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We have drawn the attention of our readers on more than one occasion to the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and as Wednesday next, the 27th inst., is the day appointed by his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER for its celebration, we must avail ourselves of the only opportunity that remains to us of reiterating our previous exhortations to all interested in the efficient maintenance of this Charity to use their utmost efforts to obtain the required sum of at least £15,000 for the expenses of the coming year. The rules and regulations of the Institution and the system on which its affairs are administered may not be as widely known among the Craft as they deserve to be, but as the two Annuity Funds were founded by Grand Lodge itself, the Male Fund in 1842, and the Widows' Fund in 1849, we may reasonably assume that all English Masons are acquainted with the very laudable objects for which the Charity was established, namely, permanently to relieve from want those brethren, and those widows of brethren, who from age, infirmity, and the blows of adverse fortune are no longer able to support themselves. We may also in reason assume that from the annual appeals which have been made to the brethren at large for the funds to enable the Institution to fulfil these objects, and the ever-increasing earnestness with which they have been laid before them, a tolerably just idea must prevail generally as to the extent of the relief which is thus afforded and the apparently inexhaustible array of worthy candidates who are appealing for a share in its benefits. However, though people may have a general idea about these matters, the rate at which the benefits conferred by the Institution have been increased has been so marvellous during the past few years that it is difficult for them to realise the full extent of its present responsibilities and the difficulties which are, of necessity, incurred in fulfilling them. There are many brethren still living who have known the Charity since its establishment, and can well remember how small were its requirements in the earlier stages of its existence as compared with what they are now. But even these must have some difficulty in realising the labour and anxiety which the raising of so large a sum as £15,000 annually entails. There are 180 male annuitants and 229 widow annuitants, and a certain number—which is always fluctuating—of widows in receipt of half their late husbands' annuities, the sum annually required to satisfy the obligations of the Charity towards these poor brethren and widows being close on £15,000, while the permanent income about suffices for the cost of management, maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon, and unforeseen contingencies. And what renders the present position of the Charity still more deplorable is that, notwithstanding the various augmentations which have taken place latterly, there are no less than 143 candidates—62 men and 81 widows—on the lists for the election in May next, and of these it will be only possible to elect, including both immediate and deferred annuitants, 27, namely 17 men (14 immediate and three deferred) and 10 widows (seven immediate and three deferred). However, it is satisfactory to note that the prospects for Wednesday's gathering are undoubtedly favourable. The Board of Stewards is about 330 strong, and though, after the tremendous success of the Girls' School Centenary Festival in June last, it is hardly to be expected that the Returns will maintain as high an average per list as in past years, we are sanguine enough to believe that the sum required will be forthcoming. Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, Prov. G. Master of Northants and Hunts, who has undertaken to preside as Chairman, has been exerting his utmost influence in order to secure a favourable result. His province, though a very small one, has bestirred itself, as we anticipated it would do, and the Stewards generally have been doing their part earnestly. We have every confidence that these various efforts will suffice, or very nearly suffice, for the accomplishment of the main object of next week's Festival, and that the subscriptions and donations—promised and paid—will amount to, or

fall very little short of, the necessary £15,000. But that will not enable the Committee to undertake the responsibility of reducing the number of candidates, who will remain on the list as unsuccessful after May next. More annuities may fall vacant between now and the third Friday in May; but even then there will remain at least a hundred men and widows, with nothing to comfort them in their poverty but the hope deferred which, in reality as well as proverbially, maketh the heart sick. We look, therefore, to the generosity of the Craft to supply the needful means, so that the Committee of Management may be justified in recommending a further small increase in the number of annuitants, and we hope and trust we shall not look in vain.

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OUR Hertfordshire brethren have every reason to be proud of their chief, Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., and the manner in which he has performed his duties as their Prov. G.M. It is not many years since the Province was spoken of as "little Herts," though even at the time this familiar appellation was the most appropriate as regards the number of its lodges, there was nothing "little," but, on the contrary, much that was commendably great, in its loyal observance of the principles of Freemasonry. Now, however, that it has as many as 17 lodges on its roll—of which nine have been consecrated since Bro. HALSEY was appointed to office—with between 500 and 600 subscribing members, it has lost its title to be a diminutive Province, and may claim to rank with those which, only a few years since, were its bigger sisters. Moreover, with its material growth, it has retained, and even enlarged, its love for the tenets of the Craft, and as a consequence, there is no Province in England which is more deservedly respected. We have no doubt the Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278, which was consecrated at Elstree on the 4th inst, by the Prov. G. Master, in the presence of a more than ordinarily strong muster of the brethren, will prove a serviceable addition to the roll of the Province. It has begun well, and we have every confidence that it will continue as it has begun. It certainly has our heartiest good wishes for its success.

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IN no province in England has a "Masonic Charity Association" been more of a conspicuous success than in Cornwall. Started in 1885, it has now had four annual meetings, and each report has had a striking tale to record. For 1888 account the large sum of 272 guineas has been received, the number of members and lodges being now 223, whereas there were not more than 205 the previous year. Already, by this admirable plan, over £1200 have been raised for the three *Central Masonic Charities*, and without injuring in any way the excellent local Masonic Benevolent Annuity and Educational Fund. This remarkable and satisfactory result has been brought about mainly through the efforts of the indefatigable and enthusiastic Secretary, Bro. G. B. PEARCE, of Hayle, to whom the origination of the Association is due. On the 13th inst. thirty-seven Life-Governorships of five guineas each, and eight of the value of 10 guineas each, were duly drawn for, and, though there were doubtless some disappointments, all must ultimately become Life-Governors when the term ends. We know no better scheme, either viewed economically as respects management or practically as respects the total contributions.

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It is pleasant to come across a little common sense in connection with the theory, which is rife in many United States Masonic jurisdictions, that a man who has some physical defect is ineligible for initiation into our mysteries. It was necessary in the days of Operative Masonry that those who joined the Guild should have their bodies furnished with the regulation number of legs and arms, or they would have been unable to discharge many of their duties as Masons; and even now, in these speculative days, we can well understand that a man without a head would be an unsuitable candidate for acceptance by a lodge, or, if accepted, that he would not be likely to make much progress in the Craft. But it has always struck us as being eminently ridiculous to reject a man of refinement and culture, of high moral character, and well set up in means to adorn any position he might be called upon to fill, merely because he has a wooden leg or arm, or fewer fingers and toes than other people. Bro. CORNELIUS HEDGES, Grand Secretary of Montana, is evidently in agreement with us in this matter. In his latest Report on Correspondence, he is quoted in the *Voice of Masonry* for the current month as having said, in reference to the action of the Grand Master of New Jersey in forbidding the initiation of persons deficient of limbs, &c., that "now that Masonry has become altogether speculative, the standard of qualification should be principally moral instead of physical;" and he adds a little further on: "We do not turn members out of our lodges if they lose arms or legs after having joined, and yet such members have just the same need of making themselves known as new members." This may or may not be in accordance with the ancient landmarks, but it is sound common sense.

## THE "COSMO." FOR 1889.

Those of us who can remember when there was no "Cosmo." wonder now that the want of such a trusty guide for the "higher degrees" was not sooner provided. This very useful publication is in its nineteenth year of issue, and I may venture to say that there is no other work of the kind so well known throughout the Masonic world.

Its information respecting other Grand Lodges, particularly those situated in Europe, not forgetting our close neighbours, Ireland and Scotland, is invaluable, and though less is furnished of the Grand Lodges in the United States, there is no lack as to the subordinates, under the rule of governing bodies in our Colonies. All Masonic Degrees and Grand Lodges, &c., wherever located, are duly attended to, so that brethren on carefully studying the contents of the "Cosmo." may arrive at a correct notion as to the widespread ramifications of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons.

I have, however, now but to consider the Degrees considered as beyond, or perhaps a better term would be, *additional* to, those of the recognised Craft ceremonies, &c. The Grand Mark lodge leads off, as the largest body, with 398 subordinates. The extraordinary increase of this organisation may be tested in several ways, particularly when it is remembered that its formation dates from some 33 years ago! Take, however, my own case. I was advanced in St. Aubyn Lodge, No. 64, Devonport, in 1863, on the formation of that body, so that it was then the last on the roll. Now, including the "Time Immemorial" lodges (rather a fanciful title for some of the 13) there are close on 400 lodges, or over six times the number that were in existence 26 years ago!

Often enough the Grand Wardens of the Grand Lodge of England are content with similar positions in the Mark, and the roll of Prov. Grand Masters of the latter Grand Lodge is almost on a par with its august superior.

Several of the Mark Provinces are very large, and do their full share in preserving and fostering a continued interest in the Fraternity, not a few of the lodges promoting a love for the study of Masonic history, by considering the arguments in favour of "additional degrees;" and beyond question, causing a more united spirit, Masonically, in towns and neighbourhoods where conflicting interests tend at times to friction amongst the members of competing Craft lodges.

The Benevolent Funds of the Grand Mark Lodge (annuities, grants, and educational agencies, &c.), are rapidly becoming of value and importance, and are excellent supplemental aids to the regular "Board of Benevolence," and our great central Masonic Charities. The education of children in an especial manner calls for warm approval and generous support, and those conversant with the practical aspects of these Mark Funds are loudest in their praise, their quiet unostentatious work being of the best possible character.

Some 80 Ark Mariners' lodges are attached to as many Mark Bodies, and the "Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters," with 12 subordinates, and the "Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees," with 25 councils, are wisely or unwisely under the wing of the Mark Grand Lodge; the "Order of the Secret Monitor" being possibly a future candidate for absorption, when it has been long enough unrecognised to constitute a claim for such patronage! For my part, I am old fashioned enough to prefer the Mark Grand Lodge, without any additions, and regret much the need there was for the incorporation of other Degrees, Masonic only in name, and of admittedly very modern fabrication.

The "A. and A. Rite" for the 4<sup>o</sup> to the 33<sup>o</sup> has already been exhaustively considered in the columns of the *Freemason*, but it may not be amiss to state that this select and well managed Body is doing a noble work in its own particular way, and its prosperity is so well assured, that any remarks on that score are quite superfluous. Like the Mark, it has no lack of distinguished support, from the greatest Freemason in the land to those who are of the most zealous and enthusiastic of the Brotherhood. About 100 active chapters of the Rose Croix testify to the vitality of the Society, and a visit to Golden-square, the grand library, &c., will amply prove the extent, character, and conspicuous usefulness of this fine organisation. The "Royal Order of Scotland," worked in part under its wing, is, of course, controlled from headquarters at Edinburgh, as the other Provincial branches, but these, and all other Degrees, are amply represented in the "Cosmo."

The United Orders of the Temple and Malta, with 122 preceptories (a great number of which work the K. of Malta), is under most distinguished management, and, doubtless, by a few wise concessions would resume its popularity in the provinces as heretofore. The courtesy at Headquarters, as with the other Degrees, is all that could be desired; and if "Past Rank" were allowed, a modern grievance would at once disappear.

The "Red Cross of Constantine, K.H.S.," &c., is becoming more popular again, with over 75 active conclaves, but it will take no little labour and management to bring it up to its old experience and position. Its antiquity or age goes back to some hundred years or more, and its ceremonies are of an interesting character.

The "Rosicrucian Society of England," which draws its members from the Masonic Fraternity, is also duly described, and hence it will be found that the "Cosmo." is a "friend in need" as to all necessary Masonic details, whether at Home or Abroad, Craft, Arch, Mark, and all other Degrees worked throughout the Universe.

W. J. HUGHAN.

MASONIC FACTS *versus* FICTIONS.

BY H. SADLER.

Bro. Lane will, I trust, pardon the liberty I have taken with the title of his communication to the *Freemason* of the 2nd inst. Being rather busy just now, it seemed to me hardly necessary to waste time by hunting for a new heading, when by exchanging one little word for another the same title would do for both of us, especially as nearly one half of what he is pleased to designate "Facts" are, in my opinion, pure "Fictions." I have not to my knowledge ever disputed the accuracy of the first four of his statements, three of which are *historical* facts, and the truth of the fourth is self-evident; I shall therefore dismiss them without further comment. A "fact," if I rightly understand the word, is something that has actually occurred, and of which there exists reliable evidence. I need hardly remind Bro. Lane that assertion is not *evidence*, and that mere conjecture cannot possibly establish a fact. As he has taken it upon himself, evidently after mature deliberation, to dispute *my* theory, I have a perfect right to call for the evidence on which he founds the assertion "That with such knowledge these Freemasons *undoubtedly* sought and obtained *membership* with one or more of the lodges then working in London." When this evidence is forthcoming, I shall be prepared to admit the probability of there being some truth in his sixth assertion, "That one of the results of their membership was the acquisition of the knowledge that some variation, either in ceremonial or in some other important particulars, existed between the London lodges and those to which they formerly belonged." Bro. Lane's seventh assertion will not, in my opinion, withstand the test of criticism.

"That these Freemasons could never have been in a position to say that the Mother Grand Lodge (subsequently styled 'Moderns') or its subordinate lodges, did not practise what they termed 'Ancient' Masonry, unless they had previously, by becoming members of the 'Modern' organisation, made themselves acquainted with their peculiar and distinctive methods, and that these methods were contrary to, or different from, those to which they had been elsewhere accustomed."

Now, according to *my* "common-sense" view of the subject, it is quite possible for a knowledge of certain differences to have been obtained by the simple process of *visiting* "one or more of the lodges then working in London," or even by the still easier method of Masonic intercourse.

Bro. Lane's 8th article is partly fact and partly fiction, unless he is in possession of evidence of which I am in ignorance, and, as I have never disputed the former, I shall only ask for his authority for saying "That consequently, finding the 'Modern' methods were unlike theirs, and possibly being unable to obtain any footing for their own theories or practices, these Freemasons *left* the 'Modern' lodges."

So far as I know, there is not a particle of evidence in existence to justify the assumption that a single member of the body that met on the 17th July, 1751, to organise a rival Grand Lodge, had ever belonged to a lodge under the Grand Lodge of England.

I must beg to differ most strongly with Bro. Lane when he says that his "way of looking at the subject 'violates no principle, it ignores no evidence, and it strains at no 'facts.'" It, moreover, coincides with what their own Grand Secretary, Laurence Dermott, himself wrote, as early as 6th December, 1752, when the 'Ancient' organisation had not been 17 months in existence, and when the circumstances must have been better known than now."

Now, in my humble opinion, Bro. Lane's "way of looking at the subject" does everything which he says it does *not* do, and, moreover, it does *not* coincide with what Dermott wrote on the 6th December, 1752—"That many manuscripts were lost amongst the lodges lately modernised, where a vestige of the Ancient Craft was not suffered to be revived or practised, and that *it was for this reason so many of them withdrew from lodges (under the Modern sanction) to support the true Ancient system.*"

It is with the greatest reluctance that I give expression to opinions so diametrically opposite to those of a brother for whom, as a Mason, I have the highest possible regard, and whose enormous labours, as evinced in the compilation of the most difficult, as well as one of the most useful, books to be found in the catalogue of Masonic publications, no one can more appreciate than I do.\*

I take this opportunity of assuring him, although I feel that such assurance is hardly necessary, that it is not from any feeling of antagonism or love of contradiction that I oppose so strongly the theory which he has undertaken to defend. Nothing but the firm conviction, arrived at after long and careful consideration, that the history of Freemasonry in England has not been a *true* history, would have induced me to take the stand I have taken on this question of the origin of the "Ancient Grand Lodge." I infer from Bro. Lane's third assertion—"That numbers of Freemasons, many of whom had, undoubtedly, been members of lodges in Ireland, were resident in London in 1751;" he imagines that in the year mentioned a secession from the Grand Lodge of England, of Irish Masons strong enough to make five distinct lodges, took place. If that be really his opinion, I would ask him for the evidence of a secession at that particular period. And I appeal to his "common sense" if such an event occurred at that time, how is it that no mention of a secession is to be found in the records of the body from which they are supposed to have seceded until *twenty-four* years afterwards, when the originator of the secession story places the period of the schism *about* five or six years further back than Bro. Lane does, and the same *authority* subsequently recedes still another five or six years? The natural and "common sense" inference, I think, must be

\* *Masonic Records*, comprising a List of all the lodges Warranted by the four Grand Lodges, and the United Grand Lodge of England, with their dates of Constitution, Places of Meeting, Alterations in Numbers, &c.

that neither the writer nor anyone about him had the least knowledge of the occurrence which he professed to describe,—that he simply did what many other writers have done, and probably will continue to do, viz., “jumped at conclusions,” when at a loss for direct evidence. It is of the utmost importance in determining the value of doubtful or unauthenticated statements to consider the question of the *motive* or *object* of those who make them. In the case of the originator of the “secession fiction” more than one motive is apparent. He was a paid officer of the rival Society, and therefore a partisan, one whose reflections upon his opponents should be carefully weighed and received with caution; and the fact that he was a partisan of the bitterest and most unreliable type, viz., a renegade or deserter from the ranks of those whom he doubtless considered it his duty, as it was certainly his interest, to disparage, should be an additional reason for not accepting as literal truth all his assertions as to the character and origin of his former colleagues.

In a similar light should be viewed the statement of his clever and successful opponent, Laurence Dermott, which Bro. Lane quotes with emphasis, and to which he appears to attach great importance, but which I designate in “Masonic Facts and Fictions” as “bunkum,” or, in plain English, “brag.” In this case also the motive evidently was to exalt his own party by depreciating his rivals, and here we have positive evidence of a perfectly disinterested character from the Register of the “Ancients,” which distinctly negatives the assertion that “many of them withdrew from the lodges under the modern sanction.” Previous to December, 1752, the date of Dermott’s statement, this Register contains the names of *Five* brethren who are said to have come from the “Moderns,” viz., Thomas Floyd, who was “made antient June, 7th, 1752;” Joseph Settree, July 24th; Peter Lacour, August 3rd; Jas. Schofield, August 14th; and Samuel Sturges in September (date not given). Now, whether Dermott was really justified in describing *Five* as “many” is a question I will not stay to discuss; however that may be, he was doubtless not a little elated at having an accession to his ranks of five deserters from the camp of his rivals in the space of four months, and probably could not resist the temptation to indulge in a little exaggeration, not an uncommon weakness even in these enlightened days.

I would point out to Bro. Lane that as the first of these *Five* did not join the “Ancients” until nearly twelve months after they had organised themselves as a distinct and independent Society, their coming amongst them could not well have justified the application of the term “Schismatics” to the whole body.

There is another feature in the statement which he appears to value so highly, as being conclusive and reliable evidence of *secession*, which I think is worthy of his further attention. He will find it in the last words of his quotation. It strikes me very forcibly that according to the rendering, “the true Ancient system” must have been *already in existence when the “many” left the “Modern” lodges “to support” it, or they would have had nothing to “support,” and therefore no reason for leaving their former lodges.*

I avail myself of the present opportunity to thank Bro. Lane most heartily and sincerely for his contribution to the “Ancient” versus “Modern” controversy, and although, in the absence of further evidence, I am unable to agree with his conclusions, I have every reason to be satisfied with the progress of my new theory, inasmuch as he admits that the originators of the Ancient Grand Lodge were *Irish Masons*, and not English as has hitherto been supposed. When I find that a student so well qualified to express an opinion on this particular question, as Bro. Lane undoubtedly is, can so easily be brought thus far out of the beaten track I am not without hope that he will sooner or later venture to accompany me the rest of the journey.

### MASONIC LITERATURE, OUR CHARITIES, &c.

Masonic Literature during the past year has had several valuable additions to its ever increasing collection by such works as that by Bro. Whympier, on “The Religion of Freemasonry,” which has been published with an introduction by our esteemed Bro. W. J. Hughan.

Another work that has also been issued (that we might name) is that by Bro. John Finlay Finlayson, on “Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry.”

In addition to these (and others of value) we have *this evening* received the first copy of a new work that is now being published by our great Masonic historian, the W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, on “The Engraved List of Regular Lodges, of A.D. 1734; in Facsimile,” with most important explanatory notes, and an introduction by our distinguished brother. This work has been anxiously looked for by our American brethren, who are always trying to seize the first copy of everything that emanates from the pen of Bro. Hughan. It is undoubtedly an important link that connects us with the past. I have had the honour and pleasure of examining some of the proof sheets of this able production, and I can assure the brethren that as a work of Art (a branch of business in which I have been well trained from my youth up), I have not the slightest hesitation in pronouncing it a *grand triumph in the Art of Facsimile reproduction!* This effort will make its mark upon the future of Freemasonry to an extent that we cannot gauge at present.

Before we finish our sketch of the literary efforts of the Craft, it may be interesting to some present to learn that the valuable labours of our distinguished brother, Robert Freke Gould, are about to receive special notice, in the form of a *Testimonial*, that is being supported in all the four quarters of the globe.

The Masonic Charities of the past year have received an increased amount of support, greater than that which has marked the history of any preceding year, £75,000 having been collected for “the three great Charities,” as they are called. But while we are gratified in chronicling the large sums that have been obtained at the annual festivals of our great Institutions during the past year, yet we do not wish you to imagine that

these sums represent the total of our Masonic Benevolence, under the English Constitution; for in addition to these three Institutions we must not forget that there are the noble efforts of the *Board of Benevolence*, which this past year distributed £11,468 to some 439 needy cases. Then, again, look at the amount that is being annually collected by our *Provincial Charity Funds*, Institutions that are growing up into vast proportions all over England for the relief of local cases that do not participate in the benefits of the Central Charities, such as our “*Devon Masonic Educational Fund*,” “*The Fortescue Fund*,” and to all such efforts add these, the *local Lodge Charities*, such as the *Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Benevolent Fund* (of which there are many among the 2000 that range under the banner of our Grand Lodge); and if we add to all these efforts the *private benefactions* of members of our Sublime Order, such as those who have so liberally and spontaneously contributed to the relief of the widow of a deceased brother, who has just passed away from our midst; if the actual figures from all these sources could be gathered, they would almost startle even those who are the most active in Masonic Benevolence. When, therefore, we hear it computed, that from the Masonic general Charities, it is supposed that £250 per day is contributed for the relief of worthy cases, we are tempted to greatly increase that estimate, when we consider the many and various sources out of which flow the generous gifts of our united Brotherhood. [Report to the Jordan Lodge, Torquay, by W. Bro. JOHN CHAPMAN, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. Devon, &c., &c.]

### ALDERSGATE LODGE, No. 1657.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. ALDERMAN JOSEPH RENALS AS W.M.

The gathering at the installation meeting, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 18th instant, was more numerous than usual, and included, among other personages, Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sheriff Newton, and many of the Grand Officers of England, both Present and Past, who visited the lodge on this occasion in order to evince their respect for Bro. Joseph Renals, the W.M. elect, and Alderman of the Ward of Aldersgate. It will be in the recollection of our readers that about 12 months since, on the lamented death of Bro. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., who was founder and P.M. of the neighbouring Lodge of St. Botolph, No. 2020, and a P.Z. of the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657, Bro. Renals was unanimously elected his successor in the Court of Aldermen, and his progress in Masonry having secured him the necessary qualifications for the office of Master, his brother members of the Aldersgate Lodge lost no time in doing both him and themselves honour by electing him to preside over their fortunes during the present year. Nor can it be said that the choice is not a most excellent one. Bro. Renals has made himself most popular in his Ward by the kindness and geniality of his disposition, while, as a man of business and of substance, he stands in the first rank; and when in the efflux of time, the duty of presiding over the ancient City of London as its Chief Magistrate shall be assigned to him, it is justly anticipated that he will prove as popular and capable a Lord Mayor as any of his predecessors. Moreover, Bro. Renals is comparatively a young man, and being a man of culture as well as a shrewd and eminently successful man of business, he is in all respects fitted to adorn any position of eminence or trust to which it may be his good fortune to be appointed or elected. It is not surprising, therefore, that on the occasion of his being inducted into the chair of his lodge, there should be so large and influential a concourse of brethren to witness, or perhaps it should be said to take part in, the ceremony.

The members present included—

Bros. E. Anderton, W.M.; George Kenning, P.M., acting S.W.; Alderman Joseph Renals, J.W.; Alfred Brookman, P.M., Treas.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W. Middx., Sec.; A. B. Hudson, S.D.; Joann Larkin, D.C.; M. R. Webb, I.G.; E. F. Fuller and G. Rawlinson, Stwds.; J. D. Allcroft, P.M., P.G. Treas.; S. White, P.M.; and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec. Visitors: Bros. Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Edward Ferry, P.G. Stwd.; Sheriff Newton, Sir R. N. Fowler, P.G.W.; Fletcher Moulton, Q.C.; Sir W. MacCormack, R. Taylor, 140; H. Mallet, S.W. 1434; H. C. Hand, P.P.G.D. Herits; T. Beard, P.M. 101; J. Corbett, P.M. 22; J. Ramsay, P.M. 162, 1707; E. T. R. Wilde, J.W. 1718; Geo. Low, P.M. 3; H. J. P. P. Allcroft, 259; R. Baggallay, J.D. 1718; F. Tayler, P.M. 1260; S. H. Soper, G.D. Sussex; Deputy J. B. Goodinge, S.W. 1818; T. Roderick, 1827; P. Woodward, Sec. 1434; A. J. Dobbin, P.P.G. Chap. Notts; W. Maple, P.G.D. Middx.; A. Peebles, P.M.; H. Yorill, P.M. 141; W. Hicks, 657; J. P. Fairfield, W.M. 2224; Geo. Harlow, P.M. 1613; H. Povey, P.M. 22; Jas. J. Avery, P.P.G.S.B. Devon; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Middx.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B.; J. P. Fitzgerald, W.M. 2168; T. Owen, P.M. 1287; Geo. Cordoll, P.M. 3; Major H. A. Joseph, W.M. 96; J. Beddon, P.M. 1417; J. Bergmann, P.M. 1671; W. W. Lee, 1897; Alderman John Renals (Mayor of Nottingham); J. Brookman, Nelson Reed, and many others.

The lodge was formally opened, after which the minutes were read and confirmed, and the report of the Committee of Finance received and adopted.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., then assumed the chair, and Bro. Alderman Joseph Renals, having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair.

The following officers were appointed, and those of their number who were present invested, viz.: Bros. A. B. Hudson, S.W.; M. R. Webb, J.P., J.W.; A. Brookman, P.M., Treas.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., P.P. S.G.W. Middx., Sec.; J. Larkin, S.D.; E. F. B. Fuller, J.D.; George Rawlinson, I.G.; P. F. R. Saillard, D.C.; Benskin and Chapman, Stewards; and W. H. Thomas, Tyler.

The customary addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he had a pleasant duty to perform in presenting Bro. Anderton, I.P.M., with a second jewel, he having occupied the chair for two years, and his own thanks were especially due to the I.P.M. for occupying the chair for that length of time.

The lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherche* repast, at the conclusion of which the loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

“The Queen and the Craft” having been honoured, “H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.,” was given.



The W. MASTER, in proposing "The Grand Officers," said they were honoured that night by the presence of several Grand Officers, including Bros. Sir R. N. Fowler, Sir John B. Monckton, J. D. Allcroft, the Grand Secretary, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Raymond Thrupp, C. F. Hogard, and F. Binckes. In submitting this toast, in the presence of a majority of Masons whose privilege it had not yet been to receive the honour of Grand Office, he was sure they would all assist in welcoming those brethren who had been so honoured. They had been taught, in the early stages of Masonry, to regard the Grand Officers with reverence, but as they became more advanced, they found them to be very human. He coupled with the toast the name of a brother who was known not only in London, but all over the world, and respected accordingly—Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler. They did not begrudge him that, but they claimed him in London peculiarly as their own, and they held him with a firm bond, which he hoped would last for many years.

Bro. Sir R. N. FOWLER, P.G.W., on behalf of himself and colleagues, returned thanks. He felt, as they all must feel, that it was a great advantage to their Order, not only to be presided over by so distinguished a brother as the M.W.G.M., but that he should have for his assistants two brethren who are so distinguished, not only Masonically, but in every way, as Lords Carnarvon and Lathom. As regards Lord Carnarvon, they were aware he had recently been making a tour round the world, and he could not doubt that the result of that tour had been beneficial to the British Empire. It was a great advantage to Masonry that Lord Carnarvon occupied the position of Pro G.M., for he had shown that the Masons of England took the deepest interest in their brethren in all parts of the world. As regards the members of Grand Lodge he felt he stood in the presence of some much more distinguished than himself, including Bro. Sir John Monckton, whom they knew in the City of London as one to whom they must feel deeply indebted, and one who had rendered for a long series of years the greatest service to it. There was also the Grand Secretary, to whom the great prosperity of the Order was in a measure due, for the way in which he had discharged the most arduous and responsible duties devolving upon him. He could not but feel that he unworthily represented the Grand Officers, but he had to thank the brethren for the kind way in which they had received him. It was a great satisfaction that Masonry took such a prominent place in the City of London, and the members were at all times anxious to show that they were worthy members of a great Order, which had lasted for centuries, and which they hoped would continue as long as the world existed.

The W. MASTER, in giving "The Health of the Lord Mayor," said that they were honoured that evening by the presence of London's chief magistrate. The knowledge that they had of the many calls upon his time made their appreciation all the greater, that he had found time to respond to the invitation of his brethren of the Craft. Perhaps it would not be too much to say that few Lord Mayors entered upon their year of office with greater difficulties surrounding those delicate and devious paths a Lord Mayor's feet must tread. His predecessor in the chair possessed a giant's strength, and he exercised that strength to the utmost; his geniality was such that every stranger who entered the Mansion House felt at once that in him they had a friend. Lord Mayors now had to face the light of fiercer and more penetrating criticism, called into being by the new conditions encircling corporate life, and the larger excitement their years were sure to yield. But perhaps it was not too much to say that, kindly, courteous, and courtly, they could not find a man more equal to the task than their distinguished guest. Before the Lord Mayor entered upon his year of office, the language of prophecy was busy declaring that the world-wide renowned hospitality of the Mansion House, the prestige and many honoured traditions of our City, would be quite safe in his keeping, and now while the year was still young this language of prophecy was rapidly giving place to that of prophecy fulfilled. The Lord Mayor of to-day held his high and distinguished position not only as a recognition by his fellow-citizens of a superior ability and intelligence, but as a reward of a lofty and never tiring industry. "No merit to be dropped on fortune's hill, the honour was to mount it." And now that he had gained the summit all men congratulated, and none were found to envy. Sincerely did he trust that the close of his year would find him as physically robust as he was mentally strong, and in the spirit of this hope he asked them to drink to the health of their brother, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor.

Bro. the Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR said he could hardly find words in which adequately to return thanks for the too kindly and too flattering terms in which the W.M. had proposed his health. In one respect, however, the W.M. had only done him justice, and that was in expressing his opinion that he was, and is, desirous of fulfilling the honourable position he occupied with that dignity and with that earnestness for the welfare of the City of London which had marked the Corporation to which he belonged. He must confess that he was not a very active Mason, but he belonged to a body that was Masonic in all its conduct. Whenever any dangers beset the Corporation of London those who belonged to that body united as one man in brotherly affection on behalf of the interests of the citizens they represented. There was no body more Masonic in its Charity and its good work, and it always seemed to him that the Corporation and the City Companies vied with each other, in order that they should be on a level with the most philanthropic of the Masonic lodges. To his mind, one of the finest features connected with the Corporation of London was its desire at all times to be just and generous to its officers, and that was Masonic; and to be just and generous to those who had claims upon it. He hoped that for many years to come the Corporation of the City of London would be allowed to go on in the performance of those Masonic labours, and that they, who had the privilege of representing it, might receive that appreciation for their services which had been shown by the kindness with which he had been received that night.

Bro. FLETCHER MOULTON, Q.C., said that when he entered the room that evening he little suspected that he should be selected for the distinguished honour of proposing what he thought he might, without disrespect to the other toasts, call the toast of the evening. It was "The Health of the W. Master." This honour, for which he felt himself so unfitted, he would ascribe to the fact that he possessed the W.M.'s friendship, and to the deepest feelings he had for him in other respects than as a Mason. He had equal pleasure in calling upon them to welcome the toast, but he could not but think that this lodge had not been honoured by the presidency of one more calculated to make it fulfil those functions which they maintained, and hoped that Masonry does and ever would fulfil. He was not going to inquire for how many centuries Masonry had existed; but one thing was certain, that it dated from such time that it might well claim to be the grandmother of those ancient guilds and societies of which they had such admirable

specimens in the heart of the City, and the ancestor of these had always lived, in spite of all opposition, because it had held one great principle, and that was that it bound men closer and closer together. If this lodge had to maintain those traditions, it should be well officered, and it should have as its presiding officer one with the will and the power to lead it in these paths. He should be a man of energy, judgment, and kindness, and he (Bro. Moulton) was sure they would agree that in the present W. Master they had one who combined all those qualities. That Bro. Alderman Renals was a man of energy no one could deny, for though he had been but a short time a citizen, he had attained to the position of the aldermanic bench, which struck terror to so many citizens. Of the W.M.'s judgment he claimed to be a connoisseur, for he had amused himself by reading the accounts of certain tribunals. He sometimes thought he read them in that state of mind, much to be reprobated, in which a professional singer listens to an amateur effort, and therefore, perhaps, the great authorities that gave their decisions had not the kindest critic in him. He had read many of the decisions of their W.M. with a great deal of admiration. Was the W.M. a man of kindness? After the manner in which he had presided need a word be said? If they wanted proofs let them look round the table. The Aldersgate Lodge possessed a W.M. whom it would be a pleasure to recognise as the presiding officer, and one who, when he left the chair, would leave it with its traditions untarnished and still bright, and would, moreover, leave a memory that would stimulate those who followed, to keep the lodge up to its present state of prosperity and success.

Bro. Alderman RENALS, W.M., in reply, said a man would be less than human if he did not feel grateful, not only at the kindly words used, but also the kindly reception given them. The value of a compliment paid depended not only upon the words in which it was expressed, but in a great measure in the sincerity which prompted the words. Feeling as he did how undeserving he was of the kind things said, he accepted them in the same spirit of sincerity. He owed a great deal to his Masonic friends, and he owed more to those Masonic friends associated with the Aldersgate Lodge. When he remembered with pardonable pride the short time that London had been his home, for it was only a few short years since he left the Midlands and became a citizen of the first City of the Empire, a grateful memory told him that his initiation into Masonry was the introduction to friends who were largely responsible for the more prominent public position it was now his great privilege to fill, a consciousness of a friendly leniency to his faults proved a surer incentive to work than confidence in any poor abilities of his own. A charitable construction of one's actions, combined with a knowledge of one's own integrity of purpose, was a reward beyond which a rightly balanced mind need not aspire. It was impossible for him to place too high an estimate upon the wise counsel he had received from his brethren when in times of difficulty or doubt. For while we meet on the fringe—the border-line of the various phases of life—many congenial and kindred spirits, whom the condition and circumstance of existence impel in widely, plainly-parted paths, it was given to us all to turn to that narrowed-down circumference, that limited charmed and inner circle wherein dwelt friendships sincere and true, that helped to make life worth the living. Brethren, that inner circle of my life is largely peopled by Masonic friends, and in a genial, friendly company, I trust that unknown and undiscovered future will find us still journeying together, not unmindful of the obligations due to our Order, and endeavouring to interpret by our lives that grand old legend of humanity which teaches us the dual duty—the one we owe to our brethren, and the other to remain true to ourselves.

In giving "The Health of the Installing Master," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said the toast was one that he wished he could propose with words that would accurately represent the sincerity that he felt. This lodge was not an old lodge, but he believed the Grand Secretary had installed every W.M. into the chair. He (the W.M.) was the last link in the chain, which he hoped he should not weaken. They were all pleased to see the Grand Secretary, for they knew he had attended under difficulty, but he did not complain, and the compliment was greater. He trusted the brethren would give the Grand Secretary that reception the Aldersgate Lodge only knew how to give.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., thanked the W.M. for the far too flattering way in which he had introduced the toast of his health, and was grateful to the brethren for receiving him so kindly. The W.M. had referred to the fact that he had for many years installed the W.M.'s of that lodge, and he hoped he might have that good fortune and honour in the future. He had always attended with pleasure, for he had taken a large amount of personal interest in the lodge, in which he numbered many friends, and although on looking round the table he missed faces, he was glad to see those left. It was an honour for a brother to be installed as the W.M. of so good and worthy a lodge, which had enrolled amongst its members a number of gentlemen and brethren distinguished not only in Masonry, but also in the outside world, for deeds of philanthropy, mercy, and kindness, and they were proud to enrol them as Masons under the Grand Lodge of England. He again thanked them for their kindness.

Bro. J. D. ALLCROFT, P.G. Treas., said the W.M. had been pleased to entrust him with the duty and the pleasure of proposing "The Sheriffs." Most of them were citizens of their great City, and their experience had been that wherever the Lord Mayor went he was generally accompanied by the Sheriffs. It was pleasing to see that, whatever the high position to be attained, there were men striving to attain it, and there was an opening for good men in the position of Sheriff to serve their fellow citizens in the cause of law and order. They could safely say that the brethren who filled that position would continue to fulfil their duties in the highest and best respect. They were not favoured that evening with the presence of both Sheriffs, but they had with them Bro. Sheriff Newton. They all knew how multitarianous were the duties of all officers in the City, and especially the Sheriffs, and they were, therefore, glad to welcome Bro. Sheriff Newton. They would drink the health of that brother with cordiality, and also think of the absent Sheriff, and wish him prosperity.

Bro. Sheriff NEWTON, on behalf of his colleague, who was unfortunately absent, and himself, returned thanks. It afforded him the greatest satisfaction to be present to support his friend, the W. Master, which had not been a sense of duty, but one of unalloyed pleasure. Although as a Mason he was unfortunately not highly situated—he being but a Master Mason—still his sympathy was just a sincere as that of those in the highest position; and although, as a Mason, he could add no lustre to the W.M.'s position, still, his was a unique position to hold, being the last Sheriff of London and Middlesex, and it probably might give his friend in the chair some satisfaction that one of the last Sheriffs assisted in his inaugural banquet.

The W.M., in cordial terms, next gave "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the names of Bro. Sir W. MacCormack, Bro. Rev. Dobbin, P.P.G. Chap., the Clergyman of the Parish he (the W.M.) left to come to London, and his twin brother the Mayor of Nottingham.

Bro. Sir W. MACCORMACK said if he were able to sing, which he was not, he would quote the words so worthily rendered by Bro. Kift:

"And if with the Lord Mayor or with Aldersgate Lodge we're asked to dine,  
Well, I think perhaps we'll not decline in Eighteen-eighty-nine,"

and no brother present would disagree with that sentiment. He had only to thank the W.M. and members on behalf of himself and visitors present for the kind manner in which they had been received.

Bro. Rev. DOBBIN, P.P.G. Chap. Notts, expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present at the installation of his friend the W.M., having known him for nearly a score of years. They in the Midlands were proud the W.M. had attained his present position in the City of London. He had come up specially from Nottingham to honour the W.M., who, for eight years was a parishioner of his.

Bro. RENALS, Mayor of Nottingham, also responded and returned thanks for the repast provided, not only for their bodies but for their minds, in the speeches and beautiful music provided.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then said he had to propose "The Health of the I.P.M.," and assured the brethren that no member of the lodge was esteemed more than Bro. Anderton. They knew the I.P.M.'s kind and genial manner, and also knew that he had deservedly gained their esteem. Bro. Anderton, I.P.M., had been W.M. for two years, and as he (the W.M.) was responsible for the second year, he owed him many thanks for taking the position. The brethren would all agree in praising the splendid manner in which the I.P.M. had performed the work of the lodge and the great knowledge he had displayed in the ritual. He trusted that when his year of office was over, he should receive from the members as sincere a verdict of thanks as they owed the I.P.M. and gave him most ungrudgingly.

Bro. ANDERTON, I.P.M., having returned thanks for the kind proposition and reception of the toast, said it was gratifying to him to find that after occupying the chair of W.M. for two years he was able to retire with an assurance from the members that he had well, and he hoped faithfully, discharged his duty. He could only hope that, in confiding to the keeping of the W.M. the honour, reputation, and usefulness of the lodge, they would be as carefully held and as zealously guarded as by his predecessors. By virtue of those splendid talents the W.M. possessed, he would no doubt govern and conduct the lodge with far greater ability than he (the I.P.M.) could; but, if he only experienced the same pleasure and satisfaction in doing his work as he had, he ventured to predict that the year of office would be looked back upon with pride and satisfaction to the end of his days. His thanks were due to the P.M.'s for their assistance and counsel, given him whenever required, and to the officers for their willing co-operation at all times in carrying out the work, and, lastly, to the brethren generally for the uniform kindness and forbearance with which he was at all times received.

"The Past Masters" was next given, the W.M. regretting the absence of Bro. Froom, P.M., through domestic affliction, and eulogising the services rendered by the P.M.'s to the lodge.

Bros. SAMUEL WHITE, P.M., and E. Y. JOLLIFFE, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middlesex, Sec., having responded,

"The Officers" was given, and appropriately replied to by Bros. HUDSON, S.W., and WEBB, J.W.

The Tyler's toast then closed one of the most successful installation meetings held by this lodge.

An excellent programme of music was arranged and admirably executed, under the direction of Bro. J. Kift, assisted by Madame Isabel George, Miss Emily Himing, Mr. Dyved Lewys, and Bro. Franklin Clive.

### CONSECRATION OF THE DANUM MARK LODGE, No, 398, AT DONCASTER.

There was a goodly number of Mark Masons present at Doncaster, West Yorkshire, on the 29th ult., on the occasion of the consecration of the above lodge. Among those present were—

Bros. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G.M.; Jack Sutcliff, Prov. G.M. Lincolnshire; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund; Robert Berridge, P.G. M.O., G.D.C.; W. Cook, P.G.M.O., P.G. Sec.; A. Bates, Deputy P.G.M. Lincolnshire; J. Unwin, P.S.G.W.; H. France, P.S.G.W.; J. H. Gration, P.J.G.W.; H. E. Cousins, P.S.G.W. Lincolnshire; the Rev. J. H. Evans, P.G.C.; Thos. Howden, P.J.G.D.; J. A. Thornton, P.G.M.O.; E. J. Massie, P.S.G.O.; C. J. Schott, P.G. Stwd.; E. Billington, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. P. Hewitt, W.M. 53; J. J. Green, W.M. 58, P.G.S.B.; Hanson, V. G. S. Deardon, and H. A. Brook, of 53; W. Langbridge, 71; Connor and H. Oxley, of 110; T. Rogers, 127; Wormack, M. Frampton, A. Potius, S. Barrand, 111; and the founders—Bros. Wm. Delanoy, H. T. Bellerby, J. H. Pawson, F. Webb, C. H. Woodhouse, C. Goldthorpe, F. J. Forth, and W. R. F. Lukis.

The lodge was duly opened by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. C. LETCH, MASON who briefly stated the object of the meeting, and called upon the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O., to read the petition and warrant.

The founders being arranged in proper order, the PROV. G. MASTER enquired if they assented to the officers named in the warrant, which was duly given.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then delivered a short address on the symbolism of the various Degrees of Freemasonry and the connection running throughout the same. He called the attention of the brethren to the truths inculcated therein, and the important lessons to be learnt therefrom. In conclusion, he dwelt upon the special teaching of the Mark Degree, and strongly urged upon the brethren to let their work be thorough, not such as to please and win the applause of their fellow men, but such as would stand the test of the Great Overseer of the Universe, as fitted to form part of that building not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens, so that when eternity should burst upon them in all its glory and beauty, they might exclaim with the old Craftsman of old, "Thanks be to God, I have my reward."

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the Provincial

Grand Master being ably assisted by the Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Matier, the elements of consecration being respectively carried by these brethren. The vessels of consecration were those belonging to Grand Lodge, and were kindly lent by the General Board.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O., most kindly consented to act as Director of Ceremonies, and it was to his able assistance that the ceremony of consecration was so carefully and beautifully carried out.

At the special request of the Prov. Grand Master, the Worshipful Master of Danum Lodge, Bro. William Delanoy, was installed by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.

Bro. Delanoy then invested his officers for the year.

Apologies for non-attendance of Bro. the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Dep. Prov. G. Master, owing to severe illness, and from other brethren, were tendered.

On the motion of the PROV. G. MASTER, a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Grand Officers for their attendance and kind services, and also for obtaining the use of the Grand Lodge consecrating vessels, which was acknowledged by them.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER stated that since the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, in October last, they had lost their Provincial Junior Grand Warden, and he had pleasure in appointing the first Master of the Danum Lodge, Bro. Wm. Delanoy, as Junior Warden of the province for the ensuing year, and also presented him with his patent of appointment.

Bro. DELANOY briefly acknowledged the most unexpected honour conferred upon him, and said he took it as a compliment to the lodge.

Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and also for advancement.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet at Brown's Hotel.

After the cloth was drawn, the usual and Masonic toasts were given, and the brethren separated, after having spent a most happy and enjoyable afternoon and evening.

### HUNGRY FOR SOCIAL ENJOYMENT.

It is a great mistake to suppose that Freemasons are gourmards, devoted to the pleasures of the table. It is true they hunger and thirst like other men, but only because appetite is a universal malady. Nevertheless, the feast that is merely filling has no special charms for the average Freemason. It is what follows the feast which gives zest to a Craft banquet, since that is its Masonic charm. This is one of the cases in which the after piece is better than the play. The "knife and fork degree" would be a vain thing, were it not succeeded by what might be styled the "tongue degree." Loosen the tongues of Freemasons, cause them to break forth into singing, speaking, and story-telling, and then you have Masonic enjoyment par excellence. The ordinary tongue may be an unruly member, but the tongue of the Freemason, which has learned to obey the voice of the Gavel, is all that could be desired. It is liquid with music, flexible with story, and eloquent with speech. Some of the old English had a tenure denominated "Gavelkind" (give all the kin), whereby land, contrary to the law of primogeniture, descended from a father to all of his sons in equal proportions. Freemasons have a law of "Gavelkind" of their own. All who have learned to obey the Gavel share in the enjoyments of the Craft, and know what to do and what not to do, when to do it and how to do it. The gavel is an emblem of authority, and the tongue is quick to obey it, for the gavel is kind, even when it is most authoritative.

Once acknowledge the truth that Freemasons are fond of the banquet because they hunger after social enjoyment, and you strike the key-note of the melody of refreshment. The refreshment which refreshes is the refreshment that commences after the knife and fork are laid down. The stomach, if it lacked satisfaction before, has now been satisfied, and the mind and heart are craving food for their wants, and are in the truest receptive state. The lower nature has been lulled to rest, and the higher nature is in full play. Let wit scintillate, humour prevail, song and jest alternate with recitation and story, and there will be tuneful melody in the air of the banquet hall, harmonising with that in the hearts of the brethren.

At Masonic refreshment Freemasons recognise in the fullest sense what completeness, and at the same time what contrasts there are in Masonry. The distance from labour to refreshment, from sobriety to levity, measured from one temper of mind to the other, is a long one, but Freemasons place both in juxtaposition, so that that they may pass almost imperceptibly from the one to the other. This was wise. He that has laboured is entitled to be refreshed, both in body and mind, and Freemasons know no feasting which is merely material. Just as the mental and moral accompany the physical in the lodge room, so the mental and social accompany the material in the banquet hall. But labour must precede refreshment, and it must be actual, not imaginary, or else the refreshment should be imaginary also. But who

"Can cloy the hungry edge of appetite  
By bare imagination of a feast?"

No more can a lodge live upon imaginary work.

One thing is certain. There are no "riotous feeders" in Freemasonry. The Gavel is ever before their eyes. We have witnessed stormy scenes at profane banquets, but never at Masonic ones, where the discipline is perfect. There, there is amusement that amuses, a measure of abandon matched with a measure of conscious responsibility to observe the properties of the occasion. There is complete social and fraternal unity. The company is as one man—what pleases one pleases all. All are happy, because all are finding their hunger for social enjoyment satisfied. The language which Lord Bacon applied to the profane cannot be brought against Freemasons. He said: "We love to see a well-worn apron; but then let it be soiled with the marks of honest work, and not merely stained with wine and meat, that have fostered inglorious ease." The Freemasons' apron is never stained by dissipation. It is for labour, not refreshment, and refreshment is for rational enjoyment, not for revelry or excess.—*Keystone.*

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1889.

**Original Correspondence.**

**RE MASONIC CHARITIES—A SUGGESTION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Most of us who have listened to the earnest  
responses of our good Bro. Terry to the toast of "The  
Masonic Charities" have frequently heard his apt illustra-  
tion of the fact that it is only the few and constant sub-  
scribers who practically maintain our noble Institutions;  
that, if only every Mason under the allegiance of Grand  
Lodge of England was to contribute the small sum of five  
shillings annually, each of the Charities would not only be  
free from all pecuniary worries, but able to open their doors  
to every deserving applicant without any formality of elec-  
tion, annual appeals, &c.

Whilst listening on Saturday last to our brother, it oc-  
curred to me that if the Executive of the three Institutions  
would entertain the idea of having some boxes made with  
three separate partitions for the Benevolent, the Boys, and  
the Girls, there is hardly a brother amongst us who  
would not consent to have one in his house, precisely in the  
same way that so many of us have for missionary and  
kindred societies, and which prove to them a great source  
of revenue.

I venture to think that were this plan adopted our  
Masonic Institutions would very materially benefit, as it  
would not only be a daily reminder to us as brethren of our  
duty, but many of the outside world, who are fully aware  
of the great good done to the community generally by the  
very existence of the Masonic Charities, would gladly  
contribute their dole. It would also serve as a receptacle for  
many hundreds of spare pence, shillings, and pounds.—  
I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

EDWIN STORR, P.M.

February 18th.



**PROVINCIAL CALENDARS.**

5. EAST LANCASHIRE. Calendar of Masonic Meetings  
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This is a laborious compilation, for though not consisting  
of many pages, it is crammed with information, and so  
condensed as to be a miniature Masonic "Bradshaw" for  
the province, of which Bro. John Chadwick is the Prov.  
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will try their hands at a similar publication, for a small  
province, they will then be able to judge of the labour in-  
volved in the preparation of this Calendar for a province  
having 99 lodges, 37 chapters, 30 Mark lodges, and  
numerous other bodies.

**MARK GRAND LODGE, &c.** Masonic Calendar of  
Lodges, Councils, &c., meeting at 8A, Red Lion-  
square, W.C., &c. 1889.

We have "nothing but praise" to offer respecting this  
handsome and most useful annual, now in its fourth year  
of issue. It is published by authority of the General  
[Mark] Board, and in reality is much more exhaustive  
than its title indicates. In relation to the Mark Degree,  
it is simply invaluable, and should be in the hands of all  
students and supporters of that very prosperous organisa-  
tion. We fancied that the edition for 1888 was the best of  
the series, and so it was, but the 1889 annual surpasses its im-  
mediate predecessor, and runs to ten pages more, there being  
now 92, all of which are "brimful" of interesting matter,  
and contain particulars which are not to be met with else-  
where. For the numerous lodges, chapters, and other  
Masonic bodies, using the hall, &c., at Red Lion-square,  
it must be indispensable, but as the work furnishes a com-  
plete roll of all the Grand Masters, Pro Grand Masters,  
Deputy Grand Masters, Provincial Grand Masters, and all  
the Grand Officers from 1856, and this time has even the  
Deputy Prov. Grand Masters (who take rank before the  
Grand Deacons), it will at once be seen that this excel-  
lent annual deserves a wide circulation, and has been ably  
edited, as usual, to the manifest advantage of the Craft.  
A series of remarkable tables concerning the position of  
the Mark Grand Lodge, in relation to its numbers, charities,  
&c., three being new this year, add much to the practical  
value of the work.

**SPEECHES AND ADDRESSES OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, 1863-1888.** Edited by James Macaulay, A.M., M.D. Edin., author of "Victoria R.I., her Life and Reign." With a Portrait. London: John Murray, Albemarle-street, 1889.

This volume, which Mr. Macaulay appears to have compiled with the utmost care, is certain to find many readers among the members of a Society with which his Royal Highness has been connected for 20 years, and over which he has presided, for nearly three-fourths of that time, as Grand Master. But, even if the general body of Masons were not thus specially interested in the speeches delivered by his Royal Highness on every variety of public occasion, they would still be attracted by a volume which contains so much that is really valuable and instructive reading. The Prince, in the course of his 25 years of public life, has of necessity spoken frequently, and on all kinds of subjects. By inclination, perhaps, he may have shown a preference for matters connected with literature and art, but whenever his engagements have permitted it, he has always most graciously acceded to a request to attend and perform any function which might be of service to the community generally, and on every occasion his speeches have been listened to not only with respect and favour as coming from the Prince of Wales, but also with admiration for the range of ability and knowledge he has shown to possess. Those he delivered at the opening of the Fisheries and other Exhibitions, and in behalf of the Royal College of Music and the Imperial Institute, furnish some of the best reading which the volume contains; but those connected with Masonry—at his installation as M.W.G.M. or when presiding at the Festival of one of our Institutions—will naturally prove the chief attraction. As for the duties of editor, they have clearly been carried out with great ability by Mr. Macaulay, who is to be warmly congratulated on the manner in which the speeches have been arranged, the clearness and sufficiency of the explanatory text in which they are embodied, and the general appearance and character of the book. We are satisfied that our readers will derive both pleasure and information from a study of this volume of their respected Grand Master's speeches.

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#### Craft Masonry.

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

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 14th inst., the following brethren being present: Bros. G. H. Hoyle, W.M.; W. Nicholson, S.W.; A. Wormull, S.W.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; C. B. Barnes, P.M., Sec.; F. E. W. Collard, P.M., S.D. (pro tem.); G. A. Corderoy, P.M., J.D. (pro tem.); A. R. Ramsay, I.G.; J. Glenn, I.P.M.; J. Charles, P.M., D.C.; W. Pound, P.M., Stwd.; A. E. W. Gwyn, Org.; G. Sneath, P.M.; H. Glenn, P.M.; D. Nicholson, P.M.; R. S. Archbold, P.M.; B. Starling, P.M.; J. Dix, P.M.; A. D. Green, C. E. Moser, H. Poston, W. F. Stauffer, Milton Smith, S. Straker, E. G. Young, J. A. Davis, W. S. Pound, Hillier, G. R. Carsberg, F. W. W. Hönischer, J. P. Hinchel, and H. S. Cluse. Visitors: Bros. E. H. Burrage, 907; J. Cook, 907; W. G. Kentish, P.M. 1293; T. Clark, P.M. 1178; F. Clark, 28; E. W. Endover, P.M. 171; J. E. Sheppard, I.G. 1897; H. Needing, P.M. 140; Barfield, P.M. 35; J. A. Cameron, J.D. 90; J. W. Cooper, 1056; B. Sorrell, P.M. 176; L. Ferguson, D.C. 1997; B. Nicholson, 1766; F. H. Baker, I.P.M. 1260; F. J. Smith, I.G. 2030; T. H. Roberts, S.D. 1538; C. L. Lambert, S.W. 198; R. Smith, 101; H. T. Kent, 60; and C. Browning, D.C. 1291.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wm. Nicholson was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was installed in the chair by Bro. J. Glenn, I.P.M. The ceremony having been duly completed, the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. G. H. Hoyle, I.P.M.; A. Wormull, S.W.; Rev. Bilby, J.W.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., Treas.; C. B. Barnes, P.M., Sec.; A. R. Ramsay, S.D.; H. Poston, J.D.; A. D. Green, I.G.; W. Pound, P.M., Steward; J. Charles, D.C.; A. E. W. Gwyn, Org.; and G. Gilbert, Tyler. A vote of thanks, accompanied by a jewel of the usual value, to the retiring W.M., was then proposed by Bro. Bywater, P.M., Treas., seconded by Bro. Archbold, P.M., who introduced Bro. Hoyle to the lodge, and approved of unanimously by all the brethren. Bro. Pound, P.M., proposed a vote of condolence with Bro. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas., on account of the recent loss of his wife, which was seconded, and carried with unanimous sympathy. Bro. H. Glenn, P.M., appealed to the brethren to support him as Steward in making the lodge Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, and thus completing its vice-presidency of the three Charities.

The "Hearty good wishes" of several brethren having been given, the lodge adjourned to a well-served banquet in the Pillar Hall.

**JOHN HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—**This lodge met on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the able Mastership of Bro. Henry F. Frost (Organist of the Chapel Royal, Savoy, &c.), assisted by a full complement of officers. The brethren present were Bros. S. H. Baker, I.P.M.; W. Henry, S.W.; F. Dangerfield, J.W.; R. C. Lewis, Chap.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; O. L. M. Latreille, P.M., Sec.; Walter F. Potter, S.D.; Walter S. Harris, J.D.; Walter C. Fox, I.G.; Major J. Heaton, P.M., D.C.; Geo. Collins, A.D.C.; F. Varley and J. Evans, Stwds.; E. Packman, Org.; H. Evans, P.M.; Frank Taylor, C.C., P.M.; J. B. Sorrell, P.M.; R. H. Hughes, J. R. Keep, Dr. C. T. Taylor, J. A. Manger, C. H. Cox, H. J. Cherry, E. T. Pearce, B. Hooker, J. R. Cox, J. Lethbridge, E. L. Bliss, E. Hankin, N. King, H. Johnson, C. S. Kefford, and W. G. C. H. P. Lamb. Visitors: Bros. Augustus Harris, P.M. 2127; J. Northull, 2190; C. Thomasset, S.W. 1861; A. Bliss, and A. Gibson, 1572; W. F. G. Cook, 1426; J. S. Lavington, P.M. 857; W. Wharton, 47; J. G. Edmonds, 1593; W. H. Lowry, 1839; and M. Ehrenfeldt, 1502.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were taken for the last regular meeting in December, and for the lodge of emergency held in the intervening month, after which the W.M. raised, in a most impressive manner, Bros. Bliss and Hankin to the Sublime Degree; the passing of Bros. Johnson and King followed. The next business on the agenda being the initiation of Messrs. Lamb and Kefford, the W.M. proceeded at once to take the ballot, which resulted unanimously in favour of these two gentlemen, who had been so well and worthily recommended. The brethren next proceeded with complete unanimity to elect Bro. Wm. Henry, S.W., their W.M. for the ensuing year, who in a few well chosen words thanked the lodge for their confidence. The same spirit of accord characterised the re-election of Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.M., P.G.D., to the office of Treasurer. Bro. Freeman was elected Tyler, and Bros. Bliss, Hankin, and Pearce, Auditors of the Lodge and Benevolent Fund Accounts. A notice of motion by Bro. Walter S. Harris, J.D., dealing with the musical portion of the lodge entertainment was referred to the Audit Committee.

The business concluded with the confirmation of two grants of the sum of 10 guineas each to be placed respectively upon the lists of Bro. Fox, as Steward for the Benevolent, and Bro. Baker, as Steward for the Boys' Institution.

A banquet followed in the Sussex Room of the Freemasons' Tavern, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were well given and received.

For the toast of "The Initiates," both replied, and evinced to the brethren that the words of the beautiful ritual had made a great impression on their minds.

Bros. Augustus Harris, P.M., J. Northull, and J. S. Lavington, P.M., in their replies to the toast of "The Visitors," paid the W.M. a justly-earned compliment on the excellent working they had heard from the chair and from each of the officers.

The toasts of "The W. Master elect," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were all duly honoured, the Tyler's bringing to a close a remarkably pleasant evening with one of the most successful of London lodges.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—**The installation meeting was held on the 14th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there was a goodly number of brethren present, amongst whom were Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I. (Hon. Mem.); D. P. Holness, P.M.; H. Cox, P.M.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; J. H. Thompson, I.P.M.; W. H. Jones, C. Weber, E. A. Beer, A. Snook, C. Hiller, J. H. Sheldrake, F. Simmonds, W. Taylor, J. J. Samuel, C. H. Stevenson, J. A. Blount, D. C. Ritchie, B. Bridgwater, J. Gravatt, P. Faber, W. G. Hiller, J. G. Cobb, T. Ganter, W. B. Hartridge, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M.I. for Boys; H. Rawes, 1353; W. R. King, 1671; J. Rowe, 2191; F. Cakebread, 1178; E. Sheldrake, 1693; Westerby, P.M. 1613; W. D. Church, J.W. 1365; T. C. Berg, I.P.M. 1613; F. J. Street, Stwd. 144; Tom Lester, 766; W. Ball, P.M. 45; Sec. 2278; H. W. Alabone, 151; E. Watkins, I.G. 1445; J. W. Pike, 73; J. Rossiter, 1254; E. Faux, 77; and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Petch, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot having been taken for Messrs. Edwin John Harrison and George Abbott Hull, and, proving unanimous, they were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The Treasurer's account, as audited, was then presented and adopted. The Benevolent Fund of the lodge having been put upon a more satisfactory basis during the tenure of office of Bro. Petch, W.M., it was decided to appoint two Trustees of the Fund. Bro. J. L. Mather, Treas., and Bro. J. Petch were, therefore, unanimously elected Trustees. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, Bro. H. Cox, P.M., occupying the chair of S.W., and Bro. T. C. Berg, that of J.W. Bro. Harry Hunt was duly installed in the chair of K.S., Bro. John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., being the Installing Master. It is needless to say that the ceremony was rendered efficiently and impressively by Bro. Mather. Bro. Harry Hunt, W.M., proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. John Petch, I.P.M.; S. Napper, S.W.; J. M. Scarlett, J.W.; H. B. Harding, S.D.; W. T. Tyrrell, J.D.; C. M. Coxon, I.G.; R. Loomes, D.C.; A. Hagan and Arthur Cox, Stwds.; and G. Couchman, Tyler. A handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. Petch, at the last meeting, was then presented to him by the W.M., in a complimentary speech, acknowledging the I.P.M.'s services to the lodge, and wishing him long life to wear it. Bro. J. Petch, I.P.M., thanked the brethren cordially for this mark of their favour, and said that it had been, and would continue to be, a pleasing duty for him to do anything he could for the advantage of the lodge.

Some proposals for new members having been made, the lodge was closed.

The brethren and guests then proceeded to the banquet, which was excellently served, under the supervision of Bro. Sams, whose attention to the comforts of the brethren has been so marked that, later in the evening, the W.M. publicly thanked him for the same.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. with commendable brevity, thus setting an example which was followed during the evening.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., replied for "The Grand Officers."

The Worshipful Master, the Installing Master, and the I.P.M. respectively replied to their toasts.

"The Initiates" was cordially received, and replied to by Bros. Harrison and Hull.

Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec., responded on behalf of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., replied, for "The Masonic Charities," expressing his pleasure that the W.M. had decided to represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the R.M.B.I., and thanked the brethren for the liberal manner in which they had contributed to the W.M.'s list. He also expressed the gratification he felt at the continued prosperity of the lodge, in which he felt a paternal interest, having been its Consecrating Officer 15 years ago that day.

Bros. F. J. Steel, 144; W. Ball, P.M. 45; T. C. Berg, I.P.M. 1613; Tom Lester, 766; and W. D. Church, J.W. 1635, replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

"The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast brought to a close a very successful evening.

**NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—**The installation meeting of this progressive and successful lodge took place at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. F. W. Cash, W.M.; Carlo Grassi, I.P.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; John H. Meyer, J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, P.G.S.B., Treas.; Thos. Grumant, P.M., Sec.; Rev. J. W. Sturdee, Chap.; C. N. North, S.D.; E. Fry, J.D.; J. Faulkner, I.G.; J. Li Calsi, P.M., Org.; W. Cowley, P.M.; G. P. Bertini, P.M.; G. Manuel, W. Avenall, G. Mounter, A. Walden, A. Cogliati, J. S. Turgett, P. Franguelluci, E. Peroni, H. Tugwell, W. Echenard, R. Pratti, A. Gear, H. Woodman, W. Waters, G. H. Boney, C. Campuie, C. Guffanti, James Rowe, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. H. Hawke, P.M. 1071; J. W. Barker, P.M. 1767; A. N. Burton, P.M. 1924; G. Reynolds, W.M. 1614, Sec. 2191; D. W. Tough, P.M. 905; Jas. Addington, P.M. 217; E. J. B. Bumstead, P.M. 548; T. W. Poole, 1539; T. Spurgin, W.M. 1305; W. Beavis, W.M. 1310, P.M. 579, P.G.P. Middx.; F. Kedge, S.W. 2191; W. Brindley, P.M. 1601; G. Brown, P.M. 140; C. Viola, 1906; W. Martin, P.M. 879; J. G. Milbourne, P.M. 13; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed a good balance in favour of the lodge, was read and unanimously adopted. Bro. W. Cowley introduced Bro. J. D. Graham as W.M. elect, and he was installed in the chair as Master of the New Cross Lodge, by Bro. F. W. Cash, W.M., and appointed and invested his officers as follows, in a very clear and distinct manner: Bros. F. W. Cash, I.P.M.; J. H. Meyer, S.W.; C. N. McIntire North, J.W.; W. Cowley, P.M., Treas.; T. Grumant, P.M., Sec.; Rev. J. W. Sturdee, P.M., Chap.; E. Fry, S.D.; J. Faulkner, J.D.; R. Borrett, I.G.; J. Li Calsi, P.M., Org.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middx., D.C.; H. W. Payne Makeham, A.D.C.; A. Grassi, P.M., and J. B. C. Rouard, Stwds.; and J. W. Rowe, Tyler. Bro. F. W. Cash, I.P.M., then delivered the charges to the Master, Warden, and brethren, in a very forcible and admirable way, at which the brethren present expressed themselves much delighted. It is some years since the W.M. of the lodge installed his successor.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. C. H. Boney, the obliging host of the Portland Hotel, whose geniality is well known.

Grace having been said, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in kind and appropriate words, observing that he should not make his speeches long, but be as brief as possible, as there was much musical talent to be heard, one piece especially to be played for the first time by Bro. J. Li Calsi, their talented and worthy Organist.

Bro. F. W. Cash, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he knew well that the brethren present wished him a happy and successful year of office, and, if possible, have double the number of initiates as he (the I.P.M.) had had during the time he had occupied the chair. Their W.M. and himself had worked hard together, and had climbed to the top of the ladder, which position was within the reach of every hard-working Mason, and it was only by hard work and perseverance that the work could be done. He assured the brethren that in their W.M. they had a Master who knew how to do his work well. He asked the brethren present to drink the health of the W. Master in a bumper, and wish him every success.

The W.M., in replying, said he felt highly complimented by the kind words which had fallen from the lips of their worthy I.P.M., Bro. F. W. Cash. He only hoped and trusted that it would be his pleasure to have the same number of initiates as Bro. Cash had had; he certainly should not object to double the number, for he felt sure that on his leaving the chair the lodge would then be in the same prosperous state as it now stood, which was a great credit to Bro. F. W. Cash. He should not object to the work, but hoped that in doing the work he gave satisfaction to the brethren. Their I.P.M. had set him a good example, and in proposing the health of the I.P.M. it afforded him a great deal of pleasure. All connected with the lodge appreciated greatly the interest their I.P.M. had always shown in the lodge since he had been amongst them, and that during his year of office he had worked hard and well for its prosperity, and in leaving the chair he passed into his (the W.M.'s) hands a good balance to the credit of the lodge. They were now out of danger, which was entirely owing to the admirable manner in which their I.P.M. and the P.M.'s had conducted the affairs of the lodge. He would endeavour to follow the good example set by their I.P.M., and he felt this—that Bro. F. W. Cash would always render any assistance he required. One of his most pleasant duties that evening was to place that well-earned P.M.'s jewel on Bro. F. W. Cash's breast, and he asked the brethren to drink "The Health of their I.P.M." heartily, and wish him for many years to come good health, and that he would be enabled to come amongst them often.

The I.P.M., in reply, said he rose to thank all present most affectionately for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and drunk, and he scarcely could find words to express those thanks. He felt that when he was voted to the chair he had serious and responsible duties before him, and to know and feel that he had performed those duties during his year of office to the satisfaction of



the brethren was a great pleasure. When he came into the lodge he never thought he should be the Master, but their good old friend and Bro. E. H. Thiellay, their much respected late Treasurer, had urged him on, and as he advanced he had learnt to love Masonry and Freemasons. To all young Masons he gave advice—to work hard and diligently. It would teach them to do their duty towards one another, and enable them to be happy with all mankind. That night would be to him one of the happiest of his life, and he hoped to be amongst them for many years to come, and wear the handsome Past Master's jewel the brethren had kindly presented to him, which he should always prize, and he again thanked all present sincerely for their good wishes.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said it was always a great pleasure, as well as a delight, to the brethren of the New Cross Lodge to give the visitors a hearty welcome. Some had travelled far to visit the lodge, and he hoped all visitors who had come, no matter from far or near, had enjoyed a pleasant evening. Looking round the festive board, he saw many faces that he knew well, and he gave one and all his hearty thanks for coming and helping to welcome him in the important position as Master of the New Cross Lodge, and he hoped during his year of office he should see many of the faces again in the lodge and at the festive board. There were so many visitors present that it was impossible for all to speak, but felt sure that those who responded would convey the feelings of all present.

Bro. E. J. B. Bumstead, P.M. 548, said it had always given him great pleasure to be amongst them, and that night he had been much edified and pleased with the manner in which the work had been performed by their I.P.M. and the Master in the lodge. The visitors to the New Cross Lodge always received a most cordial and generous reception at the banquet table, and he could assure the W.M. that those present wished him a happy year of office, and their I.P.M. good health.

Bro. Spurgin, W.M. 1305, assured the W.M. and the brethren that he had spent a most comfortable evening with them. All had been most pleasant. The working of the lodge was good, the arrangements for the comfort of the visitors all that one could desire or wish for, and to him it appeared that to make the visitors happy was the chief aim of the lodge, and on behalf of the visitors he could assure the W.M. that they had had a most pleasant and enjoyable time.

Bro. G. Brown, P.M. and Sec. 140, said that he might make a claim for the good working, or rather a part of the good working, of the lodge, as their I.P.M. had been a good attendant at the lodge of instruction of which he was Preceptor, and he was delighted that evening to see all the work had been carried out well. The kindness and geniality shown towards visitors of the New Cross Lodge was well known, and he assured the lodge that all the brethren had spent not only a pleasant evening but a profitable one.

Bro. G. Reynolds, W.M. 1614 and Sec. 2191, in replying, assured the W.M. that he appreciated very much the kindness shown towards him by the brethren of the New Cross Lodge ever since he had first been introduced to them by Bro. Bertini, P.M. To him it was indeed pleasant to hear such a good report of the progress of the lodge, and both the W.M. and the I.P.M. must feel they had been rewarded by knowing that their financial position was good, and to know as W.M. and I.P.M. they have a clean bill of health, and he sincerely hoped it would continue, and that there would be no troubles or trials, and that each year would show continued prosperity. When he had first the pleasure of visiting the lodge the number of members was about 25, and now it was over 50. At the first installation meeting he attended the brethren then present filled about three tables, little ones, but to look round at the large company present it must, indeed, be a great satisfaction, not only to the W.M., but to the P.M.'s. He could also claim a little for the good working of the W.M., and a little of the I.P.M., whose rendering of the charges that evening was most excellent, and showed that lodges of instruction were useful and doing good work. As Secretary of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday evenings, Bro. J. D. Graham, their worthy W.M., he could say, was a constant attendant, and their Preceptor, Bro. W. Brindley, whom he was glad to see present, would take care to assist and help their W.M. to do whatever work may be placed before him in a manner that would give satisfaction. The evening had been most pleasant and happy, and one to be remembered by all. The work was good, the banquet excellent, and the music enchanting, and in returning to town a universal opinion would be expressed from the visitors that they had been given a most hearty welcome at the New Cross Lodge.

Bro. W. Brindley, P.M. 1601, and Preceptor of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, thanked the W.M. for all kindness shown, and whatever he could do for any of the members of the lodge as Preceptor, they could always rely upon his assistance.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," said the lodge was greatly indebted to both for their services. All would regret Bro. E. H. Thiellay's retirement as Treasurer; but he was sure that Bro. W. Cowley would give the same attention to their finances as Bro. Thiellay had done.

Bros. W. Cowley, P.M., and Thos. Grummant, P.M., assured the brethren they hoped to perform their duties satisfactorily, and help to the continued prosperity of the lodge, and thanked the brethren for the confidence they had placed in them.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," coupled with it "The Health of the Officers" in a most kind manner, and hoped that during his year of office all would endeavour to be punctual at their posts at the time of meeting.

Bro. Carlo Grassi responded; also Bros. J. H. Meyer, S.W.; and C. N. McIntire North, J.W.

The Tyler's toast brought this enjoyable evening to a close, and the brethren on parting all expressed themselves as having been delighted with all the proceedings, not forgetting the musical and vocal abilities of Bros. J. Li Calsi, Org.; C. Grassi, G. P. Bertini; Bro. Bumstead—recitation of "The Farm Ship"—and other brethren. Signor Saita gave a lovely selection of operatic music on the mandoline.

Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, manufactured the handsome P.M.'s jewel and beautiful blue silk banner for the W.M., which was a gift to the lodge, and was much admired.

**COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).**—The installation meeting was held at the Bow Vestry Hall on Thursday, the 14th inst., when a large number of brethren were assembled to witness the installation of Bro. J. A. Ellerton, S.W., by the Grand Registrar, Bro. Philbrick, Q.C. Unfortunately, illness prevented his attendance, but his place was very adequately taken by Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P. The meeting commenced with raising two brethren, after which the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Tijou, P.M. and Sec., to the Installing Officer, who duly installed Bro. Ellerton into the chair of K.S. The Board of Installed Masters numbered no less than 17. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. G. Johnson, I.P.M.; Plater, S.W.; Green, J.W.; Logan, P.M.; Treas.; C. J. Tijou, P.M., Sec.; Paterson, S.D.; Smithers, J.D.; C. Webster, I.G.; J. Gibbs, Organist; Annan, D.C.; Sulley and Coulsell, Stewards; and Harrison, Tyler. The addresses, as well as the installation ceremony, were rendered by Bro. Clarke, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was awarded. Bro. Tijou acted throughout as D.C., and Bro. Gibbs ably presided at the organ. The Auditors' report having been presented, it was resolved that 15 guineas be placed upon the W.M.'s list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 10 guineas upon that of Bro. Tijou, Sec., who had undertaken a Stewardship for the Boys', and a similar sum to the list of Bro. R. R. Green, Steward for the Coborn Lodge of Instruction at the Girls' Festival.

The brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for the installation banquet, at which upwards of 50 sat at table.

After the customary loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented, in the name of the lodge, to the I.P.M., Bro. E. G. Johnson, and suitably acknowledged by him.

Bro. Clarke responded for "The Grand Lodge Officers," and also to "The Installing Officer."

The toasts of "The Masonic Institutions" and "The Visitors" were heartily received.

Bros. J. Salmon, P.M. 2077, P.P.G.R. Essex, and W. G. Wilshaw, W.M. 1716, responded for the visitors, who were present in large numbers.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a conclusion.

Musical assistance was very well rendered by many brethren, including the W.M., Bros. E. Wharton, J. Adams, and others.

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Taylor, P.M. 753; E. Brown, P.M. 2063; J. Hall Brown, W.M. 933; Peterken, P.M. 1805; J. Carter, W.M. 895; H. B. Forbes, I.P.M. 1805; E. Wharton and Holmes, of 1706; A. Wallis, 2005; L. Potts, P.M.; J. House, P.M.; and Wilshaw, W.M., of 1716; J. Salmon, P.M. 2077; J. Adams, P.M. 1194; McLaren, P.M. 1805; H. Johnson, W.M. 1805; and H. Nell, P.M. 45.

**GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton. There were present Bros. Dr. Griffiths, W.M.; J. C. Duckworth, I.P.M.; H. Wright, S.W.; W. T. Perkins, J.W.; Henry Massey, P.M., Treas.; T. Minstrell, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Albery, S.D.; Basil Cooke, J.D.; E. E. Peacock, I.G.; J. H. Thomas, P.M., D.C.; C. Greenwood, C. K. Moore, F. W. Pattison, and W. Macdonald, Stwds.; H. F. Bussey, P.M.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M.; J. Macintyre, W. Potts, G. Farren, J. Bunc, G. Welsh, H. W. Sherring, J. W. R. Brown, P. Bruce, J. C. Manning, H. Saunders, J. Allan, Chas. Lock, G. Babington, H. J. Saunderson, H. Gowring, R. Masson, S. James; and H. B. Harrop, of 88, as a visitor.

Bro. Robins was passed to the Second Degree, the work being performed by the W.M. and his officers. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Albery for his seven years' services as Secretary was carried by acclamation, and ordered to be engrossed on vellum for presentation.

The lodge business being concluded, the brethren sat down to a substantial supper. The usual post-prandial proceedings followed.

**ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE (No. 2020).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present: Bros. H. H. Wells, W.M.; E. W. Stillwell, S.W.; B. Norman, J.W.; W. Lake, Sec.; G. M. Sayle, S.D.; F. W. Harris, D.C.; H. G. Cubitt, Steward; P. Saillard, P.M.; T. Benskin, P.M.; F. C. Pigott, S. Staples, L. B. Levy, B. G. Elliott, and J. Myers. Visitors: Bros. B. B. Dalton Sayle, P.M. 525; J. L. Barrett, W.M. 1201; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. Easterbrook, W.M. 1920; H. Cooper, J. Bergman, P.M. 1671; L. B. L. Barnard, J. E. Terry, W.M. 1964; A. B. Beard, H. W. Arden 1671; G. T. Miles, J. P. Hamilton, P.M. 1708; G. Jones, W. P. Jones, and others.

The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Vaughan was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. S. Staples was raised to the Degree of M.M. The W.M., Bro. Wells, then proceeded to install his successor, Bro. E. W. Stillwell, as W.M., and performed the ceremony in such a manner as to give great satisfaction to those present. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. H. Wells, I.P.M.; B. Norman, S.W.; G. M. Sayle, J.W.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; A. Walton, S.D.; T. W. Harris, J.D.; H. G. Cubitt, I.G.; L. B. Levy and A. Weil, Stewards; T. Benskin, P.M., D.C.; and J. Goddard, Tyler. The W.M. then presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Wells, I.P.M., accompanying the presentation with many expressions of goodwill, personally and on behalf of the lodge. He tendered to Bro. Wells their united thanks for the great services he had rendered, not only during his year of office, but from the first establishment of the lodge, and expressed a hope that he would still continue to help them as he had hitherto done. Bro. Wells returned thanks, and before sitting down announced that he would act as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and trusted to have the support of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and an adjournment took place to the banquet table, where an excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Swayne.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Bros. Miles and Bergmann gave some excellent solos on the harp and violin, while Bro. Myers rendered some songs in such a finished and artistic manner as to place him on a level with many professional brethren.

**ARGONAUTS' LODGE (No. 2243).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., at the Cromwell Hall, Putney, S.W., when there were present Bros. E. Monteuis, W.M.; J. C. Radford, S.W.; J. F. Savory, J.W.; Gordon Smith, Sec.; T. W. Willis, J.D.; J. P. Houghton, D.C.; W. E. Smith, Stwd.; C. W. Mapleton, acting I.G.; H. H. Woodroffe, J. A. Drake-Smith, and W. H. Brayshaw.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. J. A. Drake-Smith was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Mr. William Harrison Brayshaw, of the T.R.C., was unanimously elected a member of the lodge, and initiated in due form. The lodge was then closed.

**HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Castle Assembly Room, when there were present Bros. Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G.C., W.M.; W. S. Allen, S.W.; F. C. Edwards, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; G. Randell, S.D.; R. Walmsley, J.D.; G. H. Gaze, I.G.; C. J. Ticehurst, Stwd.; W. Leslie, Tyler; Markwich, I.P.M.; Glenister, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br.; Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; P. Robinson, P.M.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; Jukes, Heaphy, Cooper, Boyce, McCormick, Lindridge, Beck, Taylor, and Tendall.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, a candidate, who had been duly elected, was initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree, while one brother was passed F.C., and another was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Two guineas was voted to the R.M.B.I. for Aged Freemasons, and the sum to be placed on Bro. Rev. Currie's list. The Secretary mentioned that it was Bro. Dr. Trollope's 25th anniversary as a member of Derwent Lodge, and on the proposition of Bro. Russell, hearty and fraternal congratulations were sent to Bro. Trollope.

**MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Virtue (No. 152).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Friday, the 15th inst. The members present included Bros. J. Pritchard, W.M.; D. Conway, S.W.; A. Tasker, J.W.; T. Gillibrand, Treas.; A. A. Millington, Sec.; R. A. Daniel, S.D.; W. Batt, J.D.; G. C. Williams, D.C.; John Cantrill, I.G.; G. W. Blaikie, P.M.; W. M. Jaffray, P.M., P.G.D.; Jas. Sly, Tyler; S. J. Erwin, J. W. White, H. Marsh, H. Norton, John Davis, W. Kelley, and R. W. Fletcher. Visitors: Bros. T. D. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Nicholl, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; Evan Williams, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. H. Jefferis, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. D. Foreman, W.M. 210; G. S. Smith, P.M. 1134; J. H. Greenwood, 1109; W. Byway, P.M. 1633; R. Hammond Cotton, W.M. 1170; H. R. Rowlands, 1345; Sam. Ayland, W.M. 1134; G. MacFarlain, P.M. 1633; Alfred C. Powell, T. Wood, 1345; and J. Hislop, 325.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Pritchard, W.M., who also acted as Installing Master on that occasion, which ceremony was very creditably performed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. L. Sharratt and found favourable, who was immediately afterwards initiated by Bro. Blaikie, P.M. Bro. Conway, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. G. C. Williams, P.M., and duly inducted into the chair of K.S. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. G. C. Williams, P.M., and that to the brethren by Bro. N. Dumville, P.G. Stwd. The working tools were presented by Bro. W. Cooper, P.M. The officers were invested by Bro. Jaffray, P.P.S. G.D., as follows: Bros. D. Conway, W.M.; J. Pritchard, I.P.M.; Wm. Cooper, P.M., D.C.; N. Dumville, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Chap.; Andrew Tasker, S.W.; R. A. Daniel, J.W.; Thos. Gillibrand, Treas.; A. A. Millington, Sec.; Wm. Batt, S.D.; John Cantrill, J.D.; John Cambell, I.G.; John Davis, Hy. Marsh, and Hy. Norton, Stwds.; S. J. Erving, Librarian; and Jas. Sly, Tyler.

After all business had been performed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

**GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).**—At the regular monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Friday, the 15th inst., there were present Bros. Robert Dayson, W.M.; R. Cathcart Bruce, S.W.; Amos Gooderidge, J.W.; W. Porter, I.P.M.; Ezra Gooderidge, acting S.D. and D.C.; Jos. Leach, J.D.; A. H. Peacock, I.G.; Jos. Robinson, J. A. Bray, P.M.; H. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; H. Gardiner, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Chappell, Sec.; T. S. Mills, Stwd.; H. B. Thorpe, Lees, W. Everatt, P.M.; E. J. Foster, P.M.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. called of Bro. Wm. Watson, P.M., and W.M. 2069, now Sec. of the Masonic Library of West Yorkshire, to deliver a lecture on the history of Freemasonry prior to 1813. In doing so, Bro. Watson, who spoke for about an hour, and was listened to by the brethren with great attention, was assisted by several valuable Masonic MSS. and books. He referred to the fact that large quantities of Masonic books, MSS., &c., had made their way to America, where they were carefully preserved. To avoid this, and to keep at home what was interesting to the members of the Craft, West Yorks had commenced the formation of a library at Wakefield, and in this work he and other brethren interested had received from Bro. T. W. Tew, the Prov. Grand Master, assistance of a practical and valuable character. He produced the T. W. Tew MS., which had been presented to the province by Bro. J. W. Cocking, W.M. 2035. In the course of his address, Bro. Watson showed that many of the traditions respecting Freemasonry had little real existence, and explained the attitude of the Ancients towards the Moderns. He showed that, in regard to the "old York working," there had been many errors disseminated, and denied that it ever had a practical existence. The W.M. moved—"That the best thanks of the lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to Bro. W. Watson, P.M., and W.M. Prudence Lodge, for his valuable lecture, and it hereby records its deep sense of the valuable services he has rendered to the province of West Yorks in his capacity of Hon. Librarian." This was seconded by Bro. Gardiner, P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. Watson, P.M., in reply, said that the work to him was a labour of love, but he received an additional stimulus in his pursuits when he found his efforts were appreciated by the brethren.

After some formal business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren remained to supper, "The Healths of the W.M." and of "Bro. Watson" being received very cordially.

During the evening, it was pointed out that as the Aire and Calder Lodge was consecrated on the 12th July, 1839, it would this year attain its jubilee, and it was decided on an early date to take into consideration the best way of celebrating that event.

**DERBY.**—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., and, being election night, there was a large gathering of the members. Lodge was opened, when there were present Bros. J. W. Brigg, P.P.G. Org., W.M.; A. Woodiwiss, P.S.G.W., I.P.M.; S. Taylor, S.W.; J. Walker, J.W.; W. Whittaker, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; W. H. Wright, Sec.; John Jones, J.D.; W. Todd, D. of C.; W. Forman, Org.; A. Smith, as I.G.; G. H. Ward, Steward; T. Day, Tyler; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Sir John Smith, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Brown, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Bland, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; C. Webster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Copestick, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. Cox, P.M.; P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.M., P.P.G.P.; F. G. Sanderson, P.M.; W. Knight, S. Tinkler, G. C. Copestick, E. Jephson, F. Ball, J. Melrose, B. Varley, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085, P.P.J.G.D.; J. H. Clarke, S.W. 253; Hodgkinson, 681; and W. Hart, 1085.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the first business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, when the choice of the brethren fell upon the S.W., Bro. S. Taylor, who very heartily thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and suitably returned thanks. Bro. T. Day was re-elected Tyler. Bro. W. H. Roberts, P.M. 665 and 630, was elected a joining member, and Mr. H. J. Burdett, who was proposed at the January meeting, was elected as candidate. The W.M. then in a very able manner passed Bro. B. Varley to the Degree of F.C., the S.W. afterwards giving the charge in his usual excellent manner. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered, lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the Lower Hall for refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M.

Bro. J. Copestick, P.P.G.P., very ably responded to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Lodge."

"The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by the S.W. in a few hearty words, which elicited a very feeling reply, the W.M. taking occasion to thank all for their good attendance, expressing the pleasure he had had during his year, and the regret he readily felt at quitting the chair.

To the toast of "The Visitors" Bros. J. H. Clarke, S.W. 253; W. Hart, 1085; and Hodgkinson, 681, severally responded.

Bro. W. Todd, D. of C., then proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," to which Bro. J. Bland, P.P.J.G.D., responded.

The other toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the W.M. elect, and "The Private Members," to which Bros. W. W. Haywood and Lynch responded.

The Tyler's toast brought a very happy gathering to an end.

It was incidentally mentioned that the W.M. elect will represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Boys' School.

**WINDSOR.**—Windsor Castle Lodge (No. 771).—A large and influential gathering of brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall on the 12th inst. to honour the installation of Bro. William Griggs Nottage as W.M. Amongst those present were Bros. Thomas Page, W.M.; W. S. Nottage, S.W. and W.M. elect; Nixon, J.W.; A. Roberts, S.D.; Grisbrooke, P.M., Sec.; Goddard, P.M., Treas.; Manley, P.M.; Powell, P.M.; Cantrell, P.M.; H. D. Marshall, P.M.; McCloskie, Gray, Harding, May, Rowe, C. Devereux, Summers, Sanders, Ashby, Hunt, Fox, and others. The following visitors, amongst others, signed the attendance book: Bros. R. Bradley, Past G.S. Br., P.G. Sec. Berks and Bucks; Sir J. Devereux, P.P.G. Sec. Berks and Bucks; C. D. Hume, P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; J. W. Martin, P.M. 414; J. King, P.M. 862; A. Turner, W.M. 1894; B. King, W.M. 945; A. C. Hewett, W.M. 1566; W. Sevenoaks, W.M. 209; W. Sherworthy, W.M. 414; G. J. Judge, W.M. 1788; E. Singer, S.W. 1894; J. Baker, J.W. 1894; W. Walker, 1894; S. W. Sutton, 1604; David Hills, 185; E. J. Maddy, 2120; E. J. Webb, 2182; H. Hobbs, J.W. 209; M. Crewdon, 2120; M. Dix, 2120; G. Gardner, 2120; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Rowe was raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony being worked in a most finished and impressive manner by Bro. T. Page. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. W. G. Nottage was then presented, and duly installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. Page, P.M. The newly-installed Master then invested the following officers: Bros. Nixon, S.W.; A. Roberts, J.W.; Goddard, P.M., Treas.; Grisbrooke, P.M., Sec.; Marshall, P.M., D.C.; Watford, A.D.C.; Somers, S.D.; Gardner, P.M., J.D.; Harding, I.G.; Rowe, Org.; Gray, Hunt, and McCloskie, Stwds.; and Nowell, Tyler. The working tools were presented, and the first two addresses delivered by Bro. Marshall, P.M., the address to the brethren by Bro. Page, P.M. The W.M. then presented Bro. Page with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, on the successful termination of his year of office.

After "Hearty good wishes," two candidates were proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Guildhall (kindly lent by the Mayor for the occasion), where a very elegant banquet was served, at which the W.M. very ably presided.

After the cloth was cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

The W.M., in proposing that of "The Royal Family," mentioning that H.R.H. Princess Christian had that day, in that very room, been ministering to the wants and relieving the necessities of a large number of very poor children. This, he maintained, was the genuine Masonic spirit which all the brethren should emulate, and he suggested that, to show they were not unmindful of others

less happily circumstanced, the St. John's Column should be passed round, and the amount collected forwarded to her Royal Highness, which was carried by acclamation.

"The W.M.'s Health," was very eloquently proposed by Bro. Page, I.P.M., he wishing him a happy and successful year of office, with abundance of work, and work worthy of him.

In proposing the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," the W.M. advocated the visiting of the neighbouring lodges by the younger brethren, even without the usual invitation, saying that the experience thus gained could not be over estimated.

The following brethren responded to the toast: Bros. Sir J. Devereux, P.P.G. Sec.; Sevenoaks, W.M. 209; King, W.M. 945; and Judge, W.M. 1788.

Bro. Sir J. Devereux in responding, alluded to the unique and magnificent temple in which the lodge held its meetings, giving some very interesting details in connection with it, and recounting the many difficulties he had to contend with before that beautiful structure, of which he was the instigator, was constructed and consecrated.

"The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. T. Page," was then enthusiastically received, the W.M., at the same time, investing him with a handsome P.M.'s collar, subscribed for by the officers who had worked under him as "a mark of their sincere regard," and remarking that Bro. Page had worked up through every office of the lodge in rotation, and rather than skip an office when the opportunity offered, had preferred that a junior officer should step over him. He was also not only a splendid example of what a speculative Mason should be, but he had done his best for his lodge as an operative Mason, having that evening presented them with a very fine ivory gavel, which he had carved as a labour of love with his own hands.

A capital programme of music, under the able direction of Bro. Somers, J.D., was given by Bro. G. May, a chorister of St. George's Chapel, Bro. Rowe, and other gentlemen, which materially added to the enjoyment of the evening.

In every respect this installation meeting was a decided success, and the lodge fully deserves the hearty congratulations which were freely bestowed on its Master and officers at the close of the first meeting of what promises to be a red-letter year for the Windsor Castle Lodge.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—

The usual monthly meeting of the above prosperous lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the new Masonic Hall, Bull Fields. Bro. W. D. Keeble, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following Past Masters, officers, and brethren: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.S.G.D.; H. Mason, P.M.; E. Palmer, P.M.; C. H. Lawson, P.M.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., S.W.; F. Barry, P.M., P.P.G.O. Somerset; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); E. Hughes, M.P., J.W.; W. Busbridge, W. Saunders, W. C. Taylor, I.G.; C. Clapham, Stwd.; F. Tyler, Org.; W. J. Larder, Tyler; J. Buckley, W. Robson, J. O. Widgery, W. Pryce, G. Frost, D. Sedgley, R. S. Pollard, T. W. Dickenson, W. Chinery, E. Morris, E. Lewis, J. O. Cook, W. Wren, J. Murphy, C. Scantlebury, W. Davidson, D. K. Somers, W. Steward, W. Lock, D. C. Capon, R. Turrell, L. Mills, J. W. Bull, J. Farrier, P. Eschler, C. Harger, J. Messent, A. D. Capon, J. Hooton, W. Batchelor, J. Mitchell, J. Hoar, A. Moore, W. Delatouche, W. Suiss, J. Griffiths, E. Stratton, and C. Taylor, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. G. B. Davies, P.M. 13; W. Turner, 13; W. Anson, 13; R. Hayes, 13; G. H. Potter, 700; C. Phillips, 700; J. Hunt, 706; T. Auld, 700; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Thos. G. Arnold and J. Rich, and proving successful, those gentlemen were duly initiated. Bro. Sedgley was passed, and Bro. Chaney, Dickenson, and Roberts were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s. Bro. Penfold, P.M., then reported the state of Bro. H. Butter, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and it was resolved that the Secretary should again write to the distinguished suffering brother, assuring him of the continued love and sympathy of the brethren with him in his sufferings, which Bro. Penfold assured the brethren were borne with the most Christian fortitude. The W.M., Bro. Lawson, having spoken on the subject, the lodge was closed.

A very pleasant supper having been partaken of, the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were duly honoured, and were followed by that of "Earl Amherst, P.G.M. of the Province of Kent, which was drunk, as usual in this lodge, with enthusiasm.

In responding for a hearty reception of the toast of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Hayes said it was a great honour to have one's name associated with so important a toast as that of the Provincial Officers of so important a province as that of the Province of Kent. Bro. Eastes they all knew worked hard for Masonry in the province, while in Earl Amherst they had a Prov. G. Master of whom they, and indeed any province, might well be proud. He was proud of being their representative, but felt that it was from no merit of his own, but rather as a compliment to the lodge, that he was appointed to his present position. He was proud of serving under his lordship, and attended every meeting to which he was summoned. The hardest portion of the work the Prov. Grand Officers had to do was to eat a good dinner and severally and conjointly enjoy themselves, a burden he and all the Prov. Grand Officers seemed to bear with Christian fortitude. Whenever he went down to Grand Lodge he was always accompanied by several Prov. Grand Officers belonging to the lodge, and they always enjoyed themselves. They were thoroughly impressed with the beauty of Freemasonry, and he felt sure that in time another collar would be granted to the lodge, so that it might always be represented at Prov. Grand Lodge. He cordially thanked them for the honour paid him.

Bro. Keeble, in responding to a hearty reception of the toast of his health, eloquently put by the I.P.M., Bro. Lawson, said he took it that the toast was not put once a month as a mere matter of form, but that it came from their hearts. So far as regarded his health, the best thing they could do to keep him in the best of health was to assist him to make his year a successful one by bringing good and deserving candidates. He would like it to be known that their hall was now warmed and made comfortable, so that both they and their visitors, of whom he was proud to see so good an array present, might enjoy not only the working but the amenities of their social board, and that

the surrounding lodges would come and fraternize with them. In conclusion, he could assure the brethren that anything he could do for their comfort and the prosperity of the lodge would always be his aim and pleasure.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. Hayes and Jolly, and the former, in responding, gave a very interesting account of his late journey to Egypt and Malta. He said that during his trip he was very much impressed with the universality of Freemasonry, also the proofs of how ancient it was from the signs engraved on the tombs at Sakkara, the site of ancient Memphis, which flourished more than 3000 years ago. In the citadel, at Cairo, he saw an old building with the emblems of Masonry engraved on its walls, and was informed that it was supposed to be the Master Mason's house of that ancient time. He visited the Bulwer Lodge, at Cairo, and was pleased with the ability displayed in the working, and interested in the brethren belonging to the various countries present. They, most of them, expressed their thanks for the hospitality shown them in their several native tongues, which was translated to the English brethren by the able and courteous Secretary of the lodge. At Malta, also, he was deeply impressed with the excellent working and splendid hospitality shown him at the lodges he visited there, and could assure the brethren present that the whole of his experiences of Freemasonry in those distant countries would ever be remembered by him with pleasure.

Bro. Jolly having responded, "The Initiate," "Visitors," "Officers," "Brethren of the Lodge," and Tyler's toast, concluded the proceedings.

**SOUTHEND.**—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A

meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th instant, at Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, S.W.; T. Hood, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; B. Thomas, S.D.; A. Vandervord, J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; C. W. Barnard, as I.G.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; C. Floyd, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. J. Cumine, W. Canwarden, S.W. 1613; E. B. Durham, J. A. Hobday, A. Baker, and G. F. Vandervord. Visitors: Bros. Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambart, P.M. 1460; W. Cox, W.M. 1817; and J. A. Brown, 1228.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Lloyd Wise was elected a re-joining member. The by-laws were then read, and a candidate for initiation proposed.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**ALFRETON.**—Royal Alfred Lodge (No. 1028).

—The 24th anniversary of the above lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, the 12th inst. There was a numerous gathering of brethren, and Bro. W. D. Cupit was duly installed as the W.M. by Bro. Holland Rowbottom, the retiring W. Master. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows, and invested those present with the insignia of their office: Bros. Holland Rowbottom, I.P.M.; G. Wild, S.W.; T. Hardstaff, J.W.; W. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Shardlow, Sec.; T. E. Briddon, S.D.; J. Stuart, J.D.; A. Schofield, P.M., D.C.; A. H. Welbourne, Org.; W. B. Taylor, I.G.; A. C. Brentnall and H. Ho'e, Stewards; and G. Bunting, Tyler.

The brethren, to the number of over 40, subsequently sat down to their annual banquet at the George Hotel.

The visitors, who included brethren from Derby, Manchester, Belper, Matlock, Ashbourne, Wirksworth, Mansfield, Ripley, and Langley Mill, were Bros. A. Woodiwiss, P.S.G.W.; Thos. Cox, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treas.; G. Brown, P.P.J.G.W. Leicester and Rutland, P.M. 1265, &c.; A. H. Bonser, P.M. 1852, P.G.O. Notts.; W. H. Fisher, Sec. 1324, P.P.G.S.B.; H. B. Boag, I.P.M. 1495, P.G. Std. Br.; J. M. McLeod, P.M. 884, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Bennett, P.M., W.M. 787, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. G. Bonser, W.M. elect 1852; E. L. Adams, P.M. 1213; J. H. Day, P.M. 1324; H. Barker, P.M. 1324; W. Sutton, J.D. 1324; Rev. R. P. Hills, Chap. 1324; J. Clarke, 1324; R. Wilkes, J.W. 506; J. T. Marple, Stwd. 850; J. Melrose, 731; J. Machin, 731; J. Dawes, S.W. 1495; and W. C. Pegg, 1324. The following members of the Royal Alfred Lodge were present: Bros. W. D. Cupit, W.M.; Holland Rowbottom, I.P.M.; W. Wilson, P.M.; A. Schofield, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. L. Roberts, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; G. B. Sharp, P.M.; G. Wild, S.W.; T. Hardstaff, J.W.; J. T. Shardlow, Sec.; T. E. Briddon, S.D.; J. Stuart, J.D.; A. H. Welbourne, Org.; W. B. Taylor, I.G.; A. C. Brentnall, Stwd.; J. T. Harrison, J. Lee, W. Peel, F. G. Pogmore, E. R. Leacroft, W. Helliwell, J. Diamond, and G. Bunting, Tyler.

**HAMPTON-COURT.**—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at the Mitre Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. Tarr, W.M., supported by Bros. Wilson, S.W.; Tattersall, J.W.; Gordon, P.M., Treas.; Pearce, P.M., Sec.; Swain, S.D.; Pennell, J.D.; Kentish, P.M., as I.G.; Lea, D.C.; Maple, P.M., Stwd.; Gilbert, Tyler; and several other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Walls, Prov. J.G.W.; Room, P.G. Sec.; and 24 others.

After the formal business, the W.M. resigned the chair in favour of Bro. Spratling, I.P.M., who, in his usual style, installed Bro. Wilson, S.W., into the chair of K.S. The W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. Tattersall, S.W.; Swain, J.W.; Gordon, Treas.; Pearce, Sec.; Pennell, S.D.; Lea, J.D.; Linley, I.G.; Maple, Stwd.; Jacob, D.C.; and Gilbert, Tyler. The W.M. then in eloquent terms presented the retiring W.M., Bro. Tarr, with the P.M.'s jewel of the lodge (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), and that brother returned thanks in suitable terms. After other business, including the vote of five guineas to be placed on the list of Bro. Gordon, as Steward to the Benevolent Fund, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of 46, adjourned to banquet, when an enjoyable evening was passed, the only drawback being the absence of Bro. Sadler through illness, from which, however, we are glad to learn, he is now recovering.



**NORTH WOOLWICH.**—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The election meeting of the above prosperous lodge took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, Bro. J. Savage, W.M., in the chair, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. Paul, I.P.M.; A. T. Ives, P.M.; J. Ives, P.M. (Hon.); C. H. Canning, S.W.; C. Wood, J.W.; C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M. and Treas.; A. Knight, S.D.; C. Powing, J.D.; B. Curtis, I.G.; J. Glading, D.C.; J. Delc, Stwd.; F. Burstow, W.M. 212; A. Kettle, 1585; F. Widgery, 449; and some 50 brethren of the lodge.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bros. Baker and Lowe were passed, and Bros. Byers and Ward were raised, both ceremonies being faultlessly worked by the W.M. and his officers. Bro. C. Canning, S.W., was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Dr. Vance was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gaskill, Tyler. Bros. Turvey and Carter were elected Auditors. It was then unanimously resolved—"That Bro. Savage be presented with a Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, and also a Past Master's collar, to mark the esteem of the brethren, and for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office." He and the elected officers having severally returned thanks, the by-laws were read, and the lodge was closed.

After partaking of a substantial supper, the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, and personal toasts were honoured, and harmony reigned supreme.

**BARNSELY.**—Friendly Lodge (No. 1513).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held, and St. John's Festival celebrated, at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 7th instant, when Bro. Benjamin Smith, was duly installed W.M., for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. Seward, in the presence of the following brethren: Bros. C. W. Fincken, S.W.; W. Senior, J.W.; W. J. Frankland, Sec.; J. Cheatter, S.D.; J. S. Ingall, J.D.; C. Lingard, I.G.; Benj. Smith, D.C.; H. Fountain, Org.; J. H. Smith and F. C. Browne, Stwds.; T. W. Embleton, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; S. C. Alderson, P.M.; J. H. Gratton, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; W. R. Massie, P.M.; J. Sutton, P.M.; W. J. Lowrance, P.M.; E. J. Massie, P.M.; Geo. Sykes, P.M.; G. Newton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Nichols, Watson, Nash, Braithwaite, Longley, Johnson, Jackson, Coles, Davies, Talents, A. Gratton, Hutchinson, Squire, and Harrison. Visitors: H. Smith, D.P.G.M. 302; L. Bancroft Coward, W.M. 904; W. G. Haggard, 904; W. Ashe, W.M. 1019; T. Wilkinson, P.M.; J. Reed, Joe Smith, W.M. elect 904; E. Billington, I.P.M. 1462; W. Dickie, P.M. 904; F. Romain, 904; G. Taylor, Sec. 1462; S. Slack, P.M. 910; J. Hartley, P.M. 495; C. F. Wike, P.M. 279; R. Ruff, J.W. 1462; and J. Lund, S.W. 1462.

The W.M. elect, Bro. B. Smith, was presented by Bros. J. H. Gratton, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., and S. C. Alderson, P.M., for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was undertaken and most efficiently performed by Bro. W. R. Massie, P.M. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Smith was inducted into the chair of K.S. Bro. Smith was then saluted, after which Bro. W. R. Massie, P.M., concluded his duties as Installing Master, and the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. F. Seaward, I.P.M.; W. Senior, S.W.; W. J. Frankland, J.W.; Rev. W. Coombe, M.A., Chap.; T. W. Embleton, P.M., P.S.G.W., Treas.; J. S. Ingall, Sec.; C. Lingard, S.D.; H. Fountain, J.D.; C. W. Fincken, D.C.; W. W. Hutchinson, Org.; J. H. Smith, I.G.; F. C. Browne, T. Braithwaite, J. F. M. Coles, and S. Squire, Stwds.; and E. J. Massie, P.M., Almoner.

The W.M. afterwards presided at the banquet, and was supported by Bros. Hy. Smith, Dep. Prov. G.M. W. Yorks; T. W. Embleton, P.P.G.W.; G. Newton, P.P.G.W.; J. H. Gratton, P.P.G. Treas.; S. Slack, P.P.G.D. of C.; C. F. Wike, P.M., P.P.G.D. Leicester; C. F. Seward, I.P.M.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; W. R. Massie, P.M.; S. C. Alderson, P.M.; W. J. Lowrance, P.M.; J. Sutton, P.M.; and E. J. Massie, P.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, whilst the proceedings were enhanced at intervals by music. A most enjoyable evening was closed with the toast of "All poor and distressed Masons."

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This lodge met at the Rose and Crown Tavern on the 11th inst. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.W. Middx., W.M.; Drummond, S.W.; E. Dare, J.W.; Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Peat, Sec.; Sapsworth, S.D.; Grant, J.D.; Bond, I.G.; Spooner, D.C.; Hunt, Stwd.; F. Chandler, P.M., P.A.G.P.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Piggott was passed. Bro. Drummond was elected W.M.; Bro. Featherstone, Treas.; and Gilbert, Tyler. The by-laws were read, and the audit appointed to take place half-an-hour before the installation meeting in June. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M., who was also elected to represent the lodge as Steward to the R.M.I. for Boys for 1889. Bro. F. Chandler, P.M., gave a notice of motion—"That, in consequence of the meetings having been changed from the winter to the summer and autumn months, the advisability of removing the lodge to Hampton Court, or some other pleasant resort, be discussed at the next meeting." Bro. T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D., sent an apology for non-attendance through indisposition.

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

A few toasts and songs followed, and the proceedings terminated.

**SHANKLIN.**—Chine Lodge (No. 1884).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 31st ult., when the following were present: Bros. F. Cooper, W.M.; Alfred Greenham, I.P.M.; A. F. Swayne, S.W.; L. Colenutt, J.W.; R. Young, Sec.; J. Bailey, P.M., P.P. A.G.D.C., Treas.; H. A. Matthews, S.D.; J. W. Cantelon, J.D.; G. H. Matthews, Tyler; F. Newman, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; G. H. Moodman, A. J. Cooper, W. D. Woodward, R. Kearns, W. H. Willis, W. Thompson, and F. White Popham, J.P. Visitors: Bros. G.

Cluett, 1869; G. A. Brannon, 151; James Lowe, P.M. 175; P.P.J.G.D.; O. Gabell, P.M. 175; J. W. Fair, 175; H. Durrant, P.M. 175; J. Ellery, 175; F. Ausle, W.M. 551; Cole Nodman, 551; F. H. Sheppard, 551; R. Tolman, 551; G. Withers, 1869; and D. Lloyd, 1314.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. A. F. Swayne, S.W., was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. F. Newman, P.M., in a very impressive manner, and the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. J. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D. Devon, announcing that Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M. 1884, had been elected honorary member of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402. An extract from the *Freemason* was read, associating the honour with the Shanklin Masonic Exhibition in 1886, the largest exhibition held in England. A resolution was proposed to the effect that the Chine Lodge highly appreciated the honour paid to Bro. Greenham, and identified the lodge with it by conveying to the Jordan Lodge that this special distinction was valued by all the members.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and Craft," and said the first toast he had the honour that evening of proposing was that of the Queen. That he fancied was sometimes looked upon as a duty toast, but certainly never at a meeting of that kind, for there was no doubt Freemasons were the most loyal of men. He asked them all, right loyally, to drink the health of that gracious lady, who, for more than 50 years, as a Queen, a wife, and a mother, has worn the white flower of a spotless life, and who, notwithstanding her exalted position, is, on every occasion, ready to sympathise with and help the lowliest of her subjects. He gave them long life, health, and happiness to their Queen, and prosperity to the Craft.

The W.M. proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and said he now rose to propose the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England. The toast of their future King was one ever cordially welcomed by Englishmen and Masons, who well knew how to appreciate the untiring efforts made by him for the nation's good; his energy in all good works, and his never failing in that of Masonic virtue and charity, was a bright example to all of them, and when, in years to come, he was called on to rule over the destinies of this mighty Empire, he was sure he would be the most popular Monarch England had ever had the honour of greeting as King, and one who had won the esteem of every member of the Craft.

The Worshipful Master then rose, and said he had to propose "The Health of the Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Of course, the brethren would understand it was quite impossible for their Grand Master to be always present at Grand Lodge, and he, therefore, appointed deputy Grand Officers, who were the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. The amount of time they devoted to Masonry and the manner in which they performed their duties was well-known. They were evidently the right men in the right places, and he had great pleasure in proposing their health.

Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M., submitted the next toast—"The P.G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach; the D.P.G.M., Bro. Le Feuvre; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past"—speaking most eulogistically of their services to Masonry and the province.

Bro. F. Newman, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., responded, saying it was a privilege he often had of responding to that toast, and it was a great privilege to refer to such an excellent Mason as Bro. W. W. B. Beach, who for 20 years had ruled over the province, and the esteem in which he was held was evidenced by the fact that the largest sum of money was subscribed when he recently presided over the Masonic Grand Festival. The Province of Hants and Isle of Wight was an important one, and two Grand Treasurers elected in succession were both from that province—an honour never previously conferred by Grand Lodge.

Bro. F. Cooper, I.P.M., P.P.G.S., said he gave the toast of "The W.M." with great pleasure, alluding to the great interest the W.M. took in Masonry. He looked forward to a very successful year of office under Bro. Swayne. He was initiated in the lodge, and had constantly shown, by kindly acts and steady progress to the high position he held that day, that his interest in Chine Lodge was very great; and he felt sure he would do all in his power to promote the welfare of the lodge.

The toast met with a most enthusiastic reception, and musical honours.

The W.M., who was well received, replied, and said the speech was assuredly the one that he approached with the most diffidence that evening, for the very kind way in which his health had been proposed and drunk by the brethren made him only the more aware of his numerous shortcomings. Still, relying on the kindness and experience of the Past Masters, and the indulgence of the brethren, he accepted the honour offered to him of becoming their Worshipful Master for the ensuing year; and he only hoped, when his term of office expired, he should deserve some small portion of the very kind things that had been said about him, and that he should perform his duties in a manner to bring no discredit upon Chine Lodge. Masonry had a great future before it, and he hoped all present would agree with him that it was not numbers which they wished to join their lodge, but moral, sober, and upright men, who would be an honour to an honourable Society and never by word or deed bring discredit upon their lodge. In conclusion, he would ask them to help him to keep harmony in the lodge by always entering it in a true Masonic spirit, remembering Masonry was Masonry, and leaving behind any grievances or differences they had in private or business matters, ever remembering unity was strength.

Bro. Lewis Colenutt submitted the toast of "Bro. Cooper, I.P.M.," and alluded to his many services to the lodge, being one of the founders, and holding the office of Treasurer every year, except the two years when he presided over it as W.M.

Bro. Cooper, I.P.M., expressed, in warm terms, his thanks for the kindly manner in which the toast was given and received.

Bro. F. Newman, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., submitted the toast of "The Trustees of the Lodge." That was a toast not so well known in every lodge, because in many there was no property to place in the hands of Trustees. The post was one of great responsibility, but, thanks to the energy of the Past Masters of Chine Lodge, and to Bro. Alfred Greenham in particular, the responsibility as

Trustee was materially decreased, and now they had a very valuable property to take care of. He coupled with the toast one whose name was known, not only in Shanklin, but known and honoured all over the island and far beyond it—Bro. F. White Popham. His interest in Chine Lodge had been evidenced not only by the services he rendered at its formation, but had been repeatedly shown since.

The toast was received with loud and long continued applause, and musical honours.

Bro. F. White Popham responded on behalf of the Trustees of the Lodge, and alluded to the time when he was asked as a Freemason to stand in the gap, and he did so with much pleasure. It was a time, no doubt, then, of great responsibility, but now, by the efforts of several W. Masters, the debt had been so much reduced that he felt sure the future of Chine Lodge would be a prosperous one, and concluded by congratulating the members on the position held by the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Installing Master," and said he rose with the greatest pleasure to propose the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Francis Newman. When he was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, he it was who performed that ceremony, and in such a way that it left a lasting impression on his mind, and induced him to venture to trespass upon his kindness by asking him to install him that day, and he was sure every brother present would agree with him in saying that he performed that ceremony in a way few could equal and none excel. He has certainly shown us that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. Bro. Newman might well be called the father of the Chine Lodge, as he thought he was correct in saying he initiated and installed nearly all the original members of Chine Lodge. He took that opportunity of thanking him for his presence there that night, and expressing a hope, which he was sure would be echoed by all the brethren present, that they might have the pleasure of seeing him on such occasions as those for many years to come.

Bro. F. Newman expressed his thanks in a suitable speech, thanking them all for the kind reception given to the toast.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. McQueen, and the Tyler's toast was then given, and brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—A meeting was held at Bro. Harvey's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, on Friday, the 15th inst. Present: Bros. Baker, P.M., W.M.; Harvey, P.M., S.W.; Harnell, J.W.; Baker, Preceptor; G. Deaton, Sec.; Grove, S.D.; Deaton, J.D.; Blum, I.G.; Wingham, P.M.; Blundell, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was opened in the First, Second, and Third Degrees. The 1st Section of the Third Lecture was worked. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked. It was proposed by the W.M., Bro. Baker, and seconded, "That Bro. Harvey, P.M., be W.M. for the ensuing week," which was carried unanimously. The officers having been appointed in rotation, the lodge was closed.

**JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Dixon, W.M.; Faulkner, S.W.; Amos, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Dandridge, S.D.; J. H. Morgan, J.D.; Jones, I.G.; J. Penney, P.M.; Emblin, Varrall, Penrose, Tims, Turpin, Sayers, Percy, Drynan, and Campbell. Bro. Sikes was a visitor.

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. Sikes personating the candidate. The lodge was called off and on, and on resuming, the usual questions leading to the Second Degree were put by Bro. Emblin, W.M. of the parent lodge, and answered by the members. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Turpin being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Faulkner, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W. Present: Bros. J. Page, W.M.; W. J. Stratton, S.W.; C. Coleman, J.W.; F. G. Baker, Treas.; J. Cuff, Sec.; R. T. Dillon, S.D.; A. E. Carter, J.D.; G. Harford, I.G.; Dillon, P.M.; Biorn, P.M.; Wood, Shaw, Wherle, Beaver, Nightingale, Friedlander, Nerwich, Wells, and Hill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Beaver candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the chair having been vacated by Bro. Page was taken by Bro. Biorn. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed. The 1st Section of the First Degree was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 15th instant, at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; H. D. Aslett, S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; J. Cummings, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; T. Stonnill, I.G.; J. Pattison, H. Cotton, and E. F. Nash.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stonnill having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Johnson having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when Bro. Johnson, of the mother lodge, was elected a member. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Aslett was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. C. Yates, W.M.; S. Napper, S.W.; A. Wolter, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; H. B. Harding, S.D.; C. G. Gray, I.G.; G. Wheeler, and J. Wilson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Wilson answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Wilson candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Wheeler answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Wheeler candidate. The lodge having been again resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Wolter was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, 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 14th inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; F. Buxton, S.W.; J. D. Graham, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; O. Lamare, S.D.; H. Hovenden, J.D.; J. C. Holmes, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; H. Luff, W. Dodson, E. M. R. Onaasen, A. Clark, G. F. Swan, H. J.



Weise, J. H. P. Long, J. Greenway, E. J. D. Bromley, W. R. Peck, R. E. Cursons, R. J. Harnell, T. C. Seary, T. Marshall, G. Holland, and W. Hancock.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. J. Greenway and W. Hancock worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture respectively. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. T. Marshall having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bros. T. Marshall, 1321; Wm. Dodson, 1681; and J. H. P. Long, 1446. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. Buxton, 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 the by-laws be revised and altered before printing any more, and that a Committee be appointed to frame the said by-laws; seconded by Bro. W. Brindley. Whereupon Bro. G. Reynolds proposed that the following brethren form the Committee: Bros. W. Brindley, G. Reynolds, G. H. Foon, J. Greenway, A. Clark, F. Buxton, J. D. Graham, and W. Hancock; seconded by Bro. A. Clark. Bro. W. Brindley proposed that a cordial and hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. G. H. Foon, W.M., for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation for the first time in this lodge. Bro. T. C. Seary thanked the brethren for the great compliment paid him (which had been conveyed to him by letter from the Secretary) in appointing him Organist to the lodge, and said it would give him great pleasure to assist in the working of the ceremonies. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Turner, W.M.; Hubbard, S.W.; J. H. Neville, J.W.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., Treas.; Wiggins, S.D.; Fayers, J.D.; Knight, I.G.; W. B. Neville, Dresden, Woods, Hatt, Cotton, E. Bird, Kenyon, and Bradley.

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. Fayers being candidate. The charge was given by the W.M. Bro. Woods answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, and the lecture on the tracing board was given by the Preceptor. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

A meeting of the lodge was also held at the above address on Tuesday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M.; J. H. Neville, S.W.; A. J. Turner, J.W.; Jas. Sims, P.M., Preceptor (pro tem.); R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P. J.G.D., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); W. J. Marsh, S.D.; R. S. Wiles, J.D.; G. A. Knight, I.G.; C. G. Hatt, and W. Dresden.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dresden offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. Bro. Hatt offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Hatt being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Neville was elected W.M. for the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 18th inst. Present: Bros. J. Blake, W.M.; P. P. Perry, S.W.; W. Fayers, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. T. Gracie, S.D.; C. E. Betts, J.D.; T. Jobson, I.G.; Jas. Sims, P.M.; P. Skar, and S. Sidders.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed in a praiseworthy manner, Bro. Skar acting as candidate. The lodge was opened and closed in the Second and Third Degrees. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the Preceptor and brethren. The 2nd Section was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. P. P. Perry was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; T. Wilcocks, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; J. Davies, S.D.; T. W. Biggs, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; R. H. Wimpey, W. Hyde, E. Fox, W. H. Wilson, and Arldige. Bro. Patterson was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, giving the traditional history. The lodge was resumed, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. On the second rising, Bro. T. Wilcocks, S.W., was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Mann, W.M.; Martin, S.W.; Ray, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Badderly, J.D.; Stuttfield, I.G.; Cameron, Mimms, Hobbs, and Fraser.

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. Mimms being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Mimms. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Mann candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Mann placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees, and the addresses to Master, Wardens, and brethren were given. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—The usual meeting was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Beaven, W.M.; Folkard, S.W.; E. G. King, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; Newton, I.G.; Cochrane, Mitchell, Livett, Smith, Coleman, W. Hill, Steele, Poole, Spencer, Chapman, J. Harvey, Cowland, Shannaw, and Elison.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Chapman as candidate. Bro. W. Hill and Coleman were elected joining members, and having returned thanks and answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, retired, being only recently initiated. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Mitchell, being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, with Bro. Mitchell as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. Elison, 507, was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Folkard was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Folkard returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the supper of the lodge was fixed for the 11th March. The lodge was then closed.

**LEICESTER—UNION LODGE (No. 523).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The principal object of the meeting was to hear a lecture, by Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson, 2076, on "The Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry." The lodge was honoured with the presence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. S. Steads Partridge, who occupied

the chair. There was also present Bro. Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., Prov. G.S., and a large number of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers and brethren.

The lecture was listened to with the closest attention, and it was full of matter of great interest, abounded with points of brilliant suggestiveness, and was altogether a great pleasure to the members and calculated to stimulate the desire for Masonic research. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by the senior Preceptor, Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523, seconded by Bro. C. H. Wood, Prov. G.S., and carried with acclamation. Bro. Finlayson acknowledged the compliment. On the motion of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Partridge, Bro. Finlayson was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge.

### Royal Arch.

**ISRAEL CHAPTER (No. 205).**—The installation meeting of this chapter took place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. The members present included Comps. Joseph Da Silva, M.E.Z.; H. J. Phillips, H.; J. A. Gartley, J.; C. F. Hogard, P.Z., P.D.G. Dir. of Cer., Scribe E.; L. Norden, S.N.; Rev. M. Haines, P.S.; J. Lichtenfeld, 1st A.S.; I. P. Cohen, Treasurer; R. Paton, Org.; E. H. Norden, Steward; A. J. Henochsberg, P.Z.; M. Bash, Isaac White, J. H. Gluckstein, J. Corrie, J. Abrahams, T. Wallace, and G. Saling. Visitors: Comps. Maurice Hart, P.P.A.G.S. West Lancashire; L. Atkinson, S. V. Abraham, P.Z. 188; H. W. Tobias, P.Z. 1502; J. Terry, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Emanuel, P.Z. 188; E. Terry, P.Z.; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The convocation having been opened, the minutes were confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report received and adopted. Bro. Joseph Levy was impressively exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z. In the unavoidable absence of Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., Comp. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., kindly installed the following companions in a very effective and impressive manner: Comps. H. J. Phillips, M.E.Z.; J. A. Gartley, H.; and L. Norden, J. The officers elected to serve during the ensuing year are Comps. C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; Rev. M. Haines, S.N.; Lichtenfeld, P.S.; Bromet, 1st A.S.; H. Norden, 2nd A.S.; I. P. Cohen, Treas.; Paton, Organist; S. Jacobs, Director of Ceremonies; Lorrie and S. Dancyger, Stewards; and Walkley, Janitor. Comp. Da Silva, I.P.Z., in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Comp. James Terry for his beautiful rendering of the installation ceremonies, said that no words were needed to enhance the value of the services rendered, for Comp. Terry's abilities were well known and thoroughly appreciated. Comp. Phillips, M.E.Z., having seconded the proposition, it was carried with acclamation. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Da Silva, I.P.Z., in recognition of his efficient services rendered during the past year, the M.E.Z. expressing the wish that their I.P.Z. would be spared for many years to wear this token of their esteem and regard. Comp. Da Silva, I.P.Z., said he had much pleasure in accepting the jewel, as he knew it was the unanimous gift of the chapter. He would wear it as long as he lived, and would continue to exert his interest for the benefit of the chapter. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Frank Richardson, Thomas Fenn, Sir H. Isaacs, and Rev. R. J. Simpson. Comp. Hogard, Scribe E., asked the chapter to accept from him a set of gavel suits for use at the banquet table; the thoughtful present being readily accepted and a hearty vote of thanks accorded the donor. The progress of the chapter was marked by eight brethren being proposed as candidates for exaltation, and there being no further business for transaction, the convocation was closed.

After banquet the usual toasts were briefly and appropriately given and heartily received.

Comp. C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C., responding for "The Grand Officers," said he had nothing more to say than that he thanked the companions sincerely for the kindly reception always accorded the Grand Officers.

Comp. Da Silva, I.P.Z., said it was quite a novel experience for him to have the privilege of proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," but he could assure them it gave him a large amount of pleasure. It was not the first time he had risen to propose the health of Comp. Phillips, the M.E.Z., but it was the first time he had had the honour of proposing his health as M.E.Z. Whenever he had had that honour, it had been knowing that he was proposing the health of one who deserved the success he had attained. Comp. Phillips, M.E.Z., had worked hard in Freemasonry, for in the lodge he had succeeded in attaining the position of W.M., and he had now attained the summit of his ambition in the chapter. As brevity was the order of the evening, he would simply ask the companions to drink the health of the M.E.Z., and wish him a successful year of office.

Comp. H. J. Phillips, M.E.Z., thanked the I.P.M. and companions for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He should endeavour to the utmost of his power to make his year a successful and pleasant one, and hoped he should have the co-operation of all the members. He had to propose "The Health of the Exalte," who was well known to the members as a zealous and able companion, and they would therefore greet him well.

Comp. Joseph Levy appropriately responded. "The H. and J." was next given by the M.E.Z., who said the merits of Comps. Gartley, H., and L. Norden, J., were so well known that it would be unnecessary for him to expatiate upon them. He was proud to have two such excellent companions as H. and J., and anything that would be wanting on his part would be compensated for by their excellent work.

Comp. Gartley, H., after returning thanks, said he was longing for the time to come when he should occupy the chair of First Principal, and he trusted he should do as well as the worthy companion who occupied it that evening. Comp. L. Norden, J., returned thanks for his election, and said that having occupied positions in the lodge, it gave him great pleasure to hold office in the chapter. He would do all he could for the chapter, and trusted his efforts would give satisfaction.

Comp. S. V. Abrahams, P.Z. 188, in returning thanks for "The Visitors," said that neither by position in the Order, nor by ability to address them, could he claim any reason why he should be conspicuously selected to respond. However, as is duty bound by orders from the M.E.Z. in the chair, by the dictates of his own heart, and in response to the feelings of the other visitors, he ventured to acknowledge the hospitable reception they had received.

They acknowledged it not only for the hospitality with which the members had received them, but they desired to express their high appreciation of the excellent manner in which the conduct of the chapter was carried on. The chapter was young in years, but it was evident that it was old in ability. He might, in the absence of that distinguished companion who had left—Comp. James Terry—say how deeply they felt impressed with that grand and solemn ceremony which that companion so impressively gave. He referred to the installation of the Principals. On behalf of the visitors, and especially on his own behalf, he begged to acknowledge the compliment paid them.

Comp. Emanuel, P.Z., also returned thanks.

Comp. J. Da Silva, I.P.Z., in response to the toast of "The P.Z.'s" expressed the pleasure it afforded him to reply for the first time and return sincere thanks to the members of the chapter as one of its P.Z.'s. That night they commemorated in a certain extent the first lustre that had passed over the head of their chapter, for the last of the three Principals installed at the consecration had vacated the chair. He hoped that the chapter would progress under the direction of the present three Principals as it progressed under the three preceding ones. Although he was the youngest of the P.Z.'s, still, at the same time, for some years he had ranked as one of the P.M.'s of the Israel Lodge, where the P.M.'s formed a very numerous and influential part of that lodge, and his voice had not been heard very frequently there, as there were many other and abler brethren called upon to respond. He had no doubt that as years rolled on that chapter would be like the lodge—with a large number of P.Z.'s, and his voice would not therefore be heard. He wished to impress upon them the duty of keeping together that bond of unanimity and friendship—that bond which had cemented the brethren of the lodge and chapter for so many years. He would ask them to remember that the brethren of the lodge and companions of the chapter were animated by the same feelings, and that in years to come they would not only maintain that harmonious feeling, but also attain a pinnacle of perfection that no chapter had ever yet attained.

Comps. I. P. Cohen, Treas., and Rev. M. Haines, S.N., responded for "The Officers," and the Janitor's toast closed a pleasant evening.

**GATESHEAD - ON - TYNE.**—Chapter of Industry (No. 48).—The regular convocation of this industrious chapter was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., when there was plenty of work. There were present Comps. John Duckitt, Z.; Robert Whitfield, H.; Jas. McCulloch, J.; M. Corbitt, P.Z., Treas.; G. E. Macarthy, P.Z. 481; Wm. Brown, E.; T. R. Short, as N.; Wm. Richardson, Principal Soj.; T. R. Jobson, Asst. Soj.; R. Arkley, R. Ferry, Org.; R. W. Dees, Thomas Watson, and others.

The ballot having proved favourable for the two candidates, Bros. John Boazman and R. H. Holme, they were both duly exalted in the Supreme Degree by Comp. Duckitt, Z. Another proposition for exaltation was made for next meeting, after which the proceedings closed in the usual manner.

**COLCHESTER.**—Patriotic Chapter (No. 51).—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., and, after the conclusion of the business, the companions (about 30) dined together at the Cups Hotel. In the course of the evening, Comp. J. C. Turner, on behalf of the members, presented to Comp. Richard Clowes an 18-carat gold I.P.Z. jewel, and, in doing so, referred to the efforts Comp. Clowes had made during his year of office for the good of the chapter and the comfort of the members, and more especially for the high musical talent he had on several occasions provided for the entertainment of the companions.

Comp. Clowes, in acknowledging the presentation, said he had been completely taken by surprise, and assured the companions that he valued, and should continue to value most highly, so substantial a token of their esteem.

The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Ex. Comp. Richard Clowes, I.P.Z. 51, P.P.G.R., by the companions of the Patriotic Chapter, No. 51, as a token of esteem on the completion of his year of office as Z. Colchester, 14th February, 1889."

### INSTRUCTION.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. R. J. Voisey, P.Z., S.E. 1329, Treas., M.E.Z.; Murché, A.S. 1329, H.; G. L. Moore, H. 169, J.; F. Hutton, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; C. Woods, A.S. 1275, S.N.; A. C. Wood, P.S. 742, P.S.; Neeld, P.Z. 169; Grumman, P.Z. 1275; Austin, P.S. elect 1381; Addington, M.E.Z. 1275; Towers, 1275; and Wicks, M.E.Z. 1269.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Towers personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and Comps. Towers and Austin were elected members, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Murché was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. Comp. Voisey thanked the companions for the kind vote of thanks passed at the last meeting, and for his re-election as Treasurer. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time. A vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Murché for his excellent rendering of the H. work for the first time. On the proposition of Comp. Moore, a Committee, composed of Comps. Hutton, Stone, and Grumman, was appointed to report on the advisability of holding a supper to commemorate the year's work. Comp. Murché, as Auditor, reported that he had examined the accounts, which were very well kept and showed a balance in hand, which was very satisfactory for the first year. He moved the adoption of the balance-sheet, and it was unanimously adopted. Comp. C. Woods reported that upon examining the books he found that the chapter had met 41 times, with an average attendance of 12—lowest attendance, 8; highest, 20. The average attendance of Principals and P.Z.'s was five. This was considered very encouraging by the promoters of the chapter. The chapter was then closed.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**INVICTA CHAPTER (No. 10).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at 33, Golden-square, W., when there were present Ill. Bros. John Read, 30°, M.W.S.; W. Glynes, 30°, 1st General; J. Reeves, 30°, 2nd General; W. M. Bywater, 31°, P.M.W.S. and Treas.; E. and P. Bros. Powell, 18°, Recorder; Shilcock, 18°, G. Marshal; P. Laird, 18°, D.C.; Ill. Bro. J. Mickleby, 30°, I.P.M.W.S.; Heard, 30°; Robinson

30°; Woodford, 30°; and E. and P. Bro. Shirley, 18°, M.W.S. 107. Visitors: E. and P. Bros. C. B. Cooper, 107; and Felix Weiss, 107.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The candidate whose name was on the agenda for perfection not being present, only the usual routine business was transacted, and the chapter closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Criterion to banquet, at which the M.W.S. presided.

After dinner a few toasts were given, and a very agreeable and pleasant evening was brought to an early close.

**Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.**

**BELVEDERE.**—Saye and Sele Conclave (No. 122).—The election meeting of the above conclave was held at the Masonic Rooms, on the 19th inst., Sir Knight Abel Penfold in the chair of M.P.S. After the ordinary conclave business was gone through, Sir Knight C. Jolly, V.E., was unanimously elected M.P. Sovereign for the ensuing year. Sir Knight Robinson, P.G.S., and the S.G. and J.G. in succession were duly elected.

The banquet was partaken of in the dining room attached to the institution, and it was unanimously determined to try and make Sir Knight Jolly's year a successful one.

**Order of the Secret Monitor.**

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON CONCLAVE** (No. 2).—A meeting of this popular conclave was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present Bros. F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., G. Stvd., Supreme Ruler; A. E. Sansom, Treas., and Grand Councillor; F. G. Lemon, G. Stvd., Sec.; W. G. Lemon, P.G.S.R.; W. J. Spratling, B. Sc., G. Recorder; Chas. Gross, and Dr. Zacharie, Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order. Bro. Henry Wright, 1, was a visitor.

The business was to induct Bros. Sir Robert Fowler, M.A., M.P., P.M. 2033, P.S.G.W.; P. S. Jackson, 2033; and Beaumont Morice, LL.B., 2033. The latter being in attendance was impressively inducted by the S.R., warm compliments being expressed as to the way Bro. Pocock did his work.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and the usual toasts were given. With "The Queen's" was coupled "The Order of the Secret Monitor."

Bros. Dr. Zacharie and W. Lemon responded for "The Supreme Grand Conclave."

"The Health of the Inductee" was heartily received.

Bro. Beaumont Morice, in eloquent terms replied, and said he had been much impressed with the ceremony of his induction.

The various Officers responded for their health.

Bro. Henry Wright replied for "The Visitors," and said he was proud of being a member of the Premier Conclave," and added that his old friend, Bro. Morice, whom he helped to initiate in his own lodge, would be a credit to the University of London Conclave.

Bro. Dr. Zacharie mentioned to the brethren that he hoped all those who could would be present on the following Friday at the consecration of the Queen's Westminster Conclave, when the Grand Officers' robes were to be dedicated. The brethren afterwards were invited en bloc to the Granite Lodge, which was meeting in the Venetian Room, and there they finished the evening.

**BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.**

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters for the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, occupied the President's chair; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. Walter Hopekirk, G.P., had the seat of Junior Vice-President. The Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clarke; the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. A. A. Pendlebury; Bro. W. Dodd, Bro. Neville Green, and Bro. W. H. Lee, represented Grand Secretary's Office. There were also present, among a numerously attended body of brethren, Bros. W. P. Brown, F. R. Spaul, Chas. Fredk. Hogard, Henry Garrod, David D. Mercer, J. H. Matthews, J. B. Grieve, L. C. Haslip, W. M. Bywater, G. P. Britten, Charles Dairy, T. W. Whitmarsh, George A. Cundy, John Davis, W. H. Perryman, W. Thos. Jordan, Edward W. Braine, Jesse Reeves, J. P. Parkes, J. Botibol, William H. Hedger, F. Low, G. Reynolds, J. H. Morgan, Geo. B. Chapman, D. Glass, Eustace Anderson, jun., George R. Langley, W. A. Scurrah, James Vine, J. Swine, W. W. Watch, G. J. Judge, Thos. Hawkins, J. P. Fitzgerald, Joseph Wall, A. F. Meaden, Fred. Levich, Richard Harvey, T. H. Thompson, Henry F. Foalé, Samuel Smith, John Stroud, V. J. Hakim, J. Blount Sherring, A. J. Clark, W. Wynn Westcott, Wm. Rowley, H. Hooper, George Simonds, John Barcroft, W. McNaught, E. F. Ferris, H. Massey, John Harris, Henry Cox, C. G. Hill, W. Nicholson, G. Hakewill, C. J. Axford, T. C. Walls, J. D. Graham, Reginald J. Mure, C. J. D'Oyley Mears, W. H. Boys, Robert Jackson, S. Lloyd, A. W. Weston, W. H. Saunders, Chas. H. Freyer, J. Tanner, W. C. Brasher, B. H. Joseph, Arthur E. Gladwell, James Spicer, Thomas J. Zob, Thos. Weeks, Henry Esling, J. J. Kinipple, Edw. Sayers, John Oliver, E. Squirrel, C. J. Grove, J. Bindon, A. Belts, Thos. Henry Gardiner, and Henry Sacler, G. Tyler.

To the Board of Installed Masters was presented the agenda paper for Grand Lodge of March 6th, after which the Board of Benevolence confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the January meeting to the amount of £390. On the new list were 38 cases, qualified by lodges in the London district and Torquay, Birkenhead, Bate, Hull, Shrewsbury, Millom, Crediton, Berwick, Darlington, Plymouth, Amlwch, Malta, Liverpool, Enfield, Denarara, Newchurch, and Birmingham.

In the course of the sitting one of these petitions was withdrawn, two were not entertained, and five were dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £845. This was composed of one recommendation to Grand Lodge for £100, one for £75, and one for £50; five recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each,

and six for £30 each. Seven grants were made of £20 each, one for £15, six for £10, and one for £5.

The PRESIDENT had to regret in the case of several country petitions that the certificates of the Provincial Grand Secretaries really gave no information about the cases which they certified, much to the detriment of these cases. Some of the Provincial Grand Secretaries' certificates are models of what is required, so that the Board is able to gauge the exact worth of the case and mete out adequate assistance; but others are so scanty that the Board is left in almost entire ignorance of the circumstances of the petitioners. The President hoped that in future all recommending Provincial Grand Secretaries would supply the fullest information in their power.

**FIRST BALL OF THE BARNATO LODGE, No. 2265.**

The first ball given by the above young and vigorous lodge in aid of the Benevolent Fund was held at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, on Thursday, the 14th inst., and was attended by some 230 brethren, with their ladies. The Stewards, viz., Bros. J. Da Silva, W.M.; C. Fredk. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., acting I.P.M.; M. J. de Leeuw, S.W.; L. Kool, J.W.; J. Joel, Treas.; M. J. Jessop, Sec.; T. Honey, S.D.; E. J. Acworth, P.G.S. Middx., J.D.; I. B. Joel, S. B. Joel, H. Barnato, A. Levy, and H. Walters, were most attentive, and the dulcet strains of Messrs. Coote and Tinney's band proved almost irresistible, so that a most enjoyable evening was spent, and dancing was kept up until "daylight (almost) did appear," and then many were the regrets expressed at the enforced parting, and all hoped that next year might see another such pleasant gathering, and as the financial result will bring some 30 or 40 pounds to the Fund, there is no doubt the members will again exert themselves as they have so successfully done this year.

Being St. Valentine's day, a very pretty and appropriate programme was designed by Bro. George Kenning, which was much admired.

**Scotland.**

**PROVINCIAL VISITATION OF GLASGOW CHAPTER, No. 50.**

The Provincial visitation of the above chapter took place on Thursday, the 14th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. There was a large and influential gathering of representative members of the Order, amongst some of the more distinguished present being Comps. Major F. W. Allan and H. J. Shields, of the Supreme Committee, and Comp. R. S. Brown, interim G.S.E., as well as numerous Principals from sister chapters. Considerable interest had been aroused by the notice that Comp. W. J. Easton, G. Supt., would lecture on the "Egyptian Mysteries," but, unfortunately, at the last moment his medical adviser peremptorily forbade this well-known Masonic archaeologist from appearing. Considerable regret was universally expressed, but the M.E.Z., Comp. Edwd. Macbean, made the best he could of the circumstances by reading and commenting on the notes of the intended lecture, which the invalid had sent with his apology.

The chapter was closed after the reading of several letters of regret. Comp. W. J. Hughan, P.Z., &c., and member of this chapter, sent a characteristic note full of energy and advice, while Comp. Robert Freke Gould, P.Z., &c., communicated some valuable hints deduced from his 32 years' connection with the Royal Arch. These communications from such eminent companions were, of course, much esteemed. Honorary affiliation was accorded to Comps. R. S. Brown, Edinburgh, and Wright, from Newfoundland.

At the banquet the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were received with cordiality, song and sentiment helping to make the evening fly on lightning wings. When separating only one opinion was expressed, for, as the Yankees say, all had a "good time."

Comp. Macbean, in replying, as the Z., to the toast of "Prosperity to Glasgow Chapter, No. 50," took the opportunity of initiating a new feature in such meetings by giving an address, of which the substance is appended, and was much applauded during its delivery:—

I have very heartily to thank our much esteemed Grand Superintendent for the flattering eulogium he has been pleased to pass on this, his "mother chapter," and, of course, for the highly complimentary terms in which he has alluded to me. My highest desire is to be a Masonic scholar; but it is like climbing a mountainous country—as you ascend, another peak confronts the weary but persistent pilgrim. *The mind grows by what it feeds on*; and the more you study Masonry the more engrossing does the pursuit become—how otherwise account for the enthusiasm of such distinguished ornaments as Bros. Hughan, Gould, Albert Pike, Yarker, and (head and shoulders over all Scotchmen) *facile princeps* our own Grand Secretary, Bro. D. Murray Lyon. To this band of students I feel proud to ally myself; though it does not necessarily follow that we see eye to eye in every point. I am rather a searcher and inquirer into the occult mysteries. So numerous and representative a gathering as the present deserves at my hands something more than the ordinary after-dinner platitudes. Although now at refreshment, there can be no incongruity in my referring to what so lately engaged our attention at labour. The ancients, at their banquets, by placing the emblems of mortality before their eyes, emphasised the homely Scotch proverb that "life is not all cakes and ale." Masonry is duty, duty is labour. "Let us then be up and doing," and learn the great lessons taught by our Order: we practise solemn rites, and are bound by our obligations, not merely to familiarise ourselves with the *dead* letter, but also the *living* spirit of our rituals. We all know something of the *morality* inculcated; but what do we know of the *allegory*? Can we attach any meaning to the *symbols* we display? How many Arch Masons here can instruct us in the teachings which are conveyed by the *triangles*, or *Tau Cross*? Our jewel tells us that "if we know these things, we know enough." When we attain that information, we shall be able to judge for ourselves of the wisdom of that motto. Meantime, we have, all of us, much to learn. Promoted to this exalted office for one definite purpose—to instruct my less favoured brethren—I feel it incumbent on me to sound a note of warning. Once the neophyte crosses our portal,

he thinks, but too often, his education is complete! This is a fatal error; his tuition should then *begin*. The student who enters his name and pays the fees at the Glasgow University does so for the *purpose of learning*; so it should be with you. No matter whether exalted last night or long ago, each one of us has still much to acquire. Dismiss from your minds the mistaken idea that *because* you have received certain secrets, *therefore* you are *ipso facto* Arch Masons; you are only so in name; practically you are in your apprenticeship, and it is cause for regret that so many never advance beyond this initial stage! Our rituals are embodiments of the doctrines of Pythagoras; and any intelligent reader of that ancient sage, who has assimilated the esoteric tenets of the Grecian, Egyptian, Syrian, Chaldaic, and Hindu theosophies stands on a higher platform than the average Mason. We take most solemn obligations, and should not allow our services, for want of proper attention, to become perfunctory ceremonies—because we are unable in their higher (and natural) development to appreciate the beauties of the sublime teaching which, as in the case of everything valuable, lies *perdu* till sought for with assiduity and patience. There are many Present and Past Principals here, and if they will ponder over the suggestive hints I have thrown out, this will eventually prove to be indeed a red-letter day for Glasgow Chapter, No. 50, and the entire province. My immediate predecessor, Comp. J. R. Paton, has earned our lasting gratitude for the successful course of lectures he inaugurated last session, and Comp. Somerville has this winter given valuable assistance, while Comp. Gardner McLean, our excellent S.E., has no doubt been able to perform his duties so satisfactorily from his legal training. I have also been greatly assisted by our esteemed and enthusiastic Comps. Robt. Morrison and T. W. Brownlee, both Past Z.'s, and the latter of over 20 years' standing in the chapter.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. HARRIS, P.M. 177, 1987.**

We regret very much to have to record the death of Bro. William Harris, Superintendent of the S or Hampstead Division of Metropolitan Police, and a Past Master of the Domatic, No. 177, and Strand, No. 1987, Lodges. Bro. Harris had been laid up for only three days, when he succumbed on the 15th inst., his funeral, which took place on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the West Hampstead Cemetery, being attended by a large number of his brother officers and by many brethren, among whom were Bros. Madge, W.M. 1987; Jas. Willing, P.M. 177, and P.M. and Treas. 1987; J. Stacey, P.M. 1987; Cutbush, 1987, and Leon, Burton, W. M. Stiles, S.W., J. Hare, E. Colley, and J. Douglas, P.M., all of the same lodge; with Bros. H. Dickey, P.M. 1744; J. Holmes, S.W.; and Witlock, 1608. There was a large concourse of people along the line of route from the Adelaide-road to the cemetery, and the feeling of regret throughout the force, but especially in the S Division, is very keen and very general. Bro. Harris was 47 years of age, but had been 27 years in the police, and for 21 years a superior officer.



Bro. Oscar Barrett was presented with a gold Albert, and Mrs. Barrett with a diamond and sapphire brooch, by the Crystal Palace Pantomime Company on Friday, the 15th inst.

There is much fun and some lively music in the new Empire ballet, entitled "A Duel in the Snow." The scene opens in a ball masque, where two of the dancers, claiming the same lady as partner, quarrel, and arrange to decide the question by arms forthwith. The fight in the snow, the business in which is, perhaps, rather too prolonged, ensues, terminating in the arrival of the lady and the death of one of the combatants. There are some other good items in the bill, notably, Mons. Brannan's performance on the trapeze. It is a pity that the absurd custom is not yet abolished of representing draped curtains at the wings on either side of a bright landscape scene.

"Ebb and Flow," a new sensational drama by Bro. W. F. Field, has been secured by E. D. Griffiths, who was for many years acting manager at the Gaiety Theatre. The music of the drama has been composed by Walter Slaughter, of Drury Lane. An especially powerful company will be entrusted with the representation of the play, which will be submitted to the public on Monday evening next, at the Theatre Royal, St. Helens, Lancashire. A comedietta, also, by Bro. Field, entitled, "Cupid's Frolic," has been accepted by the publishers of "The Lady," and the piece will be published in the columns of that journal very shortly.

With his usual astuteness, Bro. H. Beerbohm Tree has changed his programme before the piece which he was playing had worn itself out, so that we may look for a revival of "Captain Swift" at a future date. "The Merry Wives of Windsor" having proved a big draw on Wednesday afternoons, the popular lessee decided to give the public who cannot attend morning performances a chance of witnessing this popular play of the Immortal Bard. Everyone cannot fail to be astonished at the marvellous make-up of Bro. Tree as Falstaff, a part which he plays in a thoroughly masterly manner. We think Bro. Tree has never met with more universal commendation for his acting than in this his most recent character. He is more than ably supported by a brilliant cast, which includes Bro. Macklin, Messrs. Fuller Mellish, Kemble, Edward Righton, and Brookfield, and Mrs. Tree, Mrs. Phelps, Misses Rose Leclercq, and Lindley. The play is beautifully staged by Mr. Edward Hastings, and the scenery painted by Mr. Walter Johnstone. The last act is one of the prettiest scenes which has ever been seen at this leading home of comedy. As Mr. H. A. Jones' new play is arranged to be produced at a somewhat early date "The Merry Wives of Windsor" cannot have the extended run which might be wished for it. Shakespeare will not be found to spell "ruin" with Bro. Beerbohm Tree.





The Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, will in future hold their meetings at the Mona Hotel (late Ashley's), Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, on Tuesday evenings, at 8 p.m.

The Queen, accompanied by the Empress Frederick of Germany, the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the daughter of the Empress, and the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, arrived at Windsor Castle from Osborne on the 15th instant.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., will visit Norwich on Wednesday next, the 27th instant, for the purpose of addressing a political meeting, which will be held under the presidency of the Earl of Leicester.

William III., King of the Netherlands, who is a member of our Order, and who we regret to hear has had a very serious relapse within the last few days, completed his 72nd year on Tuesday, having been born on the 19th February, 1817.

Bro. the Hon. Sir H. Stafford Northcote, M.P., presided at the 131st anniversary dinner of the Orphan Working School at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday evening, when subscriptions to the amount of over £1980 were announced by the Secretary.

The anniversary festival of the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution was held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole on the evening of Friday, the 15th instant, when subscriptions and donations to the amount of £2186 were announced.

The date of the Queen's departure for Biarritz has not been definitely settled, but it will take place on the 5th, 6th, or 7th prox. The preparations, however, are being completed, and when her Majesty does start she will be accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg and attended by the usual suite.

It is expected that the Queen will come to London on Monday next for the purpose of holding a Drawing Room the day following at Buckingham Palace, and that she will return to Windsor on Wednesday.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters, after taking leave of the Prince of Wales and Prince George, left Marlborough House for Sandringham, arriving early in the evening.

Bro. Lord Wantage, chairman of the Executive Council of the National Rifle Association, has announced that in the course of the summer a visit to this country will be paid by a team of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, which will arrive in England in time to attend the annual meeting of the Association, and also to engage in matches with teams within 50 miles of London.

Our brethren in Wales will be glad to learn that Bro. William Pickford, of Newport, who met with a serious accident on Wednesday, the 6th inst., is now progressing very favourably towards recovery. Bro. Pickford arrived at Plymouth for the purpose of inspecting the barque Clarence, owned by him, and which put in from the north slightly leaking. Whilst on board he fell into the hold of the vessel, and sustained very serious injuries. After the accident he was conveyed to the Navy Hotel, where he has received every attention.

Bros. the Earl of Onslow and the Earl of Kintore, who are about leaving England to assume the Governorship of New Zealand and South Australia respectively, arrived at Windsor Castle on Monday, and had the honour of being first knighted and then invested by her Majesty with the insignia of Knights Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George. Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, who is King of Arms of the Order, introduced the noble lords into the Queen's presence.

On the 14th inst., by permission of Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Lady Ellis, a Drawing Room meeting in connection with the London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was held at Buccleuch House, Richmond, the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, the Princess Victoria of Teck, and the Baroness Burdett, Countess being among those present. A resolution was passed endorsing the action of the Committee in extending the Society's work beyond London, and votes of thanks to the Princesses for attending, and to Bro. Sir J. Whittaker and Lady Ellis for the use of the room, were passed by acclamation.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs. Toole, the wife of the well-known actor. Mrs. Toole has been suffering for some considerable time, but her illness took a more acute form on Monday. On Tuesday little hopes were entertained of her recovery, the doctors stating that unless there was a change their patient could not survive more than a few hours. Their prophecy was realised. A deep sympathy is felt with Bro. Toole in his bereavement, coming so immediately after the death of his accomplished daughter.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Cornubian Chapter, No. 331, at Truro, on Monday, the 4th instant, Comp. G. H. B. Reed was elected Z.; Comp. E. F. Whitley, H.; and Comp. T. H. Lake, J.; and were duly installed. The M.E.Z. invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. Rogers, S.E.; G. H. Chilcott, S.N.; H. W. Heckin, P.S.; C. Kent, 1st A.S.; J. Greenaway, 2nd A.S.; J. H. Ferris, P.G. Treas.; R. Lean, D.C.; E. Taylor, Org.; and W. E. Kilminster, Stwd. The companions afterwards sat down to dinner in the ante-room, the company comprising besides those already mentioned, Comps. E. D. Anderton, R. Carter, C. Bryant, and J. M. Carne, H. 75. The dinner was supplied by Messrs. W. F. Clarke and Co. Afterwards the usual toast list was gone through and a pleasant evening spent.

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.]

The third annual ball of the Lodge of Joppa was held at Willis's Rooms, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and was attended by about 250 guests. The arrangements were carried out by ten Stewards, under the superintendence of Bro. H. Lazarus, Hon. Sec. of Ball Committee. The band of the Honourable Artillery Company was in attendance, and the result was a financial success. The proceeds, as usual, will be handed over to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge.

Sir John Gorst came home from Teneriffe just in time to preside at the meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, and witness the installation of Admiral Sir Edward Ingfield as his successor. The First Lord of the Admiralty and Lord Alcester were among those who congratulated the popular "responder" for the Navy on his Masonic promotion, and it is difficult to imagine any more thoroughly representative gathering of Freemasons than that which assembled to witness Mr. Parkinson's ceremonial, and afterwards went on to dine harmoniously at the "Tavern." Lord Onslow's farewell words were in excellent taste; Lord Euston made an eloquent appeal for the "Charities," and Dr. Kynaston spoke with the authority of a man who was in one year stroke and senior classic. The Admiral means to steer his Drury Lane ship successfully, and he has the advantage of having Sir Henry Isaacs, a Lord Mayor *in petto* as his first officer.—*The World*.

The most important matinee performances to take place at Terry's during the present and next month are as follows: "See Saw," a new three act domestic comedy, by George Capel and J. Ragland Phillips, on Friday, the 22nd inst., "The Policeman," by Messrs. Walter Helmore and Eden Phillpotts, Tuesday, March 5th. "The Book-maker," by Mr. J. W. Pigott, in which Mr. Edward Terry will create the title role, on Tuesday, March 19th, and "Young Mrs. Wintrop," by Bronson Howard, on Tuesday, March 26th.

The nineteenth general meeting of the Aberdeen Masonic Hall Company, Limited, was held in the Masonic Hall, on the 6th inst., Bro. J. Crombie in the chair. The Secretary, Bro. A. I. McConochie, C.A., submitted the accounts for the past year, which were unanimously approved; and, on the motion of Bro. Callaghan, a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. was declared, a balance of £32 6s. 8d. being carried to next year's account. On the motion of Bro. Dalgleish, Bro. A. M. Byres, C.A., was unanimously re-elected auditor.

MASONIC BALL IN YORK.—On Wednesday night, the 6th inst., the first ball which has ever been held under the auspices of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, took place, and the gathering was of such a thoroughly pleasurable character that it will be generally hoped it may mark the inauguration of a new institution in connection with the lodge. The arrangements had been carried out by a Committee appointed for the purpose, and throughout the proceedings were unmarred by any untoward hitch. The ball took place at the De Grey Rooms, the principal hall of which had been rendered very picturesque for the occasion. The guests numbered about 130, and by dispensation of the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, they wore the Masonic regalia, the Craft, Royal Arch, Rose & Croix, and Knights Templar Orders, giving an appearance of great vivacity to the scene. Bros. W. Brown, P.M.; W. B. Dyson, P.M.; J. Smith, and F. W. Halliwell officiated as M.C.'s.

The Prince of Wales paid an unexpected visit on Friday, the 15th instant, to the Paris International Exhibition for the purpose of inspecting the British Section, and was received by Bros. Sir Polydore de Keyser, President of the Section, and H. Trueman Wood, the Commissioner. His Royal Highness expressed himself gratified with what he saw, and congratulated M. Berger, the Director-General, on the advanced condition of the preparations. In the evening the Prince left for Cannes.

THE QUEEN AS A FARMER.—The article this week in *Beal's Weekly Messenger*, in the series on this subject which are being written by the express permission of her Majesty, deals with the Shaw and Home Farm at Windsor. It is not generally known that the Queen does not farm at Windsor as a landlord, but as a tenant, the two farms—the Shaw Farm and Home Park and the Flemish Farm—which extend to 1120 acres, of which 360 are arable and 760 pasture, being rented from the Commissioners of Woods and Forests. The history of the Shaw Farm is given for 200 years past, and it is pointed out that it is now entirely devoted to the breeding of stock and the production of meat and dairy produce. The farm extends over 720 acres of varied soils, and carries at present 208 head of cattle, a flock of 370 half bred ewes, 80 pure bred Berkshire or small white pigs, and five pairs of heavy horses.

MARK MASONS' BALL AT STONEHOUSE.—The second annual ball in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held on the 13th inst. at St. George's Hall, and was attended by about 350 persons. The approaches to the ball room were decorated with evergreens and laid with carpets, and the hall itself was tastefully laid out, whilst the banners of Sincerity Lodge adorned the walls. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe sent evergreens and flowers. The dance music was played by a string band, and dancing was kept up until three o'clock the next morning. Bro. J. Leonard, P.P.G.D.C., acted as Chairman and Director of Ceremonies, and Bros. F. Thomas, S.W. 35, and F. R. Goodyear, P.M. 76, as M.C.'s. Bro. F. Crouch, P.G.D. England, and P.S.G.W. Cornwall, acted as Secretary, and the Committee consisted of Bros. R. Brickwood, I. A. Court, D. Cross, J. E. Davis, R. Dickson, J. J. Facey, J. Gidley, G. Gurney, S. Graves, P. Hannaford, W. J. Pengelly, G. Scatterty, F. G. Taylor, A. Maddock, and all the W.M.'s of local lodges. Refreshments were supplied by Bro. Dickson. It is anticipated that, as a result of the ball, a considerable sum will be handed over to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During every break of wintry weather exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatic affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulations of phlegm can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all-important ends his Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Masters has resolved to migrate to Bacon's Hotel, which will be restored and fitted up for their accommodation. The two beautiful mantlepieces and ceilings I mentioned last week are to be carefully preserved, and H.R.H. the Graad Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, Lord Hertford, Canon Portal, and the other moving spirits of the Order will hold their councils in the rooms where Miss Pope once welcomed all the celebrities of her time.—*The World*.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed at the Stuart Lodge of Instruction, No. 1532, on Thursday next, at the Victoria Hotel, Farringdon-road, at 5 p.m. Bro. H. E. Francis, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, will be the Consecrating and Installing Officer.

Bro. W. Freeman Thomas generously invited the children of the Licensed Victuallers' School and the aged inmates of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum to witness Messrs. Hengler's admirable equestrian entertainment at Covent-garden Theatre on Thursday, the 7th inst. The inmates, to the number of 120, and the children, numbering about 220, were conveyed in omnibuses to the theatre, where they were cordially welcomed by Bro. Freeman Thomas and Messrs. Hengler. On entering the building each child was presented with a bun and an orange.

An interesting experiment will shortly be made by Mr. Joseph Hughes, of Pilgrim-street, Ludgate-hill, the editor of the "Practical Teacher." He proposed to issue, under the general heading of "Hughes's Handy Novels," a series of original stories written by authors of repute, and about the same length as the ordinary three volume novels. Instead, however, of adopting the customary prohibitive prices of new works, Mr. Hughes has determined to publish each book (in limp wrapper and also stiff boards) at a shilling. A special feature will be the *readableness* of the type. Mrs. A. Phillips, author of "Man Proposes," "Benedicta," &c., will start the series with "Daphne's Daring; a Love Story." The design for the cover is by Mr. Walter Crane.

At the 45th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, held on January 22nd ult., Bro. W. Irving Babcock, of Nites, was elected M.W. Grand Master, and Bro. Gen. Wm. P. Innes was re-elected Grand Secretary. Seven new lodges were warranted during the past year.—*Keystone*.

The Swan of Avon Lodge, which was established about three years ago, celebrated the installation of the new Master, Bro. J. F. Burke, on Tuesday, the 5th instant, at the lodge room, Union Club. There was a very large attendance of Masons, among those present being Bros. the Marquess of Hertford, P.S.G.W.; Lord Ernest Seymour, P.P.S.G.W.; F. H. Haynes, P.P.J.G.W.; G. H. Fosbrooke, P.P.G.P.; S. C. Smith, P.M.; J. Eden Hiron, and several provincial brethren. After the installation the usual banquet took place in the large room adjoining the lodge, when between sixty and seventy brethren sat down.

The Mayor (Bro. Councillor George Knight) was installed on the 8th inst., as Worshipful Master of the Porchester Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 27, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Edward Margrett, Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Mark Lodge. Bro. Knight presided over the lodge several years ago, and he has been again placed in the chair as a compliment to him during his mayoralty. The lodge business was succeeded by a banquet at the Chequers Hotel.

On Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., the tenth annual installation of officers of the Forest Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Mansfield, and was largely attended. Bro. G. G. Bonser was appointed W.M., and the following officers were also elected: Bros. R. F. Vallance, S.W.; T. Savage, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Dolphin, Chap.; T. Fisher, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Holborn, P.M., Sec.; Rev. T. W. Dolphin, S.D.; T. Sheldermine, J.D.; J. H. White, P.M., D.C.; A. H. Bonser, P.M., Org.; E. H. Hopewell and D. Williams, Stwds.; and R. Watkin, Tyler. After the installation a banquet was served at the Swan Hotel.

At the meeting of the Common Council of London on the 14th inst., the Town Clerk, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, read a letter from the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, conveying the acknowledgments of the Emperor of Austria for the resolution of condolence passed by the Court on the occasion of the death of the Crown Prince Rudolph.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, R. AND S.M., OF THE U.S.—Nineteen Grand Councils in the United States are subordinate to this body, while eleven Grand Councils, including Pennsylvania and New Jersey, are independent. Bro. Geo. J. Pinckard, of New Orleans, is General Grand Master, and Bro. Henry W. Nordhurst, General Grand Recorder.—*Keystone*.

The latest official reports regarding the condition of the King of Holland's health are not alarming, but they leave no doubt in the public mind and among the best-informed that the crisis is approaching.

On Tuesday, the 19th instant, the brethren of the Camolodunum Lodge, No. 660, celebrated the annual festival, together with the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. R. Metcalfe, J.W. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. A. W. Walker, P.M., and the W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. M. F. W. Williamson, I.P.M.; W. H. Rose, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., S.W.; R. G. Lucas, J.W.; the Rev. E. A. B. Pitman, Chap.; A. W. Walker, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Marshall, Sec.; W. A. Holmes, S.D.; C. R. Stainland, J.D.; John Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; J. W. Marshall, P.M., Org.; S. Wallgate, I.G.; J. Spanton, Stwd.; and W. Stockdale, Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Talbot Hotel.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages, and large numbers of the unemployed in East London would thus be provided with work, instead of swelling the ranks of pauperism.—ADVT.



**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS**

For the week ending Saturday, March 2, 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 23.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 1384, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25.**

**Special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Holborn Restaurant, at 3.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.
- 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- 222, St. Andrew's, The Albion, Aldersgate-street.
- 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square, W.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Barnato, Victoria Hotel, 25, Charterhouse-street, at 6.
- 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 CHAPTERS.**

- 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- 1745, Farrington Without, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 46, Old Union, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- 92, Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate-street.
- 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- 164, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- 1348, Ebury, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
- 1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2108, Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
- Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
- Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.
- Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
- Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
- Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-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, Mona Hotel (late Ashley's), Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Flough-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 Tiers.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
- St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
- Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
- Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 7, Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
- 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- 548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
- 1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

**ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.**

- 29, Palestine, 33, Golden-square.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.**

**Festival Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
- 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham.

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

- 1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
- 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
- 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1818, Clapham, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Burgoyne, 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, Cufford, 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.**

- 820, Lily Chapter of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
- ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.**
- Installation Meeting, Horatio Shirley Conclave, Holborn Restaurant, at 5.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28.**

- House Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, at 3.
- General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.
- 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- 64, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
- 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
- 99, Shakespeare, The Albion, Aldersgate-street.
- 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.
- 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hotel, North End, Fulham.
- 861, Finsbury, St. Botolph's Chambers, E.C.
- 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford.
- 1563, City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
- 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn Gate.
- 1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.
- 1974, St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington.
- 2264, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel.

**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.
- Creator, Wheatsheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
- Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Lime-house Church, E.), at 7.
- Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30.
- Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
- Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, at 8.
- Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
- High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
- Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
- Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
- Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
- Leopold, Blackwall Railway Hotel, 7, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 7.
- 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 Wimbeldon 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 Woolesey, 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.**

- 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
- 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
- 657, Canonbury, Masons' Arms, Basinghall-street.
- 706, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 1023, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic H., William-st., Woolwich.
- 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
- 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.

**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.M.s.), F.M.H. at 6.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.
- Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
- Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
- Robert Burns, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., at 8.
- Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, 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.**

- 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- 1489, Ezra, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2.**

- General Committee Boys' School, at 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 142, St. Thomas's, City Terminus Hotel.
  - 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
  - 2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.
  - 2272, Rye, Peckham Public Hall, Peckham.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**
- 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

**PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS**

For the week ending Saturday, March 2, 1889.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 43, St. Paul's, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 48, Industry, Masonic Hall, Gateshead, Durham.
- 62, Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
- 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
- 353, Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Burton-on-Trent.
- 377, Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, Kidderminster.
- 491, Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, Jersey.
- 699, Boscawen, Masonic Hall, Chacewater, Cornwall.
- 993, Robert Burns, Albion Hotel, Manchester.
- 1110, Tyrian, Gilridge Hotel, Eastbourne.
- 1177, Tenby, Masonic Hall, Tenby, Pembrokeshire.
- 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- 1258, Kennard, Masonic Hall, Pontypool.
- 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 1752, Ogmores, Wyndham Arms Hotel, Brigid, Glamorganshire.
- 1753, Obedience, White Hart Hotel, Okehampton, Devon.
- 1991, Agricola, Masonic Rooms, Castlegrave, York.
- 2068, Portsmouth Temperance, Soldiers' Institute, High-street, Portsmouth.
- 2131, Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Salop.
- 2257, Powell, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
- 2279, Thornham, Half-way-House, Thornham, Lancs. (F.D.)

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- 74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham, at 7.
- 184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, 7.30.
- 213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
- 292, Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 7.
- 302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
- 315, Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 8.30.
- 378, Loyal Welsh, M.H., Queen-street, Pembroke Dock, at 7.30.
- 382, Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.
- 429, Royal Navy, Shipwrights' Arms, Ramsgate, at 8.
- 521, Truth, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, at 8.
- 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 8.
- 962, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-st., Worlington, at 8.
- 1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, at 8.
- 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 7.
- 1221, Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
- 1424, Brownrigg, King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, Kent, 7.30.
- 1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter's-place, Canterbury, at 8.
- 1536, United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
- 1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Alford, at 8.
- 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, 8.
- 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.**

- 219, Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
- 214, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 310, Union, Masonic Rooms, Castle-street, Carlisle.
- 395, Guys, Crown Hotel, Leamington.
- 458, Aire and Calder, Masonic Rooms, Boothferry-road, Goole.

**MARK LODGES.**

- The Old York, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
- 55, University, Masonic Hall, Frewin-court, Oxford.
- 64, St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport.
- 109, Keystone, Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
- 162, William de Irwin, Chough's Hotel, Yeovil.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 253, Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gover-street, Derby.
- 299, Emulation, Bull Inn, Dartford.
- 310, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
- 357, Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Frewin-court, Oxford.
- 504, Stability, Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge.
- 597, St. Cybi, Masonic Hall, Holyhead.
- 943, Sincerity, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
- 954, St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport.
- 1016, Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 1358, Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton, Devon.
- 1479, Halsey, Town Hall, St. Alban's.
- 1506, Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead.
- 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 1636, St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
- 1650, Rose of Raby, Scarth Memorial Hall, Staindrop, Durham.
- 1675, Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 1678, Medway, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge.
- 1726, Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor, Sussex.
- 1779, Ivanhoe, Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
- 1834, Duke of Connaught, F.M.H., Commercial-road, Landport.
- 1942, Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton.
- 2025, St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- 24, Newcastle-on-Tyne, M.H., Grainger-street, Newcastle, 7.30.
- 119, Sun, Square, and Compasses, F.M.H., Whitehaven, at 7.30.
- 127, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate, at 8.30.
- 131, Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Quay-street, Truro, at 7.30.
- 204, Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley, at 7.30.
- 371, Perseverance, F.M.H., Englefield-street, Maryport, at 8.
- 448, St. James's, St. John's-place, Halifax, at 8.
- 493, East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45.
- 581, Faith, Old Boar's Head, Hyde's Cross, Manchester.
- 591, Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, at 8.
- 603, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, at 7.
- 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
- 726, Staffordshire Knot, Swan Hotel, Stafford, at 8.
- 855, Sympathy, Swan Hotel, Wootton-under-Edge, at 7.30.
- 974, Pentalpha, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, at 6.30.
- 1098, St. George, Temperance Hall, Tredegar.
- 1119, St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Grange-road, Jarrow, at 8.
- 1237, Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- 1244, Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar, at 8.
- 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo.
- 1390, Whitwell, M.H., Salthouse-road, Millom, Cumberland.
- 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
- 1598, Leyspring, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.

1618 Handyside, Queen's Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.  
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.

74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
103, Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
158, Adam's, Britannia Hotel, Mill Town, Sheerness.  
721, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Eastgate-row North, Chester.  
823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
969, Sir George Elliot, Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.  
1009, Rose of Sharon, Masonic Hall, St. Day, Scorerier.

MARK LODGE.

255, Robinson, Bell Hotel, Week-street, Maidstone.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

CRAFT LODGES.

76, Economy, Masonic Hall, Winchester.  
82, Foundation, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.  
163, Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
250, Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, Hull.  
257, Phoenix, No. 110, High-street, Portsmouth.  
439, Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley, Yorks.  
540, Stuart, Swan Hotel, Bedford.  
724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
887, Leigh, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
1119, St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Jarrow, Durham.  
1219, Strangeways, Old Boars Head, Corporation-st., Manchester.  
1283, Ryburn, M.H., Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge, Yorks.  
1386, St. Hugh, Masonic Rooms, Mint-street, Lincoln.  
1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1760, Leopold, Masonic Hall, Scarborough.  
1775, Leopold, Commercial Hot., Church, near Accrington, Lancs.  
1967, Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent.  
1984, Earl of Clarendon, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.  
1989, Stirling, Market Hall, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.  
2064, Smith Child, Town Hall, Tunstall, Staffordshire.  
2149, Gordon, Masonic Hall, Cheapside, Hanley, Staffordshire.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

20, Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Mitre Hotel, Chatham.  
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.  
551, Yarborough, Masonic Hall, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.  
972, St. Augustine, Masonic Temple, Canterbury, at 8.30.  
1085, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.  
1356, Toxteth, 140, North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.  
1601, Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8.  
2099, Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay, at 8.  
2266, Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.  
2266, Cator, Railway Hotel, Beckenham, at 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-st., Woolwich.  
284, Shakespeare, Masonic Hall, High-street, Warwick.  
322, Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport.  
357, Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Frewin Court, Oxford.  
430, Fidelity, Astley Arms Inn, Duckinfield, Cheshire.  
1225, Abbey, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.  
1335, Lindsay, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.  
1350, Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-Cum-Hardy.  
1395, Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking Station.

MARK LODGES.

Northumberland and Berwick-upon-Tweed, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
75, Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
179, Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.  
237, St. Andrew's, King's Head Hotel, Rochester, Kent.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

CRAFT LODGES.

39, St. John the Baptist, Freemasons' Hall, Gandy-st., Exeter.  
78, Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton, Lancashire.  
111, Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington.  
129, Union, Masonic Rooms, St. George's Hall, Kendal.  
202, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport.  
286, Samaritan, Green Man, Bacup, Lancashire.  
346, United Brethren, Grosvenor Hotel, Blackburn.  
348, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Institute-street, Bolton.  
590, La Cesarea, Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, Jersey.  
594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
636, Lodge de Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.  
1651, Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
707, St. Mary's, Masonic Hall, Bridport.  
784, Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.  
807, Cabell, 47, Giles-street, Norwich.  
809, United Good Fellowship, Rose and Crown, Wisbech.  
904, Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Domine-lane, Rotherham.  
935, Harmony, Masonic Hall, Adelphi-st., Salford, Lancashire.  
966, St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek.  
1097, St. Michael, Swan Hotel, Tenbury, Worcester.  
1151, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall.  
1103, Emulation, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
1313, Fermor, Freemasons' Hall, Eastbank-st., Southport, Lancs.  
1322, Waverley, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1392, Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire.  
1404, Saint Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
1418, Fraternity, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees.  
1501, Wycombe, South Bucks Auction Mart, High Wycombe.  
1505, Emulation, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors.  
1626, Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Map-e-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
1630, St. Michael's, Queen's Hotel, Coventry.  
1705, Prince of Wales, India Arms Hotel, Gosport.  
1957, Grove, Cock Inn, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.  
1971, Aldershot Army and Navy, Masonic Hall, Barrack-road, Aldershot.  
2017, Duke of Portland, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.  
2195, Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover.  
2214, Josiah Wedgwood, Wesleyan Schools, Etruria, Staffs.  
2215, Anfield, Eaton Hall, Brick-road, Liverpool.  
2269, Peace, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

70, St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes-pl., Plymouth.  
77, Freedom, New Falcon Hotel, West-street, Gravesend, at 8.30.  
110, Loyal Cambrian, M.H., High-street, Merthyr Tydvil, at 7.  
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.  
788, Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.  
1050, Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester, Kent.  
1209, Lewises, Balmoral Hotel, Broadstairs, at 7.30.  
1224, Stour Valley, Masonic Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk, at 7.  
1325, Stanley, 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8.  
1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30.  
1437, Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun Hotel, Romford, at 7.  
1580, Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, at 7.30.  
1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, at 8.  
1884, Chine, Masonic Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.  
1892, Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton, at 7.30.  
1915, Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Whitstable.  
1957, Grove, Cock Inn, Hazelgrove, at 8.  
1973, Saye and Sele, Greyhound Hotel, Carshalton, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

57, Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull.  
113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston, Lancashire.  
133, Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Faversham.  
300, Northampton, Masonic Hall, Northampton.  
394, Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.  
448, Regularity, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
1042, Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.  
1776, Lar.dport, Freemasons' Hall, Landport.

MARK LODGES.

34, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-st., Manchester.  
124, Union, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.  
132, Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole.  
349, Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1.

CRAFT LODGES.

44, Friendship, Albion Hotel, Manchester.  
81, Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
306, Alfred, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.  
574, Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, Temperance H., Newbury.  
601, St. John's, Bull's Head Hotel, Wellington, Salop.  
680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
698, Ryde, Masonic Hall, Ryde, Isle of Wight.  
799, Invicta Lodge of Ashford, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.  
751, Eastnor, Masonic Hall, Ledbury, Hereford.  
837, De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.  
936, Adair, Private Room, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.  
998, Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.  
1009, Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
1096, Lord Warden, St. George's Hall, Deal.  
1230, Barnard, Masonic Hall, Barnard Castle.  
1295, Gooch, Queen's Royal Hotel, New Swindon.  
1375, Architect, Town Hall, Withington, Lancashire.  
1405, Southwell, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.  
1509, Madoc, Masonic Hall, Portmadoc, Carnarvonshire.  
1561, Morecambe, King's Arms Hotel, Morecambe.  
1664, Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth, Northumberland.  
1725, Douglas Gateway, Ancient College, Maidstone.  
1754, Windsor, Masonic Hall, Penarth, Glamorgan.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

123, Lennox, Masonic Hall, Newbiggin, Richmond, Yorks, at 8.  
187, Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.  
205, Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Rooms, Keighley, at 8.  
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.  
1289, Rock, Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street, Birkenhead, 8.  
1991, Agricola, 3, Peter-lane, Market-street, York, at 8.  
Bristol (Province), Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

170, All Soul's, Masonic Hall, Weymouth.  
359, Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.

MARK LODGES.

27, Porchester, Temperance Hall, Newbury.  
325, Lebanon, Masonic Temple, Fowey.  
383, St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

143, Temple Bruer, Masonic Hall, Mint-street, Lincoln.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2.

CRAFT LODGES.

1388, Canynoges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
1458, Truth, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.  
1466, Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton.  
1550, Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, 1, Princess-square, Plymouth.  
2077, Epping, Cock Hall, Epping.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

478, Mersey, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.

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