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THE proceedings of United Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication on Wednesday will be looked forward to with a very large amount of interest. In the first place, there will be the usual contest for the Grand Treasurership; and as the rival candidates—Bro. EDWARD TERRY, P.G. Stwd., and Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.M. 177, &c.—are well matched and have both of them established claims, by the length and excellence of their past services, on the support of the brethren, the result will be very anxiously awaited by their respective supporters. But what will cause even a greater stir than the comparative merits of Bros. TERRY and EVERETT, is an announcement contained in the Report of the Board of General Purposes to the effect that the said Board has been in treaty with the General Committee of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, on the subject of what is most familiarly known as Bacon's Hotel, the lease of which to Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited) ceased and determined on Christmas Day last. The Grand Mark Committee have offered to take the hotel for a term of 49 years, at a yearly rental of £360, and to expend about £3000 in converting it into a suitable head-quarters for the Mark Degree, and the Board of General Purposes have accepted the offer, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge. At first sight, it may seem incongruous that a branch of Masonry which is not recognised as constitutional—that is, as forming any part of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry—by United G. Lodge, should occupy premises belonging to the latter body, and there celebrate its unrecognised rites and mysteries. But, though Craft and Mark Masonry are separate and distinct branches of what is commonly spoken of as Freemasonry, and exist under separate and distinct organisations, there is no reason why they should not work to accomplish their respective objects and desires under what virtually may be regarded as one roof. No one can become a Mark Mason who has not already taken the Craft Degrees; each Grand Lodge is presided over by the Prince of WALES as Grand Master, and all the Past Grand Mark Masters from Lord LEIGH, who was appointed and installed in 1856, till now have been or are brethren of high and even the highest rank in Craft Masonry. The Grand Mark Officers, too, both Present and Past, are in like manner, and in nearly all cases, distinguished Craft Masons. Thus the members of the Mark must have been in the first place Craftsmen, and the two organisations, though separate and distinct from each other, have the same principal object in view, namely, to strengthen the bonds of Charity and good-fellowship among men of different classes and creeds. We trust, therefore, that United Grand Lodge will endorse with its approval the recommendation of its Board of General Purposes in respect of leasing Bacon's Hotel to the Mark Grand Lodge, and that at no distant date we may see the Mark Degree housed in premises belonging to our United Grand Lodge. As will be seen elsewhere, the proposal has already been sanctioned by the Mark Grand Lodge.

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Grand Mark Lodge. SEEING how ample is the report we publish elsewhere of the proceedings of the Especial Grand Mark Lodge on Monday, and that we have referred to the subject at length in the preceding paragraph, it does not appear to be necessary for us to say more in connection with those proceedings than that we consider the Grand Mark authorities have acted wisely in offering to lease Bacon's Hotel for a long term of years, so that they may have a local habitation as well as the distinguished name they have possessed for so many years, and, at the same time, may be able to derive some advantage from their large outlay and the additional responsibilities they have undertaken. We consider, also, that the authorities of United Grand Lodge have acted as wisely as they have courteously in receiving and favourably entertaining the proposal of the Mark Committee; and in congratulating the latter on the spirit of enterprise it has shown in this matter, we express a hope that they may soon be in a position to realise their very natural and reasonable aspirations.

The Festival
of the
R.M.B.I.

It is evident that we were a little too sanguine in our anticipations that the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Wednesday would prove at least as successful as that of last year. The number of brethren who gave their services as Stewards was so largely in excess of what it was in 1888, and so many of the Provinces which are known to be regular contributors, and on a large scale, at these gatherings, were well, and even numerous represented, that we are afraid we did not make sufficient allowance for two counteracting influences, namely (a), the heavy drain on the purses of Craftsmen caused by the Centenary of the Girls' School in June last; (b) the criticisms which obtained publicity through the medium of other Masonic journals, not during the slack season of the year, when there would have been ample time to discuss the various questions that were raised, but just at the most critical period—that is, within a few weeks of the day appointed for the Festival, when all interested in, or connected officially with, the Institution, were straining every nerve in order to obtain the requisite funds for the year's expenditure, and more, if possible. However, the Anniversary has come and gone, with the result that a Board of 360 Stewards has failed to raise as much by some £2000 as the smaller one of last year, which numbered only 276 members, experienced no special difficulty in obtaining. This is very much to be regretted, not only on account of the Institution, which will be compelled to draw upon its capital in order to make good the difference between the close on £15,000, which must be found somehow or somewhere, and the £13,000, which was announced as the total of the contributions; but also because there is a more formidable list of candidates than usual—62 men and 81 widows; and had the necessary £15,000 been exceeded to any appreciable extent, it is possible the Committee of Management might have been induced to enlarge their responsibilities and increase to a slight extent the number of annuitants. But regrets are unavailing now, and we gladly turn to the more agreeable duty which devolves upon us of expressing as far as in us lies the thanks of the general body of English Masons for the services rendered by the Chairman, his Board of Stewards, and the brethren who assisted them with their donations and subscriptions. Bro. Lord EUSTON presided so ably and worked so energetically that we should gladly have congratulated him if the measure of his success had been more nearly what it deserved to be, and what we anticipated it would be. His Province, too, which, as we point out elsewhere, is by no means strong, supported him most loyally and generously, while London and the rest of the Provinces did their part well, though their efforts were not rewarded with the same success as in former years.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next :

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December, 1888, will be read and put for confirmation.
2. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
3. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
4. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz. :—

The widow of a brother of the Beacontree Lodge, No. 1228, London	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1722, Dagshai, E.I.	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon	50 0 0
A brother of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, London ..	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, London	50 0 0
A brother of the British Union Lodge, No. 114, Ipswich	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 278, Gibraltar	50 0 0
A brother of the Stoneleigh Lodge, No. 725, Coventry	50 0 0
A brother of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, London	100 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Perfect Friendship, No. 376, Ipswich	100 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329, Camberwell	100 0 0
A brother of the Grenadiers Lodge, No. 66, London	75 0 0
A brother of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington	100 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 274, Newchurch ..	50 0 0

5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that on the 1st of December last they received notice from Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), the lessees of Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen-street, of their intention not to apply for a renewal of the lease, which terminated at Christmas.

The Board thereon consulted with the Grand Superintendent of Works as to the amount to be claimed for dilapidations, and also as to the steps which should be taken for re-letting the building, and this latter business was placed in the hands of a leading firm of agents, through whom an offer was received of £300 per annum from a gentleman proposing to open the house as a temperance hotel. The Board, however, considered that there

were several objections to their accepting this offer, and they subsequently received another one from the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of £360 per annum (the rent hitherto received) for a lease of 49 years, together with an undertaking to expend about £3000 on the Building, the plans to be subject to the approval of the Grand Superintendent of Works, and the nett amount received from Messrs Spiers and Pond for dilapidations to be handed over to them. The arrangement being subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons.

The Board consider that this offer is in every respect a very desirable one; they have, therefore, accepted it subject to the approval of Grand Lodge.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

19th February, 1889.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of February last, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £4659 19s. 9d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £23 16s. 7d.

6. Report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1888.

List of brethren nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer:—

Edward O'Connor Terry, P.G. Stwd., P.M. and Treas. of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, London. Nominated by Bro. Sir John R. Somers Vine, W.M. No. 2190, London.

George Everett, P.M. and Treas. of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, London. Nominated by Bro. William John Ferguson, P.M. No. 177, London.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

Lodge 2291, The West Ham Abbey, Stratford, Essex.

„ 2292, The Duke of Brunswick, Brunswick, Victoria.

„ 2293, The Sandeford, Malmsbury, Victoria.

„ 2294, The Wavertree, Wavertree, Lancashire (W.D.)

„ 2295, The Scarisbrick, Southport, Lancashire (W.D.)

„ 2296, The United Service, Launceston, Tasmania.

„ 2297, The Harding, Roebourne, Western Australia.

„ 2298, The Southern Cross, Palamcottah, Tinnevely, Madras.

„ 2299, The Mount Currie, Kokstad, Griqualand East, South Africa.

„ 2300, Aorangi, Wellington, Wellington, N.Z.

„ 2301, The Fortitude, Bluff, Otago, Southland, N.Z.

„ 2302, The St. Mary's, Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

A Special Meeting of Grand Mark Lodge was held on Monday afternoon at the Holborn Restaurant, for the purpose of authorising the taking of a lease of Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen-street, from United Grand Lodge of England, to be used as the head-quarters of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. Lord Egerton of Tatton, M.W. Pro G.M., presided, Bro. Broadley acted as D.G.M.; Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.M.; Bro. Lord John Taylour, as S.G.W.; Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, as J.G.W.; and a large attendance of other brethren.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form,

Lord EGERTON of TATTON said this was a Special Grand Lodge, and he thought it would best further the dispatch of business if he were to call on the M.W. Bro. Canon Portal to communicate fully to the Grand Lodge the negotiation which had led to the notice which was on the paper.

Canon PORTAL thereupon rose and said that some little time ago it came to the ears of the General Board that there was a probability of the lease of Bacon's Hotel in Great Queen-street, with which, he supposed, they were all acquainted, next to Freemasons' Tavern, being to be had, and the General Board appointed a small Committee, consisting of Bros. Berridge, Driver, and Richardson, the Grand Registrar, to inspect the premises and see whether it would be possible to adapt it to the purposes of this Grand Lodge. Those brethren reported that the premises were eminently suited for the purposes of Grand Mark Lodge, and they advised that overtures should be made to the Board of General Purposes of United Grand Lodge for taking a lease for as long a time as they would give. It appeared that there was no chance whatever of the Craft Grand Lodge being willing to sell the premises, though, of course, it would have been very far preferable to get the freehold; but freeholds, as the brethren were aware, were exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to get in London, and all that they could do, therefore, was to ask for a lease as long as could be properly given to them. Then they had a special meeting of the General Board on the question, and they unanimously resolved that they were open to spend somewhere about £3000 on this Bacon's Hotel if the Board of General Purposes of the Craft Grand Lodge would grant them a lease of 49 years, which was as good a term as they could reasonably expect. They were met in the kindest possible way by Col. Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary of the Craft, and Bro. Thomas Fenn, the President of the Board, and he had to express his hearty thanks to those brethren for the truly Masonic and kind manner in which they had acted towards them throughout. The General Board then asked Bro. Berridge and Bro. Driver to give them a rough idea of how the building could be turned into premises and offices and lodge rooms suited to the purposes of Grand Mark Lodge. The plans were drawn up, and were now in the room. They were simply a rough idea of what might be done, and it appeared from them that, besides the offices for their Secretaries and so forth, they could get a Grand Lodge room double the size of the room in which they were now assembled, and could get a dining hall which would hold 150 people comfortably. There were excellent kitchens if they were wanted, and they could have five excellent lodge rooms, with ante-rooms, either for private lodges of the Mark Degree or of other bodies that might choose to rent rooms there. Therefore, it was clear that these premises, at the cost of £3000, could be adapted to the purposes of Grand Mark Lodge, and he need not say that it would be an immense thing for their body to have a permanent habitation; and of all permanent habitations he thought that none—and all would agree with him in this—would be so suitable as under the roof of the Craft Grand Lodge, to which they all owed allegiance. Then came the question of finance, and, as regarded that, the figures were very simple, and he hoped the brethren would be able to follow him in what he was now going to lay before them. The rent they proposed to pay—and he hoped G.

Lodge would agree to accept it—for Bacon's Hotel was £360 a year. To that must be added £60, the interest of £2000 of their own money, which they would have to spend on the necessary alterations in the building. The rest of the £3000 would nearly all come from the money paid for dilapidations which the late tenants would hand over to them, so that they must take the rent at £420 per annum. Their present rent (at Red Lion-square) was £200, and they got as rent for it £103 a year. What then was there to balance the £420 against the present £200? What they might expect was this—if they had five lodge rooms, with the appropriate and proper clothing rooms, they might, he thought, expect—as there was a very great want of accommodation for lodges in that part of London, especially of lodges which wanted to dine—if they would be able to offer them this accommodation—to increase their receipts by five. There was nothing unreasonable in that. Then they would have £400 or £500 for the rent of lodge rooms. Therefore it was clear it would not be a bad investment. £2000 they might say would be sunk. No doubt that was so; but they might fairly expect from the increased prestige this body would obtain from having a house of its own, and also, as he said before, being almost under one roof with the great Craft Grand Lodge—they might look in the course of 50 years for such an accession of members as would pay them that £2000 over and over again. He did not know that he had anything more to state. They had the whole matter before them. The plans when they were definitely agreed upon would have to be submitted to the Grand Superintendent of Works of the Craft; of course that was only right and fair, as the freehold of the building belonged to the Craft Grand Lodge. He should propose, if they agreed, as he hoped they would unanimously, to their taking these premises, first of all that three brethren should be authorised to sign the lease; that the Pro Grand Master, himself (Canon Portal), and the Grand Registrar be those three brethren. He should also propose that they ask Craft Grand Lodge, which meets on Wednesday, March 6th, to be good enough to let them have these premises at a peppercorn rent from now until six months, when he was told the building could be altered for their purposes. It was customary, he believed, where a building was entirely re-arranged, or built, until the new tenant could take possession of it, to have it at a peppercorn rent. He supposed there would be no difficulty in getting Craft Grand Lodge to allow this, and he should ask them to give them the benefit of that regular custom. He had nothing more to say, but should be happy to answer any questions the brethren might be pleased to ask, and he now proposed “That the General Board be authorised to take a lease of the premises known as Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen-street, from the United Grand Lodge of England, for a period of 49 years, and to make such alterations in the same as may be necessary to adapt them for the purposes of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.”

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, Grand Reg., seconded the motion. After the lucid manner in which this matter had been explained by the President of the General Board he thought he need say but very few words. They had gone most carefully into it and had come to the conclusion that it was the best thing that could possibly happen for this Order. If they could get good and suitable premises, which at present they had not, there would be a very large accession of strength. Canon Portal had mentioned that they would get, no doubt, a large accession of lodge meetings at the new premises if they were successful in obtaining them, and he thought more than that. They knew there were numerous other bodies such as the Knight Templars and others seeking accommodation, which they were unable to have, nearly all meeting at hotels, and there was constantly heard the remark that they wished they had other more suitable premises. Therefore, instead of Canon Portal overdoing it he had rather underdone it, in saying the extra rent they would obtain would balance the cost.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND wished to know first whether they intended to keep the licence; secondly, was it intended to have cooking accommodation at the hotel, because if not it was no use begging the question whether dinners could be had. In the next place, under what terms had they the lease of Red Lion-square? If it was a lease for a term of years of the present premises, they had got to get rid of them. He asked this because the question had already been raised. In saying this he entirely coincided with what had been done, but he thought it right they should know as far as they possibly could what they were entering into, so that they might get, as Bro. Richardson had put it, other Degrees, and give them all the apartments and all the accommodation they might require. Of course, they clearly understood that if they were to have the licence continued they should have to close at a certain time, unless they had special permission; they would have to belike Freemasons' Tavern—they would have to keep a staff there. All these things naturally added to the expense; but he believed the Mark Degree was sufficiently strong for that. Canon Portal said the rent would be £420 a year, until they had got funds in hand to re-pay the £2000 to make the alterations, so that in a short time it would be decreased by the money they should pay back. He thought it would be in the interests of the Order to know whether it was intended to have cooking done there, if they were to keep the licence, or whether, as was done in small towns, make it a Masonic club, charge a minimum fee for each, and be a club among themselves. He knew it was usually done. If this motion was carried, a Committee might be appointed to consider all these details.

Canon PORTAL said as regarded the first question, it was not intended to keep on the licence. They could do so. About the cooking, there were admirable kitchens, but he supposed it would be more convenient to open communication with the Tavern, for the Tavern to provide banquets.

Col. SHADWELL CLERKE was afraid that would not be practicable; they would not be able to keep up an entrance to Freemasons' Tavern if they had a licence.

Canon PORTAL said there were kitchens in the base of the building, and they could provide banquets; there would be no difficulty on that score.

Bro. CUMBERLAND desired to know how long they would have the premises at Red Lion-square on their hands, because that would add to the rent of the new premises.

Bro. F. RICHARDSON replied there were five more years to run, but he had no doubt they could give them up and get a tenant.

Canon PORTAL observed that there would not be the slightest difficulty in letting Red Lion-square.

Lord EGERTON of TATTON said the proposals had been submitted to the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and they met with his unqualified approval.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Canon PORTAL: Then I now propose, with the permission of the Grand Lodge, “That the Pro Grand Master, the President of the General

Board, and the Grand Registrar, be authorised to accept and execute any lease that may be necessary between the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. and the United Grand Lodge of England for carrying this resolution into effect."

Bro. BROADLEY seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Bro. CUMBERLAND supposed the lease would be taken under the seal of the Mark Grand Lodge.

Canon PORTAL: Quite so.

Bro. SCURRAH suggested that it should be taken into consideration whether they should keep up the licence, because there was a great deal in that.

Canon PORTAL said the question would be carefully considered. If they had a licence they would be under police supervision.

Canon PORTAL then moved, "That Grand Craft Lodge be asked to let Grand Mark Lodge have these premises at a peppercorn rent until such time as the alterations are completed."

Bro. SCURRAH asked whether it would not be better to state a time.

Canon PORTAL: Six months.

A BROTHER: The General Board would in their discretion take out the magistrate's certificate for a licence. It does not necessarily follow that they take out an excise licence, because that licence is very valuable.

Canon PORTAL: Just so.

Bro. BROADLEY seconded the motion.

Lord EGERTON of TATTON put the motion in the following words: "That application be made to the United Grand Lodge of England for the usual peppercorn rent for the first six months of the term, to enable the necessary alterations and re-building to be done."

The motion was carried.

Bro. CUMBERLAND, as the suggestion had been thrown out, thought something should be done in the next few days in respect to the licence. To protect their own property and themselves it ought to be done. He was sure that brethren dining on the premises would not have their wine from outside. If they offered one facility they should offer all facilities. The General Board should protect itself in the point of a licence.

Canon PORTAL: The licence shall be kept alive.

Bro. BINCKES having read a list of distinguished brethren who had written apologising for their unavoidable absence, the proceedings terminated, and Grand Lodge was closed.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Prov. Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, occupied the chair, and he was supported by

Bros. Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., 830, P.G.S.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart. (M.A., F.S.A.), V.P., P.G.W.; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx.; Asher Barfield, Vice-Patron, G. Treas.; Baron de Ferrieres, V.-Patron, P.G.D., P.P.G.W. Gloucester; John A. Farnfield, V.-Patron, P.A.G.D.C. (Treasurer); Major George Lambert, Vice-Patron, P.G. Swd. Br.; James Terry, Vice-Patron, P.G. Swd. Br.; Frederick Mead, P.G. Swd. Br.; C. F. Matier, Vice-President, P.G. Std. Br.; Walter Hopekirk, G.P.; Wm. H. Rylands (F.S.A.), P.G. Stwd.; Harry E. Pollard, P.G. Stwd.; W. J. Parker, P.G. Stwd.; Edward Terry, P.G. Stwd.; H. S. Clutton, G.S.; Charles Belton, Vice-Patron, P.P.G.W. Surrey; H. E. Cousins, P.P.G.W. Lincoln; Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.P.G.W. Kent; George Dalrymple, P.P.G.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; R. Joynes Emmerson, Vice-President, P.P.G.W. Kent; George Ellard, P.P.G.W. Northants and Hunts; R. G. Glover, P.D.G.D.C.; C. E. Keyser, Vice-Patron, P.P.G.W. Heits, 1549; H. Offley Wakeman, Vice-Patron, P.P.G.W. Oxford; Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, Vice-Patron, P.P.G.W. Oxford; S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.P.G.W. Surrey; Geo. F. W. Mortimer, P.P.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; Joseph H. Lawson, P.P.G.W. Derby; Edward Segar, P.J.G.W. W. Lancs.; H. D. Stock, P.P.G.W. Kent; W. Lascelles Southwell, P.P.G.W. Salop; Sir G. David Harris, P.D.G.W. Bahamas; W. B. Williamson, P.P.G.W. Worcester; Rev. W. D'A. Crofton, P.P.G. Chap. Herts; Rev. P. Deedes, P.P.G. Chap. Herts; Rev. Edward Mitford-Weigall, P.P.G. Chap. Lincoln; Rev. Richard Peek, P.P.G. Chap. Suffolk; William Whitton, P.G. Treas. Northants and Hunts; V. C. S. Crump, P.G. Treas. Salop; W. H. Bailey, P.P.G. Reg. Staffs.; S. R. Baskett, P.P.G. Reg. Dorset; E. A. Hicks, P.G.R. Salop, P.G.P. Worcester; F. Hughes Hallett, P.G.R. Kent; Chas. Henry Vincent, P.P.G.R. Suffolk; James Moffatt, P.P.G.R. Warwick; C. D. Cheetham, jun., P.P.G.D. E. Lancs.; Alfred Cockerill, P.P.G.D. Norths and Hunts; W. Dixey, P.P.G.D. Norths and Hunts; Samuel Green, P.P.G.D. Gloucester; S. H. Sharman, P.P.G.D. Cambs.; and others.

After dinner, Bro. the Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith having said grace, the toasts of the evening were proposed.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Queen," said: The first toast I have to propose to you this evening is one that is always well received by Englishmen, and much more well received by all Masons. If there is one thing we Masons pride ourselves on it is our loyalty to the Crown in whatever country we dwell, and our obedience to the laws and ordinances of that country. This toast needs no more words from me, and, therefore, I ask you to drink the health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen of England, Empress of India, and President of this Institution.

The toast having been duly honoured,

The CHAIRMAN again rose and said: The next toast I present to you is that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Patron of this Institution." (Loud cheers.) I think very few words will be needed from me to bring this toast to your notice from the favourable way you have received it already. We can say this much, that we have the greatest confidence in the Prince of Wales as Grand Master—we bear that true allegiance to him which we should do to the head of the Order, and we know that if we work as hard as he does for Freemasonry we shall do more than our duty.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." In doing so he said: I think there is no brother who doubts me when I say that when we ask the Grand Officers to come down to their respective provinces to help them in great works they find a ready response in the Grand Lodge and the Grand Officers. They are only too ready to give their assistance at any time; and in saying that I express the feelings of all the brethren. I ask you to couple with this toast the name of one who is well known to the Craft, who has served it well for many years, and to whom we all look up with respect and affection—I mean the Grand Secretary. (Cheers.) We all know how hard he works, and how ready he is to give his assistance to

us on every possible occasion. (Hear, hear.) I am certain of one thing—that with him as Grand Secretary; to give us advice whenever we go to him to help us, we always shall find one ready to help us and to come down and do his work; and therefore we owe to him a deep debt of gratitude. He is most hardly worked, and none of us would like to go through the labour he does day after day, opening, and reading, and answering hundreds of letters.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, in responding to the toast, said: Although I am not the senior Grand Officer in the room, yet I have to obey the command of the noble brother in the chair, and to thank this large company present for the exceedingly kind and flattering way in which they have received this important toast. A very important toast it is, because it comprises the names of so many good and distinguished Masons who have done good suit and service to our Order, and have been fortunate enough to have their services recognised by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. I will not detain you in responding to this toast. It is an old one, and I have to reply to it briefly. I would simply say that the Grand Officers are thoroughly grateful for the kind way in which this toast is always received. The Grand Officers do try to make themselves deserving of the praise which is bestowed upon them, and I am quite sure whenever they can do anything to serve the Craft they will only be too happy and too glad to do so. I am exceedingly thankful to you for the kind way in which you have received the toast, and to our brother President, who has mentioned me personally in such a kind way, and I only hope that I shall be always received with the same kind recognition at the hands of the brethren.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed the toast of the evening, and said: Brethren, the toast I have now to put before you is the toast which we have all assembled here to celebrate and to honour to-night. It is the toast of "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." (Hear, hear, and cheers.) I am quite certain that the Craft in general must be pleased when they see this grand assemblage of Stewards from every province under the United Grand Lodge of England present here this evening. It is a number of Stewards that I may say it does me personally great credit to see here from last year; whereas there were then 276, this year there are 358. (Cheers.) I only hope that when the Secretary reads out the lists the increased number of Stewards will show an increased list of subscriptions. (Cheers.) I trust you will pardon me if I go back some 50 years to the foundation of this Institution. It is an Institution which was founded and suggested by the then Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, in 1842, and since that time 730 aged Masons have been relieved with annuities at the rate of £40 a year as long as they lived. After the last election there were 180 annuitants on the list receiving £40 a year, and I am sorry to say that there is an enormous number who still want to come on that list. Times have not gone well: what has hit one has hit another, and it has hit some very hard. And when I tell you that there are 64 candidates for the next election, and only 14 vacancies, it will convey to your mind how much we want to do beyond what we are doing now. Our income from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter for Aged Masons—I mean men—is £900 a year. The dividends on the funded property is £1128 a year, making a total of £2028 a year. Our deficiency every year, which has been made up, is £5172. Now, brethren, when you look at that you will feel with me that we ought not every year to depend so entirely upon the subscriptions of the Craft, but that we should go on doing what we are doing to the best of our ability—that we should use our income only in case of need—that we ought to keep on increasing and increasing the invested funded property, so that if a really bad year comes, which God grant it may not, we may then take the income and say "we can tide over this." But if we get hard hit and have to dip into our funded property, where are we going to be the next year? If once you begin to dip into your reserve fund, you will find the next year you will want to dip again, and the next year again, and in that way capital will soon go. Let us be content, and in spite of having to say with difficult words "No; let us seek out the most deserving cases that come before us, and give them the annuities we can afford to give, and not try and go beyond our absolute power." There is another branch of this Institution—the Widows' Fund—and after the last election there were 230 widows receiving £32 a year each, and some of them are at the home of the Institution. That means £7360 a year. The income of the Institution is £850 from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and £882 from their invested funds, making a total of £1732, leaving a deficiency of £6000. In plain language, that means that year by year as brethren all come forward as you have all done, those brethren who have the interest of the Craft at heart, and endeavour to keep up not only the name but the spirit of Charity, that £15,000 yearly is wanted to keep this Institution going without touching the funds of the Institution. (Hear, hear.) I cannot tell you, but I suppose presently the Secretary will tell you, what we have got to-night. I can only say it is a good lift on the road towards that sum. (Cheers.) We cannot expect every year such a lift, particularly after the Centenary of the Girls' School, when the whole Craft was called upon and answered in a way that no Charities had ever been answered before, for on that occasion £50,600 was forthcoming on the day of the celebration of the Centenary of the Girls' School at the Royal Albert Hall—a sum that we trust may do good to that Institution, that may set it on its legs, and, we hope, may enable it to make additions that they may want, so that they may not want so much the next two or three years; they cannot expect it. They have raised an immense sum, and you must not forget the old saying that the young are all very well in their way, but there are many men and many widows who are receiving the grants of £40 and £32 a year respectively, some of them living at their own homes, some of them living down at the Institution at Croydon. One old lady I saw there myself; she had been 25 years at the Institution, and I may tell you that before she came there she had every luxury in the world; but when her husband died he left her penniless, after she had been living in the greatest affluence and ease, and that old lady whom I saw living there is content and happy in the habitation provided for her by this Benevolent Institution. I do not want to detain you long, but I do want to say one thing. I want you all to go back to your provinces and to your respective lodges and take back the hanks of the Benevolent Institution for sending you up here this evening, and not only sending you up, but sending you up, as I trust you will hear from the Secretary, with a full hand. I think there is very little more to be said except this, that as we go on, so let us pull together in that harmony and brotherly love which we always have done, and let us never forget either one Charity or the other. Let us keep the one great object of our Institution before us, and whatever the world may say of Freemasonry, whether they say we dine too well or we enjoy ourselves too much, let us have that one consolation in our conscience, that we are doing good in every way we

possibly can. (Applause.) Brethren, I give you the toast of the evening, and that is "Success to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and Widows of Masons," and, while asking you to drink it heartily, I call upon Bro. Farnfield to reply to the toast.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, in responding to the toast, said: The large assemblage that we have here to-night does my heart good, because I fully believe that when so large a number of Masons are assembled together, the outcome of that assembly will be a very large total of the lists of the Stewards of the money that has been brought in. It was with fear and trembling the Committee approached this year, because in reviewing our balance sheet at the last General Committee, we found that last year we were something like £2000 to the bad; and after the bumper Festival that the Girl's School had we cannot hope to have as large a sum this year as the last. But everything comes to those that hope and do not despair, and seeing you all assembled round us to support his lordship in the chair, we have every hope that the total to-night will not be less than last year, but that it will be more. (Cheers.) In that hope I am sure you all will agree with me, and, therefore, I will not further trespass upon your time, but thank you all on behalf of the Committee and Executive of the Institution for so kindly responding to the toast. (Applause.)

Bro. TERRY then read the lists of subscriptions, the announcement of which was received with loud applause.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treasurer, then said: Brethren, the pleasing duty of proposing the next toast has devolved upon me, and I can assure you that it is with some diffidence that I approach that duty; but when I see the cheerful faces before me I feel fortified in attempting to perform it. The toast is, "The Health of our Right Hon. Chairman." Our chairman is a Provincial Grand Master, who is well recognised in his province, and, I may say, he is one of the most popular of the Provincial Grand Masters. (Applause.) From the splendid reception he had from the brethren of his province, I am quite sure that he dwells in the hearts of all Masons of that province; for by the way in which they have presented themselves to-night and supported him, by bringing so large a sum from a comparatively small province of upwards of £600, we may conclude it shows their earnestness in supporting this Institution. I am not going to take up your time long, but I am going to tell you that although our R.W. Chairman is a comparatively young Mason he has made great headway in the Craft. He holds great positions in the Craft; but he is not ashamed to hold minor positions, as at the present time he is holding the office of Junior Deacon in a London lodge. So that, brethren, you will see he is earnest in the cause—that he is determined to support our great Order, and to dignify it to the utmost of his ability. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN said: Brethren, I have to thank my worshipful brethren for the way in which they have received this toast, and the very worshipful brother for the kind and flattering way in which he has proposed it. I assure you I do not deserve as much as was said by the very worshipful brother. (Yes, yes.) No; I mean it. I can only tell you that I try to the utmost of my ability to do whatever duty devolves on me—to me rather. From the position I have been placed in in the Craft; and I only hope that when I do come and do what I am expected to do, I give you satisfaction. That satisfies me. But there is something beyond that. As our very worshipful brother told you, I am not an old Mason; but as a Mason I can only say this—I wish I had been a Mason when I was 20 years of age, because I do not know, going through all that you and I know about Masonry, that there is such an Institution in the world to compare with it—an Institution that, whether you are rich or poor, can do so much good—an Institution where the smallest mite is received thankfully, and applied faithfully. (Cheers.) That is the great and glorious point of our Institution, I think. We are brethren who stand hand to hand and shoulder to shoulder, and we can face the whole world and defy calumny, because the people who speak against us know nothing about us. I remember once seeing in the newspapers that a letter was answered. I know what my remark was at the time and I had to speak just after at a meeting, and I said that I thought it was a mistake to answer it all, because the person who wrote it did not know what he was writing about. We, brethren, know what we are doing, and all I can say is that, so long as I live, so long as I have health and strength, when you want me to do any service for the Craft I am at your command. And I want to say to you one word more; whatever we do, whatever we take into our hands to do, let us do it thoroughly and with our best ability. I thank you very heartily for the way in which you have received the toast and for the way in which it was proposed, and I hope this will not be the last time that we shall meet together. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "Success to the other Masonic Institutions, the Girls' School (Festival, May), the Boys' School (Festival, June 26th)." In giving the toast, his lordship said: I have yet another toast to bring to your notice, and on which it is very difficult for me to say very much, because I have exhausted almost all my ingenuity in trying to make a speech on the one Charity. I now find that I have to propose success to the other Institutions, and I most heartily wish that the Girls' School and the Boys' School may have great success. I call to your notice that the Girls' School Festival is in May, and the Boys' School Festival is on the 26th June. Now, although the Girls' School may have had a very fair share of the good things of this world, I do not say they do not want help, and I know you will all be ready to give it. And the Boys' School also wants assistance, and I think a great deal of assistance, and I only hope that you will all come forward again from your provinces, and help it so far as you can do it without detriment to yourselves or connections. Every little helps. Do not be afraid of five shillings; it all goes on, and every little helps. Although we are anxious to take care of our Aged Masons and Widows, who from unforeseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune have come to distress and want, we are also anxious that the sons and daughters of Masons who may not be able to give them a fair start in life should have a start given them by us in the shape of a good education, and keeping them for a certain time of their lives till they are able to take care of themselves. And we only hope that the education they receive at the Girls' and Boys' Schools will help them in earning their livelihood when they come to the age of maturity. I will not praise one Institution more than the other. I ask you to heartily drink success to the Masonic Institutions, the Girls' School, and the Boys' School, and I must call upon Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Girls' School, being the senior one, to reply to this toast.

Bro. HEDGES, in response, said: I rise with great pleasure on this occasion to acknowledge the very kind manner in which this toast has been received. It affords me a double pleasure, in that this is the third time within a very short space that I have had the honour of replying to this toast when proposed by your noble Chairman of to-night. The pleasure is also greatly enhanced, in that it affords me an opportunity of tendering the

sister Institution our most sincere congratulations on the great success which has attended the labours of the Stewards on this occasion. I can only express the hope that the same liberality which has been extended to the Benevolent Institution to-day will be extended to the Boys' School in June, as you have already heard from your Chairman, that Institution really does need your assistance. The Girls' School naturally is looking forward to its Festival—the 101st—in May next, and we shall be very grateful for the assistance to which your noble Chairman referred. But while saying that, I would rather plead for the larger amount for the Boys' School, seeing that last year the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls had that glorious Festival at the Royal Albert Hall, to which reference has already been made to-night. And I would ask to be allowed, my lord, to take this opportunity to tender, on behalf of that Institution, my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who, by their unremitting energy and unbounded liberality contributed towards that magnificent Festival, which was at once a financial success unparalleled, and a Masonic celebration which has never been surpassed. I will not trespass further upon your time, but will conclude by thanking you once more for the Boys' and Girls' Schools for the very kind manner in which this toast has been received to-night.

Bro. BINCKES, in response to loud calls, which were for some time repeated, said: On behalf of the Boys' School, I rise with extreme reluctance to thank you for the very graceful response you have given to this toast. My good friend, Bro. Hedges, has thanked you on behalf of both the Girls' and the Boys' School, and I think it a very hard case that the assemblage should be troubled with a double response. But by the almost unanimous feeling of the brethren assembled here they insist on a word or two from me. I would only say with reference to the Boys' School, which has suffered very severely by the competition with the magnificent celebration of the Girls' School last year, we do place ourselves before you at the Festival of June, 1889, as really and truly deserving of all the sympathy and all the support that you can possibly render to us. I do not know that I am prudent in alluding to the investigation which has been instituted with reference to the management of our Institution. I know very well I am justified in alluding to it, because I am painfully aware that a large number of brethren who are disposed to come to our relief and to our assistance this year are withholding their support pending the production of the report of that enquiry. I have no hesitation in stating to you that I believe that I have attended the meetings of that Committee over and over again, and whatever faults may have been found with reference to details as to our management, there is no justice in your withholding your support from the Institution, as under our care since 1798 1838 sons of Freemasons have been provided for, and we have now 260 generously supported by the Craft. If we have been too generous in our administration, who has had the privilege and benefit of that generosity? The boys—the sons of Freemasons—and I do trust and fervently hope that the brethren will come forward and help us in this hour of our need and distress, and make, by the success of June, 1889, something like a compensation for the loss we sustained by the competition with the Girls' School in 1888. Although wishing every success to the Girls' School, with which Bro. Hedges is coupled, I do hope that the Institution with which I have been associated over 30 years will attract your sympathy and support, as I know it will justify your sympathy and support, and that you will not withhold from us your help in our distress this year. I can only say to every one here present it is a source of immense gratification that, notwithstanding the rumours floating about, in every way you deem me worthy of paying me the compliment, under the supervision of your excellent Chairman, to respond on behalf of the Institution with which I am more immediately connected, which I can assure you is deserving at your hands of all the support that can be given to it. (Applause.)

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence, then said: Brethren, a most attractive concert awaits us in the adjoining hall, and a greater attraction, the society of ladies; and it would ill become us on this occasion to part without tendering to the Board of Stewards our hearty congratulations and thanks for their individual exertions for the present festival. (Hear, hear.) Those who have worked with the Stewards know how much depends on the personal efforts of the Stewards, and it never was better exemplified than by the magnificent sum brought up by those Stewards of the Province of Norths and Hunts, over whom our Chairman presides as Prov. G. Master. (Applause.) I ask you to join me—I will be brief—in thanking them all heartily for obtaining the magnificent result that we have heard announced by our excellent Bro. Terry. We know how a Board of Stewards has to work, but we also know how the work is made easy for them if they have a good President; and I venture to think on this occasion they are lucky enough to have a President who has shown an interest in Masonry from the time he was first initiated as few Masons have done; I allude to Sir Lionel Darell.

The toast having been duly honoured,

Sir LIONEL DARELL said: I must thank you, Bro. Grey, for the kind terms in which you have proposed the health of the Board of Stewards, and also you, brethren, for the kind way in which you have received that toast. In an ordinary way, to respond for so representative and influential a body as the present Board of Stewards would be indeed a difficult task; but to me, on the present occasion, it is a comparatively easy one, for I am perfectly well aware of the unanimity that has existed on that Board, which is the true characteristic of all good and true Masons; and, therefore, in saying for all my brother Stewards, as well as for myself, that if this Festival has equalled those that have preceded it, we, the Stewards, are more than amply repaid for any exertions we may have been put to with regard to this most excellent Institution. (Hear, hear.) I cannot call it work, brethren, because everything connected with Masonry with us is a labour of love, (Cheers.) I will not detain you more than a moment, but I feel that my brother Stewards would think I had been wanting, not in duty, but in what I ought to do, which is the greatest pleasure for me to do, if I was to sit down without testifying to the excellent work which has been done by our Secretary, Bro. Terry. I am perfectly aware that the body of Stewards have done everything they could to insure this Festival's success—first of all, financially, and secondly, socially; but the principal arrangement of this Festival, you know, devolves upon our Bro. Terry, and, therefore, I, as President of the Board of Stewards, am personally indebted to him for carrying it out in all its details. I think also that most of the brethren present will regret very much the absence of our good and worthy Treasurer, Major A. Bott Cook. He is not able to be with us this evening on account of indisposition, and I am sure we hope he will soon be restored to good health. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: There is one more toast, brethren, which I do not think

we ought to separate without drinking. I do not think I ought to have proposed it; but, still, as it is put down to me I will try to do honour to it. It is a toast that we all like; we all adore the ladies! (Hear, hear.) When it comes to practice, I have very seldom found a man who can refuse. I think that there are very few words needed from me to recommend it to your notice. Every home throughout the kingdom, from high to low, is gladdened by the presence of a woman—for a good woman can rule her house and make things pleasant under the most disagreeable circumstances; and, on the other hand, and I hope the cases are few and far between, how awful a house can be made by a woman who does not make herself agreeable. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Let us hope that they have all enjoyed themselves this evening; let us think that all women are charming, and all that we wish; let us wish them all happiness and all goodness, and that every single man here present may find one who will make his home bright and happy. (Cheers.)

Major LAMBERT responded on behalf of the ladies, who were always pleased to come to Masonic gatherings to see how Masons conducted themselves.

A BROTHER from Kent thought some recognition should be made of Kent producing the largest amount on the list that evening, £821, and he did not think the occasion should be allowed to pass over without the brethren's attention being drawn to it. It was even larger than the Chairman's Province of Norths and Hunts, which sent up £623.

The brethren then adjourned to the Temple, where the ladies were enjoying a charming concert, in which the following distinguished artistes took part, under the direction of Bro. Robert De Lacy, Vicar Choral, St. Paul's Cathedral; Miss Julie Albu, Miss Blanche Murray, R.A.; Miss Julia Jones, Madame Pauline Featherby; Bros. Edward Dalzell, Alfred Kenningham, Herbert Schartau, R. E. Miles, and R. De Lacy; solo violin—Madame Adelina Dinelli; at the grand piano—Bro. John Jefferies.

The orchestra performed a choice selection of music during dinner, under the direction of Bro. H. J. Calcott. The orchestra consisted of—leader and solo violin, Mr. H. J. Calcott; 1st violin, Mr. S. Lewis; 2nd violin, Mr. R. Hofres; viola, Mr. A. Cohen; cello, Mr. J. Saunders; basso, Mr. F. Tyler; flute, Mr. J. Drury; clarinet, Mr. J. Style; and solo cornet, Mr. F. James.

STEWARDS' LISTS.

UNATTACHED.		£ s. d.	Lodge	£ s. d.
Bro. Sir George D. Harris	...	10 10 0	49 Bro. John Turner	10 10 0
" Horace B. Marshall, J.P.	...	10 10 0	55 " Frank John Unite	50 7 6
" George E. Fairchild	...	10 10 0	Chapter	
" Charles N. Fox	...	10 10 0	58 Comp. Henry Carter	44 1 0
" George H. Kenning	...	10 10 0	Lodge	
" F. Sumner Knyvett	...	10 10 0	72 Bro. Frederick Dunn	46 19 6
" J. H. Lane	...	16 5 0	79 " Henry Roberts	68 5 0
" Reginald Mills	...	10 10 9	87 " E. Chamberlain	49 3 0
" William Shummur	...	207 15 0	95 " F. Johnson	...
" James Terry	...	10 10 0	Chapter	
" William W. Westley	...	26 5 0	95 Comp. Millner Jutsum	24 3 0
" J. W. Dewsnap	...	52 10 0	Lodge	
" Sir R. Hanson, Bart.	...	10 10 0	96 Bro. Major H. A. Joseph	88 4 0
" Thomas Hutchinson	...	10 10 0	141 " Walter Langdale	57 15 0
" Henry Lovegrove	...	10 10 0	147 " George Belton	15 15 0
" C. F. Matier	...	10 10 0	157 " F. F. Shoebridge	15 15 0
" H. B. Marshall, jun.	...	10 10 0	162 " Henry Garle	17 17 6
" B.A.	...	10 10 0	167 " F. E. Bailey	28 12 0
" Thomas W. Richardson	...	17 17 0	169 " Robert Jackson	92 16 0
" W. B. Fendick	...	10 10 0	Chapter	
" Clement Godson, M.D.	...	10 10 0	173 Comp. H. W. Davie	39 18 0
" Gordon Miller	...	10 10 0	Lodge	
" Alfred Cooper	...	36 15 0	174 Bro. Wm. J. Higgs	80 19 0
" Francis F. W. Oldfield	...	...	177 " Richard Harvey	96 0 6
" Arthur Dutton	...	...	Chapter	
" T. Blanco White	...	...	179 Comp. Walter Hopekirk	31 10 0
" W. J. Parker	...	10 10 0	Lodge	
" Rudolph G. Glover	...	...	180 Bro. E. Bateman	38 17 0
" Dep. Insp. Gen. Belgrave	...	...	185 " David Hills	53 11 0
" Ninnis, R.N.	...	...	188 " Lewis Lazarus	26 5 0
" Walter J. Nicholls	...	10 10 0	193 " William Belchamber	31 10 0
" George S. Horsnail	...	10 10 0	194 " Fredk. C. Christmas	64 11 6
" O. Philippe	...	10 10 0	197 " Arthur M. Cope	28 7 0
" Hugh Cotter	...	10 10 0	198 " F. W. Lee	...
" William Pierpoint	...	10 10 0	217 " William Eckersall	21 0 0
" W. J. Winder	...	10 10 0	212 " M. Mendelssohn	5 5 0
" George Pragnell	...	10 10 0	227 " Frederick Mead	45 3 0
" Charles Hiller	...	10 10 0	227 " Wm. G. Albert	...
" James Boulton	...	10 10 0	228 " William Smith	105 0 0
" William J. Crutch	...	10 10 0	256 " John A. Farnfield	51 19 0
" Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.	...	10 10 0	259 " Major A. B. Cook	162 15 0
" Edward C. Talbot	...	10 10 0	435 " William H. Kelly	23 2 0
" A. R. Carter	...	10 10 0	507 " C. N. Stone	27 6 0
" R. Pittam Stevens	...	10 10 0	511 " Asher Barfield	27 15 0
" Dr. W. H. Kialmark	...	5 5 0	534 " Joseph L. Apsey	36 15 0
" Major George Lambert	...	10 0 0	538 " W. G. Fenn	94 3 6
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			554 " George Etheridge	56 11 0
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			700 " J. H. Roberts	84 0 0
			720 " Fred. Purkiss	62 16 0
			733 " S. J. Humfress	81 18 0
			781 " A. H. Shepherd	220 0 0
			822 " Francis H. Searton	37 16 0
			865 " Edward Bond	16 16 0
			860 " Thomas Glass	15 15 0
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			862 " James Irvine	76 13 0
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			1288 " Alexander Mullord	36 15 0
			1298 " W. Haynes Dunn	32 11 0
			1206 " John Loftus	43 0 0
			1321 " H. Esling	33 14 0

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1366 " Francis Shelton	...	125 " Edward Hire	25 2 0
1366 " Edward Wareham	42 0 0	127 " John Healing	44 16 6
1366 " J. C. Yates	...	558 " J. N. Rogers	78 15 0
1383 " F. C. Sandeman	138 17 0	558 " H. D. Stock	...
1426 " John Seed	56 14 0	615 " G. W. Mitchell	32 11 0
1471 " Harry Hunt	63 10 0	709 " F. Hughes Hallett	7 7 0
1507 " Frank Dimsdale	88 15 6	972 " Richard Westwood	68 15 6
Chapter		1314 " Henry Gross	61 19 0
1507 Comp. B. Kauffman	37 10 0	1414 " Rev. John Stewart	38 0 6
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1540 " Herbert Brine	...	1692 " John King	70 7 0
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1642 " William J. Murlis	57 15 0	348 " Israel A. Greenhalgh	63 0 0
1642 " Robert H. Pearson	...	348 " Robert Jones	...
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1687 " Walter Adams	39 7 6	Lodge	
1687 " E. L. P. Valeriani	...	1009 Bro. George Hunt	...
1693 " Thomas Caveley	...	1030 " J. Cookson	10 10 0
1716 " W. G. Wilshaw	78 4 6	1077 " Roger W. Scoles	10 10 0
Chapter		1458 " Frederick Hilton	7 7 0
1716 Comp. G. Anderson	...	1723 " Benj. Derham	10 10 0
Lodge		1723 " Dr. G. H. Whitaker	10 10 0
1728 Bro. H. J. Rolls	63 0 0	1814 " Wm. Smith, M.D.	10 10 0
1732 " W. M. Stiles	69 16 6	LANCASHIRE, WEST DIVISION.	
1744 " William Jacques	25 0 0	32 Bro. Edward Segar	10 10 0
1769 " Alfred Portway	38 4 6	32 " I. Banner Newton	10 10 0
1804 " John A. Ellerton	41 5 0	880 " J. de Belo Adams	51 9 0
1819 " John T. Kimppe	59 3 0	1299 " T. Archer Withay	10 10 0
1827 " Edwin F. Fitch	28 7 0	1384 " W. J. Thomson	10 10 0
1839 " C. H. Cox	65 6 0	LINCOLNSHIRE.	
1910 " Charles Belton	15 15 0	The Province—	
1928 " R. J. Griffiths	16 15 0	Lodge	
1949 " Charles J. Axford	31 10 0	Bro. H. E. Cousans	374 7 0
1964 " James E. Terry	57 15 0	362 " Ben. H. Russell	31 10 0
1964 " Wm. Bellingham	143 13 6	792 " W. R. F. Morton	16 12 0
2020 " Henry H. Wells	25 2 0	2078 " Rev. Ewd. Millford	...
2021 " George Coop	...	Weigall	15 15 0
2060 " Ernest St. Clair	31 10 0	2284 " Jack Sutcliffe	10 10 0
2128 " William Masters	21 0 0	MIDDLESEX.	
2182 " Frederick Cambridge	37 13 0	778 " William Roebuck	31 8 0
2190 " Edward Terry	42 0 0	788 " Tom N. Nott	...
2193 " John Barnett, jun.	69 6 0	1293 " Col. H. ... Gordon	15 15 0
2202 " J. K. R. Cama	38 17 0	1309 " Chas. R. Tinker	10 10 0
2202 " Charles Sheppard	...	1309 " Henry Woods	10 10 0
2242 " Edward G. Lewis	40 0 0	1326 " William Kite	10 10 0
2265 " Harry Barnato	...	1415 " J. Hutchinson	24 2 6
2265 " Joseph Da Silva	103 13 6	1549 " C. E. Keyser (see also Hert's)	63 0 0
THE PROVINCES.		1567 " W. A. Brown	138 5 0
BERKS AND BUCKS.		1567 " J. Mason	...
948 Bro. John Lee Dale	...	1597 " Dr. W. Cock	28 7 0
1899 " S. G. Kirchhoffer	23 2 0	2024 " "	...
BRISTOL.		1793 " Walter R. Plaford	23 4 0
Bro. William Purnell	52 5 0	1897 " Oscar Van Holtorp	13 11 6
CAMBRIDGE.		2048 " Phillip Cheek	...
441 Bro. S. H. Sharman	84 0 0	2105 " John Read	21 0 0
441 " Robert Roy	10 10 0	NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.	
CHESHIRE.		CHAIRMAN, The Right Hon.	
336 Bro. Ralph Andrews	26 5 0	the Earl of Euston,	
1576 " John Morris	10 10 0	including his lord-	
CORNWALL.		ship's personal dona-	
The Province—		tion of £52 10s.	227 10 0
Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce	157 10 0	Lodge	
CUMBERLAND AND WESTMOR-		360 Bro. Alfred Cockerell	120 0 0
LAND.		Chapter	
The Province—		460 Comp. George Ellard	47 5 0
George Dalrymple	102 12 6	Lodge	
DERBYSHIRE.		373 Bro. Thomas Coote, jun.	26 17 6
Lodge		442 " W. Dixey	84 0 0
850 Bro. George M. Bond	22 1 0	442 " John B. Vergette	...
1235 " Joseph H. Lawson	10 10 0	445 " William Whitton	38 3 0
DEVONSHIRE.		465 " Herbert Hart	26 5 0
Chapter		607 " The Hon. Jno. Powys	...
70 Comp. F. B. Westlake	...	1764 " T. Phipps Derman	57 15 0
DORSETSHIRE.		1911 " Major F. C. Turner	55 13 0
Lodge		NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.	
1037 Bro. Sir R. N. Howard	56 10 0	Lodge	
1367 " Sir R. Baskett	100 0 0	1794 Bro. Edward N. Elborne	57 15 0
DURHAM.		OXFORDSHIRE.	
764 " W. B. Foxton (Pro-	115 10 0	" Rev. H. A. Pickard	5 5 0
vince)	...	" Rev. H. K. Cooper-	...
764 " H. B. Olsen	...	Smith	36 15 0
ESSEX.		357 " H. O. Wakeman	75 1 6
697 " H. J. Skringley	57 15 0	357 " R. G. Pearson	10 10 0
2256 " Lennox Browne	234 3 0	1704 " John Coles	10 10 0
2108 " "	...	1895 " Fred. H. Holmes	21 0 0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.		SHROPSHIRE.	
" R. V. Vassar-Smith	21 0 0	The Province—	
" Baron de Ferrieres	10 10 0	Bro. Rowland G. Venables	80 0 0
592 " William H. James	42 0 0	" C. L. Crump	36 15 0
701 " Major-General W. J.	...	Lodge	
Vizard	21 0 0	601 " E. A. Hicks (see	...
839 " Sir Lionel E. Darell,	...	Worcestershire)	28 11 0
Bart.	...	611 " Thomas Kou ts	13 2 0
HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT.		1621 " W. Lascelles-Sout-	...
35 " George A. Mursell	26 5 0	well	52 10 0
2169 " "	...	SOMERSETSHIRE.	
359 " Lawrence Steele	42 0 0	C. L. Fry-Edwards	51 15 0
723 " John Miller	36 15 0	STAFFORDSHIRE.	
1112 " G. F. W. Mortimer	13 10 0	" W. H. Bailey	...
1869 " Arthur J. Firth	16 10 6	" T. Ryder	10 10 0
HERTFORDSHIRE.		SUFFOLK.	
" C. E. Keyser (see	...	516 " C. J. Hayward	36 15 0
Middlesex)	27 6 0	555 " Rev. Richard Peek	16 16 0
493 " Rev. W. L. A. Crofton	35 3 0	936 " William H. Hall	26 5 0
449 " E. B. Cooper	12 12 0	959 " Archibald R. Trew	110 5 0
1327 " George Holdsworth	47 5 0	1224 " Geo. N. Grimwood	20 0 0
1385 " R. Fisher Young	50 13 0	1592 " Rev. C. E. Barnes	15 15 0
1479 " Rev. P. Deedes	37 15 0	1823 " Chas. H. Vincent	100 15 0
1984 " James Rogers	32 11 0		

Lodge	SURREY.	£	s.	d.	WILTSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
416 Bro. C. Attersoll-Smith ...	15	15	0	The Province—				
1046 „ Charles H. Knight...	26	5	0	Bro. W. H. Burt ...	168	0	0	
1038 „ J. Montague ...	13	6	6	WORCESTERSHIRE.				
1851 „ William Parker ...	18	18	0	Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P.	10	10	0	
1892 „ George Filmer ...	27	18	0	529 „ W. B. Williamson...	21	0	0	
2096 „ J. S. Fraser ...	132	6	0	529 „ G. A. Hicks ...	14	1	0	
Unattached—				2034 „ Thomas R. Arter ...	31	10	0	
Bro. Dr. H. J. Strong ...	10	10	0	YORKSHIRE (NORTH-EAST).				
SUSSEX.				57 „ J. Matthews ...	105	0	0	
732 Bro. Francis Daniel ...	137	11	0	„ Samuel Rutter ...				
1184 „ Rev. E. R. Currie ...	49	19	6	YORKSHIRE (WEST).				
1726 „ Alfred Lloyd ...	21	0	0	Bro. Thos. W. Tew				
WARWICKSHIRE.				258 „ George Heaton				
74 Bro. James Moffatt				Sto „ Major G. Robinson				
74 „ William H. Johnson				904 „ Frederick Romain				
74 „ Charles J. Collins				904 „ Peter B. Coward				
74 „ Thomas Surman				904 „ Joseph France				
74 „ Josiah Collins				904 „ Frederick Cleives				
74 „ Hugh Thomas				904 „ W. G. Haggard				
74 „ John Slater Foster	147	0	0	974 „ George Bealand				
74 „ Walter J. Ginder				1211 „ W. F. Smithson				
74 „ Thomas I. Graham				1513 „ T. W. Embleton				
74 „ W. P. Hoskins				1545 „ Arthur Holmes				
74 „ Felix Jones ...				1545 „ Harry Longbottom				
74 „ Joshua Perkins				1545 „ I. I. Rutheford				
74 „ John Rawlins				2069 „ Robert Abbott				
74 „ Charles Lee ...				2069 „ Tudor G. Trevor				
				2261 „ Walker Dyson				
				2268 „ Edwd. S. Tozer				

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Berks and Bucks ...	23	2	0	Lincolnshire ...	448	14	0
Bristol ...	52	5	0	Middlesex ...	390	3	0
Cambridgeshire ...	94	10	0	Northants and Hunts	683	8	6
Cheshire ...	36	15	0	Nottinghamshire ...	57	15	0
Cornwall ...	157	10	0	Oxfordshire ...	159	1	6
Cumberland & Westmorland	102	12	6	Shropshire ...	210	18	0
Derbyshire ...	32	11	0	Somersetshire ...	51	15	0
Devonshire ...				Staffordshire ...	10	10	0
Dorsetshire ...	156	10	0	Suffolk ...	326	11	0
Durham ...	115	10	0	Surrey ...	244	18	6
Essex ...	291	18	0	Sussex ...	208	10	6
Gloucestershire ...	94	10	0	Warwickshire ...	147	0	0
Hants and Isle of Wight ...	135	0	6	Wiltshire ...	168	0	0
Hertfordshire ...	233	5	0	Worcestershire ...	77	1	0
Kent ...	821	17	6	Yorkshire (North and East)	105	0	0
Lancashire (East Division)...	171	3	0	„ (West) ...	400	0	0
„ (West Division) ...	93	9	0				
190 STEWARDS—LONDON							
170 STEWARDS—PROVINCES							
GRAND TOTAL							

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

No doubt the hope was father to the thought, but we had certainly anticipated that the result of Wednesday's Festival might, perhaps, be slightly in excess of what was raised last year, but at all events, that it would not fall very far short of that sum. But we seem to have been too sanguine—it may be, because the names of brethren willing to act as Stewards had poured in somewhat rapidly at the most critical time, and it only remains for us to make the best we can of what we have no intention of concealing from our readers, is a serious disappointment. Last year the 276 brethren then serving as Stewards succeeded in raising close on £15,300; on Wednesday, 360 Stewards were only able to compile £13,186 5s.—the sum actually announced was £13,055, of which London, with the stronger contingent of 190 Stewards, furnished the larger moiety of £6884 10s. 6d., while the Provinces, whose representatives were 170 in number, furnished the lesser, £6301 14s. 6d. This falling off of £2000 is very much to be regretted, but on this point we speak more fully elsewhere.

As regards

LONDON,

which, as we have said, sent up 190 Stewards with an aggregate of donations and subscriptions amounting to £6884 10s. 6d., we notice first of all—and the remark will apply as well to the Provinces—the comparative smallness of the lists, and in the next place the large number of Unattached Stewards, the majority of whom contribute their qualifying subscription as Life Governors and take no further trouble. On Wednesday, there were no less than 45 such Stewards in London alone, and there were a few scattered about among the Provinces. As regard lodges there were some 120—or rather more than one-third—represented, and eight chapters, the most prominent of the lists being as follows, namely: that of Bro. A. H. Shepherd, Steward for the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, who obtained the place of honour with £220; Bro. James Terry, the able Secretary of the Institution, who was acting on his own account, being second with £207 15s. Bro. Major A. B. Cook, acting for the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 259, was third, with £162 15s., and then quite close together Bro. W. Bellingham, Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, with £143 13s. 6d., a combined list of three members of the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, amounting to £140, and that of Bro. T. C. Sandeman, representing the Friends in Council, No. 1383, and figures for £138 17s. Bro. Goodfellow, for the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, raised £115 10s., while Bro. W. Smith, of United Strength Lodge, No. 228, in which Bro. Terry was initiated, and Bro. C. Kempton, of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, tied with £105. Bro. Da Silva, of the newly-consecrated Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, being next with £103 13s. 6d., and Bro. A. J. Clark of Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, with £102; while the rear of three-figured lists was brought up by Bro. W. H. Glazier, of Mount Moriah, No. 34, with a solid £100. This is a less formidable array than usual, and generally it will be found that the lists are smaller than we are accustomed to record.

We must now give our attention to

THE PROVINCES,

which are quite as numerous represented as in the most productive of past years, the proportion of those which have sent up Stewards being as nearly as possible three to one, there being only 12 absentees out of the 45 groups of Provincial lodges—44 Provinces and the Channel Islands which have no Provincial organisations. These absentees are as follows, namely: BERKSHIRE (five lodges); HEREFORDSHIRE (five lodges); LEICESTERSHIRE and RUTLAND (12 lodges); MONMOUTHSHIRE (10 lodges); NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (12 lodges); NORTHUMBERLAND (22 lodges); SOUTH WALES,

EAST DIVISION (16 lodges); SOUTH WALES, WEST DIVISION (10 lodges); NORTH WALES (18 lodges); ISLE OF MAN (seven lodges); JERSEY (seven lodges); and the CHANNEL ISLANDS (five lodges). All these, with the exception of the last two, were represented at the Centenary of the Girls' School, while the two exceptions, which may be looked upon as virtually one group, took a prominent part in the Boys' School Festival on the 27th June last, Bro. Col. de Carteret, P.G.M. Jersey, being the President of the Board of Stewards on that occasion. Indeed, all of the absentees may be said to have done their duty by our Institutions in proportion to their strength and opportunities; though in the case of some their appearance in these lists has been less frequent than might have been expected. However, considering how splendidly the Provincial section of the Craft fulfilled its part at the grand gathering of last year in the Royal Albert Hall, we have every reason to congratulate ourselves on the extent and efficiency of its services at this Festival.

Taking the 33 Represented Provinces, as usual, in their alphabetical order, we find that two out of the 22 lodges in

BERKS AND BUCKS

sent Stewards, the amount of one list being £23 2s., while the other is not yet to hand. This is a less numerous representation than we have been accustomed to, and the total is insignificant, but the amount it raised for the Girls' School last year was £711 8s., while this Institution received £113 8s. in February, 1888, and the Boys' School £122 8s., giving as the aggregate of the year's contributions £947 4s., which is undoubtedly a large total for a Province of only 24 lodges. In 1887, the aggregate was £774, this Institution receiving upwards of £218, the Girls' School, £381, and the sister Institution at Wood Green over £171, while the average per year for the years 1884, 1885, and 1886 was slightly in excess of £550. The actual sum contributed by Berks and Bucks in the quinquennial period 1884—1888 was £3371 8s., so that a diminution on the present occasion is excusable in the face of such a record.

BRISTOL,

with its compact array of nine lodges, is a steady friend and supporter of this particular Charity, though it will often be found among the contributing Provinces at the Festivals of our two Schools. Last year, owing to the fact that it was busily engaged in organising a Charitable Association of its own, it was represented at only one of the three Festivals—the Centenary of the Girls' School, when its P.G.M., Lord Limerick, and Bro. W. Purnell—who was the representative of the Province on Wednesday—handed in contributions amounting to within a fraction of £40. But in 1887 it raised £115 10s. for the R.M.B.I., and £15 15s., per Bro. Purnell, for the Girls' School, or, together, £131 5s. In 1886, the Old People received £318 10s., the Girls' School, £145 19s., and the Boys' School, £26 5s., making a total for the year of £490 14s.; and in 1885 and 1884 the total of the several sums contributed was £468 12s. On Wednesday Bro. Purnell, to whose exertions—with the assistance of Bro. Pierrepont Harris and one or two others—the Province is so greatly indebted for its successful appearances at these gatherings, handed in a list of £52 5s.

It has seldom happened during the last few years that the small Province of

CAMBRIDGESHIRE,

with its modest roll of half-a-dozen lodges, has been unrepresented at our Anniversary gatherings. In fact, its record has been in excess of its strength. Thus, in 1884, the Boys' School was benefited to the extent of £174 6s. In 1885, the Province figured for £106 11s. 6d. at the Festival of the Old People; in 1886, it raised £143 for the same Institution, £273 for the Girls' School, and £131 5s. for the Boys' School, or, together, £547 5s. In 1887, Bro. A. H. Moves, D.P.G.M., acted as Steward for the R.M.B.I., and compiled a list of £200; Bro. C. Gildard, representing the Province and Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, figuring for a like sum at the Girls' School Festival, and Bro. S. H. Sharman, of Lodge No. 441 (Three Grand Principles), for £137 11s. at the Boys' School, making the total £537 11s. Last year, half-a-dozen Stewards, including Bro. Lord Hardwicke, P.G.M., and Bro. A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M., compiled amongst them £362 5s., the aggregate for the five years reaching £1727 18s. On Wednesday two members of Lodge No. 441—Bro. S. H. Sharman, already mentioned, and Bro. Robert Roy—made up a total of £94 10s., of which the former raised all but 10 guineas, which, after such a succession of heavy contributions, must be looked upon as highly commendable.

CHESHIRE

is seldom a very conspicuous contributor at these gatherings. It has some 40 lodges on its roll, but, at the same time, it has a Masonic Educational Association of its own, which has been established over 20 years, is well furnished with the sinews of Charity, and does much good locally among the families of deceased and indigent brethren. For these reasons, to which reference has several times been made in these analytical articles, Cheshire never shows to the same advantage as other Provinces of equal strength, but it is more frequently present than absent. In 1884, it appeared at all three Festivals, and raised £126 for the R.M.B.I., £55 14s. for the Girls' School, and £498 6s. for the Boys' School, or for the year £680. In 1885, the Benevolent received £244 15s., the Girls' School £106 1s., and the Boys' School £36 15s., the total for the year being £387 11s. In 1886 the amounts contributed at the Festivals in the order of their occurrence were £154 12s., £78 15s., £47 5s., or together £280 12s., while in 1887, only the Benevolent Institution obtained any support, the amount being £30 5s. Last year, the Old People received £63, the Girls' School £459 1s., and the Boys' School £39 18s., the aggregate for the three being £561 19s. On Wednesday, two of the 40 lodges sent up Stewards, and their lists together amounted to £36 15s.

CORNWALL

was fortunate in having as the representative of its 30 lodges so able and energetic a Steward as Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, who has done some admirable service in the same capacity at many previous Festivals, and was successful in compiling a list amounting to £157 10s. on Wednesday. Last year the Province was represented at all three Anniversaries, but, it is needless to say, that the Girls' School obtained the lion's share of the subscriptions—£372 15s.—the Benevolent Institution receiving only £10 10s., and the Boys' School £82. In the year of the Queen's Jubilee, the R.M.B.I. received the largest measure of support—£368 11s., the Steward for the Province being Bro. G. B. Pearce, while the Girls' and Boys' Schools received £141 15s. and £194 5s. respectively, the same Bro. Pearce acting as sole Provincial representative on each occasion, his three lists amounting together to £704 11s. The total for the year 1886 was £437 17s., Bro. Bake and C. Truscott being the Stewards, the former at

the Benevolent and Girls' School Festivals, and the latter at that of the Boys' School. Thus, without going further back, we find that Cornwall has been efficiently represented at each of the last ten Festivals, the sum total raised by it on these occasions being £1765 3s.

The 22 lodges in

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

sent up £102 12s. 6d. by the hands of Bro. Geo. Dalrymple on Wednesday, notwithstanding that last year it raised £1050 for the Old People and £210 for the Girls' School. During the year of the Queen's Jubilee, it appears to have rested, only the Benevolent Institution receiving support to the modest extent of £55 13s.; but in 1886, with Bros. G. J. McKay and J. H. Hogg as Stewards, it raised £500, for the Boys' School. In 1885 it was represented at the Benevolent and Boys' School Festivals, the sum of its subscriptions being £102 18s. 6d.; in 1884 it entered no appearance at all, but in 1883 it raised £1050 for the Boys' School, so that if not a regular, it is unquestionably, a generous supporter of our Charities.

The Province of

DERBYSHIRE,

which also has 22 lodges on its roll, had two of them—the St. Oswald, No. 850, Ashbourne, and the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, No. 1235, Buxton—represented, the total of the two lists being £32 11s. But this is not to be wondered at, seeing that last year it raised a fraction over £891, or £40 10s. per lodge. Its record for the Jubilee year was also a good one, the three Institutions receiving amongst them a fraction under £626, of which the Old People obtained £387 14s. In 1886 its contributions were on a small scale, and amounted for all three Festivals to only £176 15s.; but the preceding year, when its chief, the Marquis of Hartington, presided at the Boys' Festival, it raised close on £1547 for that Institution, so that in the four years, from 1885-1888 both inclusive, it has distributed amongst our Charities £3240 12s., or on an average £820 per year.

As the Provincial Grand Master of

DEVONSHIRE,

Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., did the honours as President at the Boys' School Festival in June last, and compiled the excellent total of £840, it is not surprising that the Province should be for a time at rest, and that only a single Steward, representing Chapter No. 70, should figure on Wednesday's list, the amount of his Return not being stated. The total for last year, taking the three Festivals together, was £1013 5s., which, even for a province with 52 lodges on its roll, is by no means an inconsiderable sum. In 1887 it helped the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to the extent of £50, and figured in the Returns of the same Institution, as well as in those of the Girls' School the year previous—for £157 10s. in the former, and for £136 19s. in the latter. These, perhaps, are not such heavy figures as might have been expected, but it must be borne in mind that Devonshire has both an Educational Institution and an Annuity Fund of its own, so that its support is divided between these and the Central Charities of the Society.

Two out of the 13 lodges in

DORSETSHIRE,

had Stewards on Wednesday, Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, one of the Junior Grand Deacons for the year, as representative of the Portland Lodge, No. 1037, handing in a list of £56 10s., and Bro. S. R. Baskett, who frequently undertakes these duties, acting for the Beaminster Manor Lodge, No. 1367, one of £100, the sum for the two being £156 10s. Last year the Province raised £294 for the Girls' School Centenary; in 1887, £113 3s. for the R.M.B.I.; and in 1886, £180 10s. for the same Institution, and £142 16s. for the Girls' School, while in 1885 Bro. Baskett raised £96 12s. for the Girls' School, and Bro. Dugdale £68 5s. for the Boys' School.

DURHAM

sent up two Stewards, one of whom, Bro. H. B. Olsen has often figured in these Returns before, and on Wednesday, acted for the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764, West Hartlepool, whilst his colleague, Bro. W. B. Foxton represented the whole Province, their joint list amounting to £115 10s. In 1888 the Province did exceedingly well, its two Stewards, Bros. Hill Drury and C. S. Lane taking up between them £252 10s. for the Boys' School, while the Girls' School received £375 18s., Bros. Olsen, Foxton, Lane, and Drury, being among the Stewards who had a hand in raising it, and the Benevolent secured, per Bro. C. S. Lane, £122 15s., the total for the year being £751 3s., which is decidedly good, even for a Province which can muster 31 lodges. In the three preceding years the totals averaged £230 per year, and in 1884 they amounted to £452, while in 1881, when the late Marquis of Londonderry was Chairman for the Boys' School, Durham raised £1024 during the year.

It is only occasionally, and under special circumstances, that we find

ESSEX

and its 28 lodges so thinly represented as it was on Wednesday, but we need not go very far afield to account for this. It commenced operations last year by subscribing £146 9s. 6d. to this Institution, the number of its representatives being three, and the number of lodges on its roll 25. At the Girls' School Centenary it sent up a contingent of 24 Stewards, headed by Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M., their lists amounting to £874 6s., and at the Boys' School Festival, three weeks later, it contributed by the medium of five Stewards £276 8s., so that its sum total for 1888 was £1297 3s. 6d. In Jubilee year it raised £873 7s., and the year previous £599 5s., so that its total for the last three years amounts to £2769 15s. 6d., or, on an average, £923 5s. per year. In 1884, when Bro. Lord Brooke presided as Chairman at the Girls' Festival, the Province raised £1000, and, with what it subscribed to the two other Institutions, its total for the year was £1546 7s. 6d. On Wednesday Bro. Skingley, as Steward for the United Lodge, No. 697, Colchester, raised £57 15s., and Bro. Lennox Browne, who acted for the new Warner Lodge, No. 2256, Chigwell, and the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, which meets in London, £234 3s., the sum of the two being £291 18s., which is a capital Return for so small a representation.

Three of the 14 lodges in

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

sent up Stewards, and Bros. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M., and the Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D., acted Unattached, the total of the five lists being £94 10s. At the Boys' School Festival, in June last, Bro. Baron de Ferrieres was the sole representative of the Province, but at the Girls' Centenary the 17 brethren who acted as Stewards amongst them raised £520 18s., 11 out of the 14 lodges and the chapter attached to one of them being represented. In February the four Stewards compiled a total of £79 5s. 6d., the record for the whole year being £621 3s. 6d. In 1887, the figures were comparatively light,

the amount distributed amongst the three Institutions being only £221 11s., but the total for the three previous years reached £2240 9s., the largeness of the sum being in great measure accounted for by the presidency of Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., at the Benevolent Festival, when the Province generously supported him to the extent of £1211. Thus in the preceding five years this by no means strong Province has subscribed £3083 4s., which yields an average per year of over £616.

HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT,

like Essex, has a smaller contingent of Stewards than usual, and the falling off must be attributed to the same cause. It has a strong muster of 47 lodges, and it has always maintained a high average of contributions. Thus, in 1884 it distributed £1180 10s. 6d. among our Institutions; in 1885, £1062 1s. 6d.; in 1886, £826 15s. 6d.; in 1887, £1882 19s. 6d., of which the R.M.B.I. received £1785 9s. 6d., the Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., being the Chairman at its Festival; and last year, £1355 1s. 6d., of which £1149 13s. 6d. was raised for the Girls' Centenary. The total for the five years is £6307 7s. 6d., which gives an average per year of £1261 and a fraction. On Wednesday, six of its lodges were represented by five Stewards, and the sum of their lists amounted to £135 0s. 6d. This, at all events, is a fair beginning for the current year, after a series of such heavy totals.

The Province of

HERTFORDSHIRE

must be reckoned as among the most constant friends and supporters of the Institution of which Bro. Terry is the Secretary—a fact which is to be accounted for by the link which for so many years has connected that worthy brother with the Province. It assists all the Institutions with commendable impartiality, and only once in the last eight or ten years has been unrepresented at one of these Anniversary gatherings. But Bro. Terry is one of its luminaries. He has presided as Master of more than one of its lodges, was a Prov. G. Officer in the days of the late Bro. W. Stuart, P.G.M., and is a Past J.G. Warden, as well as the Prov. G.D.C. under Bro. Halsey. On Wednesday, six of its 17 lodges sent Stewards, and Bro. C. E. Keyser acted Unattached, the aggregate of their lists being £233 5s. Last year it raised £146 15s. 6d. for the R.M.B.I. and £649 19s. for the Girls' Centenary, the total for the year being £795 14s. 6d., or in round figures £800. In Jubilee year it distributed £606 7s., Bro. Terry securing the lion's share; and in 1886, £505, of which £279 5s. 6d. was raised for the R.M.B.I., the total for these three years being a fraction over £1907.

KENT

occupies the front position among the contributing Provinces in the Returns of Wednesday, the number of its Stewards being 16, of whom two were unattached, and the other 14 stood for 13 out of its 57 lodges. In June last it raised £254 13s. 6d. for the Boys' School, and that, too, within three weeks of contributing £3059 9s. 6d. at the Girls' School Centenary, while in the preceding February its eight Stewards compiled £374 8s. for this Institution, the total for the year being £3688 11s. In Jubilee year it raised £1227 17s. 6d. for the R.M.B.I., £184 4s. 6d. for the Girls' School, and £508 14s. 6d. for the Boys' School, or £1920 16s. 6d. for the year; and in 1886 its contributions amounted to £1725, the three years' total being £7334 7s. 6d. If we carried our researches still further back, we should still find this Province occupying as conspicuous a position, its total—to give only one instance—for the Boys' School Festival in 1883, when Bro. Lord Amherst, P.G.M., presided as Chairman, being £2316 5s. 6d. Thus the figures in Wednesday's list are worthy of the Province which furnished them.

The Province which next claims our attention is the strongest as regards the number of its lodges in England, and though it is only occasionally that it figures in proportion to its strength, there are reasons which we have referred to in several previous analyses, and which fully explain the apparent disproportion between its numerical strength and the amount of its contributions to the Central Masonic Charities. The fact is that

LANCASHIRE—EASTERN DIVISION,

with its roll of 100 lodges, or thereabouts, has a large membership, and it finds it more convenient to support a Charitable Association of its own, for the benefits of which only members of the Province and the belongings of members are eligible. This is a relief to the Central Charities, and explains, as we have said, why it is that East Lancashire does not figure more conspicuously in these Returns. On Wednesday it sent up 14 Stewards, who represented 11 lodges, and their lists reached a total of £171 3s. In June of last year it raised £1350 16s. 6d. for the Girls' School and £126 5s. for the Boys' School, and in the preceding February £2873 11s. 6d. for this Institution, the year's contributions thus amounting to £4350 13s. The three previous years its Returns were on a smaller scale, but in 1884 it distributed £1247 among the Charities, the R.M.B.I. obtaining one-half of it, while at the Boys' School Festival in 1883 it figured for £2100. The record, therefore, is very creditable.

The same remarks must be applied to the adjoining Province of

LANCASHIRE—WESTERN DIVISION,

which stands second in point of numerical strength, and has not one, but several, Provincial organisations of its own, which are necessarily a relief to our Central Charities. On grand occasions West Lancashire gives us a taste of its quality, the most recent case in point being last year, when it sent up 85 Stewards, headed by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and Prov. G.M., and their tale of contributions amounted to £2440 2s., the total for the year being £2576 12s. It has shown itself similarly generous when its P.G.M. has taken the chair, and, therefore, the comparative modesty of its Wednesday's total—£93 9s.—is fully accounted for.

The Province of

LINCOLNSHIRE

is the more welcome, because two or three years since it did not do itself justice by appearing as frequently as other Provinces of equal character and strength. In 1888 it was represented to very good purpose at the Centenary of the Girls' School, its half-dozen Stewards compiling amongst them the useful total of £202 2s. 6d., while one of its 22 lodges—the Pelham Pillar, No. 792, Grimsby—sent up Stewards and a list of £21 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the total for last year being £223 2s. 6d. On Wednesday, Bro. H. E. Cousins took the Province generally under his charge, and had the satisfaction of handing in a list amounting to £374 7s., while the four other Stewards representing as many lodges were able to supplement this with a further £74 7s., so that Lincolnshire figures worthily in the Returns for £448 14s.

MIDDLESEX,

which has 39 lodges on its roll, furnished a contingent of 15 Stewards, who acted on behalf of as many lodges, one brother being Steward for two lodges, and two of the lodges sending each two Stewards. The result of the combined efforts of these brethren was an aggregate subscription of £390 3s.—a total which is as worthy of commendation as it will prove useful. Last year it raised in all £1816 5s., namely, £419 14s. for the R.M.B.I., £1107 14s. for the Girls' Centenary, and £288 17s. for the Boys' School. In Jubilee year it gave £1265 7s., of which each Institution received as nearly as possible one third part, while the total of its contributions in 1884-5-6 reached £2626 2s. 6d., making for the whole quinquennial period to which our inquiries have extended, £5707 14s. 6d., or an average per annum of £1141 11s.

The Chairman's Province of

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS,

though it musters only 11 lodges, has done far better than perhaps its staunchest friends and well-wishers could have expected. In former years it made a point of supporting each of our Institutions in turn, but, owing to the paucity of its members, the contributions, though freely given and in proportion to its strength, never appeared to any great advantage. Under Lord Euston, however, it seems to have become imbued with an additional amount of enthusiasm, and though less than two years have elapsed since his lordship was installed in office, it has already done some very effective service in aid of our Charities. At the Boys' School Festival in 1887, just when its late Prov. G. Master was on the point of retiring, and Lord Euston's appointment to the vacant office was on the carpet, it raised the very handsome sum of £350. Last year it appeared at all the Festivals, the total of its contributions being £332 17s., of which the Girls' School received £204 15s., and the Boys' School £117 12s., the small remainder being appropriated to this Institution. On Wednesday, it sent 11 Stewards, Bro. the Earl of Euston acting independently, and the other ten doing duty for eight lodges and a chapter. The total reached £683 8s. 6d., the senior lodge in the Province—the Pomfret, No. 360, Northampton—represented by Bro. Alfred Cockerill, returning £120. Lord Euston's list, including his own donation, amounting to £227 10s. Nothing could well have been better, though it mars the general effect to see two lists wanting from the Chairman's Province.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,

which can muster 14 lodges, figured at two of last year's Festivals, that of the Benevolent Institution, when its contribution amounted to 50 guineas (£52 10s.), and that of the Girls' School, when its three Stewards—of whom the late Bro. Toplis was one—raised amongst them £190 1s., the total for the year thus amounting to £242 11s. In 1887 its subscriptions reached £275 6s. 6d., of which the Boys' School obtained £231 10s. 6d., while the balance was divided between the other two Charities. In 1886 the sum of £279 0s. 6d. was raised for the Benevolent and Boys' School, the former receiving £176 18s. 6d., and the latter the balance; while in 1885 all three shared in the good things dispensed by the Province to the extent of £540 7s. From these details it will be seen that Nottinghamshire is both a frequent and a liberal supporter of our three Charities.

Though it is a small Province, with only 10 lodges on its roll,

OXFORDSHIRE

has figured, to the best of our recollection, at all the Festivals which have taken place since the installation of the Prince of Wales, who is a Past Master of the second senior lodge, as M.W.G. Master, and in some cases it has figured to an extent which its limited strength would hardly have led us to expect. Last year, for instance, it raised £47 5s. for this Institution; at the Girls' School Centenary it furnished 22 Stewards, including Bro. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.M., and subscribed £568 12s.; and, three weeks later, it contributed £40 12s. 6d., and so increased its Returns for the year to £656 9s. 6d., or an average of over £65 per lodge. In 1887 it distributed £261 2s. 6d. among the three Charities, and in 1886 £279 13s., the Boys' School being fortunate enough to obtain the largest share—£126 14s. 6d. The aggregate for the three years amounts to £1197 5s., or not so very far short of £400 per annum, that is, £40 per lodge per annum. Though we are by no means fond of instituting comparisons between lodges and Provinces, we make bold to say that such a record, so well maintained during such a period, and following upon a series of similar services only a little less conspicuous, will compare favourably with that of any other Province in England. On Wednesday its six Stewards were successful in raising the excellent total of £159 1s. 6d.

SHROPSHIRE

again figures most creditably with five Stewards and a total of £210 18s. Last year it made such strenuous and successful efforts for the Girls' School Centenary, when its contributions amounted to £770 15s., while the R.M.B.I. received £26 5s., and the Boys' School £10 10s., that its absence on this occasion would have been but too readily excused. But besides Bros. Sir O. Wakeman, Bart., and R. G. Venables, his Deputy, there are some able and energetic brethren—notably the Bros. Spauli—connected with the Province, and they see no reason why Shropshire, though it has but 11 lodges, should not play a leading part among our English Provinces. They have made this clear up to the present, for though its P.G.M. was only installed in office in the latter half of 1885, it had raised to the close of last year no less a sum than £1855 7s., of which the Girls' School had £1793 12s., namely, £1022 17s. in 1887 when Bro. Sir O. Wakeman was Chairman at its Festival, and the rest at the Centenary, as already stated. We shall doubtless find it now directing more of its support to the Old People and the Boys' School, and the effective commencement made in behalf of the former on Wednesday augurs well for the future.

One of the 25 lodges in

SOMERSETSHIRE,

—the Lodge of Agriculture, No. 1199, Congresbury—had a Steward in the person of Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards acting for it, and his list amounted to the comfortable sum of £51 15s. This is certainly a smaller total than we have been accustomed to associate with this flourishing Province, but no doubt the stress which was very properly brought to bear on the Craft everywhere to make the Girls' Centenary an unprecedented success has had the same effect on Somersetshire as on other Provinces. In 1888 it raised £137 5s. for this Institution in February, £946 1s. for the Girls' Centenary, and £210 for the Boys' Festival in June, making the year's total £1293 6s.; while in the year of the Queen's Jubilee its total was £952 14s. Thus in the two years preceding this, Somersetshire contributed £2246, or at the rate of nearly £45 per lodge per annum. In the years 1884, 1885, and 1886 it raised £640 14s., £417 18s., and £609 11s. respectively, or together £1768 3s., so that during the last five years it has averaged

rather more than £800 a year. After this, the contribution of Wednesday appears small, but we dare say the average will be found to have been fairly maintained when the Festivals of the two Schools have come and gone; though our readers must not be surprised if the efforts made last year and the year before are felt throughout the whole of the current year.

STAFFORDSHIRE

had two Unattached Stewards to represent its 29 lodges, but only Bro. Ryder's list for £10 10s. has been returned as yet. In June last Bro. F. Ryder took up, as the representative of the whole Province, a list of £262 10s., while the nine Stewards at the Girls' Centenary, among whom were Bros. Bailey and Ryder, compiled £355 7s., and there was a Steward at the Benevolent Festival the February previous, though, owing to the sudden death of the Secretary of the Staffordshire Charitable Association, the amount of his list was not entered in the Returns. In Jubilee year the sums raised for the three Charities reached £698 5s., of which the Girls' School received £320 5s., and in previous years, thanks to the work done by the Association just mentioned, the rate of contribution was on a somewhat similar scale, the total for the whole period of five years from 1884 to 1888, both inclusive, being £3235, or at the average of £647 a year.

Seven of the 21 lodges in

SUFFOLK

were represented by Stewards, and to very good purpose, seeing that the total of their lists amounted to £326 11s., being at the rate of £46 13s. per list. This is a glorious beginning for the current year, after raising £1105 12s.—£451 10s. for the R.M.B.I., £517 12s. for the Girls' Centenary, and £136 10s. for Our Boys—in 1888, and £794 16s., namely, £418 19s. for the Benevolent, £219 9s. for the Girls' School, and £156 8s. for the Boys' School, in 1887. These two years, to say nothing of what it had done previously, yielded results which are most creditable to a Province which is of moderate strength, and, being chiefly agricultural, may be presumed to be less wealthy than others which include one or more large industrial cities or towns within their borders. We shall certainly have further good news to record from Suffolk before the year is out.

Six Stewards, representing each one a different lodge, Bro. Dr. Strong, Unattached, did duty for the Province of

SURREY,

and its 34 lodges, and that they did their work well must be evident from their lists, amounting in the aggregate to £244 18s. 6d., especially as in 1888 the Province raised £1298 14s., of which the bulk—about £1148—was for the Girls' Centenary, while in Jubilee year it was £797 13s. 6d. In 1886, its total was considerably heavier, owing to Bro. Gen. Brownrigg, P.G.M., undertaking the duties of Chairman for the Girls' School, the total raised at the three Festivals being a fraction over £1829, of which the Girls' Institution received £1345 15s. 6d. The results of previous years have been similarly commendable, and no doubt the Province will always remain as staunch a supporter of all our Charities as it has shown itself in the past.

SUSSEX

is to be congratulated on the Returns, amounting to £208 10s. 6d., which it furnished on Wednesday. It has taken an active part at several of these gatherings, and more particularly when the Boys' School has celebrated its Anniversary at Brighton; in 1885, when the late Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., presided at the Girls' School Festival, and the Returns from this Province amounted to £1850; and at the Centenary of the same Charity, last year, when it raised £884 9s. The principal list at this meeting was that of Bro. Francis Daniel, Steward for the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, Brighton, who compiled the goodly total of £137 11s.

There is no doubt that

WARWICKSHIRE

is much indebted to the members of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham, and particularly to Bro. James Moffat, who, we understand, originated the idea which finds favour with them, for the success with which it has upheld the credit of the Province on these occasions. There is certainly nothing very elaborate about Bro. Moffat's idea, which is simplicity itself, and consists in encouraging as many members as possible to undertake the duties of Steward without doing more than qualify themselves as Life-Governors. The plan has been tried more than once—at the Boys' Festival in 1886, at that of the Girls' School in 1887, and at the Girls' Centenary last year—and on each occasion it has proved successful. On Wednesday 14 members of this Athol Lodge sent in their names as Stewards, and the total of their joint list reached £147. Last year it raised £1440 6s. 6d. for the Centenary, among the contributors to this total being the Athol, which had 30 of its members acting as Stewards and raising together £315.

WILTSHIRE,

with only 11 lodges, was very ably represented by Bro. W. H. Burt, and subscribed through him to the extent of £168. Last year six Stewards, including Bro. Lord Methuen, P.G.M., raised £340 8s. 6d. at the Girls' Centenary, while in the year of the Queen's Jubilee it helped the Boys' School by contributing £234 3s. to its funds. This plan of supporting each Institution in turn deservedly finds favour with Provinces of small extent, whose modest subscriptions would be almost lost sight of if they were apportioned each year among all three Charities.

The Province of

WORCESTERSHIRE

sent up four Stewards, Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., D.P.G.M., being, almost as a matter of course, one of them, and the other three acting as representatives of Lodges 529 and 2034. The sum of their lists was £77 15s., and as the Province can muster only a round dozen lodges, the result is worthy of much praise, especially after the very efficient services it rendered at the Girls' Centenary, when nine of its 12 lodges were represented by 10 brethren, who, with the assistance of Bros. Sir E. A. Lechmere, P.G.M.; A. H. Royds, P.P.G.M.; and A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M., compiled a total of £695 18s. To this must be added the £94 10s. raised in February for this Institution, and the £57 15s. in June for the Boys' School, making the grand total for the year £848 3s. After this we need say nothing further than that Worcestershire, under Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., has played its part regularly and with much credit to itself in supporting the Masonic Institutions.

It was only at the last moment that

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS)

was numbered among the contributing instead of among the absentee Provinces, and Bro. J. Matthew, who with Bro. S. Rutter suddenly presented himself as Steward, deserves sincere thanks for his welcome

contribution of £105. Last year it entered an appearance at all three Festivals—at the Girls' Centenary, when Bro. the Earl of Zetland and 16 other Stewards raised by their joint exertions £762 15s.; at the Benevolent Festival in February, when Bro. Col. R. G. Smith returned £31 10s.; and at that of the Boys' School in June, when the same brother handed in £37 16s., the total for the year being £832 10s. In the five preceding years it distributed about £2660 among the three Charities.

YORKSHIRE (WEST RIDING),

though its total on Wednesday was below the average of recent years, must need a little relaxation after the extremely heavy drain on its resources in 1887 and 1888, the amount raised in the former, including its two Perpetual Presentations to the Widows' Fund of the R.M.B. Institution, being £3800, and that in the latter £3362 8s., of which £2702 8s. was contributed at the Girls' Centenary. Therefore, in these two years alone it subscribed £7162 8s., and the present contribution of £400 is all the more welcome.

CONSECRATION OF THE BLUNDELLSANDS LODGE, No. 2289.

A highly significant evidence of the progress of Freemasonry in the Province of West Lancashire was given on Friday, the 15th ult., by the consecration of the Blundellsands Lodge, 2289, which took place at the Alexandra Assembly Rooms, Blundellsands, near Liverpool, under the most promising and auspicious circumstances. Not only was there a large gathering of the brethren, but a large muster of those who hold high offices in Craft Masonry gave an additional éclat to the opening of a lodge which promises to become one of the most popular and successful in this division.

The brethren assembled in the new lodge room at three o'clock. Amongst those present were—

Bros. W. Goodacre, Past G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Sec.; J. M. Shuttleworth, P.M., P.S.G.W.; E. Segar, P.M., P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. S. Gardner, M.A., P.M., P.G. Chap.; T. H. W. Walker, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. Slyman, P.M., P.S.G.D.; A. Cross, P.M., P.S.G.D.; J. D. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., acting D.C.; I. Turner, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; R. Armitage, P.M., P.A.G. Sec.; T. Adams, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. C. Robinson, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; C. Banister, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. P. McArthur, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. Pierpoint, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.M., Past Prov. Grand Deacon; J. H. Barrow, P.M., Past Prov. Grand Deacon; W. Erwin, P.M., P.P. Asst. G. Secretary; D. M. F. Gaskin, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; M. Newsome, P.P.S.G.D. West Yorks; J. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. (Mayor of Bootle); J. Shaw, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; G. H. Brown, P.M. 537, P.G.D.C. Cheshire; Dr. J. Stopford Taylor, P.M. 823; W. W. Jones, W.M. 786; J. Bark, W.M. 216; W. Lord, P.M. 308; J. F. Stowell, P.M. 1350; J. L. Shrapnell, P.M. 1690; and Thos. Lowton, J.W. 2042.

The founders are Bros. John Christie, E. Roberts, G. H. Taylor, E. G. B. Watts, E. Sherwood, P.M. 786; T. Gray, E. L. Lewis, G. B. Rodway, H. W. Gibbons, S. Stephenson, J. B. Light, W. H. Fisher, Lieut.-Col. J. A. Sherwood, H. Cotterall, S. M. Freeman, G. F. Williams, J. Glover, W. H. Pellew, and W. S. Stephenson.

A Craft lodge was opened by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec. (in the absence of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G. Master, through illness), assisted by Bros. J. M. Shuttleworth, Prov. S.G.W., as S.W.; E. Segar, P.J.G.W., as J.W.; and J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C., acting as Secretary and D.C.

A letter having been read from the Earl of Lathom regretting his inability to be present, and wishing the lodge every success, the lodge was then opened up, and the brethren of the new lodge were arranged in order, when the petition and warrant were read by the acting Secretary.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. GARDINER, M.A., P.G.C., then delivered the following oration:—

It is an acknowledged truism that every generation of man is a labourer for that which succeeds it; and it is especially true that all generations of Freemasons, as they traversed through the vale of life, felt it an important part of their duty to hand down as a rich inheritance to those who might succeed them, new centres for the dissemination and diffusion of their undying principles, those purest principles of piety and virtue, principles adapted to all times, to all races of civilised men: principles which have weathered the storms of 3000 years—surviving all changes, themselves still unchanged. Hence, the heart of every true and faithful Mason ought to be filled with gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe on the consecration of a new lodge—a new centre for the propagation of those glorious ameliorating principles, brotherly love, relief, and truth, upon which is founded one of the strongest and widest bonds of union on the face of the earth. Ours, indeed, is a glorious Order, for it is founded in strength, erected in wisdom, adorned with beauty. It is founded in strength because founded on the volume of the Sacred Law, the Word of the Lord, which endureth for ever—that unerring standard of truth and justice—that true source of solace and consolation in trial and sorrow—the revelation of the most lovely attributes of the Almighty. And at all times, therefore, when close tyled in opened lodge, when we carry our eyes from the Sacred Volume to the sacred symbol, we should feel God enclosed, God filled, breathing a spiritual, a Divine atmosphere, tending to make us grow more God like, making each of us the antitype of which every well-ordered lodge is a type—a living temple of the Most High. Yes, that Sacred Volume is our foundation stone, and while it records manifold present blessings, and great and precious promises, it points out that shining light in the path of rectitude which shines more and more to the perfect day. That light is truth—our first principle—truth, the mother of virtue. There in our lodges she ever stands before us in garments white as snow, with looks serene, yet cheerful, pleasant, yet modest; the very pledge of honesty, the bulwark of honour, the true light of joy of every Masonic soul. And if truth lies at the foundation, wisdom has raised the superstructure of our Order. No one of a thoughtful mind who has studied Freemasonry even a little can have failed to observe the connection of our whole system, as well as the relative dependence of its parts; the great lessons brought before us by our traditional histories, the significance of every ornament and badge ever used in our lodges, for all these are striking emblems of important and blessed truths, mutually, but not the less eloquently and effectively, teaching the highest duties of social life; the deepest truths of the intellectual and the inner life, and, moreover, give a call—solemn and impressive—to the highest and noblest state of all—the life of immortality. Every ceremony, too, however insignificant it may appear when standing alone, is a star which sheds its lustre on virtue, science, and truth, while the whole united form a bright and burning constellation, proclaiming with one voice in Masonic ears, glory to God, peace on earth, good will towards men. Not only is our Order firmly established—well supported by the pillars, strength and stability—built of good materials, wisely compacted together, but it is also beautifully adorned. Are not simple, steadfast trust in God, purity of thought, word, and deed, sterling integrity of character, amiability of manners, staunch loyalty to one another as brethren—are not these the beautiful ornaments of a true and faithful Masonic character? Yes. But there is one more. The sweetest, the brightest, the best—Charity, Heaven-born Charity, pure and holy—Charity which refines, elevates, softens human nature—which increases the joy of others in prosperity—decreases and soothes their sorrow in adversity. Certainly, reviewing our principles, it would be almost heaven upon earth were men's minds to rest in Providence, turn upon the poles of truth and move straight on in the path of Charity, for the golden beams of truth, intertwined with the silken cords of love, draw men on to be fellow workers with God. Brethren, to bind up the broken hearted, to extricate the industrious from misfortune, to provide a peaceful shelter for the aged—brightening and smoothing their journey downhill in the evening of their life's day—to help the fatherless children in the time of

distress; to cheer and comfort the widow in the darkest hour of human grief—these are the outcome of our Masonic principles, so that a true and faithful Mason's life is one of faith, of love, of duty, of truth, which light up his path—chequered though it may be—with heavenly hues. He is beckoned onwards by smiling hope until he is led safely through the valley of the dark shadow to shine as the stars for ever and ever.

The first part of the consecration prayer having been offered by the P.G.C., the lodge was uncovered, and the corn, wine, and oil were carried according to ancient custom.

The Deputy Acting P.G. Master then dedicated and constituted the lodge.

The lodge was then closed down, when Bro. J. D. Murray, D.C., presented Bro. J. P. McArthur, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., W.M. designate, to the Installing Master, Bro. Goodacre, P.G. Sec., who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner.

The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. John Christie, S.W.; G. H. Taylor, J.W.; E. Sherwood, P.M. 786, Treas.; E. L. Lewes, Sec.; E. Roberts, S.D.; E. G. B. Watts, J.D.; Thomas Gray, I.G.; and H. W. Gibbons and S. Stephenson, Stwds.

The charges to the different officers were delivered with marked effectiveness, and, before the principal business of the day had concluded, seven brethren were proposed as joining members and six gentlemen for initiation.

As an evidence of the spirit which marks the opening of the lodge, it may be interesting to know that the whole of the handsome solid walnut chairs, pedestals, stool, ballot and charity boxes, silver square and compasses, salver, working tools in box, jewels, &c., have been presented by members of the lodge.

After the conclusion of the consecration and installation ceremonies, over 60 brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning, London.

MASONIC FACTS, NOT FICTIONS.

By BRO. JNO. LANE.

Bro. Sadler will pardon me if I prefer to retain the above title to my communication, under which I will briefly reply to his strictures in the *Freemason* of February 23rd. In doing this, I desire to state, at the outset, that I am not yet a convert to Bro. Sadler's theory. It may be that I am obtuse, or that my notion of "common sense" is crude, but I certainly look in vain in Bro. Sadler's communication for any evidence whatever in the shape of facts, that might induce me to change or modify my opinion.

I have no inclination to discuss the matter from the standpoint or the opinions of other writers, whether Modern or Ancient, but I felt it incumbent upon me to express my own views in reference to this debateable subject, and, I hold, that in the very nature of things, it cannot be taken for granted that the Masons who constituted the "Ancient" Grand Lodge in 1751 could have so perfectly known the methods of working taught and practised in the London lodges, unless they had acquired that knowledge as the result of actual membership.

It is easy enough to assert, as Bro. Sadler does, that they obtained the knowledge of the peculiar and distinctive methods, which were so contrary to, or different from, those to which they had been elsewhere accustomed "by the simple process of visiting one or more of the lodges then working in London, or by the still easier method of Masonic intercourse," whatever that may mean. But to argue in this manner is simply to beg the whole question. It is assertion without a grain of evidence, and conjecture without a particle of fact. And as I cordially agree with Bro. Sadler that "assertion is not evidence, and that mere conjecture cannot possibly establish a fact," I trust before Bro. Sadler condemns me and others for opinions we conscientiously hold, he will, in all fairness, remember that he has nowhere supplied any evidence whatever as to the manner in which these Masons acquired the knowledge to which I have referred, and which ultimately led them to originate a new Grand Lodge for the purpose of accentuating certain peculiarities in their own methods of work.

Moreover, I do not see why Dermott's statement, deliberately recorded in the Original Records of the Ancient Grand Lodge, and (presumably) read and confirmed as correct at the following meeting of that Body, should now, for the purpose of substantiating another "theory," be stigmatised as either "bunkum" or "brag." I am bound to say Dermott's statement appears to me to savour more of fact than of fiction; and, until some rebutting evidence is forthcoming, I must continue to give it credence; at the same time, I cannot but regret that Bro. Sadler should question the motives of the writers on this subject whose opinions and facts do not harmonise with his own "theory."

That "many" of the Ancient Masons withdrew from lodges under the modern sanction, as stated by Dermott, I firmly believe, and the attempt to limit the number to five certainly fails, because, omitting those referred to by Bro. Sadler, there were no less than 74 other Masons who constituted the first six "Ancient" lodges, on the 17th July, 1751, but whose claim to the distinction of being seceders Bro. Sadler quietly ignores. It is true that "Morgan's Register" does not say where they came from, but we could scarcely expect to find any entry of that nature in respect to the "founders" of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge. At that period its members, officers, and organization were all new, and required development and perfecting, and it may also be fairly assumed that at the time G. Secretary Morgan wrote the members' names in his Register, the distinctive appellations "Modern" and "Ancient" had not become familiar.

I have no hesitation in avowing my conviction that very many of the 74 members who constituted the "Ancient" Grand Lodge in 1751 were seceders from the "Moderns," and, while quite willing that Bro. Sadler should take whatever benefit my opinion may afford him that some of them were Irish Masons—a point I have never disputed—I must ask for some evidence in proof of his assertion that the originators of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge acquired their knowledge of "Modern" ceremonies and working, without having been actual members of some "Modern" lodge or lodges.

If such evidence is not available, Bro. Sadler and I will, doubtless, agree to differ on this matter, with all proper respect, however, for each other's opinions.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1889.

Original Correspondence.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I venture to ask you to allow me through your columns to remind the 426 brethren who had kindly promised their support to Bro. Augustus Harris, P.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, when he retired from the present contest, as well as the members of the Craft generally, that Bro. Harris will be a candidate for that high office at the election which takes place in March, 1890. I take the earliest opportunity of doing this in order to avoid any possible misconception on the subject.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

A. M. BROADLEY,
P.M. 1717 and 1835, P.D.D.G.M. Malla,
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February 26th.

MARK GRAND LODGE AND BACON'S HOTEL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

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Surely a 21 years' lease would have been long enough with settled conditions for renewal—say at the expiration of 16 years—and I sincerely hope some such modification of terms may be adopted. My only satisfaction with this proposed arrangement is, that the premises will be engaged and occupied by members of the Craft, and I trust that the Committee of Management will see their way to arrange for a writing room to be provided for London and country brethren subscribing to some Mark lodge, who may find a place where they can sit down and write a letter or confer with each other, a want long felt, but never responded to by Grand Lodge of England, although it has often been suggested. From my numerous engagements I have never taken an active part in the Mark Degree, but shall certainly join a lodge—along with many of my friends—if the suggestion I have thrown out is adopted and carried into effect.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

HENRY SMITH, P.M. 387.

THE COMMEMORATION JEWEL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall be favoured if you will kindly inform me in the "Correspondence" column of your estimable paper if it is illegal for a Mason to wear the commemoration jewel, considering he was not initiated till the spring of 1888. It seems to me it must be so. Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours fraternally,

GAVEL.

February 29th.

[Only those Masons who were subscribing members on the day of the Jubilee celebration are entitled to wear the jewel.—ED. F.M.]



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MINUTES OF THE "OLD DRUIDS," REDRUTH.

I am glad that my esteemed friend Vivian, of Camborne, has alluded to the curious entries in the *Old "Druids"* Lodge, Redruth, because if they mean, what apparently they do, the conferring of Degrees in a Prov. G.L. in 1787 is an entirely new feature. I have carefully considered the matter, and fancy that the Secretary of that period must have mixed up the meeting of the Prov. G.L. with that of the "Love and Honour," Falmouth, held on the same day. My memory has been haunting me about a minute in the old "Mother Lodge" at Falmouth about the two extraordinary receptions, but it is so long since those Records were examined by me, and also those of the extinct lodge at Redruth, that I am not quite clear on the point. The veteran Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. W. F. Newman, would gladly show the precious volumes from 1751 to Bro. Vivian, when he is in the town, or search for him, as would also the W.M. or Secretary. The minutes of both Bodies were, for years, kept in the same book, as the Prov. G. Sec. and Secretary of the lodge were one and the same brother. Hoping this hint will lead to the solution of the problem, I thank Bro. Vivian for making the entry known.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).—A large number of members and visitors assembled at Lords' Hotel, St. John's Wood, on the 21st ult., the occasion being the installation meeting of this lodge. The members included Bro. Chas. J. Biorn, W.M.; S. J. Humfress, I.P.M.; W. Drew, S.W.; W. Burton, J.W.; Jno. Welford, P.M., Treas.; S. R. Walker, P.M., Sec.; W. Curtis, S.D.; J. W. Belsham, J.D.; J. Gawith, I.G.; H. Drake and R. J. Rogers, Stwds.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.M.; L. Ascott, P.M.; W. Hallett, P.M.; T. W. Allen, P.M.; C. R. Wickens, P.M.; E. Collins, P.M.; and a large number of lay members. Visitors: Bro. Geo. Dorsett, 172; Thos. Middleweek, 1790; A. T. Tout, 72; A. G. Pritchard, Org. 9; C. J. Taylor, I.G. 1389; E. M. Lander, P.M. 1642; J. S. Adkin, P.M. 990; T. P. Riddle, 3; V. Shaw, 1185; W. T. Dillon, 1567; E. Walker, P.M. 92; E. Reed, 2021; W. Hunt, P.M. 1425; J. Burton, I.G. 158; E. Rogers, P.M. 1238; W. Thomas, I.P.M. 2045; J. F. Arnold, E. Ingles, P.M. 946; J. R. Hill, 1572; W. Seaman, 704; J. C. Conway, S.D. 1891; E. Owen, S.D. 1593; L. F. Godard, 1339; A. Groves 172; W. J. Stratton, 753; R. J. Redfern, 753; R. J. Hearnden, 1853; G. T. Wood, 1608; J. Fisher, 1184; C. Akerman, 1706; A. J. Trehearne, S.W. 657; J. J. Chapman, P.M. 657; W. J. Righton, 1681; R. F. Whur, 901; J. Pullen, 1614; J. Potter, 1981; N. Turner, P.M. 72; L. W. Harvey, P.M. 9; R. Dillon, P.M. 1567; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; J. 511; C. A. White, J.D. 1777; Geo. Everett, P.M. 177; E. A. Warfield, 704; G. W. Appleton, 361 (U.S.A.); J. J. Thomas, W.M. 753; E. B. Cox, P.M. 1563; T. MacLagan, 8; A. Tisley, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 8; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes having been confirmed, the Auditor's report was received and adopted. Bro. William Drew was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was successfully installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Chas. J. Biorn, I.P.M., who was presented and invested with a P.M.'s collar and pendant. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. Burton, S.W.; J. W. Curtis, J.W.; J. Welford, P.M., Treas.; S. R. Walker, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Belsham, S.D.; J. J. Gawith, J.D.; R. J. Rogers, I.G.; T. H. Drake and A. Arrowsmith, Stwds.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., D.C.; W. H. Faircloth, A.D.C.; S. Lane, Org.; and H. Thomas, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Chas. J. Biorn, I.P.M., then completed a very

successful and prosperous year of office by a careful rendition of the customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and members. On the motion of the I.P.M. a sum of 20 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on Bro. Humfress' list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet, the customary toast list received due notice.

Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., in response to "The Grand Officers," thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast. It was not the first time he had had that honour, and he could scarcely find new words in which to express his deep feelings of thanks. It afforded him great pleasure that they were celebrating the 31st installation in that lodge, for he was one of the founders. Very few of the old members were in existence, but he had on his right one who was initiated in the Westbourne Lodge in 1858—during the first year of its existence—Bro. George Everett who left them some years ago, but who had come amongst them again that evening. They were all pleased to see Bro. Everett pay a visit to his old lodge, especially as there was another circumstance connected with him that might not be known to all present—that he was a candidate for election as Grand Treasurer. Bro. Everett was deserving of the support not only of that lodge, but of others, in consequence of the good work he had done; but they in that lodge should especially support him, as he was one of their first initiates, and, therefore, one of their oldest children. In conclusion, he (Bro. Cottebrune) again thanked them, and assured them that as long as he lived, and had health and strength, he should remain a member of the Westbourne Lodge.

Bro. C. J. Biorn, I.P.M., said it had fallen to his lot for the first time to propose "The Health of the W. Master." As the brethren were aware he was not in the habit of making long speeches, and he would not, therefore, detain them by extolling the virtues of Bro. Drew, their newly-installed W.M., he would, however, say that in Bro. Drew they had a good W.M. who would be a credit to the Craft and their lodge, for he was a worthy Mason. He trusted the W.M. would have plenty of work, when he would afford the members an opportunity of witnessing his good working. He would ask the brethren to drink to the health of their W.M.

Bro. Drew, W.M., said he was very grateful for the kind way in which the I.P.M. had proposed the toast, and the brethren had received it. He could only say that he would do his best to follow in the footsteps of the I.P.M. during his year, and if he retired at the end of that period in the same creditable way, he should know he had given satisfaction to the lodge. He should endeavour to carry out his work as well as the I.P.M. had done, and hoped he should satisfy the members.

The W.M. then gave "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master." He said it needed no words from him to speak of the I.P.M., for the brethren had seen his working and the splendid manner in which he had carried out his duties. During his year, Bro. Biorn, I.P.M., had most ably done his work, and had successfully terminated his period of office by impressively performing the installation ceremony. It was now his pleasure to invest Bro. Biorn, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, presented by the lodge, and he would say that no brother had ever deserved a jewel more than their I.P.M. that evening, for his work had always been of the best, and he had endeared himself to all the members. The brethren would heartily join in wishing Bro. Biorn long life, health, and prosperity.

Bro. C. J. Biorn, P.M., heartily thanked the W.M. and brethren for the manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He could assure them that when he joined Masonry he had no idea of ever wearing a P.M.'s jewel; but, being once placed in office, he was not satisfied until he had reached the chair, and although his working was probably not of the best, yet it was work of the heart. He had always done the best he could to carry out the affairs of the lodge in a satisfactory manner. He was under the disadvantage of following one of the best W.M.'s the lodge had ever known—Bro. Humfress, P.M.—who had a most successful year with numerous initiates, and who took up a large sum for the Charities. He endeavoured to follow in Bro. Humfress' footsteps, having nine initiates, and collecting 80 guineas for the R.M. Benevolent Institution. He had to the best of his ability endeavoured to do his duty, and he hoped he had pleased them, for then he should be satisfied. He again thanked them for the warmth with which his health had been given, and also for the handsome jewel presented to him.

"The Visitors" was next given in cordial terms by the W.M., who offered the visiting brethren a hearty welcome, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. J. J. Thomas; Tisley, P.G. Stwd.; Geo. Everett, P.M. 177; W. Thomas, and Trehearne.

Bro. J. J. Thomas, W.M. 753, returned thanks for the hearty reception accorded the visitors by this lodge, and expressed his sincere regret at the indisposition of Bro. Humfress, P.M.

Bro. George Everett, P.M. 177, also replied. He said he was indebted to the father of the lodge—Bro. Cottebrune—for a very pleasant and enjoyable evening. Masonry had many agreeable surroundings, but none of a more pleasurable nature than visiting other lodges, for it enabled brethren to renew old friendships, revive old associations, and stimulate that brotherly love and good fellowship of which they were so proud. He felt this more especially that evening, for his visit had enabled him to renew his acquaintance with his mother lodge. On the 19th August, 30 years ago, a guileless youth might have been seen wending his way to the Manor House at Paddington, which place he approached with fear and trembling. He was that youth, and his object was to be initiated into Freemasonry in this lodge in the first year of its existence. His fear and trembling were soon dispelled, and he was initiated, his good friend, Bro. Cottebrune, then occupying the S.W.'s chair. Mighty changes had taken place since then. The lodge was then No. 1035, afterwards altered to its present number—733, and since its consecration no less than 1600 other lodges had been founded. He was glad to find that the Westbourne Lodge had held its own, for when he saw the statement of accounts, and what a splendid balance there was to the credit of the lodge fund, and what a grand Benevolent Fund there was in connection with it, he was proud that he could call this lodge his mother lodge. The mother had a right to ask what had her first son been doing in his absence? He had passed the chair in four lodges and three chapters, and was

a founder of several others, and had endeavoured to make himself useful in the cause of Charity. In consequence of those humble services certain brethren suggested the idea that he should become for a candidate for a great office, and one of dignity and honour—the Grand Treasurership—what he looked upon as the blue riband of Freemasonry. Those few brethren had increased, and he was pleased to say that about 1200 had promised to support him. He knew they would pardon him on the present occasion, as he was speaking of a matter dear to his heart, and in his mother lodge he ventured to hope that the members, those who were able to vote, would think him deserving of the high honour he sought. He had endeavoured to fight his election in a Masonic spirit and had not said one word in disparagement of his opponent. He thanked the brethren for their attention, and was sure the visitors would endorse his remark that they had been gratified with the hospitality shown them.

Bros. Tisley, P.G. Stwd., W. Thomas, and Trehearne also replied.

"The P.M.'s" having been given and responded to, "The Treasurer and Secretary" was introduced, and appropriately replied to by Bros. Welford, P.M., Treas., and Walker, P.M., Sec.

"The Officers" was duly honoured, after which the Tyler's toast closed a successful and enjoyable evening.

Under the direction of Bro. A. G. Pritchard an excellent programme of music was carried out, his assistants being Miss Emily Pritchard, Miss Lizzie Holmes, and Bros. C. A. White, C. Akerman, and Tom MacLagan.

LODGE OF UNITY (No. 183).—The lodge met at the Ship and Turtle, City, on Monday, 25th ult., when there were present: Bros. A. E. Francis, W.M., H. Hooper, R. Corsham, G. P. Britten, G. W. Speth, J. W. Oliver, G. H. Lindsey-Renton, G. W. Pinnock, S. Richardson, G. R. Langley, A. Hirsch, F. W. Zimer, W. G. Godwin, T. C. Fassell, W. E. Watson, A. O. Side, W. F. B. Watts, T. W. Heath, J. A. Goudge, G. Pragnell, F. W. McIlwraith, and P. Angel; also the following visitors: Bros. J. W. Mills, 254; D. W. Pearce, P.M. 1295; C. G. H. Phillips, P.M. 1980; W. H. Lee, P.M. 975; L. Side; J. W. Thatcher, 22; and H. Cohen, W.M. 1058.

Bro. T. W. Heath, 1044, was admitted a joining member; Bros. W. Newbould and W. E. Watson were raised; and Bro. J. A. Goudge passed. Bro. H. Hooper, S.W., was elected W.M., and Bros. Britten and Reinhardt re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively for the ensuing year; the resignation of Bro. G. Blagdon was received. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to the retiring W.M.; the W.M. and the W.M. elect were requested to invite each two distinguished Masons at the installation meeting as guests of the lodge. The audit meeting was fixed for the 15th March, and the lodge closed in the invariable harmony which distinguishes this ancient lodge.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Southampton Lodge (No. 394).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall on Thursday afternoon, the 21st ult., when the retiring S.W., Bro. C. J. Appleford, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren in attendance were Bros. Sharland, W.M. 76; J. Fewings, W.M. 130; F. H. Candy, W.M.; Dr. Chamberlain, W.M. 1112; W. J. Miller, W.M. 1461; W. Foster, W.M. 1780; T. P. Payne, P.P.G.R.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.P.J.G.D.; and R. W. Lees, of 130; Rev. H. J. Mason, P.P.G.C. Dorset; H. P. Aslatt, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Lashmore, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Lemon, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; G. J. Tilling, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; J. D. Barford, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Bowyer, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. W. Bull, and E. Gayton, of 394; W. Horton, P.P.G.P., and J. Methven, of 1461.

A letter was read from Bro. A. J. Blackman, W.M. 359, excusing his absence on the ground of domestic bereavement, and a vote of sympathy was passed with him; and also with Bro. Green, a member of the lodge, in the loss of his wife. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Tilling, who received the thanks of the lodge for his services. The newly-installed W.M. distributed his collars as follows: Bros. F. H. Candy, I.P.M.; S. Dacombe, S.W.; F. A. Dunsford, J.W.; J. Lemon, P.M., Treas.; W. Bowyer, P.M., sec.; A. Hewitt, S.D.; H. C. Ashdown, J.D.; E. Gayton, P.M., D.C.; W. Bates, I.G.; A. F. Gutteridge and R. R. Linthorne, Stewards; and W. Vare, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring W.M., who was at the same time congratulated on recovery from his recent serious illness.

The installation banquet was served in excellent style by Bro. Biggs, the hall-keeper. The W.M. presided over a numerous attendance.

The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

FILEY.—Royal Lodge (No. 643).—On Monday, the 18th ult., the annual meeting of the above lodge for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year was held at the Royal Crescent Hotel, when Bro. J. McFaden, S.W., was duly installed by Bro. G. Chambers, P.M. 1760. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. E. Harland, I.P.M.; F. G. Rowe, S.W.; W. S. Robson, J.W.; M. Malvin, S.D.; W. Barnett, J.D.; J. Haworth, Org.; Meek, P.M., D.C.; W. Budd, P.P.A.G.P., Sec.; Dobson, P.M., Treas.; R. Land, P.M., Chap.; C. H. Lloyd, I.G.; W. Lott and H. Simpson, Stewards; and J. Chapman, Tyler.

There were also present Bros. V. Fowler, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. G. Long, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. B. Richardson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; R. H. Peacock, P.M. 200, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Garbutt, P.M. 200; E. Mainprize, W.M., J. Rennard, S.W., H. C. Clarke, J.W., and J. M. Wilson, of 734; T. D. Sarony, W.M. 1248; J. Varley, S. Towse, T. Brunton, J. Dales, R. Hopper, W. Pilling, and W. Jefferson.

"Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren having been given, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren assembled in the banqueting room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Varley, who fully maintained his high reputation as a caterer. Upwards of 30 sat down.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

After giving the toasts of "The I.P.M." and "The Officers,"

The W.M. Bro. J. McFaden presented to the I.P.M., Bro. E. Harland, a P.M.'s jewel, and said: In presenting you with a Past Master's jewel, it affords me the greatest pleasure to assure you that the brethren one and all agree that you have well deserved it, taking into consideration the great amount of energy, goodwill, and Masonic knowledge that you have displayed during your year of office. I am fully justified in saying the lodge still owes you a deep debt of gratitude for the excellent example you have set us, and personally I beg to add that it shall be my best endeavour, though at an humble distance, to follow in your footsteps. In conclusion, allow me, in the name of all present, to wish you a prosperous and happy life, and long may you enjoy the pleasure of wearing this token of personal esteem and Masonic approbation.

Bro. Harland, in suitable terms, thanked Bro. McFaden and all the brethren for that token of their appreciation, and the brethren separated, having spent a most pleasant evening.

PONTEFRAC.—St. Oswald Lodge (No. 910).—On Wednesday, the 13th ult., the members of this lodge (of which the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D., is a P.M., and was one of the founders in 1861) mustered in their usual numbers at the Freemasons' Hall. The ordinary lodge business was supplemented by a vote of ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to endow the chair of the W.M., and a grant of ten guineas subscribed by the brethren to the Boys' School. After which a very interesting presentation took place. The various lodges of the Province of West Yorkshire, with few exceptions, have lately had their Grand Lodge warrants photographed, and a copy of each has been deposited in the central library of the Province at Wakefield, of which Bro. W. Watson, P.M. 304, is the honorary and active curator and librarian. The P.G.M. having been saluted according to ancient custom, Bro. J. H. Greaves, W.M., rose to present to him a very handsomely framed copy of the warrant of the lodge. Bro. Tew, in a few suitable words, spoken with the grace so well known in the province, accepted the presentation. The P.G.M. then presented to the lodge several printed copies of the "Thos. W. Tew MSS.," recently obtained by Bro. W. Watson, who is a most energetic searcher after ancient monuments and records of Masonry. Much praise is due to Bro. C. W. Barber, I.P.M., who organised and superintended the whole of the arrangements.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. T. Jordan, W.M.; R. T. Davison, M.D., S.W.; T. J. Walder, J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M., P.G. Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Robt. Hughes, I.P.M., Sec.; J. B. Foster, S.D.; W. A. Raper, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; W. J. Pepper, I.G.; C. Leary, Tyler; B. H. Thorpe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; C. Martin, W. E. Skinner, T. W. Avis, C. R. Homsett, G. Smith, Belchamber, Hodson, and others. Visitors: Bros. the Rev. R. W. Loosemore, P.M. 974, P.P.G. Chap. Yorkshire; and J. C. Buckwell, S.W. 2186.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, showing the lodge to be in a very satisfactory financial condition. The I.P.M. then delivered the charge after initiation to the two entered apprentices (Bros. Belchamber and Hudson), initiated at the last meeting, time not permitting it to be given on that occasion, after which they were duly passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, the ceremony being well performed by the W.M., Bro. Jordan. The sum of five guineas was voted to the R.M.B.I., to be placed on the list of Bro. Dr. Currie. Some further business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed.

NORTHALLERTON.—Anchor Lodge (No. 1337).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., when there was a very large attendance of the brethren. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Two new members were balloted for and duly elected. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. F. Smith, P.M. 837, P.A.G.D.C., for very kindly presenting three gavelts to the lodge. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. A. C. Knowles was passed. The W.M., Bro. Jos. Fairburn, P.M., and Bro. C. Palliser, P.M., alluded in touching words to the long and deep friendship that had existed between Bro. Knowles and the members of the lodge.

Other business was disposed of, and the lodge was closed, after which the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a very enjoyable evening was spent, Bros. W. Bell, G. Pattinson, Dr. Twcedy, J. H. Robinson, and W. S. Charlton contributing to the harmony of the evening.

BARNET.—Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—This lodge held its regular meeting at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 22nd ult., when Bro. T. H. Martin, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. B. Gatto, S.W.; J. H. Baxter, J.W.; J. E. Cussans, J.D.; S. Tryon, I.G.; G. B. Abbott, A.D.C.; Thompson, Stwd.; W. Lewis, I.P.M., acting Sec.; Chas. Gray, P.M., D.C.; John Brittain, P.M.; J. R. Euerby, P.M.; Goddard, Tyler; Collingwood, and Wenzlein, together with Bro. Brumell, of the Knole Lodge, No. 1414, and three or four other visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee read and adopted, the ballot was taken for Mr. R. W. Oldfield, and, proving favourable, that gentleman was duly initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree, the ceremony being admirably, and at the same time very impressively, rendered by the W.M.

The death of Bro. Rumble was reported, and it was resolved that the brethren should wear the customary mourning at the March and April meetings, as an evidence of their respect for the memory of a most worthy brother; the Secretary at the same time to forward on behalf of the lodge a letter of sympathy with the relatives of the deceased. A vote of condolence was also passed with Bro. R. Fisher Young, P.M. and Sec., who has recently lost his wife, after a protracted and painful illness.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and a pleasant but quiet evening was spent.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 13th ult. Among those present were Bros. Captain A. Bunn, W.M.; H. Jenkins, S.W.; A. Toulmin, J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., P.M.; Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.W., P.M., Sec.; Perry, J.D.; Murphy, Steward, acting I.G.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. W. Jenkins, I.P.M.; and others. Bro. Lightbody, 1585, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Murphy, Bennett, and Roberts were raised to the Third Degree. The ballot was taken for the Rev. Mr. Farrar, and he being in attendance was impressively initiated. The by-laws were then read. The W.M. having been elected to serve as Steward to the R.M.I.B., the Secretary gave notice of motion—"That the sum of five guineas be voted from the lodge funds and placed on the W.M.'s list." A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. the Rev. S. Butler, P.P.G.C., on the loss sustained by him by the death of his wife. The I.P.M. and others gave notice of motion—"That the lodge be removed to more suitable premises."

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.M.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; H. Room, P.G. Sec.; and others.

The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed, and the usual toasts received full justice.

HAMPTON COURT.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This highly-successful lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 21st ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. G. Ransford, W.M.; E. Clark, S.W.; A. F. Scholding, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.W., P.M., Sec.; A. Bushell, J.D.; J. Smith, I.G.; R. Eales, I.P.M.; W. Spearing, P.M., D.C.; R. Kent, Asst. Org.; J. W. Clarke, Asst. D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M.; H. Robinson, and Hopkins, Stwds.; Webster, Moss, Cronin, Conway, Mella, Humphries, Scott, Carter, G. J. Tagg, Plimsaul, F. A. Foes, C. Wheatley, C. H. Davis, Gale, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Harvey, P.M. 1314; A. Tucker, P.M.; Jerran, S.D. 95; and Fisk, J.D. 1733.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Henry Webster was ably passed to the Second Degree. Bro. E. Clark, S.W., was elected to represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. Fisher, S.D.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. J. B. Mella, the courteous host, and assistants.

KEYNSHAM.—St. Keyna Lodge (No. 1833).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Public Hall, on Tuesday, the 19th ult., when Bro. Walter Hobkirk, S.W., the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the whole of the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. R. C. Else, the D.P.G.M., P.G.D. of England, in the presence of a large number of members and visitors. Bro. Else is truly a most industrious and hard-working Dep. P.G.M., for only the previous evening he conducted the installation at the Lodge of Agriculture, No. 1199, holding at Congresbury, nearly 20 miles from Keynsham. The newly-installed Master appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Samuel J. Lewis, I.P.M.; J. Naish, S.W.; C. Pfeiffer, J.W.; A. J. Gay, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Treas.; B. Read, Sec.; C. Burn, S.D.; Vincent Russell, J.D.; E. J. Grubb, P.M., D.C.; H. B. Southwell, I.G.; G. T. Williams and Joseph Byerley, Stwds.; and J. Stote, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Lamb and Lark Hotel, where a large number sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. H. J. Cox, and presided over by the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently proposed and duly honoured, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. J. Northam, who was ably assisted by the following brethren: Bros. G. T. Williams, P. S. Allison, W. H. Brown, Adam Rankine, C. Pfeiffer, and H. Airey.

NEWMARKET.—Etheldreda Lodge (No. 2107).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the White Hart Hotel. Bro. T. Jennings, jun., W.M., presided. The duties of Installing Master were very impressively performed by Bro. Thomas Nichols, P.M. 88, P.P.S.G.W.; and the newly-installed W. Master, Bro. W. Hutchinson, subsequently appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Jennings, jun., P.P.G.S. of W., I.P.M.; Geo. Tindal, P.M., S.W.; W. B. Sheppard, J.W.; Rev. J. Imrie, P.G.C., Chap.; T. M. Clark, Treas.; T. Ennion, Sec.; G. Simpson, S.D.; A. H. Ruston, J.D.; B. Chennell, P.M. 88, P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; J. Turner, P.G. Org., Org.; T. Ennion, Steward; and Rev. J. Imrie, I.G. Mention was made of the death of Bro. G. W. Pilbrow, the much-respected Tyler of the lodge, and the Charity bag was voted for the benefit of the widow.

At the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to banquet.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Faulkner, W.M.; Dandridge, S.W.; Turpin, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Long, S.D.; Penrose, J.D.; Borrett, I.G.; J. Penney, P.M.; Sandford, Percy, Sayers, H. G. Pitt, Amos, and Emblin. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, advanced to the Second Degree. The usual questions leading to the Third Degree were then well answered by Bro. Sandford. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was called off, and on resuming, the brethren saluted the W.M. in the Third Degree. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Dandridge, S.W., was elected W.M. for the second Wednesday in March and appointed officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 22nd ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. J. D. Aslett, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; W. G. Coat, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, S.D.; M. Rice, J.D.; T. Jobson, I.G.; and E. F. Nash.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Long being the candidate. The W.M. rendered the ancient charge in a very able manner. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Jobson having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The W.M. rendered the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, the S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—A meeting was held at the Mona Hotel (ate Ashley's), Henretta-street, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, the 20th ult., to which place this flourishing lodge of instruction has been removed, when there were present Bros. Esling, W.M.; Graham, S.W.; Klein, J.W.; Brindley, Preceptor; Boyell, Treas.; Swan, Sec.; Davies, S.D.; Price, J.D.; Marshall, I.G.; Hunter, Noakes, Pett, Forscutt, White, Mogford, Theis, Cantle, Englefield, and Cursons.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. Brindley, P.M., Preceptor. Bro. Pett having answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M., Bro. Esling, very efficiently rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with the full traditional history, Bro. Pett acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The dues having been collected, Bro. Graham, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The brethren then proceeded to the election of officers for the year, when the following were declared to be duly elected—Bros. W. Brindley, Preceptor; W. E. Giefield, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; H. Esling, W.M. of the mother lodge, Treas.; and G. F. Swan, P.M., Sec. It having been proposed and carried that it was desirable to have a new set of collars and jewels for the officers, several of the brethren handed in their names as subscribers, and a sufficient sum was promised to meet the cost of the same. The brethren expressed their appreciation of the handsome room and increased accommodation provided them in their new home. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Sreatham Common. Present: Bros. Ingram, W.M.; Beavan, S.W.; Jones, J.W.; Warren, P.M., acting Preceptor; Thomson, acting Sec.; Stevens, S.D.; Spicer, J.D.; Ferguson, I.G.; Gardener, Atkins, and Harris.

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. Gardener personating the candidate. The questions leading to the Second Degree were then separately answered by Bros. Gardener and Atkins. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Spicer. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Ingram being a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Ingram personating the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Ingram again took the chair. The W.M. rose for the first time, when the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed by Bro. Warren, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Spicer, that Bro. Beavan occupy the chair of W.M. at the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Hakim, W.M. 147, W.M.; J. R. Allman, W.M. 1425, S.W.; C. J. Conway, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; W. Mathews, S.D.; M. Rosenberg, J.D.; J. Corrie, I.G.; T. Middleweek, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; E. F. Ferris, I.P.M. 1543; D. Stroud, P.M. 2045; W. R. Hatton, O. W. Battley, C. A. Milnes, J. V. Woodman, W. Jackman, E. R. Buckwell, J. H. Taylor, H. P. Guntrip, H. Windeatt, and J. Smith.

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. Hatton being candidate. Bro. Jackman answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Allman assumed the chair. Bro. Hakim was presented, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, the charges being given in a very able manner. Bro. Chalfont was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge in recognition of his many services, extending over a long period of time, which compliment was feelingly replied to by Bro. Chalfont. A vote of thanks to Bro. Milnes was unanimously carried for a kind present he had made to the lodge. The W.M. for the next meeting was elected, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. A. Walter, W.M.; H. Hunt, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; R. Loomes, S.D.; J. Petch, J.D.; C. H. Iler, I.G.; and C. G. Gray.

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. Gray candidate. Bro. Gray having offered himself as a candidate for the Second Degree, was duly questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Gray candidate. Bro. Gray answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. Hunt was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on the 20th ult., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Harvey, W.M.; Luckhurst, S.W.; Holland, J.W.; Coughlan, acting Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Clarkson, Sec.; Musson, S.D.; Goldfinch, J.D.; Abbott, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; J. Gibson, P.M.; Wing, Coombes, Mimms, Plante, Pett, Holmes, Imray, Brooking, and Goode.

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. Coombes candidate. Bro. Pett answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Pett was passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Mimms, who worked part of the installation ceremony. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Coughlan, P.M., assisted by Bro. Goldfinch, worked the 6th Section of the Lecture. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. F. Buxton, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; H. Hovenden, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; G. Holland, S.D.; C. H. Foan, J.D.; J. Woodward, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. Kedg, F. W. Cash, E. D. F. Rymer, T. Marshall, J. H. P. Long, Jas. Rowe, F. M. Noakes, R. E. Cursons, Chas. Lambert, F. Frenguelli, W. Hancock, A. Clark, and R. Clare.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. J. Rowe having offered

himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. J. Greenway worked the 6th Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. D. Graham 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., reported that the Committee appointed to revise the by-laws had made progress, and that the new by-laws as recommended by the Committee to the lodge would be placed before the lodge at the next meeting for discussion and confirmation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

ROSE LODGE (No. 1622).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were about 17 brethren present to support Bro. Penney, W.M., who rehearsed the ceremony of raising. This was afterwards done by Bro. Bates, P.M., who also delivered the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. J. Addington, P.M. 217, M.E.Z. 1275, acted as Preceptor.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. H. Neville, W.M.; Dresden, S.W.; Hubbard, J.W.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas. and S.D.; Knight, J.D.; Moret, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Woods, P.M.; Hatt, and Betts.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. H. Williams offering himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the charge given by the W.M. Bro. Hatt having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Dresden was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. E. Child, P.M., W.M.; W. Jennings, S.W.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. Higginson, S.D.; A. Cavers, J.D.; A. Whittell, I.G.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; Arnott, Head, Craggs, West, and Woodard.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cavers having answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony completed. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. J. Sims, P.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Jennings was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 25th ult. Present: Bros. P. P. Perry, W.M.; Jas. Sims, P.M., S.W.; C. E. Everett, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. Blake, S.D.; and T. Jobson, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Collings, who, after putting the necessary questions to the candidate for passing, opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of that Degree in his well-known effective manner. Bro. Perry resumed his position as W.M., and closed the lodge in the Second Degree. Bro. James Sims was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Perry for his able conduct in the chair for the first time in this lodge. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; T. W. Biggs, S.W.; J. D. Aslett, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; J. Davies, S.D.; D. S. Long, J.D.; J. Hillier, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; J. Wood, P.M.; W. Hyde, T. Wilcocks, F. Craggs, R. H. Wimpey, and W. W. Williams.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. T. W. Biggs, S.W., was elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. It was agreed that the Fifteen Sections be worked on Saturday, 6th of April, when the Preceptor, Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., will occupy the chair. The lodge was then closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 22nd ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Hobbs, W.M.; Piper, S.W.; Badderley, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Martin, J.D.; Hayler, I.G.; Coleman, P.M.; Forscutt, P.M.; Flateley, Ray, Edwards, Bristow, Harvey, Shaw, Moloney, Mann, Chabot, and Cameron.

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. Bristow candidate. Bro. Cameron answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Mann being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual meeting was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Folkard, W.M.; E. G. King, S.W.; Russell, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Mitchell, J.D.; Chapman, I.G.; Esling, Hill, Poole, Beaven, J. Wright, Jones, Hudson, West, Ellston, and Well.

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 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Jones being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, with Bro. Jones as candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. Well, 34, was elected a joining member. Bro. Well returned thanks, and hoped to attend often. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. King was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. King returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and Bro. Esling announced that he was going up as Steward for the Old People, to represent the Emblematic Lodge, of which he is Master, and asked for support. The Secretary reminded the brethren of the supper, which will take place on the 11th instant, tickets for which are ready, price three shillings. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

On Friday, the 13th inst., the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and High Officers of the Corporation, and a large number of Grand Officers, Present and Past, will dine with the Alliance Lodge at Guildhall Tavern. The W.M., Bro. Henry Clarke, C.C. and L.C.C., will preside. A brilliant gathering is expected at this now annual banquet.

Royal Arch.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).

—This prosperous chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 14th ultimo. Among those in attendance were Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, M.E.Z.; G. Gardner, H.; W. W. Westley, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z.; S. E.; Dowling, S.N.; George Everett, P.Z.; Treas.; Sims, P.S.; Smith and Salter, A.S.; E. Ayling, I.P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S. Middx., P.Z.; W. P. Webb, P.Z.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. W. W. Arter, 1986, and it being unanimous, he was most impressively exalted to the R.A. Degree by the M.E.Z. The election of principals and officers for the year ensuing then took place—Comps. G. Gardner, M.E.Z.; W. W. Westley, H.; Sims, J.; H. Higgins, S.E.; Dowling, S.N.; George Everett, Treas.; Salter, P.S.; and Reinardt, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the M.E.Z. The chapter was then closed and adjourned.

The banquet followed, under the able catering of Comp. Buxton. Before the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

The I.P.Z., in proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z.," passed a deservedly high compliment upon the working of Comp. Lardner, whose year of office, he said, had been most successful.

The M.E.Z. having replied, gave "The Second and Third Principals."

Comps. Gardner and Westley having acknowledged the compliment, "The Past Principals" followed.

The toast was responded to by Comps. Ayling, Walls, Webb, and Köhler.

In giving "The S.E. and Treasurer," the M.E.Z. spoke at length upon the great services rendered to the Kennington Chapter by both those officers, but he particularly wished to congratulate Comp. George Everett upon the efforts which had been so zealously devoted by him to Masonry in general, and he (the M.E.Z.) trusted that when the chapter next met it would be able to hail Comp. Everett as Grand Treasurer of England.

Comp. Higgins and Everett having replied, the toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

Comps. S. Davis, W. P. Webb, and Smith, assisted by Bro. Brown at the piano, contributed some pleasing harmony.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT CHAPTER (No. 1745).

—This civic chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Comps. J. Young, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z., S.E., acting H.; T. Simpson, J.; R. Webber, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, P.Z., acting P.S.; N. Prower, M.A., 1st A.S.; James Strugnell, P.Z.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org. (Hon. Org.); E. Mallett, Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the past convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. B. Lane, Mus. Bac., S.W. 1765, was impressively exalted to the Degree of a R.A.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. J. Lister, H.; G. Herbert, P.S.; and others. The chapter was then closed.

The usual banquet followed.

Comp. Dr. E. M. Lott responded in a happy speech on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

In response to his health, Comp. B. Lane made an excellent speech, in which he expressed himself as highly impressed with the ceremony of exaltation.

Some very good selections of instrumental and vocal harmony were given by Comps. Dr. Lott, B. Lane, Mus. Bac., J. Young, H. J. Lardner, and others.

The proceedings were throughout of a most enjoyable character.

ANERLEY.—Crystal Palace Chapter (No. 742).

—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Thicket Hotel, on Thursday, the 21st ult. The members present were Comps. H. D. Williams, M.E.Z.; J. D. Arnold, H.; E. Chamberlain, J.; Geo. Allen, P.Z., Treas.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.Z., S.E.; B. Fullwood, I.P.Z.; E. Kidman, P.Z., S.N.; A. C. Wood, P.S.; W. A. Cheffins, and G. W. Rowe, Janitor. Visitor: Comp. L. S. Fountaine, M.E.Z. 72.

The convocation being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z., on behalf of the chapter, presented Comp. Benj. Fullwood, I.P.Z., with a handsome gold watch, with a suitable inscription, which had been voted to him at a previous meeting, as a testimony of the genial courtesy and skill with which he had presided as M.E.Z. during the past year. Comp. Fullwood acknowledged the presentation, thanking the companions for their kindness. The ballot was then taken for the election of Comp. W. A. Cheffins to the vacant office of 1st Asst. Soj. It proved unanimous, and Comp. Cheffins was accordingly invested by the M.E.Z. The chapter was then closed.

At banquet the M.E.Z. presided, and a very pleasant evening was spent by the companions.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Chapter (No. 1356).

—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 6th ult., and was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. Jas. H. Tyson, assisted by Comps. A. Barkley, H.; J. Pittaway, J.; A. W. Hesketh, P.Z.; James Keet, P.Z.; Charles Arden, P.Z.; J. Rankin, S.E.; R. W. Chatham, S.N.; T. J. Jarman, Principal Soj.; Wm. Ferguson, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. B. Galloway, 2nd Asst. Soj.; P. Larsen, Janitor; W. Lowthian, A. Morris, Thomas Holmes, Jas. Casey, R. Tunnicliffe, Thos. Davis, T. A. Withey, G. W. Williams, John Almond, S. H. Perry, S. Jones, Hartley Wilson, and others. Visitors: Comps. William Evans, 594; and John C. Robinson, P.Z. 249, P. Asst. G.S.E.

After the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and confirmed, Comp. A. W. Hesketh, P.Z., then proceeded to install the Three Principals as follows: Comps. Andrew Barkley, M.E.Z.; J. Pittaway, H.; T. A. Withey, J.; R. W. Chatham, S.N.; J. Rankin, S.E.; A. Woolrich, Treas. (for the 14th time); Wm. Ferguson, Principal Soj.; J. B. Galloway, Asst. Soj.; C. Arden, D.C.; and Morris, Lowthian, and Tunnicliffe, Stwds. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Hesketh, P.Z., for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the installation

ceremony. The M.E.Z. then presented the I.P.Z. with a gold P.Z.'s jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, Liverpool).

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room where a pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 22nd ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, M.E.Z.; J. Davies, P.S. 733, H.; W. C. Williams, J. 733, J.; H. E. Dehane, M.E.Z. 890, S.E.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, S.N.; J. H. Baxter, 1st A.S. 890, P.S.; G. N. Watts, P.Z. 1196; and G. Swan, 733.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Swan being candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. Baxter for his rehearsal of the P.S. duties for the first time. After "Heartly good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 22nd ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. G. L. Moore, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z., H., acting Preceptor; Wingham, J.; Stone, S.E.; H. Martin, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Powell, P.Z.; J. Stevens, P.Z.; and Eckersall.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Powell personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time. The Committee reported that they considered it advisable to hold a supper early in April. Comp. F. Hilton, Preceptor, sent a telegram, apologising for unavoidable absence. Comp. Murché, M.E.Z. elect, also sent an apology for absence. The chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).

—This lodge held a meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 19th ult. Among those present were Bros. F. H. Clemow, W.M.; T. O. Harding, I.P.M., acting S.W.; Nelson Prower, M.A., J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec.; Chaffourier, J.O.; Richards, S.D.; F. Farrington, P.M.; W. E. Farrington, P.M.; and T. Poore, P.G.I.G. (Hon. Member).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. N. Prower was elected W.M. (subject to dispensation), Bro. F. Farrington, P.M., Treasurer, *vice* Bro. T. R. Richnell, P.M., G.S., resigned; and Bro. Goddard, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. F. H. Clemow for his services as W.M. Bro. N. Prower, W.M. elect, was elected to represent the lodge as Steward at the Mark Benevolent Festival, 1889. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. W. Codd, S.W.; T. R. Richnell, P.M., Treas.; and others.

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

A few toasts followed.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Lodge (No. 393).

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at the Bear's Paw, Lord-street, when there were present Bros. J. T. Callow, W.M.; W. Goodacre, P.M., P.S.G.O.; W. C. Erwin, S.W.; Ralph Betley, J.W.; Dr. T. Clark, M.O.; D. M. F. Gaskin, S.O.; E. Brooks, Prov. G. Stwd., J.O.; J. H. Barrow, P.M.; P. S. G.W., Treas.; W. Foulkes, R.M.; R. Armitage, Sec.; J. Queen, S.D.; E. Sherwood, J.D.; W. Platt, Prov. G.O., W.M. 286; G. A. Harraday, I.G.; R. H. Webster, J. D. Murray, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; and others. Visitors: Bros. P. R. Barrow, Prov. G.I.G.; W. H. Sweetman, 359; J. Caldwell, 359; and John C. Robinson, J.W. 65, Prov. G. Stwd.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes read, Bro. J. D. Murray took the chair, and advanced seven brethren to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. The whole of the work was done in a most impressive and efficient manner by the acting W.M. and officers.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren spent a very pleasant evening together.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).

This old and distinguished chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 8th ult. Among those present were Bros. G. A. Berkeley, M.W.S.; Capt. J. E. Anderson, Prelate; G. Graveley, 1st General; H. J. Lardner, G.M., Capt.; F. J. Stohwasser, R.; Lieut.-Col. Gardiner, I.P.M.W.S.; Dr. Coffin, M.D., P.M.W.S.; W. Roebuck, P.M.W.S.; W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; N. Prower, M.A.; J. H. Hawkins, W. W. Codd, Charles Belton, W. Hale-Hilton, Hayworth, W. Maple, Grimwood, and others. Bro. W. Ramsey, M.D., 30, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and ballot was taken for Bros. Mason, M.D., and H. Hills, and both being in attendance, they were most ably perfected. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Col. S. H. Clerke, 33; Capt. W. B. Williamson, 30; J.P.; A. Pears, Lamb-Smith, Pigache, and others.

The chapter was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, and gave universal satisfaction.

The usual toasts were given, and the proceedings, which were throughout of a most agreeable nature, then terminated.

ROYAL PRINCESS'S THEATRE.—"Now-a-Days"

was announced to be produced on Thursday afternoon. The scenes are laid in this country, in London and Yorkshire. This is the first play that Mr. Wilson Barrett has written himself, without the assistance of a collaborator. The actor-author will play an old north countryman, and be supported by Miss Grace Hawthorne and a very strong company, including Messrs. Lewis Waller, Julian Cross, and George Barrett, and Misses Norreys and Webster.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

YORK.—York College.—The annual and obligatory meeting of this college was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on the 16th ult. The muster of fratres was large, and of the whole number of 93 subscribing members only six failed either to be present or to send a written excuse. Amongst those present were Fratres T. B. Whytehead, Chief Adept of the Province; Col. Jas. Monks, Majister Templi; J. J. Wilkes, Deputy; J. M. Meek, Treas.; William Brown, Sec.; C. D. Hill Drury, P.A.; S. Chadwick, Preceptor; W. H. B. Atkinson, C.N.; Major McGachen, G.T.; W. N. Cheeseman, Herald; F. Laxton, Medallist; J. Rickard, R. Craig, R. H. Sootheran, C. Palliser, W. Flockton, J. Todd, Herbert Crossley, Rev. A. H. B. Lees, G. H. Locking, J. W. Woodall, W. H. Cowper, E. Kipps, B. Stocks, J. W. Monckman, W. F. Tomlinson, G. F. Carr, T. Norfolk, G. R. Welsman, J. L. Atherton, John Stevenson, A. Stott, H. E. Cousins, E. C. Patchitt, T. H. Pattinson, F. D. Harrison, H. Maddison, A. T. B. Turner, and others.

The M.C. was formed, and the minutes having been read, ballots were taken for six candidates, and subsequently Bros. C. H. Sharp, 111; T. Tomlinson, 1379; Col. John Kendall, 200; J. Ingleby, 302; and E. Lord, 910, were duly inducted and received into the M.C. The Celebrant elect, Frater J. L. Atherton, was then inducted as Majister Templi by the retiring Celebrant, Frater Col. Monks, and his officers designate took their places as follows: Fratres J. J. Wilkes, Deputy; C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., Pro Deputy; J. M. Meek, Treas.; Wm. Brown, Sec.; G. H. Locking, P.A.; W. Flockton, S.A.; G. Althorpe, T.A.; W. H. B. Atkinson, O.A.; A. H. J. Fletcher, Preceptor; F. Laxton, C. of N.; A. Haigh, Org.; W. N. Cheeseman, T.B.; J. R. Welsman, G.T.; A. Stott, Herald; and D. Grant, Medallist.

The report of the Treasurer was read showing a handsome balance in hand. The Chief Adept appointed Col. Jas. Monks Suffragan of the province, and re-appointed Frater W. Brown, Prov. Secretary. Frater C. Palliser was elected Provincial Treasurer; and the Chief Adept then proceeded to give his annual address, in which he referred to the progress of Masonic literature, and to two works that had appeared since their last annual meeting, namely, Whymper's "Religion of Freemasonry," and Hughan's "Fac-simile of the 1734 List of Lodges." He also spoke of the possible connection that might have existed between the Freemasonry of the latter part of the 17th century and the Rosicrucianism or Occultism of the same period, and he also quoted a description of a very singular illustrated M.S. said to be in the possession of a Mr. J. E. Hodgkin, F.S.A., in which the symbols of these Societies seemed to be mixed up in a curious manner. Finally he congratulated the college on the progress made, and expressed the pleasure he experienced at meeting so many brethren of leading and intelligence under a common banner from time to time. The value of these meetings he thought could hardly be over estimated. The bringing together, periodically, of intelligent Masons from various lodges was alone calculated to produce harmony and to promote a wide-spread feeling of mutual regard and esteem. It afforded opportunities for brethren from several provinces to meet and compare notes on Masonic subjects, and formed a sort of rallying point of Masonic culture.

After a vote of thanks to the trustees of the Eboracum Lodge for the use of the Hall, the M.C. was dissolved, and about 35 of the fratres met at the North-Eastern Hotel at tea, after which a couple of hours were spent in Masonic conversation.

Ireland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DOWN.

The quarterly communication of this Prov. Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Newry, on the 12th ult., Bro. Major Leslie J. Thompson, D.P.G.M., occupying the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lord Arthur W. Hill, Prov. Grand Master. The following Prov. Grand Officers were also in attendance: Bros. M. Fraser, P.J.G.W.; D. Lithvow, P.S.G.D.; J. L. D. Meares, P.G. Treas.; F. C. Crossle, P.G. Sec.; C. L'Estrange, P.J.G.D.; R. McCalmont, P.G.D.C.; and Hunter Moore, P.G. Stwd., and fifty or sixty other brethren. The following officers were installed for the year 1889: Bros. M. Fraser, P.S.G.W.; D. Lithvow, P.J.G.W.; J. L. D. Meares, P.G. Treas.; F. C. Crossle, P.G. Sec.; E. L'Estrange, P.S.G.D.; D. Graham, P.J.G.D.; R. McCalmont, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; W. Shannon and T. Anderson, P.G. Stwds.; and J. Skillen, P.G.S.B.

After the routine business of the lodge was concluded, a paper was read by the P.G. Sec., entitled "A few remarks on the connection which existed in old times between Craft Masonry and the Higher Degrees." Bro. McCalmont, Representative of the Province at the Grand Lodge of Instruction, also delivered an instructive "Address to newly-installed Masters on the opening, closing, passing, and raising of the lodge," which elicited the marked approval of the meeting.

Bro. Emra Holmes, P. Prov. G. Reg. Suffolk, was heartily welcomed and saluted according to ancient custom. The members of the Prov. G. Lodge were subsequently entertained at luncheon by their Newry brethren. A wish was very generally expressed that Bro. Dr. Crossle's admirable and most interesting address should be printed *verbatim et literatim* for the benefit and instruction of the Prov. G. Lodge and the Craft generally. The walls of the Prov. G. Lodge were covered with old certificates, copies of ancient Masonic seals, red and black cloaks, formerly worn by Masters of lodges and Templar Masons, and various other paraphernalia connected with the subject. The following lodges were represented by the Masters or Wardens: 18, 23, 77, 79, 86, 114, 119, 145, 240, 254, 336, 367, 369, 556, 685, 697, 699, 978, and 1009.

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.]

Order of the Secret Monitor.

CONSECRATION OF THE QUEEN'S
WESTMINSTER CONCLAVE, No. 12.

The above conclave was consecrated on Friday, the 15th ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, in the presence of many distinguished brethren connected with the Order. Amongst those present were Bros. I. Zacharie, G.S.R.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.R.; W. G. Lemon, G. Treas.; C. Gross, Spratling, G. Recorder; J. Lewis Thomas, D.G.S.R.; Chas. Belton, Rev. G. W. Weldon, G.V.; T. H. Tilton, P.G.C.; Major George Lambert, P.S.R.; T. P. Dorman, P.S.R.; G. Stwd.; Chas. Lambert, P.G.V.; A. S. Thom, G. Stwd.; A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G.; Jas. G. Thomas, S.R. 11; and W. W. Lee, 11.

The conclave was opened by Bro. Spratling, Grand Recorder, who afterwards impressively inducted the following brethren: Bros. C. P. Bellerby, I.P.M. 2021; G. Coop, P.M. 141, Sec. 2021; E. B. Cox, P.M. 1563; H. C. Lambert, P.M. 504; W. T. Woodruff, P.M. 957; H. Von Joel, W.M. 1257; C. Probyn, P.M. 2021; J. Weston, P.M.; W. H. Mundell, 2021; J. Kay, P.M. 742; and E. P. Delevanti, 2021.

Bro. ZACHARIE, G.S.R., having assumed the chair, informed the brethren that a ceremony was about to take place that had never before been performed on this side of the Atlantic. It was the consecration of the royal robes of their Order. As those robes might last for many years to come—and he looked round and found many in the sea and yellow leaf—he feared there would be few present who would live to see the ceremony performed again. This was an epoch in the formation of the new conclave, for the ceremony should have been performed in Grand Council, which did not, however, meet until June. The Grand Officers were anxious to bestow all the honour and éclat possible on this conclave on account of the esteem in which they held the S.R. elect—Bro. George Lambert—whom he asked that this eventful ceremony might be placed on the minutes of the conclave, so that future generations might know in what regard the Grand Council held its S.R. elect.

The G. RECORDER, having replied to several questions, Bro. Rev. G. W. WELDON, acting Chaplain, offered prayer, and the robes were dedicated to the service of the Order, in solemn form.

The Grand Officers having retired, re-entered the lodge room in procession, attired in the robes, and Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.S.R., having assumed the chair, the ceremony of consecrating the new conclave was commenced.

An oration on the nature and principles of the Order was delivered by Bro. Rev. G. W. WELDON, acting Chaplain. He said it gave him singular pleasure to address them that evening, considering the circumstances which had called them together. The Order took its rise in the Southern States of America, and up to the present moment the working and principles were confined almost exclusively to those States. It endeavoured to imbue the principle of true friendship between man and man. He need not remind them that the friendship of the outside world was not the friendship they endeavoured to inculcate, but for the principles by which they should be governed he would ask them to read that portion of Holy Writ describing the wonderful friendship of David and Jonathan. Their whole aim and object should be to put before themselves this wonderful example of true and undivided friendship, where the soul of one man was knit to another. According to a French philosopher—Lacondair—friendship was a community of interests, but if he (Bro. Weldon) understood anything of the ritual of the Order, it was to inculcate that friendship was a community of souls. No matter how a man had fallen, they should emulate true friendship, and stand by him, and not only help him up, but support him afterwards. There were Masons and Masons, Secret Monitors and Secret Monitors. They would not find perfection even in the precincts of a lodge, but it was the example set before them that they should try to follow. He concluded by quoting a few lines he had previously used on a similar occasion—

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

The new conclave was then consecrated and constituted. Bro. SPRATLING, G. Recorder, again assumed the chair and installed Bro. Major George Lambert as S.R. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Bellerby, C.; Woodruff, G.; Cox, Treas.; Coop, Sec.; H. C. Lambert, V.D.; Probyn, Von Joel, and Mundell, Assist. V.D.s; Kay, Gr.; Weston, D.C.; Delavanti, Org.; and Tooley, Sentinel.

The address to the V.D.'s was delivered by the Installing Officer, Bro. SPRATLING.

Bro. G. LAMBERT, S.R., thanked the G.S.R. for granting the conclave and for his labours connected with it. He took up the conclave in the hope that it would be a flourishing one, for in their lodge, which after four years numbered 70 members, was a good recruiting ground. The members thanked the Grand Officers for consecrating the conclave, and assured them they would use their best endeavours to carry out the rules and regulations of the Order.

The conclave was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

Before the usual toasts were proposed, the S.R. mentioned that there was one important duty which, owing to the lateness of the hour, had been omitted in the conclave—it was to ask the Consecrating Officers to accept the honorary membership of the conclave and a jewel of the Order bearing the Westminster badge.

The G.S.R., on behalf of himself and colleagues, briefly returned thanks.

The loyal toasts having been received, Bro. LAMBERT, S.R., proposed "The G.S.R., Bro. Dr. Zacharie." They were all indebted to Bro. Zacharie for the energy and ability he had shown in the promotion of the Order. Their G.S.R. was an ardent Mason in America whilst following the flag under which he fought; but, not content with those labours, he had determined to promote this Order in England, and most magnificently had he done so. The Order was doing well, and it augured well that the brethren of the Craft had taken so kindly to it. It was a charming idea that it should be in the power of men to

advise and help others, and this Order went further, and made them regard, respect, and—if he could use the word to men—love each other. It was their duty to stand by each other, and this was taught most entirely in the Order of the Secret Monitor. They had heard of the trouble in which their G.S.R. had been, and every Secret Monitor, with feelings of kindly sympathy, would pray that he and every member of his family might be spared for many years. Those present that evening were grateful to him for having launched this conclave, and it would be their desire, their respect for him, by conducting it as he would have it conducted.

Bro. Dr. I. ZACHARIE, G.S.R., thanked the S.R. for proposing, and the brethren for receiving, his health on that auspicious occasion. Words could not express his feelings of gratitude to the S.R. for his expressions of sympathy towards himself and family. After those kindly references he felt he could not adequately respond; but he would congratulate the brethren very much for having selected so kind and good a man as Bro. Geo. Lambert to be their first S.R., for his hand was always open to assist a brother, and his heart was always overflowing with sympathy for the bereaved. Bro. Lambert had been known to him for many years, and to know was to respect and love him. He also congratulated the S.R. for having appointed such good and true Masons as his officers. That conclave, as had already been remarked, had been formed as a military one in connection with the lodge formed by members of the corps. When he found men who had served their country with honour working in Masonry, he was sure they would make good Secret Monitors, and that nothing would bewarranted on their part towards making the conclave one of the first in the land. He again thanked them, and assured them that he would use his best endeavours to put that conclave on a proper footing, so that it would shine out as one of the brightest.

"The D.G.S.R. and Grand Officers" was next given by the S.R., who said they were grateful to those brethren for coming amongst them. But whilst they were grateful to those present, let them not forget those who were absent, particularly Bro. Col. Clerke, who was prevented by illness from attending. They should also remember Bro. Frank Richardson, who was also prevented from attending. They were grateful to Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon for so kindly acting as Chaplain, to Bros. Spratling and Lemon for their able assistance, and last, but not least, to Bro. Matier, whose eminent services in Masonry he would not waste their time by enumerating.

Bro. J. LEWIS THOMAS, Dep. G.S.R., said he rose with diffidence to respond, for it was a most comprehensive toast. He was delighted to find they had added to their numbers a conclave which he was sure would do honour to the Order. The S.R. had been occupied in Masonry for 45 years—beating him (Bro. Thomas) by four years—and they hoped he would be among them for many years to come. Good officers had been appointed, and there was no doubt that a great and prosperous future was in store for it. He would simply return thanks and leave the other Grand Officers to reply.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.S.R., said it was the privilege and the prerogative of the brother who had the honour of being the Consecrating Officer to propose a toast which he would now give—"Prosperity to the Queen's Westminster Conclave and the Health of the S.R." He felt very much in the position of one of the American humorists—Max Adler—who being invited to give a political speech, prepared himself with a line containing seven points. He was met by a crowd of people, and the gentleman who welcomed him gave the first for points. He was invited to a hotel, and after dinner a reception was given. The first gentleman gave the fifth and sixth points, and on going into the room to make a speech the chairman gave the seventh. He (Bro. Matier) felt in a similar position, for the G.S.R. had entirely taken the wind out of his sails, and anything he had left to say had been well said by the Dep. G.S.R. He had nothing but to ask them to drink the toast with heartiness and with cordiality. No one could more admire Bro. Lambert's services to the Order than he did, for he had watched his career in every possible degree in the Craft, including Craft, Mark, Arch, or Ancient and Accepted Rite, in which he had attained the 33°. He wished the S.R. success during his future career, and also success to the conclave which had been honoured by the dedication and consecration of the robes.

Bro. Major GEORGE LAMBERT, S.R., returned sincere thanks. If the same reception were accorded him at the end of his year as he had received that night, he should think he had done his duty. They now welcomed him as their incoming ruler, and he hoped everything would go well, as he intended it should do. If they had been able to float a lodge and chapter, surely they could afford to float a conclave. He thanked them very much, and assured them that the end of his year would be the time for them to say if he had done his work well.

"The Consecrating Officers" was next given in cordial terms by the S.R.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.S.R., replied, returning thanks on behalf of himself and colleagues.

Bro. Rev. G. W. WELDON, G.V., also responded. He said a writer of antiquity had said that a speech, in order to be an effective one, should have three points. It should be short, modest, and to the point. As their S.R. had already given them a striking illustration of those three points, he desired humbly to follow his good example, and to say, as shortly, as modestly, and as much to the point as possible, that he thanked them for the honour conferred upon him by asking him to be one of the Consecrating Officers. There was one point particularly taught in their Order. It was that they should endeavour, as far as possible, to promote the reign of peace and goodwill amongst men, and their influence could not but be felt in the world at large, so that men should turn their swords into the scabbards and beat them into ploughshares. They should prove to their fellow citizens that there was something in the Order of the Secret Monitor which could not be found in any other organisation outside Masonry.

Bro. SPRATLING, G. R., also replied.

Bro. T. H. TILTON responded for "The Visitors." He congratulated those present on the progress of the Order in this country, through the exertions of Bro. Dr. Zacharie, this being the 12th conclave organised. He was considerably impressed by the solemn manner in which the robes were dedicated, and the rendering of the consecration ceremony by Bro. Matier, and the induction ceremony by Bro. Spratling had also gratified him.

Bro. A. J. R. TRENDALL, C.M.G., also responded, and returned thanks for the kindly reception accorded the visitors.

Bro. ANUREWS, in response, said he was about to proceed to Jamaica, and would do his utmost to promote the progress of the Order in that country.

"The Officers" having been given, and responded to by Bro. BELLERBY, the Sentinel's toast closed the proceedings.

Malta.

VALETTA.—Wayfarers Lodge (No. 1926, E.C.).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 27, Strada Stretta, on Friday, the 8th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Gardiner, Color-Sergeant Rowe and Sergeant Conway of the 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment were duly initiated, and Bro. Hall passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., in a most effective and impressive manner. A hearty welcome was accorded Bro. W. A. Weston, P.P.S.G.D. Kent, who is an honorary member of this lodge. Bro. Weston acknowledged the warm reception he had received in a feeling manner, and assured the brethren if at any time he could be of service to the lodge he would most readily undertake the task.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered on behalf of many lodges by visiting brethren, amongst which Bro. Weston included those of the Province of Kent, and Lodges 1536, 2195, and 1789. The lodge was then closed.

ROYAL ARCH.

VALETTA.—Resurrection Chapter (No. 515, E.C.).—At a regular convocation of this chapter, held on Friday, the 1st ult., Comp. F. Gardiner, Z.; Comp. G. Segond, P.Z., H.; and Comp. J. Montgomery, P.Z., J.; Bros. Adler, Bentley, and Grant were exalted to this Supreme Degree. The ceremony was most effectively performed by the Principals and officers of the chapter. Bro. Wareham, of Wayfarers Lodge, No. 1926 (E.C.), was proposed as a candidate for exaltation. The sum of two pounds was voted to a distressed brother, who was anxious to proceed on his way to Egypt. Comp. W. A. Weston, P.Z. of Union Waterloo Chapter, No. 13 (E.C.), was proposed by Comp. Gardiner, and seconded by Comp. Montgomery, as an honorary member of the chapter.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered on behalf of Chapter No. 13, by Comp. Weston, P.Z.; and No. 387 (I.C.), by Comp. Burton; and the chapter was then closed.

The companions then adjourned to refreshment, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were responded to most heartily.

The toast of "The Newly-Exalted Companions" was tendered by the M.E.Z., and received a ready response, to which the companions exalted that evening suitably replied.

Comp. Montgomery next gave "The Visitors," dwelling at length on the sterling Masonic qualifications of Comp. Weston, P.Z., whom he had known for over 25 years, and felt sure that the members of the Resurrection Chapter appreciated the honour of having so distinguished a visitor amongst them.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm.

Comp. Weston, in a lengthened speech, thanked the companions, not only for the honour conferred upon him by making him an honorary member, but also for the warm and cordial welcome he had received, and assured them that if any time he could do anything for the benefit of the chapter, and it was in his power, he would most cheerfully carry it out.

The Janitor's toast brought to a termination, a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

MASONIC BANQUET TO THE R.W.
THE MAYOR OF HULL, BRO.
DR. SHERBURN.

The brethren of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, entertained Bro. Dr. Sherburn, the R.W. the Mayor of Hull, at a complimentary banquet at the Station Hotel, on Monday evening, the 18th ult.

Soon after his election to the post of Chief Magistrate, a Committee was formed to carry out the necessary arrangements for this banquet, in order to mark their appreciation of the high honour which had been conferred on one of the members of their lodge; circumstances had, however, prevented the event taking place until the 18th, when between 50 and 60 of the brethren sat down to a most recherche banquet.

Bro. J. Bilson, W.M. 1010, presided, and was supported by the Mayor of Hull, Bro. Dr. Sherburn; Bros. Col. the Right Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W., D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks; M. C. Peck, G. Std. Br., P.G.S.; J. McCormick, D.D., P.P.G.C.; Ald. Seaton, P.M. 57, P.P.G.W.; and the following brethren: Bros. S. Rutter, W.M., J. Clark, I.P.M., D. J. O'Donoghue, P.M., P.P.G.W., E. Corris, P.M., P.G. Reg., W. Tesseyman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., H. Tooser (ex-Mayor), P.M., P.P.G.D., R. T. Vivian, P.M., P.P.G.D., J. Thyer, Sec., S. Cohen, and R. Roach, of 57; F. Blackburn, I.P.M. 250; Col. H. F. Pudsey, I.P.M., J. C. Todd, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., F. Fullerton, P.M., P.P.G. Steward, W. Welstead, P.M., E. Kipps, P.M., Dalton Holmes, Bohn, C.E., P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and H. Woodhouse, J.W., of 1010; H. Hirst, W.M., J. Chappell, I.P.M., J. R. Ansdel, P.M., and G. Jackson, Treas., of 1605; Redfearn, S.W., and Charlesworth, of 2134; G. L. Shackles, P.M. 1511, P.P.G.D.; W. Brook, P.M. 458; Sugden, P.M. 837; and others.

The W.M., Bro. J. BILSON, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Queen and the Craft," also "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M."

Bro. M. C. PECK, P.G. Sec., G. Std. Br. England, with whose name the toast had been coupled, briefly acknowledged the toast. He said during the many years he had had the honour of being the Secretary for the province he had done his utmost to maintain the reputation of Yorkshire in the Masonic world, and he (Bro. Peck) hoped he had deserved the compliment paid him by the Prince of Wales in appointing him a Grand Officer. He could assure the brethren that the rulers of the Craft were always animated with the desire to promote the noble tenets of their grand Order—loyalty to the Throne, Charity, and good fellowship amongst the members of the Craft.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M., and Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D. Prov. G.M." He said they were honoured that evening with the presence of the D.P. G.M., and he (Bro. Bilson) was sure they would all agree with him that as it was only a very short time ago since Bro. Orde-Powlett paid them a visit, it was extremely kind of him to be with them again on that occasion to join in their Masonic tribute to a brother Mason—Bro. Sherburn—to whom tribute was due. They were all aware of the energy displayed by the D.P.G.M. in conducting the affairs of the province, and, without further comment, he asked the hearty acceptance of the toast of "The Provincial Grand Rulers."

Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. ORDE-POWLETT, D.P. G.M., on rising to respond was loudly cheered. After thanking the W.M. for the very kind and able manner in which he had proposed the toast, he said the Prov. Grand Master—the Earl of Zetland—had just recently been entertaining the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales; and as he (Bro. Orde-Powlett) happened to be staying at his lordship's residence at the same time, he had heard the Grand Master express the great pleasure his Royal Highness felt at receiving the kind and fraternal address presented by the brethren of the province. He was always pleased to visit the Hull lodges, and especially so on an occasion like the present, when they were assembled at a complimentary banquet to their worthy Bro. Sherburn, the Mayor of Hull. He should have liked to have said a few words on the subject, but, as the toast was about to be proposed by the W.M., he should be sorry to take the wind out of his sails. But perhaps they would allow him to ask the respected Mayor to accept his best wishes for a successful term of office, and to express the hope that the present improvement in the industries of the town of Hull would go on increasing an hundred-fold during his period of office. In conclusion, the speaker reminded the brethren of the approaching festival at York on the 8th May on behalf of the new educational scheme, for which they hoped to enlist the services of a very large number of Stewards, as the movement would be of immense value.

The W. MASTER then gave the toast of the evening, viz.: "Our Guest, the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hull, Bro. John Sherburn, M.D." He said when he (Bro. Bilson) looked round their festive board, and saw so many distinguished Masons and eminent citizens who had attended that evening to do honour to Bro. Sherburn, he was forcibly reminded that the toast would have received justice had it been placed in other hands. Still, the very cordial way in which it had already been received would assure their respected guest that it needed no words of his to ensure him a hearty and fraternal greeting. When Bro. Sherburn was elected to the important office of Chief Magistrate of the borough, it was thought that the Kingston Lodge should recognise the event in some suitable manner, so that the brethren, not only of his own lodge, but also of the sister lodges of the town, might offer him (Bro. Sherburn) their sincere congratulations and hearty good wishes. And the presence that evening of such a large and representative body of Masons showed the genuine feeling and regard in which Bro. Sherburn was held by the brethren. It was only three years ago since Bro. Sherburn was first initiated, and but for his arduous duties as Sheriff and Mayor, he would have taken a more prominent part in the work of the lodge, because he (the Master) knew that Bro. Sherburn fully recognised the value of Freemasonry, both as a moral and social power. Whilst they expected from all Masons that they should enforce by their examples the splendid tenets of their Order, yet it surely was the more necessary that those who occupied positions of eminence should be guided by those unerring principles, and practise those virtues which it was the glory of Freemasonry to enforce and illustrate. If their leadership was to be a success, they must be guided by those principles, which conducted to the happiness of all; they must have the courage of their convictions, and work for the brotherhood of man and the common good; and it was because they believed that those were the principles by which Bro. Sherburn had been actuated in his public career that they were assembled to do him honour. Bro. Sherburn belonged to a profession which did more honorary work than any other in the relief of suffering humanity. His benevolent work in connection with all the Charitable Institutions of the town—but especially with the Children's Hospital—was well known to all, and in his work of Benevolence and Charity he had been most ably supported by the kind and genial Mayoress, Mrs. Sherburn. Fourteen years ago Bro. Sherburn came into the town a comparative stranger, but the fact of his having been elected Councillor, Sheriff, and Mayor showed the high estimation in which he was held by the whole of the town. There was just one cloud through which the respected Mayor was passing, viz., in his domestic affliction, and he (the Master) felt certain he was uttering the sincere and heartfelt wish of every brother present when he expressed the hope that Bro. Sherburn's family might speedily be restored to good health.

The toast having been received with enthusiasm, The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Bro. J. SHERBURN, rose to respond, and was received with loud and continued applause. On silence being restored the Mayor said he felt it was impossible for him to find words in which adequately to express the feeling he should like to utter; his position was indeed a difficult one for him to realise. He had been for so short a time a member of their brotherhood that he could not lay any claims to past service to entitle him to such an honour, but he (the Mayor) was encouraged by the thought that they were well aware of that before they thought of giving him so splendid a reception, and, therefore, he had to put it down—their spontaneous action—to their spirit of generosity and kindness. He could not help thinking that in thus honouring him they also thought that when one of their own members was elevated to a high position in the municipality of the town, they also regarded it as an honour to the Craft to which they had the privilege of being connected. His (the Mayor's) municipal career, as his esteemed friend on his right—Bro. Alderman Seaton—knew, had been extremely brief, but brief as it had been he did not for one moment regret the time he had spent in the service of the good old town of Hull. He need not remind the brethren of one of the maxims of the Craft—namely, that it was the duty of every man to serve his day and generation faithfully and well to the best of his ability, and that he was responsible to the G.A.O.T.U. for using his power and ability to the advantage of his fellow crea-

tures. Perhaps they would pardon his saying that, as Mayor, he had thus striven to do all he possibly could to forward the best interests of all classes of the community. The W.M. had alluded to the fact that a short time ago he (Bro. Sherburn) had the pleasure of occupying the position of Sheriff, and during his term of office he was brought into touch with various forms of social life, but he could not help thinking that one of the most pleasing incidents during his office was his connection with the friendly and trade societies of the town, which had done, and were still doing, a great and good work for their fellow men, and any little assistance he could render them he felt extremely happy in doing. But that night they had, as it were, completely taken him off his feet. They welcomed him, who had done nothing to forward the interests of the Craft—not only welcomed him as their guest, but also as their brother; and it proved to him the great interest which Masons took in their great municipality. Masons, he said, generally took an active interest in all that tended to progression, in the education of the people, and in all that tended to the right life and well-being of the community. He (the Mayor) regretted to say that many of their townsmen did not feel and did not take the same interest as Masons in the good old town; they were content to pay the taxes and do a little grumbling, and then their connection with the town ceased. But he was proud to say that that could not be said of the Freemasons of Hull; they were ever to the fore and leaders of all projects for the development and improvement of the municipality. He was delighted to see present that evening the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who had done, and was ever ready to do, all in his power to forward the grand work of the Craft, and his presence added another obligation on their part. He was also pleased to see Bro. Peck, the Grand Standard Bearer of England, and he could only hope that he would continue to be blessed with good health, which his presence indicated, and long life to serve well and faithfully the great interests of the Freemasonry which they all had so much at heart. He would be ungrateful were he to forget the presence of his esteemed and venerable friend, Bro. Alderman Seaton, and others who had assembled to do him honour, and he could only hope that at some future time, by doing his duty to the Craft, he should, in some measure, feel that he had deserved the recognition he had received at their hands. The grand old Humber Lodge had recently appointed him as one of their arbitrators, and he was proud of the honour conferred upon him. They were glad to have representatives that night from all the lodges in the town, and he could safely say that they all tried to vie with each other in their desire to do their duty and to carry forward those great principles to which he had alluded. In the Kingston Lodge the Master always found a sympathetic willingness and desire on the part of every brother to co-operate in making his year of office a success. Within the sacred precincts of their lodge no politics, no angry discussions, no intolerance or bigotry, no questions of religion were allowed to enter, and when work was over and the brethren quietly adjourned for refreshment, there, again, nothing was permitted to be said or done which would destroy the ever-existing harmony, and the lodge struck him as being almost a heavenly place—a place in which to receive that inward stimulus which helped them in the battle of life, and encouraged them to work on for the good of humanity. It was not only in Hull that incalculable good was done by these lodges, but their influence was felt throughout the length and breadth of the universe. He gathered from their extreme kindness and consideration that night that they wished to say "God speed; go on and continue to do your utmost for your fellow-men, and trust to what the future may have in store for you," and he (the Mayor) could only say that he would try to be true to those who had in all ages upheld the banner of Freemasonry—true to those who had created the history of their noble Craft—true to those who had in the future to follow in their footsteps in maintaining, unsullied and intact, those splendid tenets and principles which he (the Mayor) had sincerely and sympathetically at heart.

Bro. Alderman SEATON, J.P., proposed "The Founders of the Kingston Lodge" in an eloquent speech. He said that in 1832 he had the pleasure, as Master of the Humber Lodge, to preside at a complimentary banquet given in honour of the then Mayor—Bro. Anthony Bannister—and from that time every Mayor of Hull, who had also the good fortune of being a member of some Hull lodge, had been entertained at a banquet, and he (Bro. Seaton) was proud to think that he had established that precedent. Reverting to the toast, he (the speaker) said the founders of the Kingston Lodge, who formed the nucleus of the lodge, were all good men and true, and although it was invidious to particularise, yet he was sure they would pardon his mentioning the names of two brethren now no longer with them who were very zealous workers for the lodge—he meant Bro. Chas. Copland and Bro. Simeon Moseley. There were several of the founders still left; there was the veteran Bro. Thos. Sissons, and Past Masters Bro. Marillier, Bro. Longstaff, Bro. Martin Samuelson, Bro. Fox Sharp, and a brother whom he was glad to see present, and who would respond to the toast, the first Director of Ceremonies—Bro. Dalton Holmes, J.P. These brethren still survived, and saw the fructification of the tree they planted in the fact that they had at the present time the maximum of members allowed by their by-laws, and had a splendid new Masonic Hall.

Bro. J. D. HOLMES, J.P., briefly responded, stating that the lodge had more than realised their most sanguine expectations, and when they looked back and saw the progress and the work done during the past 25 years, they hoped that even still greater results would be achieved in the next 25 years. Bro. Thomas Sissons wished him to convey his hearty good wishes, and joined in thanking them most sincerely for the good work they had carried on so successfully in the lodge they had founded.

Bro. H. F. PUDSEY, I.P.M., then proposed, in a characteristic speech, the toast of "The Sister Lodges." Bros. S. RUTTER, W.M. 57; E. CORRIE, Prov. G. Reg.; BLACKBURN, I.P.M. 250; CATTERSON, H. HIRST, W.M. 1605; and I. B. RE FEARN, S.W. 2134, responded. Bro. G. BOHN, C.E., P.M., in giving "The Masonic Charities," stated that last year no less than £83,660 was subscribed by the brethren in support of the Masonic Charitable Institutions.

Bro. W. TESSEYMAN, P.M. 57, briefly responded. The proceedings were pleasantly interspersed with harmony and recitations, which had been arranged by Bro. F. C. Bishop, J.D., Bro. Fowler Sutton efficiently presiding at the pianoforte.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement took place on Friday, the 22nd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, when there was, as usual on these occasions, a large gathering of eminent Masons brought together to witness one of those exhibitions of skill in the working of the sections for which this high school of Freemasonry has so long been distinguished. As usual, Bro. Thomas Fenn, the President of the Board of General Purposes, who for so many years devoted no small portion of the leisure of his busy life to promoting the exact working of the ritual, and to the active management of this lodge of improvement, occupied the chair as W.M., while Bro. Sudlow, on whom the control of the lodge has now devolved, occupied the S.V. chair.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, when, by the direction of the Presiding Master, Bro. Matier, Bro. Monteauis and others formed a deputation to wait on Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. of Norths and Hunts, who had kindly consented to preside, and usher him into the lodge. When his lordship had taken his seat at the right of the Presiding Master, Bro. Fenn gave the time, and the brethren greeted his lordship with five.

Bro. Fenn then proceeded to work the First Lecture, in doing which he was assisted by the following brethren:

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| 1st Section by Bro. C. E. Cassall, S.D. 1415. |
| 2nd " " A. C. A. Higerty, P.M. 1044, &c. |
| 3rd " " W. H. Kirby, J.D. 1965. |
| 4th " " Black (in the absence on business of Bro. W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768). |
| 5th " " Robt. Clay Sudlow, P.M. 263, &c. |
| 6th " " W. P. Reynolds, J.W. 7. |
| 7th " " C. W. A. Trollope, P.M. 1826. |

At the conclusion of the last section, Lord EUSTON rose, and said he really thought that, for the admirable work which they had all been privileged to hear that evening, the least thing they could do was to thank, as he then did, those brethren who had assisted the W.M. for the treat they had given the assembled brethren in enabling them to hear the work so perfectly and so well done. He, therefore, asked the brethren to join him in thanking all those brethren who had taken part in the work of the evening.

The motion was seconded by Bro. SIMPSON, P.G.C., and carried unanimously.

Bro. FENN, addressing Lord Euston and the brethren, said it was usual for the brother who occupied the chair to say a few words in acknowledgment of the compliment, which was really paid, not to him, but to the brethren who had done the work. But he was sure that the brethren who had assisted him in the work would be extremely gratified that their exertions had met with approval, and would esteem the vote of thanks, so cordially given them, very highly. In offering the visitors present an opportunity of joining the lodge, Bro. Fenn informed them that after payment of necessary expenses their funds were devoted to the three Masonic Charities. After stating what they had been able to do for the Charities in the past, he concluded by saying that they had this year voted twenty guineas to the Benevolent Institution in place of their usual ten guineas.

After the supper, which followed the closing of the lodge, the toasts proper to the occasion were proposed, all of which were most heartily received.

Lord EUSTON, in rising to propose the first toast, said that it was one which was always honoured among Masons, and required no words from him to recommend it, because he looked upon it that Masons for one thing as a body were loyal, and would always uphold the honour of the country, and do honour to those who presided over it. He, therefore, merely asked them to drink to the health of her Gracious Majesty the Queen and Empress of India in the Masonic form—"The Queen and the Craft."

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Master," the CHAIRMAN said he was sure that the brethren would honour the object of that toast, both as the Prince of Wales and as their Grand Master. If the Prince had been present that evening to hear the work in the Grand Hall he would have been as much delighted as all present were. He therefore asked them to join in drinking the health of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.

Lord EUSTON then rose, and said that the next toast he had to propose to the brethren came, he was quite sure, agreeably to them, because they always welcomed any Grand Officers who came to their board. And when he told them that that toast was to "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past" he was sure they would drink it heartily and well. At the same time he should couple with the toast the name of Bro. Sir John Monckton, who had done him the honour to ask him to preside on that occasion. He (Lord Euston) could assure the brethren that they had the greatest pleasure in the world, as Grand Officers, in coming to receive their hospitality, but what they prized more than all was to see the perfect work that they had seen that night. And the perfect greeting that was given to all showed the Grand Officers that the love and harmony that ought to exist did exist there.

Sir JOHN MONCKTON, in reply, said it was always agreeable to respond for worthy men, and he believed that he now represented a worthy body of men, because they had not only won the approval of the Grand Master, but also that of their brethren in the Craft. On this occasion there were those present who were tolerably old hands in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. It was something like a quarter of a century ago that he was informed that he was to be appointed I.G. of his lodge at the next installation meeting. He was much excited about it, and hastened to prepare himself. He became a life member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and he believed, as a consequence, he performed the duties of I.G. to the satisfaction of the lodge, as he certainly did to his own. He always managed to do the work fairly creditably as a constant attendant. He admitted, however, that he was not now letter perfect, but he had the greatest possible regard for the Lodge of Emulation, and thought that upon that lodge of instruction a great deal of the credit of Freemasonry turned. And now he had a further privilege in asking the brethren to charge their glasses, bumpers. He had the honour to offer for their acceptance the toast of their worthy Chairman. They knew pretty well that there were Masons of one sort and Masons of another sort—ornamental and useful. He thought he would call their Chairman that

night both; he was not only a good-looking man, but a remarkably hard-working Mason. So he asked them to drink his health most cordially; and if they would in any way return to him the kindness he had done them that evening, let them do it on Wednesday next at the Old People's Festival, at which he was going to preside.

Lord EUSTON, in reply, said he thanked Sir John Monckton and the brethren most heartily for the way the toast had been received that had been too flatteringly proposed by Sir John. He could assure them that, though he had been described by the proposer as a working Mason, he did try to do what he could, and should like to do more. One had to do so many things in this world. When one would be in one place one must be in another, and one had sometimes to say "No" to a very pleasant evening when one was obliged to go somewhere else. But that night he had nowhere else to go. But when he got the invitation from Bro. Fenn to preside that evening he felt he was being paid one of the highest compliments the Craft could pay him; he, who had only just begun his career as a Mason, had been paid the greatest compliment by the Master presiding at the festival of the lodge whose work was copied throughout the kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. That night he had seen how perfect that work was, and he should wish that every province under the United Grand Lodge of England should send year by year some brother to attend regularly at the meetings of that lodge, so that the working of every lodge in England should be alike and perfect; that there should be no fancy provincial fashions; that there should be no office done this way in one town and that way in another; but that all should work alike, and take the Lodge of Emulation as a pattern. He only wished, if it could be arranged, that something of the kind should be done, because he thought if the work was to be done, it should be done as they did it—thoroughly well. It was very often very hard to get people out of old ways, and into new; but right was right, and he only wanted the Emulation Lodge to back him up, and he would put his foot down on the first opportunity. His lordship, thanking them for the honour they had done him in asking him to preside, and for the entertainment they had set before him, then resumed his seat.

Rising again immediately, the CHAIRMAN said that time was getting on and he must not waste it. The next toast was "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," coupled with the name of Bro. Fenn. Were he to try to dilate on the work that Bro. Fenn had done, and was still doing, he should have to keep them to a very late hour in the morning, and he hoped, therefore, that they would take it as said—that there was no more perfect worker, no more hearty worker, and no kinder worker than Bro. Fenn, who was always ready to come forward and help any lodge or chapter, and he must congratulate the lodge on having on their Committee such a brother as Bro. Fenn. He was sure that every one present wished the best wishes heartily to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for its prosperity; as it had done in the past, might it continue to do in the future.

Bro. FENN then rose and said, in reply: Right Worshipful Chairman and brethren,—In responding to this toast, I cannot but feel that I am appropriating to myself an honour which I now can scarcely say I deserve. For some years past my Masonic engagements have been so much increased that I have not been able to give the same amount of time as formerly to the lodge of improvement. Both Bro. Murton and Bro. Richardson must be as gratified as I am myself that the control of this lodge has descended into the hands of such a brother as Bro. Sudlow (long continued cheers), Bro. Dawson (cheers), Bro. Frank Ball, and the Secretary, Bro. Kentish. Of Bro. Sudlow I am able to say from personal experience that his knowledge of the work of this lodge is absolutely perfect. His constant attendance and assiduity, his great Masonic ability, and his ability to impart his knowledge to all brethren who seek it, is, I am sure, highly appreciated by every brother who attends these meetings. I think I have been fortunate to-night in securing the services and presidency of the right worshipful brother, the Earl of Euston. I have been fortunate in securing him, because I know him to be a zealous working Mason. He is actually now, although holding the high dignity of Provincial Grand Master, Junior Deacon of a London lodge, and he has to work well. I daresay you all know the origin of this lodge. It originated, as you all know, shortly after the Lodge of Reconciliation had completed its labours, and the future ritual which was to be observed by the Craft had received the sanction of Grand Lodges. Shortly after this lodge was established, that famous brother, Peter Gilkes, whose name is a household word in Masonry, became the ruling spirit of this lodge. He was followed by his friend and pupil, Stephen Barton Wilson. From Stephen Barton Wilson Bro. Richardson, Bro. Murton, and myself learned our Masonry; and it was for many years we worked under him in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. There are really only two links between the Lodge of Reconciliation which established the working and active members of the Committee—namely, Bro. Peter Gilkes and Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson—and our three selves whom I have named. We may claim, therefore, that the work of the lodge is the work which has the authority and received the sanction of the English Constitution. Brethren, I am sure that the applause given to-night will be a proof that we have the approbation of the present Grand Lodge, and I am sure that the rule of the work of this lodge, which is the duty and the object of the Committee to maintain, will be well, strictly, and religiously observed by the Committee who now control this lodge. While these brethren continue to conduct the lodge we need have no doubt that this lodge will be thoroughly well managed. No one can wish greater success to the Lodge of Emulation than the Committee themselves, and I can answer for them that they will do their utmost and exert their utmost efforts to secure and maintain that success which you have so warmly evoked and which we all so earnestly desire.

Bro. PHILBRICK, G. Reg., next rose, and said he had been asked to propose the next toast. The tree was known by its fruit, and the fruit of the Lodge of Unions was the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The very interesting historical sketch of the lodge of improvement which Bro. Fenn had given told them that it was an offshoot and was worked under the sanction of the Lodge of Unions, a lodge formed to mark that great era in the history of English Freemasonry, the happy junction which was then effected in the two great bodies of English Freemasonry. That

Lodge of Unions, whose name was memorable, had always afforded its sanction to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and under its sanction the Emulation Lodge had attained its present position and had regulated the true standard of work in the Craft, and held up an example to all working Masons how that work should be done, and how perfection could be as nearly achieved as it was possible for mortals to attain to. He, therefore, thought that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Lodge of Unions; as it was the fruit of that tree they ought to be grateful to the tree that bore it. He begged to give them "The Lodge of Unions, Prosperity to the Lodge, and the Health of the W.M."

Bro. BARRON said it fell to his lot to thank the lodge for the honour they had done his lodge, and for the cordial way in which the toast had been received. As the mother lodge they were very much interested in the progress and success of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and they congratulated themselves that it was due to the care they had taken of the infant nurture of this lodge that it had grown to the vigorous manhood in which they saw it now. Bro. Fenn, the late Bro. John Hervey, and Bro. Farnfield were all members of the Lodge of Unions. The brother lodge had now attained the great age of over 100 years, and, though she was rather inactive, she was still healthy; but should a case arise in which help was wanted, he trusted she might turn with confidence to her offspring. They all knew the good work which the Emulation Lodge had done in their own country, and when they thought of England's influence abroad, they were proud of their connection with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. If the ritual was to be effective upon those who entered into Masonry, it was essential that the work should be perfectly and thoroughly done, and when that had been attained, he ventured to assert, the Masonry upon which it was founded, and the teaching it inculcated, had a very important share among those forces which were at work in the improvement of mankind. He had often thought how good it was of Bro. Fenn and those who assisted him to give so much time to the Craft, and felt that it must be from a desire in them to make themselves more universally beneficial to their fellow creatures, and if the brethren were not above receiving advice from their mother lodge, she gave it to them ever to continue and act as such.

Bro. SIMPSON, P.G. Chap., said he had the advantage of proposing a toast that required no preface and a very short speech. His excellent friend on his left had commenced with a quotation. He would also make a quotation—"Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth." But the knowledge they had acquired from the Emulation Lodge was not likely to puff them up, but rather, like charity, to edify them, and he hoped that the lessons they had learned in the lodge would lead up to the cause of charity. They had the advantage of being under the presidency, that night, of one who, in a few days, would be presiding over the Festival of one of the Masonic Charities. Let all remember the motto—"Handsome is that handsome does;" and they would feel that their meeting that night had done them good, not only in regard to assistance to the Masonic Charities, but also in again reminding them of those glorious principles of Masonry which they were so apt to forget in common life. He looked upon the Emulation Lodge as constantly bringing to their minds lessons which they everyone of them needed, and which he trusted they all, to a considerable extent, might act upon. They were that night favoured with the presence of the Secretaries of two of their Charities, and he was sure that Bro. Terry and Bro. Hedges would receive the kind wishes of all of them. But as Bro. Terry was the Secretary of the Charity over which Lord Euston would preside next week, he had coupled his name with the toast—"Success to the Masonic Charities."

Bro. TERRY, P.G. Swd. Br., thanked the last speaker very sincerely for the kind way in which he had brought to the notice of the brethren the claims of the Masonic Institutions. If brethren had got to do work in lodge they generally visited a lodge of instruction, and Lord Euston's presidency that night had something of the character of a full dress rehearsal for his taking the chair on Wednesday next. That he might have a very successful festival then he was sure they all earnestly desired for him, not only for himself, but for the Institution for which he would plead. That his province would support him nobly he (Bro. Terry) was certain, and he felt sure that many of the brethren whom he now saw round him would support him nobly too. While prompting them to part on that occasion with some of that metallic substance of which they had elsewhere been deprived, he said he found that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement had given nearly £700 to the Benevolent Institution; and during the last three years they had given ten guineas to comfort and solace some of those poor old people who had been unsuccessful in the elections.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., said he had a toast to propose. There were a body of Masons who had taken part in the evening's proceedings who deserved the approbation and thanks of those present. He alluded to the working officers. A large proportion of the brethren who came that evening came with the intention of seeing the beautiful working of the sections, not forgetting the very beautiful part of the opening and closing. Now, he thought the way that portion of the work was done was a treat to the elders in the lodge and must have been a treat to the juniors. They had not only seen Bro. Sudlow perform the opening and closing in the way in which he always did it, but they had the double treat of hearing him work one of the sections, and nothing could give more pleasure than to see him working. With these few words of preface he asked them to drink to the working officers that night, coupling the toast with the name of the S.W., Bro. Sudlow.

Bro. SUDLOW rose at once to return thanks for the toast which had just been so kindly proposed. It had been very gratifying to them as working officers to listen to the words of commendation which had fallen from the lips of the various speakers; but they must not, and would not, forget that no little share of the merit was due to Bro. Fenn. As a lodge they were proud indeed to have the President of the Board of General Purposes as their Treasurer and their king, and as workers that night it was not only with pleasure, but with advantage, that they had had him in the lodge as Master—a position which he had occupied now for so many years at these annual festivals. Bro. Sudlow expressed the hope that the work they had seen that night would create in many a desire to become better acquainted with those beautiful lectures—one of

which had formed the work of the evening—and he could say this—that any brother who would give time and study to those sections would be amply rewarded. He thanked them on behalf of the officers of the lodge for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received.

"The Health of the Secretary" was also proposed, and in returning thanks

Bro. KENTISH said he was very proud indeed to be able to render service to the lodge, very proud indeed of his position, though it might be a subordinate one; he was proud to follow in the footsteps of such brethren as Bro. Fenn and his successors, and he hoped that his connection with the lodge had been as satisfactory to the brethren as it had been to him.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The following is the list of the brethren present on the occasion: Bros. Lord Euston, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts; T. Fenn, Pres. B. of G.P., Treas.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; R. Grey, Pres. B. of B.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B.; R. Clutton, P.G.D.; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; C. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; Asher Barfield, G. Treas.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Hammerton, P.G.S.B.; Thos. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., P.G. Sec. Essex; Hy. J. Thomas, P.G.D. H. Bué; Dr. R. Gooding, P.G.D.; J. Terry, P.G. Swd. Br.; G. Haldane, P.G. Swd. Br.; R. G. Glover, P.D.G.D.C.; R. Berridge, J.G.D.; C. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; W. C. Beaumont, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; and F. West, P.G.D.—Visitors: Bros. H. Summers, P.M. 1326, P.P.G.S.B.; C. J. Harrison, 2108; E. Bateman, W.M. 180; W. H. Wheatley, 1805; M. Goldstein, 1563; Dr. F. Ernest Pocock, 1891; H. W. Alford, P.M. 228; T. Catling, 2190; G. S. Russell, W.M. 1399, P.G. Reg. Oxon; A. E. W. Gwyn, 19; G. J. Williams, 1494; F. Franklin Clive, 1319; W. D. Ingall, 1837; J. T. Salmon, P.M. 917; E. F. Philbrick, 1910; F. C. Sillico, J.D. 1362; A. H. Rees, S.D. 1362; T. Hastings, 26; D. C. Morgan, 2030; E. Janan, J.D. 1648; E. A. Harris, W.M. 201; W. Winnett, P.M. 59; C. W. Hughes, 2243; W. W. Hollings, P.M. 165; J. J. Chapman, P.M. 657; J. C. Webb, P.M. 353, P.G.S.B. Derbyshire; L. Mallett, 2060; M. Reeve, 1973; T. Heaps, 1973; H. H. Room, 1159; N. J. Stranger, 171; J. Harwood, 586; C. R. Wright, 1691; F. E. Lemon, 2033; H. St. J. Oliver, 143; F. Wood, P.M. 1973; J. Potter, 1987; A. Brown, 227; E. J. Moffat, 2190; H. Collins, 72; F. G. Robinson, 58; H. Godwin, 1673; F. Dillon, 252; H. Vander Weyde, 2190; H. S. Cluse, 19; E. H. Joynson, 1973; H. M. Grillier, 2140; W. Stones, 2155; J. Clever, 171, &c.; C. F. Kell, 2148; J. A. Radford, 1420; H. Wilks, 1366; G. C. Herbert, 2108; C. F. Hawkings, jun., 143; A. H. Bateman, 1973; H. E. Russel, 1973; R. Farr, 1298; J. W. Drysdale, 263; E. J. Fame, 1365; J. Read, W.M. 2105; E. Terry, 29; G. Reed, 511; A. M. Barnard, 1964; H. Goodwin, 1669; C. J. Ryworth, 1420; G. B. Dodd, 1686; G. H. Dixon, 1073; A. H. Robinson, 1537; T. Scoresby-Jackson, 2256; G. M. Farquharson, 389; E. W. Hensman, 2033; J. Du Vigne, 2060; G. Metzger, 2060; H. T. Clamp, 1972; F. A. Granville, 2105; J. Paige, 2190; P. H. Horley, 1815; E. Farrer, P.M. 350; M. Prior, 90; P. S. Smith, 1768; L. T. Simpson, 91; H. Evenden, 749; F. W. Ciss, 1491; C. H. McKay, 2; G. E. Fairchild, W.M. 1319; H. G. Glindoni, 1196; R. Monger, 1044; T. H. Miller, P.M. 1964; W. R. Jeffray, 1364; C. Moss, P.M. 2108; C. Fletcher, 10; R. Sweeting, 10; J. W. Cooper, 534; S. Alderton, 72; H. Poston, 19; A. D. Green, 19; E. Hands, 90; H. Cooper, 459; J. Greenwood, 256; C. Stanger, 12; W. Andrews, 1933; L. Clere, 2060; J. Chomette, 2060; T. W. Willis, 2243; George Peguet, 2060; J. Oppenheim, 2060; A. Sauvy, 2060; E. J. Wade; H. A. Joseph, 96; T. Wakley, jun., 2233; James Plan, 519; James J. Shedlock, 534; W. E. Robinson, 1395; and E. C. Massey. Members—Bros. G. W. Kennaby, C. M. Mapleter, E. P. Debenham, Geo. Powell, Hugh M. Gordon, E. St. Clair, Alfred C. Spaul, A. A. Richards, J. Gordon Langton, Arthur Gerrard, H. Baker, Thomas Cohn, A. F. Meaden, Chas. Belton, S. W. Shaw, A. T. Trehearne, W. R. Parker, A. S. Greenway, Edwd. Swain, G. Reynolds, G. H. Bishop, John Este, A. C. A. Higerty, John H. Hughes, C. B. Cooper, J. J. Black, J. Russell, G. A. Nosk, T. Aitken, James E. Terry, H. N. Heard, W. H. Kirby, Lennox Browne, H. N. Summer, E. Lindsay Pembroke, J. Lancaster, A. Marvin, Frank Sturgeon, C. J. Greene, M. Lincoln, W. Bernard Hamilton, C. A. Trollope, W. J. Fisher, H. G. Underhill, W. C. Banks, Hugh M. Hobbs, Howard W. Vaughan, W. J. Dyer, Eugène Montcuvis, R. C. Sudlow, W. J. Parker, H. H. Hyde Clarke, W. Holmes, J. W. Gaze, W. J. Reynolds, Arthur Brewin, H. Fenner Grieg, C. Wilfred Blasland, S. G. Granville, W. Grellier, G. D. Stevenson, S. Martin Southwell, Henry Grey, W. Nuttall, R. Goodwin, F. J. Sykes, E. Berlandina, A. Lacoste, H. J. Dumas, F. W. Crohn, J. Elliot, J. P. Fitzgerald, G. Barham, John G. Tongue, H. J. Marsden, J. S. Cumberland, F. W. Prior, J. R. Roxburgh, H. H. Shirley, Fredk. C. James, Leopold Hudson, Emil Behnke, H. Hughes, Arthur Rumford, John Glenn, H. T. Wellcome, W. O. Robinson, R. H. Stimpson, F. A. Barney, Alfred Watson, J. Barber Glenn, C. Butler, Ernest Richardson, W. A. Pocock, A. Stewart Horn, W. P. Fuller, F. T. Rushton, J. H. Proff, H. G. Cubitt, John E. Hunt, J. Faulkner, Hugh C. S. Dumas, H. Tatton Sykes, F. J. Vials, S. B. Wilson, F. W. Bramall, and G. F. Marshall.

MASONIC SOIREE AT MATLOCK BATH.—On Thursday evening, the 21st ult., the Matlock Bath (Arkwright) Lodge gave a soiree at the New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath, about 70 ladies and gentlemen being present. The brethren assembled in lodge previous to partaking of dinner. The dining room was decorated for the occasion. Then followed a comedy, entitled "Written in Sand," in which the following was the cast: Frank Seaton, Mr. T. H. Flanders; Fairfax Bendall, Mr. H. Clay; Tom Potts, Mr. J. Sladen; Kate Shirley, Miss Sladen; and Sister Winifred, Miss Childs. Mr. Melrose and Mr. Forman sang several songs very acceptably, after which dancing followed to the strains of a band provided by Bro. Edgar Horne.



We understand that the plans and designs for the Centenary Hall and New Buildings of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at Clapham, have been virtually settled; eight eminent builders have been invited to send in tenders, and it is expected that a meeting of the Building Committee will be held on or about the 25th April, when the tenders will be opened and decided.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.—Lord Henniker, Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, will preside at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May. The precise date has not yet been fixed.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place at Freemasons' Hall at 4 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday).

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. J. Howard Walker (only daughter of Mr. W. Roebuck, chairman of the Acton Local Board). The deceased lady (who was 34 years of age) only survived her husband a few months.

The meetings of the Earl of Zetland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1364, will in future be held at the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, on Friday nights—April to October—8 to 10. A Masonic Charity Fund has been organised in connection with the same.

The annual soiree of the Arkwright Lodge was held at New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath, on Thursday evening, the 21st ult., when about 70 ladies and gentlemen were present.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. Sir Lionel E. Darell, P.G.S., has consented to preside at the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund in July next. With so popular a Chairman this excellent Charity should have no difficulty in beating the record on this occasion.

The annual festival of the Commercial Lodge, No. 360 (S.C.), was held on Friday evening, the 22nd ult., in the hall, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow. Bro. Alexander Brown, R.W.M., in the chair. Bro. David Chalmers, P.M., was presented by the R.W.M., on behalf of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's gold jewel, and also a life membership card of the lodge, as a token of his great usefulness, energy, and labours in the cause of Freemasonry during the past 16 years. Bro. Chalmers suitably acknowledged the gifts.

A graceful little act of courtesy was performed last week by the members of the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150. On the retirement of Sir John Monckton from the office of Treasurer, which he had held for many years, the brethren presented Lady Monckton with an exquisite diamond ornament as a grateful souvenir of her husband's services.

Bro. Edward Lawson presided at the annual festival held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday evening, in aid of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution. Bros. Col. Howard Vincent, M.P.; Dixon-Hartland, M.P.; S. Bancroft, Edmund Yates, J. C. Parkinson, Lennox Browne, A. M. Broadley, and others, were among the guests, and the subscriptions amounted to close on £1000.

During this month a new Mark Lodge, to meet at Red Lion-square, will be consecrated. Its title will be taken from the Pro G.M., Egerton of Tatton. The First Master will be Bro. Belgrave Ninnis, and amongst the officers will be Bro. Dr. Brodie, Lennox Browne, T. G. Lewis-Thomas, and Capt. Henry Wright. Bro. Ninnis is so well known that the success of the youngest Mark Lodge is assured under his auspices. We wish him well in founding his lodge.

The quiet churchyard at Plympton, Devon, was last month the scene of a very unusual ceremony, which must be of interest to many of our brethren. A mother was borne to her last resting-place by her six sons (all Masons), and followed by her stepson, also a Mason, and four daughters; Bros. Lindon Saunders, Scone and Perth (S.C.); Harris C. L. Saunders, Crail Lodge (S.C.); Latimer H. Saunders, P.M. 1869; Theodore R. Saunders, P.M. 551; Rev. Silvanus Saunders, M.A., P.M. 1503, P.P.G. Chap. and P.G.J. (Middx.); and Dr. Fred A. Saunders, P.M. Crail Lodge (S.C.), were the bearers, followed by four sisters, and Bro. W. Harris Saunders, P.M. 1503, P.P.S.G.D. (Middx.); and their father, who has reached 82 summers.

THE ICE CARNIVAL.—Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to place the Royal box at the disposal of the Committee of the International Ice Carnival to be held on the 14th of March, and two following days, at the Royal Albert Hall, in aid of the West End Hospital. In view of the magnitude of the undertaking, the Committee trust that freeholders possessing seats and boxes in the hall may be disposed to relinquish them on the above dates for the benefit of the Charity, and are desired to communicate with Miss Schönberg, secretary, at 63, Wimpole-street, W. A member of the Royal Family has also consented to be present at the flower stall, which is undertaken by the Countess of Romney. Mr. Whiteley has enlisted the services of Mr. J. H. Hubbard, of Canadian fame, to organise an attractive programme of snow-shoe races and winter sports in the conservatory. We are asked to state that the "café chantant" will be under the direction of the Marchioness of Waterford, the Marchioness of Carmarthen undertaking the Italian stall. The Carnival has been designed by Mr. D'Arcy de Ferrars.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies demand the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the unguent should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction should cause pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to reduce inflammation and to purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases, which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. This Ointment checks the local mischief. The Pills restore the vital powers.

A warrant has been granted for a new lodge, to be held at the Wavertree Coffee House, Wavertree, near Liverpool, called the Wavertree Lodge, No. 2294.

Bro. George Reynolds, the well-known Secretary of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, met with an unpleasant adventure on his return from the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement on Friday night, the 22nd ult. While passing through Leicester-square he was set upon by three fellows, one of whom held him, while another made a snatch at his watch chain, which, after a struggle, he secured and made off with. In endeavouring to hold one of the thieves, Bro. Reynolds' hand was much hurt, and he is still suffering from it. The watch was left in the pocket, but the chain, which was a valued gift from his sister, was wrested off.

In our account of the consecration of the Kingswood Lodge in our issue of the 16th ult., we put the first Director of Ceremonies as "Bro. W. Neil," whereas it should have been Bro. H. T. Nell, P.M. 45.

The various lodges in the Province of West Yorkshire, with few exceptions, have lately had their Grand Lodge Warrants photographed, and a copy of each has been deposited in the Central Library of the Province at Wakefield, of which Bro. W. Watson, P.M. Philanthropic, Leeds, is the honorary Curator and Librarian.

Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., is one of the appointed preachers at the Chapel Royal Savoy during March.

The St. John's (Fisherrow) Lodge, which has lately been reconstituted after being out of existence for some years, on the 21st ult., held an assembly in the Town Hall, Musselburgh. Over sixty couples took part in the dancing, the music for which was supplied by Mr. Archibald's band. The Hall was tastefully decorated.

The Freemasons of Longford, Ireland, are about to erect a Masonic Hall in their town as a memorial to their late Provincial Grand Master, Col. King Harman, M.P., who was himself a Longford man, and one who took the greatest interest in Masonry in general. The Earl of Longford has granted a free site in the most picturesque part of the town, and Bro. J. O. Moynan, of Lodge No. 90, Cavan, has offered his services free as Architect. The members of Longford Lodge alone have subscribed £236, while Ballymahon Lodge, No. 308, has subscribed £73, and Grannud Lodge, 65, £25. An appeal is now made to the Masonic Body generally, and contributions will be thankfully received by Bro. Robt. Lyndon, Sec. and Treas., Ulster Bank, Longford.

At a convocation of the members of the Fidelity Chapter, 230, held at the Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, on Friday, the 22nd ult., the following officers were elected: Comps. W. G. Swiss as Z.; J. J. Meadley, H.; F. Orchard, J.; J. R. H. Harris, S.E.; J. Whitford, Treas.; J. Maddock, S.N.; W. V. Harris, P.S.; T. Lewis, 1st A.S.; W. Routledge, 2nd A.S.; and G. T. Veale, O.

Bro. Col. H. S. Brownrigg, 32°, Past Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab, Commandant of the Victorian Military Forces, has been elected W.M. of the Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 729, Melbourne. Bro. Brownrigg will be installed on the fourth Tuesday in March.

On Monday, the 18th ult., Bro. C. Adams was installed W.M. of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, Dover. An installation banquet was subsequently held, and was largely attended.

We regret to hear that the condition of the King of the Netherlands has not been so satisfactory during the last few days, and that his Majesty has not gained strength, and takes but little nourishment.

Bro. Commander Cameron, R.N., delivered an address before a crowded audience, in Exeter Hall, on Tuesday evening, on the subject of Slavery, the chair being occupied by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Bro. Rev. Thurston Rivington, Prov. G. Chap. Warwickshire, has by the death of his father, Mr. Wm. Rivington, Past Master Stationers' Company, come into a large fortune. His wife is a sister of the Bishop of Colombo.

A meeting of the United Service Chapter, No. 1428, was held on Friday evening, the 15th ult., at the Masonic Club, Commercial-road, Landport, when Comp. J. G. Mason was installed as Z., Comp. J. Jackson acting as Installing Officer. After the installation, Comp. J. Lind, Treas., was presented with a P.T.'s jewel as a mark of the esteem in which he is held, and in recognition of his valuable services. Comp. J. Jackson was also presented with a P.Z.'s jewel for the admirable way in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. The business of the evening having been disposed of, the members and visitors sat down to a banquet.

We are very pleased to learn that our worthy friends in Little Britain, Messrs. J. Holliday and Son, upholsterers, trimming manufacturers, and general warehousemen, have received the valuable appointment of buyers, shippers, and sole agents to Messrs. Knight and Co., art furnishers and royal decorators, Singapore, who have very extensive business in the far east. Mr. Knight, who has just been successful in floating the Pahang Exploration and Development Company (Limited), is, we believe, an old friend of Bro. Holliday.

THE MAZARIN BIBLE.—The copy of this rare book, which was the first printed by Gutenberg with moveable metal types, and should be more properly called the Gutenberg Bible, which was in the library of Lord Hopetoun, now being sold by Messrs. Sotherby, Wilkinson, and Hodge, brought the large sum of £2000, bid by Mr. Quaritch. It was slightly injured in some of the first leaves of Vol. II., but on the whole is a very fine copy. The most extraordinary thing is that its existence was quite unknown to its possessor, and it was only discovered when Mr. Hodge, jun., was arranging for the removal and sale of the Library of Hopetoun House, near Edinburgh. As everyone knows, it is a Latin Bible, printed by Gutenberg and Fust, about 1450-55, at Munich. This is the fourth of these extremely rare and most interesting Bibles which have been sold within the last 15 years; the Perkins copy in 1873, for £2690; the Systar Park, Sir J. Thorold's, £3900, in 1884; the Lord Crawford's copy, £2650; and this present one.

The first supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275, will be held early in April at its usual meeting place.

A complimentary banquet to Bro. H. Lynn, S.W. 217, is to be held at Anderton's Hotel this (Friday) evening.

THE RECENT MASONIC BALL AT STONEHOUSE.—The Committee responsible for the arrangements of the Masonic ball which was held at the St. George's Hall, on Valentine's eve, met on the 21st ult. at the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club, under the presidency of Bro. John Leonard, Chairman. The Treasurer, Bro. Frank R. Thomas, reported that the ball was a remarkable success, far exceeding the most sanguine anticipations of the Committee, and, after paying all expenses, there was over £20 in hand. On the proposition of Bro. F. Crouch, Sec., it was decided to make Mark Lodges Sincerity (under whose banner the ball was held) and Brunswick Life-Governors of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, for their services, and also to the decorative Committee, the names of Bros. F. G. Taylor, Pengelly, and Davis being mentioned. It is probable that steamer and other excursions will be held in the summer in aid of the above Fund.

The brethren of the Metham Lodge, No. 1205, Stonehouse, have elected Bro. Archelaus Trout, as their W.M. for the ensuing year, and re-elected Bro. D. Cross, P.P.G.T., as the Treasurer.

The members of the Masonic Lodges in Dunkeld—St. John's, No. 14, and Operative, No. 152—held an assembly in the Royal Hotel on Friday evening, the 22nd ult. There were about 45 couples present. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, the march being led off by Bro. M. Laren and Mrs. Murray, and was carried on till four o'clock on Saturday morning. Bros. Clacey and Low efficiently discharged the duties of floor masters. At intervals the proceedings were agreeably varied with songs by members of the company. About midnight an excellent supper was served by Bro. Fisher in the drawing-room. Before separating a hearty vote of thanks, called for by Bro. Swan, R.W.M., was awarded to Bro. Fisher for the very efficient manner in which he had attended to the comfort of the company.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.—This year will witness a culinary invasion of France, which will, we trust, give our lively neighbours satisfaction. Messrs. Spiers and Pond, who have been appointed sole caterers to the British Section of the Paris Exhibition, will establish there a grill-room, where, from a silver grill, like that in Windsor Castle, they will supply the tender chop and the succulent steak, served in the English fashion. Now, a properly cooked chop and beef steak, not *bien saignant*—as Mr. Sala's cadaverous waiter insisted—but done to a turn, are precisely those delicacies which are not to be had even at the Café Anglais or Durand's. To the untravelled Frenchman who has not visited the shores of perfidious Albion they will come like a revelation, and appropriately accompanied by a draught from a bottle impressed with "the scarlet pyramid of Bass," they will probably change his views as to the *cuisine* of Great Britain. Messrs. Spiers and Pond will also have space for a large bar, like that at the Criterion, where light refreshments will be served—a part of the Exhibition which is sure to be popular with the young Frenchmen of the period. The firm has also had a portion of the French Section allotted to them, where they will establish a café, where "five o'clock tea" will be a speciality, and an American bar will appeal to Cosmopolitan tastes.

THE MASONIC HALL.—The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Birmingham Masonic Hall and Club Company (Limited) was held on the 21st ult., at the Hall. The gross rental for the year 1888 was £1986, as compared with £2073 for 1877, the decrease being due to the fact that the two principal shops and one large vault were unlet during the year. The letting of the assembly room was satisfactory. The directors propose to enlarge the refreshment room, so as to facilitate the holding of balls and conversations. The net profit of the year amounts to £491, which, with a balance of £60 brought forward, makes a total of £551. The report expresses regret that the proposed continuation of Ethel-street to John Bright-street had not been carried out by the Corporation owing to the expense of building the bridge across the station. The directors still maintain the justice of their demand for the improvement, on the faith of which being carried out the company took the land at so high a ground rent, and the ground landlord presented to the town a considerable quantity of land. The report was adopted; a dividend of 2 per cent. was declared, £50 being carried to contingent fund, and £20 written off for the furniture account; and the retiring directors—Messrs. James Cooper and W. H. Sproston—were re-elected.

Bro. J. R. Dore, P.M., P.Z., &c., of Huddersfield (a great authority on Biblical Archaeology) has written a second edition of his book on "Old Bibles," the new publishers being Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode (her Majesty's printers). The volume is tastefully got up and not only much larger than the first issue, but contains a mass of additional and invaluable information to be found in no other work extant. Not only does Bro. Dore give "An Account of the Early Versions of the English Bible," but the collations appended of all the rare, special, or important editions of the various versions, from Tyndale's of 1525 down to the "Authorized," are of great utility and value to students, dealers, and collectors. Typographical peculiarities of certain editions and test words and texts to discover any version when title pages are unhappily missing (an oft experience) are provided in abundance, and so numerous are the particulars, based in most cases on actual examination of the originals, that his almost unrivalled experience is made the common property of his readers. Bro. Dore, in giving extracts from different versions, has frequently selected those passages which appeal more especially to the Masonic Fraternity, without attracting attention. The same brother exhibited exactly 100 Bibles, New Testaments, &c., at a meeting of the York College of Rosicrucians on November, 17th, 1886, the whole being carefully described in a neat catalogue. The present work cannot fail to prove a real boon to all Biblical Students.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, March 9, 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, 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.

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.

975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

MONDAY, MARCH 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.
144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.
188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.
256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
1265, Tredegar, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.
1609, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley.
2098, Harlesden, National Schools, Harlesden.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Barnato, Victoria Hotel, 25, Charterhouse-street, at 6.
Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.
St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hotel, West Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, E.C., at 7.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
1050, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
1891, St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hotel, West Kensington.

MARK LODGE.

139, Panmure, Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, W.C.

RED CROSS.

Grand Imperial Conclave, 16a, Great Queen-street, W.C.
Original or Premier, 16a, Great Queen-street, W.C.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
18, Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
166, Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
795, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1157, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden Square.
1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road, E.
1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park.
1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1662, Beaconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.
1693, Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
2032, Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
2159, Tivoli.
2199, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6.

GRAND LODGE, at 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
1585, Royal Commemoration, White Lion, Putney.
1766, St. Leonard's, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

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.
Earl 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.
Londsbrough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery-lane, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hotel, Lugard-road, Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7.

CRAFT LODGES.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.
45, Strong Man, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel.
227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
1351, St. Clement Danes, The Duval, 225, Strand.
1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-road, Paddington.
1425, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, High-street, Aldgate.
1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.
1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
1950, Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, at 6.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creaton, Wheatheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Fetham.
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, at 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Blackwall Railway Hotel, 7, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-rd., at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.

Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, at 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
174, Sincerity, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.
780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
1997, John Carpenter, The Albion, Aldersgate-street.
2000, Earl of Mornington, Holborn Restaurant.
2242, Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Hackney.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.
Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9.

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
176, Caveac, The Albion, Aldersgate-street.
1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
1426, Great City, City Terminus Hotel.
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.
1680, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2029, King Solomon, 8a, Red Lion-square.
2206, Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, March 9, 1889.

MONDAY, MARCH 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

53, Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
107, Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lynn.
113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel Assembly Rooms, Preston.
119, Sun, Square, and Compasses, F.M.H., Whitehaven.
135, Perpetual Friendship, Clarence Hotel, Bridgewater.
154, Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156, Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, 1, Princess-square, Plymouth.
199, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Snargate-st., Dover.
236, York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York.
251, Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple.
328, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay.
338, Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
395, Guy's, Crown Hotel, Leamington.
422, Yarborough, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Gainsborough.
428, Sincerity, Angel Hotel, Northwich.
431, St. George's, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
441, Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, Cambridge.
467, Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
478, Churchill, Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, Oxford.
482, St. James's, Wretham-road, Handsworth, Staffs.
529, Semper Fidelis, Masonic Hall, Worcester.
622, St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
694, Oakley, Masonic Hall, Sarum-hill, Basingstoke.
737, Wentworth, Masonic Hall, Wellingboro' Northants.
850, St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
872, Lewis, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven.
928, Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hants.
959, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Ipswich.
977, Fowey, Masonic Hall, Fowey, Cornwall.
1009, Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
1050, Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051, Rowley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Lancaster.
1071, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Saltash, Cornwall.
1077, Wilton, Red Lion Hotel, Blackley, Lancashire.
1124, St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1180, Forward, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1211, Goderich, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1239, Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1254, Semper Fidelis, Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter.
1264, Neptune, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1380, Skelmersdale, Latham Hall, -caforth, Liverpool.
1434, Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.
1452, St. Margaret's, Masonic Hall, Lowestoft.
1485, Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon.
1573, Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1798, Zion, 744, King-street, Manchester.
1874, Lechlere, Masonic Hall, Kidderminster.
1954, Molesworth, Bonney's Assembly Rooms, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

2094, Elthorne and Middlesex, Town Hall, Hounslow.
2098, Harlesden, National Schools, Harlesden.
2163, Jersey, Collee Tavern, Southall, Middlesex.
2166, Cotehele, Masonic Hall, Calstock, Cornwall.
2240, Arrow, Burton House Hotel, Kington, Herefordshire.
2290, Fairfield, 14, Fairfield-street, Fairfield, Lancashire (W.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.
302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
315, Hope York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 8.30.
378, Loyal Welsh, M.H., Queen-street, Pembroke Dock, at 7.30.
382, Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.
414, Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading.
429, Royal Navy, Shipwrights' Arms, Ramsgate, at 8.
521, Truth, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, at 8.
562, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-sq., Worthington, at 8.
993, Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, Manchester, 7.30.
1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, at 8.
1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 7.
1221, Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
1424, Brownrigg, King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, Kent, 7.30.
1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter's-place, Canterbury, at 8.
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.
1692, Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent.
1776, Unity, F.M.H., 79, Commercial-road, Landport, at 7.
1799, Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, at 8.
1802, Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford, Notts.
1804, Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.
1981, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park-road, Norbiton, at 8.
2134, Wilberforce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

106, Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth.
312, Britannia, Masonic Hall, West Cliff, Whitby.
1008, White Rose, Angel Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.

MARK LODGES.

2, Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Landport.
12, Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, Hull.
35, Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, Devon.
270, Middlesborough, F.M.H., Marton-road, Middlesborough.
293, Industry, Freemasons' Hall, Gateshead-upon-Tyne.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

47, Newstead, Masonic Hall, Notingham.
52, Union, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
70, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, 1, Princess-square, Plymouth.
103, Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120, Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
127, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
158, Adam's, Britannia Hotel, Mill Town, Sheerness.
209, Etonian, Masonic Hall, St. Alban's-street, Windsor.
226, Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleboro'.
252, Harmonic, Freemasons' Tavern, Stone-street, Dudley.
265, Royal Yorkshire, Private Rooms, Hanover-street, Keighley.
315, Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
340, Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, Oxford.
394, Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Queen-st., Neath, Glamorganshire.
393, St. David's, Masonic Hall, Parade, Berwick.
421, Loyal of Industry, Freemasons' Hall, South Molton, Devon.
457, Loyal Monmouth, Freemasons' Hall, Monmouth.
493, Royal Lebanon, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
558, Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone.
660, Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Malton, Yorks.

- 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 685, Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 702, Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
 734, Lonsborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
 794, Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton, Coldsfield.
 804, Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Waterloo-road, Havant.
 814, Parrett and Axe, Town Hall, Crewkerne.
 839, Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
 847, Fortescue, Masonic Hall, Honiton, Devon.
 859, Isaac Newton University, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge.
 948, St. Barnabas, Masonic Hall, Linslade, Bucks.
 967, The Three Grand Principles, M.H., Penryn, Cornwall.
 974, Pentalfa, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston, Lancashire.
 1002, Skiddaw, Masonic Rooms, Challoner-street, Cocker-mouth.
 1134, Newall, M.H., Adelphi-street, Salford, Lancashire.
 1161, De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Manchester.
 1222, Saint Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare.
 1244, Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1282, Ancholme, Masonic Rooms, Cary-lane, Brigg, Lincs.
 1336, Square and Compass, Public Hall, Wrexham.
 1488, St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea.
 1492, Alma Mater, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge.
 1619, Sackville, Masonic Rooms, East Grinstead, Sussex.
 1780, Albert Edward, Masonic Hall, Southampton.
 1785, St. Petroc, Masonic Hall, Padstow, Cornwall.
 1807, Loyal Wye, Masonic Hall, Builth, Brecon.
 1908, Cholmondeley, Commercial Hotel, Frodsham, Cheshire.
 1970, Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields.
 1993, Wolsley, Town Hall Buildings, King-street, Manchester.
 2049, Eilan Vannin, Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man.
 2133, Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon.
 2136, St. Michael's, Chequers Hotel, Bishops Cleeve.
 2260, Ridley, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 111, Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington.
 119, Sun, Square, and Compass, F.M.H., Whitehaven, at 7.30.
 127, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate, at 8.30.
 170, All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth.
 264, Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley, at 7.30.
 371, Perseverance, F.M.H., Englefield-street, Maryport, at 8.
 448, St. James's, St. John's-place, Halifax, at 8.
 463, East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45.
 496, Peace and Harmony, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell.
 591, Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, at 8.
 603, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, at 7.
 855, Sympathy, Swan Hotel, Wootton-under-Edge, at 7.30.
 940, Philanthropy, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-st., Stockton.
 1119, St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Grange-road, Jarrow, at 8.
 1237, Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
 1390, Whitwell, M.H., Salthouse-road, Millom, Cumberland.
 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 1598, Leyspring, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.
 1638, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 1783, Albert Edward, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, 8.
 1787, Grenville, Town Hall, Buckingham.
 1837, Lullingstone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Dartford.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Hope-street, Liverpool.
 297, Concord, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale.
 450, Hayle, Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, Cornwall.
 1021, Henry Cook, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
 1031, Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.

MARK LODGES.

- 45, Gough, Freemasons' Hall, Cheapside, Hanley.
 63, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton.
 69, United Service, King's Arms Hotel, Westcourt-street, Old Brompton, Kent.
 78, Fortitude, Masonic Roms, Old Bridge-street, Truro.
 111, Copley, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
 360, St. Eilian, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.
 381, Unity, White Hart Hotel, Ringwood.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

- 63, St. Mary, Derby.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 74, Athol, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 94, Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Queen-street, Sunderland.
 137, Amity, Masonic Hall, Market-street, Poole.
 159, Brunswick, M.H., Phoenix-pl., East Stonehouse, Devon.
 164, Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Sidmouth.
 168, Mariners, Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, Guernsey.
 279, St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
 282, Bedford, Private Room, Bedford-square, Tavistock.
 287, Unanimity, White Lion Hotel, Great Underbank, Stockport.
 298, Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Drake-street, Rochdale.
 326, Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 327, St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
 406, Northern Counties, M.H., Map e-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 417, Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
 429, Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
 471, Silurian, Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
 611, Lodge of the Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow.
 645, Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Cooper-street, Manchester.
 838, Franklin, Peacock Hotel, Boston.
 929, Waveney, King's Head Hotel, Bungay, Suffolk.
 970, St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loce, Cornwall.
 1003, Prince of Wales, Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, Jersey.
 1004, Athole, Masonic Hall, Douglas.
 1010, Kingston, Masonic Hall, Kingston-square, Hull.
 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 1085, Harrington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
 1091, Erme, Masonic Hall, Chapple-place, Ivybridge, Devon.
 1167, Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Prudhoe-street, Alnwick.
 1233, Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea.
 1333, Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1335, Lindsay, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.
 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Hope-st., Leigh, Lincs.
 1431, St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull, Warwick.
 1461, Clausentum, Masonic Hall, Woolston, Hants.
 1478, Longleat, Town Hall, Warminster, Wilts.
 1532, Beccive, 32, English-street, Carlisle.
 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
 1660, Arlecdon, Freemasons' Hall, Frizington, Cumberland.
 1703, Windrush, Corn Exchange, Witney.
 1736, St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax, Yorkshire.
 1842, St. Leonard's, Gensing Hall, St. Leonards.
 1862, Stranton, Masonic Hall, West Hartlepool.
 2042, Apollo, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 2200, Panthea, Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells.
 2203, Farnborough and North Camp, Queen's Hot., Farnborough.
 2224, Fairfield, Pavilion, Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 20, Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Mitre Hotel, Chatham.
 117, Salopian, Music Hall Buildings, Shrewsbury.
 186, Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.
 439, Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Fleece Inn, Main-st., Bingley, 7.
 464, Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, at 7.30.
 546, E. rusean, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, at 8.
 551, Yarrowburgh, Masonic Hall, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.
 574, Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
 803, United Good Fellowship, Rose and Crown Hot., Wisbech, 8.
 851, Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
 972, St. Augustine, Masonic Temple, Canterbury, at 8.30.
 1402, Jordan, Masonic Hall, Torquay, at 8.
 1459, Ashbury, 7, New York-street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, at 7.
 1001, Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
 2099, Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay, at 8.
 2206, Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
 2266, Cator, Railway Hotel, Beckenham, at 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 156, Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth.
 221, St. John's, New Masonic Hall, Silverwell-st., Bolton-le-Moss.

- 251, Loyalty and Virtue, Masonic Hall, Barnstaple.
 304, Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
 369, Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe.
 477, Fidelity, Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 1283, Ryburn, Masonic Hall, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
 1358, Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

MARK LODGES.

- 56, Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 65, West Lancashire, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 66, Fortitude, Hushye Masonic Temple, Princess-square, Plymouth.
 91, Hushye, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport.
 100, Hawton, Masonic Rooms, Ivybridge, Devon.
 282, Derwent, Assembly Rooms, Warkington, Cumberland.
 299, Davy, Swan Hotel, Wootton-under-Edge.
 339, William Kelley, Swan Hotel, Winhill, Derbyshire.
 372, De La Pole, Masonic Hall, Seaton.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

- 7, Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 24, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 31, United Industrious, Masonic Temple, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury.
 38, Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
 41, Royal Cumberland, M.H., Old Orchard-street, Bath.
 57, Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull.
 110, Loyal Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Merthyr Tydvil.
 114, British Union, Freemasons' Hall, Soane-street, Ipswich.
 123, Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
 195, Hengist, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth.
 219, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden, Lancashire.
 230, Fidelity, Ebrington M.H., Granby-street, Devonport.
 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 254, Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.
 266, Naphthali, Navigation Inn, Heywood, Lancashire.
 269, Fidelity, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
 289, Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
 294, Constitutional, Masonic Hall, Beverley, Yorkshire.
 295, Combermere Lodge of Union, Macclesfield Arms Hotel, Macclesfield.

- 300, Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 305, Apollo, Town Hall, Beccles.
 309, Harmony, Red Lion Hotel, Fareham.
 317, Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 360, Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Northampton.
 362, Doric, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Hill, Grantham.
 412, Holy Temple, Swan Inn, Longtown, Cumberland.
 419, St. Peter's, Star and Garter, Wolverhampton.
 446, Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset.
 462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Accrington.
 509, Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 531, St. Helen's, Masonic Hall, Hartlepool.
 539, St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 637, Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 703, Clifton, County and Lane Ends Hotel, Blackpool.
 792, Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Osborne-street, Grimsby.
 839, Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
 856, Restormel, Duchy Palace, Lostwithiel, Cornwall.
 913, Pattison, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.
 940, Philanthropy, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 976, Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset.
 1012, Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1070, Starkie, F.M.H., Eastbank-street, Southport, Lancashire.
 1072, Aberystwith, Lion Royal Hotel, Aberystwith.
 1143, Royal Denbigh, Town Hall, Denbigh.
 1231, Savile, Masonic Rooms, Elland, Yorkshire.
 1284, Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devon.
 1304, Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincoln.
 1329, Okeover, Masonic Room, Market Hall, Ripley, Derbyshire.
 1374, Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington.
 1384, Equity, Central Hotel, Widnes, Lancashire.
 1473, Bootle, 80, Merton-road, Bootle, Lancashire.
 1500, Walpole, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
 1504, Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, Lancashire.

- 1513, Friendly, Masonic Hall, Eastgate, Barnsley, Yorkshire.
 1557, Albert Edward, Masonic Hall, Hexham, Northumberland.
 1565, Earl of Chester, Masonic Hall, Lymm, Cheshire.
 1639, Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford.
 1674, Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Rhyl, Flint.
 1770, Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon, Berks.
 1829, Burrell, Buckingham Arms Hotel, Shoreham.
 1899, Wellesley, Wellington College Hotel, Sandhurst.
 1950, Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
 2043, Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Reading.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 31, United Industrious, Freemasons' Temple, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, at 7.
 47, Newstead, Bromley House, Angel-row, Nottingham, at 7.30.
 70, St. John, Hushye Masonic Temple, Princes'-pl., Plymouth.
 77, Freedom, New Falcon Hotel, West-street, Gravesend, at 8.30.
 264, Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley, at 7.30.
 289, Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
 489, Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Bideford.
 503, Belvidere, Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, Maidstone.
 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 788, Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.
 1037, Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
 1050, Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester, Kent.
 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool, 7.30.
 1209, Levises, Balmoral Hotel, Broadstairs, at 7.30.
 1224, Stour Valley, Masonic Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk, at 7.
 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30.
 1416, Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle-yard, Thirsk, at 8.
 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, Chive, Masonic Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.
 1957, Grove, Cock Inn, Hazelgrove, at 8.
 1967, Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 130, Royal Gloucester, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
 187, Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 325, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, 41, Crescent, Salford.
 429, Thunet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
 683, St. Woolo's Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1019, Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
 1393, Hamer, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.

MARK LODGES.

- 36, Furness, Masonic Hall, Abbey-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
 53, Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 94, Love and Honour, Freemasons' Hall, Falmouth.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

- 23, Hilda, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 36, Glamorgan, Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.
 170, All Souls' Masonic Hall, Weymouth.
 815, Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester.
 916, Harrington, Albion Hotel, Eastbourne.
 1001, Harrogate and Claro, M.H., Avenue-road, Harrogate.
 1087, Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
 1121, Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland, Durham.
 1239, Rock, Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 1428, United Service, F.M.H., Commercial-rd., Landport.
 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan Tav., Burrage-rd., Plumstead.
 1661, Newton, Savings' Bank, Newark-upon-Trent.
 1676, St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street West, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 1983, Martyn, Town Hall, Southwold, Suffolk.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 123, Lennox, Masonic Hall, Newbiggin, Richmond, Yorks, at 8.
 187, Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.
 265, Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Rooms, Keighley, at 8.
 326, Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.
 523, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, at 7.30.
 696, St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury, at 7.30.
 1034, Eccleshill, Alexandra Hotel, Bradford, at 8.
 1071, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Alexandra-sq., Saltash, Cornwall, 8.
 1391, Commercial, Masonic Hall, Leicester, at 7.30.
 1991, Agricola, 3, Peter-lane, Market-street, York, at 8.
 Bristol (Province), Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 306, Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
 1478, Thynne, Town Hall, Warminster, Wilts.
 1780, Albert Edward, Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton.

MARK LODGES.

- 52, Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment-street, Winchester.
 110, Integrity, Bull Hotel, Wakefield.
 320, William Hickman, M.H., Wilkes-road, Sandown, I. of W.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 4, Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield.
 126, De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1755, Eldon, Royal Hotel, Portishead, Somerset.
 2069, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
 2095, Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey.
 2206, Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon.
 2246, Cyclist, Castle Hotel, East Molesey, Surrey.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

- 478, Mersey, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

- 43, Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 2, Royal Naval, Phoenix Lodge Rooms, Portsmouth.

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