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The Approaching Festival of the R.M.B.I. We are pleased to be able to record that Bro. TERRY has been making further satisfactory progress in strengthening his Board of Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Wednesday, the 27th instant, and that already some 320 brethren have volunteered their services for the occasion. On the other hand, the Report we publish elsewhere of the proceedings of the Committee of Management, on Wednesday, makes it clear that further assistance is needed if the solid phalanx of annuitants is to be reduced to within a modest compass. As matters now stand, only 17 men annuitants—14 immediate, and three deferred—can be elected in May next, from the list of 62 candidates; and no more than 10 widow annuitants—seven immediate, and three deferred—from the list of 81 candidates. We trust the brethren generally will note these figures carefully, and by their subscriptions, on the 27th instant, justify the Committee in further reducing, if possible, the number of those who must be unsuccessful at the next election, and who will, consequently, be compelled to remain in their present hopeless state of poverty for at least another 12 months.

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The Masonic Libel Case. We have received several letters on the subject of the "Masonic Libel Case" which was heard at the Bow Street Police Court on Saturday last, and in which Bro. M. SPIEGEL, P.M., lately a member of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, appeared in answer to a summons charging him with having libelled Bro. LAZARUS, a P.M. and Secretary of the same lodge. We must, however, remind the brethren who have favoured us with these communications that, as Mr. BRIDGE, the presiding magistrate on the occasion, has seen proper to remit the case for trial to the Central Criminal Court, even if we had any desire to offer any suggestions as to the circumstances which have brought about this action on the part of Bro. LAZARUS, it would be a grave dereliction of duty on our part to do so while the trial is pending. We quite agree with those who suggest that it is a scandal that a means was not found of preventing the case, which concerns the conduct of one Mason towards a brother Mason and member of the same lodge, from appearing in the law courts. Unfortunately, all regrets on this score are unavailing now that it has so appeared, nor does it occur to us that it would be possible or proper for the Board of General Purposes—the Masonic tribunal by which all disputes between brethren should be settled—to intervene at this stage of the proceedings. The magistrate, when appealed to by the defendant's counsel to adjourn the matter on the ground that a *prima facie* case had not been made out, is reported to have said that "the evidence was conclusive if true, and he could not conceive any jury saying it was not a libel." He therefore committed the defendant for trial, and if our Board of General Purposes stepped in with a view to preventing the case going any further, it might happen to find itself in a very awkward predicament. We see no objection, however, to our stating, on the authority of Bro. SPIEGEL himself, that he was not expelled—Grand Lodge alone possessing the power of expelling a Mason—or even excluded from the Joppa Lodge, but that he resigned of his own free will and accord. Moreover, it seems, from Bro. SPIEGEL'S letter of explanation, that the initial differences out of which the present case has arisen have already been referred to and decided upon by the Board of General Purposes. Under these circumstances, the only course is to leave the case to be carried to its legitimate conclusion.

French Freemasonry. It is evident that Bro. the Earl of CARNARVON was quite right when he remarked in his speech at the installation of the Prince of WALES as Grand Master, that while the Craft in England was scrupulously careful to prevent anything and everything in the way of religious or political discussion taking place in our lodges, he was afraid the same could not be said of the brethren in many Continental countries, and that in the case of some of them there was fair ground for believing that men who happened to be Masons were not slow to avail themselves of the Masonic organisation in order to advance their own particular religious or political opinions. An illustration of the justice of his lordship's remarks was afforded the other day in Paris, when the members of a lodge, which rejoices in the name of La Loge de la République Démocratique, made the proposed initiation of a certain M. LALOU, who is a staunch supporter of General BOULANGER, the occasion for a violent anti-BOULANGIST demonstration within the sacred precincts of the lodge. The candidate did not present himself, but the demonstration was made notwithstanding, and when the Venerable or W. Master threatened to close the lodge if order were not restored, the anti-BOULANGISTS became still more violent, and the Master hastily declared the lodge closed, and fled. Still more disgraceful violence ensued, and possibly a battle "royal" might have followed among the brethren of this democratic-republican lodge, but some inspired individual turned off the gas, and the scene, perforce, came to an end. It is needless to say that the circumstances, as we have described them, have nothing whatever to do with Masonry, or Masonry as we understand and practise it, and as it is understood and practised by the bulk of the Fraternity. Such a scene would have been impossible in any lodge in the British Empire or the United States, where the necessity of keeping the Craft clear of political or religious controversy is recognised and observed; nor do we imagine it would be possible in countries like Sweden and Norway, Denmark, and wherever else the genuine principles of Freemasonry are understood. Indeed, one of the chief objects which the founders of the modern or speculative system of Freemasonry had in view when they set up the English Grand Lodge of 1717, was to provide a neutral ground on which people of every religious and political creed might meet and enjoy each other's society, and by so doing learn to appreciate and respect each other; and to enable this to be done, it was determined that nothing in the shape of political or religious controversy should be allowed within the precincts of the tyled lodge. At the time our Grand Lodge was founded, the necessity for some such provision as this was apparent, if men of opposite political parties were to be brought to meet at all. There was great bitterness of feeling, approaching almost to the verge of hatred, between the partisans of the rival dynasties of HANOVER and STUART. Only two years before the famous meeting of the Four Old Lodges, which led to the installation of ANTHONY SAYER as Grand Master of England, the rebellion known as that of the Old Pretender had been violently suppressed by the armed forces of GEORGE I., but the STUARTS had still many partisans left, and the spirit which prevailed between them and the supporters of the KING was not likely to have been made less rancorous by the blood that had been shed on the battle-field and the scaffold. Yet even in those days our lodges were kept free and unpolluted by personal animosity and political partisanship. So it was in 1745-6, when the second Jacobite rebellion broke out and was suppressed with similar violence and bloodshed, and so it has been since, both here and among all English-speaking peoples—no matter how extreme the political and religious rivalries of the day may have been, the Masons' lodge has always remained secure from their violence. In France and elsewhere, however, it has been otherwise, and the recent occurrence in a French lodge is the more to be regretted, because, since 1877, a gulf impassable has been placed between the Grand Orient and our Grand Lodge, in consequence of the act of the former in eliminating from its Book of Constitutions the article requiring all Freemasons to avow their faith in the existence of a Supreme Being and the doctrine of a future state. It is to be regretted on the further ground that this introduction at a lodge meeting of the BOULANGIST and anti-BOULANGIST political rancour will strengthen the hands of the enemies of Freemasonry all the world over, who are never weary of vilifying Masons and their principles as being diametrically opposed to the maintenance of religious, political, and social order. They will assert, and with this experience of what passes in a French lodge we cannot deny they will have some grounds for asserting, that a meeting of Masons is merely a political meeting in disguise, and that it is the first duty of all governments to suppress with a strong hand the body or bodies which may at any time be influenced to set themselves in opposition to their authority. If the Grand Orient of France is actuated by true wisdom, it will order La Loge de la République Démocratique to be struck off its Roll of Lodges for its recent disgraceful misconduct.

## THE DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

## INSTALLATION OF BRO. ADMIRAL SIR E. A. INGLEFIELD AS W.M.

The installation meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, was held on Tuesday last. The lodge was formally opened by the W.M. shortly after three o'clock, when the Grand Saloon was well filled by a thoroughly representative gathering of Masons. The Grand Officers entered in procession, marshalled by Bro. Jas. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br., who efficiently acted as D.C. (assisted by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.) throughout the ceremonials, and under their guidance they were saluted in Masonic form.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the SECRETARY, and confirmed, and the Audit Report, showing a balance of £142 17s. 8d. to the credit of the lodge fund, was received and adopted.

The W.M. then asked Bro. Thos. Fenn, Pres. Board of Gen. Purps., and Bro. Robt. Grey, Pres. Board of Benevolence, to assume the S.W. and J.W. chairs respectively, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., then took the chair, by permission of the W.M., and the installation ceremony was commenced by the presentation of Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B., D.C.L., as the W.M. elect.

A very numerous attended Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield was impressively installed into the chair according to ancient custom.

The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Sir John E. Gorst, O.C., M.P., I.P.M.; Alderman Sir Henry Isaacs, S.W.; James Fernandez, J.W.; J. S. Fleming, Treas.; A. M. Broadley, P.M., P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Sec.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Chap.; S. B. Bancroft, S.D.; Harry Nicholls, J.D.; Thomas Catling, I.G.; G. F. Bashford, D.C.; Oscar Barrett and C. J. Phipps, Stwds.; Alfred Caldicott, Mus. Bac., Org.; and R. Goddard, Tyler.

The customary addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., with the impressiveness and earnestness characteristic of his Masonic work.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, addressing Bro. Sir John Gorst, I.P.M., then said: I derive great satisfaction in feeling that the first duty I have to perform as W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge is to present you with a jewel from the members of this lodge. I know what brethren present may not all know, that Bro. Sir John Gorst has come a considerable distance to be present, and the manner in which he has conducted his duties as W.M. is a sufficient guarantee that he will always be ready to assist us in times of necessity, although a Past Master of the lodge. I have much pleasure in presenting him with the jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), and it is quite unnecessary for me to say anything further than to express the hope that he will long continue to carry out the duties of Masonry. I shall feel happy if I can only credit myself with one half of the ability and zeal he has displayed whilst acting as W. Master.

Several propositions were received for joining members and initiates, and, there being no further business for transaction, the lodge was closed in due form.

The members and guests then adjourned to the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Madell. The usual toasts were subsequently honoured, and received, at the request of the W.M., without the customary Masonic honours.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, without further comment, gave "The Queen and the Crait." Victoria, the Sovereign of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and Mistress of the Seas. (Loud cheers.) The National Anthem was heartily received by all present.

The W. MASTER then said: The next toast is "The M.W. Grand Master." The toast of H.R.H. is always well received amongst every company of Englishmen, and we, as Masons, ought to feel double enthusiasm in drinking the health of our M.W.G. Master—(cheers)—for his whole life seems to be occupied in performing those acts of Charity and kindness which ought to be the especial distinction of Masons. We therefore feel proud in being able to call H.R.H. our M.W. Grand Master. (Cheers.) It has been said that we should do well to make our toasts as short as possible, and therefore, although this is a toast on which I could say much more, I will simply ask you to drink the toast. (Cheers.)

"God bless the Prince of Wales" having been rendered by the band,

The W. MASTER said: The next toast I have to propose is "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and Grand Officers, Present and Past." We are honoured by the presence of several Provincial Grand Masters. I may mention especially the Prov. G. Masters of Hertfordshire, Worcestershire, Bro. Lord Euston, Prov. G.M. of Norths and Hunts, the Prov. G.M. of the Isle of Man, and many other distinguished Masons—(applause)—and I feel sure you will be pleased if I make my speech as short as possible, that you may listen to these eminent Masons. I couple with the toast the name of Bro. F. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts. (Cheers.)

Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, said: I have, on behalf of the distinguished brethren with whom my name was unworthily coupled, to return heartfelt thanks for the cordiality of our reception, and at the same

time, I must thank you, W. Master, for the example you have set, which has relieved me of considerable anxiety—that of brevity. (Laughter.) I can only say on behalf of my brother Prov. Grand Masters—those young men from the country—(laughter)—who have come up to partake of your hospitality, we thank you most heartily, and hope that on another occasion we may have the opportunity of thanking you for a similar cordial reception. (Applause.)

Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT, O.C., M.P., said: I have been asked to propose, and I have great pleasure in proposing, the toast of our brother, "The Earl of Onslow, K.C.M.G., Governor of New Zealand, P.G. Warden." (Cheers.) I have no doubt that why this toast has been put in its present position, and why it is now proposed, is that our brother, the Earl of Onslow, is about to leave these shores for a very far distant Colony, where he is about to take up the position of Governor. Well, brethren, it is not for me to quarrel with any appointment that the Prime Minister of England chooses to make, but I am certain of this—and Bro. Lord Onslow will endorse what I say—that I shall consider his appointment as Governor of New Zealand a doubtful blessing for civilisation. (Laughter.) It is an excellent thing for the New Zealanders; they will gain especially if they have good appetites and appreciate good wines—(laughter)—but Londoners will lose, Englishmen will lose—(applause)—and I think civilisation will lose. I am sure that those pleasant gatherings which have taken place so frequently at Richmond Terrace, where the finest principles of civilisation are assimilated with the best of political ideas and the best of claret—(laughter)—will be lost, and will be transferred to the New Zealanders. It is a matter of gain and loss, and I think civilisation loses by the loss of the Earl of Onslow. I think I need say no more about this toast. The life of the Earl of Onslow has been written by the greatest historian of modern times in the greatest of histories of modern times. You know who is the greatest historian of modern days—our Bro. Broadley, the Secretary of the Drury Lane Lodge—(laughter)—and the greatest history of these days is *The World*. If you have not read an account of the Earl of Onslow, I refer you to the sketch of his career—written I believe, by Bro. Broadley not many months ago. Every word of that is true, and I have the greatest pleasure in proposing the health of the Earl of Onslow. (Cheers.) May he have a splendid five years, and when he comes back may he bring some new dishes, and may he lay some wine which will be fit to drink five years hence, (Laughter and cheers.)

Bro. the Earl of ONSLOW, K.C.M.G., Governor of New Zealand, P.G. Warden, in reply, said: I am afraid that I must confess that the frequency with which I have had to return thanks for this toast during the past few days render it difficult for me not to repeat myself. I am, as Bro. Sir W. Marriott has told you, going away for a few years to a country where there is a splendid climate, and where if you want snow you have to go to it. (Laughter.) You (Sir W. Marriott) have been good enough to refer to certain very pleasing occasions which have taken place in the neighbourhood of Westminster. I, in my time, have had the good fortune to fill many offices, as we are told that many men have to fill many parts. I have had



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some experience of Colonies and Colonists at the Foreign Office, and with our great trade and commerce at the Board of Trade, and have even had some experience in a Home for Lost and Starving Dogs. Amongst these experiences I have found the truth of what was said by an American philosopher—that there is a great deal of human nature in most people. (Applause.) I think I may say that where kindly feeling is shown it is responded to, and you have been good enough yourselves to show that in this toast it may be a good augury for the brethren on the other side of the world. I have spent many happy years in this country, but none have been pleasanter than those I have spent in Drury Lane Theatre, and none have been pleasanter than the present occasion. (Cheers.) I hope you will not think me ungrateful if I say that I suffer from the exhibition of kindly feeling on your part. I may say I suffer physically, and I suffer a little from the magnificence of the entertainment to-night, and I suffer mentally for I feel I am leaving many good men and true friends, and among the future hopes and aspirations, which under such circumstances one may cherish, one cannot help feeling present regrets. I shall leave this country with a kindly feeling of the way in which my friends have come forward during the last few days. I cannot help believing that most of them are anxious to see the last of me—(no, no)—but I can say that the feelings I have in leaving are compensated for—as compensation is given in this world in all things, at least to sinners, if not publicans—(laughter)—by your kind feelings, and that I am looking forward to a renewal of those pleasant times in years to come when I may return to the pleasant shores of old England. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., said: By the favour of your W.M., I am allowed to propose his health, and to wish him in your name a pleasant and prosperous year of office. Freemasonry is wide—aye, wide as the Catholic Church itself—(cheers)—and rejoices to include in its ranks and to see in its high places the most varied and brilliant personalities, who in their turn are proud to conform to its rules and teaching—(hear, hear)—and whatever their position in the outer world may be, to leave it behind them at the door of the lodge, to work on equal terms with their Masonic

brethren, and in due time, if the opportunity come, to accept the honours it rests with those brethren alone to bestow. Later in the evening the toast of the Past Masters will be submitted to you, and it is not my purpose to forestall the brother whose pleasant task it will be to dilate upon their services. But, in a lodge so successful and distinguished as this, it is impossible to forget on this great annual anniversary, when proposing "The Health of our Newly-Installed Master," that his chair has been filled by Lord Londesborough, by Augustus Harris, by Sir John Gorst, who, now that they are followed by Sir Edward Inglefield, furnish a string of names forming what I will venture to call an unassailable quadrilateral. For we may safely challenge contradiction when we say that rarely, if ever, has a Masonic lodge in the first four years of its existence had the privilege of being presided over by public men of such varied acquirements and distinction, whose success in life has been achieved in such absolutely different fields. (Cheers.) I will not labour this proposition, but simply submit it for your consideration as a fitting prelude to my toast. Our W.M.'s brilliant career of services to the Crown and to his country commenced before some of us were born, and, I am disposed to think, for I refer to the naval operations on the coast of Syria in 1840, before most of those present saw the light of Masonry. The honours he has won are part of the history of his country, inscribed imperishably on its annals of personal gallantry and intrepid exploration. (Cheers.) Small wonder, then, if his busy active life afloat and at home, which for many years made it impossible for him to continue long in one stay, delayed his acquiring a full measure of Masonic knowledge, and kept him in the well filled ranks of those who have not been able to undertake, and who, perhaps, have never aspired to, Masonic work or office. The establishment of this Drury Lane Lodge, however, gave our W.M. an opportunity of which he promptly availed himself. (Hear, hear.) He became one of its founders. (Hear, hear.) He was its first Senior Deacon. He has since duly served the offices of Junior and Senior Warden. It is, therefore, by no favouritism, but in the regular course, that he has to-day by the unanimous voice of his brethren received from them the highest honour it is in their power to bestow. (Cheers.) Let us pledge ourselves one and all to do our utmost to make our Worshipful Master's year of office as brilliantly successful as his public career has been, and, in drinking his health right heartily, congratulate the Drury Lane Lodge on the added distinction it derives from his gallant services and honoured name. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. INGLEFIELD, K.C.B., D.C.L., W. Master, in response, said: Most heartily and sincerely I thank you for the honour done me in drinking my health, but let me assure you, I feel it is an honour you are paying to my lodge rather than to me. I am the unworthy representative of a lodge which will take its place in the lodges of England as one of the best. As Bro. Parkinson has said, I fear I am but a feeble Mason—(no, no)—as regards my duties and knowledge of the work, but, notwithstanding, let me assure you I shall do my utmost to earn from you that meed of praise at the end of my year which has been given to those who have preceded me. (Cheers.) I am surrounded by some first rate Masonic



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luminaries—luminaries quite of the first magnitude—and I take to myself this advantage in the matter, that, although I am only a little star, still I hope their reflected light will increase in some measure my light, and I trust that I shall be assisted by those good services of brotherly love and Charity, which it is the duty of every Mason to offer to a brother in distress. (Hear, hear.) If I can only follow in a small degree in the footsteps of my predecessor I shall esteem myself fortunate. During my life at sea I have occasionally met, and especially noticed, a very inferior captain, who, having good officers, was enabled to obtain for himself and his vessel great renown. I have noticed another ship commanded by a first rate captain, but bad officers, which would prove the black sheep of a squadron. I feel I can place myself in the first of these positions, for I know I have good officers and a very good crew. (Cheers.) I have in my good ship some—supernumeraries I was going to call them—(laughter)—who will be ready to perform any work entrusted to them. I hope I shall continue to receive their assistance, and, under such circumstances, I shall be able to conduct my good craft—the Drury Lane Lodge—safely through her voyage. (Cheers.) I am getting into sea talk, for I ought not to be talking of our craft at sea, but our Craft on shore. (Laughter.) I can only say, in conclusion, that I thank you, and thank you most heartily. (Cheers.)

Bro. A. M. BROADLEY, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Secretary, said the post of Secretary was not altogether a sinecure, but he had one privilege which he prized highly, and that was proposing "The Health of the Visitors." For the fourth time it was his duty to ask the members to drink this toast—one which was received with enthusiasm at every Masonic gathering, but always certain of a hearty demonstration from them. If there had been one drawback that evening in the proceedings, it had been that the snow had gone against them and prevented some from attending who would otherwise have been present, and in the next place, the onerous duties of County Councillor had taken from them, for a time, their staunch supporter and esteemed friend, Bro. Augustus Harris. The attractions of the lodge had, however, in many instances proved stronger than the snowstorm. The Speaker of the House of Keys had braved a journey from his dominions to

be amongst them; Sir E. Lechmere had come up from Worcestershire, and amongst those present was a brother who had presided for many years over the District of Bengal—Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman—who had been suffering, as the members were aware, from the result of an accident, but who was fortunately able to be with them that evening. The lodge had never had a more representative company present than it had that night. There was first of all the First Lord of the Admiralty, who was the son of one of the most distinguished Grand Masters Ireland had ever possessed, and who himself commenced his Masonic career in Ireland. There was also with them the Lord Mayor of London, whose predecessors had each in succession visited their lodge, but he was the first who had been able to grace their banquet table. Although the Lord Mayor had not yet advanced to a high position in the Craft, still he was a hard worker, and one who would make his mark in the future. The W.M. was honoured by the presence of several members of that great service to which he belonged, including Lord Alcester, who was initiated in the United Lodge, under Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, their Chaplain, a Mason who, during a career of 23 years, had only been absent on three occasions from his place in Grand Lodge. The Church establishment was represented by Bro. Rev. Dr. Kynaston, formerly Head Master of Cheltenham, and now working in London, and who, in 1857, rowed stroke in the 'Varsity boat, and was also Senior Classic. He (Bro. Broadley) would not detain them longer, but would ask his brethren of that lodge to assist him in paying especial honour to those illustrious Grand Officers and brethren who had come from distant parts of England to visit the Drury Lane Lodge. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Lord George Hamilton, the Lord Mayor, Lord Alcester, and the Rev. Dr. Kynaston.

Bro. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, in reply, said: I thank you for the compliment, which, as one of your visitors, you have been good enough to pay me in drinking my health. It was a great privilege to be present at the ceremonials which have taken place elsewhere, and also to partake of the sumptuous banquet served in this room; and I am especially privileged to know that the distinguished brother whom this lodge has selected as W.M. for the ensuing year is a distinguished Naval Officer, and an ornament to that service with which I have the honour for the moment to be associated. (Cheers.) The Secretary spoke of me as the First Lord of the Admiralty, and I could not help remembering that I have



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spent a certain part of the evening in Drury Lane, and that I have been entertained in a lodge where the names of Kean and Garrick are honoured, and which now contains the names of many of the most distinguished members of the great profession which they adorned. (Cheers.) I may, therefore, say, in the well known lines, that there is but one chief ruler of the Queen's Navee, and that although his Christian name is George—(laughter)—his surname commences with the letter which succeeds that letter in the alphabet—I hope I may be fortunate enough to give the same satisfaction to those who know the naval services as the distinguished brother whom you have seen fill the

part. (Cheers.) Bro. Broadley has alluded to the fact that my Masonic apprenticeship was served in Ireland. Nothing can more clearly show the universality and ubiquity of Masonry. The same spirit animated that small lodge in the North of Ireland which exists in this lodge in the heart of the Metropolis—(cheers)—and I will go further and say that the knowledge of the great principles of law and order, unity and co-operation, so dear to the Masonic Craft—the knowledge that they form the foundation of Masonry—is, in the troublous times in Ireland, a great comfort to brethren who do their duty. (Loud cheers.) If our evening has been pleasant to those entertained it is not merely on account of the excellence of the dinner and the ceremonial, but it is because this lodge has taught its members the highest perfection of hospitality, and that although they work together in the abstract they also work together in the concrete. (Cheers.) There is not one visitor present who has not noticed the kind attention on the part of every member of the lodge which had given additional gusto to the hospitality, and so far as I am concerned—and if I may speak for the visitors as far as they are concerned, we shall entertain a grateful and lasting recollection of the hospitality you have been kind enough to accord. (Cheers.)

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the LORD MAYOR said: It must always be a position of difficulty for a Lord Mayor of London to follow one so distinguished—and so distinguished in administrative capacities—as Lord George Hamilton. I hardly know why I am here to-night, and I know much less why I am called upon to return thanks as one of the visitors on this occasion. I am, however, aware that I have been greatly influenced to be here by the suasive manner of your admirable Secretary—(applause)—and I know that of late years many of my predecessors who have filled the office which I so unworthily fill—(no, no)—have assembled on this especial occasion, and I hope there will continue to be some tradition by which there may be an association in the future between the Lord Mayor and this particular lodge. (Cheers.) I am aware, of course, that in another respect there is affinity between Masonry and the City of London. I think we may claim for the two that there is good fellowship—(applause)—and it would not be presumptuous in me if I were to say that the Corporation is as emulous of good works as is

the Masonic body. (Cheers.) I will go further, and say that, although we may not have the means to enable us to pursue that unbounded Charity which is associated with Masonry, as far as our means go we are at all times willing to assist poorer brethren in distress. (Applause.) I beg to thank you, brethren, on behalf of the Corporation of the City, because I feel that, although the toast is nominally that of my own health, it is intended as a compliment to the great body to which I have the honour to belong; and I can assure you that, so far as I am concerned, and so far as the Corporation is concerned, you may always depend upon us to do our utmost to sustain the honour, dignity, and welfare of this United Kingdom. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Lord ALCESTER also responded.

Bro. Rev. Dr. KYNASTON said: I can assure you I esteem it an honour, but an unexpected honour, that my name is coupled with the toast, but all the greater honour, as I find myself rowing in the same boat between three distinguished Masons. It is a very pleasing thing to be a visitor anywhere. It is a most pleasing thing to be a visitor at a lodge of Freemasons, but it is a most pleasing thing to be a visitor at the Drury Lane Lodge. (Applause.) I am certain that the fact of being Freemasons must prove of advantage to brethren in their un-Masonic work, and I feel that one of the first things I shall do, now that I am vicar of a parish, will be to find out all my parishioners who are Freemasons, for I know that from them I shall receive assistance in my work. (Applause.)

Bro. CATLING, I.G., in proposing the next toast, said: I have an unexpected honour thrust upon me, literally at one minute's notice, which has left me, in a measure, breathless with suspense. But I should be unworthy of the confidence reposed in me by the founders of the lodge, when they received me as one of the first batch of initiates, if I did not respond to the call of duty, and endeavour to put before you, in the worthiest manner I can—though that must be an unworthy manner—the toast of "The Past Masters" of the Drury Lane Lodge. (Cheers.) Coming into this lodge under the auspices of Lord Londesborough, who gave so much energy and attention, and everything that could foster, or encourage, a new lodge to the sympathies of this great world of London, we have found the distinguished Earl—the representative of a line of nobility—followed by one equally distinguished, in a measure representative, because allied with a name in which this lodge appeals, not only to the world of Masonry, but to the outside world. We need only mention the name of Bro. Augustus Harris. (Applause.) We have known him as a good and true man, and we have known him as one of the most enterprising managers ever conducting the affairs of that great National theatre, and one ever anxious to appeal to the world in the broadest sense. Then we find Bro. Sir John Gorst, I.P.M., the representative of a Ministry which, in a time of great peril and danger, has come to the front and saved us, and which if it continues to rule with wisdom will be productive of great results. (Applause.) We have found him putting aside his ministerial duties and performing the duties in the lodge, including every minor detail, with a regularity which I am sure the Prov. Grand Masters present would be the first to recognise. For that reason I have much pleasure in proposing the toast of the Past Masters, and couple with it the name of Bro. Sir John Gorst, I.P.M.

Bro. Sir JOHN GORST, M.P., I.P.M., said: The W.M. and his predecessors have been distinguished for the brevity of their speeches, and I will therefore only detain you for the few moments necessary to thank the members of this lodge, and especially the officers, for the way in which I have been supported during my year. I envy my successor the pleasure before him—(cheers)—and I can assure him that in being W.M. of this lodge there is only one drop of bitterness, and that is that, like all earthly pleasures, it passes away. I hope that the W.M. may enjoy the same amount of support and good feeling of all the members as I have, and I am sure that if they give him the same support given me he will look back upon his year as one of the pleasantest experiences of his life. (Cheers.)

Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS, P.M., said: I feel I must apologise for appearing before you in deshabille, but, rather than not appear at all, I thought I would rush on from other duties and come here at the earliest moment. I have changed places in a minor degree with the Lord Mayor, for, while he has been here with our worthy S.W., Bro. Sir Henry Isaacs, I have been in the Council Chamber at Guildhall, starving and thirsty. It is a very dry place—(laughter)—but the talk was very liquid, for it ran on and on, and you would imagine there was never going to be an end of it—and all about nothing. (Laughter.) I may say that were the business of this lodge conducted as the business has been conducted at the few meetings that have taken place of the County Council, we should not be here to-night. (Cheers.) This lodge would be a thing of the past. I hope we shall mend our ways now that we have an estimable Chairman in Lord Rosebery and a good Vice-Chairman in Sir John Lubbock. I am not here to speak of matters connected with buildings, and such matters, but to propose "The Health of the Officers." (Cheers.) I can assure you nothing can give me greater pleasure than it should be so. I feel sure our new W.M. must feel proud of the officers of the lodge to serve him during his term of office. There are few lodges in this kingdom that can boast of such a list of officers. When we have the future Lord Mayor of London in the chair of Senior Warden—(cheers)—and when we have such eminent workers as Bros. Fernandez, Bancroft, and others, all men who have made their mark, I do not know a lodge where you will find such representative men. I believe that the good old ship—Drury Lane Lodge—is in good repair, and that it has been built on the best and most approved model—(laughter)—and I feel that our worthy Admiral will have no fault to find with the ship or the crew. (Applause.) I am sure the W.M. will grace the chair as our worthy Immediate Past Master graced it last year. I feel I have nothing more to say, except that you will excuse my rambling remarks, and put down my hesitation to lack of nourishment. (Laughter.) I propose the health of the officers, coupled with the name of Bro. Sir H. Isaacs, S.W.

Bro. Sir HENRY ISAACS, S.W., said: I rise with a great deal of pleasure to return thanks. I do not think I can do better than adopt the tone of our W. Master, and tell you how exceedingly proud we all are as officers under so excellent a commander. I do not doubt for an instant that the cruise will be a happy and prosperous one. It gives me great pleasure to be the

first officer of such a Craft, and, although only first officer, I am proud to say I hold a Master's certificate. (Laughter.) I trust I shall so discharge my important duties as first officer, that at the end of the year I may have some good marks, and no bad ones, as to the manner in which I have done my work. I cannot but feel exceedingly grateful to Bro. Fernandez for retaining his position as second officer, in order that I might have the privilege of being the first officer, and he has acted in a very Masonic spirit in all that he has done. I thank you, W. Master, for the great compliment paid me, and also Bro. Augustus Harris for the kind things said of me; and I trust that when this good ship returns from her annual cruise, you will all feel that the first officer has so conducted himself that you will entrust him with the command. (Cheers.)

Bro. BANCROFT, S.D., also replied. He said: A mine has been sprung upon me by the S.W., who has asked me to say a few words. On behalf of the officers I may say it has been a great pleasure during the past year to serve under such a W. Master as Bro. Sir John Gorst, and it would be a hard thing indeed if, under such a command, we did not loyally discharge our duties. I am sure we shall endeavour to do our utmost under the command of our good friend Sir E. Inglefield.

Bro. Earl of EUSTON, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, said: I can assure you that when I came here, on the invitation extended to me, to attend your banquet, as I had the honour of doing last year, I had very little idea I should be

called upon to say anything, but I have been told that I was given a chance, for this reason—that I have to preside, on the 27th inst., at the Festival of Aged Masons and Widows of Freemasons. (Cheers.) I will say that I have the greatest pleasure in proposing "The Masonic Charities," and I do not think any toast could have given me greater pleasure to propose, for I think, and every right thinking Mason thinks, that from the beginning to the end of Masonry one great word ought to go through it—and that is Charity. (Applause.) In the beginning, we are told and taught that the object of the whole organisation of this grand Constitution is Charity, and we join it and go on with it in that idea. We have proved on many and various occasions what we can do when called upon. We have only to look back a few months to the Centenary of the Girls' School, when £50,000 was raised by Masons, the largest sum ever subscribed for any one Institution. It is an event to be looked back upon by all Masons, and particularly by this lodge, for it then headed the list with £552. (Cheers.) Will you excuse me if I ask you, as I hear there is no Steward coming forward to represent the lodge for the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, will you find one? One old lady told me she had been living for 25 years on the annuity given by that Institution, and there are those who prefer to live amongst their friends and pay their own rent out of their annuity. When you count up the numbers relieved I think you will say it is a well-governed Institution, for those who have come down in the world are contented and happy. Although the two other Institutions, the Girls' and the Boys' Schools, are in want of support, I need not remind you that as Masonry increases and new lodges come into existence it always runs the risk of drawing on this Institution. I am sure that we as Masons will not allow our Masonic Charities to go down, for all sums given will be thankfully received and faithfully applied. I will ask you to drink to the Masonic Charities, and I hope this lodge will not be absent on the 27th inst. I will call upon Bro. Hedges to reply.

Bro. HEDGES, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, returned thanks more particularly on behalf of the Institution with which he was most intimately connected. Lord Euston had reminded them of that glorious Centenary Festival which took place as recently as June last, under the presidency of the Prince of Wales and his Majesty the King of Sweden, when nearly 1500 Stewards collected nearly £51,000. It went without saying that in the good work this lodge took a large share, and he had the great privilege to be able in the name of the Girls' School to tender heartfelt thanks. Of the three largest lists represented this lodge was among them, and he might go further and say that of the Stewards who represented a single lodge only, the list of this lodge was the highest, thanks to the indomitable perseverance of their good friend Bro. Broadley, assisted by the liberality of the members. If he could trespass on their time for one moment longer he would ask them to bear in mind the speech of the Earl of Euston, in which he spoke of his intended presidency at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. With these few words he once more thanked them on behalf of the three great Charitable Institutions of the Craft.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

The following is a list of the brethren present—

Bros. Sir E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B., W.M.; Sir H. Isaacs, S.W.; J. Fernandez, J.W.; J. S. Fleming, Treas.; A. M. Broadley, Sec.; S. B. Bancroft, S.D.; Harry Nicholls, J.D.; G. F. Bashford, D.C.; Catling, I.G.; Oscar Barrett and C. J. Phipps, Stwds.; T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts; Sir E. Lechmere, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; Lord Alcester; Major J. D. Goldie Taubman, Prov. G.M. Isle of Man; Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts; Lord Claud Hamilton, Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; A. Barfield, G. Treas.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Dr. E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. German Correspondence; Sir C. H. Gregory, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. M. P. Montague, P.G.D.; R. Goding, P.G.D.; Lord Valentia, Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., I.P.M.; the Lord Mayor, J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Lord George Hamilton, M.P.; Augustus Harris, P.M.; Earl of Onslow, P.G.W.; Lord Henry Thynne, P.G.W.; Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Sir R. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, G. Chap.; Rev. G. W. Weldon, P.G. Chap.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; T. Fenn, P.B. of G.P.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; R. Grey, P.B. of B.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; P. de L. Long, P.G.D.; John Aird, M.P.; Edmund Yates, Sir Oscar Clayton, Sir R. Howard, J.G.D.; R. Berridge, J.G.D.; Col. R. W. Edis, G.S. of Wks.; Col. J. Davis, D.G.D.C.; W. E. Stewart, P.A.G.D.C.; W.



BRO. H. NICHOLLS, J.D.

Roebuck, P.G.S.B.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B.; M. C. Peck, G. Std. Br.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; F. West, P.G.D.; G. Ford, P.G.D.; C. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; E. Ashworth, S.G.D.; W. H. Spaul, A.G. Director of Ceremonies; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G. Director of Ceremonies; R. T. Pigott, P.A.G. D. C.; Col. C. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Bearer; Rev. Dr. Kynaston, E. Dicey, C.B.; Sam. Pope, O.C., P.G.D.; C. Chestor, C. Forbes Lankester, C. Nantes, Turner, Lieut. Powney, Harold Browne, Jas. Stevens, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Brannen, C. Martin, P. C. Javal, Victor Stevens, A. Toovey, G. Gardner, J. White, J. Sadler Wood, P. G. Bennett, G. H. Martyn, A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M. Camb. ; Col. F. Gough, LL.D., acting P.G.M. Staffs.; Capt. Williams Freeman, H. Seager, A. Watson, G. H. Kenning, Major Waller, A. R. Phipps, W. A. Slaughter, James Weaver, A. Farquhar, G. Farquhar, L. Hervé, J. K. Edward, Harley Thomas, J. M. Isaacs, A. Van Gruisen, H. C. Richards, H. Henton, P.M.; Stephen Phillips, P.M.; G. Everett, W. F. B. Massey Mainwaring, Admiral Cochrane, Le Sage, E. Holland, H. Rawlings, H. J. Waterlow, E. Prendergast, A. W. Mitchell, A. J. Norris, J. E. Walford, Capt. C. Probyn, C. Aldin, G. H. Haywood, T. Thorne, P. Morris, A.R.A.; Col. Sewell. Rev. A. Dawson Clark, W. Madge, Major Baker, C. E. Soppet, Dr. Zacharie, Bradshaw Brown, W. G. Lemon, F. J. Potter, Meyer Lutz, M. Jewell, L. D. Davis, Major-General Sim, Capt. McIlwraith, Major Tully, J. M. Burt, G. Kelly, P.G. Swd. Br., Russell Gole, Sudlow, A. Gibbons, A. Leon, C. Brighten, Ben. Davies, A. Levy, Sir M. Mackenzie, M.D., F. D. Hartland, M.P., J. Northcote, A. R. Carter, Wm. Lake, G. Bishop, C. Coote, General Hale Wortham, Colonel Peters, P.G.S.B.; G. Keith, J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; Hon. F. S. A. Hanbury Tracy, M.P., T. C. Walls, Sidney Brough, F. Richardson, P.G.D.; G. H. Hopkinson, H. Sutton, Colonel Ward, Dr. Sansom, Dr. Robson Roose, Sir R. Harley, K.C.M.G., J. L. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., W. W. Morgan, Rev. J. H. Smith, J. Lobb, W. A. Hart, H. J. Lardner, A. J. Caldicott, Charles Haigh, T. Beard, L. Brough, H. Russell, E. Terry, C. J. Smith, Alias, Jacobi, H. Pettitt, F. K. Metcalfe, Zeder, Sheriff Newton, H. H. Morrell Mackenzie, H. Kent, J. S. Wood, Col. R. Douglass, J. D. Beveridge, E. W. Gardiner, G. O. Haig, C. M. Duplany, G. A. Payne, Herbert Campbell, L. B. Alt, B. Holmes, W. E. Chapman, A. W. Irwin, H. J. Brickwell, F. J. Lonnen, T. H. Bolton, E. Maurice, H. W. Elwes, S. Mackenzie, M.D., F. S. Hobson, W. Pond, R. Baggallay, Sir Gabriel Goldney, P. Wallis, Lennox Browne, H. Gros, G. P. Bertini, Geo. Reynolds, H. Wright, Mayor, of Bolton, J. F. Ellison, M. Abrahams, H. J. Hitchens, H. Sedger, E. Fletcher, J. B. Howard, B. Burleigh, A. Yates, R. Warner, Carlton, J. W. Broughton, L. M. Wynne, W. S. Purkiss, Blythe, Foot, Col. F. C. Wemys, Col. G. Haldane, G. H. Wright, F. Mead, A. Cooper, Major A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C.; Sir L. Darell, Bart.; Geo. Hughes, R. G. Glover, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Barry, F.S.A.; Perryman, P.G.P.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. Hopekirk, G.P.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. A. Barrett, G. Org.; and W. W. Lee.

By kind permission of Col. C. Needham, Commanding 1st Life Guards, the band of the regiment played an excellent selection of music during the banquet. Bro. Morley, 1326, efficiently acted as Toastmaster.

**CONSECRATION OF THE KINGSWOOD LODGE, No. 2278, AT ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

The consecration of the above lodge—which is No. 2278 upon the register of the Grand Lodge of England—took place on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Plough Inn, Elstree, and was a most brilliant and successful affair. The lodge was called for 3 o'clock. A procession of Provincial Grand Officers entered the lodge room exact to time, and Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master, taking the chair as Consecrating Officer, he was saluted with Grand Honours, and appointed his officers—Bros. F. S. Knyvett, P.G.T., as S.W.; Mihill Slaughter, J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. W. Mills, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; J. Terry, P.G.D.C., as D.C.; and W. J. Morris, P.P.G.P., as I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and, the usual preliminaries having been arranged,

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said they had met there to add another lodge to the province, making the 17th on the list, and congratulated the founders upon the expansion of the province since he had been the Provincial Grand Master, which only numbered eight lodges when he was appointed to that office, and he hoped, as it had now increased more than two-fold, he would have the pleasure of seeing it increase to three times the number before he retired from the chair. He congratulated the founders upon having a good lodge room, and he trusted the work commenced that day would have good results and become a credit to the province. He felt sure, of what he had heard of the excellent brother who had been selected as its first W. Master, that it gave great promise of becoming an important and successful addition.

The PROV. G. SEC. then addressed the Prov. G.M., and the warrant was read, and the petitioners signified their approval of the officers named therein.

The PROV. G. CHAP. then gave an impressive oration upon Masonry, its objects, and its duties, which was listened to with great interest.

The grand and impressive ceremony was then proceeded with, the hymns, anthems, and musical responses being very beautifully rendered by Bro. Walter Latter, R.A.M., assisted by professional brethren, and the company generally.

The Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. Tew, J.P., who was late, through having had to come from Pontefract that morning, then entered the lodge, and was received with grand honours.

Bro. J. E. Dawson, D.P.G.M., took the chair, and installed Bro. Rawson Kelley, P.M., P.P.G.W. West Yorkshire, into the chair according to ancient custom.

The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Petch, P.M., as acting P.M.; James France, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. West Yorks, as S.W.; J. G. Cobb, J.W.; W. Pheasant, Treas.; W. H. G. Ball, Sec.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; J. F. Bell, J.D.; W. Neil, D.C.; W. H. Aplin, I.G.; and G. Couchman, Tyler.

The D.P.G.M. then delivered the addresses to the W. Master and Wardens, and Bro. Mihill Slaughter, P.J.G.W, delivered the addresses to the brethren.

The W.M., on behalf of the brethren, tendered the honorary membership of the lodge, accompanied with a founder's jewel, to the P.G.M. for his kindness in coming amongst them and undertaking the consecration ceremony, which the P.G.M. accepted, and expressed the gratification it gave him to have been present to receive such a handsome jewel and such a hearty and cordial reception from the brethren, and he hoped to have the pleasure of being present at many future meetings of the lodge.

Votes of thanks were proposed to be recorded on the minutes by Bro. COBB, J.W., and seconded by Bro. FRANCE, S.W., and carried unanimously to the following brethren and gentlemen for their handsome gifts to the lodge, viz., Bro. Rawson Kelley, W.M., for the lodge furniture, collars, and jewels; to Bro. Col. T. Mitchell, for the Masonic carpet; to Bro. E. S. Stillwell, for the Tyler's sword; and to Mr. V. L. Tapling, for the curtains.

The I.P.M., Bro. John Petch, having been elected to serve on the Charity Committee of the province,

The W.M. said he had great pleasure in announcing to the brethren that T. K. Tapling, Esq., M.P., had promised him 30 guineas to endow the

three chairs (10 guineas to be given to each of the Masonic Charities) and that Bros. George and John Kelley, West Yorkshire, had also contributed five guineas each for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that a vote of thanks be recorded upon the minutes of the lodge.

After several names had been proposed for initiation at the emergency meeting to be held next month, the lodge was closed.

Amongst the brethren and visitors present were the following :

Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M.; J. E. Dawson, D.P.G.M.; T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorks; H. Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorks; F. S. Knyvett, P.G.T.; G. E. Lake, P.G. Sec.; J. Terry, D.G.D.C.; W. H. Dipstale, P.G. Steward; Rev. W. Mills, P.G. Chap.; S. H. Moore, P.G.S.B.; M. Slaughter, P.J.G.W.; E. Arnold, P.G. Stwd.; L. J. Myers, P.P.G. Stwd.; E. P. Debenham, P.P.G. Stwd.; T. S. Carter, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Holmes, P.A.G. Sec.; C. E. Keyser, P.P.J.G.W.; A. T. Brett, P.P.S.G.W.; W. J. Morris, P.P.G.P.; W. F. Smithson, P.P.G.D. West Yorks; A. Macauley, P.G.R. West Yorks; T. B. Fox, P.P.G.S.B. West Yorks; A. Hart, P.G. Stwd. Somerset; A. C. Halestrap, P.M. 1471; J. T. Salmon, P.M. 917; R. E. Hunt, P.M. 45; F. Hallows, P.M. 861 and 1662; C. H. Fisher, P.M. 1489; W. Parker, P.M. 1851; E. Blinkhorn, P.M. 1471; T. C. Berg, P.M. 1613; W. Medwin, P.M.; E. Howes, W.M. 1599; G. F. Baker, W.M. 503; G. C. Kinnear, W.M. 727; W. Masters, W.M. 2128; E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 179 and 2246; H. Hunt, W.M. elect 1471; and several other brethren.

The banquet afterwards took place, when the W.M., Bro. R. Kelley, was supported on his right by the R.W.P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the other Provincial Grand Officers; and on his left by the I.P.M., Bro. Petch, the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and other Provincial Grand Officers of West Yorkshire, and about 50 of the brethren who attended the consecration ceremony.

After the banquet, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers" were given, and responded to by the brethren.

The toast of "The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Halsey, M.P.," when given was the signal for a hearty reception, and the W.M., in a neat and appropriate speech, referred to the pleasure it had afforded the brethren of the Kingswood Lodge to see him amongst them to have listened to the excellent working of the lodge in the earlier part of the day, and hoped he would come amongst them very often.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER replied in a very telling speech, heartily welcoming the new lodge to the province, and wishing it every success and prognosticated a prosperous career if it only continued its good work as it had commenced that day.

The toasts of "The D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," met with a cordial reception, and was responded to by several of the Prov. Grand Officers present.

Bro. PETCH, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M. and Success to the Kingswood Lodge," which was received by the brethren with all the enthusiasm it deserved, and showed how popular Bro. Kelley was among them.

Bro. KELLEY, in responding, thanked them for the kind and flattering reception he had had, and promised to do his utmost to merit the kind words spoken of him and hoped to carry out his duties in such a manner that the lodge should become one of the best in the province.

The toast of "The P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, the D.P.G.M. and other West Yorkshire Brethren" was proposed by Bro. HALSEY, P.G.M. for Hertfordshire, and he tendered them the thanks of the province in coming so long a distance in such large numbers and supporting the W.M. of the Kingswood Lodge in so hearty a manner, and hoped they would pay many more visits from time to time.

The toast was received most heartily, and it was some time before the PROV. GRAND MASTER was able to reply. He thanked them sincerely for the flattering reception given to the Province of West Yorkshire, and assured the brethren they had all been pleased with their visit and hoped to be amongst them again very soon.

The toast of "The Visitors" was well received and responded to by several Provincial Brethren present.

The next toast proposed was that of "The Masonic Charities," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER mentioning the subscriptions already received from friends of the lodge.

Bro. TERRY, P.G.D.C., replied, and in one of his usual flowing speeches congratulated the brethren upon the successful start they had made in regard to the Charities, and impressed upon them the necessity of keeping them up and wishing the lodge every success.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," which was heartily received by the brethren, stating the large amount of work they had had in forming the lodge, the clerical work of which had mainly devolved upon the Secretary, and praising him for the way it had been carried out.

Bro. PHEASANT, the Treasurer, in reply, said he would take care the funds of the lodge were properly expended, and promised to perform his duties to the W.M.'s satisfaction.

Bro. BALL, the Secretary, thanked the brethren for so cordially receiving his name in connection with the lodge, admitting it had been very hard work to get all things properly arranged; but he was proud to be there and see how well everything had passed off; and he assured the brethren nothing would be wanting on his part to make the lodge successful. He had been connected with many of the brethren for years past in the City in the firm of Thos. Tapling and Co., and, from the kind support they had already received from that firm, he was sure they would go on and prosper, and the motto which they had adopted, by permission of T. K. Tapling, Esq., M.P., "res non verba," would prove they had the words at heart, and would carry out to the full the deeds of work and Charity, which they all so admired.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Bro. COBB, the J.W., responded for all the officers, as time was getting very near for the brethren to depart. He thanked all for the hearty reception they met with, and trusted when the year of office was finished they would have the gratification of knowing they had done their duty to the satisfaction of everyone.

The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to an end at an early hour to enable the brethren to catch the last train to town. Altogether it was one of the greatest and most successful meetings held in the province.

An excellent banquet was served by the proprietor of the hotel.

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Consecration of the Danum Mark Lodge, No. 398.

The "Cosmo," for 1889.  
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1889.

MINUTES OF THE OLD DRUIDS' LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
In reading over the minutes of the Old Druids' Lodge of Love and Liberty, No. 113, Redruth, Cornwall, I have met with many things that appear to me to be very peculiar, and which are not in accordance with the present practice in our lodge, or any other lodge with which I am acquainted.

I shall be much obliged if you or any of your numerous readers would let me know if it is now usual, or was at this date (1787) to initiate persons into Masonry at a Provincial Grand Lodge, and if so, if more than one Degree was given on the same day.

I give the minute in extenso, omitting only the list of members delivered to Prov. Grand Lodge, in order that it might be transmitted to Grand Lodge, which appears to have been the custom at that date. I may add that the last-named brother of those that attended Prov. Grand Lodge (the Rev. William Harpur, of St. Agnes, in the county of Cornwall, Clerk in Holy Orders), was, at a Special Lodge, held on the same morning, at Redruth, raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, evidently on purpose to enable him to attend Prov. Grand Lodge on that day.

"This day (Dec 31st, A. L. 5787, A.D. 1787), the Right Worshipful Sir John St Aubyn Bart P.G.W. for this county, held a Provincial Grand Lodge at the Royal Standard Hotel Falmouth when in presence of a resolution entered into at an extra Lodge held on the 29th inst the following Brethren Members of this Lodge attended viz.: K. W. John Knight, Master; R. W. Thomas Halse, as P.M.; W. Richard Smith, S.W.; W. Peter Pender, as J.W.; John Tregellas, as Treas.; T. O. Prout, as Secty.; William Harpur, and also Brother Richard Washbrough of Bristol and Brother D. K. Marsh of Truro as visiting Brothers of this Lodge—when a List of the Members of the Druid's Lodge of Love and Liberty being called for, in order to be transmitted to the Grand Lodge, it was accordingly delivered in, of which the following is a Copy"—(Then follows the List already referred to, giving Name, Age, Profession, Residence, when made Masons, when admitted Members). "At the same time it was thought proper to subscribe One Guinea to the Charity fund which was accordingly done. This day Major John Lemon and Christopher Hawkins Esqre were initiated into the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and accepted Masons and being made Entered Apprentices, past Fellow Crafts, were raised to the Degree of Master Masons. Sir Francis Basset Bart and many other Respectable Brethren attended the Lodge which closed about nine O'Clock in perfect Harmony and Good Order."

Any comments on, or explanation of the above customs, will be acceptable to—Dear Sir, yours fraternally,  
HUGH P. VIVIAN, P.M. 589.

Pengegon House, Camborne, February 9th.

## THE POET BURNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with much attention the recent letters which have appeared in the *Freemason* in reference to the claim put forward by the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, that the Poet Robert Burns was elected and installed and held the office of Poet Laureate of that lodge from the 1st March, 1787, until his death in 1796, and, as my name has been referred to by your correspondents as having made enquiry, and as having written on the subject, I think it but fair not only to them, but to the Craft in general, to state that, in my opinion, there is no ground whatever on which the lodge can claim such a connection with the Poet. I had occasion to examine the minute books of the lodge in the course of the preparation of my "History of Freemasonry in Scotland," and I then became satisfied that there were no grounds on which the pretensions of the lodge could be set forward. The only reference to the Poet in the minute books of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning is in the minute of 1st February, 1787, where it is stated that the Master observed that Burns was present at the meeting; and, in respect of his eminence as a Poet, proposed that he should be assumed a member of the lodge, which was unanimously done. From that date downwards until 1815 the Poet's name does not occur in the minutes of the lodge, and it is only in 1815 that the claim was, for the first time, put forward of his having been the Poet Laureate of the lodge during the period I have stated.

I had some correspondence on the subject in 1873 with the then Secretary of the lodge, just as my History was being printed off, and not conceiving that the lodge would make statements to me unless they were of a reliable and probative character, I gave effect in some respects to the representations then made to me, and embodied these representations in my History. I am now satisfied that I made a serious mistake in doing so, and I shall take the first opportunity in my power of correcting the statement I then too readily adopted.—Yours truly and fraternally,

D. MURRAY LYON, G. Secretary,  
Author of the "History of Freemasonry  
in Scotland."

February 12th.



## 29] AN EARLY WARWICKSHIRE CHARTER.

The reproduction of the warrant of an old lodge at Kenilworth in the *Freemason* last week is welcome to all students, and further contributions will be thankfully received. I would, however, remind "W." that Bro. Hughan's "List of Lodges, 1814," in his "Masonic Register," included only such lodges as received numbers at the Union of 1813, and as this old lodge at Kenilworth had then ceased to exist for a very long time, it naturally would not find a place in Bro. Hughan's list. It will be found duly noted in Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges" (page 40) as "206, Two Virgins, Kenilworth, Warwick, 20 June, 1778," and also in my own work, "Masonic Records" (page 101) as "Two Virgins, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, 20 June, 1778." In the "Ahiman Rezon" of 1804 it is described as "206, Kenilworth, Virgins," and in 1813 as "206, The Virgins, Kenilworth, Warwickshire." I find from my notes, made during an examination of the Atholl Registers, that the lodge had but a brief existence, lapsing about 1782, and that it ought never to have been included in the lists of 1804 and 1813. It was rightly omitted from the 1807 edition. The date "20 June," as given by Bro. Gould and myself, was taken from the Grand Lodge Register. If "fifteenth day of June" is on the warrant, the date in the Register must be a mistake on the part of the then Grand Secretary. Will "W." examine it again, and let me know? If he will kindly send it to me for examination (to *Bannercross, Torquay*) it shall be returned by next post.

JNO. LANE.



## Craft Masonry.

**CALEDONIAN LODGE (No. 134).**—The installation meeting of this old lodge took place on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leagenhall-st., E.C. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. E. Johnson, P.M., who installed Bro. Frank Oldfield, M.D., into the chair of K.S. in a very able manner. The officers were as follows: Bros. Arthur Bowman, S.W.; J. W. Duck, J.W.; H. Collings, Treas.; and J. R. Glanville, Sec. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. E. J. Jones, the I.P.M., who had worked for many years in the lodge. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the usual first-class style of the Ship and Turtle. A large number of visitors attended, and Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., &c., responded to that toast. Bros. James Budd, W. Haydon, Stevens, and others sang some excellent songs.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ultimo. Among those present were Bros. Hakim, W.M.; C. Dairy, P.M., acting S.W.; Wetzlar, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Langdale, S.D.; Bye, J.D.; Sheppard, acting I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W. Middx.; Jordan, P.M.; Coop, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Godfrey was impressively raised to the Third Degree. The W.M. also gave the traditional history with great effect.

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

A few toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

**STABILITY LODGE (No. 217).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 5th inst. The members present included Bros. Gorrie, W.M.; W. Eckersall, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Lynn, J.W.; Woolmer, S.D.; Owen, J.D.; Jones, I.G.; Hardiman, W. R. Smith, Lagerwall, Garner, Hinks, Treas.; J. Nixon, P.M., Sec.; Wright, P.M.; Hinks, P.M.; Cattermole, Marfleet, P.M.; Ayris, Say, Fitch, Hancock, Itter, Tennant, Berry, Lyle, Edwards, Finch, Joslin, and Pickersgill. Among the visitors were: Bros. J. Clayton, P.M. 89, P.P.S.G.D., P.P.G.H. Cheshire; J. W. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Staffordshire; D. Rose, P.M. 73, 1622; T. Grumant, P.M. 1559, P.Z. 1275; C. H. Stone, 1641; Charlie Woods, 1869, Asst. Soj. 1275; W. Towers, W.M. 15; F. M. Noakes, I.G. 2148; E. Anderson, jun., P.M. 49, 715, Secretary Stability Lodge of Instruction; J. Marland, W.M. 830; W. Beeston, S.W. 830; J. Richardson, 898; Milbourn, P.M. 13; R. Egar, Sec. 1329; Major Stephens, P.M. 754, 1579; Royal, 1178; Lans, S.D. 820; and Cuthbert, J.W. 1815.

The P.M. who usually installs the W.M. of this lodge, Bro. Taylor, was prevented by illness from attending. Consequently the work of installation was performed by Bros. Hinks, P.M., and Marfleet, P.M., who were called upon at a moment's notice. After his installation Bro. Eckersall invested the following officers: Bros. Lynn, S.W.; Woolmer, J.W.; T. Hinks, Treas.; Gorrie, I.P.M.; Nixon, P.M., Sec. (for the 10th time); Owen, S.D.; Jones, J.D.; Hardiman, I.G.; Smith, D.C.; Lagerwall and Gardner, Stwds. After the re-election of the Tyler, the W.M. impressively initiated Messrs. Say, Ayris, Hancock, and Fitch, for whom the ballot had proved unanimous. Bro. Nixon, P.M., Sec., reported that the Charitable Association which had just closed had paid over £100 to the Charities. A petition on behalf of a widow was also prepared.

The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren met around the social board.

When the banquet table had been closed, the W.M., Bro. Eckersall, in fitting terms, proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which toast was enthusiastically received.

The W.M., in proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," said that the Prince was a good Mason, and discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the Fraternity. He had shown his appreciation of Masonry by having his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, initiated—an example that he (the W.M.) had followed. Although the pleasure of initiating his son had not fallen to his lot, he was pleased to inform the brethren that the last letter he had received from the East Indies said that his son was appointed Secretary of his lodge.

In proposing "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said that those who had attended Grand Lodge must have been impressed with the splendid way in which the executive performed their duties.

Bro. Gorrie, I.P.M., in very fitting terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Eckersall," saying that he had followed him in all offices in the lodge, never taking his eye off the chair. His actions in the past and on that occasion augured well for the future success of the lodge.

Bro. Eckersall, W.M., said that this was one of the proudest moments in his life—in fact, the proudest in his Masonic life. He had much to be thankful for, and was not only gratified, but almost overwhelmed by their kindness to him. The prospects of the coming year appeared very brilliant at present. He should aim to be very punctual during the coming year, and relied upon the members to support him.

Bro. Eckersall, W.M., in proposing "The Initiates," said that in the case of two of them history repeated itself, for, some 25 years ago, he stood in the relation of master and apprentice to them, as he did now in Masonry. During that period they had always been the best of friends, and if they made as good Masons as they had made fathers and citizens, they would be a great credit to the lodge. The two others were not so well known to him personally, but he had heard such splendid accounts of them that he sure they must prove very valuable acquisitions to the lodge.

Bro. Say responded for the Initiates, thanking the brethren for the very cordial reception of this toast, and expressing his great pleasure at being initiated by his worthy friend the W.M., whom he had known so long and respected so highly.

In proposing "The Installing Masters," the W.M. said it was most satisfactory to find two brethren able to perform the duties of Installing Master so well at a moment's notice. They all deeply regretted the cause of the absence of Bro. Taylor, P.M., P.Z.

Bro. Marfleet, P.M., in responding, reviewed his connection with the lodge, of which he was now the second oldest P.M. He expressed a hope that the explanation of the working tools, which was peculiar to the lodge, would never be superseded by Emulation working.

Bro. Hinks, P.M., also responded. The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," some of whom had come a great distance to honour him that evening. It was not often they had such an array of well-known Masons. Many of those present were not only locally known, but their names were known in almost all parts of the world. He specified the good work that had been done by many of them.

Bro. Clayton, P.M. 89, P.P.S.G.D., P.P.G.H. Cheshire, expressed his pleasure at being present to see Bro. Eckersall installed. They had been boys together, and during the 40 years he had known the W.M. he had known nothing but good of him. He was glad to find him as well respected in London as he had been in the north of England. The P.G.M. of his Province, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, was loved by all, and he trusted all Masons would deserve as great praise.

Bro. J. W. Thomas, P.M. 1641, P.P.G. Std. Br. Staffordshire, said that was the first opportunity he had had of enjoying their hospitality. Many of his personal friends were members of the lodge, and they all spoke highly of its peculiar working. He was greatly pleased by all he had seen, and particularly gratified to hear of the work done for the Charities.

Bro. Anderton, P.M., Sec. of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, reviewed the history of that, the oldest, lodge of instruction in London, commenting upon the eminent services performed by its various Preceptors. He strongly impressed upon his hearers the necessity of preserving their peculiar traditions.

Bro. Milbourn, P.M. 13, thanked the last speaker for his useful information, and also expressed his pleasure at being present.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," investing Bro. Gorrie, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel.

Bros. Gorrie, Addington, Nixon, Sec., Wright, and Marfleet, replied.

In response to the toast of "The Officers," Bro. H. Lynn, S.W., said this was the first time he had replied to that toast, and he could hardly make an elaborate speech. He, however, looked back with pleasure upon the time when he had acted as I.G. at the introduction of the W.M. into Masonry. He had not always been able to attend the meetings, as his public avocations had frequently kept him away, especially during the past year. Previous to last November he had been very busy, but by the help of some of his friends had been able to bring the scheme to fruition. He hoped to be able to deserve their confidence during the coming year, and also in the future if they elected him to a higher office.

Bros. Woolmer, J.W.; Hinks, Treas.; and Nixon, P.M., Sec., responded.

The Tyler's toast closed the evening.

The toasts had been interspersed with songs by Bros. Owen, Royal, and Lagerwall, and recitations by Mr. Churcher.

**URBAN LODGE (No. 1196).**—The annual meeting for the installation of a new W.M. of this lodge was held on Tuesday last at Freemasons' Hall. The W.M., Bro. J. Harcourt Lee, presided, and there were also present, among a very large number of members of the lodge and visitors, the following brethren: Bros. Washington Haycock, S.W.; Robert Manuel, J.W.; R. H. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; Geo. E. Fairchild, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Lacon, P.M.; J. Pearson, P.M.; Charles Hawksley, P.M.; R. H. Blascoyne, P.M.; Japheth Tickle, P.M.; J. F. Gooch, 177; F. Knight, 1185; J. F. Jansen, 1185; E. C. Henning, 329; J. S. Anford, W.M. 890; Geo. A. Pickering, J.W. 890; S. Holick, J.W. 1665; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174; W. Fowles, W.M. 1348; F. Cretny, 823; John Spencer, 823; John Roberts, J.W. 1642; W. Thomas, W.M. 2045; C. H. Campbell, P.M. 975; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Alfred Archer Drew, P.M. and P.Z. 890; A. Aldin, J.D. 2032; F. Vernooy Hawley, W.M. 194; J. P. Fitzgerald, W.M. 2168; W. Kent, S.D. 1321; Chas. Stoddart, P.M. 1464; Walter E. Blake, 855; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; Rout. Blasby, 780 and 2032; E. Kearney, I.P.M. 1541; D. A. Mostyn, J.D. 2045; Sam. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642; Henry Osborne, W.M. 1351; C. F. May, P.M. 180; Robert D. Cummings, P.M. 1677; J. Howell, 1321; John Adams, P.M. 1194; W. Lestocq, I.P.M. 1319; Edward Boyle, P.M. 183; R. Pittam Stevens, P.M. 901; W. H. Honey, P.M. 11; W. Clarke, P.M. 114 and P.G.P.; W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; John Cowan, W.M. 1622; John Hyman, 2168; W. G. Lemon, P.M. 165; Charles Proul, 487; G. W. Watts, P.M. 194; W. W. Macvoy, 1542, P.P.G.S.B. West Yorkshire; and G. Livingstone, 333.

After the minutes had been confirmed the W.M. passed Bro. James Seba Mountford to the Second Degree, and initiated Mr. Percy Burrow Hollick into the earliest mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. George E. Fairchild, P.M. and Sec., at the request of the W.M., then took the chair, and installed Bro. Washington Edmonds Haycock, P.M. 901, S.W., and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Harcourt Lee having been invested with the collar and jewel of I.P.M., the following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bros. Robert Manuel, S.W.; William Eckstein, J.W.; R. H. Pearson, P.M., P.Z. 1196, &c., Treas.; George E. Fairchild, P.M., P.Z. 1196, &c., Sec.; C. Hawksley, P.M., &c., D. of C.; R. Hardy Smith, S.D.; James J. Smith, J.D.; Frederic R. Farrow, I.G.; Japheth Tickle, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M., P.Z. 1196, &c.; R. S. Oakesnot, Samuel Hunt, and Caspar P. Clarke, Stwds.; and James Very, Tyler. The Treasurer's balance sheet and Auditors' report having been received and adopted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to banquet.

The toasts were afterwards proposed and honoured, and a beautiful selection of music was executed by Bro. Franklin Clive, R. W. Heney, Arthur Thomas, and F. H. Cozens, under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens.

The W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," referred to the great progress which had been made during her present Majesty's reign of over 50 years, and the great addition which had been made to the comfort and happiness of the people at large. As a monarch we had every reverence for her as the supporter of our Constitution; as the mother of the M.W.G.M., as the patroness of the Craft, and the ruler of these realms, she was held to be justly entitled to our respect, loyalty, and affection.

The W.M. coupled the toasts of "The M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and passed a high eulogium on the activity of the Prince of Wales on behalf of Freemasonry, and the energy and devotion of all the Grand Officers in the work of the Order, to all of which the present prosperous condition of the Order now was due. No doubt the progress made in Freemasonry during the last few years was attributable to the constantly active personal influence and exertions of the Prince of Wales.

Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P., replied for the Grand Officers while not presuming to respond for the M.W.G.M., and in the course of his remarks said he was pleased to see that now the greatest interest was taken in all that concerned the welfare of the Craft. The Grand Officers would always endeavour to do their duty.

The W.M., in giving "The Initiate," said nothing gave greater satisfaction to Masons than the coming in from the outside world from time to time of worthy men who desired to share with them the privileges of their ancient, honorable, and ennobling Brotherhood. The initiates constituted their life-blood, which renewed its strength and its usefulness, and extended its reputation. Judging from the recommendations of those esteemed brethren who introduced the initiate and from his demeanour throughout the ordeal of initiation, he ventured to think that they were justified in expecting that their newly-made brother would prove himself a worthy member of the Institution. On behalf of this lodge he could assure him that every possible assistance would be given to him in his search for Masonic light and instruction. He (the W.M.) was confident that Bro.

Hollick would never have reason to regret having become a brother among Masons. He would find in Masonry augmented opportunities of practising those virtues, the cardinal principle of their creed which adorned their lives, multiplied their rational pleasures, and dignified human nature.

Bro. Hollick, in reply, said he was exquisitely conscious of the honour which had been conferred on him that day. Before that night he knew but little of it, but now, though he still knew little of it, he had gained a large experience as to the wonderful work of Masonry, which he had no idea existed when he was outside its pale. He was also painfully conscious—exquisitely conscious—of the kind way they had received him in drinking his health. It seemed out of place for him, as a mere fledgling, to say anything to the brethren. He was like a cockerel which liked to crow, but did not know how to crow; but if it pleased the Great Architect to spare him till October, when he ought to be made a Master Mason, he hoped, with the assistance of so many worthy Masters around him, he should be a credit to the Craft and this lodge; but even at the present time, when he was so young a member of the Fraternity, he thanked the brethren for making him one of their number.

Bro. J. Harcourt Lee, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." It was indeed a pleasure to him to salute for the first time of his occupying the chair of this lodge Bro. Haycock. Already an Installed Master, and many years a Past Master, Bro. Haycock's experience in the Craft would be of great use to this Urban Lodge, the business of which would be conducted with that excellent urbanity, kindness, discretion, and judgment which had characterised him as long as they had known him.

The W.M. in acknowledging the toast drew to the brethren's attention the graceful way in which it had been proposed, and stated that he was indebted to the brethren for the hearty style in which the brethren had received the remarks of Bro. Lee. He hoped and believed that he should be able to render successfully and urbanely services to the lodge. So far as he knew himself, he was actuated by one intention in regard to this lodge, and that was to discharge his duties with complete efficiency, and do nothing that would not redound to the credit of their beloved Urban Lodge.

In giving "The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. J. Harcourt Lee, the W.M. said that during the whole of Bro. Lee's tenure of office he had conducted the business of the lodge most efficiently and urbanely. The ceremonies had been well conducted, and Bro. Lee would always be held in this lodge as one who had in his day and generation done good service for it. He would be held in the highest estimation of the brethren, in their fondest recollections, and as a testimony of what he had said he presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel as a token and visible sign of the heartfelt instincts of gratitude extended by the brethren of the Urban Lodge to Bro. J. Harcourt Lee.

Bro. Lee, I.P.M., said he was sensible of his many shortcomings, and they were brought home to him by the amiable expressions of the W.M. He did not believe he deserved half the nice things said of him, but he could say in his heart he had endeavoured to do his duty, and he should assist the W.M. to the utmost of his power while I.P.M. It would be an agreeable and pleasurable duty to do so. For the handsome jewel he thanked the brethren very much; he valued it, not for its intrinsic worth, although that was of some account, but for the sentiment which accompanied it, which would be a pride and a pleasure to him as long as he lived.

Bro. H. W. L. Lawson, M.P., in reply to the toast of "The Visitors," apologised for being absent from the working of the lodge, but it was his misfortune rather than his fault, because he had been engaged in a place where unfortunately they were not a band of brothers—in the County Council, which London was enjoying the first fruits of. He came because he wished to testify his respect and friendship for the W.M., who illustrated in his mind the saying that a good Mason could not be a bad man or an unworthy citizen. He wished he had been present at the installation, but he regretted to say that he came among the brethren in a most indecent manner, because he came among them unclothed, naked, rather ashamed it was true; but he found that Masons always had a friend in need, for, although he might honestly say he was not bathing and they stole his clothes, there was a brother there who came to his assistance, and provided him with the apron he had now the honour of wearing. That, again, was a proof that he did not come up to the ideal of the Craft; but, at the same time, he was proud of dining with the lodge, and he was quite satisfied the ceremony was a most impressive one, and he wished he had taken part in it. He felt that the brethren did not treat the W.M. as the French brethren treated a gentleman the other day, who only escaped with his life, and stood more in need of his apron than he (Bro. Lawson) did. Happily, those things did not occur in this country, for the essence of Masonry was peace and goodwill, where men of all creeds and politics could enjoy a convivial evening in one another's company. English lodges were not dining clubs, and they met for objects which conduced to the good spirit of Masonry, the heartfelt benevolence, which they knew was associated with the Craft. Long might it be so; if they joined their friends over the Channel Masonry would have lost its charm, which had endeared itself to the hearts of their fellow countrymen.

Bro. Boyle, in the course of his reply to the same toast, gave an account of his hospitable reception at a place in Egypt, three days' journey from a civilised city, by a landlord of an hostelry who was a Mason. He (Bro. Boyle) could not speak a word of Arabic, and the landlord could not speak a word of English. He only wished that landlord was now sitting down at this table.

Bros. Thomas, Lestocq, and Macbayne also responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master," and trusted the brethren would not think he was using extreme terms when he said it would be very difficult indeed, if not impossible, to have that delightful ceremony of installation rendered with greater fulness, greater reverence, or greater distinctness than it had been by Bro. Fairchild. In whatever capacity in life he might be placed, whatever functions he might be called upon to discharge, Bro. Fairchild brought to those duties and functions a clear head, a sound heart, and an integrity of purpose. Personally he felt greatly indebted to Bro. Fairchild for the delightful manner in which the service was given. It had been listened to at all events with admiration—he ventured to think with great advantage—and it had given the greatest pleasure.

Bro. Fairchild, in response, gave an account of his introduction to the lodge by the late Bro. Henry Marston, of the old St. John's Gate. Bro. Tickle initiated, and Bro. Marston raised him, hoping he would carry out his duties as he (Bro. Marston) had endeavoured to do. Bro. Marston was his model, and although, perhaps, in a limited way, he had tried to adopt it. Having passed the chair, he was now in the proud position of being Secretary of the lodge. He did not know why he should be singled out to instal Bro. Haycock; but whatever position he might be called upon to occupy, he should do so with pleasure, and he hoped his performance of his duties would merit the brethren's approbation. He advised the younger members of the lodge to emulate the officers, and endeavour to qualify themselves for any position.

In giving the toast of "The P.M.'s," the W.M. said the lodge had had its losses, but they should bear them with equanimity, because they knew that such men as Henry Marston had left in the minds of the members of the Urban Lodge who had followed them, and now existed, those high motives of action which had distinguished those departed brethren during their earthly sojourn.

Bro. R. H. Pearson, P.M., congratulated the lodge on having a larger number of Installed Masters present that night than on any previous occasion. He looked back with pleasure on those old days of Henry Marston and George Fairchild, and he hoped the Urban Lodge would go on, prosper, and flourish, as it did that day.

Bro. Tickle, P.M., said 18 or 19 years ago he had the honour of being initiated in this lodge at the installation meeting, and he had seen a great many up and downs in the lodge since then; but he thought no installation had been attended with more successful or glorious results than that of to-night.

Bro. Jonathan Pearson, P.M., also replied. During his year of office he initiated 12 or 13 candidates, among whom was the I.P.M. References had been made to the old St. John's Gate. They had had many enjoyable evenings there. Whether it was due to Henry Marston he did not know; but he did know that the ceremony of initiation performed by that brother made a great impression on him (Bro. Jonathan Pearson), and he always endeavoured to follow Bro. Marston's example.

Bro. Manuel, S.W., replied to the toast of "The Officers."

Bro. Very gave the Tyler's toast; and the proceedings of a very delightful evening were brought to a close.

**GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Saturday, the 9th inst. The members present included Bros. W. Tonkin, W.M.; Dr. J. Oswald, S.W.; G. Lansdown, J.W.; F. West, Dep. Prov. G. Master Surrey, Treasurer; J. L. Thomas, P. Asst. G.D. of C., Secretary; R. White, S.D.; F. H. Hardcastle, J.D.; R. Payne, D.C.; G. T. Chreture, I.G.; W. H. A. Mandell, Stwd.; F. Swain, P.M.; J. Oliver, P.M.; T. Wilson, P.M.; F. Kirk, P.M.; R. Masefield, P.M.; R. C. Morant, P.M.; R. Turner, P.M.; Payne, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. R. J. Ward, P.M. 1541; T. Leake, J.D. 302; E. Blinkhorn, P.M. 1471; Sidney Matthews, 2107; A. Woolsey, 228; W. Jennings, 142; I. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; H. H. Shirley, P.M. 1491; J. Boulton, W.M. 2291; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; J. J. Thomas, W.M. 753; W. Stevenson Hoyte, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; J. Stedman, P.M. 1765; Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; T. Oliver, 1558; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; C. Chetwynd, P.M. 1670; A. Darch, P.M., Sec. 72; Geo. Butcher, P.P.G. Org.; T. Emery, P.J.G.W.; R. Cross, P.P.G. Org.; R. H. Boyatt, 1764; W. Wickham, 459; H. Jennings, 142; T. Atkinson, P.M. 1420; W. Spratling, P.M., Sec. 2033; Wright, P.M.; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Dr. Oswald, S.W., was presented as W. Master elect, and regularly installed into the chair. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. Lansdown, S.W.; White, J.W.; West, D.P.G.M. Surrey, Treas.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Hardcastle, S.D.; Chreture, J.D.; Mason, I.G.; Mandell, D.C.; Upton and E. Fawkes, Stewards; and Woodstock, P.M., Tyler. The addresses were effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Payne, P.M. The W.M. presented Bro. Tonkin, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services during the past year, for which the recipient returned sincere thanks and expressed his intention of continuing to exert himself for the benefit of the lodge. The Audit report, showing balances of £115 12s. 5d. and £22 17s. 4d. to the credit of the lodge and benevolent funds respectively, was received and unanimously adopted.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a *recherché* repast was admirably served. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards heartily given and warmly received.

Bro. Col. Peters, P.G.S.B., in response to "The Grand Officers," said he was obliged to the W.M. for associating his name with the toast. He stood between two Grand Officers high up in Grand Lodge, but, as a visitor, he had the honour to return thanks. The Grand Officers did their best to promote the prosperity of the Order, and maintain the harmony prevalent amongst the brethren generally. He was sorry he did not witness the first part of the installation ceremony, but he heard Bro. Payne, P.M., deliver the addresses, and was sure no brother could have rendered the ceremony in a more able manner. Every member and visitor must have been satisfied with the manner in which the working had been performed. As there was a long programme to be carried out he would content himself by simply thanking them for the kind manner in which the health of the Grand Officers had been proposed and received.

Bro. Tonkin, I.P.M., said he had to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and was sure it would be received most heartily. It was the third time Bro. Dr. Oswald had occupied that exalted position, and there was no doubt that in the coming year the members would hear something grand in the working of the ritual.

Bro. Dr. Oswald, W.M., returned sincere thanks for the kind reception accorded the toast. He was of opinion that the man who occupied a position should be able to perform

his duties, and he hoped in that respect he should not be wanting. After being so long connected with the lodge, for 15 years, he found himself in the chair. He had no idea of reaching that position when he became a member, but, finding that he was the only old member who was a P.M., but not a P.M. of that lodge, he did not wish to be behind, and was anxious to take office. He now felt proud that he had attained the position, and would do his best on behalf of the lodge.

"The Visitors" was next given by the W.M., who gave the visiting brethren a hearty welcome, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Broadley and Zacharie.

Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, responded, and said that in view of the admonition from the W.M., on the subject of brevity, and the very excellent programme of entertainment provided, he should be doing an injustice if he responded in any length. Ten years had elapsed since he, as a stranger to England, first paid a visit to this lodge under the auspices of his good friend, Bro. Lewis Thomas. He then came from a far distant district, but on the present occasion he came from across the way—Drury Lane. There was another brother whose name was associated with the toast, who came from a still greater distance—California—who would, no doubt, tell them his experience. In the name of the visitors, he thanked the members once more for the reception given them by this excellently worked and prosperous lodge.

Bro. I. Zacharie, P.G.M. California, also replied. Looking around him he saw many old and dear friends whom he was always happy to meet. It might perhaps prove interesting to the brethren present if he gave them some little account of how Masonry was introduced into California. In 1847 he was appointed surgeon to a regiment which crossed the plains, and as there were many Masons he proposed that they should open a lodge on the summit of the Rocky Mountains. They did so, and a lodge was opened in the centre of a hollow square. In 1849 they arrived at San Francisco, and there they opened the first lodge in that place, and such progress was made that on the 1st July, 1849, they formed themselves into the first Grand Lodge, of which he had the honour to be elected Grand Master. He was happy to say there were now 15,000 Masons in the State of California. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind reception, and hoped he should be with them on a future occasion.

Bro. Tonkin, I.P.M., in response to "The Health of the P.M.'s," of whom there was a goodly array present, said each one was anxious to do his best for the lodge, and they all thanked the W.M. for his kindly remarks.

Bro. F. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey, Treas., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary." He said the W.M. had told them that the speeches and responses should be short. One of the first things he learnt in his early days as a schoolboy was strict obedience, otherwise there were certain penalties, and when he became a Mason he was also told that obedience was a strong item in the programme of success. He would, therefore, assure them in a few words of the honour he regarded his election as Treasurer, and that he would do his best to perform those duties to their satisfaction.

Bro. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., Sec., said they had had a most excellent Treasurer in Bro. West. They one and all felt the greatest regard for the lodge, and also felt that their efforts and energy ought to be devoted to its prosperity and success. That feeling had animated him since the first time he became a member, which was at its consecration, for he was one of the founders, and he might say the original founder. Their dear Bro. Kirk, who had departed, was the W.M., and gave to the lodge that "esprit de corps" which it now possessed. It was agreed that members should be connected with the arts and sciences, and building construction. It had afforded him great delight to witness the success of this lodge. In the year before last they initiated 12 members and last year one, and they were thus filling up the vacancies which death and resignation made. They had over £100 in hand, and that was a great thing, considering they had always voted a sum annually to the Charities of the Order. Under those circumstances they could look back with pride, and he hoped they would be as successful in the future as in the past.

"The Health of the Installing Master" was cordially given, and appropriately responded to by Bro. Payne, P.M.

Bro. Lansdown, S.W., replied for "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Stedman, and it is, therefore, almost superfluous to add that they were of an excellent and enjoyable nature. In addition to his choir of boys, he was assisted by Misses Amelia Gruhn and Greta Williams, and Messrs. Augustus Toop and Victor Buziau.

**MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE (No. 1446).**

—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Bridge House Hotel, on Saturday, the 9th inst., when a large number of brethren and visitors were in attendance. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. Hamilton, P.M., and the revised by-laws were approved. The W.M., Bro. Carl von Bibra, then proceeded to install his successor, Bro. R. W. Edgley, who invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. von Bibra, I.P.M.; G. W. Perry, S.W.; J. Down, J.W.; T. Cull, P.M., Treas.; J. Limebeer, P.M., Sec.; O. P. Boert, S.D.; G. H. Richards, J.D.; T. S. Beard, I.G.; J. Whitehead, D.C.; J. Wynne, Steward; and G. Harrison, Tyler. There were also present Bros. G. Hamilton, P.M.; T. Griffith, P.M.; W. H. Baker, P.M.; J. Ross, P.M.; Pennack, Hosegood, S. Down, Burch, Mann, Fill, Goulding, Weise, Darling, Long, Potter, Duncan, Nutman, George, and others. Visitors: Bros. Side, P.M. 511; Powell, P.M. 457; Wise, P.M. 1158; Larham, P.M. 1539; Whitehead, P.M. 1425; Evans, P.M. 1922; Chapman, P.M. 1922; Pawsey, P.M. 1539; Brindley, P.M. 1604; Talbot, 65; Chambers, 834; Morris, 902; Cooper, 1475; Bromhead, 1662; Arthur Weston, 1929; Rideal, 860; Dutton, 1706; and others. The addresses were delivered in a very impressive manner by Bro. W. H. Baker, P.M.

A banquet was afterwards held, at which the new Master presided.

The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, each of which received due recognition.

In submitting the toast of "The Past Masters," he (the W.M.) paid a high compliment to Bro. W. H. Baker, for the ability he had displayed in the rendering of the ad-

dresses. He (the W.M.) also spoke highly of the Treas. and Sec. for the way in which their duties were performed.

A selection of music was given by Bros. Dutton, Arthur Weston, Evans, and Chapman. Bro. Arthur Weston was specially successful in Mattei's delightful song, "Dear Heart," while in Balfe's duett, "Excelsior," he was assisted by Bro. Chapman.

Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting of the lodge, which will be held on the second Saturday in April.

**CHICHESTER.**—Lodge of Union (No. 38).—The annual festival of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., when Lord Walter Gordon-Lennox, M.P., was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, he having, during the past twelve months, served as Senior Warden. At the opening of the lodge there was a large and representative gathering of the Freemasons of Sussex, presided over by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. H. Hawes, who conducted the ceremony of installation. Lord Walter subsequently appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. C. Inkpen, S.W.; W. Doman, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.P.G.C., Chap.; O. N. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. H. Hawes, I.P.M., Sec.; Rev. J. C. B. Fletcher, S.D.; C. F. Charge, J.D.; George Smith, P.M., P.P.G.W., D.C.; A. W. Lambert, P.M. 588, P.P.G.O. Lincoln, Org.; J. Fielden, I.G.; and E. F. Gower and H. H. Moore, Stwds. Bros. George Smith and O. N. Wyatt were elected Charity Stewards; the latter to serve on the Charities Committee of the Province. Before the lodge was closed a P.M.'s gold jewel was presented to Bro. Hawes, in recognition of his services in the chair during the past year.

Subsequently the banquet was served in the Assembly Room, which had been comfortably fitted up by Mr. Muggridge. The arrangements made by the Stewards, Bros. Gower and H. H. Moore, reflected great credit on those officers, and Bro. Moore was also kind enough to lend a variety of floral decorations. The catering was entrusted to Mr. Richardson, who acquitted himself very satisfactorily; and the wines supplied by Bro. A. Purchase were also all that could be desired.

The Chichester Orchestral Society played during dinner, under the direction of Bro. Lambert, who also arranged an excellent programme of music for the evening, which was well sustained by Mr. W. Evan Cox, Bros. G. Fielder, C. F. Charge, W. N. Malby, C. Rees, J. Fielden, and others.

The newly-installed W.M. presided, and among those present of the visitors were the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D.; the Prov. Grand Secretary, Cro. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; Bros. Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G.C., W.M. 48; J. H. Longman, W.M. 56; S. Denman, W.M. 732; E. S. Cooksey, W.M. 851; Alfred Lloyd, W.M. 1726; H. Ancombe, W.M. 1821; J. E. Musson, W.M. 2187; E. Rivington, P.P.G. Supt. of W. Jersey; G. L. Stobbs, P.P.G. Stwd. Hants and Isle of Wight; C. Burnell, Prov. A.G.P.; and amongst brethren of the Lodge of Union present, besides those whose names have been mentioned, were Bros. T. Weller-Poley, P.G.D.; Sir Robert Raper, P.P.G.W.; C. P. Henty, P.P.G.W.; J. St. Clair, P.P.G.W.; W. Adams, P.M.; H. E. Breach, P.M.; Oliver Lloyd, P.P.G.S.B.; F. W. Gruggen, P.P.G. Stwd.; G. Gatehouse, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Barrett, Prov. G.D.C.; Douglas Henty, T. H. Crouch, P.P.G.D.; W. Styles, H. Heather, A. J. Raven, A. Buquet, Rev. P. L. B. Braybrooke, C. Howard, J. W. Geen, A. Goodger, G. Turner, T. H. A. Valentine, James Lillywhite, and others.

Bro. the Earl of March, P.G.W., was kept away by a pressing engagement in London; and Bro. Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox, Prov. G.W., was on duty with the Commander-in-Chief at Gibraltar.

During the day an interesting Museum of Masonic MSS., jewels, &c., in the possession of the lodge, was arranged for inspection.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 7th inst., when Bro. Wm. Bye Gregory, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the whole of the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. T. Payne Ashley, P.P.S.G.W., one of the oldest Past Masters of the lodge, who was himself installed as W.M. in the same lodge 31 years ago. There were also present Bros. R. C. Else, Deputy Prov. G.M., P.G.D.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M. 41 and 906, P.P.S.G.W.; C. W. Radway, P.M. 41, P.P.S.G.W.; R. B. Cater, P.M. 41, P.P.S.G.W.; H. C. Hopkins, P.M. 379, P.P.S.G.W.; John Rubie, P.M. 41, P.P.J.G.W.; J. R. Ford, P.M. 53, P.P.J.G.W.; G. H. Bartlett, P.M. 906, P.P.J.G.W.; Greenfield, P.M. 82, P.P.G.D.; Fras. Wilkinson, P.M. 41, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. J. B. Mercer, P.M. 41, P.P.G.S. of W.; Thos. Ames, P.M. 41, P.P.G.S. of W.; L. Howes, P.M. 906, P.P.A.G.D.C.; P. Braham, P.M. 41, P.P.G.O.; Jas. Robinson, P.M. 335; Michael Clark, W.M. 1750; G. B. Currie, W.M. 296; and W. F. Gould, W.M. 855. The Installing Master having installed the W.M., the brethren below the chair were re-admitted, and the usual addresses were given, and the accustomed salutations directed by Bro. Ashley, the Installing Master. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. J. G. Wilton, S.W.; W. L. Jervis, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; C. W. Radway, P.M., Sec.; T. Brown, S.D.; H. Boutelle, J.D.; Fras. Wilkinson, P.M., D.C.; C. J. Baldwin, I.G.; J. Foote, Org.; F. W. Gardener and S. Van Praag, Stwds.; and Samuel Bigwood, Tyler.

Bro. John Rubie, P.M., said that, as the brethren were aware, a sum of money had been placed in the names of trustees by Bro. Edward White, P.M., the oldest member of the lodge, to provide a Past Master's jewel for each Master upon his leaving the chair, whom the brethren should in open lodge decide was entitled to it for the excellent manner in which he had done his work. In consequence of the lamented death of the W.M. this year during his year of office it became impossible to submit the usual vote to the brethren. The trustees and Past Masters, having considered the matter, had made a suggestion to Bro. White, to which he at once assented—that the jewel on this occasion be presented to Bro. E. J. B. Mercer, P.M., who had during the last year performed all the ceremonies required, and had at all times placed his services at the use of the lodge. He, therefore, moved a resolution to this

effect, which, being seconded, was carried unanimously, and the jewel (which is of a special and chaste design) was then presented to Bro. Mercer, who suitably returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Christopher Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been prepared by Bro. J. Robinson, which was much appreciated by the brethren.

**LITTLEBOROUGH.**—Benevolence Lodge (No. 226).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, in the presence of the following officers and brethren: Bros. S. Scott Young, W.M.; Robert Nuttall, I.P.M.; M. Moss, S.W.; W. Syke-Sheard, J.W.; S. B. Priestley, P.M., D.C.; Rev. Dr. Salts, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Treas.; A. Stott, Sec.; Lee, S.D.; J. A. Gledhill, J.D.; Cryer, I.G.; C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.M., P.G.D. Eng.; Dr. Royle, P.P.S.G.D. East Lancs.; Vaughan, Prov. G. Reg. East Lanc.; J. Cockraft, P.M.; Shuttleworth, P.M.; T. Livesey, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; Wilkinson, P.M. 295, P.P.G. Stwd.; and a full attendance of brethren of the lodge and visitors from the lodges in the district.

The occasion was a most interesting one, it being the 21st birthday of Mr. Clement Halliwell Beswicke-Royds, who (after the W.M. had opened the lodge, and the minutes had been read and confirmed) was to be initiated in this lodge, of which his father, Bro. Beswicke-Royds, P.G.D., and his grandfather, Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, P.P.G.M. Worcestershire, P.P.D.G.M. East Lancs., &c., are both Past Masters and subscribing members. The ballot having been taken for Mr. C. H. Beswicke-Royds, and proving favourable, he was initiated in a most impressive manner by his father, the W.M. taking the S.W. chair. The working tools and tracing board were explained by the W.M., Bro. S. Scott Young, and the charge was delivered by Bro. S. B. Priestley, P.M., D.C.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Beswicke-Royds in honour of the interesting event.

After the company had done ample justice to the feast, which was served in splendid style by Bro. Jno. Rowell, the host of the Red Lion Hotel, and the toast of "The Queen" had been duly honoured.

The W.M. gave "The Grand Lodge," to which Bro. Beswicke-Royds, P.G.D., responded, and "The Provincial Grand Lodge," for which Bros. Dr. Royle, P.P.G.D., and Vaughan, Prov. G. Reg., returned thanks.

The W.M. then rose to propose "The Health of the Newly-Initiated Brother," and remarked upon the unique circumstance of this being the third generation of the family who had honoured the lodge by "patronising their mysteries and joining in their assemblies." He dwelt upon the fact that the new brother was born to a position of great responsibility in the county; that he would be called upon to administer justice as a county magistrate; that the pleasures and responsibilities of wealth and exalted position rested upon his shoulders; and expressed a hope that the tenets and principles of the Craft, of which he had so lately become a member, would be his guiding principle in discharging the onerous duties of his exalted position, and that he would devote himself to the good of his fellow-creatures, the amelioration of the lot of his less fortunate neighbours, and the general welfare of mankind, and strive to leave the world better than he found it.

Bro. C. H. Beswicke-Royds responded in a short, but graceful and felicitous speech.

"The Health of Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, the host of the evening," was then proposed by Bro. Rev. Dr. Salts, P.P.G. Chap., in an eloquent speech, in which the speaker dwelt upon the eminent services rendered by that distinguished brother in the many Degrees of Freemasonry with which he is connected, and which was received with tumultuous applause by the brethren.

Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds responded, and proposed the toast of "The Visitors," expressing the great pleasure it gave him to see so many visitors present upon so interesting, and, to him, eventful occasion.

Bro. Bowen, P.M., and Bro. A. Butterworth, S.D. 2069, and other brethren, responded.

Bro. Priestley, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Scott Young," and remarked upon the conspicuous ability shown by that brother in delivering the various ceremonies which it had been his lot to perform, that being the sixth ceremony since his installation in December last, and congratulated the lodge upon having selected so worthy a Mason to preside over them.

The W.M. responded in a feeling speech, pointing out his sense of the great responsibility resting upon the Master of a lodge, and expressing his determination to carry out the solemn duties of his high office to the best of his ability.

The toast of "The Officers" was then proposed by Bro. Nuttall, I.P.M., who said he could not help referring to the example set them by the W.M., and he had every confidence that they would do their utmost to follow it.

The S.W., J.W., and S.D., responded in suitable terms.

The W.M. then proposed "The P.M.'s of the Lodge," and dwelt upon the valuable help they had afforded in times past, and expressed the earnest hope that the lodge would continue to receive the same assistance from those brethren.

Bros. Cockroft, Shuttleworth, and Nuttall, responded.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most enjoyable and interesting meetings in the annals of 226, now close upon its centenary.

**FAREHAM.**—Lodge of Harmony (No. 309).—On Thursday, the 7th inst., Bro. Thomas H. Williams was duly installed as the W.M. of the above lodge for the year ensuing. The Installing Master was Bro. Henry Cooke, the outgoing W.M., who delivered the ritual in a correct and impressive manner. At the close of the ceremony, the W.M. appointed his officers for the year as follows: Bros. H. Cooke, I.P.M.; E. T. Crouch, S.W.; T. W. Haydon, J.W.; Rev. A. A. Headley, P.M., Chap.; J. B. Goldsmith, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Hill, P.M., Sec.; C. O. Smith, S.D.; E. H. Cooper, J.D.; H. E. Bate, I.G.; J. Homan, D.C.; E. Penton and J. H. Lyon, Stwds.; and R. Eames, Tyler. The W.M. presented, on behalf of the lodge, a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. H. Cooke, and complimented him on the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge

during the past year. A past Secretary's jewel was also presented to Bro. Rev. A. A. Headley, who for the past seven years, has acted as the Secretary of the lodge; and the W.M., in making the presentation, expressed his regret that the lodge was about to lose the services of such an able and zealous officer. Bros. Cooke and Headley made suitable acknowledgments.

The brethren subsequently retired to the large room adjoining, where a banquet was served in good style by Bro. Young, P.M.

The W.M. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Cooke in a neat and effective speech. He referred to the great interest taken by Bro. Williams in the Charities connected with the Craft, and alluded to the fact that when he accepted the Stewardship for the Boys' School he raised no less a sum than £350 towards that Charity.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities," which was submitted by the Mayor of Portsmouth (Bro. George Ellis, J.P.), was responded to by Bro. J. Mason, P.M., collector of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who referred to the great demands at present made upon the central Charities, and cautioned the brethren that they should exercise the utmost care in accepting candidates for admission to the Craft. He pointed out that it was inadvisable to admit those whose means did not justify their candidature.

Bro. Edgar Goble, Prov. G. Sec., P.G.D. England, also cautioned the W.M.'s present very strongly not to admit to the Order those whose pecuniary position would be likely to render them almost immediate objects of Charity.

Bro. G. Felton Lancaster also responded on behalf of the Hampshire Benevolent Institution, which, he said, had been successfully established. They had recently been able to deal with three applications of a deserving character, and they hoped shortly to be able to invest £1000, the interest of which, with their ordinary income from subscriptions, would be sufficient to meet their present needs.

There was a large and influential attendance of members of the Craft, including (in addition to those named) Bros. Sir William King, J.P.; Edgar Goble, P.G. Sec., P.G.D. Eng.; T. Francis, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Cawte, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Edmonds, J.P., P.P.G.R.; A. R. Holbrook, P.P.G.R.; G. Bond, P.P.G.S.B.; the Rev. T. F. Morton, W.M. 257; W. H. Sperring, W.M. 342; J. Jenkins, W.M. 487; C. J. Lawrence, W.M. 1069; J. Ruddy, W.M. 1428; G. Aylward, W.M. 1776; J. G. Livesay, W.M. 1903; C. V. Birch, W.M. 2074; T. Stretton, W.M. 2153; G. Grant, P.M.; S. R. Ellis, P.M.; J. Griffin, J.P.; A. W. Jerrard, Dr. W. C. Bland, J. Selby Hall, H. A. Storry, Dr. B. Wright, D. Lee, H. L. Woodeson, N. H. Matthews, W. H. Bolitho, T. Whiteman, H. T. Holmes, H. Pack, and others.

**PETERSFIELD.**—Lodge of Friendship (No. 928).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 4th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Chas. Wells, when amongst those present, besides members of the lodge, were Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; E. Goble, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; T. Francis, P.P.J.G.W.; F. Sanders, P.P.G. Stwd.; A. Jolliffe, P.M. 257; C. J. E. Mumby, P.M. 1069; J. W. Jones, P.M. 632; W. Abbott, P.M. 985; A. W. Hewett, I.P.M. 342; J. Jenkins, W.M. 487; H. G. Allison, S.W. 1428; T. Honey, W.M. 1017; J. M. Peake, S.D. 2128; G. Cecconi, 342 and 2068; J. Pardon, 1208; H. T. Smith, 202; F. Lockett, 632; J. H. Lyon, 295 and 309; and H. Murphy, 1512. The members of the lodge present wearing provincial collars were Bros. W. B. Edgeler, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Woodhouse, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Naylor, P.G. Std. Br.; and R. Pocock, P.P.G. Stwd.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, and the Provincial Grand Officers present duly greeted, Bro. Wells handed over the gavel to the Installing Master, Bro. Creedon. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Caparn, was presented, and installed in the chair of K.S., and subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Wells, I.P.M.; H. H. Atkinson-Grimshaw, S.W.; H. V. Hann, J.W.; W. B. Edgeler, P.M., Treas.; J. Swan, P.M., Sec.; F. Mills, S.D.; Rev. G. Andrew, J.D.; M. P. Creedon, P.M., D.C.; W. S. Drayton, I.G.; J. F. Grist and J. Hudspith, Stewards; and A. Head, Tyler. Bro. Creedon then delivered the addresses, as he had performed the entire installation ceremony, in a most full, perfect, and impressive manner, which won a most unanimous expression of admiration from all the visiting and other brethren. Two candidates for admission to the lodge were proposed—one as a joining member and the other for initiation.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most sumptuous and recherché banquet, served at the Dolphin Hotel, Bro. C. Wells, I.P.M., host. Between 40 and 50 sat down, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., who was supported by all the officers and visitors before mentioned.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured; that of "The Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge" being responded to by Bro. Goble, P.P.G. Std. Br., and Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre replying for himself and the other "Present and Past Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge." Both these distinguished brethren availed themselves of the opportunity to speak in terms of the highest and most unqualified praise of the way in which the Installing Master, Bro. Creedon, had performed his task.

"The Healths of the W.M." and "W.M.'s and Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges," were next given, properly honoured, and duly responded to, the latter by Bro. J. Jenkins, W.M. 487.

A number of visitors were then compelled to leave to catch the last train, but a sufficiently numerous and socially disposed party were left to complete the toast list, and spend a happy evening with song and entertainment.

"The Installing Master," "The Initiates," "Success to the Lodge of Friendship," "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and "The Officers," filled their allotted parts in the toast list, while a special one was fittingly introduced and received in honour of "The Host, Bro. Wells, his Wife, and Lewis," the Tyler's toast bringing up the rear.

A feature of the evening's entertainment was an excellent and amusing recitation given by Bro. Honey, the recently installed W.M. of 1017, who was visiting what he termed his grandmother lodge, viz., that in which his father was made a Mason upwards of 22 years ago.

**BIRMINGHAM.—Forward Lodge (No. 1180).**

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, on Monday, the 4th inst., to install Bro. W. F. Tolladay, W.M. elect, and late S.W. Bro. Wm. Winfield, W.M., opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous regular lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. the Rev. R. Rigden was unanimously balloted for as a joining member, after which Bro. W. Gilliver was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and the W.M., in a most clear and impressive manner, installed the W.M. elect into the chair of K.S. The charges to the respective chairs and brethren were given by Bros. W. Hillman, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; Dr. E. T. Burton, P.M., P.J.G.D.; and E. F. Cole, P.M. The following officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. W. Winfield, I.P.M.; W. J. Meredith, S.W.; T. H. Simpson, J.W.; Rev. R. Rigden, Chap.; F. Hobday, P.M., Treas.; E. A. Smith, Sec.; T. W. Siddaway, S.D.; J. T. Harcourt, J.D.; W. Hillman, P.M., D.C.; T. N. Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; W. Price, I.G.; J. M. Daffarn, Steward; J. Trevett, Tyler; and E. P. Cole, Charity Steward. The newly-elected W. Master then rose for the purpose of presenting the retiring W.M., Bro. Winfield, with a P.M.'s jewel which the lodge had voted. The W.M. said that Bro. Winfield had done his work well during his year of office, and had now installed his successor. Thus he had finished his year with credit to himself and honour to the lodge, and retired to the honourable ranks of the P.M.'s. In investing Bro. Winfield with the jewel, the W.M. hoped that he would be spared many years to wear it. In reply, Bro. Winfield said he felt much gratified by the mark of honour which had been conferred upon him. His work had been a labour of love, and he was pleased to learn that he had fulfilled his duties to the satisfaction of the lodge. The W.M. then stated that the report of the Audit Committee was most satisfactory, the lodge being free from debt. Letters of apology for absence from Bros. Lord Leigh, P.G.M., and J. T. Collins, D.P.G.M., were read by the Sec. The W. Master then received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren present.

After discussing the excellent banquet which had been provided, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were enthusiastically received.

"The Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," were then proposed by the W.M., who referred to the long time Lord Leigh had presided over them with such credit to himself and honour to the province.

Bro. W. Hillman, P.P.G.P., replied to the toast, and in the course of his remarks said that the Masons of Warwickshire were under very considerable obligations to Lord Leigh, and the brethren he appointed from time to time were always anxious to keep the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire in a high state of efficiency.

Bro. F. J. Turley also responded for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire.

Bro. W. J. Meredith, S.W., then proposed "The W. Master." He said it was a pleasing duty which fell to the lot of the S.W. in the Forward Lodge to propose that toast, and it needed very few words to commend it to the brethren, especially when the subject was such an excellent friend as Bro. Tolladay. During the time the W.M. had been in the lodge he had carried out his various duties in an able and efficient manner, and he felt sure that the W.M. would be most popular during his year of office. Bro. Meredith asked the brethren to cordially drink to the health of the W.M., which was done with enthusiasm.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the S.W. and brethren. Since he had been initiated into Freemasonry, it had been his endeavour to render himself capable of filling any office he might be called upon to take; he was an enthusiast in Masonry. Masonry meant to him the embodiment of all manliness, honesty, purity, and loyalty. The prospects of the Forward Lodge seemed to him very bright and inspiring, and he trusted that the future would not belie his hopes and expectations, and that no year would close less prosperously than the one just expired. No one could foretell what was in store in the future, whether joy or sorrow; but, bound together by the union of hearts and hands, he could not doubt but that a wider field of usefulness and a still greater prosperity awaited them as a Masonic body. In conclusion, the W.M. wished the brethren "A happy new Masonic year."

"The Visitors" was then proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. W. Tansley, W.M. 925; T. Bott, P.M. 1031; R. Barber, P.M. 1782; R. W. Plummer, 47; and Thos. Clulee, J.W. 564. The last-named brother remarked that he had known Bro. Tolladay a long time, and had a very pleasant recollection of a recent visit to the lodge, when he heard the W.M. from the S.W. chair deliver the charge to four initiates, and he was sure that the brethren had put the right man in the right place.

The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master and the Past Masters of the Forward Lodge." Bro. Winfield, the retiring W.M., had always done his work in a painstaking and creditable manner, and he had completed his year of office with honour to himself. The Past Masters were all good and true Masons, and were the backbone of the lodge. They were always ready to render any assistance they could, and their advice was most valuable.

In reply, the Installing Master thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and promised him all the assistance he could give.

Bro. Dr. Burton, P.M., P.S.G.D., in an enthusiastic speech on behalf of the Past Masters, said they were very pleased to see the W.M. in the chair, and he was sure that the whole of the Past Masters and officers would assist the W.M. in carrying out the important duties of his high office.

The toast of "The Officers" having been proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Bros. Campion, Turley, Myers, Bradney, Meredith, Simpson, and Hitching contributed largely to the musical enjoyment of the evening. Bro. P. N. Bladon presided at the pianoforte.

The following sent letters of apology for absence: Bros. Geo. Beech, G.S.B., P.G.S.; Col. Foster Gough, acting P.G.M. Staff.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; G. K. Patten, J.P., P.P.S.G.W.; C. Fendelow, Prov. Prior; J. Jaffray, J.P.; Henry Paton, J.P.; W. B. Williamson, J.P. Worcester; E. O. Smith, Councillor Wm. Brinsley, T. R. Arter, P.M.; A. F. Marrillow, P.M.; L. Wright, P.M.; Jas. Moffatt, P.M., Prov. G. Charity Steward;

H. Sanderson, P.M.; W. Price, P.M.; A. Green, P.M.; and several others.

The following visitors and brethren were amongst those present: Bros. J. Boston, P.M.; J. Turley, P.M.; Geo. Dance, P.M., P.P.G.S.; J. Beattie, P.M., P.S.W.; A. F. Marrillow, P.M.; T. Bott, P.M.; W. Tansley, W.M.; R. Barber, P.M.; C. R. Garnett, P.M.; J. J. Simpson, W.M.; W. G. F. Bolton, P.M.; S. Walleker, P.M.; G. N. Millward, W.M.; H. H. Campion, P.M.; Jas. Rooker, S.W.; W. Tedmarsh, S.W.; J. Bradney, S.W.; L. Gussell, S.D.; Thos. Clulee, J.W.; G. H. Thomas, G. H. Middleton, C. J. Nicholls, G. A. Daffarn, T. C. Bigwood, R. Pauling, R. W. Plummer, S. G. Wilkinson, W. H. Butcher, H. A. Clulee, H. Read, J. C. Gussell, J. Morgan, H. Southall, E. Cheshire, H. Auliff, T. W. Dollman, C. Clarke, E. W. Kitching, H. Stephens, C. W. Grove, W. J. Chambers, D. Marks, W. Gilliver, F. Hall, and H. Myers.

**YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).**

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Monday last, when, in the absence of the W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.W., the following brethren and officers being also present: Bros. W. B. Dyson, I.P.M.; J. T. Sellar, P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M.; Geo. Balmford, P.M. and Treas.; G. Chapman, S.W.; G. Lamb, J.W.; J. H. Shonksmith, J.D.; W. Lackenby, D. of C.; J. L. Spetch and F. W. Halliwell, Stwds.; W. S. Child, Org.; P. Pearson, I.G.; R. Ware, A. Chapman, A. Bellerby, Jas. Smith, R. H. Wisker, G. G. Pook, A. Archer, G. Fletcher, F. McDonald, 660; and others.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Whytehead proceeded to give a Masonic address, in which he reviewed the objects and original design of Speculative Masonry and then entered into an inquiry as to whether those objects and designs were conscientiously carried out at the present time, appealing to the brethren to use their utmost endeavours to preserve and elevate the tone of their lodge and of the Craft. Freemasonry, he said, seemed to be regarded by some brethren as a sort of rescue society. He had heard it urged as an argument for the admission of a member of the outside world that he was not very steady, but that it would "do him good" to be brought under the influence of the Craft. This was utterly wrong, and could lead to nothing but disaster. Freemasonry was intended to be a union of good men for good-fellowship and usefulness, and if a man were not soundly fixed in good principles he was not fit to be a Mason. To take an unfit man into the Order would do him no good, and would demoralise the lodge that received him into its doors. Other people appeared to imagine that the Craft was a benefit society. This was also an error of the gravest and most injurious kind. No Mason or Mason's widow had any claim whatever upon the Craft, and all the great Charities of the Order, as well as money gifts by the Board of Benevolence were purely acts of grace on the part of the Craft. He (the speaker) had chok'd off far more men from Masonry than he had brought in, and he was glad of it. The world ought to know that Freemasonry was a luxury, and a rather expensive one too, and if this truth were generally known there would be very soon a reduction in the applications for Charity. No one had a right to become a Freemason who was living from hand to mouth, and whose death would be the certain prelude to an application for relief from his family. The speaker dwelt on the moral duties of the Order, and especially on that of Charity, which he said did not mean merely giving of alms, but that great virtue which comprised all the Christian graces put together as described by the great apostle when he said "the greatest of these is Charity." A brother, he said, might be a good ritualist, a punctual attender at the lodge, and a pleasant associate at the supper table, but he might be, in spite of all that, a wretched bad Mason in the true sense of the word. On the other hand a genuine Mason might never have done a ceremony decently in his life, but he might be trusted to be a good husband, a good father, a good brother, a good son, and a good citizen, for his rule of life was to love the Lord his God with all his heart and his neighbour as himself.

On the motion of Bro. Brown, P.M., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Whytehead for his address.

Bro. Whytehead then presented, on behalf of Bro. J. Lane, of Torquay, a copy of Bro. Hughan's latest work; on behalf of Bro. Simpson, a bound copy of the *Aberdeen Masonic Reporter*, and, on his own account, a copy of Bro. Kelly's "Fifty Years of Masonic Reminiscences," and several minor works.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Sir F. Milner, P.M., for the gift of his portrait which had been presented at the last meeting after Royal Arch Chapter.

Two candidates and one joining member were proposed, and the lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards meeting at supper.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON.—Swan of Avon Lodge**

(No. 2133).—The installation meeting and banquet in connection with the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Union Club. Although the lodge has been established only three years it has now a membership of over forty, and the activity and zeal of its officers have been the means of giving it a very meritorious position in the Warwickshire province. During that time a great deal has been effected in the matter of Charity—the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—and several Lite Governorships to one or other of the Masonic Charities have been secured to the members through the benevolent fund established in connection with the lodge. The installation ceremony was performed with due solemnity by Bro. C. R. Garnett, P.P.G.D., who stands in the front rank of Masonry, and who may be designated the father of the lodge, the new Master being Bro. Joseph Francis Burke, who has taken a warm interest in the prosperity of the lodge, and also rendered active assistance in its formation.

There was a large attendance of brethren, amongst those present being Bros. Lord Hertford, P.S.G.W.; Lord Ernest Seymour, P.P.S.G.W.; G. H. Fosbroke, P.P.G.P.; S. G. Smith, P.M. 284; C. J. Collins, P.M. 74; Albert E. Davis, W.M. 567; J. M. Masheter, P.M. 507; Albert Petter, 187; J. E. Hiron, Robert Gibbs, K. M. Bird, P.M.; W. Linell, 395; J. J. Panley, 567; Newton Spryce, 194; J. Callaway, P.M.; and others. After the installation the W.M. invested his officers with the insignia of their respective offices. The following are the appointments: Bros. E. Birch, S.W.; John Smith, J.W.; A. C.

Pickering, Treas.; J. S. Cranmer, Sec.; J. Downing, S.D.; T. C. New, J.D.; C. R. Garnett, D.C.; C. F. Loggin, Std. Br.; J. H. Caseley, Org.; W. Horton, Asst. Sec.; G. M. Bird, I.G.; E. Deer and J. Hill, Stwds.; R. Lunn, Charity Steward; and W. Wilmore, Tyler.

After the investment, the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Deer for a very handsome banner he had presented to the lodge, which he regarded as a great work of art. The banner is of light blue silk, with silver corded border and enrichments. In the centre, skilfully worked in silk, is the figure of a swan, with teathers full set, sailing majestically on the Avon, and in the distance, worked in similar material, is a representation of Holy Trinity Church, with its pretty surroundings. The name and number of the lodge, the motto "England and St. George," and the Masonic devices are worked in raised silver cord, and the effect is strikingly picturesque. The whole work certainly reflects credit on the lady by whose fair hands it was manipulated. Bro. Deer expressed the pleasure it gave him to make the presentation, and added that the lady who worked it would be gratified that her skill had been so highly appreciated. Afterwards a handsome P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), was presented, in graceful terms, to Bro. George Boydon, by the W.M., and a drawing for a Life Governorship of one of the Masonic Institutions following, this also fell to Bro. Boyden. It may be stated that the Masonic work was admirably gone through by all concerned, and that the W.M. commenced his year of office under the most favourable auspices.

The installation banquet afterwards took place in the large room adjoining the lodge. The tables had been profusely decorated with beautiful flowers and plants, choice exotics, in exquisite vases, being placed in front of the W.M. A pretty effect was produced by sprigs of ivy being skilfully arranged on the surface of an over-mantel, the reflection enhancing, of course, the richness of the arrangement. This work was very kindly undertaken by Mrs. Hill and Miss Callaway, and certainly testified to the taste and skill of these ladies. The dinner, a rich, elegant, and varied repast, was provided by the Steward, Bro. Deer, whose successful catering has obtained for him quite a reputation among the brethren. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Lord Hertford, Lord Earnest Seymour, G. H. Fosbroke, S. G. Smith, F. H. Haynes, P.P.J.G.W., the Installing Master; R. M. Bird, W. Hutchings, R. Gibbs, and between 40 and 50 other brethren, most of whom were members of the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, alluded to the proofs they were always having of the interest taken in Freemasonry by the Queen and Prince of Wales.

"The Provincial Grand Officers" was submitted by Bro. Callaway, who referred to the active interest taken in Freemasonry by Lord Leigh.

Bro. Lord Hertford replied, and remarked that it gave him great pleasure to be present on that occasion, and he hoped the Swan of Avon Lodge would go on prospering, as it had done since its commencement. Its growth had been something astonishing, and would certainly secure the attention of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

"The Worshipful Master" was proposed in suitable terms by Bro. Garnett, who referred to the zeal and industry Bro. Burke had exhibited in the various posts he had held, and how richly he deserved the honour which had that day been conferred upon him.

The W.M. responded in felicitous terms, stating that in filling the posts he had occupied he had been actuated by one single desire—the advancement of Masonry and the prosperity of the Swan of Avon Lodge. Now that he had been placed in the highest position he could occupy in the lodge it would be his earnest endeavour to zealously discharge his duty and maintain the prestige it had already obtained.

Bro. Haynes, in a speech containing some dashes of humour, proposed "The Installing Master," and said although he was not present at the afternoon ceremony, he was sure from what he knew of Bro. Garnett it had been performed in that thoroughly efficient manner which one so skilled in the Craft could infuse in the work.

Bro. Garnett replied in a characteristic speech, and said that he had the interests of Masonry at heart, and it would ever be a pleasure to him to advance those interests.

Bro. Lord Ernest Seymour, in appropriate terms, submitted the toast of "The P.M.'s."

Bro. Boyden, in reply, said the growth of the lodge under the only two Masters it had had was quite phenomenal.

"The Visitors" was proposed in a capital speech by Bro. W. Hutchings, who commented upon the fact that Masonry fulfilled a worthy object by cultivating a spirit of friendship and goodwill towards each other.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Boyden, who congratulated the W.M. on his excellent appointments, and the toast was acknowledged by Bros. Birch and Cranmer, the Senior Warden and Secretary.

Bro. Lord Hertford submitted "The Masonic Charities," and pointed out that the existence of these Institutions showed that the sole object of Masonry was not, as some people imagined, to feast sumptuously. He congratulated the Swan of Avon Lodge on having established a Benevolent Fund, and hoped that other lodges would follow its example. That was a practical way of showing that Charity came before everything else—that a good dinner was only an incidental affair. The Masonic Charities were effecting a great deal of good, and from what he had seen of their working, he could strongly recommend Masons to give them all the support they possibly could. He urged the Swan of Avon Lodge to consider the question of establishing in connection with it a Mark Lodge, and any assistance he could render them in the matter as the Grand Mark Master of Warwickshire would afford him very great pleasure.

Bro. Lunn felicitously responded, and showed what the lodge was doing in promoting Charity, not only in a monetary sense, but in establishing a kind and generous feeling towards each other.

The Tyler's toast completed the list, the speeches having been agreeably varied by songs contributed by Bros. Fosbroke, Haynes, Caseley, Cranmer, E. Birch, Eaton, and Callaway, the accompaniments being efficiently played by Bro. Caseley.

**OLNEY.—Cowper and Newton Lodge (No. 2244).**—The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Friday, the 8th inst., when the W.M., Bro. L. Cooper, installed his successor, Bro. C. W. Guille. The collars of S.W. and J.W. were bestowed respectively upon Bros. H. Booth and J. C. Hipwell. The installation ceremony was most ably rendered by Bro. Cooper, and it is a noteworthy fact that this is the second time he has installed Bro. Guille, the previous occasion being at the St. Peter and St. Paul Lodge, 1410, Newport Pagnell, in 1887. A banquet was subsequently served in excellent style by Bro. T. Cannon, at the Bull Hotel.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Dandridge, W.M.; Penrose, S.W.; Faulkner, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M.; Preceptor; Speight, P.M.; Sec.; Leng, S.D.; Mansfield, J.D.; Amos, I.G.; Cooper, P.M.; Sayer, Tims, Jackson, H. G. Pitt, Dealer, Jones, Campbell, Hick, Dixon, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sayer personating the candidate. The lodge was called off and on, and on resuming the usual questions leading to the Second Degree were answered by Bro. Dealer. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was closed to the First Degree, and Bro. Penrose, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. V. Shaw, W.M.; J. Page, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. Coleman, S.D.; G. Wood, J.D.; R. T. Dillon, I.G.; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567; N. Turner, P.M. 72; W. Death, W.M. 511; J. Watkins, R. T. Redfern, and E. Wherle. Bro. M. Friedlander was a visitor.

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. Friedlander candidate. The Preceptor, Bro. F. G. Baker, gave the lecture on the first tracing board in a very efficient manner. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Friedlander answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Friedlander was elected a joining member. Bro. Page, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 8th instant, at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. A. Williams, 834, W.M.; W. J. Coplestone, 834, S.W.; E. Lucas, 834, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M. 834, Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; F. Craggs, 834, S.D.; J. Cronin, J.D.; M. Rice, 834, I.G.; H. Perdue, P.M. 834; D. Stroud, P.M.; H. D. Aslett, W. Williams, H. Cotton, and J. Doncaster, 834.

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. W. W. Williams being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Aslett having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. This being officers' night of the mother lodge, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Doncaster, W.M. of the mother lodge, who rehearsed the ceremony. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Greenway, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; F. Buxton, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; J. D. Graham, S.D.; F. M. Noakes, J.D.; J. Hughes, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; C. Frenguelli, D. W. Tough, C. T. Smales, C. W. Austin, A. J. Bailey, W. Groves, R. E. Bennet, F. Moss, R. Clare, G. Marshall, W. Honeyball, H. Luff, E. C. Mulvey, W. R. Peck, O. Lamare, G. Holland, F. Kedge, and J. R. Hughes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 1st, and the W.M. the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. J. Bailey having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. D. Graham, W.M. elect 1559, who rehearsed the ceremony of investing his officers. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected members: Bros. W. Tough, 905; H. Luff, 1624; and Geo. Marshall, 1563. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. H. Foan, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Thomas C. Seary for his kindness at their last meeting in acting as Organist, which the brethren present much appreciated, and that he be asked to accept the honorary position of Organist to this lodge of instruction; seconded by the W.M., and carried unanimously; a letter to be written to Bro. T. C. Seary to that effect. Bro. E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 2246, asked permission of the lodge to rehearse the ceremony of installation on the 28th March, which was cheerfully granted. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush. Present: Bros. J. B. Colwill, W.M.; C. R. Cross, S.W.; A. Wolter, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M.; Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); C. H. Bull, S.D.; A. J. Taylor, J.D.; J. Sims, P.M., D.C.; H. Cotton, I.G.; Blasey, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; W. Williams, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; Bridger, Johnston, Jennings, Nash, Stonnill, M. R. Rice, Woodard, Gilbert, Larter, Arnott, Higgle, Whittle, A. Love, Kennett, A. Cavers, F. West, L. Cox, Higginson, and T. J. Head.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed, Bro. Cross acting as W.M. elect, and at the conclusion of which the officers were invested. The addresses were given in a masterly manner by Bro. Colwill. The lodge being opened and resumed, the 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, Bro. J. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. A. J. Taylor was elected a joining member. Bro. H. D. Gilbert was elected W.M. for the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the proceedings closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—The usual meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. F. Hill, W.M.; Beaven, S.W.; Folkard, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; E. G. King, J.D.; Chapman, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Spencer, Cochrane, Plummer, Bate, Luckhurst, Wright, J. Harrey, Russell, Mitchell, Jones, and Poole.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Russell being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Russell as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, with Bro. Mitchell as candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. Plummer, W.M. 1524, was elected a joining member. Bro. Plum-

mer expressed the gratification afforded to him by the evening's work, and hoped to attend frequently. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Beaven was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Beaven returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Benevolent Association was afterwards held, and two ballots were drawn, which proved favourable to Bros. Shannaw and Chapman.

**Royal Arch.**

**HULL.—Humber Chapter (No. 57).**—The installation of Comp. E. Corris, H., as M.E.Z., took place on the 31st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Osborne-street. The chapter having been opened, the companions were admitted, and a ballot, which proved satisfactory, was taken for Bro. C. T. White. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Comp. D. J. O'Donoghue, M.E.Z., who was assisted by Comp. G. Wilson, P.Z., and in due course installed Comps. Edward Corris, M.E.Z.; John Clark, H.; Samuel Rutter, J. The following companions were then invested: Comps. James Thyer, P.A.G.S., Scribe E.; William Brook, Scribe N.; Joseph Henderson, P. Soj.; George Latus, 1st A.S.; Robert T. Watson, 2nd A.S.; Thomas Thompson, P.Z., P.P.G.J., Treas.; Morris Haberland, P.Z., P.P.G.N., Lecture Master; William Whincup, D. of C.; Joseph Rodgers Stringer, Org.; Henry Cook, S.B.; Robert Roach, Std. Br.; James Walker, Stwd.; and William Cuthbert, Janitor. A large number of visitors from the other chapters in the town were also present, among whom may be mentioned Comps. W. C. Whitesides, M.E.Z. 250; Oates, P.Z. 250; W. Welstead, M.E.Z. 1010; James Robinson, M.E.Z. 1605; H. Hirst, J. 1605; P. C. Whitfield, P.Z. 1605; and others. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Comp. D. J. O'Donoghue, the I.P.Z., for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and he was congratulated on his perfect delivery of the ritual on this his first occasion of acting as Installing Officer. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed and the chapter was closed.

The companions, numbering over 60, then sat down to a banquet in the banqueting hall, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. M. C. Peck, P.Z., A.G.D.C., P.G.S.E., in returning thanks for "The Grand Officers," complimented the M.E.Z. on having so large an attendance, and stated that it was the largest gathering of Royal Arch Masons he had seen for many years in the province.

The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent harmony.

**TAUNTON.—Chapter of Sincerity (No. 261).**—The annual meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when there was a good attendance of companions. The retiring Z. having conducted the preliminary business, Comp. W. Adams, P.Z., in the absence of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Brigadier-General Adair, installed the three Principals as follows: Comps. Crowe, M.E.Z.; T. G. Williams, H.; and Gill, J. The M.E.Z. then appointed and invested the following officers: Comps. G. C. Strawbridge, S.E.; J. Showers, Treas.; Harman, S.N.; Knight, P.S.; Strong-fellow, 1st A.S.; W. Goodland, 2nd A.S.; T. H. Chaffin, D.C.; and Tidbury, Janitor.

The companions, after the ceremony of installation, dined together in the hall of the lodge, under the presidency of the newly-elected M.E.Z., Comp. Crowe.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, M.E.Z.; G. March, P.S. 733, H.; J. H. Wood, J. elect 1642, J.; Dehane, M.E.Z. 890, P.S. 862, S.E.; J. Davies, P.S. 733, P.S.; J. H. Baxter, 1st A.S. 890, 1st A.S.; and J. Smith, P.S. 890.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Baxter being candidate. Comp. Baxter was unanimously elected a member. On Friday, the 22nd inst., it is intended that one of the clauses shall be worked by the companions. After the M.E.Z. had risen the usual times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. G. L. Moore, H. 169, M.E.Z.; J. Hill, 1329, H.; V. T. Murché, 1329, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor; Stone, 1275, S.E.; H. Martin, 1275, S.N.; C. H. Stone, P.S.; Terry, P.Z.; C. Woods, A. Soj. 1275; and Stringer, P.S. elect 169.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stringer personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and Comp. Stringer was elected a member, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Hill was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time. The M.E.Z. proposed, and Comp. Hill seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Treas., and C. H. Stone, S.E., for their able and praiseworthy services during the past year. This was carried unanimously. Comp. Woods proposed, and Comp. Murché, J., seconded, the re-election of these officers, which vote was also carried unanimously. Comps. H. Martin and V. T. Murché were elected Auditors, after which the chapter was closed.

**Mark Masonry.**

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 211).**—This lodge met at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on the 31st ult. Among those present were Bros. Rickwood, W.M.; J. N. Frye, S.W., W.M. elect; F. C. Frye, C.C., J.W.; Parkhouse, M.O.; Smout, S.O.; French, J.O.; Mason, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Huish, S.D.; Monson, J.D.; Dr. Pocock, I.G.; R. Lawson, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; J. Taylor, P.M.; C. Stevens, Org.; Wadham, D.C.; D. P. Cama, P.M. (Hon. Mem.); and Schofield, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Walls, having assumed the chair, installed Bro. J. N. Frye as W.M., assisted by Bros. Lawson, as S.W.; Mason, as J.W.; T. Poore (Hon. Mem.), as D.C.; and Rickwood, I.G. The following appointments and investitures were made: Bros. F. C. Frye, S.W.; Parkhouse, J.W.; Smout, M.O.; French, S.O.; Huish, J.O.; J. Mason, Treas.; T. C. Walls, Sec.; Monson,

S.D.; Dr. Pocock, J.D.; Wadham, I.G.; Stevens, Org.; Mattin, D.C.; Dr. Kialmark, Stwd.; and Schofield, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented to Bro. Rickwood. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. C. Walls, as Installing Officer. Bro. J. N. Frye, W.M., elected to represent the lodge, as Steward, to the Mark Benevolent Festival, 1889. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Communications regretting inability to attend were read from Bros. Goodall, P.M.; Skinner, P.M.; Mattin, Stwd.; and others, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren then partook of a banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts followed. Bro. J. Mason responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Lawson for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Other toasts followed. Bros. C. Stevens, Day, J. N. Frye, Huish, and others, instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

The proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, then terminated.

**ROCHDALE.—Roberts Lodge (No. 24).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., when there were present the following brethren: Bros. N. T. Holyoake, W.M.; S. Scott-Young, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Wrigley, J.W.; John Williams, M.O.; Kirtly, S.O.; E. Holt, Sec.; W. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.D., Reg.; Stott, I.G.; Ashworth, Tyler; Jas. Taylor, P.M.; S. Lord, P.M.; T. Parker, P.M.; W. Davis, P.M. 20; A. Bowen, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Fairclough, Swayne, 20; Priestley, P.M.; J. D. Murray, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; and other brethren.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, the Auditor's report, showing the lodge to be in a flourishing condition, was read and adopted. Bro. Murray, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., the Installing Master, then assumed the chair of A., and installed the W.M. elect in a masterly manner, many brethren expressing their appreciation of the perfect and solemn manner in which this impressive ceremony was performed by that eminent and distinguished brother. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. N. T. Holyoake, I.P.M.; Jno. Williams, S.W.; R. Wrigley, J.W.; T. Okeden, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Robt. Butterworth, P.M., P.G. Stwd., M.O.; James Taylor, P.M., S.O.; Thos. Parker, P.M., J.O.; W. Roberts, P.M., Reg.; E. Holt, Sec.; A. Bowen, P.M., Chap.; Hayle, S.D.; Stott, J.D.; T. Lord, I.G.; and Jno. Ashworth (for the 19th time) Tyler, who were conducted to their respective posts by the Installing Master, Bro. Murray, who gave to each a full explanation of his jewels, situations, and duties. Apologies for non-attendance were then read from Bro. Chadwick, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec., and others. The W.M. then proposed that the best thanks of the lodge be conveyed to Bro. Murray for his attendance, and the eminent services he had rendered to the lodge, and expressed his high appreciation of the beautiful ceremony so impressively rendered. This was seconded by Bro. Holyoake, I.P.M., and carried with acclamation. Bro. Murray responded in an eloquent speech, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial repast, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and enlivened with songs and recitations. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

**CARDIFF.—Langley Lodge (No. 28).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on the 7th inst., when Bro. J. H. Hussey, S.W., was installed as W.M. The visitors present were Bros. Captain Homfray, P.G.M.M. Monmouthshire; S. Davies, Dean, and Jones. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Munday, P.S.G.W., who installed Bro. Hussey into office. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bro. John Munday, P.S.G.W., I.P.M.; J. Sheridan, S.W.; J. Colman, P.P.A.G.S., J.W.; W. H. Hooper, M.O.; I. Roberts, S.O.; H. Frazer, J.O.; A. H. Roberts, P.P.G.D., Reg.; N. D. Marks, P.M., P.G.S., Treas. and Sec.; W. P. Phillips, Asst. Sec.; J. M. Gerhold, Org.; J. H. Taylor, P.P.G.R., S.D.; J. R. Wood, J.D.; Ll. Evans, I.G.; and W. H. Williams, Steward.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Park Hotel, where a really admirable dinner was served by Bro. S. P. Hunt.

The usual Masonic toasts were subsequently proposed and enthusiastically responded to, the intervals being enlivened by excellent songs and recitations, rendered by Bros. Ferrier, W. D. Phillips, Sheridan, Martin, Gibbons, Hussey, Hunt, Evans, and Hurley. Bro. J. E. Deacon presided at the piano.

**BRIDGWATER.—Friendship, Unanimity, and Philanthropic Lodge (No. 191).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 4th inst., at the Royal Clarence Hotel, when the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Fry Wade, S.W., was installed by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.M., as successor to Bro. Arthur Duckett, P.G.M.O., the brethren present including Bro. Col. Long, D.P.G.M. The W.M. elect appointed and invested his officers for the year ensuing as follows: Bros. J. T. Dunsford, S.W.; G. B. Laffan, J.W.; C. Lucette, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Saunders, Sec.; Dr. H. M. Kemmis, P.M., D.C.; J. B. Sincok, Chap.; G. Strawbridge, M.O.; T. Floyd Norris, S.O.; B. C. Board, J.O.; A. B. Cottam, S.D.; T. H. Kailton, J.D.; and Dr. Peskett, I.G.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Else for so ably conducting the ceremony of installation; to Bro. Col. Long, the D.P.G.M., for his attendance; and to Bro. A. Duckett, the I.P.M., for his valuable services during the past year. The brethren afterwards partook of supper under the presidency of the W.M.

A special matinee of a new domestic comedy, entitled "See Saw," by George Capel and J. Ragland Phillips, will take place at Terry's Theatre, on Friday, 22nd instant, under the direction of Bro. H. T. Brickwell. The cast will include Miss Hermon and Miss Eleanor Leyshon, Messrs. C. Smedley Yates, A. G. Andrews, Fred Terry, W. F. Hawtrey, W. Hargreaves, and Mr. Julian Cross, who will also be responsible for the stage management.

**Knights Templar.**

**TORQUAY.**—Royal Sussex Preceptory (No. 25).—The quarterly convocation of this preceptory was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall. The E.P., Sir Knight F. C. Frost, Prov. W. of Regalia, assisted by his officers, opened the preceptory. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the knights proceeded to elect the Preceptor for the ensuing year, when that well-known Masonic author, Sir Knight John Lane, was elected to that important office. Sir Knight John Lane returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. The next business was to elect the Treasurer for the ensuing year, Sir Knight W. Vicary, who has most efficiently discharged the duties of this office for the past eight years, having desired to be relieved of the work. Sir Knight W. Taylor, P.P.B.B., was unanimously elected as Treasurer. Sir Knight John Chapman, P.P.G. Reg., gave notice that at the next meeting he would move—"That the Prov. G. Priory of Devonshire be solicited to suggest, by resolution, to the G. Priory of England that it is desirable to amend the rule or regulation of the Order by granting to all members that have received provincial honours, and that shall in the future receive provincial rank, the right of past rank on the expiration of their term of office, and so long as they shall remain subscribing members of the Order." The preceptory was then closed.

**MASONIC BALL OF THE HUMBER LODGE, No. 57, AT HULL.**

On Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., the annual Masonic ball in connection with this lodge was held at the Public Rooms, when upwards of 200 of the brethren and their friends assembled to trip the light fantastic toe to the strains of Close's excellent quadrille band. A large number of representative Masons were present from Hull and neighbourhood, and, clad in the provincial, Royal Arch, &c., and Craft clothing of their respective ranks, made a very effective spectacle when seen in conjunction with the handsome dresses of the ladies, who seemed to vie with each other in the harmonious colour of their apparel.

Dancing commenced about nine o'clock, and during the whole evening Bro. E. Corris, P.M., was most energetic in his office of M.C., and was ably assisted by Bro. J. Walker, also acting as M.C., whilst the following acted as Stewards: Bros. S. Rutter, W.M.; J. Hargreave, S.W.; M. Haberland, P.M.; R. Beever, P.M.; J. Clark, I.P.M.; R. J. McLeavy, C. T. White, I.G.; H. J. Bergwitz, James Matthews, James Wildbore, J. R. Forman, D.C.; J. E. Chapman, E. Richardson, and W. G. Walter.

Among the brethren present we noticed Bros. M. C. Peck, P.M., G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; Wilson, P.M., P.G.D.C. West Yorks.; Dunn, P.M. 1040; M. Haberland, P.M. 57; Beever, P.M. 57; Walton, P.M. 57; Hodgson, P.M. 57; Thompson, P.M., Treas. 57; J. Bilson, W.M. 1010; R. R. Hawley, W.M. 257, P.P.G. Stwd.; H. Toozes, P.M. 57; P. Whitfield, P.M. 1603; J. Robinson, P.M. 1603; J. Rutter, W.M. 57; J. Clark, I.P.M. 57; E. Corris, P.M., Prov. G. Reg.; and others.

At 12.50 a most recherché supper was provided by Bro. Tittle, of the Public Rooms, at the close of which the W. MASTER proposed "The Health of her Majesty the Queen."

The National Anthem was then sung, the solo being taken by Bro. J. Walton, P.M.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was then submitted, the name of Bro. M. C. Peck, G. Std. Br., being associated with it as an officer of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. PECK having suitably responded, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. S. Rutter."

Bro. MCLEAVY, acting D.C., then, in a few suitable terms, proposed the last toast on the list—"The Ladies"—which, having been drunk with great furore, was responded to by Bro. E. CORRIS, P.M., in most appropriate terms, and who concluded a most humorous speech by saying he would give the company a part of the Masonic secret in the shape of poetry—

"We're true and sincere, and just to the fair;  
They'll trust us on any occasion;  
No mortal can more the ladies adore  
Than a Free and an Accepted Mason."

Dancing was then recommenced and kept up till four o'clock, when the company most unwillingly separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Messrs. E. Davis had decorated the rooms with their usual taste, and a large number of tropical plants set off the orchestra.

As the net proceeds of the ball are intended for the Masonic Charities, it is to be hoped that, as so large a number were present, the amount available for that purpose will reach a substantial sum.

The general arrangements were in the hands of the Hon. Secs., Bros. Henderson and Thyer, and the whole proceedings passed off without anything occurring to mar the pleasure of the evening.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

The Committee of Management of this Institution held its usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Treasurer, P.A.G.D.C., presided, and there were present Bros. W. B. Daniell; C. J. Perceval; C. H. Driver, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. A. Cotterbrune, P.G.P.; Joseph Freeman, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; S. Brooks; C. H. Webb; G. Bolton; C. Daniel; A. H. Tattershall; W. Smith; Hugh Cotter; J. Newton; W. Masters; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Alex. Forsyth; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; J. Dixon; B. G. Blasby; and Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of six annuitants (four men and two widows) and one male candidate. A letter was also read from a male candidate, withdrawing his name from the list of candidates for the May election.

The Warden's report for the past month was read, and also a letter from Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, on the subject of erecting a boundary fence, and such a fence was ordered to be erected accordingly.

Applications from the widows of two recently deceased annuitants for the half of their late husbands' annuities were read and granted.

A widow's petition, which had been deferred for further information, was accepted, and the name ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in May.

A statement of receipts and expenditure having been submitted, the Committee finally settled the lists of candidates for election on the two Funds, and declared the vacancies on each, which will be filled up in May, viz: Male Fund, 62 candidates, 17 vacancies (14 immediate and 3 deferred); Female Fund, 81 candidates, 10 vacancies (7 immediate and 3 deferred).

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. WILLIAM BIGGS, P.P.S.G.W. WILTS, &c.**

The death of Bro. William Biggs, which occurred at Southall, W., on the 1st inst., removes from the ranks of Masonry one who, in past years, rendered faithful and distinguished service to the Order, and the announcement of his decease will be received with regret by a wide circle of Masonic friends. The late Bro. Biggs was born at Devizes in 1814. He commenced business at Southampton, but subsequently removed to London, where, in October, 1852, he was initiated in the Israel Lodge, No. 247, now 205. Such was his zeal in Masonry that in 1856 he was installed in the Master's chair. In that year he joined both the Arch and Mark Degrees, the former in the Concord Chapter, No. 394, Southampton, and the latter in the Albany Lodge, No. 176, Newport, Isle of Wight. About that period he removed to Winchester. His business keeping him in communication with his native town, he took an active part in the formation there of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, and in 1863 served the office of W.M. In 1857, Bro. Biggs was invested by Lord Methuen, P.G.M. of Wiltshire, with the collar of P.G. Pursuivant. In the following year he was appointed P.G.D.C., and in 1859-60 he held the office of P.G. Registrar. In 1861 he was appointed P.J.G.W., and in 1864 he was placed in the chair of P.S.G.W. About 1865 Bro. Biggs removed to Reading, and in 1866, owing largely to his efforts, the Greyfriars Lodge, No. 1101, was founded, our deceased brother acting as its first I.P.M. It may be mentioned that while he held that office he initiated Bro. the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw Lefevre, M.P., then one of the members for the borough. In 1869, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., was installed Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Berks and Bucks, and he appointed Bro. Biggs P.G. Sec., an office which he held to the great advantage of Masonry in the province till 1877. Upon his retirement he was the recipient of a handsome testimonial, presented to him by Sir D. Gooch, in the name of the brethren of Berks and Bucks. While residing in Reading Bro. Biggs was chiefly instrumental in the formation of the Union Chapter, No. 414, and was the first M.E.Z. In 1875 a Provincial Grand Chapter for Berks and Bucks was formed, Bro. Biggs being installed in the Third Principal's chair. He also acted as P.G.S.E. In his capacity as P.G. Secretary Bro. Biggs superintended the arrangements connected with the first public Masonic ceremony performed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, viz., the laying of the foundation-stone of the Reading Grammar School, and he also officiated as a Steward upon the occasion of the installation of his Royal Highness as Grand Master. In the South and West of England, and in the Channel Islands, the late Bro. Biggs was well known as a working Mason of exceptional ability. He was especially felicitous in the ceremony of installation, and he acted as Installing Master in the Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury; the Lodge of Fidelity, Devizes; and the Lodge of Economy, No. 76, Winchester. He took a deep interest in the various Masonic Charities, and was always energetic in their support. He served as Steward of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and was a Life Governor of both, while he made his wife, two of his sons, and his three daughters Life Governors of the former Institution. Of late years Bro. Biggs has been in failing health, but he never ceased to take a warm interest in Masonry. His remains were interred on the 6th inst. at Southall amid many marks of respect and esteem. Among the numerous wreaths upon the coffin was a very beautiful one from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks. The brethren resident in Southall also deposited there another, and themselves attended the funeral.

**BRO. FRANK CHILD, P.M.**

We have received information that Bro. Frank Child, P.M. and Treasurer of the Lodge of St. James, No. 765, Lewisham, died very suddenly on Tuesday, the 29th ult., and was buried at Nunhead Cemetery on Saturday, the 2nd instant. The deceased was greatly esteemed and respected by the members of his lodge, and in order to testify to the sorrow they felt at the decease of their worthy Treasurer, the brethren wore the usual ensigns of mourning at the meeting of the lodge on the 5th instant, and the usual refreshment after labour was dispensed with.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Ubique Lodge, No. 1789, held at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent-street, S.W., on Monday last, Bro. W. R. Arnold, Royal Artillery, Senior Warden, was unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. Arnold was initiated in this lodge in November, 1884, appointed J.W., May, 1887, and S.W., May, 1888. His installation will take place at the above lodge room on the 13th May next.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION,\***

Statistics 1882-1888 Inclusive.

NAME.	Subscribed this Year.		Seven Years' Aggregate.		Seven Years' Average.		Expended this Year.		Surplus.		Deficiency.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
London ... ..	5849	12 6	67100	18 0	9585	17 0	4712	0 0	4873	17 2	—	—
Bedford ... ..	—	—	53	12 0	7	13 2	—	—	7	13 2	—	—
Berks and Bucks...	113	8 0	1274	0 0	182	1 3	64	0 0	118	3 0	—	—
Bristol ... ..	—	—	1004	0 0	143	8 7	200	0 0	—	—	56	11 5
Cambridgeshire ...	—	—	449	11 0	64	4 6	40	0 0	24	4 6	—	—
Cheshire ... ..	63	0 0	565	19 0	80	17 0	368	0 0	—	—	287	3 0
Cornwall ... ..	10	10 0	899	5 0	128	9 5	320	0 0	—	—	191	10 7
Cumb. and Westmoreland	1050	0 0	1271	11 6	181	13 1	104	0 0	77	13 1	—	—
Derby ... ..	26	5 0	580	10 0	82	18 7	—	—	82	18 7	—	—
Devon ... ..	26	5 0	476	17 0	68	2 5	648	8 0	—	—	579	17 7
Dorset ... ..	—	—	430	8 0	61	5 5	136	0 0	—	—	64	14 7
Durham ... ..	122	15 0	623	2 0	89	0 3	144	0 0	—	—	54	19 9
Essex ... ..	146	9 0	1927	2 6	275	6 1	296	0 0	—	—	20	13 11
Gloucester... ..	72	5 0	1812	1 6	258	17 4	104	0 0	154	17 4	—	—
Hants ... ..	63	0 0	3320	17 2	474	5 4	640	0 0	—	—	165	14 8
Hereford ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Herts ... ..	143	15 6	2291	12 6	327	7 6	—	—	327	7 6	—	—
Kent ... ..	374	8 0	3802	10 0	543	4 3	976	0 0	—	—	432	15 9
Lanc. E ... ..	2873	11 6	4508	10 6	658	7 3	896	0 0	—	—	237	12 9
Lanc. W. ... ..	42	0 0	1607	4 6	229	12 1	368	0 0	—	—	138	7 11
Leicester and Rutland	—	—	789	10 0	112	14 3	—	—	112	14 3	—	—
Lincoln ... ..	—	—	89	15 0	12	16 5	176	0 0	—	—	163	3 7
Middlesex ... ..	419	14 0	2697	15 6	385	9 4	40	0 0	345	9 4	—	—
Monmouth ... ..	438	3 0	895	10 0	127	18 5	168	0 0	—	—	40	1 7
Norfolk ... ..	63	0 0	286	14 0	40	19 2	120	0 0	—	—	79	0 10
North Wales ... ..	46	4 0	277	15 0	39	12 2	72	0 0	—	—	32	7 8
Norths and Hunts	10	10 0	303	3 0	43	6 2	120	0 0	—	—	76	13 10
Northumberland ...	900	0 0	900	0 0	128	11 5	80	0 0	48	11 5	—	—
Notts ... ..	52	10 0	747	16 6	106	16 8	104	0 0	2	16 8	—	—
Oxford ... ..	47	5 0	654	4 8	93	9 3	194	0 0	—	—	10	10 9
Shropshire... ..	26	5 0	201	4 0	28	14 10	32	0 0	—	—	3	5 2
Somerset ... ..	137	5 0	1177	0 0	168	2 10	168	0 0	0	2 10	—	—
S. Wales, E. ... ..	865	0 0	991	15 0	141	13 7	—	—	141	13 7	—	—
S. Wales, W. ... ..	108	10 0	439	5 0	62	15 0	72	0 0	—	—	9	5 0
Stafford ... ..	110-15	0	825	16 0	117	19 5	112	0 0	5	19 5	—	—
Suffolk ... ..	451	10 0	1969	18 6	281	5 7	624	0 0	—	—	342	14 5
Surrey ... ..	87	1 0	2130	6 6	304	6 8	72	0 0	232	6 8	—	—
Sussex ... ..	31	10 0	700	16 0	100	2 3	184	0 0	—	—	83	17 9
Warwick ... ..	—	—	606	14 0	86	12 0	112	0 0	—	—	25	8 0
Wilt ... ..	—	—	482	8 0	65	18 3	64	0 0	1	18 3	—	—
Worcester... ..	94	10 0	1089	12 3	155	13 2	96	0 0	59	13 1	—	—
Yorkshire, N. and E. ...	31	10 0	403	0 6	57	11 3	384	0 0	—	—	326	8 9
Yorkshire, W. ... ..	400	0 0	3154	2 0	450	11 9	1016	0 0	—	—	565	8 3
Channel Islands ... ..	68	5 0	554	8 0	79	4 0	256	0 0	—	—	176	16 0
Colonies ... ..	10	10 0	110	5 0	15	15 0	352	0 0	—	—	336	5 0

This Table is only approximately correct, for other sums may have come in since the Festival Report was printed, but not sufficient to make any material difference. Considering how heavily handicapped both this and the Boys' Institution were by the Centenary Festival of the Girls' Institution, "The Benevolent" has every reason to congratulate itself on the very successful result of its Festival. I wish the same could be said of "The Boys'," but I feel sure that when the Jubilee Year of "The Benevolent" and the Centenary of "The Boys'" take place, that they will meet with the same magnificent success as that of "The Sister Institution."—Yours fraternally, P.M. 1607.

\* The above table has been in our hands for publication for some time, but press of matter has prevented its appearance. Although the interest attaching to it has been somewhat discounted, we think the figures may be useful, and therefore we make no apology for presenting it to our readers.



The brethren of the Union Lodge, No. 127, have presented to Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall the younger an elegant silver salver, accompanied with very hearty good wishes and many kind congratulations upon his marriage.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction, No. 753, at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-hill, on Tuesday, the 26th inst., by Bro. J. J. Thomas, W.M. 753.

The Freemasons of New York have paid off the entire debt of the Masonic Hall—£100,000.

The York College of the "Rosicrucians" is to meet to-morrow (Saturday) at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, at 2.30 p.m. The Celebrant is Frater J. Monks, 5°, who has an excellent roll of officers. For the province, Frater T. B. Whythead, 9°, is Chief Adept; Frater W. F. Tomlinson, 5°, is Suffragan; Frater J. L. Atherton, 5°, Prov. Treasurer; and Frater W. Brown, 5°, is the indefatigable Secretary. This body has done its fair share of work in the past, and, judging from the long list of candidates, is likely to have no lack in the future.

The few copies remaining of Bro. W. Smithett's capital "History of the Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, London," may be obtained from the publishers, Messrs. C. Smith and Garland, 11, Jewry-street, Crutched Friars, at 12s. 6d. each. As they are sold for the benefit of the fund of Charity in connection with that old lodge, and, moreover, the work is one of considerable value and interest, intending subscribers should lose no time in procuring copies of this fine volume.

Bro. Andrew H. Moyes, P.G. St. Br. of England, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Cambridgeshire and P.M. of Scientific Lodge, No. 88, has been this week elected to the Cambridgeshire County Council for the Division of St. Andrew the Great, Cambridge; also Bro. Major B. W. Beales, P.P.G. Purst., Steward No. 88, has been returned for the Division of All Saints, Cambridge; whilst Bro. F. C. Wace, M.A., P.P.S.G.W., P.M. Isaac Newton Lodge, No. 859, has been elected an alderman.

The Lady Mayoress distributed the prizes and certificates to the successful students of the Royal Female School of Art, Queen-square, Bloomsbury, in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, on Tuesday, Bro. the Lord Mayor presiding on the occasion, and among those present being Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen and the Rev. P. P. Spiers, F.S.A. A vote of thanks to his lordship and the Lady Mayoress brought the proceedings to a close.

The annual conference and dinner of the Chambers of Shipping of the United Kingdom, was held in the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday, the 8th inst., among those present at the latter being Bros. Sir John E. Gorst, O.C., M.P., the Lord Mayor, Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., and others.

Bro. Sir George O. Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., was present at a meeting of the Working Men's Club of Bridgeton, Glasgow, and expressed his satisfaction at learning that the club was strictly non-political.

The Kennel Club opened their 32nd annual exhibition of sporting and other dogs at the Alexandra Palace on Tuesday, the entries being 1379, and including some of the finest specimens of dogs in the kingdom. Notwithstanding the intense cold, the attendance of visitors was very large.

On Saturday evening last, Prince Albert Victor of Wales, who is stationed at York with his regiment (the 10th Hussars), presented the prizes to the successful students of the York Institute. Bro. the Dean of York, who is President of the Institute, received his Royal Highness, and, the prizes having been distributed, a vote of thanks, on the motion of the Lord Mayor of York, was passed to the Prince by acclamation for his kindness in attending.

The whole of Mr. Walter Gilbey's stud of shire bred horses was disposed of by auction at Elsenham Hall, near Bishops Stortford, on Tuesday, the Prince of Wales and Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Lord Wantage, and Lord Hertford being among the buyers.

The Earl and Countess of Carnarvon have arrived at their town house in Portman-square from their Italian villa at Porto Fino, near Genoa, where they have been staying since December. Lord Carnarvon is somewhat unwell, and under medical care.

The marriage of Lord William B. Nevill, fourth son of the Marquess of Abergavenny, with Mdlle. Lerisa M. C. de Murrieta, elder daughter of the Marquis and Marchioness de Santuree, was solemnised at the Oratory, Brompton, on Tuesday, the Prince and Princess of Wales with Prince George and the Princesses of Wales being present at the ceremony. Their Royal Highnesses were also present at the wedding breakfast given by the Marquis and Marchioness de Santuree at their residence, Carlton House-terrace, among the other distinguished guests being Bro. Lord and Lady Suffield, Bro. Lord Alcester, Bro. Lord Chylesmore, and the Hon. Frances Eaton, Sir Fred Milner, Bart., and others.

The annual general meeting of the Governors of the London Fever Hospital was appointed to be held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 14th inst., under the presidency of Dr. Buchanan, F.R.S., F.R.C.P., Medical Officer to the Local Government Board, and a Vice-President of the Hospital. We gather from the report that the income of the Institution is about £7000, and the expenditure about £10,000, and as the Hospital is the only one in the Metropolis which is especially available by trade employes, school teachers, governesses, clerks, &c., who, on payment of a small fee (3 guineas), are treated for as long a time as may be necessary with the utmost skill and care. It is certainly an Institution which deserves a generous measure of support, and we strongly recommend it to the notice of our readers and the public generally.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley presided at the annual meeting, on the 8th inst., of the West Greenwich Working Lads' Institute and Ragged School, and in the course of his address, laid particular stress on the necessity for physical training.

The Prince of Wales has contributed 100 guineas towards the fund, which is being raised for adapting Norwich Castle and its adjacent buildings to receive the collections of the Norfolk and Norwich Museums, and to provide a gallery for the exhibition of paintings and other works of art.

Previous to his departure for South Australia, Bro. the Earl of Kintore will be entertained at a farewell dinner by the members of the Junior Constitutional Club, of whose Committee he has been chairman since its foundation. Monday, the 25th inst., is the day chosen for the banquet.

The Duchess of Albany, who has been staying in Germany for some time past, arrived in London on Friday, the 8th inst., and at once drove to Buckingham Palace. The following day her Royal Highness left London for Osborne, on a visit to her Majesty.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead has just been presented by the King of Servia with the insignia of the Grand Cordon of the Royal Order of St. Sava, in recognition of his services in the cause of education. The insignia were handed to his lordship by the Secretary of the Servian Legation in London, on Friday, the 8th inst.

Bro. Henry Irving, who is an honorary member of the Scottish Society of Literature and Art, Glasgow, has forwarded a donation to the library of 25 volumes, among them being editions of "Don Quixote" the "Wellington Despatches," and "Shakespeare."

Bro. Col. Edis presided at the annual dinner of the 20th Middlesex (Artists) Rifle Volunteers, held at the Criterion, on Saturday last, Bro. General Lord Wolseley being present as one of the guests.

M. Waddington, French Ambassador in London, presided at the 21st Anniversary Festival in aid of the funds of the French Hospital and Dispensary, which was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Saturday last, when the subscriptions were announced as amounting to over £2000. Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen was one of the guests, and Bro. the Lord Mayor, who was to have attended, sent word to the effect that he was too unwell to fulfil his engagement.

The 14th ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of Messrs. Perry and Company, Limited, will be held at the company's offices, 36, Lancaster-street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, the 19th instant, when the Directors will present their report of the operations for the past year, and other business will be transacted. The audited statement of accounts shows that after satisfying every liability, the profits for the year ended the 31st December last, amounted to £14,740 16s. 8d., and out of this the Directors recommend a dividend of 2½ per cent., making 5 per cent. for the year on preference shares, and 7 per cent. for the six months, making with the interim dividend of 3 per cent. paid already, a total of 10 per cent. for the year on ordinary shares, the amounts thus appropriated, and a further £2500 carried to the reserve account (and thus raising it to £48,000), there will remain a balance to be carried forward, with the next year's profit and loss account of £1552 9s. 8d. This shows that the company is in a very flourishing condition.

The Duke of Cambridge has consented to preside at the annual festival which will be held at the Hôtel Métropole on the 2nd April next in aid of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital. The institution is greatly in need of funds, and an urgent appeal will be made on the occasion.

Parliament will re-assemble for the dispatch of business, on Thursday next, the 21st instant, and the Prime Minister and the First Lord of the Treasury have issued their invitations for the Ministerial banquets, which are usually held the evening previous to the meeting.

On Tuesday, the Mayor of Hartlepool received a communication to the effect that Prince Albert Victor of Wales has generously acceded to the request that he will visit the town and open the new municipal buildings. The day fixed for the ceremony, which will be observed as a general holiday, is the 1st of May.

The Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by Prince George of Wales, and attended by Lord A. Somerset and Col. Stanley Clarke, left London for the Riviera on Tuesday. His Royal Highness travelled by the South Eastern Railway and was met at Charing Cross Station by Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., and was accompanied on his journey as far as Paris by Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, and Mr. R. Sassoon. The Prince of Wales will take up his quarters at the Bristol during his brief stay in Paris, which he will leave to-day (Friday) and will remain about three weeks in the Riviera.

**THE SPORTSMAN'S EXHIBITION.**—This popular fixture is this year arranged to open on April 4th at the new "Central Hall," Holborn, W.C. (opposite the Inns of Court Hotel), and in its new locale will doubtless attract a great many more visitors even than in former years. There is no doubt that for an exhibition of this class a hall easy of approach is a great desideratum, and this point has now been fully met, as the "Central Hall" is within easy walking distance either of the City or the West End, and is in direct omnibus communication with every railway terminus in London, and the increased facilities of approach are sure to have a most beneficial effect on the attendance. The "Central Hall" has been designed especially with a view to the requirements of trade exhibitions, and is lighted throughout by electricity. Mr. Harry Etherington, the original promoter, is still the manager, and the offices of the exhibition are 43, New Oxford-street, W.C.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—The Great Need.—The blood is the life, and on its purity our health as well as our existence depends. These Pills thoroughly cleanse the vital fluid from all contaminations, and by that means strengthen and invigorate the whole system, healthily stimulate sluggish organs, repress over-excited action, and establish order of circulation and secretion throughout every part of the body. The balsamic nature of Holloway's Pills exercises marvellous power in giving tone to debilitated and nervous constitutions. These Pills dislodge all obstructions, both in the bowels and elsewhere, and are on that account much sought after for promoting regularity of action in young females and delicate persons who are naturally weak, or have from some cause become so.—ADVT.

At the meeting of the Chine Lodge, No. 1884, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, held on the 31st ult., Bro. A. F. Swayne, W.M., in the chair, a letter was read from Bro. John Chapman, P.M. 1402, P. Prov. G.D. of Devon (who is a member of No. 1884), informing the brethren of the election of Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M. 1884, &c., as one of the honorary members of the Jordan Lodge, Torquay. On the proposition of Bro. Newman, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W. Hants, seconded by the W. Master, and supported by Bro. John Bailey, P.M., P. Prov. A.G.D.C. Hants, it was unanimously resolved "That the brethren now assembled in open lodge desire to express their warm appreciation of the favour conferred upon Brother Alfred Greenham, P.M. and D.C., and through him upon Chine Lodge, No. 1884, in his election as honorary member of the Jordan Lodge, as the projector and manager of the Shanklin Masonic Exhibition."

Bro. Chapman, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. Devon, who has again taken up his residence in beautiful Torquay, delivered an interesting Lecture on the "Third Tracing Board" to the members of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, on Tuesday last. The Lecture is a survival of an old form of "working," now obsolete, and was given to illustrate customs and ceremonies of the past now but little known, save amongst Masonic archaeologists.

The annual Provincial Grand Chapter of Hants and the Isle of Wight assembled at Aldershot on the 1st inst., under the presidency of the M.E. Grand Superintendent, Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. After the transaction of the usual business, the officers for the year were appointed and invested: Comps. J. E. Le Feuvre, as P.G.H.; Col. J. W. Crease, C.B., as P.G.J.; G. J. Tilling, P.G. Treas.; Edgar Goble, P.G.S.E.; and Rev. A. A. Headley, P. Asst. G. S.E.

At a meeting of Fidelity Lodge, No. 230, the W.M., Bro. F. Orchard, presiding. Bro. J. Whitford, P.M., was elected Treasurer, in the place of the late Bro. J. Lynn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The annual banquet and ball, which was postponed in consequence of the death of Bro. Lynn, will be held at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, the second week in March.

Sunday last, the 1st inst., was the 49th anniversary of the Queen's marriage with the late Prince Consort, who died on the 14th December, 1861, so that her Majesty has been a widow for upwards of 27 years.

The ball held at the St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on the 6th inst., in aid of the Mark Masonic Benevolent Fund, was very attractive. This is the second which has been held under the direction of a committee at the invitation of Bro. Crouch, whose zeal for Mark Masonry is well known throughout the Western Counties. The committee were successful last year in securing for Lodge Friendship a Life-Governorship of the Fund, and the committee have every reason to believe that they will be able this year to place Mark Lodge Sincerity in a similar position. The room was specially decorated with flowers, mirrors, plants, &c.

On the 27th ult., at the Grosvenor Hotel, Blackburn, in connection with the Lodge of United Brethren, Bro. Chas. Hindle was installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. T. T. Mercer, P.M.; and Bro. W. Lamb, P.M., P.P.G.P., invested a number of officers. A supper was also provided, and an interesting programme rendered.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Edinburgh on the 7th inst. There was an exceptionally large attendance, upwards of 400 brethren being present. The Grand Master, Sir Archibald Campbell occupied the Throne. We shall give a full report next week.

The Old Masonians announce another Social Smoking Concert (the sixth) for to-night (Friday.) Judging from the programme we should say it will be one of the best of the series. The Chairman for the evening is Mr. R. Stanley Chandler.

On the 29th ult. a meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire was held at the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge called the Danum Lodge of Mark Master Masons. Brethren were present from Sheffield, Leeds, Wakefield, Barnsley, Crowle, York, Grimsby, &c., about 60 being in attendance. The ceremony of consecration was performed by the R.W.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Chas. Letch Mason, P.M., assisted by Bro. the Earl of Euston, S.G.W., and others. The brethren afterwards dined together, Bro. Mason presiding.

The Academy of Art and Science, Frentano, in Naples, under the direct patronage of their Majesties the King of Italy and the Emperor of Brazil, has awarded the golden medal, first-class, with crown and ribbon, to Miss Annie E. Holden, daughter of Mr. Angus Holden, of Bradford, for her artistic services in singing, rendered for benevolent and charitable purposes, and has at the same time elected her an honorary member of the said academy.

Mr. Yorke Stephens will commence his third provincial tour on Monday next with the new drama "True Heart," by Mr. Henry Byatt (author of "The Brothers," &c.), originally produced at Leamington with great success. The company will be a powerful one, and special scenery has been painted by Mr. Richard Douglas.

On account of the great success which attended the production of "The Policeman," at Terry's Theatre, it has been determined to repeat the performance on Tuesday afternoon, March 5th, and thus afford an opportunity to the vast number of persons who were unable to obtain admission on the last occasion, to now witness Messrs. Helmore and Phillpott's Farical Rally.

Mr. Halliwell Phillips's sealed legacy to the trustees of Shakspeare's birthplace was found on Wednesday to consist of 186 volumes, handsomely bound, consisting for the most part of manuscript notes and ancient black letter extracts, intended to illustrate the works of the great poet.

WILL any brother greatly oblige a P.M. and P.Z. by kindly forwarding to him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter summons, as he is endeavouring to form a complete collection of them from No. 1 upwards.—Address C. E. FERRY, 55, Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.—[ADVT.]

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS**  
For the week ending Saturday, February 23, 1889.

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 715, Panmure, City Terminus Hotel.
- 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

**MARK LODGES.**

- 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow.
- 357, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 1, Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern.
- 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
- 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
- 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
- 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
- 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
- 1537, St. Peter Westminster, The Criterion.
- 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.
- 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Barnato, Victoria Hotel, 25, Charterhouse-street, at 6.30.
- 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 Hot., 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 CHAPTER.**

- 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 294, Royal Naval College, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.**

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
- 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
- 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- 102, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1420, Earl Spencer, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park-road.
- 1095, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
- 2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
- 2045, Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden.

**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.
- Chancer, 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.
- Domatic, 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, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
- St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steppney, at 8.
- Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
- Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
- 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel.
- 26, Castle of Harmony, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
- 171, Amity, City Terminus Hotel.
- 189, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel.
- 1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel.

**ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.**

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.**

Board of Benevolence, at 6.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, The Albion.
- 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
- 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
- 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
- 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
- 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 1044, Wandsworth, Town Hall, Wandsworth.
- 1150, Buckingham, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, East Ferry-road, Cubitt Town, E.
- 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
- 1624, Eccleston, Criterion.
- 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
- 1677, Crusaders, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
- 1681, Londesborough, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Burgoynne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8.
- Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.
- Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
- Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30.
- Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-street, Hackney, 8.
- Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 8.
- Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
- Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
- Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
- La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.
- Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
- Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
- Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
- Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.
- Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
- Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
- Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery-lane, at 8.
- Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
- St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
- Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.
- Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
- United Mariners, Lugard Hotel, Lugard-road, Peckham.
- United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
- Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 8.
- Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
- Domatic Chapter, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21.**

House Committee Girls' School, 4.30.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
- 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.
- 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel.
- 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
- 109, Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
- 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
- 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
- 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1139, South Norwood, The Pavilion, South Norwood Park.
- 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
- 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1613, Cripplegate, The Albion.
- 1716, All Saints, Offices of Board of Works, High-st., Poplar, E.
- 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.

**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.
- Creaton, Wheatheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
- Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
- Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30.
- Elliot, Railway Hotel, Fetham.
- 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.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- 507, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.

**MARK LODGES.**

- Bon Accord, 8a, Red Lion-square.
- 7, Carnarvon, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- 569, Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Company, London.
- 1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Offices, Catford Bridge.
- 2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.

**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.
- Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
- Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.
- Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. at 6.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.
- Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
- Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
- Robert Burns, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., at 8.
- Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
- St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
- St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.

- Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 6.
- Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
- The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, at 7.30.
- Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
- Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.
- Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, at 8.
- Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hotel, London-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 CHAPTERS.**

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.

**PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS**

For the week ending Saturday, February 23, 1889.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 77, Freedom, New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend.
- 102, Unanimity, King's Head, North Walsham.
- 248, True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham.
- 270, Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, Berkeley Arms, Berkeley, Gloucestershire.
- 307, Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebdon Bridge, n. Halifax.
- 312, Lion, Masonic Hall, John-street, Whitty.
- 331, Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, M.H., Quay-st., Truro.
- 359, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
- 388, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Halesowen, Suffolk.
- 424, Borough, Masonic Rooms, Half Moon-lane, Gateshead.
- 455, Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, Kettering.
- 466, Merit, George Hotel, St. Martin's, Stamford Baron, Northants.
- 543, Cleveland, Black Lion, Stokesley, Yorkshire.
- 588, St. Botolph's, Corn Exchange, Sleaford.
- 599, Cherwell, Masonic Hall, Marlboro'-road, Banbury.
- 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Lord-street, Southport.
- 725, Stoneleigh, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.
- 827, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
- 900, St. George's, Town Hall, Tewkesbury.
- 925, Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 934, Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield, Lancashire.
- 949, Williamson, St. Stephen's School, Monkwearmouth, Durham.
- 985, Alexandra, M.H., Bridge Hot., Sutton Bridge, Lincoln.
- 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxton, near Preston.
- 1030, Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris, Lancashire.
- 1113, Angelsea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
- 1141, Mid-Sussex, King's Head, Hershham.
- 1168, Benevolence, Digby Hotel, Sherborne.
- 1170, St. George's Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 1199, Agriculture, Ship and Castle, Congressbury.
- 1205, Metham, Metham Masonic Hall, East Stonehouse, Devon.
- 1208, Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Snargate-street, Derby.
- 1238, Gooch, Town Hall, Twickenham.
- 1255, Dundas, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 1271, Friendship and Unity, Ma. Ro., Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts.
- 1272, Tregenna, Masonic Hall, St. Ives, Cornwall.
- 1443, Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
- 1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 1564, St. John's, Prince of Wales Hotel, St. John's, Woking, Surrey.
- 1631, St. Andrew's, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston, Suffolk.
- 1741, Montgomerie, King's Head, Diss, Norfolk.
- 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley, Lancashire.
- 1909, Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.
- 1977, Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, Essex.
- 2074, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Landport.
- 2081, Golden Fleece, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
- 2086, Dacre, Assembly Rooms, Stevenage.
- 2114, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 2208, Horsa, Masonic Hall, Bonnmouth.
- 2289, Blundellsands, Alexandra Ass. Ro., Great Crosby, Lancs.

**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.
- 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., Worthington, at 8.
- 993, Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, Manchester, 7.30.
- 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.
- 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.**

- 36, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.
- 128, Prince Edwin's, Bridge Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
- 237, Virtue and Hope, Masonic Hall, Swansea.
- 277, Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham.
- 296, Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
- 428, Sincerity, Angel Hotel, Northwich.
- 734, Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorkshire.
- 1051, Kowley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Lancaster.
- 1284, Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham.

**MARK LODGES.**

- 117, Remigius, Masonic Rooms, Mint-street, Lincoln.
- 148, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
- 188, Sutcliffe, Masonic Hall, Great Grimsby.
- 318, St. James, Masonic Hall, Wretham-road, Handsworth.
- 322, Temple, Wilmington, Dartford.
- 324, Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex-street, Rhyl.
- 330, Godson, Masonic Hall, Kidderminster.
- 353, Dove Valley, Town Hall, Ashbourne.
- 362, Wouldhave, Freemasons' Hall, Ingham-st., South Shields.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 127, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
- 213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
- 223, Charity, 193, Union-street, Plymouth.
- 293, King's Friends, Lamb Hotel, Nantwich.
- 378, Loyal Welsh, Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock.
- 384, St. David's, Masonic Hall, Bangor.
- 414, Union, Masonic Hall, Grey Friars-road, Reading.
- 418, Menturia, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley, Staffordshire.

- 432, Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton.
- 448, St. James', Masonic Hall, St. James'-place, Halifax.
- 452, Frederick Lodge of Unity, Masonic Hall, Croydon.
- 468, Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
- 476, St. Peter's, Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, Carmarthen.
- 506, Mundy Grove, Boat Inn, Shipley Gate, Derby.
- 510, St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
- 551, Yarborough, Masonic Hall, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.
- 560, Vernon, Swan Hotel, Stourport.
- 660, Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Maldon, Yorks.
- 662, Darmouth, Masonic Rooms, West Bromwich.
- 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield, Cheshire.
- 958, St. Aubin's, Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, Jersey.
- 1006, Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Cornwall.
- 1046, St. Andrew's, Bush Hotel, Farnham, Surrey.
- 1052, Callender, Masonic Rooms, King-street, Manchester.
- 1089, De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
- 1225, Hindpool, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
- 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
- 1390, Whitwell, Masonic Hall, Salthouse-road, Millom, Cumb.
- 1410, St. Peter and St. Paul, Masonic Hall, Newton Pagnel.
- 1427, Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 1551, Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 1570, Prince Arthur, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 1764, Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton.
- 1787, Grenville, Town Hall, Buckingham.
- 1817, St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness.
- 1823, Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare-street, Suffolk.
- 1833, St. Keyna, Lamb and Lark Hotel, Kenyngton, Somerset.
- 1894, Herschel, Masonic Hall, Leopold-street, Slough, Bucks.
- 1903, Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth.
- 1941, St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley, Staffs.
- 2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
- 2146, Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton.
- 2155, Makerfield, Pied Bull Hotel, Newton-le-Willows, Lancs.
- 2283, Euston, New Inn, St. Neots, Huntingdonshire.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 119, Sun, Square, and Compasses, F.M.H., Whitehaven, at 7.30.
- 127, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate, at 8.30.
- 170, All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth.
- 264, Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley, at 7.30.
- 299, Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
- 371, Perseverance, F.M.H., Englefield-street, Maryport, at 8.
- 431, St. George's, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
- 448, St. James's, St. John's-place, Halifax, at 8.
- 463, East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45.
- 591, Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, at 8.
- 814, Farrett and Axe, George Hotel, Crewkerne.
- 855, Sympathy, Swan Hotel, Wootton-under-Edge, at 7.30.
- 940, Philanthropy, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-st., Stockton.
- 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.
- 1390, Whitwell, M.H., Salthouse-road, Millom, Cumberland.
- 1472, Henry, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
- 1598, Leyspring, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.
- 1638, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
- 1783, Albert Edward, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, 8.
- 1837, Lullingstone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Dartford.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 41, Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath.
- 71, Lowestoft, Masonic Hall, Lowestoft.
- 105, Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth.
- 315, Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
- 446, Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset.
- 460, Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
- 694, Oakley, Masonic Hall, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke.
- 764, Pawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool.
- 804, Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant, Hants.
- 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

MARK LODGES.

- 40, Shakespeare, The Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick.
- 87, Cornubian, Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, Cornwall.
- 136, Alfred, Bridge Inn, Bury.
- 166, East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Wellington-square, Hastings.
- 209, St. Wilfrid's, M.H., Chapel-street, Alford, Lincolnshire.
- 246, Duke of Connaught, Court House, Buxton.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 90, Restormel, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell.
- 139, St. Cuthbert's, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington.

RED CROSS.

- 77, Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 122, Say and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvedere.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

- 68, Antient York Chapter of Redemption, Hull.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 20, Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
- 121, Mount Sinai, Masonic Hall, Penzance.
- 137, Amity, Masonic Hall, Market-street, Poole.
- 175, East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I. of W.
- 178, Antiquity, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.
- 200, Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough.
- 221, St. John's, New Masonic Hall, Silverwell-street, Bolton.
- 243, Loyalty, Masonic Temple, Guernsey.
- 246, Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.
- 261, Unanimity and Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton.
- 274, Tranquillity, Boar's Head, Newchurch, Lancashire.
- 285, Love and Honour, Freemasons' Hall, Shepton Mallett.
- 311, South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes.
- 325, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, Salford.
- 342, Royal Sussex, Freemasons' H., Commercial-rd., Landport.
- 376, Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Soane-street, Ipswich.
- 430, Fidelity, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- 451, Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem.
- 537, Zetland, Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
- 581, Faith, Church Inn, Openshaw, Lancashire.
- 592, Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
- 610, Colston, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
- 633, Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 683, Isca, Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
- 726, Staffordshire Knot, Swan Hotel, Stafford.
- 730, Ellesmere, Town Hall, Chorley, Lancashire.
- 758, Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
- 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 874, Holmesdale, Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells.
- 938, Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 950, Hesketh, Crown Hotel, Fleetwood, Lancashire.
- 962, Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington, Cumberland.
- 972, St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
- 1019, Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
- 1040, Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorkshire.
- 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
- 1114, Joppa, Corn Hall, Fakenham, Norfolk.
- 1129, St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
- 1136, Carew, Masonic Hall, Torpoint, Cornwall.
- 1179, Rutland, Rutland Hotel, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.
- 1212, Elms, Huyshe Masonic Hall, Stoke Damarel, Devon.
- 1246, Holte, Victoria Hall, Victoria-road, Aston, Warwickshire.
- 1301, Brighthouse, Masonic Rooms, Bradford-rd., Brighthouse, Yorks.
- 1334, Norman, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
- 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Masonic Hall, Church-st., Lancaster.
- 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hall, Ormskirk.
- 1634, Starkie, Grant Arms Hotel, Ramsbottom, Lancashire.
- 1774, Mellor, Corporation Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- 1868, Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham.
- 1893, Lumley, Estate Offices, Skegness.
- 1988, Mawddach, Masonic Hall, Barmouth.
- 2135, Constance, Offices Water Company, Consett, Durham.
- 2153, Hope, India Arms Hotel, Gosport.
- 2258, Western District United Service, Masonic Hall, Caroline-place, Stonehouse, Devon.
- 2266, Caor, Railway Hotel, Beckenham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 20, Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Mitre Hotel, Chatham.
- 117, Salopian, Music Hall Buildings, Shrewsbury.
- 186, Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.
- 439, Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Fleece Inn, Main-st., Bingley, 7.
- 464, Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, at 7.30.
- 557, Yarborough, Masonic Hall, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.
- 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
- 809, United Good Fellowship, Rose and Crown Hot., Wisbech, 8.
- 972, St. Augustine, Masonic Temple, Canterbury, at 8.30.
- 1166, Clarendon, Bridge Inn, Fairfield-street, Manchester.
- 1356, Toxteth, 140, North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.
- 1601, Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
- 1942, Minerva, Roebuck Inn, Fenton.
- 2099, Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay, at 8.
- 2266, Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
- 2266, Cator, Railway Hotel, Beckenham, at 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 262, Salopian, Masonic Hall Buildings, Shrewsbury.
- 288, Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
- 328, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay.
- 361, Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde, Cheshire.
- 417, Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
- 481, St. Peter's, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 498, Royal Standard, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley.
- 539, Vernon, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
- 580, Unity and Perseverance, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
- 1000, Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend, Essex.
- 1071, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Saltash.
- 1119, St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Jarrow.

MARK LODGES.

- 48, Brunswick, Masonic Hall, Hobart-st., Stonehouse, Devon.
- 123, Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury.
- 196, Earl of Chester, The Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row North, Chester.
- 216, Henry, Masonic Hall, Frizington, Cumberland.
- 259, Snowdonia, Portmadoc, Carnarvonshire.
- 323, Peveril, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, I. of Man.
- 334, York, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, Cambridge.
- 374, St. Chad, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 95, De Lacy, Masonic Hall, East Bank-street, Southport.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

- 96, St. Cuthbert, Darlington.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 42, Relief, Grey Mare Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
- 56, Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love, Town Hall, Arundel.
- 57, Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull.
- 98, St. Martin's, Town Hall, Burslem.
- 100, Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth.
- 132, Unity, Masonic Hall, Ringwood, Hants.
- 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 215, Commerce, Commercial Inn, Haslingden.
- 230, Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport.
- 267, Unity, Macclesfield Arms Hotel, Macclesfield.
- 268, Union, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- 280, Worcester, 95, High-street, Worcester.
- 343, Concord, Bull Hotel, Preston.
- 345, Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
- 363, Keystone, Red Lion, Whitworth, Lancashire.
- 367, Probity and Freedom, Wellington Hotel, Rochdale.
- 394, Southampton, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
- 425, Cestrian, Masonic Hall, Queen-street, Chester.
- 489, Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Bideford, Devon.
- 523, John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
- 600, Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
- 605, Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead.
- 625, Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop, Derbyshire.
- 802, Repose, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
- 833, Afan, Masonic Hall, Aberavon, Glamorganshire.
- 939, Pelham, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield road, Worksop, Notts.
- 971, Trafalgar, Masonic Rooms, Commercial-st., Batley, Yorks.
- 1037, Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland.
- 1042, Excelsior, Masonic Hall, George-street, Leeds.
- 1184, Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battic, Sussex.
- 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, Lancashire.
- 1332, Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
- 1337, Anchor, Masonic Hall, Northallerton.
- 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, Lancashire.
- 1432, Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
- 1459, Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton, near Manchester.

- 1470, Chiltern, Old Sugar Loaf Hotel, Dunstable.
- 1495, Arkwright, New Bath Hotel, Matlock, Bath.
- 1514, Thornhill, Masonic Hall, Lindley, Huddersfield.
- 1562, Homfray, Masonic Hall, Risca, Monmouthshire.
- 1776, Landport, Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport.
- 1821, Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
- 1869, Sandown, Masonic Hall, Sandown, Isle of Wight.
- 1872, St. Margaret's, Maple Hall, Surbiton.
- 1887, St. Hilda, Temperance Hall, St. Mary-street, Wallingford, Berkshire.
- 1892, Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton.
- 2107, Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket.
- 2268, Hallamshire, M.H., Surrey-street, Sheffield, West Yorks.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 47, Newstead, Bromley House, Angel-row, Nottingham, at 7.30.
- 70, St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes-pl., Plymouth.
- 77, Freedom, New Falcon Hotel, West-street, Gravesend, at 8.30.
- 158, Adams, Britannia Hotel, Sheerness, at 7.30.
- 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Lime-street, Liverpool.
- 264, Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley, at 7.30.
- 289, Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
- 503, Belvidere, Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, Maidstone.
- 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 8.
- 788, Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.
- 1050, Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester, Kent.
- 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool, 7.30.
- 1209, Lewises, Balmoral Hotel, Broadstairs, at 7.30.
- 1224, Stour Valley, Masonic Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk, at 7.
- 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30.
- 1437, Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun Hotel, Romford, at 7.
- 1580, Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, at 7.30.
- 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, at 8.
- 1829, Burrell, Marlboro' Hotel, Brighton, at 7.
- 1884, Chine, Masonic Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.
- 1957, Grove, Cock Inn, Hazelgrove, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 309, Harmony, Red Lion Hotel, Fareham.
- 317, Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 337, Confidence, Masonic Hall, Upper Mill, Yorkshire.
- 603, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton.

MARK LODGES.

- 54, Aldershot Military, M.H., Barrack-road, Aldershot.
- 92, Walpole, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
- 214, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Abergavenny.
- 308, Etruscan, Freemasons' Hall, Caroline-street, Longton.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 31, All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 785, Twelve Brothers, Masonic Hall, Southampton.
- 810, Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
- 1385, Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Chipping Barnet.
- 1391, Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
- 1435, Annesley, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.
- 1621, Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
- 2039, Londonderry, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 123, Lennox, Masonic Hall, Newbiggin, Richmond, Yorks, at 8.
- 187, Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.
- 265, Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Rooms, Keighley, at 8.
- 306, Alfred, Private Room, 23, Albion-street, Leeds, at 7.30.
- 326, Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.
- 1034, Eccleshill, Alexandra Hotel, Bradford, at 8.
- 1071, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Alexandra-sq., Saltash, Cornwall, 8.
- 1393, Hamer, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 8.
- 1462, Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
- 1664, Gosforth, Masonic Hall, Gosforth, Northumberland.
- Bristol (Province), Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 152, Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 175, East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-st., Ryde, Isle of Wight.
- 230, Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport.
- 242, Magdalen, Nether Hall, Doncaster.
- 431, Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
- 471, Silurian, Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
- 680, Sefton, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 712, St. James, Masonic Hall, Louth.
- 998, Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.
- 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
- 1754, Tennant, Masonic Hall, Penarth, Glamorgan.

MARK LODGES.

- Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-st., Bath.
- 95, Star in the East, Masonic Hall, Globe-street, Scarborough.
- 183, Baldwin, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTERS.

- 5, Vernon, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
- 82, Ethelbert, Canterbury.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1462, Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone, Yorks.
  - 2201, Earl of Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
- LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,  
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