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Further Girls' School Successes.

THE results of the Cambridge Middle-class Examinations in December last have just been made known, and it must be very gratifying to the Governors and Educational staff of our Girls' School to learn that 18 out of the 20 girls who submitted themselves to the severe ordeal prescribed by the examiners were successful in passing, three of the number being also awarded honours. The result in the case of the College of Preceptors Examination is equally, or indeed even more, gratifying, as 29 passed out of the 30 who went up. Thus as the upper school contains 204 girls, it follows that 50, or nearly one-fourth of the whole number, were sent up for public examination, and only three of them were unable to satisfy the examiners. We congratulate the House Committee and Miss DAVIS and her staff on a result which testifies so conclusively to the excellence of their management and instruction.

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The late Bro. J. A. Birch, East Lancashire.

VERY general regret will be felt at the news of the death on Sunday last of Bro. J. A. BIRCH, who for some years past had been one of the most prominent figures in East Lancashire Masonry. The deceased had taken an active part in the work of the lodge and chapter, and his services had been deservedly recognised, not only by his fellow members, but likewise by the GRAND MASTER and Grand Superintendent of the Province, Bro. Col. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE, who in his former capacity had appointed him to the position of a Prov. G. Warden, and in the latter had made him Third Principal in the Provincial Grand Chapter. But the sphere of labour to which Bro. BIRCH had more particularly devoted his energies was in connection with the local and general Charities of our Society. As Chairman of the Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, he had the chief hand in directing the operations of that valuable provincial association, while as regards the central Charities of the Order he had acted several times as Steward on their behalf, the last occasion on which he had undertaken these duties being at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. He was likewise a Vice-President of the East Lancashire Association and a Life Governor of both Schools and the Benevolent Institution. He had also been for many years an active and influential member of the Manchester Town Council, while in his private capacity he was beloved and respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who deeply deplore his loss, and to whom, as well as to the family of our late brother, we offer our most respectful sympathy.

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The late Bro. Wm. Nott, P.P. S.G.W. Wilts.

THERE can be doubt that the Province of Wiltshire has sustained a very severe loss through the death of Bro. WILLIAM NOTT, who for many years had laboured most enthusiastically and successfully to promote the welfare of the Craft in the county with which he was connected. Not only had Bro. NOTT filled the highest offices in lodge and chapter, but his services had been worthily recognised by his Provincial Chief, who was greatly indebted to him for his assistance in the regular work of the Province; but more particularly in connection with its Charity Association, the Stewardships for the Festivals of the great Central Masonic Charities, and the Western Counties' Charitable Association, in which Wiltshire had adequately fulfilled the part allotted to it. Indeed, we are by no means exaggerating when we say that Wilts will, for a time at all events, have some difficulty in finding a successor to Bro. NOTT who shall take up and continue the duties which had been so long ably discharged by him; and, for this reason, it is the more incumbent on us to express the sympathy we feel with our Wiltshire brethren.

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Shanklin Masonic Exhibition.

WHAT may be termed a fitting conclusion, or "wind up," to the Shanklin Masonic Exhibition, occurred on Tuesday evening last, when Bro. ALFRED GREENHAM, the promoter and organiser of that successful enterprise, attended the meeting of the "Jordan" Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, and was presented with a certificate of the Honorary Membership, beautifully designed and executed,

by Bro. JOHN CHAPMAN, the founder of that well-known lodge. A number of charming miniature water-colour drawings surrounded the certificate paper, illustrating the peculiar circumstances in relation to that lodge and the others with which Bro. GREENHAM is connected, and making a charming souvenir. The presentation was made by Bro. HUGHAN, by desire of the W.M. and the donor, and Bro. GREENHAM made a most effective reply, particulars of which will appear in next week's issue.

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Art Association of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

OUR Pennsylvania brethren are determined that no effort shall be spared to honour Freemasonry as they consider it deserves to be honoured. Their Masonic Hall in Philadelphia, we believe, is justly reputed to be one of the finest buildings of its kind in the world, and about a year since the idea occurred to certain members of one of the lodges in the jurisdiction that, splendid as this edifice undoubtedly is, its interior appearance might and would be materially enhanced if the various rooms it contains were artistically decorated. The scheme at once commended itself to the then Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Bro. JOSEPH EICHBAUM, and other influential Masons, and an Art Association was at once formed, which already consists of 779 members, while a sum of not far short of 4000 dollars (£800) has been raised; and from the first Annual Report, which has been kindly forwarded to us, we learn that the work of decoration has been most effectively begun in two of the principal rooms, namely, the Ionic and the Egyptian Halls. We trust the process of decoration will be continued with equal success, so that, in time, the interior decorations of the grand Hall in Philadelphia may be worthy in all respects of its splendid exterior.

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The D.G. Lodge of the Punjab and Masonic Literature.

It is not a very long time since the District G. Lodge of the Punjab, at the instance of Bro. E. WOODALL PARKER, D.G.M., and other eager inquirers after Masonic knowledge, determined on establishing a library at its Masonic Hall in Lahore. It was recognised that the principles and history of the Craft were not sufficiently studied by the brethren generally, and the belief was expressed that those principles would stand a better chance of being loyally observed, and that greater interest would be taken in the work of our lodges, if a library, well furnished with the better class of Masonic literature, were accessible to all members of the Fraternity. It is, no doubt, too early yet to speculate as to the effect produced by this movement, but it is evident, from the fact of a special communication of Dist. G. Lodge having been held in December last for the purpose of hearing two lectures delivered by distinguished Punjab Masons, that Bro. PARKER, and those acting with him, are resolved on carrying this scheme into execution with as little delay as possible. One of these papers, compiled by Bro. Dr. BRIJ LALL GHOSE, and entitled "Brahminism and Freemasonry," very successfully illustrated the universality of Freemasonry; while the other, by Bro. H. J. WHYMPER, on "Masonic Literature," may be regarded as a very successful effort on the part of that brother to support the plans of his chiefs. Both were listened to with attention by the members present, and it is to be hoped that other brethren will take encouragement from the example thus set, and deliver other addresses on the same or similar subjects. We must not, however, be in too great a hurry, and imagine that in the future it will always be smooth sailing because the intention to form a library and encourage Masonic study has been taken in hand. There is probably no society in existence in which any attempt to obtain more than the merest superficial knowledge is viewed with so much indifference, and in some cases even with alarm, as in ours; and Bro. PARKER, in the few remarks he made at the close of the second lecture, gave an illustration of this, which had recently come within his own knowledge, and which well deserves to be repeated here: He had had occasion to refer to the mass of Masonic literature at the disposal of the brethren, and asked if it was "not wonderful to find that a very large number of Masons make no attempt to become acquainted with it, and that many are satisfied to remain in ignorance of the true history, life, laws, and spirit of Masonry." And having made this very pertinent observation, he proceeded to cite the case of a lodge in his own district—which he considerably forebore from naming—which had forwarded him a resolution "condemning a circular of the District Grand Master, in which he 'invited' brethren to supply such information as 'might properly be divulged' to the Masonic column of a newspaper," the lodge in question considering it would be "opposed to the tradition" of Freemasonry to act in accordance with the suggestions of the D.G.M. This was not particularly complimentary to our distinguished brother, who appears to have been somewhat disconcerted by so uncere- monious a reply to his modest invitation. Let us hope, however, that a rebuff of this kind will not have the effect of deterring him from his purpose of endeavouring to spread as much enlightenment about Masonry as he can among the brethren in his District. There are still among us some of that class of Masons of whom PRESTON speaks in his "Illustrations,"

who would rather every Masonic book and periodical were burnt than that a word about our doings should appear in print. But they constitute only a very small minority, the bulk of the brethren becoming daily more and more curious to read about our history and customs, and the patronage of all kinds of Masonic literature being commensurately greater. Apart from the knowledge which it would be an act of disloyalty to his obligation for a Mason to divulge, there is a mass of Masonic literature which they who wish may read, and Bro. PARKER is probably not far out in his reckoning when he sets down the number of works in which the object and principles of Freemasonry "are to be found published," and "which any one may purchase," at "some 6000 or more." We trust he will continue the good work of enlightenment he has begun with so much energy, and that in a brief time we shall hear of his efforts being as successful as they deserve.

CONSECRATION OF THE SCARISBRICK LODGE, No. 2295, AT SOUTHPORT.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic-buildings, Lord-street, when there were present:

Bros. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec. W. Lancs.; Rev. J. S. Gardner, P.M., P.G. Chap.; J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.D.; J. J. Greaves, P.P.G. Org.; John Slyman, P.S.G.D.; Major McTear, Prov. G.D. of C.; James Platt, P.P.G.D.; John Sutton, P.P.D.G. D. of C.; Rev. C. S. Hope, P.P.G. Chap.; S. M. Harris, P.M. 406, P.P.G.D.C. Northumberland; D. Jones, P.P.G.D.; Warrick Wood, P.P.G. Std. Br. E. Lancs.; W. C. Ervin, P.P.A.G.S.; Jas. Bryan, P.P.G.O.; Thos. T. Hill, P.G.S.B.; Thos. Adams, P.M. 613, P.G. Stwd.; Thomas Nevett, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. C. Robinson, P.G. Stwd.; H. Kidson, P.M. 613, W.M. designate, J. B. Margerison, W. H. Johnson, P.M., H. Harrison, W. J. Worden, John Sutton, P.P.D.G.D.C., A. J. Charlick, T. E. Williams, and Geo. Rockcliffe, of 2295; James Heyes, 703; S. R. Slott, P.M. 363; J. Sykes, W. Platt, P.M., A. E. Bartle, R. A. Ault, Joseph Ashby, A. B. Myson, I. E. Chambers, W.M., James Hesketh, P.M., W. E. Hobbs, P.M., S. Hardman, Jas. Sawyer, and C. M. Kershaw, of 1313; H. Boucher, W.M. 1335; John Hatch, P.M., R. W. T. Hatch, E. Bradshaw, P.M., Geo. Harford, T. S. Marsden, John T. Gale, W. Wilkinson, Thos. Hayward, R. A. McFeeter, and R. A. Holding, of 613; Henry Hatch, P.M. 220; F. G. Goodacre, S.W., and A. Shirley, J.W., of 2231; J. Witham, P.M. 1070; R. W. Hobart, 241; J. T. Newsome and M. Newsome, of 208; Geo. Sam. Smith, P.M. 1134; J. W. White, 1908; R. L. Dottie, P.M. 993; and Thos. Black, 1170.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec., assisted by several Prov. Grand Officers.

The musical arrangements, which were excellent, were under the direction of Bro. Wilkinson, assisted by Bros. Bryan, P.P.G. Org., J. Sawyer, Hobart, and Marsden.

The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, the Consecrating Officer, with his assistant officers, together with such other Prov. Grand Officers as were present, entered in procession, when the Presiding Officer took the chair and appointed his temporary officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.D., S.W.; James Platt, P.P.G.D., J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C., D. of C.; Rev. J. S. Gardner, P.G. Chap., Chap.; and T. T. Hill, P.G.S.B., I.G.

After which the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. A hymn was then sung.

The PRESIDING OFFICER then addressed the brethren in regard to the object for which they had met together, after which the CHAPLAIN, by his direction, offered up prayer.

The D. of C. then addressed the Consecrating Officer, and, by his direction, arranged the founders of the new lodge in order, and then read the petition and the warrant, which had been granted by the M.W.G.M., authorising the formation of the Scarisbrick Lodge, in answer to the prayer of the petition, and designating Bros. Herbert Kidson, P.M. 613, W.M.; John B. Margerison, 974, S.W.; and W. H. Johnson, P.M. 1335, J.W.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then enquired of the brethren ranged before him whether they approved of the officers named in the warrant; and the brethren having signified their approval in Masonic form, the CHAPLAIN, at the request of the Presiding Officer, gave an impressive oration, expatiating on the leading principles upon which the Craft is founded, and of the brilliant illustration which those principles receive in the benevolent exercise of Masonic Charity, and the pure and disinterested policy which form the basis of unanimity and goodwill; and concluded by exhorting the members of the lodge now consecrated ever to strive and maintain these principles in their active exercise and integrity, and trusted that each of its members would be a faithful exponent of the moral features of which he had briefly reminded them, and thus be as faithful in their transmission of these principles to posterity as antiquity had been faithful to them.

The Presiding Officer then proceeded to dedicate and constitute the lodge, and the ceremony was brought to a close with the final benediction. Bro. H. Kidson, P.M., W.M. designate, was then presented to the Installing Master by Bro. J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C. After the usual formula, a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, Bro. Kidson was duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec., the Consecrating Officer, in his usual impressive style, which is beyond either praise or criticism.

The W.M. having invested his officers as follows, they were addressed in a very able manner by Bro. John Slyman, P.S.G.D.: Bros. J. B. Margerison, S.W.; W. H. Johnson, P.M., J.W.; Harry Harrison, Treas.; W. J. Worden, Sec.; C. Hesketh-Knowlys, Chaplain; A. J. Charlick, S.D.; T. E. Williams, J.D.; W. P. Archer, I.G.; John Sutton, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., D.C.; C. Omar Wilkinson and H. Jones, Stewards; and George Rockcliffe, Tyler.

The working tools in the Third Degree were presented by Bro. F. G. Goodacre, S.W. 2231, and in the Second and First Degrees by Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.

The Installing Master presented the W.M. with the warrant and Book of Constitutions, and also gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, &c.

The W.M. was appointed unanimously as Charity Representative for the ensuing year; and we understand the founders have determined to devote the whole of the initiation and joining fees to Charity—thus affording a noble example which other lodges would do well to follow.

Two candidates proposed for initiation and four as joining members.

It was announced by the W.M. that the whole of the officers' silver jewels and collars had been presented by Bro. J. Witham and another. The handsome set of silver working tools were presented by himself and the two Wardens.

We cannot allow this occasion to pass without remarking upon the admirable way in which Bro. Goodacre performed the very important ceremonies of consecration and installation. All who witnessed it could not fail to be deeply impressed by the perfect and efficient manner in which they were rendered.

At the conclusion of all business, the lodge was closed, and the members with their guests adjourned to the Prince of Wales Hotel, where a most recherché banquet had been prepared by Bro. Wilkinson, the manager. The tables were profusely decorated with roses and other rare flowers and plants, which gave them a most brilliant and picturesque appearance.

The usual loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through, and all were heartily given and responded to.

The pleasure of the evening was very greatly enhanced by songs, recitations, and glees; and a treat was given to all present by a couple of solos on the pianoforte rendered in a masterly manner by Bro. A. E. Bartle.

We may remark that the silver working tools and officers' jewels, alluded to above, and which are of exquisite design and workmanship, were specially manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain, London, and 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cambridgeshire was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Tuesday last. The Principals chairs were occupied by Comps. Lieut.-Col. R. Townley Caldwell, Grand Superintendent; A. H. Moyes, Prov. G.H.; and B. Chennell, Past Prov. G.J.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, and some formal business transacted,

The Grand Superintendent appointed and invested his officers as under:—

Comp. E. H. Jennings, 441	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" E. Armitage, 859	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. H. Jarrold, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" H. King, 441	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. I. Pashler, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Fuller, 441	...	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" Oliver Papworth, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" C. Geldard, 859	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Thos. Nichols, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" L. Hampson, 809	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. A. Vinter, 441	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Purchas, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Morrell, 441	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" T. Collier, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitors.
" C. H. Ellis, 88	...	...	...

It was proposed by Comp. T. Hiscow, 809, seconded by Comp. ENW. HILLS, 88, and resolved, that a donation of 20 guineas be granted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the same to be placed on the list of Comp. Oliver Papworth, Secretary of the Masonic Charity Association of the province.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to banquet.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE PUNJAB.

A Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on Thursday, the 27th December last. Bro. E. Woodall Parker, Dist. G.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. Col. Oswald Menzies, D.D.G.M.; Capt. R. F. Castellari, P.D.J.G.W., as D.S.G.W.; Major J. G. Kelley, as D.J.G.W.; the Rev. H. J. Spence Grey, as D.G. Chap.; Dr. B. Lal Ghose, D.G. Treas.; P. C. Mukerji, as D.G.R.; W. Bull, acting D.G. Sec.; D. A. Spankie, as D.S.G.D.; E. Farrance, as D.J.G.D.; A. Force, as D.G.S. of W.; C. Pottle, as D.G.S.B.; T. H. Cook, as D.G. Std. Br.; J. Hunter, D.G. Org.; and others, including several visitors.

District Grand Lodge having been opened, the summons convening the meeting was read, and the roll of lodges called. Bro. Dr. BRIS LALL GHOSE, P.D.D.G.M., read a paper on "Freemasonry and Brahminism," in the course of which the learned brother described and noted sundry points of resemblance between our ceremony of initiation and that of candidates for acceptance into the mysteries of Brahminism. The lecture was necessarily brief, but most interesting, and, as was afterwards pointed out, the points of resemblance demonstrated clearly enough the catholicity of Freemasonry.

Bro. Col. O. MENZIES, Dist. D.G.M., also read a paper, compiled by Bro. H. J. Whympier, on "Masonic Literature," in which the lecturer, though he had been invited to be as brief in his remarks as possible, contrived to crowd a mass of most valuable information, considerably more indeed than the average lecturer would have been able to impart in a paper of twice the length. Bro. Whympier classified Masonic literature according to the subjects with which the several works comprised in it dealt, and laid particular stress on the value of particular works; but especially on Calcott's "Candid Disquisition," Preston's "Illustrations," and Hutchinson's "Spirit of Masonry." He also referred at length to the subject of Masonic jurisprudence, and pointed out the difficulties with which any brother must be confronted who should undertake the compilation of such a work. He laid considerable stress, however, on the necessity for having a standard work on this subject written, and was pleased to express approval of the design of the *Freemason* to undertake it. He was also pleased to speak in favourable terms of Kenning's "Cyclopædia of Freemasonry" as being about the most useful in that branch of literature.

When these papers had been read,

The DIST. G. MASTER delivered a short address, in which he thanked the authors of the lectures for their valuable contributions, and expressed a hope that other brethren would follow their example in the endeavour to disseminate Masonic knowledge.

Dist. G. Lodge was closed, and the banquet followed.

BERKELEY HOTEL (late St. James's), 1, Berkeley-street and 77, Piccadilly, London, W. First class accommodation for residents, with a Restaurant newly-attached for high class luncheons and dinners, at fixed prices and à la carte.—C. DIETTE, Manager.—[ADVT.]

THE FOURTH ANNUAL BALL OF THE SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

On Thursday evening, the 28th ult., the whole of the spacious accommodation of the Peckham Public Hall was utilized in celebrating the fourth annual ball in connection with the above lodge, held at the East Dulwich Hotel. The ball room and approaches were beautifully decorated with flowers, drapery, and fairy lamps, and accompanied by the Craft clothing of the brethren, with their jewels and orders of office, and the supreme brilliancy of the ladies' toilet, rendered the occasion a life-long recollection to those who were present. The band was in excellent form, under the conductorship of Bro. Stuart Lane, and performed in the interval a march composed and dedicated to the Selwyn Lodge, which was received with acclamation, and the manuscripts have been presented to the lodge in honour of the occasion.

The catering ("à la Russe") comprised every delicacy that could be produced at this season of the year, and gave very general satisfaction.

Among those present were Bro. P. A. Allott, Mr. Applegarth, Bro. and Mrs. Bolando, Mr. Bryce and lady, Mr. and Mrs. Brooker, Mr. and Mrs. Britton, Mr. Bedford, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Burrall, Mr. D. T. Bear and Mrs. Bear, Mr. and Mrs. Coysh and Mr. R. T. Coysh, Miss Cranch, Bro. W. Davies, Miss Davies, and Miss Dervill, Bro., Mrs., and the Misses Dickasons, Mr. A. Davesport, Bro. and Miss Dunlop, Mrs. Eaton, Bro. and Mrs. Eagle, the Miss Forts, Bro. and Mrs. Glanville, Bro. Gay, Bro. and Mrs. George, Bro. and Miss Griggs, Mrs. Griffin, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Gross, and Mr. G. F. Gross, Mr. H. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Hay, Mr. E. T. Hay, Bro. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. and Miss Holmes, Bro. Hitchcock, Bro. Harrison and lady, Mr. and Mrs. Hyams, Mr. and Mrs. Hoare, Mr. C. H. Hook and Miss Hoyer, Miss Higgins, Mr. G. V. B. Ireland and Miss Holmes, the Misses Knott, Mr. and Mrs. Langworthy, Bro. and Mrs. Lightfoot, Mr. W. Lightfoot, Master and Miss Lightfoot, Mr. W. H. Lewis, Mr. A. F. Lowrie and lady, Mr. Littleton, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick, Miss Miller, Bro. and Mrs. Monks, Bro. Morphey, Miss Philpott, Dr. S. Bea and lady, Bro. Pearson, Bro. Pow, Bro. Roe and Miss Richole, Mr. and Miss Stacy, Mr. and Mrs. Stroud, Mr. G. E. and Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Shapley, Bro., Mrs., and the Misses Studman, Mr. P. E. Stace, Bro. and Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Shelvey, Miss A. L. Smith, Bro. Sowden, Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Tutt and party, Bro. W. R. Thompson, Captain Thornhill, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Wood, Miss Thorne, Mr. Tuite, Bro. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Woodwell, Bro. Worster, Bro. Wimple, Miss Jaye, Bro. Wills, W.M., and Mrs. Wills, Mr. E. W. Williams and lady, Mr. H. W. Williams, Bro. White, Mr. Wood, and others whose names were not ascertained.

We hope and fully expect the result will be a financial success for the Masonic Charities, for which purpose the balance will be appropriated.

A concert was conducted by Bro. T. Gay in the Lower Hall. Mr. G. Augustus Holmes presided at the piano. He opened by playing "Florinda," grand valse de concert—his own composition. Miss Fort also played a selection in first-class style, and followed with the song "The garden of sleep," which she sang very effectively. Miss Knott, in a very pleasing manner, rendered the "Two marionettes." Mr. G. A. Holmes then amused the audience with a comic song. Miss Cicely Knott, a very promising young professional, sang with great taste "Nymphs and shepherds." A duet, "In the dusk of the twilight," by Bro. T. Gay and Miss Fort, was well received. Miss Marion Holmes, a silver medalist, sang "If I were a queen" and "Matrimonee" in brilliant style. The singing was kept up until the early hours of the morning by the above-mentioned artistes, assisted by several brethren, to the delight of an appreciative audience.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE ZETLAND LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 511.

The annual supper in connection with this lodge of instruction took place on Monday evening, the 4th inst., at the York and Albany, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, N.W., when there were present Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 2246, W.M. 179, Preceptor; Recknell, Treas.; H. Lichtenfeld, Asst. Sec.; T. Casely, S. J. Hill, E. M. Kew, P.M.; H. Monson, J. Lichtenfeld, G. Lichtenfeld, S. Lichtenfeld, Holden, W. Holden, H. Halliday Eyres, Bangs, Rex, Dr. Goodchild, Goodchild, jun., Lyons, C. Gammon, Hazel, Goldfinch, Shen, Corry, Hooker, Palmer, Russell, 201, P.G.R. Oxon; Pointer, and F. M. Noakes.

In order to render their proceedings regular and in order, the lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed; the officers having been appointed at the previous meeting the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a substantial supper, served in good style by Bro. Host, at which the brethren seemed well pleased and to which they did ample justice. Bro. E. C. Mulvey, Preceptor, occupied the chair; Bro. T. Casely as S.W.; and Bro. S. J. Hill, J.W.

After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with the customary honours.

In giving the toast of "The Grand Officers," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said they had not a Grand Officer present, but he would do as he heard done on one occasion, although a little out of order, and call on a P.M. to respond, he therefore coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Kew, P.M.

Bro. Kew, in reply, said he scarcely knew how to respond; if he was a Grand Officer he ought to make a grand speech; however, those who went to Grand Lodge knew how well the Grand Officers did their work, and so long as they did that the Craft would uphold their dignity. He thanked them for the honour they had done him in associating his name with this toast.

Bro. P. RECKNELL next proposed "The Health of the Preceptor," and said they all knew with what skill and ability he performed the arduous duties of his office, and how the lodge had improved both in numbers and working during the three years it had been under his guidance. He trusted that he would be with them for many years to give them the benefit of his knowledge and experience. He could assure those who had not heard him rehearse the

ceremonies, that they had a treat in store. He asked them to drink his health in a bumper.

Bro. E. C. MULVEY, Preceptor, in reply, thanked the brethren most cordially for the very hearty way in which the toast of his health had been received. He could tell them that he had given a deal of both time and money to Masonry, and had worked hard to perfect himself in the ceremonies. How far he had succeeded he would leave to them to say. He had Masonry at heart, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than to do all he could for that lodge of instruction. He was proud to find it in such a flourishing condition, compared with what he found it. He did not know if it would be one of the boasts of the north of London, but he hoped that it would go on increasing and stand in the foremost rank.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said in Bro. Recknell they had as good-hearted and genial a Mason as they could find—beloved and respected by all. Bro. Sheppard, their highly-esteemed Secretary, he was sorry to say, was unable to be with them, but in Bro. Lichtenfeld they had as good an assistant as they could find; he was most able and worked very hard, and had been most assiduous in endeavouring to bring the supper to a successful issue. He was a good Mason, and one that would be pushed forward in his lodge.

Bro. RECKNELL thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had received the toast. He had been connected with the lodge for many years, and it always gave him great pleasure to be amongst them. He hoped the lodge would continue to prosper in the future as it had in the past.

Bro. LICHTENFELD, Asst. Sec., also thanked the brethren for the way in which the toast had been received. He much regretted Bro. Sheppard was not able to be with them to respond. For his own part his duties were a labour of love, and he should always be pleased to do all he could for the lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The Masonic Charities," coupling with it the name of Bro. Casely, Secretary of the Masonic Charitable Association in connection with the lodge, who, he said, worked very hard, and did it with a good grace. In these associations it was all very well at the commencement, but entailed a deal of work at the finish.

Bro. CASELY briefly thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had spoken of him. He could assure them it was a labour of love.

"The Health of Bro. Poynter," for his kindness in presiding at the piano during the evening, and "Bro. Holden, the Host," were drunk and responded to.

"The Memory of Bro. Palmer" was then drunk in silence. He, the W.M. said, had given in his name, and intended to be with them, but the G.A.O.T.U. decreed otherwise. He was widely known and highly esteemed, both in Masonry and out of it.

The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing by several of the brethren.

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Thirty girls were entered for the College of Preceptors' Examination, December, 1888, 29 of whom passed.

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FAREWELL DINNER TO BRO. D. N. HENOCHSBERG, AT LIVERPOOL.

On Monday evening, 4th inst., by invitation, a dinner was given to the officers of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, in the Masonic Hall, by the W.M., Bro. M. Alexander, for the purpose of bidding farewell to Bro. D. N. Henochsberg, who is leaving England for Africa. Bro. Henochsberg, although a young member, has, by his kind and amiable disposition, rendered himself very popular with all the members of his lodge.

There were present, besides the W.M., Bros. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M.; R. R. Martin, P.M.; Yelland, P.M.; Boustead, P.M.; Alexander, J.W.; Sutherland, J.D.; Neighbour, I.G.; and Dodgson and J. R. Day, Stwds.

Letters of apology were read from several of the officers and Past Masters expressing their sorrow at not being able to attend, and wishing Bro. Henochsberg health and prosperity in his new undertaking.

After dinner, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Henochsberg," and, in giving this toast, the W.M. alluded to the excellent services rendered by him to the Temple Lodge during the time he had been a member; also to the rapid progress he had made in Freemasonry.

Bro. R. H. D. JOHNSON supplemented the remarks from the chair in very feeling and appropriate terms, expressing his conviction that a brilliant future awaited so talented and deserving a brother.

Bro. HENOCHSBERG responded in suitable terms.

THE POET BURNS.

In the *Freemason* of 12th January last I observed that Bro. Wm. Officer returned to his adverse criticisms relative to the statement in my "History of Canongate Kilwinning" of the universally accepted fact—by almost every one except himself—of Robert Burns' connection with No. 2 Lodge as its Poet Laureate. I would have taken notice of my friend's conjectures sooner—for conjectures they are pure and simple—did the exigencies of business permit.

Because, forsooth, he is as yet unable to discover any written testimony of a "contemporaneous character," Bro. Officer writes down at great length the whole circumstances as unworthy of the least credence. I must plead guilty of having been unaware of the existence of the statement alluded to—that all record of the "tragic scene" of the Inauguration was purposely "suppressed by the promoters." No such statement is to be found in the lodge records, whence all my information is derived, and the words printed below the photograph in the History is an exact copy of those appearing in the original painting—nothing more.

I submit that there was very much indeed in the fact that Charles More signed several of the minutes as D.M. from 1st February, 1787, when Burns was affiliated, down to 9th June, 1815, when he seconded the motion anent the subscriptions to the Poet's mausoleum. Chas. More at that time occupied a prominent position in the Royal Bank of Scotland, and Paul Taylor, who wrote the minutes, had been Secretary of the lodge for over 10 years. He must have been fully conversant with reminiscences of the Poet, and his connection with the lodge derived from the very men who associated with Burns.

Bro. Officer, who some years ago perused these minutes, says that at that period they were "kept with care and ample fulness of detail." This was partially the case, and that only in respect to monthly meetings; those held almost weekly (as I gather from the minutes of the monthly meetings) have no record whatever of their proceedings engrossed, and this omission was the custom for years, both before and after Burns' affiliation. Further, he says, that if no meetings were held on the dates that Burns paid his "flying visits" to Edinburgh he could not have attended any. This is delightful!

My remarks in the History of No. 2 anent the work entitled "A Winter with Burns" are merely by way of reference to the historical painting, and in every other respect the lodge records as contained between 1787 and 1835 were requisitioned on the subject in question.

It appears that William Campbell, W.S., was initiated on 5th February, 1801, and as Bro. Officer is somewhat confused about the phraseology of the minute of 12th November, 1845, I here transcribe the exact words:

"Bro. William Campbell (W.S.) said that this motion had taken him by no greater surprise than delight. He had been 45 years a Mason (and connected with this lodge), and had had many opportunities of giving testimony in favour of the particulars alluded to. He had never been in a lodge room with Robert Burns, but had travelled in his company, and spent two of the most happy days with him at Auchtertyre Castle, the seat of Sir William Murray. He was happy that he had lived to second such an admirable motion."

And this is a specimen of the testimony which Bro. Officer characterises as "baseless assertions." Besides, he virtually asserts that all the correspondence which was carried on between men occupying the highest legal status in society at and before 1815, and all conferences and Committee meetings of the lodge downwards, were concocted or "promoted" to launch and keep afloat a piece of imposition on the entire Craft; that even all the men of honour and integrity who were connected with the lodge at the time, and for many years after 1815, "purposely suppressed" all particulars of the "tragic scene."

At the initiation of Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, in 1835, a ceremony which was attended by several men of light and leading in the Masonic, as well as the literary world, at that period, Hogg publicly acknowledged the compliment of being elected to succeed Robert Burns as Poet Laureate of Can. Kil., and the memory of Burns was proposed by a learned brother of high attainments, and, therefore, presumably in possession of ample proofs of its truth, as "the last Poet Laureate of the lodge." Besides all this, Dr. Burnes, of the Bombay Army, brother of the celebrated traveller, "begged . . . to acknowledge himself a relative, though distant, of the immortal Burns, and to return thanks for the introduction of his name on this occasion."

The list of subscribers to the fund in 1815 contains the names of some distinguished lawyers, and I am confident that Bro. Officer will agree with me in saying that unless good cause was shown, no member of this profession would be likely to contribute, and, therefore, they must have known or believed that Robert Burns was *unquihile* Poet Laureate of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge.

I notice in the *Freemason* of 16th ultimo, that the well-informed author of "Freemasonry in Scotland," intimates that he is to take an opportunity of correcting what he terms a "serious mistake," in having given effect in his History to representations made to him on the subject in question by the Secretary of Can. Kil. in 1873. At the first blush this appears to be even more reckless than any of our mutual friend, Bro. Officer's, attempts, and when the correction does appear, Bro. Lyon's reasons will be looked for with interest. In the meantime, I may be excused for saying that, with the lapse of time, both these giants in Masonic lore, after a cursory glance over the minute books of the lodge a few years ago, seemed to be more convinced than ever that they ought to persevere in a grave indictment against a transaction, the truth of which so many learned men who had every opportunity, well nigh 100 years ago, of testing in all its bearings, had no doubt whatever, for—

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A. MACKENZIE,

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To Correspondents.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT—
Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.
Consecration of the Euston Lodge, No. 2283, at St. Neots.
Annual Banquet of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Review," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "El Taller," and "Voice of Masonry."



SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1889.

Original Correspondence.

GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Will you permit me through the medium of your columns to thank those brethren who came from the east, south, north, and west, to vote for me last Wednesday and assisted in giving me such a magnificent majority. To the Committee, the members of my mother lodge, and those brethren who came voluntarily from such districts as Durham and Cornwall, my thanks are especially due, and I shall never forget their kindness. If it were possible I would thank each of them personally, as it is I shall be obliged by the insertion of this letter in your next issue.—
Fraternally yours,
March 11th.

EDWARD TERRY.



6. LEICESTER.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND. 1889.

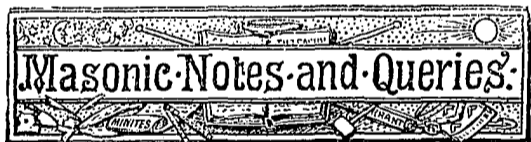
This handsomely got up Calendar, one of the most artistic of the Annuals, is edited by Bro. B. A. Smith, P.M. 523, &c., and is in its 17th year of publication, being under official sanction from the beginning. This edition has a capital portrait of Bro. George Toller, P.M. 523, P.G.S.B. of England, who was Prov. G. Sec. for Leicester, first in 1870, and for a few years later, and Dep. Prov. G.M. for four years, from 1880. He well deserves this special compliment, as his services have been many and valuable in the province, officially, generally, and especially relative to the Charities. There is not a better managed province in England than Leicester and Rutland, there being now a dozen lodges, with nearly 600 members. Of all these, the veteran Mason, the R.W. Bro. William Kelly, is either a contributing or honorary member, being possibly the only brother who has thus been so honoured, and certainly no one has ever been more worthy of the hearty appreciation of the Craft as a trusted and zealous ruler. Though not now Prov. G.M., Bro. Kelly is still Grand Superintendent of the R.A. province, having five chapters, with 167 members, and also ten Mark lodges in a province, including four counties, to look after. Bro. Smith has done his part well as editor, and furnishes a mass of information respecting the Charities. During the last five years Leicester has subscribed the large sum of £2005 14s. to the three Institutions, out of a total of £294, 011 10s. 8d. contributed by all England, the Fund of Benevolence having disbursed, during the same period, the large amount of £52,056. The votes held by the province at the present time number 1358 in all, being an increase of 164 on the past year, a most honourable record.

7. WILTS.

MASONIC CALENDAR AND OFFICIAL DIRECTORY OF THE PROVINCE OF WILTSHIRE, for 1889.

The editor of this very useful manual, whose praises we have so often sung (or rather written) is Bro. William Nott, the indefatigable Charity Secretary of the Province. It is compiled on the same lines as last year, with the addition of two provincial reports, which will prove most acceptable to the brethren. There are 11 lodges, with 513 members, six chapters, and one Mark lodge. A capital table in this year's issue exhibits the total contributions to the Charities, collected by the Stewards, from 1870 to 1888. This is an excellent compilation, and a most encouraging and honourable one for Wilts, where our several Institutions have been so nobly supported. The "Girls" has had £1684 1s. 9d.; the "Boys," £1008 16s. 6d.; and the "Benevolent," £1595 10s., making some £4300 in all, or an average of £227 per annum! We congratulate Bro. Nott most sincerely, as the Charity Secretary of the province, on so grand a result.

[Our congratulations to our esteemed brother have now a mournful significance. As will be seen by an announcement in another column, Bro. Nott has since these lines were penned passed from our midst, and is resting from his labours. It will be long before his place will be filled in the Province of Wiltshire.]



S31] CURIOUS CERTIFICATES.

Bro. Quick, P.M., &c., of Guernsey, has kindly sent me four certificates to look at. They are all written on quarto or folio sheets of paper, and duly sealed, with ribbons intact, save the senior of the quartette, which lacks the usual silken appendage. The certificates are carefully cut several times at the left side so that the ribbons may be inserted. The first is dated 24th September, 1799, and was issued in favour of Bro. Henry Hall, who is described as a Past Master of the Lodge, No. 733, on the Registry of Ireland, and had been "instald, and initiad, into that most Noble & Sublime Degree of Royal Arch & Super Excellent Masonry." This Body is termed the "Royal Arch Excellent Encampment of Lodge No. 733," and the officers who signed the document were the H.P.; G.M.; D.G.M.; and the Sec. The water mark on the paper reads "Edmunds and Pine 1796." The second of A.D. 1813 was granted to Bro. Henry Hall on behalf of Lodge No. 986, 4th Garrison Battalion (Registry of Ireland), held at Guernsey, to prove he had passed the chair of the lodge and "further initiated and installed" into the "Sublime Degree of Excellent and Super Excellent and Royal Arch Masonry." Each of the paper bars, formed through the incisions to receive the tri-coloured ribbon (scarlet, blue, and gold) contains writing as follows: "1, Entered; 2, Passd.; 3, Raisd.; 4, Passd. the chair; 5, Excellent; 6, Super Excellent; 7, Holy Royal Arch; 8, High Priest; 9, Ark, Link; 10, and Mark." (Numbers are added by me.) The phraseology indicates the Christian basis of the chapter. The third, promulgated "In the name of the most Glorious and undivided Trinity, &c.," under the sanction of the same Lodge (986), was to certify that Sir Henry Hall had been dubbed a K.T. and K.M., and bears date 17th November, 1814; some of the bars together reading "Excellent, Super Excellent, Holy R. Arch, High Priest, Knight Templars, Knight of Malta." Ribbon is black, and so the seal. The last of the series is to the same Bro. Hall, under the same auspices, and is signed by the W.M., Wardens, and Sec., to certify that he had "passed the Chair of No. 986," and also "has been Worshipful Master," the date of its issue being 7th December, 1814. The seals do not call for particularization. Lodge 986 is recorded by Bro. Gould in his invaluable History, Vol. 3, as having been formed in 1810, but ceased in 1815.

W. J. HUGHAN.

* A warrant was in force also in same Battalion from the "Ancients" as No. 343.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This influential transpontine lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 5th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. H. F. Foale, W.M.; Westley, S.W.; Ruffe, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; J. J. La Feuillade, S.D.; Dennis, J.D.; A. Lundie, I.G.; Davis, D.C.; Hearn, Stwd.; Burn, Hon. Org.; Koch, P.M.; Henry Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W. Middx.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Plowman, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; Lingley, P.M.; Reinhardt, Tyler; and many others. Among the visitors were Bros. Steng, 134; Harris, 1348; Hagan, 1471; and Pendleton, 2012.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. J. T. Parratt and W. J. Potter were raised, and Bros. T. J. Townsend and C. Chisholm passed. The ballot having been taken for Messrs. W. Chamberlain, T. Davies, and W. W. Luckin, Bro. Cockburn, P.M., by the permission of the W.M., ably initiated them into Craft mysteries.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served in a manner that left nothing to be desired.

In giving the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Lingley congratulated the lodge upon possessing a Master who had proved that day how well he could work. He augured for Bro. Foale a most prosperous and happy year.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his acknowledgments, and said that out of deference to Bro. Cockburn, P.M., who had particularly desired to initiate two of his friends that day, he had given way, although he should have liked to have performed the whole of the ceremonies himself. With the help of the Past Masters and officers he hoped to have as successful a year of office as his predecessor.

The toast of "The Initiates" followed.

Bros. Chamberlain, Davies, and Luckin replied in suitable terms.

"The Health of the Visitors" came next, and was fully acknowledged by Bros. Hagan and Harris.

Bro. Lingley replied to the toast of "The Past Masters;" Bros. G. Everett and W. Stuart for "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bros. Westley and Ruffe for "The Officers."

Some excellent instrumental and vocal selections were given by Bros. Burn, Barry, Davies, W. P. Webb, Buxton, and others.

LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE (No. 1743).—On Saturday, the 10th ult., a regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. J. Mitchell, the W.M., being in the chair, and after the raising of Bros. Charig and Stahl, and the passing of Bros. Bridgman, Comyns, and Flexman, an interesting lecture on the signs and symbols of Craft Freemasonry, which had expected for some few months, was delivered by Bro. C. E. Ferry, P.M. and Secretary, which was all the more appreciated by its being illustrated by four large coloured diagrams executed by the lecturer.

Bro. Ferry commenced with the hidden mysteries of the earliest stages of initiation, and the preparation of initiates, explaining many obscure symbols in the ritual, and referring especially to the wonderful system of triads permeating the same, and explained his diagrams of the ancient Egyptian apron and the initiation of a Royal Egyptian Prince, as shown by Belzoni and commented upon by Dr. Weisse, dwelling especially upon that Egyptian Masonic emblem—the crux ansata, or emblem of life; also his third diagram of the mystic circle, a lecture well known to a former generation of Speculative Masons, but now almost forgotten, was much appreciated. Concluding with an essay upon the six-pointed and five-pointed stars, a unanimous vote of congratulation and thanks to the lecturer was ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

The visitors present were Bros. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, W.M. 1997; R. Dyson, P.M. 65; G. Haller, W.M. elect 65; A. Schneider, 151; G. S. Dawton, 1949; W. Barnes, 1227; and T. Taylor, 1227.

After the business, a banquet was admirably served in the Pillar Room by the host, Bro. Clemow.

ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday evening, the 6th inst. Bro. J. Cox, W.M., opened the lodge, being assisted by Bros. H. J. Thrower, S.W.; L. A. Harrison, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. Beasley, S.D.; and other officers, there being also present the following Past Masters: Bros. L. Stean, G. T. Barr, E. Benjamin, E. Walker, and R. Drysdale. Bro. Brand moved, and Bro. Barr seconded, a motion making the fee for initiation £10 10s., and the fee for joining members £6 6s. This was unanimously adopted, after discussion. A ballot was taken for Mr. R. Jeremy, and the vote being unanimous, Mr. Jeremy was impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M. and his officers.

Notice having been given of further proposals for the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The meeting was generally considered to be of a very successful and enjoyable character.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE (No. 2128).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge, the chief object of which is to provide a Masonic home in London for brethren from the Northern Counties, was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on Tuesday, the 5th instant, and attracted a large gathering of Provincial and Metropolitan Masons. Bro. Wm. Masters, P.M., W. Master, presided, and was supported by Bros. W. F. Smithson, I.P.M.; G. J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.P.

Derby, W.M. elect; S. B. Bolas, Sec.; J. M. Peake, S.D.; G. Davis, J.D.; Frank Wright, I.G.; H. G. Giller, P.M., and C. R. Lee, Stwds.; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. North and East Yorks, D.C.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; C. G. Skingley, P.M., and many other members. Visitors: Bros. E. R. Ward, P.P.G.S.W. Derby; J. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. West Yorks, P.G.D.; Theo. H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York City; Col. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; E. C. Rice Oxley, 506; John Simpson, 442; T. Capern, P.M. 925; H. F. Grimshaw, S.W. 920; W. G. Stott, 667; W. B. Hardington, 1009; J. Halden, W.M. 1009; Horace Slade, P.M. 60; J. H. Hughes, P.M. 404; H. Hughes, P.M. 869, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. Schofield, P.M. 1028, P.P. G.P. Derby; Jas. Rogers, P.M. 1934, P.G. Stwd. Herts; J. S. Strachan, P.M. 24, P.P.G.W. Northumberland; H. Logan, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. R. Morris, Chap. 1185; L. Deedes, P.M. 1479; W. J. Spicer, P.M. 569; L. Hirsch, P.M. 1818; E. Flint, 33; A. Strugnell, 2264; W. Wharton, 47; G. H. Turner, 47; Geo. Cooper, P.G.D.; S. Jennings, 142; Walter Jennings, 142; W. Soden, 1287; H. Bailey, 1719; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; Thos. Browne, P.M. 1597; A. L. Fryer, 1624; H. J. Dutton, 1706; Arthur Weston, 1929; Fred W. Stephens, 1348; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Ballot was successfully taken for Bro. Lieut.-Col. Potham, as an Hon. Member, and for Bro. W. G. Stott, as a joining member. Ballot was also taken for Mr. Jas. Kershaw, as a candidate for initiation, and resulting unanimously in his favour, he was impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., the charge being effectively rendered by Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. West Yorks. The chair was then assumed by Bro. E. R. Ward, P.P. G.W. Derby, for the purpose of installing his friend, Bro. G. J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.P. Derby, the W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Wood was duly installed into the chair and saluted accordingly. The following officers were subsequently appointed and invested: Bros. W. H. Bullock, S.W.; J. M. Peake, J.W.; E. Carr, Treas.; S. B. Bolas, Sec.; G. B. Davis, S.D.; F. Wright, J.D.; C. R. Lee, I.G.; W. G. Stott, Org.; H. G. Giller and J. Lockett, Stewards; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, D. of C.; and H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. E. R. Ward, P.M., to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for his efficient services. The W.M. said a pleasing duty devolved upon him in presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Masters, with a P.M.'s jewel, and, on behalf of the members, he had to convey to the I.P.M. every good wish for the future, and their appreciation of his excellent working during the past year. Bro. Masters, I.P.M., briefly returned thanks for the handsome jewel, which he should feel honoured in wearing as long as he lived.

Several propositions having been received, the lodge was closed in the usual form.

After banquet, the usual toasts were given with the customary heartiness.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said he felt honoured that on his installation night there were so many Grand Officers present, and he took it as a compliment not only to himself, but also to the lodge.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., in reply, confessed that he was entirely unprepared to respond, for he believed that usually the senior Grand Officers present performed that duty. He had near him two very distinguished Grand Officers in the persons of the P.G. Chaplain and the P.G. Treasurer, and he therefore congratulated himself that he should not be called upon. The W.M. had asked him to reply for that section of the Grand Officers who were at work for the moment, and, speaking for the executive, he could only say they were actuated by the same feelings as the other Grand Officers, and were grateful for the honour done them, and they could not forget that the brethren always kindly recognised the Masonic positions they held. Speaking for himself, it was an especial pleasure to him to be present that evening. It was a little more than three years ago that he had the pleasure of consecrating that lodge, and he was gratified to find that this child of his had so suddenly arrived at maturity. He found the project shadowed forth three years ago amply justified that evening. It was an excellent idea that brethren coming from the Northern Counties should have the opportunity of meeting together and renewing old associations. That idea had been successfully carried out, for he saw the successful realisation in the splendid gathering around him.

Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas., and Cooper, P.G.D., also replied.

The W. Master then gave "The Prov. G. Masters of the Northern Counties," but before doing so asked the Secretary to read letters of regret for inability to attend from Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Marquis of Hartington, Earl of Zetland, and Col. N. Starkie, and also from the Lord Mayor.

The W. Master said that although those distinguished brethren could not be present, he hoped before the year was out, to see some of them present, and the members would then do their best to receive them in a proper manner. It was his privilege to have on his right the Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire who had afforded them a considerable treat in the lodge by the admirable manner in which he had performed a portion of the installation ceremony.

Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, having returned thanks for the kind proposition and hearty reception of the toast, said he could not but express the pleasure he had received in the part Derbyshire had taken in the installation ceremony that evening, when he recollected that he first saw the light of Masonry in that province in the year 1858, during the administration of the predecessor of the Marquis of Hartington, and that he was in the closest Masonic relations with the Prov. G. Master of Derby and his admirable Deputy. He might say that the Prov. G. Masters of the Northern Counties worked together for the prosperity of the Craft in the provinces under their respective commands, and if there was one other thing they did for the good of their fellow creatures outside the Craft it was to lend themselves to the promotion of every good work. He hoped they should ever be loyal to the Charities and in the hearty support they deserved. The Grand Secretary was right to speak of this lodge as he had done. They in West Yorks felt it was an admirable thing to

establish in London a lodge where they from the north could come and find a Masonic home suited to their tastes and feelings, instead of as previously, having to rely too much upon the kindness and generosity of their good friends in London. They were anxious to do one thing, and that was, to act in co-operation with their friends in London in whatever was good for the promotion of Masonic principles at large, and he hoped the Grand Lodge would find it had no more loyal body of Masons than that numerous body of brethren embodied in the 10 northern counties of England. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kindness extended to him as representative of the provinces.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.P.S.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, in proposing "The Masonic Charities," said it was difficult in a brief speech to give anything like a retrospect of the Institutions. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had recently taken place, and the brethren had responded nobly to the appeal of that Institution. The other Institutions had yet to hold their Festivals, when he trusted the brethren would be as ready to assist the Institutions for Boys and Girls as they had that of the Old People. They must not overlook the fact that the brethren had thought fit to have these Institutions, and therefore it was their bounden duty to support them. The aged Masons and Widows looked to the Craft to render their declining years comfortable, and the lads and lasses also looked to the Craft generally for that education which should fit them to battle with the world. They in the north had a fund to which every subscribing member contributed half a crown, taken from his subscription, and 10s. was given from joining and initiation fees, and this money was used for charitable purposes. He would like to see such a system used generally, so that every lodge should contribute to the Charities, for it had occurred to him that the few were the real subscribers to those Charities, and that many did not do their duty as they should. With respect to the executive officers at the head of the Institutions, he thought they should support them so long as they felt they were doing their duty. As far as the Benevolent Fund was concerned, he thought it would be a good thing if relief was only given once to applicants, in view of the increasing demands made upon it. He wished every brother joining the Order to feel he was not joining for benefits to be received, but for the good he could do and the help he could give to those needing it. In whatever direction they used their efforts for the benefit of Charity, they must not forget that their principal aim should be to support the three Masonic Institutions, and he trusted the brethren would perform that duty to the best of their ability.

Bro. Dr. Morris, Head Master of the R.M.I. for Boys, responded, and said that with regard to the Masonic Charities no brother had taken more interest in them than himself, for during the past 14 years he had laboured hard in bringing the Boys' School up to its present state. Freemasonry had of late become immensely popular, and they already had a different class of children to those formerly in the Institution. It, therefore, behoved Freemasons to be careful whom they admitted, but once a man became a Mason, it was their duty to help him in times of need to the best of their ability.

Bro. W. Masters, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W. Master," and said the members were convinced that their votes had fallen on the right man in selecting Bro. G. J. Wood as their W. Master. They were rather unfortunately placed, the S.W. and J.W. being unable to go in. It was, therefore, necessary that some P.M. should take the chair, and the choice fell upon Bro. G. J. Wood, P.M. 1028, of which lodge he was the W.M. in 1881. He believed there was a brother present who was present when Bro. Wood was initiated, and there were many Derbyshire brethren present to congratulate him on his installation. He was sure that at the end of the forthcoming year the members would not be dissatisfied with their choice. He gave them with all heartiness the health of the W.M.

Bro. G. J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.P. Derby, W. Master, said he was grateful to the brethren for the kind manner in which his health had been received. The I.P.M. had said that perhaps next year they would drink his health more heartily than they had that night, but he thought nothing could exceed the kindness with which it had been received. He had simply done what he had been asked to do. He was asked to take certain duties, and if he had pleased them he was satisfied. He should endeavour to do his best—and he did not use that expression idly—to carry on the work, and, with the help of the officers on whom he could rely, he hoped to present a clean bill of health at the next meeting. He would now ask them to turn their attention to the next toast, which was "The I.P.M. and Past Masters." They all knew what Bro. Masters, the I.P.M., could do. Much of the happiness of that evening's gathering could be attributed to the credit of the I.P.M., for he had taken considerable trouble to arrange for the comfort of the brethren. It was an honour to have such a brother in the lodge, and it was a pleasure to him (the W.M.) to have such a friend as Bro. Masters. He hoped the I.P.M. would be with them for many years to give them the benefit of his advice and support.

Bro. Wm. Masters, I.P.M., returned thanks, and said that anything he had done had been a labour of love. If Masonry meant anything it should mean happiness amongst men, and since he joined that lodge he had been brought into contact with brethren he would never otherwise have known, but whom he was proud to call his friends. He thanked them for the many kindnesses he had received during his year of office, and also for the handsome present, which he should wear with pride, and should prize as long as he lived.

Bro. Smithson, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and said with reference to Bro. Cumberland's remarks on the subject of Charity, he did not think that since the formation of the lodge it had been absent at any Festival. The W.M. had kindly consented to take up a Stewardship for the R.M.I. for Boys, and the I.P.M., Bro. Masters, represented the lodge at the Benevolent Institution Festival.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland also replied.

Bro. Masters, I.P.M., proposed "The Installing Master," and said they were indebted to Bro. Ward, P.M., for coming a long distance to install his old friend, the W.M. They could not have had the ceremony better performed, and hoped it was not the last time they should see Bro. Ward with them.

Bro. Ward, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, responded, and said it was a matter of congratulation to him when Bro. Wood

asked him to perform the installation. He trusted the W.M. would have a successful year, and had no doubt he would prove a credit to the lodge and to the Province of Derby. He thanked Bro. Tow for his complimentary remarks respecting the working.

"The Initiate" having been given, and appropriately responded to by Bro. Kershaw, "The Visitors" was given in cordial terms by the W.M.

Bro. Theo. H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York City, responded. It had given him great pleasure to be present with them that evening to witness the beautiful ceremony in the lodge, and he had never seen that ceremony rendered more impressively either in England or America. It was his pleasure to visit the lodge two years ago during the administration of Bro. Cumberland, and he could see the progress that had been made since that time. It must have been gratifying to Bro. Cumberland to have been the first W.M. of the lodge, and to know that Freemasonry had been promulgated in the Northern Counties to the extent evinced by the large array of brethren he saw present that evening. In America the lodges numbered more members, but the fraternal feeling could not be in advance of that shown in this country. The brethren in England were ever ready to extend the right hand of fellowship and brotherly love to those coming over here, and they on the other side of the Atlantic would always extend that same cordial feeling to English brethren going to America. This was bringing the two countries closer together more than anything that could possibly be thought of, and was cementing the great Anglo-Saxon race. There was not anything that could bring the people of those two great countries more closely together than the Masonic Fraternity, supported by the three great principles of brotherhood, justice, and truth, and resting upon the great foundation-stone of Charity.

Bros. Schofield, P.M. 1028, and Spicer also replied. "The Officers" was given, and replied to by Bro. Bullock, S.W., after which the Tyler's toast brought a successful and pleasant evening to a close.

An excellent selection of music was admirably rendered by Bros. Strugnall, Arthur Weston, L. Fryer, Dutton, Fred Stevens, and Stott, Org.

ST. MARK'S COLLEGE LODGE (No. 2157).

—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant on the 22nd ult. There were present Bros. John O'Connell, W.M.; Jas. Easterbrook, M.A., S.W.; W. R. Carter, B.A., P.P.G.S. Herts, J.W.; Rev. J. Henry Smith, B.A., P.P.G.C. Leicester and Rutland, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Cross, I.P.M. and Sec.; J. Tidmarsh, S.D.; W. Goulden, J.D. and Org.; A. Preece Lye, B.A., I.G.; J. R. Phillips, Stwd.; G. W. Stevens, P.M., D.C.; John Stanton, J. L. Johnson, A. Streeter, J. F. Arnold, J. Parry, G. H. Heathcote, A. G. Fleming, and D. J. Rowland. Visitors: Bros. J. Taplin, W.M. 352; G. King, P.M. 172; T. Wright, P.M. 1391; H. Lynn, S.W. 217; Porter, J.D. 1360; and T. K. Pearce, 1362.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Arnold and Parry were impressively raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The traditional history was given, at the W.M.'s request, by Bro. Rev. J. H. Smith, P.M. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together, under the presidency of the W.M.

After "Non nobis," the usual Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

The glees and part songs given by the members, as well as songs by Bros. Heathcote and Porter, and a capital recitation by Bro. Pearce, considerably enhanced the pleasures of the meeting, which was considered generally to be one of the most successful the lodge has had.

ARGONAUTS' LODGE (No. 2243).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cromwell Hall, Putney, S.W., on the 11th inst., and a brilliant gathering of G. Officers, Present and Past, and visitors honoured the lodge in celebrating the anniversary of its foundation. Present: Bros. Eugene Monteuis, P.M., P.G.S., W.M.; J. C. Radford, P.M., S.W., and W.M. elect; J. F. Savory, J.W.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Treas.; Gordon Smith, P.M., G. Stwd., Sec.; G. D. Lister, P.M., S.D.; T. W. Willis, J.D.; E. T. Smith, I.G.; J. P. Houghton, P.M., D.C.; W. E. Smith, Stwd.; F. Graves, P. S. Smith, W. H. Brayshaw, C. W. Mapleton, H. H. Woodroffe, F. Sturgeon, C. W. Hughes, F. Canton, F. E. Williams, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., who is an Honorary Member. Visitors: Bros. Raymond Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Middx.; Thos. Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; Henri Bué, P.G. Std. Br.; E. St. Clair, W.M. 2060; F. G. Nicholson, S.W. 91; A. R. Crouch, W.M. 1216; F. N. Campbell, 2024; C. E. Birch, P.M.; Lennox Browne, I.P.M. 2108; Alfred Thompson, P.M. 1601; A. Thorn, 91; E. G. Van Tromp, J.W. 969; and V. Dunfee, 1827.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting and of the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's report (which had been duly audited) proving satisfactory, was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Raymond Thrupp having taken the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. E. St. Clair that of J.W., Bro. John Charles Radford, the Master elect, was presented by Bro. Frank Richardson, and duly installed in the chair, Bro. Frank Richardson acting as D.C. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. F. Savory, S.W.; G. D. Lister, J.W.; T. W. Willis, S.D.; E. T. Smith, J.D.; J. P. Houghton, I.G.; W. E. Smith, D.C.; C. W. Mapleton, Stwd.; and Gordon Smith, Sec. The addresses were very ably delivered by the I.P.M., Bro. E. Monteuis. The W.M. presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Monteuis, alluding to his great services, not only as first Master, but in the organisation and foundation of the lodge. Bro. Monteuis, in reply, thanked the brethren for that valuable token of their regard and esteem, reminding them that although he was the first to wear it as first Master, the first jewel of the kind had been presented to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, at the consecration, as a memento of that day, and that it was from Bro. Shadwell Clerke's original design that it had been made. A further proof of the devotion of Bro. E. Monteuis was evinced by his presenting to the lodge a very handsome oak chair for the use of the W.M. The W.M., on the behalf of the brethren, in graceful terms, thanked Bro. Monteuis for his generous gift.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to dinner, which, although considerably delayed, was duly appreciated, the care and attention of Bro. Mapleton, the newly-appointed Steward, greatly contributing to the enjoyment of the brethren and gaining the well-deserved praise of all, both visitors and members.

The usual toasts were honoured, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., returning thanks on behalf of "The Grand Officers," in his usual effective style.

Bros. E. St. Clair, W.M. 2060, and A. R. Cranch, W.M. 1216, responded to "The Health of the Visitors," in short, suitable, and sympathetic speeches.

Bro. Frank Richardson responded for "The Civil," and Bro. J. F. Savory, S.W., for "The Working Officers."

The harmony of the evening was sustained by some capital songs, and the brethren dispersed at a late hour.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. W. H. Lomax, I.P.M.; J. Naylor, W.M.; Harwood, P.P.J.G.W.; Forrest, S.D.; Murphy, J.D.; Hinnel, Sec.; John Booth, P.M., Treas.; Clayton, P.P.G.C.; Thompson, I.G.; Barnes and Brockbank, Stwds.; Higson, Tyler; J. Sherwood, Sundell-Cooper, Broadbent, and Mason.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Mason was then passed to the Second Degree, Bro. John Booth, P.M., Treas., performing the ceremony. The working tools were explained by Bro. Forrest. After all business had been attended to for the benefit of the lodge, it was closed by the W.M., and a very instructive meeting terminated.

SHEERNESS.—Adams' Lodge (No. 158).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Local Board of Health Room on Tuesday, the 5th instant. Bro. J. Auty, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. T. S. Warne, P.P.S. C.W.; A. Spears, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Denny, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Bagshaw, P.P.G.O.; W. T. Carpenter, P.P.G. Purst.; L. Filley, W.M. 1089; T. Firminger, P.M.; J. P. Watts, P.M.; E. Stutely, P.M.; G. T. Green, P.M.; H. Sole, P.M.; R. H. Plattin, P.M.; T. Gaisford, P.M. 781; J. G. Milbourne, P.M. 13; W. W. Copland, P.M. 1384; J. H. Lee, W.M. elect; W. T. Monkhouse, P.G. Stwd. Gibraltar; Rev. S. S. Browne, 358; C. M. Glaysheer, H. G. Boorman, F. Hazzard, 903; J. Anley, 177; A. A. Palmer, S.D. 1089; J. F. Cork, W. H. Lightfoot, F. Brown, T. B. Green, J. E. French, and several others.

On the completion of the ordinary lodge business, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Lee, was duly placed in the chair by the Installing Master, Bro. J. Auty. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Auty, I.P.M.; A. S. Baskett, S.W.; J. B. Elstone, J.W.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., Treas.; R. Derry, P.M., Sec.; D. W. Griffith, S.D.; C. Hallett, J.D.; W. G. Cole, D. of C.; G. Nutty, I.G.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler. Bro. R. Derry, P.M., was re-elected lodge representative on the Provincial Charity Committee. The W.M., Bro. Lee, on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. J. Auty with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, to mark the appreciation of the members of the admirable and painstaking manner in which he had discharged the arduous duties in connection with the chair for two consecutive years. Bro. J. Auty, in a few suitable remarks, thanked the brethren for their kindness towards him.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Installing Master, and to the Local Board of Health for granting the use of the board-room, and the brethren adjourned to the lodge room, at the Britannia Hotel, where they partook of a recherche banquet, provided by Mrs. Green, the tables being beautifully decorated and admirably served under the personal supervision of Bro. G. T. Green, P.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a successful conclusion by the Tyler's toast.

IVYBRIDGE.—Erme Lodge (No. 1091).

—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst. at the Masonic Hall. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. R. H. Sellick, was installed. Bros. J. D. Cobblestick and R. Lavers, P.P.G. Purst., were the Installing Officers, with Bros. H. Cole, I.P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; T. D. Ford, P.M., P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. R. Velvin, P.M.; F. Henwood, P.M.; T. Lavers, P.M.; J. Shephard, P.M. 1091; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. 189, P.P.G. Chap., P.P.J.G.W.; S. Jew, P.M. 2258, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davis, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Geach, P.M. 1847; and J. Gidley, P.M. 156, 2025.

The officers invested were Bros. J. Shephard, I.P.M.; A. S. Coyte, S.W.; C. R. H. Gully, J.W.; H. Cole, Treas.; T. D. Ford, Sec.; R. Mudge, S.D.; J. W. Sellick, J.D.; W. J. Giles, Org.; J. H. Mortimore, D.C.; J. Farley, A.D.C.; J. H. Baltewill, I.G.; S. Coyte and J. S. W. Wiles, Stwds.; and W. Pillage, Tyler.

A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet at Bro. Mortimore's, Tom King's Arms.

MIRFIELD.—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. F. H. Hare, W.M., presided, assisted by Bros. W. Wilson, S.W.; A. A. Stott, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., as J.W.; T. Long, P.M., Treas.; W. Beaumont, Sec.; J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., as J.D.; J. Milner, I.G.; James Barker, P.M.; W. Bailey, I.P.M.; M. Deadman, Org.; W. H. Wilkinson, Stwd.; and W. Booth, Tyler.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., rose, and, in a few well-chosen words, referred to the great loss the lodge had sustained in the death of Bro. J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G.R., the oldest P.M. of the lodge. In the course of his remarks he alluded to the Lodges of Sorrow held by the brethren in Germany and America, and said: I think this lodge meeting may be fairly called our Lodge of Sorrow, for have we not during the last month lost from amongst our midst a brother for whom we all sorrow deeply. Our Bro. Ibberson has, as you all know,

been one of the mainstays of the lodge. From the time of its foundation up to the last he took the keenest interest in its affairs. He was the first Secretary of the lodge, and had he been spared, it would have been twenty-one years next May since he was installed into the chair of K.S., and during all that time he has stuck loyally to us and given us the benefit of his great knowledge and counsel. To me personally this evening is one of great sorrow, for the first ceremony Bro. Ibberson performed in the chair was raising me to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and I retain a vivid recollection of the interest he took in me and the other brethren then joining the Order, and the time he spent over us in instructing us in its beautiful rites and ceremonies. The honours which our brother received in the various Degrees of Freemasonry to which he belonged were well deserved, and were borne by him as a good true Mason should carry them. After a few further remarks reminding the brethren of the uncertainty of the length of our sojourn here, and the truths as taught by the Craft, he continued: After these remarks, brethren, I think you will be quite prepared for the resolution which I have to propose, viz., "That a letter of condolence be sent to the family of our late Bro. Ibberson, expressing to them our deepest sympathy in the great loss which they have sustained, and that the G.A.O.T.U. may be pleased to grant them health, strength, and consolation in their affliction." This was seconded by Bro. Thos. Lang, P.M., Treas., supported by Bro. F. H. Hare, W.M., and carried. It was also proposed by Bro. James Barker, P.M., seconded by Bro. W. Wilson, S.W., and resolved, "That a letter of sympathy be also sent to Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. (brother of the deceased)." The Secretary read a letter from the brethren of the Savile Lodge, No. 1231, Eiland, expressing their grief, and tendering to the Mirfield Lodge their sympathy in the loss so recently sustained. This was ordered to be entered on the minutes and a suitable acknowledgment sent. A copy of the "Thomas W. Tew MS." having been sent to the lodge, it was resolved that the thanks of the lodge be conveyed to the Provincial Grand Master for the same, after which the lodge closed in peace and harmony.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).

—The installation meeting of the above powerful and prosperous lodge took place at the Three Crowns Hotel, on Tuesday, the 5th instant, when Bro. C. H. Canning, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremonies, placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted according to ancient custom. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Savage, W.M., and, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Alfred W. Kettle, 1585, and proved unanimous. The ballot was then taken for Mr. James Haighwood, and that also proved unanimous. Bro. A. I. Ives, P.M., acting as D.C., then presented Bro. Canning to the W.M., and in due course Bro. Canning was installed. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Savage, I.P.M.; C. Wood, S.W.; A. Knight, J.W.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; C. Powling, S.D.; B. Curtis, J.D.; J. Glading, I.G.; J. Delo, D.C.; T. Reeve, A.D.C.; C. Lewis, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Essex, M. Kaul, and R. Stephenson, Stwds.; and J. Gaskell, late P.M. 1076, Tyler. Bro. Savage then delivered the addresses splendidly, and was complimented on all sides for his admirable performance of an arduous and important ceremony. It was then resolved "That a testimonial, inscribed on vellum, and suitably illuminated, mounted, and framed, at a cost of not exceeding five guineas, should be presented to Bro. Savage for his services as Installing Officer, and also that the thanks of the lodge be accorded him, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge." He was further presented, during the evening, with a Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, and a Past Master's collar and jewel, both suitably engraved, to mark the approbation of the brethren of his services as Master during the past year, for which Bro. Savage returned his thanks. Bro. Canning then proceeded to initiate the candidate, and, in doing so, gave a foretaste of his ability to rule and govern the lodge, and also to work the ceremonies, in which we know from personal observation that he is a proficient. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded by special train to the Terminus Hotel, Liverpool-street, where a superb banquet awaited them, the brethren dining in clothing by dispensation. Letters of regret at non-attendance were read from Bros. West, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Herts, and A. Penfold, P.M. 913, P.P.S.G.D. Kent.

Among the brethren present and not above enumerated were Bros. James Ferry, P.M. (Hon.), P.G.S.B. Eng.; A. J. Manning, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.J.G.D. Essex; J. Ives, P.M. (Hon.); J. A. Elder, P.M.; A. T. Ives, P.M.; J. Paul, P.M.; R. Caley, J. Palmer, W. Ball, G. P. Weaver, J. Brightmore, C. J. Carter, A. Burton, W. D. Gunniss, G. Richardson, H. Lewis, W. Turvey, T. Neasbey, C. A. Davidson, E. H. Steer, W. Richardson, S. B. Brown, G. Harnwell, T. Pryor, J. Weir, J. Baldie, H. George, S. Chaplin, J. Cordell, R. Murray, J. Ward, and W. Baker, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. Dr. W. T. Whitmore, J.W. 4, P.G. Stwd. Eng.; Capt. W. Weston, P.M. 2195 and 1789, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; J. Aillud, P.M. 615, P.P.A.G.D.C. Kent; Quartermaster K. Rankin, R.B., 1536; J. Millar, W.M.; J. Butt, P.M., Treas.; J. Warren, P.M., Sec.; W. Webber, S.W., and S. Southgate, J.W., of 700; C. Mears, W.M., A. T. Dale, J.W. 2184, S.W., and Iytheridge, J.W., of 1076; G. J. Westfield, W.M. 2184; W. Smith, S.W. 2184; F. G. Burstow, W.M., J. Day, D.C., and G. Dann, of 212; J. Carter, P.M. 1635; C. J. Tijou, P.M., Sec. 1804; G. Cashfield, S.D. 615; J. J. Woolley, P.M. 15; R. Shoebridge, 13; T. Day, 700; W. Long, 700; F. W. Huddleston, 1744; W. J. Barnes, Stwd. 13; G. H. Campbell, 913; Capt. W. Young, 913; B. Brown, G. H. Porter, 700; and others.

The banquet having been disposed of, the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were honoured, and in responding for the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Terry said that, although a very late arrival, being detained by pressure of business, as they might easily understand, having just got over the most important event of the year to him, and the Institution he had the honour to represent at least, yet he felt exceedingly gratified, and was proud to acknowledge the eloquence with which the W.M. had put the toast, and the enthusiastic manner in which the brethren had received it. Their W.M. had rightly said that upon their Grand Officers devolved the success and prosperity of the whole Order, and he would say

that they fully merited the eloquent testimony that was daily being offered to their earnest zeal and undoubted ability, for whatever their decision might be upon any matter brought before them, it was always acquiesced in by the Craft in general. There might be some of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers who were really more ornamental than useful, but they were always so heartily received when they visited the lodges, that it made them proud of their position, while the distinction of being even the most ornamental was the ambition of many an excellent and distinguished brother. After briefly referring to the election for Grand Treasurer, which would take place the following evening, he concluded by saying that while they had such good and true Masons to rule them, and to come forward year after year to take office, there was no fear of their ever having to suffer for want of good generalship.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said it was the toast of the evening, especially upon such an important occasion as that when a brother was installed W.M. of his lodge. He did not intend to flatter their W.M., but having had the pleasure of knowing him for some 14 years outside Masonry, where he had made a successful stand for himself, he had no reason to doubt that he would be as equally successful now that he had the charge so important as that of Master of a lodge on his hands. He was an excellent worker, and those who had seen him in their lodge of instruction, and those who had that day placed him in the chair of K.S., knew that he was the right man in the right place. The toast was drunk amid much enthusiasm.

Bro. Canning, who was heartily cheered on rising to respond, said he thanked them sincerely for the very kind and hearty manner in which they had received the toast so eloquently put by the W.M. He knew the responsibility of the position in which he was placed, and the care required to fulfil the position to their satisfaction, but he could assure them that he should endeavour to do his duties in such a manner as would meet with their approbation, and at the same time carry out those sublime tenets which had been so beautifully rehearsed by the I.P.M. that afternoon, and which he could safely say would never be removed from his mind. He could not say more, because his heart felt full of their kindness and brotherly love.

The W.M. then presented Bro. Savage, I.P.M., with the collar and jewel of his office, and his P.M.'s jewel, and in so doing spoke highly of the services rendered the lodge by Bro. Savage, and wished him many years of health and happiness to wear them to his own honour and the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. Savage, who was loudly applauded, said if he was deserving of half the kind remarks made by their W.M. in presenting the handsome gifts of the brethren, they must excuse him if he felt proud indeed. He re-echoed the wish of the W.M. that he might be spared for many years, and could only say that if such was the will of T.G.A.O.T.U., they should be devoted to the lodge and the cause of Freemasonry generally.

Bro. Vance, in responding for "The Past Masters," said that, as a Past Master of ten years' standing, he was proud of the rapid progress of the Henley Lodge, and he had no doubt that it would yearly increase in prosperity, and that in the care of their esteemed W.M. the charter of the lodge would be handed down to his successor as pure and unsullied as he had received it.

Bro. Elder thought that it was only the duty of every Past Master to support the W.M. He asked the junior members to try and imitate the W.M., and so in time arrive at the proud distinction of a Past Master.

Bro. A. T. Ives assured the brethren that nothing should be wanted on his part to ensure the prosperity of the lodge. He then alluded to the association formed in the eastern division of the metropolis, for ensuring or assisting the success of candidates in that division for the various Charities, and urged upon every brother the necessity of making the association a success by sending in their votes to it.

Bro. Lewis thanked them for the toast, and strongly advocated the cause of Masonic Charity.

Bros. Jolly and Paul also responded, and the Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Visitors," which was drunk in bumpers.

Bro. Millar thanked the lodge for its magnificent hospitality and hearty welcome. It was the first time he had visited the lodge, and had been deeply impressed with the splendid working, both of Bro. Savage in the installation ceremony and the W.M. in the ceremony of initiation.

Bro. Dale felt himself quite at home, because he had the pleasure of knowing so many of the brethren present. He regretted not being able to be present at the installation, and thanked them most heartily for their pleasant and hearty reception.

Bro. Whitmore must certainly say that he had thoroughly enjoyed himself, but could not help regretting that he was not present at the lodge to see the working of the ritual, for no matter how good a banquet was provided, and how much they enjoyed themselves at it, unless they assisted at the ritual half the pleasures of the occasion were lost to them. So far as he had heard, the work was done admirably, and the address delivered most eloquently. He congratulated the W.M. on his lodge and the lodge upon having such a veritable corner stone, upon which it might in future safely build its reputation.

Bros. Westfield, Burstow, and Tijou also severally and eloquently responded.

Bro. Terry responded to a hearty reception of "The Masonic Charities," assuring the brethren that there was always something fresh to be said in its favour every time the toast was proposed. The latest was with reference to the Festival of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, presided over by their distinguished Bro. the Earl of Euston, when the sum of £13,000 was declared as the result of the contribution, or some £2000 less than last year, which would compel them to draw on their capital, and make somehow up the difference between the sum subscribed and the sum required. They were at the present time paying some £15,000 for annuities alone, while there were a largely increased and increasing number of candidates. There was no doubt that the special effort made for the Girls' School last year, when the Prince of Wales presided, and the magnificent sum of £50,000 was subscribed, militated against the success of the other Institutions, for the Boys' Festival did not last year bring in enough to meet their necessities, so that they had to borrow from their bankers. He strongly advocated the claims of the Boys' School, and earnestly recommended the cause of that In-

stitution to the consideration of the Craft at the coming Festival. The Girls' School was, and had always been, the pet Institution, and was always well supported, whether its esteemed Secretary presented himself much in public or not. He often wondered where the money was to come from, but Bro. Tijou had foreshadowed the way whereby hundreds might easily become Life Governors of the Institution—that was, by means of the various lodge benevolent societies, where, if a brother paid but one shilling per week he must sooner or later become a Life Governor, and if so distinguished a brother as the Earl of Shaftesbury did not consider it beneath his dignity to pay in his shilling per week to one of those associations, surely it could not be derogatory for even the best of them to follow in the footsteps of so excellent an example. It was simply on the lines of a building society, wherein, by taking shares and paying in small monthly sums, the poorest mechanic could in time get a house of his own. He hoped Bro. Jolly, who was going up for the Boys' School from the lodge, would have a good list, and that the brethren of it would nobly support him. He was proud to see and hear of the remarkable success of the lodge, having had the honour of assisting at its consecration, and installing its first Master. He congratulated the W.M. upon his arriving at his present proud position, and was sure that he would carefully maintain the dignity of the Order and the credit of the lodge.

The other toasts were "The Initiate," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

The proceedings, which had been most memorable and enjoyable, concluded with a verse of "God save the Queen."

Bro. W. Richardson presided at the piano, and the singing and reciting were good.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Routledge, W.M., in the chair, and supported as follows: Bros. Dr. Lace, I.P.M.; G. Dalrymple, as S.W.; J. Wilkinson, J.W.; B. Craig, Sec.; Wakefield, S.D.; Cross, J.D.; Robinson, I.G.; Simon and Maleham, Stwds.; Gordon, Tyler; Harvey, Lowrey, Pickering, Walker, 1989; Gowan, Bowndy, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed. Two candidates were balloted for and initiated, one passed to the Second Degree, and one raised to the Third Degree. One candidate was proposed, and with other routine business the lodge was closed.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This very prosperous lodge held its installation meeting at the Clarence Hotel, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. Finch, W.M.; W. Porter, jun., S.W., W.M. elect; Simmonds, J.W.; J. Piller, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Middleweek, acting I.G.; J. E. Ruffell, Org.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W. Middx., Stwd.; C. Stevens, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Warner, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Chandler, P.M. 1056; R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C., &c. (Hon. Mem.); J. W. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.D. (Hon. Mem.); and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Room, P.G. Sec.; Beard, P.P.G.D.C.; Poupart, W.M. 9; Ransford, W.M. 1512; Drewett, P.G.P. Surrey; Webb, P.M. 174; Harvey, P.M. 1314; Hill, S.W. 2146; Luscombe, J.W. 371; Scholding, J.W. 1512; Salter, J.W. 2255; Burn, 733; Gomme, 946; Remison, 1000; Treadwell, 1238; Williamson, 2032; Mason, 2246; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Finch, W.M., installed Bro. W. Porter, jun., in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most ably performed. He was assisted in the work by Bros. Stevens, as S.W.; Baldwin, as J.W.; Warner, as D.C.; and Forge, I.G. The following appointments and investitures then took place: Bros. Simmonds, S.W.; Barnes, J.W.; Piller, Treas.; Forge, Sec.; Bonella, S.D.; W. Middleweek, J.D.; Dines, I.G.; Ruffell, Org.; Windeatt, D.C.; T. C. Walls and Müller, Stwds.; and Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Finch, I.P.M., for his admirable services during the past year, and a vote of thanks ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the effective manner in which he performed the ceremony of installation.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. R. H. Thrupp responded in an able and eloquent speech upon behalf of "The Grand Officers." In the course of his remarks he congratulated the Sir Charles Bright Lodge upon its continued prosperity. From its commencement it had been in every way successful. He had had opportunities of witnessing the working of its various Masters from time to time, and he could candidly say that their respective efforts were equal to those of any Masters in the province, and in some cases they were far above the average. They would, no doubt, be all pleased to hear that their respected chief, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, was in the very best of health and spirits, and he had just been informed would in person consecrate the Royal Arch Chapter in connection with No. 1793 on the 14th prox. In conclusion, he expressed his personal gratification for the excellent manner in which the whole of the proceedings had been carried out that day.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. Howard Room, Prov. G. Sec., who, in reply, after fully touching upon the subject toast, warmly congratulated the lodge upon the excellent manner in which the work had been done that afternoon. It was true that the lodge possessed several old and tried Past Masters, who had, no doubt, taught the younger members what to do, and how to perform their respective functions; but every credit was due to the latter for the zeal they had evidently devoted to the work. It was his first visit, and he was very pleased with everything. The Province of Middlesex was a very large one, but he hoped to be able to visit each lodge in turn. It had been his good fortune to attend many lodges in his district, and he had had nothing to record but the most unqualified praise in favour of each.

"The Health of the W.M." was flatteringly proposed by the I.P.M.

Bro. Porter said that he was an initiate of the lodge, and since his admission into it he had endeavoured to master the principles of Masonry and its ceremonies. At the end

of his year of office it would be for them to judge whether he had succeeded or not.

"The Health of the Visitors" followed, and gave Bros. Poupart, Drewett, Hill, and others an opportunity of repeating those flattering remarks that had already been made by Bros. Thrupp and Room in praise of No. 1793.

Bro. Finch, I.P.M., responded on behalf of "The Past Masters."

Bros. Forge, Walls, and Simmonds replied for "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers."

An excellent programme of music was furnished by Bros. E. Hall, J. Hall, J. Ruffell, Poupart, Hill, and Messrs. F. Ruffell and H. Middleton, whose respective efforts were loudly re-demanded, but the exigencies of time would not permit of encores.

The executive, headed by Bro. Forge, has to be congratulated upon its excellent arrangements.

ARDWICK.—Ardwick Lodge (No. 2185).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Midland Hotel, when there was a large attendance of brethren present, including Bros. S. A. Andrew, W.M.; J. T. Richardson, P.P.G.D., I.P.M.; Wm. Fitzgerald, S.W., W.M. elect; G. E. Wand, Treas.; G. J. Rose, Sec.; Wm. Hoyland, D. of C.; A. Tatton, S.D.; H. Dawson, Tyler; Swainson, W. Goss, R. W. Atkinson, Stephen Chesters, D. Buckley, J. E. Parkinson, Wm. Wells, J. W. Atkinson, E. Lowe, T. M. Cairns, H. Tench, J. Hayes, A. H. Barber, W. Hyde, C. Brown, J. H. Williams, and W. Goodman. Visitors: Bros. W. Booth, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Caldwell, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Ramsden, P.S.G.D.; N. Dumville, P.G.S.; Bee, P.P.G.S.; W. R. Sowter, P.M. 315; Geo. Sam. Smith, P.M. 1134; Wm. Kay, 581; T. C. Turmaly, 1083; C. Wallworth, W.M. 1459; A. Whittaker, 1077; Corbett, P.M. 249; C. Turner, P.M. 1011; H. C. Miller, P.M. 1011; S. Dawson, W.M. 1011; T. Rigby, W.M. 1055; Blacoe, 2156; W. F. Allitt, W.M. 1033; H. Munday, 1140; Geo. Hunt, P.M. 1019; J. Lancaster, 241; W. Pontefract, 137; and Thos. Baidon, 986.

Bro. S. A. Andrew, W.M., opened the lodge, and the minutes were read and confirmed. At this stage, Bro. J. T. Richardson, P.P.S.G.D., took the chair, and requested Bro. Andrew to retire from the lodge, and during his temporary absence it was proposed by Bro. Richardson that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Andrew for the great ability he had displayed, not only during his year of office, but since the commencement of the lodge; he was one of the founders, and had acted as first Secretary, and during that time his work had been most arduous. This was seconded by Bro. Swainson, and, almost needlessly to say, carried unanimously. Upon the return of the W.M., this was intimated to him by the President, and Bro. Andrew again resumed the chair, and proceeded to install his successor, Bro. W. Fitzgerald, S.W., W.M. elect. The installation throughout was ably performed by Bro. Andrew, who was thoroughly master of the ritual, which he went through with the utmost fluency and ability, including the address to the W.M. After the usual formula, Bro. Fitzgerald was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The officers appointed, as below, were invested by Bro. Wm. Hoyland, P.M., D.C.: Bros. S. Chesters-Thompson, S.W.; E. Tatton, J.W.; R. Booth, S.D.; J. Wilkinson, J.D.; J. Hayes, I.G.; Stephen Chesters, Treas.; G. J. Rose, Sec.; Buckley, Org.; Hoyland, D.C.; Taylor, R. W. Atkinson, J. W. Atkinson, Hilditch, and Swainson, Stewards; and Hy. Dawson, Tyler. The addresses to the Wardens and brethren were beautifully delivered by Bro. J. T. Richardson, P.P.G.D. During the ceremony, a founder's jewel was presented to Bro. W. Hoyland, P.M., as a token of respect and esteem, and in recognition of valuable services rendered by him since the formation of the lodge as D. of C. The ceremony throughout was a musical one, and there was an excellent programme of anthems and hymns—rendered by Bros. N. Dumville, P.M., P.G.S.; C. Turner, P.M.; Blacoe W. Booth, P.G.D.C.; and Cuthbert Howard.

All business for the good of Masonry, and this lodge in particular, being concluded, it was closed by the W.M., and the members, with numerous guests, subsequently dined together at the hotel, where an excellent banquet had been prepared with bountiful hospitality, for which the Midland Hotel is distinguished.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to disposing of those loyal and Masonic toasts which are customary on these occasions, but particular attention having been paid to the musical department the speeches were not unduly prolonged, so that the pleasing programme claimed much attention.

The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, which was neatly proposed by the I.P.M., thanked the brethren for placing him in that position, and he should endeavour not only to come up to the standard of his predecessor, but to excel him. He then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," thanking him for the very proficient manner in which he had installed him, and carried out the duties of his office to the last; he was also pleased to be the mouthpiece of the brethren, and to present to him, and pin upon his breast, the handsome jewel that had been unanimously voted to him by the members of the lodge, wishing him long life to wear it.

Bro. Andrew thanked the W.M. and brethren all. He was pleased to think he had been able to carry out the duties to their satisfaction, and should ever continue to support the lodge and its respective Masters.

Other toasts followed, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

We may remark that the founder's jewel—presented to Bro. Hoyland—and the P.M.'s jewel—presented to Bro. Andrew—were excellent examples of fine workmanship and design, and were specially manufactured for the occasion by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain, London, and 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA.—Earl of Leicester Lodge (No. 2237).—The first installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the New Hall, on Monday, the 11th inst. Amongst the brethren present were: Bros. P.M. 213, P.P.S.G.W.; M. B. Bircham, P.M. 19, P.M. 1114, P.P.G.R.; G. V. Grummett, P.M. 1114, P.P.A. G.D.C.; R. F. Atkinson, P.M. 1114, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. W. Horsley, P.M. 1114, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Smith, W.M. 213, P.G. Stwd.; Rev. J. E. Player, P.G. Chap.; C. H. Rust, 213; G. D. Deuchar, 213; J. Wainwright, 1114; and George F. Smith, 1114.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Capt. Joseph Ransom, and it being favourable, he was duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. G. V. Grummett, whose reputation for thorough and impressive working is well known throughout the province. The next business was the installation of Bro. the Rev. J. E. Player into the chair of King Solomon. This important ceremony was most ably performed by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Bircham and Baxter. Bro. Player then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Grummett, I.P.M.; A. Goddard, S.W.; H. A. Dewing, J.W.; Col. Feilden, Treas.; A. W. Ralling, Sec.; Dr. Whitlock, S.D.; W. H. Pearce, J.D.; Capt. Wm. Temple, I.G.; A. Beasley, D. of C.; Joseph Wainwright, Org.; Captain Smith and Thomas Platten, Stwds.; and Richard Edge, Tyler.

A very handsome founder's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was then presented to the I.P.M.; and the W.M., in making the presentation, said: Brethren, I am sure you will give me your sympathy, and bear with me for a few moments, when I tell you that I am about to attempt the most difficult task that has ever fallen to my lot as a Mason, and you, Bro. Grummett, will feel for me, I venture to say, when I tell you that, if it were not for the difficulty of the task, it would be one of the most pleasing in all my Masonic experience. My difficulty is that I am utterly unable to express in anything like an adequate manner the feelings of admiration and gratitude entertained by every brother of the Earl of Leicester Lodge towards you at the close of your year of office as first W.M. We remember that your reputation as a brilliant worker in Masonry was already established in the province when we asked you to incur the serious responsibility of becoming a founder and first W.M. of our new lodge. But you did not hesitate for one moment, and we shall never forget your ready and hearty acceptance of the arduous post. I will not now enter into detailed account of the work you have done since our consecration; suffice it to say that your office has not been in any sense a sinecure; that you have always shown an utterly unselfish spirit; that, though the work has entailed repeated journeys from Norwich, your interest has never ceased, and that you have loyally and devotedly worked for the good of our lodge. But, perhaps, best of all, you have made a record, created a precedent, of general high tone and perfect working, which we shall appreciate more and more as the years roll on. Our first W.M. will always be quoted as a brother who gave our first initiates impressions of the beauties of our Masonic art, which they will never forget; who ruled the lodge with consummate tact and sound judgment; and who left a bright example which all would strive to imitate, though they might never hope to equal, much less excel. Bro. Grummett, this jewel which I now offer for you acceptance was voted you by acclamation, and though it does not in the least measure the extent of our gratitude to you, we yet hope you will look upon it with some satisfaction, and that the G.A.O.T.U. may spare you to wear it for many long years. We ask you to look upon it as a sign and token of work generously undertaken, and well and truly done; and also of life-long respect and esteem on the part of every brother of the Earl of Leicester Lodge.

Bro. Grummett, in an eloquent reply, thanked the brethren, and congratulated the lodge on the fact that their present W.M. was also P.G. Chap. of the province, and that this was the second lodge of which he had been a founder within the last four years.

Bro. Player then presented a very handsome banner (most artistically wrought by Bro. George Kenning) to the lodge, for which he received the hearty thanks of the brethren.

After the usual routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren having finished their labour, were called to refreshment.

Bro. Baxter officiated as toast master and D. of C.

The usual Masonic toasts were given and loyally responded to, and a most pleasant evening was spent, Bro. Wainwright very kindly acting as accompanist.

EAST MOLESEY.—Cyclist Lodge (No. 2246).

—The installation meeting of this young and vigorous lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Castle Hotel, when there were present Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; D. P. Cama, acting I.P.M.; Henry Holmes, S.W.; W.M. elect; W. J. Mason, J.W.; N. Goodchild, P.M.; Treas.; C. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; C. A. Itter, S.D.; Thomas Clark, P.M., J.D.; H. F. Bangs, I.G.; H. Gardener, D.C.; C. E. O. Walker, A.D.C.; J. K. R. Cama, W.M. 2202, Org.; O. Enderline, Asst. Org.; S. Parkhouse, P.M.; W. Brewer, A. S. Lyons, W. Tomson, A. A. Itter, R. Trunnie, O. W. Battley, W. J. Willington, W. R. Hatton, Fred. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; and C. Greenwood, P.G. Sec., P.P.G. Reg. Visitors: Bros. A. Barfield, G. Treas.; J. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.A.G.P. Middx.; H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; F. Fry, P.M. 1642; H. H. Shirley, P.M. 1491; W. W. Murlis, P.M. 1642; G. English, 901; A. G. Boswell, W.M. 1339; F. H. Clark, 28; Geo. Davis, P.M. 1642; E. Rogers, P.M. 60; J. P. Poynter, 2202; and John Mays, 1614.

The lodge being opened by the W.M., the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was presented by Bro. A. M. Gardner, which was resolved to be adopted, entered on the minutes, and printed. Bro. Barfield, G. Treas. England, being present, was then saluted with due Masonic honours. A ballot being taken for Bro. Battley as a joining member and Mr. W. J. Millington as initiate, and proving unanimous, the latter was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. in his usual masterly style. The Deputy Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Secretary then paid a visit to the lodge, and were received by the Master and brethren with full Masonic honours. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, Bro. Parkhouse, P.M., occupying the S.W.'s and Bro. Davies, P.M., occupying the J.W.'s chair. Bro. D. P. Cama, acted as D.C.

Bro. Holmes, the W.M. elect, was presented by the I.P.M., Bro. D. P. Cama, and duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Mulvey in an efficient and impressive manner. There were seventeen Masters in the Board of Installed Masters. Bro. Holmes then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. J. Mason,

S.W.; C. A. Itter, J.W.; N. Goodchild, Treas.; C. Sheppard, Sec.; T. Clark, S.D.; H. F. Bangs, J.D.; C. K. Wickens, I.G.; H. Gardener, Steward; C. E. O. Walker, D.C.; J. K. R. Cama, A.D.C.; O. Enderline, Org.; W. Brewer, Asst. Org.; and A. R. Shepperd, Tyler. A very cordial vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. D. P. Cama for his presentation of a life subscribership to the lodge for the Benevolent Institution, and it was unanimously resolved to be recorded on the minutes. A very handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted at the last meeting to the retiring Master, the amount being afterwards raised by the private contributions of the brethren, was then presented to him in a complimentary speech, acknowledging his services as first Master of the lodge. This was suitably acknowledged by the I.P.M., who expressed a hope that the brethren would all unite, as they hitherto done, to promote the welfare of the lodge.

The labours of the evening being over, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, ably supervised by Bro. Mayo.

Grace being said, the Worshipful Master gave "The Queen and Craft," observing that the brethren would agree with him when he said that the Queen had many virtues, and the Craft no vices, which was received with enthusiasm and musical honours.

"The Prince of Wales" was then given with Masonic loyalty, and received with the usual eclat.

In giving "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers," the W.M. said it was a toast always received with enthusiasm by the Craft, and he was sure it would be so that evening, as they had met under the able auspices of two Grand Treasurers, one Present and the other Past, of which he was very proud. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Barfield, Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Barfield said, in response, that, rising to respond to the health of the Grand Officers, he did so with great pleasure, as he knew as well as his colleague on his right that the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Lathom were both Masons, well selected by the M.W.G.M., and so were the other Grand Officers; and with such a team as that, his Royal Highness must infallibly drive the coach of Masonry through the worst of roads. He had had some experience of these Grand Officers, some of whom had responsible duties to perform. The Grand Treasurer he considered as the guard of the Royal van. The Grand Secretary, the brethren were well aware, had a large correspondence to attend to, which had grown with the growth of Masonry during the last 14 years, and his duties were really very arduous. He thanked the brethren on behalf of himself and his colleague for the kindness with which their health was drunk.

In proposing the next toast, the W.M. said it was a local toast, and was sure to meet with their approval. It was just one year since their lodge was consecrated by Bro. Gen. Studholme Brownrigg, the Grand Master of the province, assisted by Bro. West, the Dep. Grand Master, and they were honoured by the Grand Officers on that occasion. That evening they had been honoured by the Dep. Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. Prov. Grand Lodges also had their share of duties and responsibilities, and he felt sure the brethren would join with him heartily in drinking "The Health of their Grand Master and his Officers." He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. D. P. Cama, P.S.G.W. Surrey.

Bro. D. P. Cama, in response, said that he thanked them very heartily for the favour they had done to the Grand Officers, Present and Past, of the Province of Surrey. He was of opinion that Grand Officers, whatever province they belonged to, had all of them but one aim in their hearts, and that was to promote the prestige of the Craft. He thought that provincial honours were stepping-stones to Grand honours, however low a rank a brother may hold in the province. He was only a Sword Bearer in the Province of Middlesex when he was elected treasurer by the voice of the Craft. But he did not see why he and his good friend Bro. Barfield should not covet the Royal gift as well, notwithstanding the gift of the Craft. He did not know in how many capacities he stood there that evening, but in all these positions he was delighted to see and greet the W.M. in the chair of K.S., and he felt sure that he would occupy it as ably as Bro. Mulvey had done during the previous year. He was greatly pleased with the ceremony performed by the outgoing Master, and he hoped that the newly-made brother was forcibly impressed by it. It was the duty of every true and trusty Mason to take that lesson home, and he prayed that it might strengthen the bonds of brotherly love, and unite their hearts to duty, and their desires to wisdom, and that they might practise Charity, cherish hope, and walk in faith, and that the moral principle which was the mystic cement of their faith might remain with them and bless them.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Mulvey, the I.P.M., who said that the brethren would probably guess from the gavel in his hand whose toast he was about to propose. It was that of the W.M., and he was sure it would meet with their approval. He would only say that the W.M. was one who would bring great prestige to the lodge, and do honour to the brethren.

The W.M., in reply, said that if he were a nervous man he could not have stood there after all that had been said of him, but he was not, as he knew it did not pay. His services had been placed at a very high level. It was not his own merit, but the indulgence of the brethren that had placed him so high. He was delighted to find himself surrounded and supported by so many of his friends from different lodges, and he hoped that at the close of the year he would be able to give satisfaction to all the brethren, and he trusted they would support him in future as they had done on that occasion.

"The Visitors" was next given, and duly responded to by Bros. Barfield, Murlis, Fry, and Shirley.

"The Charities" was responded to by Bro. Parkhouse.

"The I.P.M." was then given, and suitably responded to.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and that of "The Officers of the Lodge" being given, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening some very humorous songs were given by some of the members of the lodge and visitors.

H.R.H. Princess Christian has undertaken her visit to Wiesbaden, for the purpose, it is understood, of consulting an eminent occultist, and will remain for some weeks on the continent.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. George Emblin, W.M.; Faulkner, S.W. Penrose, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec. Pitt, jun., S.D.; Leng, J.D.; Jones, I.G.; W. T. Hunt, jun. P.M.; Dandridge, Dealer, Borrett, Gunner, Varrall, Mansfield sen., Tims, Hick, Priest, and Walker.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dandridge personating the candidate. The usual questions leading to the Second Degree were then put by the W.M., answered by the brethren, and afterwards by Bro. Walker. The lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Borrett personating the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Stratton, W.M.; S. B. Nightingale, S.W.; A. E. Carter, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; V. Shaw, S.D.; G. Wood, J.D.; M. Friedlander, I.G.; R. Dillon, P.M. 1567; R. T. Redearn, E. Wherle, A. Barrowdell, and J. R. Hill.

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. Redearn candidate. Bro. Wherle having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Wherle candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was rehearsed by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Nightingale was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. Matthews, W.M.; H. Lindfield, S.W.; J. R. Allman, W.M. 1425; J. W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642, S.D.; O. W. Battley, J.D.; W. Death, W.M. 511, I.G.; H. Windeatt, W. H. Wadham, and J. Crutenden. Bro. A. B. Northcroft, 2045, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Northcroft being candidate. Bro. Allman, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wadham being candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Matthews resumed the chair. Bro. Northcroft was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Lindfield was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged by the worthy brother. After "Hearty good wishes" had been accorded, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. H. Hunt, W.M.; S. Napper, S.W.; G. T. Chretien, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; H. B. Harding, S.D.; C. Hiller, I.G.; G. J. Barnett, R. Loomes, and C. G. Gray.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Barnett answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when Bro. Loomes answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Loomes candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. Barnett was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. Napper was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. G. Holland, W.M.; F. M. Noakes, S.W., acting as Sec.; R. E. Cursons, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Marshall, S.D.; J. Woodward, J.D.; T. C. Seary, Org., I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; H. Luff, J. H. P. Long, J. R. Hughes, J. W. Ray, C. Corby, J. Martin, J. Hanway, F. W. Cash, W. Unwin, G. H. Foan, W. Honeyball, and W. Groves.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor, and R. E. Cursons worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture respectively. Bro. H. Luff having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bros. Hemming and J. Greenway worked the 4th and 5th Sections of the First Lecture respectively. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. M. Noakes, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. J. Greenway proposed that a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be given to Bro. G. Holland (the same to be entered on the minutes) for the very able manner in which he had rehearsed the First Degree, and also for the happy way in which he had occupied the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction—seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. On the motion of Bro. F. M. Noakes, S.W., seconded by Bro. J. Greenway, the annual supper in connection with this lodge of instruction was fixed for the evening of the second Tuesday in April (the 9th), and that the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. G. Reynolds, the Secretary of the lodge of instruction, be asked to take the chair on that occasion—carried unanimously. A Committee was then formed to make and carry out all necessary arrangements. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. G. E. Higginson, W.M.; C. R. Cross, W.M. 1791, S.W.; A. Cavers, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); T. Stunhill, S.D.; L. Cox, J.D.; J. Sims, P.M., I.G.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; R. Josey, P.M.; H. Cotton, J. Sanson, J. Arnott, and F. Woodard.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cotton acting as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cross, W.M. of the mother lodge. Bro. Higginson offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the rehearsal of the ceremony completed. Bro. Higginson having re-occupied the chair, the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. C. R. Cross 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 11th inst. Present: Bros. J. Blake, W.M.; W. Fayers, S.W.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor (pro tem.); F. Craggs, Sec.; T. W. Heath, S.D.; Pattison, J.D.; T. Jobson, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P. J.G.D. Middlesex; J. Collings, P.M.; J. Davies, J. C. Conway, and E. Fox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Davies offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Third Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. E. Fox was elected a joining member. Bro. Payers was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE—The fifth regular meeting of this lodge, under the sanction of the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, was held at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, on the 1st inst., when Bro. G. H. Gush, P.M. 1541, occupied the chair as W.M., while Bro. H. Jenkins, S.W. 850, took that of S.W., and Bro. N. Salmon, S.W. 177, acted as J.W.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and Bro. Gush proceeded to work the First Lecture, in which he was assisted by the following brethren: Bros. C. G. Cutchey, 2256; W. Webb, 1580; G. K. Pugh, D.C. 1625; F. Trinder, P.M. 704; W. W. Snelling, W.M. 1341; H. Hill, S.W. 1695; and H. Jenkins, S.W. 850. The E.A.'s having retired, the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony continued. Second and Third Lectures: Bros. J. R. Duff, 145; W. W. Snelling; A. J. Berry, P.M. 1695; H. Hill, H. Jenkins, J. Oldis, P.M. 1288; G. H. Gush, and N. Salmon, S.W. 177. In the 2nd Section of the Third Lecture the questions were put by Bro. Jenkins. At the close of the Lecture the lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. C. G. Cutchey proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the brethren for so kindly attending, many from a considerable distance, to afford the members of the lodge a treat which did not fall to the lot of every Freemason—that of hearing the whole Fifteen Sections so ably worked in one night. Bro. Shurmur seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren of the lodge for their hospitality, and reminded his hearers that it was always a pleasure to Freemasons to work where their labours were appreciated, and he was sure the brethren who had assisted him would be extremely gratified that their exertions had met with approval, and would highly esteem the vote of thanks so cordially given them. On the motion of Bro. C. G. Cutchey, seconded by Bro. Scoresby-Jackson, the W.M. with his officers and the other brethren who had taken part in the ceremony were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge. Some of the other visitors were then elected joining members, the W.M. informing them that after payment of necessary expenses, their funds were devoted to the three Masonic Charities. The lodge was then closed.

Among those present were Bros. C. B. Cutchey, 1685; W. P. Allen, 2256; G. Hurley, 2256; G. J. Reed, 1910; W. Blenkinsop, 754; J. Ives, 2256; F. Bromhead, 1662; U. Smith, 617; J. Calver, W. Longmore, J. Brinshaw, Dr. W. C. Griffiths, J. Speller, W. Shurmur, and Scoresby-Jackson, of 2256; J. W. Drew, 145; R. Grout, 174; General Farquharson, 389; M. Gross, 1278; and B. Nicholson, 1766.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was varied on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when 37 of its members and friends sat down to a very substantial supper, supplied by the host, Bro. Shannaw. Bro. Westley, Preceptor, presided, and there were present Bros. Cochrane, Bate, Hill, Lingley, Donaldson, West, Russell, Beaven, A. Harvey, Evans, Mitchell (two), Chapman (two), Folkard, Langdon, Steele, Newton, Dennis, Lundy, Elson, J. Wright, Marshall, Moore, Bye, Luckhurst, Rashleigh, Lyle, Wylde, Grover, Barry, Alexander, Andrews, Sec.; Weeks, Tyler; and others.

After the usual attention had been paid to the repast, the brethren received permission to smoke, and being reinforced by Bros. Coe, Colwell, Kate, and others unable to be present at the banquet, a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent, there being no lack of excellent singing, and good, sensible, pithy speeches. Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. Shannaw for excellent cuisine and waiting, and this under the difficulty of providing for an unexpectedly large number of guests, there being about 10 more than were expected.

Royal Arch.

BAYARD CHAPTER (No. 1615).—The companions of this chapter held their annual festival on Monday, the 4th inst., at 33, Golden-square, among those present being Comps. Henry Wright, H.; E. Sauerbrey, J.; Lieut.-Col. Haldane, Scribe E.; E. J. Bamber, P.S.; Frank Richardson, P.Z.; T. F. Wilson, Inspector-General; J. B. Purchas, P.S.; N. O. Morice, G. F. Haines, W.M. Canterbury Lodge; and W. I'Anson. Visitors: Comps. W. E. Chapman, Sir George Harris (London County Council), and W. R. Palmer, First and Second Principals of Friends in Council Chapter.

After the opening of the chapter, the minutes were read by the Scribe E. Comp. Frank Richardson then proceeded to install Comp. Wright into the chair of Z., giving the beautiful ritual in his usual impressive manner. The newly-installed Z. then installed Comp. Sauerbrey into the chair of H.; who in his turn placed Comp. Bamber into that of J., Comp. Wright reading the passages of Scripture and giving the prayers. The officers who were present were next invested. Two brethren were proposed for exaltation at the June meeting.

A sumptuous banquet at the Café Royal followed, the snug little party consisting of those before mentioned.

Inspector-General Purchas responded for "The Grand Officers."

Comp. Lieut.-Col. Haldane proposed in graceful terms "The Health of the Three Principals," each of whom responded, Comp. F. Richardson doing duty for J.

The next toast was that of "The Friends in Council Chapter," the M.E.Z. explaining that by an old custom—and one which he hoped would continue for centuries—the Bayards invited the Three Principals of the Friends in Council to their installation, and the latter invited the Bayard's in October.

Comp. Sir George Harris responded in eloquent sentiments and reciprocated the previous speaker's remarks.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Health of the New Member, Comp. Chapman," mentioned that he was the J.W. of the Savage Club Lodge, a member of Drury Lane Lodge, and of the Royal Solomon Lodge, which meets in the City of Jerusalem itself.

Comp. Chapman duly responded.

During dessert a message arrived from Comp. Lennox Browne and the companions of the Empire Chapter, in response to a greeting which the M.E.Z. had sent them.

The Bayards drank to "The Health of the Empire Chapter," and later on a deputation visited them at the Criterion.

Comp. Lieut.-Col. Haldane responded on behalf of "The Officers," and the companions then separated.

WARRINGTON.—Elias Ashmole Chapter (No. 148).—The anniversary of this chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, on Monday, the 11th inst., when most of the members assembled on the occasion. There were also several visitors present from the Gilbert Greenall Chapter, No. 1250, including the M.E.Z., Comp. W. Bolton.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, the Installation of the three Principals then took place as follows: Comps. T. Grime, M.E.Z.; E. Greenall, H.; and J. Hesketh, J.; the duties of which ceremony were undertaken by Comp. P. J. Edelsten, P.Z. 148 and 1250, and P.P.G. Std. Br., the same being performed in a most creditable manner. The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers, viz.: Comps. J. H. Evans, I.P.Z.; C. Skinner, S.E.; J. Adams, S.N.; W. Perry, Treas.; W. H. Young, P.S.; H. F. Greenough, A.S.; Arnott, A.S.; and T. Domville, Janitor. Afterwards, on behalf of the chapter, he presented to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. J. H. Evans, a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, in recognition of his past services, which the recipient acknowledged in suitable terms.

The business of the chapter being concluded, the companions adjourned to a banquet, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. Grime, provided by Comp. T. O. Speakman in his accustomed satisfactory manner.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, and, after spending a very pleasant evening, the companions separated.

SALFORD.—Chapter of St. John (No. 325).—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Freemasons' Hall, the Crescent, on the 7th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. J. Corner, Z.; Sam Dawson, J.; J. Standing, S.E.; Thos. Stopford, P.S.; James Hyde, Janitor; H. Metcalfe, P.Z.; G. Jackson, P.Z.; C. Hargreaves, P.Z.; R. W. Welsh, P.Z.; C. W. Godbey, P.Z.; R. Caldwell, P.Z.; W. Lee, R. T. Dawson, Thos. Goodier, and W. Brigg. Visitors: Comps. Sam Steatham, P.Z. 317; and Geo. Sam Smith, Asst. Soj. 645.

The chapter was opened by Comp. Corner, Z., and upon the admission of the companions, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Thos. Hulme, which proved favourable, and he was subsequently exalted to the Supreme Degree of a R.A. Mason by the 1st Principal, in a manner which reflected great credit upon this energetic worker; in fact, considering it was the first meeting after the installation, the whole of the officers discharged their duties with great credit. The Auditor's report was accepted and adopted. All business being concluded, the chapter was closed, after a most interesting meeting.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel, on the 9th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. C. Stevens, P.P.G. Org., M.E.Z.; E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C., P.Z., Treas., acting H.; W. H. Lee, P.G.S.E., P.Z., J. elect; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S., P.Z., S.E.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.N.; C. H. Köhler, Principal Soj.; W. Fisher, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. T. Peat, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Faulkner, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z.; J. B. Ryley, P.P.G.J., P.Z.; Wingate, P.P. Asst. G. Soj., P.Z.; G. Elliott, P.Z.; and others. Comp. R. H. Thrupp, P.G.H., &c., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. W. H. Lee, J. elect, was installed by the S.E. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comp. W. H. Matthews, H. elect, and others. Bro. F. Tallack, 1423, was proposed as a candidate for exaltation in May next.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, where they were joined by the members of the Era Lodge, Bro. Dr. Faulkner, W.M. The chairs at the banquet table were occupied by Comps. Thrupp and Stevens. A few toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. G. L. Moore, M.E.Z.; T. Grumman, H.; Patrick, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Addington, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; and Charlie Woods.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Woods 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. Grumman was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Patrick for his work as Third Principal for the first time in this chapter. The S.E. reported that the first annual supper would take place on Friday, April 5th, when Comp. Hilton would act as Chairman, and Comp. Addington as Vice-Chairman. The chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

IVYBRIDGE.—Hawton Lodge (No. 100).—The annual meeting was held on the 6th inst., in the Masonic Hall. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. R. H. Selleck, was installed. The ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Gidley, 169, 383, P.G. Tyler. The Board of Installed Masters were Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st, Chap. 33, P.P.G.C., P.S.G.W., P.G.C. Eng.; S. Jew, 66, P.P.G. M.O.; E. Aitken-Davies, 96, 383, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Cole, P.P.J.G.O.; R. Lavers, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. D. Ford, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. R. Velvin, and F. Henwood, all of the lodge.

The officers invested were Bros. F. Henwood, I.P.M.; J. Shepherd, S.W.; A. S. Coyte, J.W.; J. W. Selleck, M.O.; R. Mudge, S.O.; J. Farley, J.O.; H. Cole, Treas.; T. D. Ford, Sec.; D. Mudge, S.D.; J. H. Balkwill, J.D.; and W. Broomidge, I.G.

In the evening the members of the lodge and their visitors dined together at Bro. Mortimore's, Tom King's Arms. The banquet was admirably served.

A musical entertainment followed, and the evening was a very pleasant one.

Lady Knutsford, wife of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, attended at Marlborough House on Monday afternoon and presented, on behalf of the Colonial Committee, to the Prince and Princess of Wales, the present, consisting of a clock and candelabra and two large wall lights fitted for electric light, which had been subscribed for by the Colonies and Dependencies of the Crown to commemorate the Silver Wedding of their Royal Highnesses.

Knights Templar.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Preceptory (No. 139).—A meeting of this preceptory was held on the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, when Sir Knight C. D. H. Drury, M.D., E.P., presided, assisted by his officers. The V.E. Sir Knight Charles James Banister, Prov. Prior; the E. Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight H. Maddison; P.E. Sub-Priors, Sir Knights Col. James Monks and Robert A. Luck, were received under an arch of steel and saluted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Rev. R. Coulton, being in attendance, was installed a Knight Templar by the E. Preceptor, assisted by the V.E. Prov. Prior. The E. Preceptor elect, Sir Knight W. Logan, was installed by the E. Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Hy. Maddison, who then appointed his officers. Business over, the preceptory was closed.

The sir knights assembled in the dining hall to partake of a magnificent banquet, at the invitation of the E.P., Sir Knight W. Logan, who had on his right hand V.E.P. Prior Sir Knight C. J. Banister, P.G. Capt. of England, &c.; Sir Knights James Moncks, P.G.S.B. Engr., P.P. Sub-Prior; R. A. Luck, P.G. Std. Br. of England, P.P. Sub-Prior; J. L. Armstrong, E.P. 20; J. J. Wilks, P.E.P.; T. M. Barron, P.E.P.; Burns, McOrlande, and others; and on his left Sir Knights C. D. Hill Drury, I.P.E.P.; Hy. Maddison, Prov. Sub-Prior; Backhouse, Robinson, Bailey, and others.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were efficiently proposed by the Eminent Preceptor, and duly honoured and responded to.

Sir Knight Col. Moncks responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

The V.E. Prov. Prior, after returning thanks for his own health, proposed "The Health, with all the honours, of the E. Preceptor," which was duly responded to in an excellent speech.

Sir Knights Major McGachen and Cooper responded for "The Visitors."

"The I.P. Preceptor's Health" was proposed and duly honoured.

Sir Knight S. F. Bousfield responded to the toast of "The Officers."

A most agreeable and instructive evening was spent.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

NEWCASTLE - ON - TYNE.—Royal Kent Chapter (No. 8).—This chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. W. Logan, 30th, M.W.S., assisted by his officers, on Friday, 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33rd, Inspector-General of the District, was received under an arch of steel and saluted. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. The M.W.S. desired Ill. Bro. Banister to take the ceremony of installing his successor, and then presented E. and P. Bro. Thomas Seymour Bell, M.W.S. elect, which ceremony was carefully performed by Ill. Bro. Banister. The M.W.S. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. Hotham, Prelate; W. F. Carmon, 1st Gen.; C. D. Hill-Drury, 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bro. T. L. Armstrong, 30th, Grand Marshal; John Usher, R.; J. J. Forster and M. H. Dodd, Recorders. Business of the chapter being over, it was closed.

The banquet was held in the dining hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Bro. Thomas Seymour Bell, and was most excellent.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Ill. Bro. Chas. James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33rd, and Ill. Bro. W. Logan, 30th, were obliged to leave very early.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, song and sentiment prevailing.

YORK.—Hilda Chapter (No. 23).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate. The members joined with the members of the Royal Order of Scotland for Yorkshire at dinner at the Station Hotel before the meeting, and the chapter was opened by Bros. W. Brown, M.P.S.; A. H. H. McGachen, H.P.; H. C. Pickersgill, 1st G.; Capt. D. Grant, 2nd G.; T. B. Whytehead, P.S., Recorder; W. B. Dyson, G.M.; W. H. V. Milbank, C. of G.; and others.

A ballot was taken for Bro. W. H. B. Atkinson, 910, and that brother was perfected by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, acting as M.W.S. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. A. H. H. McGachen, was then presented for installation by the retiring Sovereign, and was installed in the chair by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, 30th. Bro. McGachen thanked the brethren for the honour done to him, and then appointed and invested his officers, viz.: Bros. H. C. Pickersgill, H.P.; D. Grant, 1st G.; W. B. Dyson, 2nd G.; T. B. Whytehead, P.S., Recorder; W. H. V. Milbank, G.M.; W. H. Attkley, Raph.; and W. H. B. Atkinson, C. of G. The Recorder was requested to communicate the good wishes of the chapter to the S.G.I.G. for the District, Bro. C. J. Banister, and their hope that he may be preserved in good health to celebrate his rapidly approaching golden wedding. Several letters of apology were read, and the name of a candidate was proposed and seconded.

The Auditor's report was read, showing a small balance in hand, and the chapter was closed.

CHESTER.—Stanhope Chapter (No. 75).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. John Ormston, assisted by his officers, on Saturday, the 23rd ult., at the Queen Hotel. Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, G.S.G., 33rd, was received under an arch of steel. The M.W.S. elect, E. and P. Bro. W. P. Richardson, was presented by the M.W.S. for installation to Ill. Bro. Sandeman, who performed the ceremony with care and impressiveness. The M.W.S. then appointed his officers. Business of the chapter being over, it was closed.

The banquet was held afterwards in the hotel, under the presidency of the M.W.S., having on his right Ill. Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, G.S.G., 33rd; T. C. Thorburn, 30th; Robt. W. Bourne, 30th, and others; and on his left Ill. Bro. Chas. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33rd; Bros. John Ormston, I.P.M.W.S.; G. H. Brown, 1st General, and others.

The M.W.S. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

III. Bro. H. D. Sandeman responded to the toast of "The Supreme Council" in an excellent speech, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the M.W.S.," who responded in a neat speech, and proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.W.S.," which was heartily received and responded to.

III. Bro. C. J. Banister proposed "The Health of III. Bro. N. Beswick-Royds, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector General," who he hoped illness had not prevented him being present.

III. Bro. Bourne responded for "The Visitors."

Bro. G. H. Brown responded for "The Officers," and a truly happy evening was spent.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Chapter (No. 96).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., III. Bro. T. Ness, 30°, assisted by his officers, at the Masonic Hall, Archer-street, on Wednesday, the 20th ult. III. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector-General of the district, was received under an arch of steel, and saluted. The minutes of the last regular chapter were read and confirmed. E. and P. Bro. S. Wilson, 1st Gen., was elected M.W.S. Business of the chapter being over, it was closed.

The banquet was held in the dining hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., III. Bro. T. Ness, 30°, having on his right III. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, J. J. Wilkes, 30°, E. and P. Bros. John Bailey, P.M.W.S.; Hodgson, Barn, and others; and on his left III. Bro. Henry Maddison, 30°, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. S. F. Bousfield, P.M.W.S.; McDonald, Hill Drury, and others.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed by the M.W.S. He also proposed "The Health of the Supreme Council," coupling the name of their old and valued friend—their Inspector-General—III. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, who responded, and proposed "The Health and every Prosperity to the M.W.S., III. Bro. Ness, 30°," who, after responding, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.W.S., III. Bro. J. J. Wilkes, 30°," who responded in an excellent speech, and proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was also duly responded to.

Other toasts were proposed, and duly honoured, and responded to, and, with songs and sentiments, brought an enjoyable evening to its close.

Royal Order of Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE AND CHAPTER FOR YORKSHIRE.

This body held its spring meeting at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on the afternoon of Thursday, the 7th inst., there being present, *inter alia*, Bros. the Rev. Wm. Valentine, M.A., Prov. Grand Master; T. B. Whytehead, D.P.G.M.; Capt. Donald Grant, P.S.G.W.; Wm. H. B. Atkinson, P.J.G.W.; H. C. Pickersgill, P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Brown, P.G. Sec.; W. B. Dyson, P.G. Examiner; Col. J. Monks, P.G. Conductor; and others.

Bro. J. T. Seller, P.M. and P.Z. Eboracum Lodge and Chapter, an accepted candidate, was duly admitted into the Order. Several apologies from absent members were read, and, after the close of the meeting, the members adjourned to the Royal Station Hotel, where they dined together.

Queensland.

CONSECRATION OF THE TOOWONG LODGE, No. 2306.

The consecration and constitution of a new lodge, at Toowong, Queensland, working under the United Grand Lodge of England, took place on January 9th, at the Toowong School of Arts, in the presence of 80 or 90 brethren, representing a large number of lodges.

The new upper room at the Toowong School of Arts has been leased by the members of the Toowong Lodge from the School of Arts Committee for two years, and has been fitted up as a permanent lodge room in a singularly handsome style, at the expense of the new Master.

The ceremonies began shortly before 8 o'clock by the announcement of the District Grand Master of Queensland (the Hon. A. C. Gregory, C.G.M., M.L.C.) and the Officers of the District Grand Lodge. They were received, and the D.M.G. at one took his seat on the dais. Having expressed the pleasure which he felt at being present at the consecration of a new suburban lodge, he called upon the Dep. D.G.M., Bro. Barron L. Barnett, P.G.D. Eng., to officiate as presiding officer.

The Presiding Officer then filled the officers' chairs as follows: Bros. J. J. Clark, D.J.G.W., as D.S.G.W.; J. Dean, P.D.J.G.W., as D.J.G.W.; W. Gripp, D.S.G.D., and W. Gartside, D.J.G.D., in their respective chairs; C. S. Young, D.G. Purst, as D.G.I.G. The other acting District Grand Officers were Bros. W. Finucane, D.G. Treas.; Rev. Manley Power, M.A., D.G. Chaplain; D. Jones, P.D.S.G.W., and J. E. Meyer, P.D.S.G.D., as D.G. Std. Brs.; J. D. Reeve, P.D.J.G.D., as D.G.R.; J. S. Michael, D.A.G. Sec., as D.G.D.C.; J. H. Reeves, as D.G.S.B.; J. T. Briggs, P.D.G. Purst, as D.G.S. of W.; P. Atkinson, D.G. Org.; B. Burton, P.D.G.W.; and A. W. Michael and R. H. Mills, as D.G. Stewards. On the dais to the left of the Presiding Officer were seated Bros. Theodore Unmack, Prov. G.M., and E. MacDonnell, Dep. Prov. G.M. (I.C.). There were also present Bros. S. Baldwin, P.P.G.R. Worcestershire, England; J. B. Dixon, P.P.G. Purst, Durham, England; T. Holder Cowl, P.M.; Dr. Shout, P.M.; A. D. Campbell, P.M.; F. D. G. Stanley, P.M.; Hon. T. Macdonald Paterson, M.L.C.; A. Morgan, M.L.A., and seven representatives of the North Australian, Prince of Wales, Victoria, Albion, Duke of Leinster, and other Queensland lodges.

The necessary preliminaries were then gone through, and Bro. the Rev. MANLEY POWER, M.A., D.G. Chap., then delivered an oration on the "The Nature and Principles of Freemasonry," which we regret the claims on our space will not admit of our transferring to our columns.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with by the Presiding Officer, assisted by Bros. the Rev. Manley Power, D.G. Chap.; Finucane, as Incense Bearer; J. S. Michael, as D. of C.; and other D.G. Officers. The various invocations, prayers, and dedicatory addresses and selections from the Sacred Law were most impressively read, and the several musical selections were most

efficiently rendered by a small choir, under the direction of Bros. S. Kaye and P. Atkinson, D.G. Organist.

The lodge having been constituted according to ancient form, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Gailey, was proceeded with and completed, and subsequently the newly-installed Master, assisted by Bro. Barnett, invested those officers of the lodge who were present.

The following is a complete list of the officers: Bros. J. W. Stack, S.W.; J. A. Hamilton, J.W.; W. Kitson Batley, Sec.; S. Kaye, Org.; the Hon. W. H. Wilson, M.L.C., S.D.; F. D. G. Stanley, J.D.; W. A. Johnson, I.G.; and A. Harlen, Tyler. The final charge was finely delivered by Bro. Barnett, whose excellent elocution materially contributed to the success of the ceremony.

At the conclusion of the ceremony an adjournment was made to the large hall, where a sumptuous banquet was served.

After the usual loyal toasts, "The Health of the D.G.M. of the English Constitution" was proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and in rising to respond, Bro. the Hon. A. C. GREGORY was again warmly greeted. In responding he referred to the difference between Masonry in the early days of the colony, when it was with difficulty one lodge could be maintained, and Masonry at the present time, when in the suburbs lodges were being formed as strong, if not stronger, than the lodges in the early days. He congratulated the Toowong Lodge on possessing such a fine muster-roll of good and earnest Masons, and hoped that the success of its future career would fully realise the most sanguine expectations.

In response to the toast of "The D.G.M. of the Scottish, and the P.G.M. of the Irish Constitution," Bro. T. UNMACK, P.G.M. of the I.C., replied. He had been greatly impressed by the manner in which the ceremony had been carried out. There was one point which had already been touched upon, and which he thought of the greatest importance to Masons in general. It was the remark that quality not quantity should be the aim of every lodge. Too much care could not be exercised in admission into the Craft, and all brethren should pride themselves upon the strength of their efficiency rather than of their numbers. Suburban lodges were a great convenience to brethren, who often found it difficult to go all the way into town of an evening, and he hoped they would continue. A healthy spirit of emulation would be engendered, and the Craft would greatly benefit by it.

The toast of "The W.M." was very warmly received, and was responded to by Bro. R. GAILEY. In the course of his remarks he said that on the occasion of the next meeting of the lodge he would be allowed to hand over to the custody of the officers all the furniture, ornaments, &c., of the lodge room, so that the lodge might start free of debt. He hoped that when he did so the brethren would accept the gift and acknowledge it by using the articles well and faithfully, in honour of the Craft. He thanked the many visiting brethren for attending, and hoped that the sentiments they had expressed for the success of the Toowong Lodge would be realised.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was replied to by Bro. MacDonnell, P.D.G.M.; Bro. J. D. Reeve, P.M. of the Victoria Lodge; Bro. the Hon. T. Macdonald-Paterson, M.L.C.; Bro. A. M'Nish Fraser, of the Albion Lodge; Bro. A. Morgan, M.L.A. of the Warwick Lodge; Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.M. of the Queensland Lodge, Ipswich; and Bro. J. B. Dixon, P.P.G.P., of Durham, England.

The Tyler's toast on this occasion, proposed by the J.W., closed the list.

Egypt.

ALEXANDRIA.—Zetland Lodge (No. 1157, E.C.).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th ult., in the new Masonic Hall, Okella Ratib Pascha. The W.M., Bro. Peter Towrest, occupied the chair, supported by the officers and an unusual large number of members and visitors, the following lodges being represented: Bulwer, 1068, Brownrigg of Unity, 1424, Huyshe, 1099, Union of Malta, 407, Wayfarers, 1926, Inhabitants, 153 (E.C.), Albert Edward, 707 (S.C.), Stella d'Alessandria (Arabic), and Throva Pompeia (Italian).

The preliminary business of reading the minutes being disposed of, the W.M. announced that the principal business of the evening was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Sergt.-Major G. F. Hathaway, O.S.C., as a mark of the appreciation on the part of the members of the manner in which he had performed his duties during his year of office. The jewel, which was of very handsome design, and an exquisite specimen of the goldsmiths' art, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London, bore the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. George Faulkner Hathaway, P.M., as a mark of esteem and regard by the members of Zetland Lodge, No. 1157, Alexandria, Egypt, 1888." It was presented by Bro. Towrest, W.M., who, in felicitous terms, complimented our brother on the satisfactory and praiseworthy manner in which he had performed his duties and completed his term of office. He had made his mark and had secured, what the presentation represented, the esteem and regard of his brethren; he wished him happiness and pleasure in its use, and they all united in the hope that the G.A.O.T.U. might of his Providence grant him long life and health to wear it.

Bro. Hathaway, in an evidently feeling manner, thanked the lodge most heartily for the handsome memento of their good feeling just manifested. He felt it almost impossible to make a speech or describe his feelings. His heart failed him in the attempt. The words of the W.M., although few, had been pointed and forceful, and every syllable has gone direct to his heart. He was confident they expressed the sincere and unanimous wish of the brethren. It would be his constant aim to merit a continuance of their favourable opinion. He should ever wear the jewel with pride and satisfaction. He had tried always to do his duty, remembering that fidelity to principle brought the sure reward of a good conscience. He urged the members to activity, and counselled those who were ambitious for office to thoroughly prepare themselves in their present stations for all the possibilities of preferment. He wished them and the lodge success and blessing, and said he trusted that, when their duties here should be completed and T.G.A.O.T.U. should call them to the rest

above, no cloud might enshroud their Masonic fame or taint rest upon the memories of the past.

Bro. Wicklen, R.W.M. 707, wished to add a few words in support of what had already been said. He had found him whom they had met to honour a true and constant brother and friend and a most willing helper, and he was sure the lodge had done well in recognising such service, and he had the greatest pleasure in joining in the expression of their good wishes.

Bro. Frederick Warwick, I.P.M. 707 (S.C.) referred to the invaluable assistance rendered by their brother to the Scotch lodge; his constant attendance, and unfailing willingness to serve any office or perform any duty. He thought that the lodge had only just been in time, for, had they much longer delayed, the Scotch brethren might have been tempted to present him with a jewel themselves.

The business being concluded, "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from the lodges represented.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a cold collation was served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the party breaking up near midnight gratified at the opportunity afforded them of shewing honour to a highly-esteemed and zealous ruler of the Craft.

West Africa.

LAGOS.—Lagos Lodge (No. 1171).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th December, 1888, at the Freemasons' Hall, Bamgbose-street. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. A. O. Payne, the out-going W.M., and amongst those present were Bros. A. J. Rodrigues, I.P.M.; the Hon. C. J. George, P.M.; J. S. Bucknor, S.W., W.M. elect; A. C. Campbell, J.W.; J. J. Thomas, Treas.; J. B. Benjamin, Sec.; C. Ungebauer, S.D.; P. F. Gomes, J.D. (pro tem.); A. J. Pell, D.C.; B. Dawodu, Org.; J. A. Savage, I.G.; A. Pratt, Steward; E. F. Gomes, W. H. Smith, T. A. King, A. B. Buttrick, E. R. Davison, Z. A. Williams, E. Schmidt, C. A. Williams, F. Osborne, I. B. Williams, and J. H. Hamilton, Tyler.

The lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting of the 6th December, and those of the Board of General Purposes having reference to the installation, were read and confirmed. Bro. J. S. Bucknor was presented as the W.M. elect, and installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. A. J. Rodrigues, the retiring I.P.M., who acquitted himself admirably throughout. The newly-installed W.M. having received the usual salutations of the brethren, invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. A. O. Payne, I.P.M.; A. C. Campbell, S.W.; C. Ungebauer, J.W.; A. J. Pell, Treas.; J. A. Savage, Sec.; J. B. Benjamin, S.D.; C. A. Williams, J.D.; A. Pratt, Org.; A. B. Buttrick, D.C.; E. F. Gomes, I.G.; E. Schmidt and E. R. Davison, Stewards; and J. H. Hamilton, Tyler. After the investiture the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards repaired to the residence of Bro. A. C. Campbell, S.W., where the banquet was given, followed by a grand soiree. There was a regular innovation, a thing for a long time ever witnessed in the Lagos Masonic banquet, and that was the presence of the fair sex to grace the occasion. Covers were laid for nearly 80 guests.

At the conclusion of the elegant and most splendid repast, superintended by Bros. Buttrick, D.C., Pell, Schmidt, Savage, and Davison, the W.M. proposed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, which were warmly honoured.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. Payne, I.P.M., which was well received.

"The I.P.M." was given by the W.M., which received the applause of the gathering.

"The P.M.'s," "The Officers," and "The Ladies" having been given, and received with the enthusiasm they deserved, the Tyler's toast closed the banquet.

After grace, the guests retired to the dancing-room to do the "light fantastic," which was well kept up till the small hours of the morning.

The following were among the ladies present: Mesdames R. Campbell, C. A. Williams, E. R. Davison, Z. A. Williams, B. Dawodu, J. A. Savage, F. G. Osborne, P. F. Gomes, T. A. King, A. Pratt, W. T. G. Lawson; also Misses C. George, S. Leigh, A. Hoare, S. Campbell, Eva Foresythe, Ada King, Nancy Johnson, A. Bucknor, M. Joaquin, H. Coker, F. and H. Benjamin, and others.

Too much cannot be said with regard to the orderly manner in which things were conducted, not to mention the pains taken by the host, as also the Committee appointed for the management of all the proceedings of both banquet and soiree. To Bro. Buttrick, in particular, for the exertion manifested towards bringing the whole affair to a most paramount success.

India.

MHOW.—Malwa Chapter (C.I., No. 1994). The installation of Principals took place at Bombay, on December 22nd last, and gathered a special interest from the fact that the chapter had, with difficulty, been kept going during the past year. Comp. Malranie, Z., however, had determined it should not expire, and in spite of the departure of many members, just managed to keep it alive. Now several new members have joined, and there is every prospect of a more prosperous term. The new Principals are Comps. Rev. A. H. Etty, Z.; Sergt. F. H. Hall, H.; and Khan Bahadur Sorabjee, J. They were installed by Comp. Proctor, who well fulfilled the ceremony. Comp. Etty had previously received the Degree of "Ex. Monitor," being an English companion, and not, therefore, having received it before.

The Craft lodges in Mhow (English, Malwa, and Scotch, St. Paul) held a joint meeting on St. John's Day, when the two W.M.'s were severally installed. They were Bro. Willis, W.M. of the English lodge, who nominated and invested Bro. Etty as Chaplain, and Bros. Cabbon and Adthead as S.W. and J.W.; and Hall, W.M. of the Scotch lodge, who nominated and invested Bros. J. C. Burton and Morewanji Edalji as his S.W. and J.W.

The brethren of both lodges had previously attended a special service in the Station Church, conducted by Bro. Etty, P.M., P.D.G.C. of Bengal, whose sermon on this occasion we give in another column. The alms collected were given to the Mhow Native Christian Church of E. Orphanage.

LADIES' NIGHT AT LODGE LA TOLERANCE, No. 538.

This most hospitable lodge had a ladies' night on Thursday, the 7th inst., under the presidency of Bro. William G. Fenn, W.M. The last meeting of the kind was held in 1887, when Bro. Burt was Master, and on this occasion, as on the former, the energy and geniality of the Master, backed by the cordial co-operation of the members of the lodge, produced an entertainment seldom equalled even in Masonic assemblies. From beginning to end it was a brilliant success, and from end to end there was not a sign of fatigue shown by the entertainers, though their undertaking must necessarily have involved a great amount of really hard work. As early as four o'clock, a meeting of the lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, which was not merely a formal affair, for at that meeting two candidates were initiated. By a quarter past six Bro. Fenn and the brethren of the lodge were ready in one of the drawing rooms of Freemasons' Tavern to receive the brethren and ladies, who arrived in quick succession, and by 6.30 the room was crowded with an animated assembly of "fair women and brave men" in all the glory of pretty ball dresses and Masonic clothing and jewellery. Dinner being announced, the W.M. and his lady led the way to the cupola room, where the abundant hospitality of the lodge was displayed in a choice banquet, which this lodge appears to be particularly happy in arranging, and which was admirably served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. Orchid blossoms and the choicest of half-opened roses were presented to each lady present. It is needless to say that the guests thoroughly enjoyed this portion of the entertainment, the zest of which was enhanced by the geniality of the presiding Master, who was ably supported by his officers and the Past Masters. During the progress of the dinner, Bro. C. Saunders' band performed an excellent programme of music in an adjoining room.

Some loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been duly honoured,

The CHAIRMAN proceeded to propose "The Health of the Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," with whom he coupled the name of their own Treasurer, Bro. Kench, P.M., P.G.P., who replied very briefly, because of the special nature of the occasion.

The CHAIRMAN then rose and said that the next toast he had to propose was that which he adored—"The Ladies." They were honoured with the presence of many ladies that evening; it was a ladies' night, in every sense of the word, and he and the brethren of Lodge La Tolerance were delighted to receive them, and hoped that they should have the pleasure of seeing them on many similar occasions. By the courtesy of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, they had had a dispensation enabling them to dine in Masonic clothing. The ladies, therefore, saw the brethren now as they were when they left their fair ones in the cosy arm chairs by the fire side, and wandered away into the starry night. It was a great courtesy on the part of Grand Lodge to grant them the dispensation they had obtained, and he was sure that the ladies would receive it in the kind way in which it was received by the brethren of the lodge. He felt sure from what they saw of the ladies on this occasion, that if they could only join the Brotherhood, the lodge would soon become triple its present size. Unable, however, to become "brothers among them," they had honoured the brethren with their presence on this auspicious occasion; and as he had said before, he and the brethren were delighted to receive them. He called upon Bro. Pittman to respond for the ladies.

The toast was drunk in the most hearty and enthusiastic manner; and Bro. J. J. PITTMAN rose to reply. He said that he rose with a very great deal of pleasure to respond to the toast of the ladies, which the W.M., Bro. Fenn, had so ably proposed; but though he had much pleasure in performing this task, it would be admitted that he was also beset with some difficulty. It was much easier for a lady to take the part of a gentleman than for a gentleman to take the part of a lady. But when he saw so many smiling faces around him he was encouraged to assume the rôle of a lady responding. Bro. Pittman then proceeded: We are here to-night with a great deal of pleasure. It is only necessary for the W.M. of the La Tolerance Lodge to invite us, and for the lodge to back him up, and we shall always be ready to come and dine with you on any future occasion. I have not the least doubt in my mind, when I see so many Masonic faces among the ladies about me at present, that if it were the rule of the Craft to admit ladies, we should have every lady present coming forward to be initiated into your Craft. I thank you very cordially, on the ladies' behalf, for the kind way in which you have proposed the toast, and I say on their behalf that we are very pleased to be here, and we hope it will not be the last time that we shall have the opportunity of being present at a ladies' meeting of Lodge La Tolerance.

Bro. THOS. BICKNELL, I.P.M., next rose and proposed "The Health of the W.M." The ladies of course knew, and the brethren knew, that this toast was always very cordially received among Freemasons, and he was sure that it would be received with the greatest enthusiasm for the very able manner in which he had performed, as he might say, the duties of chairman of the proceedings that evening.

The CHAIRMAN, on rising to respond, was greeted with prolonged applause. He thanked the ladies and the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the kind and cordial manner in which they had received the toast of his health. It was a very great pleasure to him to preside over the proceedings of that evening, which he had been looking forward to for a considerable time, and it was with very great satisfaction to him, and he was pleased to find so many there at his festive board. He could not say, as host, that he should have the pleasure of seeing them there again as Master, but he did feel a deep sense of gratitude for the very kind way in which the ladies had come at his invitation and the invitation of the lodge.

The CHAIRMAN said that the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Visitors." They had many visitors present that evening whom they were always very pleased and happy to see, and he hoped that those who had not been there before, they should have the pleasure of seeing again. In Lodge La Tolerance they always

delighted in receiving visitors and members of other lodges, and they always tried that the visitors should enjoy themselves as much as possible. The list of visitors was almost too numerous to warrant him in going through it all, and he would, therefore, simply mention a few whose names came uppermost in his mind, Bros. Scurrah, Cooke, Dr. Nicholls, Massey, Gates, Stevens, and Faulkner. In offering the toast he should couple with it the names of Bros. Scurrah, Nicholls, and Massey.

Bro. SCURRAH, in reply, said that it was always a pleasure to visit Lodge La Tolerance, but when Lodge La Tolerance gave a ladies' night the occasion was sure to be charming. On this occasion Lodge La Tolerance seemed to have outdone itself, and it was, therefore, difficult in responding for this toast to sufficiently emphasise the thanks of the visitors without being effusive.

Bros. Dr. NICHOLLS and MASSEY also replied.

The CHAIRMAN said that the next toast was that of "The Initiates." Without initiates the grand Masonic Craft would very soon come to grief, for without initiates the Craft could not go on. He hoped that the two brethren whom it had been his pleasure to introduce that evening into Masonry would in time to come occupy the proud position he now occupied. From what he had seen of them he believed they would make very good Masons. They were men that he had very great confidence in.

In reply, Bro. TIDY said he had very great pleasure in responding to that toast. He could only, as one of the initiates, say that the W.M. was their Master and their father, and he (Bro. Tidy) hoped they would be good brethren, and go on under the Master's tuition to become true and earnest Masons. They felt that a great honour had been done them that night, and he assured the lodge that, as far as he was concerned, nothing would ever make him budge an inch from the lodge called La Tolerance.

Bro. PRIOR, the other initiate, said he could not do more than endorse what his brother initiate had said.

The CHAIRMAN said the next toast was that of "The I.P.M.," and he proposed, with the permission of the brethren, to couple with that the Past Masters and officers of the lodge. Of the I.P.M. he must speak first. The I.P.M. was his right hand, although he was on his left; and he was a very great assistance to him in his position as Master. As to the Past Masters, he did not know what to say about them; if he expressed all he might say in their praise for what they had done for the lodge, many visitors might think he was overestimating their value, and that some of his eulogy was untrue, but such would not be the case. It had been his endeavour to follow in their footsteps. With regard to the officers, he said that they were his great supporters in the work he had to do. He was highly favoured with having members of the lodge who were capable of fulfilling the duties in a way that was satisfactory to themselves, and gratifying to the lodge. He proposed on this occasion to give the honour of reply to the officers themselves—to those who were now working—and he should, therefore, couple with the toast the two Wardens, and the junior member of the officers, Bro. Sydney George Edridge.

Bro. W. MAY CLEAR, S.W., and Bro. W. WEBB, J.W., briefly returned thanks, and Bro. Edridge, C.S., added a few words, in which he specially thanked the Worshipful Master for always giving the juniors a chance. He (Bro. Edridge) had a chance given him now which he would avail himself of by asking whether, after turning out such a Master as Bro. Fenn, they had not a higher opinion of Croydon than heretofore?

This portion of the evening's entertainment being concluded, the company adjourned to an adjoining room, where a concert had been arranged for their entertainment while the room in which they had dined was being prepared for dancing. The programme included a pianoforte solo (Nocturne, in G, Deuze) by Bro. T. Ward, R.A.M., Organist of the lodge; songs by Mrs. W. T. Wilby, Bros. J. J. Pittman, G. L. Lyons, and S. G. Edridge; and two solos on the zither-banjo by Mr. Alfred D. Cammeyer, of New York, which last performer certainly reveals capabilities in the banjo hitherto undreamed of.

After enjoying the music, the ladies were reconducted to the cupola room, now cleared for dancing, and were soon skimming over its polished floor in valse and polka, or threading their way through the mazy mysteries of modern quadrilles and lancers.

The dancing was kept up till half-past one, when the company separated, charmed with the success of the ladies' night of Lodge La Tolerance. The whole of the admirable musical arrangements were organised by Bro. Lyons, S.D.

The company present included Bro. W. B. Fenn, Mrs. Fenn, and Miss Fenn; Bro. W. M. Clear, S.W., and Mrs. Clear; Bro. J. Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas., Mrs. Kench, and Miss Gay; Bro. J. B. Sly, P.M., Hon. Sec., Mrs. Sly, Miss Ethel Sly, and Miss Edith Sly; Bro. D. E. Wilby, J.D., and Mrs. Wilby; Bro. T. Bicknell, I.P.M., and Mrs. Bicknell; Bro. T. W. Smale, P.M., Mrs. Smale, Miss Smale, and Miss Pitts; Bro. C. Burmeister, P.M., and Mrs. Burmeister; Bro. J. W. Cooper, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., and Mrs. Cooper; Bro. T. A. Tidy and Mrs. Tidy; Bro. J. J. Pittman, Miss Batchelor, and Miss Blowers; Bro. J. W. Elvin, P.M., D.C., Mrs. Elvin, Mrs. Poncione, and Miss Poncione; Bro. Charles Burt, P.M., Mrs. Burt, Miss Harrop, and Miss E. Harrop; Bro. G. L. Lyons, S.D., and Mrs. Lyons; Bro. J. Skinner, Mrs. Skinner, and another lady; Bro. R. G. Marner, Mrs. Marner, and other ladies; Bro. Dr. Nicholls, W.M. 463, Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. H. Smale, Miss Smale, and Miss E. Smale; Bro. H. Hewett, 1536, and Mrs. Hewett; Bro. A. Boehr, P.M. 1588, and Mrs. Boehr; Bro. R. P. Stevens, I.P.M. 901, and Mrs. Stevens; Bro. W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 167, P.P.S.G.W., and Miss Scurrah; Bro. John Hooke, P.M. 463, P.P.G. D.C., and Mrs. Hooke; Bro. Chas. Parsons, I.P.M. 1637, and Mrs. Parsons; Bro. H. Longman, 2271, and Mrs. Longman; Bro. Dr. H. Gates, 463, and Miss Rogers; Bro. G. Ridout, 1287, and Mrs. Ridout; Bro. Charles J. Taylor, 1987, and Mrs. Taylor; Bro. E. Massey, P.M. 1297, and Miss Florence Massey; Mr. and Mrs. Gunnell; Bro. W. Webb, J.W.; Bro. S. G. Edridge, C.S.; Bro. Theo. Ward, Org.; Mr. Alfred D. Cammeyer, New York; Bro. E. Humphrey, P.M.; Bro. W. Hooker; Bro. E. T. Tidy; Bro. T. T. Burt; Mr. Frank Gibbs; Bro. F. J. Woodin, P.M. 1861; Bro. John Faulkner, P.M. 1425; Bro. C. Wentworth, 101; and Bro. J. Vicary, 180.

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TO BRO. HENRY LYNN, M.L.S.B.

On Friday evening, the 1st inst., Bro. H. Lynn, S.W. 217, was entertained by his constituents and other friends at a complimentary banquet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The chair was occupied by General Fraser, V.C., M.P., and among those present were Bro. H. Lynn, S.W. 217, and Mrs. Lynn, Bro. H. Foster and Mrs. Foster, Bros. G. Collins, J.W. 1641; C. Wilson, P.M.; W. J. Pope, Winks, Wright, P.M.; J. Hernaman, A.K.C., P.M. 1622; Bramley, Hale, R. E. H. Goffin, P.M.; Bowman Spink, and Webb; Bro. T. E. Heller, P.M., P.Z., and Mrs. Heller, Bro. J. W. Thomas, P.M. 1641, P.P.G. Std. Br. Staffs., and Mrs. Thomas, Bro. R. Greenwood, P.M. 1641, and Mrs. Greenwood, Bro. Captain R. J. Vincent, P.M., M.E.Z. 1777, H. 1329, and Mrs. Vincent, Bro. Charlie Woods, 1869, A.S. 1275, and Mrs. Woods, Bro. C. Castell, P.M., and Mrs. Castell, Bro. Perizzi, Bro. Eckersall, W.M. 217, and Mrs. Eckersall, Bro. W. R. Russell, J.W. 72, and Miss Russell, Bro. Heathcote and Mrs. Heathcote, Bro. J. Lobb, C.C., M.L.S.B., and Mrs. Lobb, Bro. and Mrs. Phillips, Bro. Kirby, 1963; Bro. G. B. Clough, 217; Dr. and Mrs. Wagstaff, Mr. Barter, LL.B., Mr. Hornell, Mr. Bridger, Mr. J. H. Gibson, and others.

At the last School Board election, Bro. Lynn, who is a barrister, was returned at the head of the poll for West Lambeth, which constituency he has represented for the past three years.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been duly honoured,

Bro. J. HERNAMAN, A.K.C., gave "The Learned Professions," which was responded to by Mr. R. HORNELL.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Health of Bro. Lynn." That gentleman's career, he said, was well known. Honour clung to him during his college life, and fame led him by the hand. When still in youth he stood as a candidate for the School Board. Three years back he received the immense number of 11,939 votes, and last November he obtained the enormous number of 20,800 votes. Since then he had been elected chairman of the Evening Classes Committee—no mean position.

Bro. LYNN, in response, said that he should ever remember the honour paid to him that night. Referring to his connection with the School Board, he said that when three years ago he ventured to become a candidate he had very little hope of occupying the position which he now held. But it was a matter of personal pride and gratification when he found himself placed at the head of the poll. He did not think then that the electors could do him a greater honour. But last November he found himself in a still higher position. He was happy to say that the best workers for him at that time were ladies, and he only consented to be present that night on condition that ladies were present also. It was the policy which followed elections which was of importance, and not the election itself. He had devoted himself to that which he believed to be educational. At the present time we were paying a good round sum out of the Imperial Exchequer for the education of the country, but he was one of those who thought that they ought to pay a good deal more. Our system of education at the present time was too mechanical. He believed that our objects and aims had rather been to give fancied results rather than permanent benefits. He believed that the prime object of education was not only to develop the faculties of life now, but to prepare those faculties for the struggle of after-life. With regard to evening classes, he said he did not think it was right that the State should take charge of a child at five years of age, and give up that charge at thirteen years of age. He was strongly in favour of a system of evening continuation classes, such as they had in Germany, and of recreative schools, such as we had in London, in order to train the after-life of the child when he or she was beginning to enter the struggle of life.

The other toasts included "The Chairman," "The School Board for London," "The Ladies," &c.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WANDSWORTH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1044.

The 26th annual festival of the above lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., at the East Hill Hotel, Alma-road. The chair was taken by Bro. Higerty, P.M. 1044 and 1714, P.P.G.D.; assisted by Bros. J. J. Black, P.M. 1564, S.W.; Baker, 1360, J.W.; J. M. Parsons, J.D. 1564, Sec.; Jones, P.M. 1563, &c., Treas.; Brooks, S.W. and W.M. elect 382, S.D.; Tavernor, J.D.; and R. Monger, A.D.C. 1044, I.G.

Lodge was opened, when the Second Lecture was worked in a most admirable manner by the following brethren: 1st Section—Bro. W. Foddy, 1044; 2nd Section, Bro. J. G. Carter, P.M. 1044; 3rd Section, Bro. Monger, A.D.C., &c., 1044; 4th Section, Bro. H. Baker, 1360; and 5th Section, Bro. J. M. Parsons, J.D. 1564. The brethren present numbered 55.

A very imposing feature of the evening was the reading of a letter received from the Grand Lodge of Germany, sent by the personal direction of the late Emperor Frederick, acknowledging a letter of condolence from the lodge of instruction on the death of the Emperor William I. A great honour to the lodge.

Several brethren were unanimously elected members, and before closing a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. and the Section workers for their excellent work by Bro. Brooks, W.M. elect 382, S.D.

Lodge being closed, the banquet followed, and the usual toasts were responded to enthusiastically, those of "The Committee," "Section Workers," "The Mother Lodge," and "The Visitors" meeting with special recognition.

Bro. GRUNDY, 1585, spoke in glowing terms of the abilities of the W.M., both in his capacity of Preceptor and as Presiding Master that evening. Bro. Carter, P.M., also received great praise for his ability and zeal as Preceptor and in the interests of Masonry.

The worthy Secretary, Bro. PARSONS, after giving a short account of the prosperous state of the lodge, was greeted with a storm of applause.

During the evening the W.M., in a most pleasing and impressive speech, presented, on behalf of certain brethren, Bro. Higgs, P.M., with a very handsome P.M.'s collar and jewel as a mark of their high esteem.

Bro. HIGGS, P.M., who was evidently taken by surprise, thanked the brethren very warmly for their beautiful gift, and strongly exhorted them, as fellow-workmen and as Masons, to adopt, not only in thought, but in action, the true principles of Masonry.

The musical part of the programme was under the superintendence of the well-known Bro. Professor Gilardoni, 235, and Bro. Monger, 1044. Bro. Lean, 1564, opened with a violin performance of Handel's "Scipio," which was well rendered. Then followed Bro. Peterkin with "The last watch" and "Sweethearts" in splendid style. "The Sailor's Grave" was beautifully rendered by Bro. Monger. Bro. Black, P.M., was capital in "The Turmut hoer;" so also was Bro. Cowley, W.M. 1044, in "The three jolly smiths." Bro. Cutting's "Cottage well thatched with straw," and the "Queen of my heart," by Bro. Bray, were sung well; while "The farmer's boy," by Bro. Dench, was much enjoyed.

The visitors spoke in the highest praise of the musical talent displayed, giving it as their opinion also that, from personal knowledge, there was no lodge of instruction in England to surpass the Wandsworth Lodge in the perfection of its simulation working.

With the Tyler's toast, "God save the Queen" (solo violin by Bro. Lean) brought this most successful festival to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their stated monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, was in the chair, and there were present Bros. J. Newton, A. H. Tattershall, T. B. Purchas, Hugh Cotter, Joseph Freeman, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Charles J. Perceval, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; C. H. Webb, Charles Kempton, J. J. Berry, A. Durrant, Alex. Forsyth, Charles Lacey, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the death of a widow annuitant, and the Warden's Report for the past month was read.

The SECRETARY announced that the annual Festival of the Institution had taken place at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 27th ult., under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. of Northants and Hunts, that the amount of subscriptions and donations was £13,055, with 25 lists to come in, and that this sum had since been increased to £13,330, and the number of outstanding lists reduced to 17.

A hearty vote of thanks to his lordship for presiding and to the Board of Stewards for their services was passed unanimously, the vote to be engrossed on vellum for presentation to the Chairman.

An application by a widow to be allowed the half of her late husband's annuity having been acceded to, the Committee adjourned with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following sums have been received on account of the recent Festival of this Institution since our report of last week, namely:

LONDON.		
Lodge	£	s. d.
72 Bro. Frederick Dunn, additional (raising his list to £56 8s. 6d.)	9	9 0
180 „ E. Bateman (raising his list to £43 1s.)	4	4 0
861 „ H. Salter (raising his list to £57 15s.)	5	5 0
1769 „ Alfred Portway (raising his list to £43 9s. 6d.)	5	5 0
PROVINCES.		
HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.		
Prov. G. Lodge, donation of (to be distributed in portions of £5 5s. among the five Stewards for the province.)	26	5 0
723 Bro. John Mellor, additional (raising his list to £39 18s. irrespective of his share of the Prov. G. Lodge contribution.)	3	3 0
OXFORDSHIRE.		
Bro. Rev. H. A. Pickard (raising his list to £21.)	15	15 0
„ Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith (raising his list to £37 18s.)	1	3 0
SUSSEX.		
732 Bro. Francis Daniel (raising his list to £158 11s.)	21	0 0
With these and the other amounts since received, the total has been increased to £13,330 in round figures.		

PRESENTATION TO BRO. ALFRED GREENHAM.

A presentation was made to Bro. Alfred Greenham in the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, on the 12th inst., by Bro. W. J. Huggan, P.S.G.D. England (by desire of the donor), of a watercolour drawing, a description of which we append.

The centre of the design gives the Jordan (the River of Palestine), from which the Torquay Lodge, No. 1402, took its name, and strikes the eye as being the main feature in this most artistic production of Bro. Chapman's. The tortuous course of this lovely river, where the olive trees, the tamarisk, and the willow, fringe its banks, is very accurately represented by the artist, as extending for miles along the valley of the Jordan; while the foreground is situated near the Ford, where it is supposed the Baptist St. John chose the scene of his ministry. To the left of the inscription is delineated the picturesque waterfall at the head of the Shanklin Chine, that has made that town so deservedly famous, and which suggested the name of the lodge, No. 1884; at the foot of this sketch is given the name and number of the Shanklin Lodge, in which Bro. Greenham has laboured with such signal success. On the right is appropriately and skilfully drawn the centenary

medals of the two other lodges that have conferred their honorary membership upon Bro. Greenham for his services in connection with the Shanklin Exhibition, viz., No. 70, Plymouth, and No. 75, Falmouth.

The following certificate is neatly written within the drawing: "Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay.—This is to certify that the W. Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M., 1884, Shanklin, Prov. G.D. Hants and I. of W., was unanimously elected one of the Honorary Members of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, on Tuesday, Jan'y., 8th, 1889, on the proposition of the W. Bro. John Chapman, P.M., 1402, 1884, and 551, P.P.G.D. Devon; seconded by the W. Bro. John Lane, P.M. 1402, (and 2076) P.G. Reg. Devon; and supported by the R.W. Bro. Wm. Jas. Huggan, P.M., 131 (and 2076) P.S.G.D. England, P.S. G.W., Iowa &c., P.P.G.S.W. and P.P.G. Sec. Cornwall. The honour thus conferred is as a mark of the warm appreciation by the members of the Lodge, of Bro. Greenham's valuable services to the Craft Universal, in the origination, management and successful completion of the largest Masonic Exhibition ever held in Great Britain." (Signed (Fredk. S. Hex, Sec., T. W. Morgan, W.M.)

The design is very admirably framed in oak, with a gilt mount, on which appears the following inscription: "Designed and Presented by W. Bro. John Chapman, as a Masonic Souvenir of the Shanklin Exhibition."

The Craft Abroad.

HARMONIC LODGE, No. 356, ST. THOMAS, DAN, W.I.

At a meeting of this lodge in October last the brethren decided to send a congratulatory address to their Majesties the King and Queen of Denmark, the occasion being the 25th anniversary of their Majesties' accession to the Throne; and through the energy of Bro. S. H. Toledano, W.M., a very creditable amount was subscribed by the members to defray the cost of what was resolved to be a testimonial befitting so august an event. The address was engrossed on vellum (the work of Bro. Dr. C. E. Taylor), placed in a portfolio, the corners of which were relieved by gold, and in the centre stood the monograms of King Christian and Queen Louisa, surmounted by a crown, and underneath were affixed the figures 1863-1888, all of gold, and the beautiful carving of these respective characters was the work of Bro. F. M. Corneiro. The whole was set in a handsome mahogany case, which took the form of a book, with silver mountings. This case was of native workmanship, and from its beautiful simplicity was by no means the least conspicuous as an ornament. It was transmitted to the Courts through the Grand Lodge of Denmark, and presented to their Majesties on their Jubilee day—15th November—by his Royal Highness the Crown Prince, M.W.G.M. of Denmark; and it is a source of great delight to the members of the Harmonic Lodge to know that their tribute has been well received and is much prized by the King and Queen. Following are the address and the reply, despatched by their Majesties' command to the Harmonic Lodge:

[Address.]

"Most Gracious King, Most Gracious Queen,

"I.T.N.O.T.G.A.O.T.U.

"We, the undersigned Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers, members and infants of the Lodge Harmonic,

No. 356, of this Island, hailing under the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England, feel honoured in approaching your Majesties with assurances of loyalty, devotion, and homage on the auspicious occasion of the Jubilee of your Majesties' reign, and most respectfully beg to tender our humble and heartfelt congratulations on this happy event in the lives of your Majesties.

"We pray that the Grand Architect of the Universe will vouchsafe unto your Majesties many more years of life and health, to reign with undisturbed peace and happiness.

"We further pray that your Majesties will continue favourably to countenance and protect Masonry in your Majesties' dominions, and through your Majesties and other rulers of the world it may continue to spread its benign influence as heretofore throughout the universe for the welfare of mankind.

[Signed by 45 members and infants.]

"May the Most High bless your Majesty and the Royal Family.

"St. Thomas, D.W.I., 25th October, 1888."

[Their Majesties' Acknowledgment.]

"Hans Majestat Kongens Cabinetsecretaret.

"Amalienburg, the 30 November, 1888.

"On the event of an Address having been drawn up to their Majesties the King and Queen from the Masonic Lodge Harmonic, No. 356, of St. Thomas, on the occasion of the Jubilee of their Majesties' reign and submitted for Royal acceptance, his Majesty, my Royal Master, has most graciously charged me to present to the said lodge their Majesties' best and most gracious thanks, and to state that their Majesties have been greatly pleased in addition to assurances of loyalty and devotion so amply and so variously received of late to be able to add this handsome and cordial Address from the Harmonic Lodge, No. 356, of St. Thomas.

(Signed) "FR. ROSENSTAND.

"To the Harmonic Lodge, No. 356,

"St. Thomas."

This reply hangs on the walls of the Harmonic, by the side of the portrait of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and probably there is no other lodge in existence where there is such a connection between the G.M. and his Royal father-in-law, and this feeling naturally evokes a feeling of pride. The Harmonic Lodge is a pretty old concern, fast approaching the diamond period of its existence. Its charter bears the date 19th October, 1818, and the name of Dundas as D.G.M. Its original number was 708, afterwards became 458, and at the last re-organisation obtained 356, and at the next, which, in the natural course of events, must soon take place, it will go higher on the roll. It is satisfactory to say that the institution is progressing. The signs of its vitality are daily multiplying in new links to the endless mystic chain. The brethren for years past have been wise in the selection of those whom they have placed in the chair of K.S., and the reward has come to them in the prosperity of their lodge. The present occupant of the exalted position is a young and able Mason, and there are few lodges in these parts of the world that can boast of one better fitted to the post.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Statistics 1882-1888 Inclusive.

NAME.	Subscribed this Year.	Seven Years' Aggregate.	Annual Average.	Expended this Year.	Surplus.	Deficiency.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
London	4238 14 0	40857 8 5	5836 15 6	3377 0 6	2459 15 0	—
Bedford	—	36 15 0	5 5 0	—	5 5 0	—
Berks and Bucks... ..	122 6 0	1164 11 6	166 7 4	83 7 8	82 19 8	—
Bristol	—	131 5 0	18 16 5	41 13 10	—	22 17 5
Cambridgeshire	—	443 2 0	63 6 0	83 7 8	—	20 7 8
Cheshire	39 18 0	701 19 6	100 5 8	83 7 8	16 18 0	—
Cornwall	82 14 0	576 14 0	94 5 5	83 7 8	10 17 9	—
Cumb. and Westmoreland	—	1602 10 0	228 18 7	125 1 6	103 17 1	—
Derby	75 12 0	2368 5 0	338 6 3	125 1 6	213 4 9	—
Devon	84 0 0	1698 6 0	242 12 3	291 16 10	—	49 4 7
Dorset	—	232 1 0	33 3 0	125 1 6	—	91 18 0
Durham	252 10 0	1034 12 0	147 16 0	203 9 0	—	60 13 0
Essex	258 6 0	1450 0 7	207 2 11	125 1 6	82 1 5	—
Gloucester	21 0 0	1270 19 6	181 11 4	166 15 4	14 16 0	—
Hants and I. of W.	152 6 0	1999 0 6	285 11 5	291 14 10	—	6 3 5
Hereford	—	53 10 0	7 12 10	—	7 12 10	—
Herts	—	521 16 0	74 10 10	125 1 6	—	50 10 8
Kent	231 15 6	4812 11 6	687 11 1	416 18 4	270 12 9	—
Lanc., E.	126 5 0	3108 5 0	444 0 9	458 12 2	—	14 11 5
Lanc., W.	84 0 0	1264 15 0	180 13 7	416 18 4	—	236 4 9
Leicester and Rutland	—	777 15 0	111 2 2	41 13 10	69 8 4	—
Lincoln	21 0 0	84 0 0	12 0 0	166 15 4	—	154 15 4
Middlesex	305 13 6	2073 10 6	296 4 4	250 3 6	46 0 10	—
Monmouth	—	638 3 0	91 3 3	125 1 6	—	33 18 3
Norfolk	—	408 4 0	58 6 3	250 3 0	—	197 16 9
North Wales	71 8 0	467 10 0	66 14 3	83 7 8	—	16 13 5
Norths and Hunts	117 12 0	682 17 0	97 11 0	83 7 8	13 3 4	—
Northumberland	—	1395 1 6	199 6 7	125 1 6	74 5 1	—
Notts	—	692 4 0	98 17 9	41 13 10	57 3 11	—
Oxford	57 15 0	619 4 0	88 9 2	125 1 6	—	36 12 4
Shropshire	10 10 0	208 1 0	29 14 5	41 13 10	—	11 19 5
Somerset	210 0 0	1579 11 6	225 13 1	291 10 10	—	66 3 9
S. Wales, E.	—	1229 6 6	175 12 4	166 15 4	8 17 0	—
S. Wales, W.	241 15 0	812 5 0	116 0 9	166 15 4	—	50 14 7
Stafford	105 0 0	1931 3 0	275 17 7	208 9 2	—	—
Suffolk	136 10 0	1099 12 0	155 16 0	41 13 10	114 2 2	—
Surrey	53 15 0	1106 3 6	158 0 6	166 15 4	—	5 14 10
Sussex	30 14 0	1399 7 0	199 18 2	208 9 2	—	8 11 0
Warwick	—	909 2 0	138 8 7	208 9 2	—	70 0 7
Wilts	—	688 14 0	98 7 9	83 7 8	15 0 1	—
Worcester	57 15 0	983 4 0	140 9 2	83 7 2	57 2 0	—
Yorkshire, N. and E.	37 16 0	1638 11 6	229 15 11	208 9 2	21 6 9	—
Yorkshire, W.	260 0 0	4766 16 0	671 10 10	980 9 0	—	278 18 2
Channel Islands	215 5 0	535 10 0	76 10 0	83 7 8	—	6 17 8
Colonies	94 10 0	526 12 9	75 4 8	333 10 8	—	258 6 0

The figures of the year's subscription in the *Freemason* of June 30th, 1888, were kindly corrected for me up to the last day of October, and I regret to say have never shown so poor a result for the last ten years and more, and I trust they will never again show such a falling off.—Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.



Permission having been granted by the W.M. of No. 1743, the Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, 1743, will commence to hold meetings on Monday next, the 18th inst., at seven o'clock (and on subsequent Mondays), at Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., under the guidance of Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D. of C., who will act as Preceptor; Bro. C. G. Sparrow, P.M. 1743, P.Z. 1471, Secretary. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

The Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, has been removed from the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., to the City Arms Restaurant, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., and meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Bro. D. Moss, P.M., Preceptor.

A ball in aid of the Masonic Charities was held on Thursday, 28th ult., at the Queen's Rooms, Newport, Isle of Wight, under the banner of the Albany Lodge, of which Bro. Millidge is the W.M. Among those present were the Mayor and Mayoress. Most of the brethren wore clothing and jewels of their various Degrees, under a dispensation from the P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. There was a large attendance.

The first annual supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction will be held on Friday, the 5th prox., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, S.E., with Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, in the chair, and Comp. Addington, M.E.Z. 1275, in the vice-chair. All information may be obtained from Comp. Stone, S.E., and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of R.A. Masons on that occasion.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson presided at the 42nd annual festival dinner of the Earlwood Asylum for Idiots on Wednesday evening last. He was supported by Bros. Sir George Elliot, M.P., Sir Morell Mackenzie, Sir Francis Truscott, G. A. Sala, Augustus Harris, S. B. Bancroft, and a numerous company of ladies and gentlemen. The subscriptions amounted to £1965, including 50 guineas from the Chairman.

We understand that Bro. F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891, P.Z. 1642 and 1891, has been declared the winner of the chess tournament lately held at the Primrose Club, St. James's, having distanced something like a dozen competitors.

Bro. Shaw, P.M. 1869, presided at the annual dinner of the Isle of Wight Railway Staff, at Sandown, on the 26th ult., and among those present were Bros. J. H. McQueen, P.M. 13, W.M. 1869, and H. M. Barker, M.B., M.R.C.S., I.P.M. 1869.

The Cambridge crew, which will take part in the University Boat Race, from Putney to Mortlake, on Saturday, the 30th instant, arrived at Putney and did a good afternoon's practice over the best part of the course, while their Dark Blue opponents have taken up their quarters at Cookham, where they have remained since, and where they did an excellent day's work on Monday. The Oxford men will enter their appearance on the course some time next week. The latter have the advantage in weight, but the Cambridge are the same crew as won last year, and will have had the longer practice on tidal waters. The friends of both are sanguine as to the results.

At a meeting of Fortitude Mark Lodge, No. 78, at Truro, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., Bro. J. Tonkin, was re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Johns, P.G. Sec., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Langdon, Tyler.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Higgs has invited the Tower Hamlets Engineers (Col. Sir A. Kirby commanding) to hold a night attack at Willenhall Park, New Barnet, on Saturday next. After the "attack" the men will enjoy the hospitality of the Ex-Sheriff. In the afternoon, before leaving town for Barnet, tea rations will be served out, also at the expense of the host of the evening.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales has graciously consented to preside at the festival dinner which will be held at the Hôtel Métropole on the 29th May, in aid of the funds of the Great Northern Central Hospital in Holloway-road. It will no doubt be remembered that this Institution was opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales in July last.

Bro. Lord Brassey, K.C.B., presided at the festival dinner of the Merchant Seamen's Orphan Asylum, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Thursday, the 7th inst.

It is said that the Honourable Artillery Company have petitioned the Queen to use her influence with the Prince of Wales to induce his Royal Highness to resume his post of Colonel and Captain General of the Regiment, and that the acting colonelcy be given to a Horse Artillery officer of distinction.

His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has approved of the Military Tournament in aid of the Military Charities being held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, from the 20th to the 29th of June. The amount contributed to these Charities through the medium of this display since 1880 is £21,000.

From the 1st of April next the troops and military establishments at Hong Kong and in the Straits Settlements will be constituted as two separate and distinct commands, and Bro. Sir Charles Warren has been selected for the command at Singapore and in the Straits.

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

A lodge of instruction has been sanctioned in connection with the Perseverance Lodge, No. 1743, to meet at the Cheshire Cheese, Adde-street, City, on Monday evenings at seven o'clock. The first meeting will be on Monday, the 18th instant.

At the meeting of the St. Kew Lodge, Swindon, on the 5th inst., the W.M., Bro. H. B. Harrington, presented the I.P.M., Bro. G. H. Perrett, with a P.M.'s jewel. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented by the lodge of St. Kew, No. 1222, to Brother G. H. Perrett, P.M., in recognition of his services to the lodge as Worshipful Master, and to the Masonic Charities as Steward during the year 1888."

It has been officially notified from the office of the Lord Chamberlain that the Queen has been pleased to allow the members and honorary associates of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England to wear generally the insignia of their respective grades in the said Order, as provided for in the Royal Charter of Incorporation of 14th May, 1888.

The second annual report of the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois is in all respects satisfactory, the number of members having increased from 112 to 129, and the balance as between receipts and expenditure being on the right side of the account.

The third anniversary dinner in aid of the funds of the Dramatic and Musical Sick Fund, will take place at the Hôtel Métropole, on Wednesday next, the 20th inst.

The Queen's Jubilee presents have been arranged in the grand vestibule at Windsor Castle, and were shown to the public on the re-opening of the State Apartments on Monday.

We gather from a paper compiled by Bro. John Haigh, on "Grand Lodge Legislation; its adjuncts and consequences," and by him read before the Grand Consistory of Massachusetts, A. and A. Rite, on the 21st January last, that the author considers the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts committed a grievous error when, some time since, it declared that "certain bodies"—of high Degrees, "as Bro. Jacob Norton would call them—were regular, and by implication, that certain other bodies of a similar character were irregular. Our belief is that a Grand Lodge has nothing whatever to do with any other Degrees than those of Craft Masonry, the Degree of the Royal Arch being necessarily included.

We have to notify that the City of London Lodge of Instruction has postponed its meetings "sine die."

At a meeting of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, held at the Town Hall, Westminster, on Monday, the 11th instant, Bro. R. E. Goffin, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. James Gibson, Treas. Among those present were Bros. H. Mainwaring Dunstan, J.W.; W. H. Baker, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M. and Sec. 1563, Sec.; C. C. Piper, S.D.; J. Hayter, J.D.; and F. J. Smith, I.G. After the lodge the brethren dined together at Bro. Clout's restaurant, Victoria Mansions, where they were joined by Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., P.M., P.G.O., the first Master of the lodge.

In view of Bro. Joseph Da Silva's departure for South Africa, the brethren of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, of which he is the first W.M., propose to present him with a jewel on Monday next, as a token of their regard and esteem.

The will and codicil of Bro. Adolphus Edward Painter, formerly of the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, and late of Aldborough Hall, Ilford, and 56, Loftus-road, Shepherd's Bush, who died on January 15th, were proved on the 2nd inst., by Mr. Edmund Poole and Mr. Percy Charles Robinson, of Union-court, Old Broad-street, the executors, the value of the personal estate being sworn to exceed £6,500.

The Directors of the Portman Rooms Company, Limited, have declared an interim dividend at the rate of ten per Cent. per annum for the half-year ending February 28th, 1889.

The funeral of Bro. Charles Robb, solicitor, Edinburgh, who died from the effects of an accident which he sustained on alighting from an omnibus some weeks ago, took place with Masonic honours on Saturday, the 9th inst. There was a large turn-out of the brethren of Lodge Journeymen, No. 8, of which the deceased was the I.P.M., and there were also representatives of several other Masonic lodges in the city. The coffin, on which were several wreaths, was borne shoulder-high from Bro. Robb's residence to Corstorphine Churchyard by members of the Journeymen Lodge; and the procession to the grave was led by the deceased's fellow-Craftsmen walking two abreast, the other Masons and friends following behind the coffin. The funeral service at the house and grave was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Dodds. The progress of the procession was witnessed with sympathetic interest by the villagers.

CRYSTAL PALACE DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.—The ordinary half-yearly general meeting will be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, to-day (Friday), when the report of the directors, together with a statement of account, will be submitted. The progress of the company during the half-year ended on the 31st December, 1888, is declared to have been satisfactory, the quantity of gas sold having increased 4 per Cent., as compared with the corresponding period of 1887, while the prices of residual products have improved, and the cost of coal in store has been lower. The nett profit made during the half-year amounts to £23,639 17s. 7d., and the directors recommend the declaration of a dividend at the following rates: Of 6 per Cent. on the Preference Stock, 7 per Cent. on the Ordinary 7 per Cent. Stock, 10 per Cent. on the Ordinary 10 per Cent. Stock, and 7 per Cent. on the New Ordinary 7 per Cent. Stock. This will amount to £13,625 17s. 4d., inclusive of Income Tax, and if the recommendation is approved by the proprietors, the warrants will be forwarded on or before the 22nd inst. to all who were registered as proprietors on the 31st December. The directors further recommend a reduction in the price of gas to 2s. 7d. per 1000 cubic feet from and after the date of the present Lady Day quarter's accounts. The directors and auditors who retire from office by rotation are eligible for re-election.

A lodge of instruction is now being held on the second and fourth Mondays at the Amherst Club, Hackney, in connection with the Tyssen Amherst Lodge, No. 2242.

The second annual ball in connection with St. Bartholomew's Lodge, No. 696, took place on the 8th inst., in the Town Hall, and was attended by an influential representation of the ancient Craft, both from Wednesbury and other parts of South Staffordshire. The hall, the corridor (which was luxuriously fitted up as a lounge), and the supper rooms had been elegantly decorated for the occasion. Members of the Order were attired in full Masonic clothing and jewels, whilst several volunteer officers appeared in full dress. Supper was afterwards supplied, Bro. G. Platt, W.M. of the lodge, presiding, in the Council Chamber, and Bro. T. Jones, I.P.M., in the Committee Room. Bro. Dunbar Steen, of the Lodge of Honour, afterwards gave several recitations in fine style; and songs were sung by Bros. Horton and Shread, Bro. H. Palethorpe acting as accompanist. Dancing was to the music of Messrs. Williams's string band, Mr. W. Tibbits officiating as M.C.

Bro. Henry D. Aslet will be installed as W.M. of the Wellington Lodge, No. 1892, at Carshalton, on Thursday next.

It is rumoured that the brethren of Yarmouth are going to give a ball. This will give pleasure to a large circle, should the information prove correct. It is said many of the senior brethren are averse to the graceful art of dancing, but then the younger men delight in the whirl of the intoxicating waltz, and expect that they will win the day.

The Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Gray, and Bro. Sheriff Newton have accepted invitations to dine with the Markets' Committee at the Guildhall Tavern on Wednesday, the 27th instant.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.—The Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, was the scene of a goodly gathering of the members of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when Bro. J. Bond, proprietor of the Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, was presented with a gratifying testimonial. This consisted of a gold decoration bearing the silver cross keys, emblematic of the office of Treasurer, which Bro. Bond has held for more than 20 years. The following is the inscription: "Presented to Bro. Jas. Bond, P.M., in recognition of his valuable services as Treasurer, 1867—88." The presentation in question is one of a large number of which Bro. Bond has been the recipient during a long and honourable connection with Freemasonry.

On the 11th inst. there was a numerous gathering at Retford in connection with the annual installation at the Vernon Lodge, No. 1802. The W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. R. B. Ogle, was installed by Bro. Ensor Drury, 296, P.P.G.W. West Yorks, and there were many visitors present from Doncaster, Sheffield, Newark, Worksop, and Nottingham. The other officers were invested. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. G. Morton, the retiring W.M.

Sir Henry Morland, Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, has caused through his secretary a circular to be issued to all the Masonic lodges in India under his jurisdiction to go into Masonic mourning until March 31 next, as a mark of respect to the memory of Bro. J. Y. Lang, Depute Grand Master, "whose genial qualities and exalted principles endeared him to all." We learn that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, District Grand Master of Bombay and its Territories, sent a telegram from an out-station to Sir Henry Morland, expressing his grief and sympathy with the Grand Lodge in the heavy loss sustained by them in the sad death of Bro. Lang, Depute Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India.

Bro. Lord Herschell has returned from India.

Bro. Sir Somers Vine, Assistant Secretary of the Imperial Institute, arrived at Brisbane on Monday, and was expected to leave in the course of the week for Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide. He has quite recovered from the attack of bronchitis and pneumonia from which he suffered shortly after his departure from England.

Some of the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, have resolved to mark their esteem for Bro. Joseph Da Silva, P.M. and Secretary, by presenting him with some souvenir previous to his leaving for Johannesburg. The presentation, which, we believe, will take the form of a gold watch, will be made at the Cannon-street Hotel on Tuesday, the 19th inst.

THE BOHEMIANS.—The social club, as it is termed, apparently bids fair to be the club of the future, the latest addition being the Bohemians, in connection with the Bohemian Musical Society, who held their opening dinner on Wednesday night, at the Club-house, in Oxford-street, with Mr. Charles Williams in the chair, supported by Bros. Lord Wolseley, General Sir Redvers Buller, Col. Clerke, and several other military men. Lord Wolseley, in responding for "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," urged those opinions for holding which, as he said, he and others had been called alarmists and panic-mongers. A letter was read from Lord Charles Beresford, who had to attend, by Royal command, at the Colonial Institute. "Success to the Club" was proposed by Gen. Sir R. Buller, and acknowledged by Col. Hare, the Secretary. "The Visitors" was responded to by Col. Gouraud. The club has been very successfully launched, and is in a district where the want of one has long been felt. It is intended to hold weekly concerts and periodical soirées, to which members can introduce ladies of their family. The grand salon is a fine room, and, though not very lofty, seems well adapted for small musical entertainments, and as the direction of these is entrusted to that veteran Bohemian, Bro. E. J. Odell, no doubt the members and their families have many pleasant evenings in store for them in the future.

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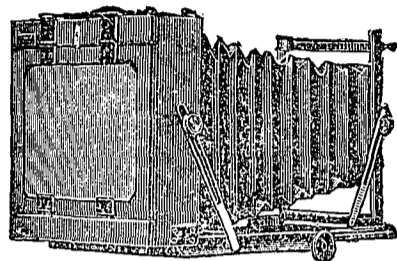
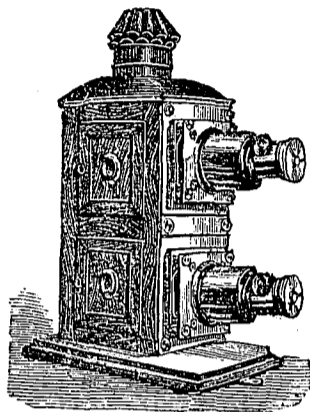
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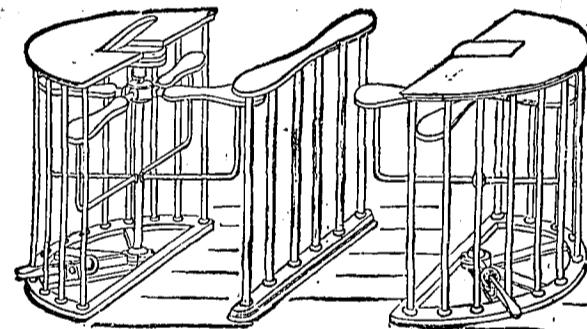
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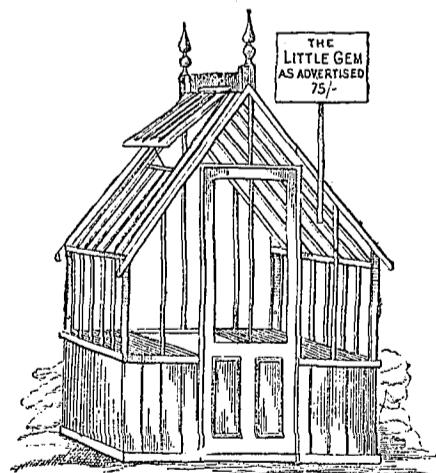
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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, March 23, 1889.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.
1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

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.

- 1766, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

MONDAY, MARCH 18.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern.
8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
21, Emulation, The Albion.
185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
1537, St. Peter Westminster, The Criterion.
1657, Aldersgate, The Albion.
1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.
2060, La France, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
2265, Barnato, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.

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.
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Aldie-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.
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.

- 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

MARK LODGES.

- 333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall.
361, Onslow, Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1420, Earl Spencer, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park-road.
1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.
1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bromley.
2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
2045, Wharton, White Hart, Willesden.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
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.
Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, at 7.45.
Emblematic, Mona Hotel (late Ashley's), Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 8.
Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 26, Castle of Harmony, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
46, Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate-street.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20.

Board of Benevolence, at 6 p.m.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.

- 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.
1382, Corinthian, George Inn, East Ferry-road, Cubitt Town.
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1624, Eccleston, Criterion.
1677, Crusaders, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
2241, Cordwainer Ward, Cannon-street Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.

MARK LODGES.

- 144, Grosvenor, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
199, Duke of Connaught, Shoreditch Town Hall.

ROSS COIX CHAPTER.

- 79, Orpheus, 33, Golden-square.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21.

House Committee Girl's School, at 4.30.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.
55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
169, Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
1139, South Norwood, The Albion, South Norwood Park.
1227, Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate.
1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
1321, Emblematic, Bridge House Hotel.
1365, Clapton, St. Botolph's Chambers.
1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
1613, Cripplegate, The Albion.
1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Wheatheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltbam.
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 Wolesey, 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.

- 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
834, Andrew, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith.
1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters, 1st Surrey Volunteer Rifles, Camberwell.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.
197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
509, Fitzroy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.
2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
1679, Henry Muggeridge, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, March 23, 1889.

MONDAY, MARCH 18.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 77, Freedom, New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend.
102, Unanimity, King's Arms, North Walsham.
248, True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham.
270, Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, Berkeley Arms, Berkeley, Gloucestershire.
302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Bradford, Yorkshire.
307, Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebben-bridge, nr. Halifax.
312, Lion, Masonic Hall, John-street, Whitby.
331, Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, Masonic Hall, Quay-street, Truro.
359, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
388, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Halesworth, Suffolk.
424, Borough, Masonic Rooms, Half Moon-lane, Gateshead.
455, Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, Kettering.
460, Merit, George Hot., St. Martin's, Stamford Baron, Northants.
543, Cleveland, Black Lion, Stokesley.
588, St. Botolph's, Corn Exchange, Sleaford.
599, Cherwell, Masonic Hall, Marlboro'-road, Banbury.
725, Stoneleigh, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.
827, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
840, Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton, Bucks.
900, St. George's, Town Hall, Tewkesbury.
925, Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
934, Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield, Lancashire.
955, Alexandra, M.H., Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge, Lincoln.
980, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxton, near Preston.
1030, Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris, Lancashire.
1113, Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
1141, Mid-Sussex, King's Head, Sherborn.
1168, Benevolence, Digby Hotel, Sherborne.
1199, Agriculture, Ship and Castle, Congresbury.
1205, Metham, Metham Masonic Hall, East Stonehouse, Devon.
1208, Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Snargate-street, Dover.
1238, Gooch, Town Hall, Twickenham.
1255, Dundas, Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth.
1271, Friendship and Unity, Masonic Rooms, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts.
1272, Tregenna, Masonic Hall, St. Ives, Cornwall.
1443, Saem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1502, Israel, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1504, St. John's, Prince of Wales Hotel, Woking, Surrey.
1531, St. Andrew's, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston, Suffolk.
1741, Montgomerie, King's Head, Diss, Norfolk.
1757, King Henry the Eighth, Town Hall, Hemel Hempstead.
1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley, Lancashire.
1895, Thames, Masonic Rooms, Henley.
1909, Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.
1977, Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, Essex.
2074, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Landport.
2081, Golden Fleece, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
2114, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
2208, Horsa, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth.
2289, Blundellsands, Alexandra Assembly Rooms, Great Crosby, Lancashire.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham, at 7.
184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, 7.30.
213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
315, Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 8.30.
378, Loyal Welsh, M.H., Queen-street, Pembroke Dock, at 7.30.
382, Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.
429, Royal Navy, Shipwrights' Arms, Ramsgate, at 8.
521, Truth, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, at 8.
962, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-sq., Worthington, at 8.
993, Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, Manchester, 7.30.
1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, at 8.
1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hall, Mossley, at 7.
1221, Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
1424, Brownrigg, King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, Kent, 7.30.
1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter's-place, Canterbury, at 8.
1530, United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Alford, at 8.
1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, 8.
1692, Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent.
1770, Unity, F.M.H., 79, Commercial-road, Landport, at 7.
1799, Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, at 8.
1804, Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford, Notts.
1804, Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.
1981, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park-road, Norbiton, at 8.
2134, Wilbertorce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, at 8.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
32, Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Ranelagh-place, Liverpool.
30, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.
40, Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
53, Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath.
139, Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
237, Virtue and Hope, Masonic Hall, Swansea.
274, St. Botolph's, Freemasons' Hall, Boston.
345, Perseverance, Old Bull Inn, Blackburn.
348, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Silverwell-st., Bolton, Lancs.
482, St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth.
557, Valletort, Masonic Hall, Calington, Cornwall.
1051, Kowley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Lancaster.
1375, Architect, Town Hall, Withington, Lancashire.
MARK LODGES.
9, Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon.
117, Remigius, Masonic Rooms, Mint-street, Lincoln.
140, Moore, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Lancaster.
218, Leygrove, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire.
327, Sincerity, Angel Hotel, Northwich.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
5, Jerusalem, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
39, Earnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
TUESDAY, MARCH 19.
CRAFT LODGES.
126, Silent Temple, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
127, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles street, Norwich.
223, Charity, 193, Union-street, Plymouth.
293, King's Friends, Lamb Hotel, Nantwich.
373, Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
378, Loyal Welsh, Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock.
384, St. David's, Masonic Hall, Bangor.
380, Unity, Town Hall, Wareham, Dorset.
414, Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading.
418, Menturia, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley, Staffordshire.
432, Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton.
448, St. James, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
498, Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
470, St. Peter's, Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, Carmarthen.
500, Mundy Grove, Boat Inn, Shipley Gate, Derbyshire.
510, St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
551, Yarborough, Masonic Hall, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.
500, Vernon, Swan Hotel, Stourport.
600, Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Malton, Yorks.