exalted to the Supreme Degree. A vote of sympathy and condolence was then unanimously passed to Comp. H. J. Butter, P.Z., Scribe E., and P.P.G. Reg., on his recent accident in the Royal Arsenal, in which he is principal manager of the carriage department, and where he lost an arm through being run over by a locomotive during one of the recent foggy days.

The Chapter was then closed, and the companions sat down to a pleasing little supper, admirably served, and afterwards, around the social board, passed an hour or so with toast and harmony, the latter materially assisted by Comps. Batchelor and Palmer, Comp. Tyler presiding at the piano, and Comp. Lawson assisted with his violin.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Chapter (No. 1094).

At the annual convocation of the above chapter, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Monday, the 14th inst., Comp. J. Davies, M.E.Z., presiding, the following were installed as Principals: Comps. Dr. Soldat, M.E.Z.; J. Bradshaw, P.Z., H.; and T. Guile, J. The appointments were as follow: Comps. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; R. Yelland, P.Z., S.E.; Hynes, S.N.; Thos. Clarke, P.S.; W. Davies, 1st A.S.; W. C. Higson, 2nd A.S.; and J. Malcolm, Janitor.

Comp. Dr. Bailey, P.Z., P.P.G.J., a visitor, assisted in the installation, which was performed by Comp. Pemberton and other Past Principals.

A handsome jewel was presented to the retiring M.E.Z. The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Chapter (No. 1472).—At the regular quarterly convocation of this chapter on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Comps. C. Jolly Z.; J. Hill, H.; C. Canning, J.; C. T. Lewis, S.N.; B. Brayshaw, S.E.; R. Warren, P.Z., Treas.; J. Savage, Principal Soj.; C. Wood, 1st Asst. Soj.; B. Curtis, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and J. Ives, Janitor.

A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Bro. J. Aillud, M.E.Z., for his services to the chapter during the past year, and at the banquet Comps. A. Penfold, P.Z. 13 and 913, P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj., and W. West, P.Z. 13, responded to the several toasts proposed in their honour.

MANCHESTER.—Trafford Chapter (No. 1496).

The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Western Hotel, Moss Side. There were present Comps. G. Burslem, M.E.Z.; J. M'Grath, H.; H. P. Jones, P.Z., Scribe E.; W. Biggs, Scribe N.; J. C. Gillman, P.P.G.J., Treas.; S. D. M'Kellen, P.A.G.S., Principal Soj.; G. Hunt, P.Z.; C. W. Maybury, 1st Asst. Soj.; F. Long, Org.; A. Jacobson, T. H. Thomason, Battersby, Willes, and W. Riddell, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. J. Dawson, P.Z. 317, P.P.A.G.S.; and T. H. Hall, P.Z. 581.

The chapter was opened by the Principals, after which a balance sheet, which was of a very satisfactory character, was presented and adopted. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Comp. Gillman officiating as Installing Principal, assisted by the P.Z.'s of the chapter. Comp. Burslem was again installed as First Principal, and Comp. M'Grath was also re-installed as H., and Comp. Biggs being placed in the chair of J. The following officers were invested: Comps. Jones, Scribe E.; Maybury, Scribe N.; S. D. M'Kellen, Principal Soj.; Thomason, 1st Asst. Soj.; A. Jacobson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Gillman, Treas.; G. Hunt, D.C.; F. Long, Org.; and W. Riddell, Janitor. A candidate who had been elected for exaltation was unable to be present, and after fraternal greetings had been offered by the visiting companions, the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to the dining room, where "The Health of the Newly-Installed Principals," and other Masonic toasts, were proposed and responded to.

INSTRUCTION.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. G. L. Moore, H. 169, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275, H.; Capt. R. J. Vincent, 1329, M.E.Z. 1777, J.; R. Voisey, P.Z., S.E. 1329, Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, S.E.; J. Addington, M.E.Z. elect 1275, S.N.; Meierhoff, A.S. elect 1275, P.S.; Powell, P.Z., J. D. Smith, and Oldfield.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of installation to the Third chair was rehearsed, Comp. Capt. Vincent personating candidate. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Powell 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, and Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adam's Lodge (No. 6).

—The installation meeting of this old lodge (which is the oldest in the province) was held on Tuesday, the 8th instant, at the Britannia Hotel, Mile Town. The brethren assembled, and the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Thomas H. Smith. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Smith vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Alexander Spears, P.G.D. and P.P.S.G.W., to perform the installation ceremony, as he had previously done for several years. Bro. John Bagshaw, P.M. and P.P. Asst. G. Sec., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. James Tower, P.P.G.M.O., to Bro. Spears, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and the customary declaration having been made, all the brethren below the rank of Installed Masters retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, the W.M. elect was duly obligated and the secrets communicated, and Bro. Thomas Smith invested as I.P.M. The Board of Installed Masters closed. The brethren were re-admitted, and they saluted the new W.M., who was then proclaimed in due form, and presented with the working tools, warrant, &c. The following brethren were then appointed to office and invested, viz.: Bros. Henry George Borman, S.W.; Marsh Pierson, J.W.; Charles M. Glaysher, M.O. and Org.; Charles Hallett, S.O.; William Matheson, J.O.; J. Phillips, S.D.; William J. Cole, J.D.; William T. Carpenter, P.M. and P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; A. Spears, P.M., &c., Sec.; John Bagshaw, P.M., &c., D.C.; Geo. T. Green, P.M. and P.P.G.M.O., and James Wotton, Stwds.; Joseph Outy, I.G.; and Joseph Akhurst, Tyler. The addresses were well delivered and applauded, and the remainder of the business quietly dispatched. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge closed.

A splendid banquet was served up under the personal superintendence of Bro. Green (who, as usual, was ever ready to please everyone), and he, with his respected mother, succeeded in giving such satisfaction as to cause the brethren to move a cordial vote of thanks to them both.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Before this agreeable evening was brought to a close, the W.M. expressed his sincere regret at the absence of several brethren through illness, among whom was Bro. E. J. Penney, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., when it was resolved that a letter should be sent expressing the sympathy of the brethren with them; and after the Tyler's toast the brethren separated.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when Bro. Bryce Craig was installed W.M., and invested the following as his officers, viz.: Bros. H. Hartley, S.W.; W. J. Harvey, J.W.; A. Cross, M.O.; J. Wakefield, S.O.; W. Robinson, J.O.; Rev. James Anderson, P.G.C., Chap.; Jas. Harper, Treas.; Geo. Dalrymple, Reg. and Sec.; J. Stout, S.D.; J. Lowrey, J.D.; J. Kitchin, I.G.; and J. Gordon, Tyler. There were also present Bros. J. Dickson, W. P. Moordaff, W. Swain, W. Walker, and others.

The ballot was taken for Bro. S. Lowrey, and proved favourable, and, being in attendance, he was advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M. The lodge was then closed.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D.).

—This old encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel on the 11th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights Col. S. H. Clerke, G. Sub-Prior of England (Hon. Mem.), in the chair; J. Dodson, E.C.; Capt. F. J. Stohwasser, 2nd Capt., E.C. elect; H. J. Lardner, Expert; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.C.G., P.E.C.; L. Steele, C. Slater, N. Prower, M.A., F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.C.; Maple, and Thomas. Among the visitors were Sir Knights F. Philbrick, Q.C., G.C., P.E.P., &c.; W. Ganz, G. Org., &c.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., E.P. 154; Roy, M.A., and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Auditors was then taken and adopted. The ballot was taken for Comps. Bell, J. H. Hawkins, and Quincey, and it proved to be unanimous, but from unavoidable circumstances they were prevented from attending. The Great Sub-Prior impressively installed Capt. Stohwasser as E.C., who appointed and invested his officers as follows: Sir Knights J. H. Dodson, Prelate; H. J. Lardner, 1st Capt.; Wood, 2nd Capt.; Paas, Treas.; Walls, Reg.; Sir Love-Jones Parry, Bart., Expert; Steele, C. of G.; C. Slater, Std. Br.; N. Prower, Std. Br.; Thomas, 1st Herald; Maple, 2nd Herald; and Rawles, Equerry. A Past Commander's jewel was presented to the I.P.E.C. Sir Knight Col. S. H. Clerke announced that a centenary jewel had been designed for those old preceptories who could claim to wear the distinction, and he hoped that the Mount Calvary (T.I.) would be able to establish their right to the same.

A vote of thanks was passed to the G.S.P. for his attendance and kindness in acting as Installing Officer. Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke having returned thanks, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Sir Knights R. H. Thrupp, G.R., P.E.P., &c.; F. Binckes, P.E.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; James Terry, A. Williams, P.E.C.; J. B. Glenn, P.E.C.; W. Kelly, J. Freer, Wood, and others. The resignation of Sir Knight R. Berridge, P.E.C., &c., was received with regret.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The usual toasts followed, and a most entertaining programme of music was furnished by Sir Knight W. Ganz and friends, the Grand Organist's rendering of "Home, sweet home" being loudly re-demanded.

The proceedings, which were throughout highly successful, terminated at an advanced hour.

MANCHESTER.—St. Joseph's Preceptory

(No. 9).—The regular annual meeting for the installation of E.C. for the ensuing year and appointment of officers was held on Friday evening, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when the following were present: Sir Knights E. Pike, P.E.C.; Jefferis Hughes, P.E.C.; F. W. Lean, P.E.C.; W. J. Cunliffe, Edwards, S. Warburton, Wilson, Hindley, Hunt, Gardner, W. H. Malkin, T. Southern, W. H. Southern, and others. The visitors were Sir Knights Clement N. Beswicke-Royds, V.E.P.G.C. Lancs.; Peter Royle, P.G.S.B.; J. H. P. Leresche, P.E.C.; and J. L. Vaughan, P.P. Reg. Cheshire.

After the usual formal business, the ballot was taken for Sir Knight J. Chadwick, P.E.C., P.G. Sec. E. Lancs., as a joining member, and declared unanimous. The ballot was also taken for Comp. W. Duncan, M.D., and also reported favourable, he being installed a knight of the Order by Sir Knight F. W. Lean, acting E.C., in a manner which elicited the warm approval of the sir knights. The V.E. P.G.C. then installed Sir Knight S. Warburton as E.C. for the ensuing year, the following being appointed as the officers: Sir Knights W. J. Cunliffe, Constable; J. Edwards, Marshal; J. Wilson, Sub-Marshal; E. Pike, Reg.; F. W. Lean, Treas.; C. Hindley, Almoner; W. H. Southern, Aide-de-Camp; and W. H. Malkin, S.B.

Sympathetic allusions were made to the death of the late Registrar, Sir Knight W. W. Dawson, P.E.C., whose long and faithful services to the encampment may be equalled, but not excelled.

The usual banquet followed.

The V.E.P.G.C. expressed his approval of the proceedings, and his pleasure at again being present at the annual meeting to install the E.C., and hearty good wishes for the continued prosperity of the preceptory.

Sir Knight Peter Royle, M.D., replied for "The Visitors" in his usual humorous manner.

Sir Knight J. H. P. Leresche stated that it was 23 years since he was E.C. of that preceptory, and was glad to see it had grown both in vigour and stature, and, from the way business was done, he had no doubt it would continue to do so.

Sir Knight J. L. Vaughan also responded.

After the other usual toasts, a very enjoyable evening terminated.

LIVERPOOL.—Jacques de Molay Encampment

(No. 36).—A meeting of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Friday, the 18th inst. The preceptory was opened by the E.C., Sir Knight Robt. W. Bourne, assisted by his officers. V.E. Sir Knight Clement Beswick Royds, Prov. G. Commander, and V.E. Sir Knight Charles James Banister, Prov. G. Commander of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed, were received under an arch of steel, and saluted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Sir Knight Robt. W. Bourne was re-elected E.C. Sir Knight Edward Pierpoint, P.E.C., was re-elected Treasurer. Business completed, the encampment was closed.

A priory of Malta was opened by the Prior, assisted by Sir Knights P. M. Hunter, S. G. Sinclair, T. A. R. Little-dale, T. C. Thorburn, B. W. Rowson, Edward Pierpoint, L. S. Winslow, Brown, Holbrook, Banister, Royds, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Sir Knight C. F. Bell, who was unanimously elected, being present, was installed into the Degree by the E. Prior, Sir Knight Robt. W. Bourne, assisted by Sir Knight Chas. J. Banister, as Prelate, and Sir Knight T. C. Thorburn, Marshal. Business over, the priory was closed.

The banquet was held at the Adelphi Hotel, under the

presidency of the E.C., having on his right V.E. Sir Knights Clement Beswick Royds, Prov. G. Commander; C. J. Banister, Prov. G. Commander of Northumberland; Sir Knights Edward Pierpoint, P.E.C.; B. W. Rowson, G. Std. Br. of Eng., P.E.C.; and on his left Sir Knights Patrick M. Hunter, P.E.C.; T. C. Thorburn, H. Holbrook, P.E.C.; C. F. Bell, and L. S. Winslow. The vice-chair was occupied by Sir Knight T. A. R. Little-dale.

The loyal toasts were duly proposed by the E.C., and honoured.

Sir Knight B. W. Rowson returned thanks for "The Grand Officers."

The E.C. proposed "The Healths of the V.E. Sir Knights C. J. Banister and Holbrook," "The Officers," "The P.E.C.'s," &c., all of which were duly honoured.

"The Health of the E.C., Sir Knight Robt. Bourne," was proposed by V.E. Sir Knight Chas. J. Banister with all the honours.

Sir Knight Clement B. Royds, Prov. G. Commander, was obliged to leave before dinner was over to catch his train.

A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

LEEDS.—Leodensis Chapter (No. 77).—This chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. The chapter was opened by the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. J. W. Fourness, assisted by his officers. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and Inspector General of the District, was received in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Letters and telegrams were received from brethren who were unable to attend. Ill. Bro. Banister was then invited to take the duties of installing the M.W.S. elect. The M.W.S. elect, E. and P. Bro. A. Hess, was presented by Ill. Bro. Richard Wilson, 30°, P.M.W.S., for installation, which ceremony was most impressively delivered by Ill. Bro. Banister. The M.W.S. then appointed his officers. The business of the chapter being completed, it was closed.

The banquet was all that could be desired, and presided over by the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. A. Hess, having on his right Ill. Bro. Banister; E. and P. Bro. Hy. Warwick, P.M.W.S.; and E. and P. Bro. Armitage, and others; and on his left Ill. Bro. Richard Wilson, 30°, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bro. J. D. Kay, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bro. J. W. Fourness, P.M.W.S.; and others. E. and P. Bro. W. J. Beck occupied the vice-chair. The Recorder, E. and P. Bro. Charles Letch Mason, was unable to stay for dinner.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

Ill. Bro. Banister, in responding to his health, which had been so kindly proposed and received by the brethren, gave the members some excellent advice, and then proposed "The Health of the M.W.S." with all honours.

The M.W.S. responded in a very neat speech.

Other toasts followed, and a very instructive and happy evening was spent.

JERSEY.—De Carteret Chapter (No. 108).—A

convocation of the members of this recently-formed chapter was held at the Masonic Temple on Friday, the 11th inst. On this occasion Bro. Captain Thomas Woodwright Lucas, of Lodge 877, was perfected, and Ill. Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, M.D., 31°, admitted as a joining member. Considering how very recently this chapter has been formed, Ill. Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret, M.W.S., is to be congratulated, not only on the excellent manner in which he conducted the various ceremonies of this interesting Degree, but also on the very able and intelligent support he received from his officers.

The establishment of a Rose Croix chapter has long been a desideratum in the Channel Islands, and the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite could not have acted more wisely or more judiciously than in entrusting the furtherance of their Order to the hands of so eminent and distinguished a Mason as the illustrious brother after whom the chapter is named. The career of the De Carteret Chapter promises to be an eminently successful one, under the guidance of its energetic founder.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The quarterly convocation was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Hall, 16A, Great Queen-street, W.C. There was a numerous attendance, including Frs. Dr. W. R. Woodman, IX°, S.M.; James Lewis Thomas, S.S.M.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.T.; R. Roy, P.M.T.; T. C. Walls, M.T.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, Hon. IX°, Sec.; S. L. MacGregor Mathers, 8°; Dr. Coffin, T. H. Tilton, Gregory, Graveley, Frye, Prower, and E. Macbean, York College.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were read from Em. Frs. Sir Francis Burdett, T. B. Whytehead, Chief Adept of York; F. G. Irwin, P.S.S.M.; E. H. Thiellay, and G. Lambert, J.S.M.

Bros. F. J. Bennett, N. Goodchild, H. Higgins, and A. Howell were admitted to the First Grade of Zelator in a masterly manner by R.W. Fra. Walls, the secrets being conferred by the S.M., and the lecture by R.W. Fra. Robt. Roy. R.W. Fra. John Collinson sent a most regretful letter, requesting the members to allow him to defer his year of office as their Ruler. R.W. Fra. Walls pointed out the advantages to be derived from electing a Master three months before the installation. The S.M. said that, failing Fra. Collinson, the mantle would naturally descend upon the Secretary by right of seniority, and he thought the best thing for the college was to get him installed, and hasten to the termination of his office, so as to be able to obtain his services once more as Secretary. The utmost regret at Fra. Collinson's determination was expressed by all.

R.W. Fra. Dr. Wynn Westcott then read a lecture on the "Fama Fraternitatis Rosæ Crucis," which was warmly received, and ordered to be printed in the annual report. The college was then closed.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, was in the President's chair; Bro. Henry Garrod, P.G.P., was in the chair of Senior Vice-President, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. James Brett; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied his appointed position. Among the brethren present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office; and the other brethren present were Bros. David D. Mercer, J. B. Grieve, Charles Dairy, G. P. Britten, Walter Hopekirk, George A. Cundy, W. P. Brown, Charles H. Driver, George Read, W. H. Perryman, C. H. Webb, Richard Croydon, W. R. Burnett, H. J. Chapman, W. F. Kibble, Geo. B. Chapman, W. J. Higgs, F. T. Ridpath, H. Massey, H. E. Frances, Philip Morrison, C. J. Hill, H. Cox, W. F. Nimmo, J. C. Filt, W. C. Claridge, B. Carter, J. Savage, S. H. Goldschmidt, Robert Jackson, J. J. Berry, Robert C. Voisey, Thos. Weeks, T. M. Bilby, John W. Ray, Charles Daniel, John Bindon, Robert Bacon Higham, John G. Rymcr, Samuel H. Parkhouse, George Abbott, F. J. Eedle, and Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The President announced that he had obtained the following statement, made out in Grand Secretary's office, that the brethren might see the position of the Fund of Benevolence:—

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Ten Years ended 31st December, 1888.

Year.	INCOME. Produced by Quarter- ly Meetings, from Home Lodges, Inter- ests on Invested Funds, Fees of Honour, &c.	EXPENDITURE. In monthly grants and in other ways to the R.M.S. Insti- tution.	ANNUAL DEFICIENCY.	Stock sold out to meet deficiencies from 31st December, 1888, to 31st December, 1888.
1879.	£8917	£9018	£101	
1880.	9270	10,021	751	
1881.	8961	10,603	1642	
1882.	9160	10,219	1059	3000
1883.	9178	9345	167	
1884.	9185	10,052	867	1000
1885.	9077	10,933	1856	2000
1886.	9189	11,333	2144	3000
1887.	9343	11,225	1882	
1888.	10,051	12,268	2217	3000
10.	£92,331	£105,017	£12,686	£12,000

Cash Account.

Dr.	Cr.
Amount of Deficien- cies 1878 to 1888 - £12,686	Stock Sold - £12,000
Investment in 1879 to make up £50,016	Due Board of Gen. Purps., Cash ad- vanced 31st Dec., 1888 - - - 1886
Consols - - 1200	
£13,886	£13,886

Stock remaining in Consols, 31st December, 1888 £38,016.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the December, 1888, meeting to the Grand Master to the amount of £340. On the new list there were 44 cases. These came from lodges in the London district, and Deal, Holyhead, Stoke-on-Trent, Morpeth, Ipswich, Wells, Hartlepool, Folkestone, Torquay, Malta, Gibraltar, Sheerness, Hampton Court, Harwich, Maldon, Shoreham, Coventry, Madras, Carlisle, Castlemaine (Victoria), Zante, New York, Deera (Bombay), and Stalybridge. In the course of a four hours' sitting, forty of these cases were relieved with a total sum of £1180; three were deferred, and one was dismissed. There were three recommendations to Grand Lodge of £100 each, and three of £50 each; five recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and five of £30 each; and eleven grants of £20 each, one of £15, ten of £10 each, and one of £5.

A GIFT TO THE MASONIC HALL AT LIVERPOOL.

An interesting event took place on Saturday afternoon, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, in the presence of the members of the Hall Committee, gathered together formally to receive from Major J. B. Morgan, C.E., a valuable organ, which he had kindly presented to and placed in the hall for the use of the brethren meeting there. Major Morgan, who is not a Freemason, had been led to make this handsome present by his appreciation of the philanthropic and benevolent efforts which he had seen in connection with the Order. The Committee also desired to present Major Morgan with an illuminated address of thanks for his kindness.

Bro. Robert Foote, P.M. 1505, P.G. Treas., occupied the chair, and Bro. A. D. Hesketh, P.M. 1182 the vice-chair.

The CHAIRMAN expressed the warmest thanks of the brethren for the kindness which had brought to them such a gift, and called upon Bro. J. T. Callow, Secretary of the Hall Committee, to read the address.

Bro. H. H. SMITH, P.M. 1505, as Chairman of the House Committee, having also expressed the thanks of that Committee, then formally handed over the organ to the Treasurer of the hall, Bro. J. P. H. Tyson, P.M. 1182.

The CHAIRMAN then presented an illuminated address to Major MORGAN, who acknowledged the gift, concluding by making a liberal donation to each of the three local Masonic Charities.

Afterwards a musical entertainment was given by the Childwall Quartet, consisting of Bros. Kirkham, Edwards, Bark, and Heggibottom.

ONSLow MARK LODGE, No. 361.

FAREWELL BANQUET TO THE EARL OF ONSLOW.

The regular meeting of the above Mark lodge was held on Tuesday at 33, Golden-square, Bro. the Earl of Euston, S.G.W., W.M., presiding. There were present on the occasion Bros. Col. A. H. Bircham, S.W.; Major J. H. L. Craigie, J.W.; A. H. Bowles, M.O.; H. M. Dunstan, J.O.; Rev. G. N. Palmer, Chap.; J. Inglis, Treas.; E. A. Moreing, Reg. of Mks.; Samuel Green, Sec.; G. F. Jones, J.O.; E. M. Jones, D.C.; and A. N. Edis, I.G.; D.P. Masters Bros. Philip A. Scratchley, Horace White, Frederic Davison, L. G. Gordon Robbins, Chas. Fletcher, S.W.; Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., J. D. Hains, S. Hamilton Cartwright, O. H. Pearson, P.G.W.; George Gumbleton, Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; Rev. Chas. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. East Anglia; C. H. Rodwell, P.P. G.W. Middx. and Surrey; Lloyd T. Unite, H. R. Cooper Smith, P.G.O.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; A. B. Cook, P.G.M.O.; Reginald J. Moore, P.G.O.; H. Massey, P.M. 22; and G. Austin, Tyler.

Jewels were presented to Bros. the Earl of Kintore, I.P.M., and L. G. Gordon Robbins, I.P. Deputy M. Afterwards Bro. William Robert Macauley, of the Craft Lodge No. 2000, was advanced to the Mark Degree. A special complimentary banquet was afterwards given at Limmer's Hotel, to Bro. the Earl of Onslow, K.C.M.G., P.G.W., first W.M. of the lodge, on his appointment as Governor of New Zealand.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON proposed "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M."

Bro. HORACE WHITE proposed "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., in reply, said he would not take up the time of the brethren by alluding to the services rendered by the distinguished brethren named in the toast, but the toast which had been just honoured represented in a very large degree that wisdom, that impartial justice, and that indefatigable perseverance which was the champion of the Mark Degree when it wanted champions. Now, thank goodness, the Mark Degree was in something of the position of Britannia—it needed no bulwarks. It was now on a par with every other Degree of England with the glorious exception of their great illustrious mother, the Grand Lodge of England. But still they could hope to go after her, to follow in her footsteps, and by doing so he hoped and trusted that the Grand Officers, Present and Past, would be not less indefatigable in doing their duty than the Grand Officers had been of years gone by.

Bro. F. DAVISON, P.G. Treas., replied to the toast of "Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx. and Surrey," and expressed Sir Francis Burdett's regret, as well as the regret of the other Prov. Grand Officers, that Sir Francis Burdett was unable to be present. He would, however, report to him what a pleasant meeting they had had that evening. He (Bro. Davison) was present when Bro. Lord Onslow was installed, and that day he was sure the brethren all joined with him, although welcoming his presence, in regretting his absence at a future meeting. They all hoped that Lord Onslow would have a very pleasant time in New Zealand, and regretting, as they would, his absence, they would all be delighted to welcome him back again.

The Earl of EUSTON next gave the toast of the evening, "The Earl of Onslow." He said they were in the first place to do their duty to the Onslow Lodge, and in the second place, as the Onslow Lodge, to bid a sort of farewell to Lord Onslow, who was about to go to foreign climes for a brief space of five years. That time would soon go by, and he was certain of one thing, that as Lord Onslow had marked well in the past among them in everything he had gone into, in every office he had held, having been selected to represent her Majesty in the government of New Zealand, he would leave his mark there, and God prosper him in everything he did. In drinking his health and saying good-bye to him, they were simply wishing him God speed for a very brief space, and he hoped everyone present would be alive at the end of the time—five or three years—when Lord Onslow appeared again in England; and when he did reappear, the Onslow Lodge would give him the same hearty welcome as they were now giving him God speed and good wishes. It was useless to go into further details of the absolute work Lord Onslow had done. The name of the lodge was enough for the brethren to know he was the founder and first Master, and that he had attended to the duties of that lodge and performed them in every way compatible with the services he had to render to his country. If all Masons who had nothing to do besides their Masonry did half as much as Lord Onslow had done, they would be a much stronger body of men.

The Earl of ONSLOW, in responding to the toast, said he hardly knew what words to use in returning thanks for the honour done to him. He thought the Onslow Lodge had already paid him the highest honour a lodge could pay to any man—viz., to call it after him. He had always felt a greater pride and a deeper interest in Mark Masonry since they had done him the honour to call the lodge the Onslow Lodge. He felt that they had not exhausted the good feeling and the brotherly love they had shown him; but they had crowned it by that meeting and the banquet that night. He could not say that in undertaking the duties he was about to assume he did so with feelings of unalloyed pleasure. They could readily perceive that there were many ties to be severed, and many matters to be uprooted, but among them all there was none which he felt more deeply than his temporary severance from his Masonic friends, United Grand Lodge, Grand Mark Lodge, and the Onslow Lodge. After all, it was but for a short period, for a few years passed speedily in this nineteenth century. He felt that he was going to undertake something which was exceptionally interesting; he was going out to see a great country—young, strong, and prosperous—a country which combined many diversified and conflicting elements—a country which was loyal to the backbone, which honoured the Queen, respected Freemasonry and Grand Lodge, and yet was more democratic even than democratic England, for, with all those curious combinations, it was a hater and abhorrer of the great principles of free trade. He thought that the study of all those curious combinations of feelings and circumstances was one which any one might be proud to take up. He felt not a little pleased to think that in the government of a great Australasian Colony he should not be far separated from one who had honoured him with far

greater distinction than he could pretend to in the Mastership of that lodge—viz., Lord Kintore—whose absence they all deplored that evening; but he thought it was an augury for the future of the empire that there were men who were willing to go away, and leave the pleasure and comforts of civilised life for a few years to see their great cousins on the other side—divorce themselves from those they loved best for the sake of promoting the welfare and happiness of the great empire. The brethren were, no doubt, aware that a considerable change had come over the spirit of Freemasonry in Australasia. It was not very long ago that for the first time one of the Australasian Colonies proposed to establish a Grand Master and a Grand Lodge of its own, while, with a spirit of Tory democracy, of which they had heard, but in which he could not say he entirely agreed, they believed it would be for the greatest usefulness of Freemasonry in Australia that they should be self sustained and cohesive. The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, who fully appreciated those matters, had not hesitated to declare that a closer union of hearts might be brought about by readily acknowledging the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and he hoped the Grand Lodge of Australasia and New South Wales might be recognised in other Colonies of Australasia. He could not help feeling that far away many thousands of miles he might be yet near. After all, many thousands of miles were not so far separated as people might think. It was not only true that a girdle had been put around the world in 40 minutes, but it was equally true that those who wished to go out to visit Australasia might do so in a very short space of time, and he only hoped that some of his good friends now around the table might go out while he was there, and he hoped they would call at Government House, Wellington, and if they did he could ensure them a hearty welcome. That which took Captain Cook four years to do could now be done four times in one year. He hoped that little obstacle of 24,000 miles would not be an obstacle in their way. But wherever he might go he had this consolation, that he should always find warm Masonic hearts who were willing to work with him, and to set aside all distinctions and differences in the one bond of Freemasonry. He should not easily forget those words which he had often heard pronounced before, but which he had never heard said so effectively and solemnly as by the W.M. that evening in his final charge, that wherever they might be they would always find among Mark Masons true friends.

Bro. L. G. GORDON ROBBINS, I.P.M., proposed "The Earl of Euston, W.M.," saying that all the brethren must feel they had a W.M. under whom they were proud to serve. They would all look back to his year of office as one of great happiness and cordiality, and great everything which could be produced by the rule of a courteous, kindly, and efficient Master.

The Earl of EUSTON thanked the brethren for acknowledging so kindly what he had done. He had done his best to go through the Degree that night. It was the first time he had performed the ceremony. He had been ably supported by his officers. As long as the lodge was worked so well by the officers, its prosperity was assured. But let them all work together, and let those who were not in office be guided and ruled by those who were, and accept from them the tenets, ruling, laws, constitutions, and by-laws, as they were written. And as they were written, so long as he was Master of the lodge to the utmost of his ability they should be carried out.

In giving "The Past Masters," the Earl of EUSTON said he hoped the interest the Past Masters took in the lodge would stimulate those who had not attained that grade. The Past Masters were of great assistance, and the brethren ought to be proud of them. He hoped all the brethren would stick to the ship. P.M. Gordon Robbins had done his best to make this farewell dinner to Lord Onslow a hearty welcome, he had succeeded admirably, and the thanks of all the brethren were due to him.

Bro. L. G. GORDON ROBBINS, I.P.M., responded, and hoped none of the P.M.'s would ever fall under the censure of the W.M. for neglecting the interests of the lodge. He looked forward with pleasure to doing anything in the future for the lodge, and in that, he felt sure, he should be supported by the other P.M.'s. It was with great regret Lord Kintore found himself unable to be present.

Bro. MACAULEY replied to the toast of "The Advancee," and said that his experience had taught him there was always something to learn.

Bro. HYDE CLARKE, Past G.M. of Turkey, replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said that occasion had been so interesting in itself that it did not give the opportunity for speaking. He, however, might say that as visitors they all felt under very great obligations to the lodge for the opportunity they had had of seeing the vitality of the Mark Degree in the application of its great principles. It had been a very great gratification indeed to everyone to see a distinguished member of that Degree—Lord Onslow—welcomed in such a way by a lodge of which he was the founder and of which he had been the administrator, and it must be an encouragement to all to persevere in their attachment to that Degree. For himself, he would simply say that he was at one time working in the East, and Sir Charles Warren contemplated having a Mark lodge in Egypt at a time when we were not there in the brilliant position that we were at present. Under our able management that Grand Lodge was doing a great deal of useful work in the promotion of Charity, and applying it to unfortunate brethren. With these few words the visitors begged to thank the lodge again for the opportunity of witnessing the proceedings of the day and the manner in which the ceremony was performed by the W.M., and joining in the greetings to Lord Onslow on his departure to a part of the world where Freemasonry might be said to flourish, because it was in the hearts of the brethren.

Bro. A. G. AUSTIN gave the Tyler's toast, and the proceedings ended.

Bro. Wilhelm Ganz in the course of the evening played "Home, sweet home," and before the brethren separated they sang "Auld Lang Syne."

A meeting of gentleman interested in Bro. Earl Percy's Foxhounds was held at Alnwick on Saturday last, in consequence of the noble Earl having notified his intention to resign the Mastership. The result was an agreement that the country should be divided between Messrs Saunderson and Selby, and a subscription list was at once opened.

LODGE OF SORROW—PILGRIM LODGE, No. 238.

The brethren of the above lodge held a Lodge of Sorrow on Thursday, the 10th inst., in memory of departed brethren, in which Bro. Dr. E. Wendt, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, and a great number of German and English Masons took part. The De Grey Room of Freemasons' Hall had been specially decorated for the occasion, the centre of the room being occupied by a magnificent catafalque, draped in black, and surrounded with palms and other exotics, the bust of the late Emperor Frederick, Grand Protector of German Freemasonry, being placed on a pedestal amidst flowers and ferns. The brethren entered the lodge room in solemn procession amidst the strains of an organ, played in a most masterly manner by Bro. W. Ganz, Past Grand Organist.

The W.M., Bro. C. SCHMIDT, after having opened the lodge in accordance with the ancient ritual of the Pilgrim Lodge, delivered the following charge: "Brethren, we have assembled here to-day to commemorate a solemn festival, which, by its deep earnestness, shows with striking perspicuity the moral quintessence and work of our royal art. Draped in black is our Temple—we celebrate the festival of the dead. We think of departed brethren, and remember the losses which our own lodge sustained during the past year, and by which losses we have been sorely and deeply moved and touched. The most careful review fails to reveal to us any other society or club which in an equal degree strives to fulfil the pathetic duty of warm-hearted piety—to show us any other association of men like the free Brotherhood, which demands of its members, after the day's toil and trouble, after the fatigues of profession and vocation, instead of indulging in well-merited relaxation and recreation, to assemble with congenial spirits away from home and home comforts, and to apply themselves to fresh labour: the preparing and smoothing the rough stone—the improvement of our own selves. And, during such labour, to think of that which most people rather dismiss from than entertain in their minds, viz., the thought of death. To this thought, my brethren, our meeting to-day is dedicated. But not to depress our hearts by its awfulness, but rather to liberate from such an impression, to conciliate, to befriend ourselves, with this thought of death. The unexpected, the sudden captivates our mind, causes horror and fear, while an event which we know positively and assuredly to come, which we look forward to happen, sooner or later, which we feel to be inevitable, and with which we have consequently made ourselves familiar, will be met by us composedly and calmly. Such composure, such calmness, in regard to death, is besides the remembrance of brethren who departed to the Eternal East, the main object of a Lodge of Sorrow, and I will call it the most important and, at the same time, the most instructive ceremony in Freemasonry. By it our Royal Art receives its veritable spiritual signature; by it the high principles of our Craft are most dearly and serenely demonstrated; by it we learn not only how to lead, but also to close life nobly and happily; by it we learn not only a never flinching, manly courage, but also a quiet submission to the mighty will of Nature's immutable law."

The W.M. then called upon the Orator of the lodge, Bro. O. HEHNER, who delivered the following speech to the memory of the exalted brother, his Majesty the late Emperor Frederick III.

"From heaven he came, on earth he dwelled, our heart is his grave."

W.M. and beloved brethren—More than six months have elapsed since the earth has closed over the best of the German nation. The funeral toll has ceased to reverberate, and signs of sorrow and of grief have vanished from the world outside, though yet the unhealed wounds still bleed in many hearts. To the heavy feeling of immense sorrow has followed the resignation in the inevitable, in the immutable will of that Power that is superior to all. But we Masons, to-day, return once more to our temple, in order to hallow a tear of brotherly love to the memory of the departed. In our hearts he lives, in our memory he remains, in a bright, never-fading light! We all know what Frederick the Third has been as a Warrior-hero, as one of the founders of German Unity, and as an Emperor. For it has been our good fortune to live in those great years, some of us have even helped in those great events, which will ever form one of the most brilliant chapters of the world's history. His life is so closely interwoven with our own, that his history may almost be called our history! The echo of the whole world records what he, the second Emperor of the Newborn German Empire, has been as an historical figure. To-day we honour in our halls the memory of the good man, the patient sufferer, the noble and true Mason. During the long, dark, and unhappy years through which the German people passed towards its destination as a great nation, as a "united people of brothers," the Crown Prince Frederick William filled the hearts of many who almost despaired of the future, with courage and hope, met the legitimate aspirations of our fathers with clear intelligence and benevolent impartiality. It was he who awakened trust into the future in all, regardless of party—and party spirit in those years ran higher almost than it does to-day—for all knew well his goodness of heart, his simplicity, his kindness, his interest in all that is good, true, and beautiful. A new era was to arise after the storms of many wars which had raged over our country had been followed by the sunshine of peaceful spring. The Crown Prince himself looked forward with pleasure and hope to that time. And at last, when Frederick the Third, standing in the shadow of death, for the first time addressed his nation as Emperor, he expressed his hope and trust upon the future in the following noble words: "I desire that the principle of religious toleration, which for centuries has been kept sacred by my house, may also in future equally protect all my subjects. Every one of them stands equally near to my heart. Not caring for the lustre of glorious and great deeds I shall be contented if, in later times it may be said of my reign, that it has been beneficial to my people, useful to my country, and a blessing to the Empire." Only a noble minded man could speak such words. But death, the inexorable, cut him off in the flower of his life. Whilst his noble manly figure still delighted the hearts of two nations, and his active mind still forged new plans for the future, the germ of death lay deep in him. Who can think of the long months during which he battled with the inevitable, of the terrible and anxious weeks through which we lived with him, without tears of pity and of pain rising to the eyes? Who can think of the mental agony which the departed must have suffered, when he

saw that the hope of long years, the fruit of his labours, would not be ripened, without feeling that infinitely bitterer than the bodily suffering must have been that of his mind—clear to the last. But no complaint was uttered by him. "Learn to suffer without complaining!" was his last advice to his son. How well these words characterise the man! "Suffer without complaining," whilst the last words of his illustrious father had been "I have no time to be tired;" the expression of the ever active warrior, those of the son are clearly the words of a truly Masonic thinker. A Mason must be born, he cannot be made by initiation in our Craft; and Frederick the Third was a Mason in his heart, throughout his whole life, even before he had beheld the Masonic light. On the day on which he obtained his majority he said to a deputation of his native town—"I am still very young, but I will endeavour to prepare myself, with earnestness and love, for my high calling, and I will strive to fulfil the hopes which the future will render into my duties." We all know well how truly he has fulfilled that promise. On November 5th, 1853, he was admitted to the Craft; he was then 22 years of age; his father, then Prince of Prussia, himself conducting the solemn ceremony. The newly-initiated Prince replied to the charge which was directed to him, "As long as I live I will be faithful to our Craft, provided always that the Craft remain faithful to its objects." After he had passed in the course of the next seven years through the higher and higher Degrees of Grand National Lodge, he was elected, in 1860, as Grand Master of the Order, and after the coronation of his father, as Deputy Protector of the Prussian Lodges. Immediately after this event he occupied himself with the labour of investigating the documents and deeds of the Grand National Lodge, in order to lift the mystery which surrounded the historical traditions of that lodge. The lodge claimed to date back their system to the 4th or 5th century; several documents of that early time were said to have been found in the twelfth century by Knight Templars, in Jerusalem, who had brought them subsequently to France, Scotland, and Sweden, whence the Berlin Lodge pretended to have received copies of the documents. But, in spite of all research, the Prince was not successful in tracing the documents of the lodge further back than into the middle of last century. Convinced of the incorrectness of the tradition, Crown Prince Frederick William therefore resigned, in 1864, the position as Grand Master of the Order, whilst retaining that as Master of the Order, and undiminished his interest in Freemasonry. The speech which he delivered on the occasion of the centenary celebration of the Grand National Lodge, in 1870, was of deep and far-reaching importance. It contained an expression of his Masonic creed—the result of his investigation concerning the origin and nature of the Masonic Brotherhood. He said: "You call me 'Most Sapient Grand Master,' and, as such, it is my duty to investigate our history. Whilst in past times we were willing to abide by authority and tradition, in our present days the researches of critical historians have become a great power, from which the most sacred tradition cannot be held to be independent. A number of brethren may be satisfied with authority and tradition; but an equal number of others require thorough and satisfactory proofs for the correctness of all that has been handed down to us. Honesty is never degrading. I therefore say, without hesitation, that in this respect many things are not so sure and clear in Freemasonry that we could dispel all possible doubts by means of historical proofs. It has, therefore, for many years past, been my endeavour to carefully and critically examine our historical documents, and to place them in thorough order. But, in spite of my zeal, my researches have not for the present been crowned with such success as would be desirable, considering that our Order places the symbol of light above everything, and that everything should be light and clear to us. If our traditions are confirmed, all doubts will vanish; if many parts have to be abandoned, the love of truth will give us the manly courage to sacrifice all which is untenable. Let us keep in future with all our might to the thought that Masonry is undivided; let every one abandon the vain idea that the whole and real truth belongs but to him alone, and that but he possesses the secret of the true Masonic ceremonies. We will guard our Order from the danger to magnify small and insignificant matters into essentials; to discuss subordinate ideas as if they were of foremost importance. Let us strive after unity, the several Grand Lodges feeling themselves as parts of one grand whole, mindful of their equal origin and their equal object. Yet is there life in the old and magnificent tree, and if properly cared for and properly nursed by faithful brethren, who will not be afraid when the dead leaves rustle to earth, because the young leaves are appearing, he may yet yield ripe and splendid fruit. Maya breath of spring pass over our Order on this, the beginning of a new century, and call forth new and vigorous life, which will be sure to be blessed with ample fruit." These plain words created an immense excitement in the German Masonic world, but although, in consequence, the German Grand Lodges combined to form one United German Grand Lodge, yet the exhortation of the Prince substantially remained unheeded in the quarters to which they were principally addressed. No reforms were contemplated, the old traditions were kept up, documents were not found or produced. The Crown Prince, therefore, in 1873, went to Sweden, on a visit to King Oscar, to himself search for the alleged original documents in the archives of the Swedish Grand Lodge. But he found none. In 1874, he therefore resigned his position as Grand Master of the Grand National Lodge, and only remained Deputy Protector of the Order. Nevertheless, he continued to his death to work in the direction he had so often pointed out. He said, in 1880, to the members of one of the lodges at Frankfurt, "Twenty-seven years have elapsed since I entered the Brotherhood; and I cannot deny, when I look back upon this quarter of a century of my Masonic life, that I have repented for one moment having become a Freemason. I have endeavoured to search out the truth, and I have helped many a brother to do so. We always remain apprentices in our art, even if we occupy the highest posts of honour." And later, in 1886, "Two principles guide us in our work, namely, freedom of thought and toleration." We all thought that we knew on the day of his death what we lost by the removal of such a man from among us. But we daily learn that the loss of our country, and of the whole world, has been a far greater and more unfortunate one than we had imagined. His ripe experience, his kindly sympathy, his truly Imperial nobility of thought—which deserved and obtained the recognition even of his

national antagonists—they are all gone, when they were sorely needed. But we are full of faith in the permanence of the fruits of his life and his example; we feel that the germs of thought which he has planted will spring up in hundreds of thousands of hearts, and will bring forth both bloom and fruit. We Masons, especially, have in him, though he be dead, an ever living model of all Masonic virtues, which we shall strive to obtain! Rest softly, thou great Master, thou good man, noble Knight, illustrious Monarch! As long as the blood courses through our hearts, thy memory will ennoble us all to the welfare of our Royal Art—nay, of the whole world. Everything decays; but truth, of which thou wast a faithful teacher, remaineth for ever. With sorrowful, yet grateful hearts we place the palm of peace, which none deserved more truly, upon thy bier.

The Deacons then advanced, and, during a heartfelt prayer of the W.M., scattered violets—the favourite flower of the deceased—upon the coffin.

Bro. C. SEVIN, P.M. of the lodge, then spoke, upon the command of the W.M., in terms of deep sympathy and feeling, in memory of Bro. G. Eves, P.M., one of the oldest brothers of the lodge.

Bro. C. KUPFERSCHMIDT, P.M., next gave a short sketch of the life of Bro. Joseph Julius Kanné, the late Director of the Queen's and the Royal Family's journeys, who was initiated in the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, the 23rd October, 1856, and joined the Pilgrim Lodge in November, 1881, and who was present at the initiation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in Sweden.

Bro. Dr. C. HARRER, P.M., in conclusion, paid a warm tribute to the memory of Bro. Martin Müller, for a number of years Deputy Organist of the Pilgrim Lodge.

The lodge was then solemnly closed, bringing a most touching and elevating ceremony to a close.

In slow procession, superintended by the Master of Ceremonies, Bro. Seifert, the brothers left the lodge room, amidst funeral music, carrying with them both sorrow and hope as a lesson of their labour.

Obituary.

BRO. RICHARD WHITE, P.P.G.S.B. HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., the mortal remains of Bro. Richard White, P.M. of the Sandgate Lodge, No. 1436, and P.P.G.S.B. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, were laid in their last resting place, in the presence of the brethren of his lodge and of many of the members of the Temple Lodge, No. 558, and of the Prince Edwin Lodge, No. 125, by whom the deceased was held in great esteem. The service was conducted by the Chaplain of the Sandgate Lodge, the Rev. Bro. Russell Wakefield, in a very impressive manner. Every mark of respect was shown to the memory of the departed brother, the followers numbering about 200, among whom were many members of the Local Board, to which deceased had belonged.

BRO. AUSTIN WARE.

We are extremely sorry to announce that Bro. J. Austin Ware expired suddenly, in Park-street, Bristol, recently, when walking to his home in Alma-road, after attending a meeting of Freemasons in the Masonic Hall. Bro. Ware, who was between 40 and 50 years of age, was well known in local cricket circles, for he was a most enthusiastic supporter of our national game, and in his younger days played a great deal for the Clifton Club, under the captaincy of Mr. Gooning. At the time of his death he was a member of the Committee of the Gloucestershire County Club, and most regularly attended the matches played by the team rendered so famous by the exploits of the Brothers Grace. In the acquirement of the County ground on Ashley Hill, near Bristol, he took great interest, and held shares in the company which was formed to purchase the land. Bro. Austin Ware was of a most charitable disposition, and he gave away much more than those who were best acquainted with him had any idea of. Some years ago he held the office of Master of the Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, Bristol, and on the occasion of the annual service at St. Stephen's church, while he occupied that position, the sermon was preached, we believe, by his brother-in-law, the Rev. Canon Mather, of St. Paul's, Clifton. The father of the deceased gentleman, a well-known personage in the city in his day, lived till he was over 90 years old, and Bro. Austin Ware often alluded to this fact, and frequently mentioned that many of his ancestors lived to an age much beyond that usually reached by ordinary individuals.

BRO. THOMAS FISHER, W.M. No. 192.

The members of the Lion and Lamb Lodge have sustained a severe loss in the death of their Worshipful Master, Bro. Thos. Fisher, which event took place on the morning of the 18th inst., at his country residence, Anerley. Deceased had been in failing health for some time past, but it was not thought the end was so near. Bro. Fisher was initiated in the above lodge in 1867, and was esteemed as a brother, who, from his honest, upright, and kind disposition, endeared himself to every member of the lodge. For many years our brother declined the repeated request to take office in the lodge, preferring to remain as a lay member, until a few years since, when, in deference to the wishes of the brethren, he was induced to accept the office of J.D., and was eventually elected to the high office of W.M., a post he filled up to the time of his death with honour to the lodge and credit to himself. Bro. Fisher was a staunch supporter of the Masonic and many other Charities, and one of his last acts in this direction was to represent his mother lodge at the Jubilee Festival of the Girls' School, to which he took a list of contributions equal, if not in excess of any before sent from the Lion and Lamb Lodge. Unfortunately, the state of his health did not permit him to enjoy the full advantage of his Stewardship, for on the day of the Festival he was, through illness, compelled to leave the building some time before the conclusion of the ceremony. The funeral of our deceased brother took place at West Ham Cemetery, on Thursday, at 2 o'clock, where a number of friends and brethren of the Lion and Lamb and Cripple-gate Lodges had assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to departed merit. Handsome floral wreaths were sent from the members of the Lion and Lamb and Cripple-gate Lodges, as well as from numerous friends.



Mr. Carl Rosa and Mr. Ernest Sedger are to be congratulated upon their latest London venture. A company called the English Light Opera Company have taken possession of the Prince of Wales's Theatre, and are playing a beautiful opera called "Paul Jones." The libretto of which is Mr. Farnie's, from the French, whilst the music is by Planquette, the composer of "Les Cloches de Corneville," "Rip Van Winkle," and "Nell Gwynne," this itself speaks volumes for the new London attraction. The music is exceedingly pretty, like all of this distinguished composer's, but there is another "big boom" connected with "Paul Jones," and that is the lady who plays the title rôle. Without ever being heard of in English circles, Miss Agnes Huntingdon has suddenly sprung upon the public, and just as eagerly accepted. The bookings from the first performance have been enormous, and without any doubt we can confidently predict a long run for this opera if Miss Huntingdon continues to appear. Whoever is responsible for bringing this young lady from America does himself great credit, and the music loving English public a great service. Her voice is one of the richest, sweetest, and most powerful we have ever heard, added to these charms the fair artiste possesses an excellent presence, and unlike many leading opera singers she can act well. Miss Phyllis Broughton eclipses all her previous efforts in her dancing, which is at all times original. Miss Wadman is such an old favourite, that we need say little more in her praise. Bro. Henry Ashley plays a comedy part, and Mr. Frank Wyatt, who has not enough to do, dances and sings with all his old éclat. We feel we have not done justice to "Paul Jones," but we had, owing to the big "draw," such an unfavourable position to see it, that we could not grasp all its fine qualities; and we may say to our readers that, unless seats are booked for the expensive parts of the house, or the patrons go very early for the pit, they will stand a small chance of getting in at all. We saw sufficient to know that "Paul Jones" is an opera which will grow upon one, and ought to be heard several times to appreciate it properly.

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It is sometimes said that the old English comedies are worn out, but when they are produced and acted as "Still Waters Run Deep," which Bro. Charles Wyndham has again placed on the boards of the Criterion Theatre, play-goers can have but one opinion which is that they are always fresh and worth going to see. Taking advantage of Mrs. Bernard Beere's freedom from an engagement Bro. Wyndham has done wisely and well in giving his patrons another opportunity of witnessing Tom Taylor's ever popular play. Old playgoers have seen it time and oft, but we suppose never has it been acted in such an exquisite manner as it now is. Unfortunately—owing to previous arrangements—this piece can only have a limited run. We are amongst those who regretted the lessee's disassociating himself from the style of acting he had for so long been the head and chief, for we always enjoyed an evening with those sparkling and witty plays, which for so many years appeared at the Criterion. But when Bro. Wyndham took the part of David Garrick, and so astonished even his most devoted disciples, the regret was most amply atoned for by his brilliant, pathetic acting. As Mildmay, in "Still Waters Run Deep," he again acts in that subdued tone which we admit we did not know he possessed. Mrs. Bernard Beere is the best Mrs. Steighold we have ever seen. The ladies of the audience have a double attraction in being able to go into raptures (perhaps also envy) at studying her costumes by Worth, which are believed to have cost a fabulous sum. Bro. Herbert Standing could not be excelled as the Captain Hawkesley, and Mr. Blakely's drollery adds very greatly to the charms of this not worn out play. It behoves theatrical folk to go and see the piece, not only on account of its splendid acting, but also because it is not likely they may have such an opportunity again.

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We have made our annual pilgrimage to the Old Surrey to witness its pantomime, and can say that we never enjoyed the good old-fashioned pantomime more than the present one "The Forty Thieves." Mr. George Conquest keeps up his reputation at this true home of pantomime for thoroughly comic business, he does not go in for costly productions, but we do not wish it here. The fun is of the old order, and, in the hands of the lessee and his capable staff—by crossing the river to Blackfriars-road—we can promise any visitor three hours hearty laughter at the Surrey Theatre.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

- BARNEY.—On the 20th inst., at Langrickville, Egbaston, the wife of T. Barney, of a daughter.
BROADBENT.—On the 19th inst., at Gatesgarth, Huddersfield, the wife of B. Broadbent, M.A., of a son.
RADCLIFFE.—On the 21st inst., at Derriord, Plymouth, the wife of P. C. C. Radcliffe, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- COWARD—MCBLAIN.—On the 17th inst., H. Coward, son of the late W. Coward, to Helen, daughter of the late Major J. McBlain, Scots Guards.
WOOD—HALL.—On the 17th inst., at Bristol, A. G. Wood, son of the late J. C. Wood, Esq., of Stanley Villa, Cambridge Park, Redland, Bristol, to Bertha Augusta, daughter of T. F. Hall, Esq., of Tor-Wood, Ellenborough Park, Weston-super-mare.

DEATHS.

- FISHER.—On the 18th inst., at the Royal Oak, Bro. A. T. Fisher, also of the Old Elephant Tavern, Fenchurch-street, aged 51 years.
WATTS.—On the 20th inst., at St. Germain's-road, Forest-hill, Ann, relict of the late G. Watts, of Birmingham, aged 87 years.



A full account of the installation meeting of the Star Chapter, at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday, 22nd instant, will appear in our next issue.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., Bro. Alfred Gill, S.W., W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of A. of Truth Mark Lodge, No. 137, Huddersfield, by Bro. J. Barker, W.M., P.M. 58, P.G.I. of W., and P.P.G.W. West Yorks.

In the report of the consecration of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, in our last week's issue, we inadvertently gave the wrong number of the lodge of which the esteemed first W.M., Bro. James Boulton, is a P.M. We gave it as No. 1066, it should have been No. 1056. Bro. Boulton is also a Past Master of No. 28, and is so well known among the brethren of the Metropolitan district, and has worked so hard for the formation of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, that we gladly correct the error above alluded to.

Lord Loughborough, son and heir of the Earl of Rosslyn, is dangerously ill, at Stamford. Lady Rosslyn, who was in London with her husband, has left town, in company with Sir Andrew Clark, to see her son.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place on Tuesday, February 12th, between Bro. H. B. Marshall, jun., only child of Bro. H. B. Marshall, J.P., C.C., and Miss Laura Siggs, daughter of Mr. George Siggs, of Redcross-street, Borough.

The first annual ball of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, will be held at the Hôtel Métropole, Whitehall Rooms, on Thursday, 14th February next. By special dispensation, brethren are to appear in Masonic Craft clothing. Tickets, including wines, spirits, and champagne supper—gentlemen, £1 10s.; ladies, £1 1s.; double tickets (to admit lady and gentleman) £2 5s.

On Monday afternoon, the Empress Frederick of Germany, accompanied by his Excellency the German Ambassador, visited the German Hospital at Dalston, and after having been conducted over the various wards, was pleased to express her satisfaction with the arrangements, and promised to present a portrait of the late Emperor Frederick to the institution.

Bro. Lord Wantage has presented between 80 and 90 of the labourers employed on his home farms at Ardington and Lockinge with £2 each, as a bonus on the profits made on them during the year ending Michaelmas last. The men selected for the gift had been in his lordship's employ for two years and upwards.

The Prince and Princess of Wales left Marlborough House, on Tuesday, on their visit to Yorkshire, and were met on their arrival at the Richmond Station by Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland, by whom they were conducted to Aske Hall, where their Royal Highnesses were to remain as the guests of his lordship. The town of Richmond was brilliantly illuminated in honour of the visit, and the Royal pair were enthusiastically cheered by the crowds which had assembled along the line of route. The Prince and Princess visited the town on Wednesday, and the day following his Royal Highness and his host had a day's shooting.

A meeting of the West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons has been summoned for Tuesday next at Doncaster, by command of Bro. Charles Letch Mason, P.G.M., at 2.30 p.m., to consecrate a new lodge to be called the Danum Lodge, No. 398. The ceremony of consecration will be performed by the Prov. G.M.; assisted by Bros. the Earl of Euston, S.G.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Sec. Mark Benevolent Fund; Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.G.C., D.P.G.M.; Chas. H. Driver, G.M.O.; Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O., G. Dir. of Cers.; B. R. Bryant, P.G. Std. Br.; and the Prov. Grand Officers of West Yorkshire. The ceremony of installation will be given by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. A banquet will take place after the ceremony.

MASONIC CONCERT IN DUBLIN.—On Saturday, the 19th inst., an attractive and successful concert was given under the auspices of the St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 250, in the Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, in aid of the funds of the Masonic Orphan Schools. The G. Master of Ireland and the Duchess of Abercorn were present. After the concert, the various apartments of the hall were thrown open for visitors. As a musical entertainment the concert was admirably organised, and the services of the best qualified artistes in the city were obtained. Dr. Joze, Grand Organist, conducted, and Sir Robt. Stewart presided at the organ.

The first volume of the "Carisbrooke Library," of which Professor Henry Morley is the Editor, and which takes its name from the Editor's country house, is to be Swift's "Tale of a Tub," and other selections from the same author. The succeeding volume will be John Gower's "Tales of the Seven Deadly Sins." The English classics have no lack of readers at the present time, if one may judge from the large number of editions continually in course of publication.

The nomination of candidates to fill the vacancy caused on the Bench of Aldermen for the City of London by the death of Sir T. S. Ouden, Alderman of the Ward of Bishopsgate, took place at the Bishopsgate Schoolroom, St. Botolph's Churchyard, on Monday, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, when Bro. Ex-Sheriff Major Davies and Mr. Henry Clarke were nominated. The poll took place on Tuesday, with the result that Bro. Ex-Sheriff Davies was elected by 508 votes to 419 cast for Mr. Clarke.

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The W.M. Elect of the Upton Lodge of Instruction is Bro. Toye, S.W. The meetings of the lodge take place at the Three Nuns, Aldgate.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., left town for the South of France on Saturday last, and will remain abroad until the meeting of Parliament.

Bro. Baron H. De Worms, M.P., will address a meeting of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce on February the 6th, on the subject of Commercial and Colonial Affairs, and two days later he will address his constituents in the same city.

Bro. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., M.P., will preside at the Second Annual Dinner of Devonians in London, to be held at the Criterion, on the 2nd March next.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., was to have addressed a meeting at Brighton on Monday evening, but news was received from Monte Carlo that while playing at Lawn Tennis there he ruptured a tendon of one of his legs, and has been ordered to days' rest.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—The Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., will, with a deputation from the Grand Lodge, make a grand visitation to the Lodge Journeymen, No. 8, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 7th February, being the date of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

It is understood that the Queen and Court will leave Osborne for Windsor Castle on the 15th February. Her Majesty will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, the 26th February, and will leave England for Biarritz on the 4th March, for a sojourn of a few weeks.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales left Sandringham for the purpose of rejoining his regiment (the 10th Hussars), at York, on Monday. His Royal Highness has consented to preside at the 83rd anniversary festival of the Society of Foreigners in Distress, to be held at the Hôtel Métropole on the 2nd March.

Several brethren having expressed their desire that a Council of the Order of the Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, should be opened in connection with the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire, it has been arranged to have the same consecrated at Leeds, on Monday, January 28th at 4.30, when Lord Euston and several members of the Grand Council will attend.

The Prince of Wales has presented a massive silver challenge cup to the Cromer Golf Club, the members of which have passed a resolution of thanks to his Royal Highness for his kindness.

The Commissioners of Sewers gave their annual banquet at Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday evening. Bro. W. H. Pannell, Chairman of the Commission, presided, and among the principal guests were Bros. the Lord Mayor, Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Alderman Davis, Sheriff Newton, Alderman Sir H. Isaacs, Alderman Cowan, Sir John B. Monckton, Deputy Beard, Major Rose-Innes, and Major Josephs.

The Empress Frederick returned to Osborne on Wednesday, from her visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales. Her Majesty's passage through Portsmouth, where she was received at the Dockyard by the naval and military commanders, was with the strictest privacy. The Empress crossed to the Isle of Wight in the Royal yacht Alberta.

The establishment of a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was inaugurated on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, by Bro. C. Spence-Bate, D.P.G.M.M.M. of Devon, assisted by Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st, P.G.C. Eng., and Bro. E. Aitken Davies, P.C.N. 55. Bro. J. Lane, 18th, P.S.G.D. Eng., was duly installed as the first W.C.N. of the lodge, and he appointed the following as officers: Bros. J. Chapman, J.; J. Dodge, S.; T. Prust, Scribe; W. Taylor, S.D.; T. J. Crossman, J.D.; H. Wills, D.C.; T. Brooks, Org.; T. Beckett, Stwd.; and J. Taylor and J. E. Newton, Guards.

The funeral of the late Bro. J. Whitehead, who was a P.M. of St. Luke's Lodge, P.Z. of St. Luke's Royal Arch Chapter, and who for nearly 40 years was a member of the Royal Albert Court of Foresters, No. 2332, of which he was a P.C.R., took place on Saturday afternoon, and was attended by numerous friends and representatives of the various Orders to which he belonged. Leaving his late residence, Cobbold-street, the funeral cortege, preceded by the Freemasons and Foresters, walked to the Cemetery, where the funeral service was impressively read by the Rev. W. J. Garrould, of St. Michael's. Two wreaths were on the coffin, one from St. Luke's Lodge, and one from Mr. Kerry and family.

ROYAL PRINCESS'S THEATRE.—Miss Grace Hawthorne, the lessee of this popular theatre, is slowly recovering her health, and there is now every reason to hope that she will be able, in the course of a few weeks, to join Mr. Wilson Barrett in the cast of "Now-a-Days," at daily matinees. New scenery is being specially painted, and new costumes made, for the production of "Hamlet" on Monday, the 28th inst., the booking for which already exceeds the expectations of the management. "Hands Across the Sea" continues to draw crowded houses. On Saturday last this immense house was packed from the floor to the ceiling. The Free List is entirely and absolutely suspended this week; and we are asked to add that the management can make no exception to this decision whatever.

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The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by Major-General Sir C. Teesdale, and Bro. Sir F. Knollys, arrived at Marlborough House from Sandringham, on Monday.

Bro. the Earl of Limerick will probably succeed Bro. Lord Kintore as Conservative Whip in the Upper House.

Lady Campbell, of Blythswood, has flung herself into the middle of the task of raising £10,000 for the extended scheme of Masonic benevolence, and if she can't do it, no one else need try.—*Glasgow Evening News.*

Lord Onslow will, it seems, have to go through a good many farewell functions before he leaves for New Zealand three weeks hence. The Surrey Freemasons have organised two banquets in his honour, and the Beefsteak Club contemplates entertaining him at a Sunday evening dinner.—*The World.*

The visit of the Duke of Connaught to the Nizam of Hyderabad, which had been postponed in consequence of his Royal Highness having sustained a sprain, was arranged to take place on the 23rd inst., and according to all accounts great preparations had been made for the reception of the Duke.

The anniversary of the Lodge of Repose was held at Derby on Thursday, the 17th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. John Ryley was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year.

In response to an appeal by Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead for funds for the Royal Agricultural Society's Show at Windsor in the month of June, the Alliance Insurance Company have contributed £100; the Phoenix Fire Office £52 10s.; the London and Westminster Bank £105; and the Merchant Taylors' Company £52 10s.

On Sunday night last at Colchester Miss Mary Henniker, a relative of Bro. Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Suffolk, accidentally set herself on fire, and was so severely burned that she succumbed the following day.

Bro. the Earl of Kintore, who has been appointed Governor of South Australia, arrived in town during the latter part of last week, and will leave England to take up his appointment on the 1st March. The Countess of Kintore and Lord Inverurie will accompany his lordship.

Bros. Col. Edis, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Augustus Harris, H. W. Lawson, M.P., and Col. Hughes, M.P., are among those who have been returned members of the London County Council.

At the meeting of Moira Lodge, No. 92, on Tuesday, ten guineas was voted from the funds to the Gould Testimonial.

The Queen has appointed Bro. the Earl of Limerick Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard in place of Bro. the Earl of Kintore.

On the occasion of re-opening the Southport Conservative Club, on Tuesday last, the Hon. G. N. Curzon, M.P., was presented with a key, which was of solid silver and of chaste design, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, goldsmith, of London, and will prove an artistic souvenir of the day's ceremony. The wards bore the inscription: "Presented to the Hon. G. N. Curzon, M.P., on the occasion of the re-opening of the Southport Conservative Club, 22nd January, 1889." On one side of the handle were richly enamelled the arms of the borough of Southport, and on the reverse those of the Curzon family, with the motto, "Let Curzon holde what Curzon holde."

Bro. Lord Magheramorne presided at the weekly meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works on the 18th instant, when two members who had been defeated in their candidature for the London County Council, resigned their seats at the Board.

The annual Cinderella ball of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel to-day (Friday).

Under the presidency of Mr. F. J. W. Hutton, the members of the "Old Masonians" Society held a social gathering, on Wednesday, at Anderson's.

A grand concert and conversation in aid of the Masonic Orphan Schools was held, under the auspices of St. Cecilia Lodge, in the Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday evening, the 19th instant. The concert was under distinguished patronage, and the list of vocalists and instrumentalists was as strong as the best local talent can make it. Dr. Joze conducted, and Sir Robert Stewart presided at the organ.

On Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., a concert was given in the Orange Hall, Carleton-street, Portadown, in aid of the Masonic Charities. When the concert commenced the hall was filled to overflowing by a large and appreciative audience. The artists engaged were Miss Rennie, Miss Nicholson, Miss Marks, Miss Maude Marks, Mrs. Taylor, and Messrs. Alderdice, Nelson, Dempster, Hinde (Belfast), Dr. Marks, and Captain O'Brien. All the performers acquitted themselves in capital style, and the concert on the whole was a great success.

The concert at St. James's Hall, which had been initiated for the benefit of the late John Luck's sisters by Mr. Sims Reeves, took place on Monday evening, and, to judge from the crowded state of the Hall in every part, will have proved successful in the purpose for which it was held. The promoter was unfortunately prevented, by illness, from attending, but the programme was an excellent one, and excellently rendered, the audience being enthusiastic in their reception of the various artists who contributed to the entertainment.

An interesting Masonic festival was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at Crowle, and there was present one of the largest "reserve" audiences seen in the hall for years past. The performers were all Crowle favourites, and every one was redemanded over and over again. They comprised Madame Armitage, Miss V. Beaumont, and Messrs. P. Priestly, C. Blagbro, and W. Kingdon. The hall had been prepared for the occasion and ferns, plants, pictures, flags, &c., made it have an inviting and cheery look. The brethren at this season throw their whole interest and energies into the business of making the concert successful, as it is for a Masonic charitable purpose. A very select company assembled about eleven p.m., to the number of about seventy, and entered with spirit into the dances to the strains of the band.

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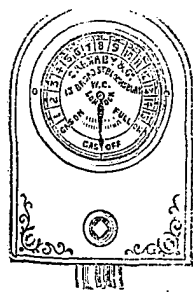
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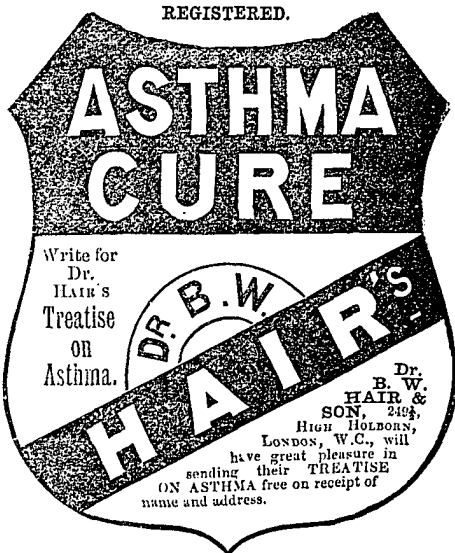
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For the week ending Saturday, February 2, 1889.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12.

CRAFT LODGE.

1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H. Tavern, Coleman-street, E.C.
 LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28.

CRAFT LODGES.

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's, Rooms, St. James's.
 28, Old King's Arms, Albion Tavern.
 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 902, Burgogne, Anderton's Hotel.
 905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
 1632, Stuart, Bridge House Hotel.
 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Godolphin-road, W.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.

MARK LODGES.

4, Prince of Wales, 8A, Red Lion-square.

RED CROSS.

2, Plantaganet, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.

CRAFT LODGE.

141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30.

CRAFT LODGES.

898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.

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.
 Londonborough, 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 CHAPTERS.

13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

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

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, at 6.30.
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creation, Wheatheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
 Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30.
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, at 8.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
 Leopold, Blackwall Railway Hotel, 7, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 7.
 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-rd., at 8.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.
 Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, at 8.
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
 Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
 Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, at 7.30.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

CRAFT LODGES.

11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich.
 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
 1480, Marquis of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
 1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
 2233, Old Westminster's, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.
 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.M.s.), 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, New 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-st., Greenwich, 8.
 Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
 Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.
 Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

MARK LODGE.

8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
 1574, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, February 2, 1889.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28.

CRAFT LODGES.

43, St. Paul's, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 48, Industry, Masonic Hall, Gateshead.
 353, Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Burton-on-Trent.
 491, Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, Jersey.
 699, Boscawen, Masonic Hall, Chacewater, Cornwall.
 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 1752, Ogmores, Wyndham Arms Hotel, Bridgend, Glamorgan.
 1091, Agricola, Masonic Rooms, Castlegate, York.
 2068, Portsmouth, Temperance Soldiers' Institute, High-street, Portsmouth.
 2131, Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire.
 2257, Powell, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham, at 7.
 184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, 7.30.
 213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
 292, Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
 315, Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 8.30.
 378, Loyal Welsh, M.H., Queen-street, Pembroke Dock, at 7.30.
 382, Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.
 429, Royal Navy, Shipwrights' Arms, Ramsgate, at 8.
 521, Truth, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, at 8.
 962, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-sq., Workington, at 8.
 1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, at 8.
 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 7.
 1221, Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
 1424, Brownrigg, King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, Kent, 7.30.
 1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter's-place, Canterbury, at 8.
 1530, United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
 1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Alford, at 8.
 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, 8.
 1692, Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30.
 1776, Unity, F.M.H., 79, Commercial-road, Landport, at 7.
 1799, Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, at 8.
 1802, Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford, Notts.
 1804, Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
 1981, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park-road, Norbiton, at 8.
 2134, Wilberforce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

189, Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, Devon.
 210, Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 241, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 264, Nelson of the Nile, Masonic Hall, Park-road, Batley.
 310, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
 395, Guys, Crown Hotel, Leamington.
 458, Aire and Calder, Masonic Rooms, Boothferry-road, Goole.
 889, Dobie, Griffin's Hotel, Kingston, Surrey.
 941, De Tabley, Royal George Hotel, Kintford.
 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
 1222, Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare.
 1237, Enfield, George Hotel, Enfield.
 1852, Forest, Town Hall, Mansfield, Notts.
 1909, Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.

MARK LODGES.

64, St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport
 143, Preston, Bull Hotel, Preston, Lancashire.
 177, Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
 245, Leopold, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading.
 317, Yonell, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.

CRAFT LODGES.

299, Emulation, Bull Inn, Dartford.
 310, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
 597, St. Cybi, Masonic Hall, Holyhead.
 1358, Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton, Devon.
 1479, Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
 1566, Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead.
 1636, St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 1650, Rose of Raby, Scarth Memorial Hall, Staindrop, Durham.
 1779, Ivanhoe, Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 1896, Audley, Victoria Hotel, Newport, Salop.
 1942, Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton, Staffordshire.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

119, Sun, Square, and Compasses, F.M.H., Whitehaven, at 7.30.
 127, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate, at 8.30.
 241, Merchants, Masonic Temple, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool, 6.30.
 264, Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley, at 7.30.
 371, Perseverance, F.M.H., Englefield-street, Maryport, at 8.
 448, St. James's, St. John's-place, Halifax, at 8.
 463, East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45.
 581, Faith, Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross, Manchester.
 591, Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, at 8.
 603, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Cleekeaton, Yorkshire, at 7.
 855, Sympathy, Swan Hotel, Wootton-under-Edge, at 7.30.
 974, Pentalpha, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, at 6.30.
 1119, St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Grange-road, Jarrow, at 8.
 1237, Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
 1358, Torbay, Temperance Hall, Paignton.
 1390, Whitwell, M.H., Salthouse-road, Millom, Cumberland.
 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 1598, Leyspring, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.
 1618, Handyside, Queen's Hotel, Saitburn-y-Ser.
 1638, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 1783, Albert Edward, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, 8.
 1837, Lullingstone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Dartford.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

47, Abbey, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.
 94, De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen-st., Cumberland.
 124, Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
 418, Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley.
 1007, Charnwood, Bull's Head Hotel, Loughboro'.

MARK LODGES.

243, St. Ethelbert, Green Dragon Hotel, Broad-st., Hereford.
 348, Fidelity and Unanimity, M.H., The Crescent, Taunton.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30.

CRAFT LODGES.

76, Economy, Masonic Hall, Winchester.
 321, Unity, Crewe Arms, Crewe, Cheshire.
 439, Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley, Yorkshire.
 540, Stuart, Swan Hotel, Bedford.
 1283, Ryburn, M.H., Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge, Yorks.
 1775, Leopold, Commercial Hot., Church, near Accrington, Lancs.
 1959, Stirling, Market Hall, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.
 2186, Strigill, Masonic Hall, Nelson-street, Chepstow, Mon.

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.
 298, Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Drake-street, Rochdale, at 8.
 439, Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Fleece Inn, Main-st., Bingley, 7.
 464, Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, at 7.30.
 551, Yarborough, Masonic Hall, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.
 851, Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
 972, St. Augustine, Masonic Temple, Canterbury, at 8.30.
 1085, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
 1601, Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
 2099, Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay, at 8.
 2206, Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
 2266, Cator, Railway Hotel, Beckenham, at 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

121, Holy Mount, Masonic Hall, Penzance.
 1073, Greta, Keswick Hotel, Keswick.

MARK LODGES.

24, Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale.
 235, Leopold, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

34, Ivor Hael, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31.

CRAFT LODGES.

111, Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington.
 129, Union, Masonic Rooms, St. George's Hall, Kendal.
 286, Samaritan, Green Man, Bacup, Lancashire.
 636, Lodge de Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.