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It is to be regretted that Bro. the Earl of LIMERICK, who has presided over the Province of Bristol for nearly 23 years, should have found it necessary to resign a post which he had filled with so much tact and ability for so long a period. But his lordship's resignation having been tendered and accepted, we do not think that his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER could have performed a more graceful act, or one which redounds more to his credit as a man of judgment, than he has by appointing as successor to his lordship the brother who has been for so many years his lordship's Deputy, and who, for the last 17 years, has been at the head of Royal Arch Masonry in Bristol. Bro. W. A. POWELL's experience as a ruler of Masons has been acquired in many spheres of labour. Not only has he proved his ability as Bro. Lord LIMERICK's Deputy and as G. Superintendent of Bristol since 1872, but he has been during the greater part of the same period Prov. G. Mark Master of Bristol, Prov. Prior of Bristol and Gloucestershire in the Order of the Temple, and Inspector-General, 33°, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, in the Baldwin Chapter of Rose Croix. He is also a Past S.G. Deacon of United Grand Lodge, having been appointed to that office by the late Earl of ZETLAND at the last Grand Festival at which that noble brother presided as M.W.G. Master, and a Past G. Asst. Sojourner of Supreme Grand Chapter; while, as showing the esteem and respect in which Bro. POWELL is held by our Bristol brethren, it was only in the course of last year that a ninth lodge, bearing his name, was added to the roll of the Province. Thus, while we sympathise with the members of the lodges in the great western seaport in the loss of so genial and experienced a chief as Bro. the Earl of LIMERICK, we, at the same time, congratulate them most heartily on the successor who has been appointed to preside over them, and who was formally installed in office, amid general rejoicing, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. May the retirement of their late Prov. G. Master be all that he himself can desire, and the career of their new one as successful as his past services justify us in anticipating!

THE voting papers for the election of children into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the Quarterly General Court of Governors on Saturday, the 27th inst., have been issued, and from these it appears that the number of approved candidates is greater than it has been for a considerable time past. This is due, primarily, to the paucity of vacancies at the election in October, 1888; when only nine girls could be admitted from a list of 63; but those who closely examine the voting papers issued at the half-yearly elections have probably remarked that an augmentation in the number of girls on the establishment has no appreciable effect in reducing the number of applicants for admission. There is a reduction in the latter at the three or four elections which follow an increase of the establishment, and then the list becomes as congested as ever. Thus, at the April election in 1887—the year of the Queen's Jubilee—a clean sweep of the board was made, and all the candidates were admitted into the School to commemorate that auspicious event, the following October election being made from an entirely new list of applicants. Since then there have been only two elections, and we now find ourselves on the eve of a third with a residuum of 50 unsuccessful candidates from October last, and a new batch of 24 girls, making a total of 74 competitors for the 17 vacancies to be filled, and the increase of 20 children which, we may confidently anticipate, will be resolved upon by the Governors and Subscribers to the Institution. At some future time we may consider it our duty to inquire into the causes to which this untoward state of things must be attributed, but just now we are more immediately interested in this formidable array of 74 applicants, and any circumstances of special moment in connection with individual members of the list. We gather, in the first place, that London is responsible for 19 candidates, and is concerned in the success of five others, who are seeking support from votes both in the Metropolis and in the Provinces, while the remaining are children of deceased or reduced Masons in the country or abroad. As regards London, it will be seen that No. 3—one of seven girls who made their *début* as candidates in October, 1887—has 1732 votes to her credit. Her father's career

as a Mason was a short one, as he died within a year of his initiation, leaving a family of six children wholly dependent upon his widow. No. 9 has 1012 to bring forward; No. 11, 1701 votes; No. 13, 2564 votes; No. 14, 788 votes; No. 18, 1148 votes; No. 24, 1134 votes; and No. 39, 1395 votes; while Nos. 26, 32, 35, 37, 40, and 45 have under 500 votes to their respective credits; and Nos. 53, 57, 60, 63, and 72 are new candidates. The above are wholly London candidates, and, considering that, if the proposed increase is agreed to, exactly one-half of the list will be returned as successful, there ought not to be much difficulty in securing the election of several among the girls we have specified above. The five who derive their interest and hopes of support, partly from London and partly from the Provinces are No. 4 (Norfolk and London), with 1180 votes to the good; No. 23 (Suffolk, Essex, and London), 182 votes; No. 41 (Middlesex and London), 558 votes; and Nos. 55 (London and Surrey) and 59 (Kent and London), who are both new candidates. Of the 50 girls from the country and abroad, as many as five—Nos. 6, 8, and 27, old, and Nos. 65 and 73, new candidates hail from Devonshire, while the Province of Kent sends four, namely, No. 10; No. 16, with 1959 votes to her credit; No. 30, with 1063 votes to her credit; and No. 36, with 775 votes; and West Yorkshire, four, but all of them new candidates. There are two girls from the Province of Berks and Bucks, of whom No. 17 has 2418 votes to the good, while the other stands No. 74 on the list. The two Durham applicants—Nos. 28 and 42—polled only a few votes in October last; while of the two from Essex, No. 5 has been a candidate since October 1887, and has polled 1290 votes; while No. 43 obtained 314 votes at her first attempt last autumn. The Metropolitan county of Middlesex sends two out of the 24 new candidates, and the important Midland Province of Warwickshire has two remaining unsuccessful from 1888, of whom No. 21 has 1846 votes to count towards the approaching contest. The remaining 27 candidates are distributed among as many provinces or groups of provinces, the Somersetshire girl at the head of the list having 1520 votes in hand, while the girl from Victoria, who ranks as No. 2, has 2784 votes. No. 12, from Cornwall and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, carries forward 985 votes, while the Hants and Isle of Wight child, at No. 15, is better circumstanced, with 2229 votes in hand. No less than 2701 votes stand to the credit of the applicant from Nottinghamshire, at No. 19; and No. 34, from Lancashire, East Division, and Derbyshire, brings 1154 votes forward, the others being either new cases, or with only a few votes in hand. In the case of 13 of the girls, their fathers are described as having contributed to one or more of our Institutions, while the instances are still more numerous in which they won distinction in lodge or Prov. G. Lodge; but the point to which we attach the greatest importance, and make a point, therefore, of referring as prominently as we can, is, that seven of the children will have their names removed from the list if their friends and supporters are unable to secure their election at the approaching Quarterly Court. These girls rank on the list as No. 1, Nos. 13 and 14, and Nos. 41 and 49 among the old candidates, and Nos. 58 and 67 among the new; and though it is contrary to our practice to endeavour to enlist support in behalf of any particular candidate, we appeal to those who may have votes yet unpromised, or who may be able to obtain assistance from others, to do what they can to prevent these children, whose cases have been fully inquired into and pronounced worthy, from being sent empty away. Failure in the case of other children will not carry with it absolute disqualification for the future, but these seven children will be 11 years of age before another election comes round, and if they fail on this occasion, their failure will be irretrievable.

THERE are 72 candidates—or almost the same number as for the Boys' School—on the lists which have just been issued for the election of children into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the Quarterly General Court to be held in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 26th instant. But, unfortunately, the prospects are much less encouraging than they are for the girl candidates. There is one vacancy for every two of the latter, but the number available in the case of the Boys' School is only 17, and the proportion, instead of being one to two, is, unfortunately, one to about 4½. It may be that if the efforts of the Stewards to obtain supplies are more than usually successful at the Festival in June, some endeavour will be made at a subsequent election to reduce the list of applicants, the School being large enough to accommodate a greater number of children than is at present maintained; or the sum raised may not be more than will suffice to cover last year's or a part of last year's deficiency, in either of which cases all idea of increasing the establishment must be postponed till a more favourable opportunity. In the meantime, however, neither an excess nor a lack of good fortune in June can have the slightest effect in altering, for better or for worse, the conditions under which this election will be held. There are, as we have said, 72 candidates, of whom 46 remain from previous elections, and 26 are newly approved applicants. Of these 19 hail from London; and there are

four cases which are partly London and partly Provincial, the other 49 being Provincial and from Districts or lodges in foreign parts. Ten of the London children have been candidates at one or more previous elections, and of these No. 6 has 993 votes in hand; No. 9, 1677 votes; No. 11, 1160 votes; No. 16, 473 votes; No. 17, 1371 votes; No. 22, 186 votes; No. 24, 336 votes; No. 34, 833 votes; No. 37, 207 votes; and No. 40, 259 votes; the remaining nine are new cases. Of the four who are entitled to claim support from the Provinces as well as London, Nos. 46 and 52 are from Kent and London, and the former has 828 votes in hand. No. 10, from Hants and the Isle of Wight and London, has 1081 votes to the good, and No. 57 (West Lancashire and London) is a new candidate. The 49 Provincial candidates are distributed over a large area, Durham being responsible for No. 2, who has scored 988 votes from four previous attempts, and will become ineligible if he is not elected this time; and Nos. 26 and 31, who were candidates for the first time in October last. Bristol and West Yorkshire send two candidates apiece, and both new ones, one of the two from the latter Province having this one and only chance of being elected; while Gloucestershire has one old and one new candidate, though, as regards votes, there is absolutely no difference between them, the old candidate having obtained no support whatever at his first attempt in October, 1888. Nos. 12 and 25 hail from Cumberland and Westmorland, Nos. 20 (with 857 votes to his credit) and 29 from Lincolnshire; and Nos. 13 and 15 from Jersey, the former having 959 votes and the latter 920 votes in hand; while Madras furnishes No. 14, who brings forward 1165 votes, and No. 67, a new candidate. Of the rest, No. 3 (Essex) has 414 votes to the good, but only this remaining chance of being elected; No. 8 (Cornwall), 1374; No. 21 (Jersey and Ceylon), 664 votes; No. 27 (Herts), 1049 votes; No. 30 (Northumberland), 1988 votes; No. 32 (South Wales, East Division), 1868 votes; No. 38 (South Wales, West Division), 790 votes, but no further chance if unsuccessful on this occasion; and No. 45 (New South Wales), 1307 votes. In 19 cases the fathers contributed to one or more of our Charities, while in a still greater proportion they had won distinction by length or brilliancy of service. But, as in the case of the Girls' School list, the point on which we consider it our duty to lay the chief stress is that Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 24, 38, 47, and 62 will have their names removed from the list if they are not successful in securing places among the winning candidates, and for this reason we ask brethren who may have spare votes at their disposal, or are able to influence the votes of others, to do what is in their power to prevent these eleven boys—or as many of them as possible—from being utterly disappointed. A few of the earlier candidates stand well, and we may assume that their friends will exert themselves to secure their return, but as the contest is certain to be a keen one, nothing should be left to chance. As we have said, however, in our remarks about the coming Girls' election, in the case of these 11 boys, if they fail now, their failure is absolute and irretrievable, while the other 61 candidates will have at least one, and it may be several more chances of being received into the School, even if not a single vote is cast for them on the present occasion.

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The late
Bro. General
Brownrigg, C.B.

THE news that our distinguished and eminently popular brother, General BROWNRIGG, Prov. G. Master and Grand Superintendent of Surrey, is no longer among us, will be received everywhere throughout the Craft with the most profound regret. The deceased had been a member of our Society for a very long time, having been appointed to the chair of Senior Grand Warden of England as far back as 1858. He succeeded the late Bro. ALEXANDER DOBIE as Prov. G. Master of Surrey in 1871, and was appointed G. Superintendent two years later. He also held high rank in the Templar and A. and A. Rite systems of Masonry, and, above all, had rendered signal service on behalf of our Charitable Institutions. He was esteemed and respected by the brethren of the province he had so long presided over; and, though his name will still be familiar among Craftsmen, and the work that he did will bear testimony to his ability and energy as a ruler, there is no doubt that for a long time to come his loss will be very seriously felt, more particularly in Surrey, and among the members of the various lodges and chapters with which he had been associated as member or founder. To the members of his family, and especially to those who have themselves done so much to add lustre to the name of BROWNRIGG, we respectfully tender our sympathy in the bereavement they have sustained.

MASONIC FACTS, NOT FICTIONS.

BY BRO. JNO. LANE.

I have neither the time nor the desire to inflict upon the readers of the *Freemason* a lengthy reply to Bro. Sadler's discursive communication, in which he does not attempt to solve the problem that lies at the foundation of the whole matter. What I asked for—and it is still wanted—is clear and distinct evidence that the originators of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge acquired their knowledge of those "certain differences" which are stated to have existed between their working and that of the "Moderns," without having been actual members of the "Modern" organisation. And as a correct understanding of the whole question is, to a great extent, involved in this one point, I await the production of satisfactory evidence in support of Bro. Sadler's opinion, and, in the meantime, decline to be drawn into a discussion of other subjects.

What is wanted is the *truth*, and not theories, however plausible and attractive; *facts*, and not fancies, however highly coloured, for this is surely a case that should be decided according to *evidence*, and not by "opinions." Still, if it were a matter of opinion only, surely one brother's opinion might be considered as good as another's, even although he failed to appreciate the distinguished (?) honour of being designated the representative of the views of a "very select circle."

Torquay, March 30th.

INSTALLATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF BRISTOL.

On Wednesday, the 27th ult., there was an imposing Masonic ceremonial in Bristol on the occasion of the installation of Bro. W. A. F. Powell as Provincial Grand Master in succession to Bro. the Earl of Limerick, who has recently resigned on account of his increased public duties occupying so much of his time as to render it difficult for him to devote the attention to his Masonic duties that he could have wished. Bro. Powell is a very old Mason, having been initiated so far back as 1843 in the Moira Lodge, now known as the Moira Lodge of Honour, No. 326, of which he is the oldest subscribing member. He attained the high rank of D.P.G.M. in 1853, acting under the late Bro. Shute, the then P.G.M., and subsequently the Earl of Limerick, who was installed as Grand Master of the Province of Bristol in 1867. Bro. Powell also holds the high position of P.G.D. in the Grand Lodge of England.

From the great respect in which Bro. Powell has been held in the Province of Bristol for so many years, it is scarcely a matter for wonder that his promotion by the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales was very popular throughout the province, and that the installation ceremony should have drawn together probably the largest and most brilliant assemblage of brethren that has ever been witnessed among the Fraternity in the province. The Masonic Hall in Park-street, spacious as it is, was far too limited in size to accommodate the brethren who had expressed their intention to be present, and accordingly it was found necessary to engage the Victoria Rooms, and it was here that the ceremony and the subsequent banquet took place.

The following Present and Past Grand Officers were present: Bros. the Earl of Limerick, P.P.G.M.; Col. Lyne, Prov. G.M. Monmouthshire; Brigadier-Gen. Adair, P.P.G.M. Somerset; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, M.A., G. Chap.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; the Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; H. C. Tombs, P.G.D.; R. C. Else, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Somerset; Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Wilts; S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; and J. L. Stothert, G. Std. Br.

The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were: Bros. J. R. Bramble, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M.; S. E. Taylor, P.G. Std. Br., P.G. Treas.; H. R. James, P.S.G.W.; J. M. Hunt, P.J.G.W.; E. Beaden Colthurst, P.P. S.G.W., P.G.D.C.; Pierrepont Harris, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; W. E. Parry, P.G. Reg.; J. Westlake, P.S.G.D.; J. C. Bingham, P.J.G.D.; A. C. St. Paul, P.G.S. of W.; F. R. Geary, P.A.G.D.C.; C. K. C. Herapath, P.G.S.B.; H. G. Tasker, P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Lawson, P.G. Org.; E. F. Collins, P.A.G. Sec.; and J. O'wner, P.G. Purst.

Of the proceedings of the Especial Provincial Grand Lodge, we can only say that they were most impressive, and that they were conducted by Bro. the Earl of Limerick, assisted by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

The newly-Installed Grand Master appointed as his Deputy Bro. J. R. Bramble, who is a member of 103, and who has for many years filled the office of Prov. Grand Registrar. Bro. Bramble's successor as Prov. Grand Registrar is Bro. W. E. Parry, P.M. 686.

In the evening there was a grand banquet, over which the P.G.M. presided. Covers were laid for 150. The usual Masonic toasts were given.

CONSECRATION OF THE WAVERTREE LODGE, No. 2294, AT WAVERTREE.

Numerically, the Province of West Lancashire stands at the head of the Masonic divisions under the Grand Lodge of England, and the recent additions to the roll of lodges show that the Craft continues to prosper under the sway of the Prov. G.M. The consecration of the Wavertree Lodge, No. 2294, on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Coffee House, Wavertree, gives further proof of the vitality of the Order, and its inauguration was marked by the greatest promise of brilliant success.

There was an attendance of nearly 100 brethren, comprising Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and other chiefs of the Craft.

The ceremony of consecration and installation was effectively performed by Bro. T. M. Shuttleworth, P.S.G.W., assisted by Bros. E. Segar, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. W. Gardner, P.G.C.; and J. D. Murray, P.P.G. D.C. Bro. Robert Foote, P.P.G. Treas. (well known and esteemed in Masonry), was installed the first W.M., and the officers who will hold office during the year are Bros. G. Mitchell, I.P.M.; J. M. Smythe, S.W.; Eli Brooks, J.W.; Thomas McCracken, Treas.; J. Scott, Sec.; J. G. Hallwood, S.D.; G. Holme, J.D.; J. Pearson, D.C.; E. A. Pugh, Org.; W. H. Bicknell, I.G.; T. G. Parkes, J. Maguire, W. H. Harvey, and C. F. Connor, Stwds.; and Neville, Tyler.

Valuable presentations to the lodge were made by the officers.

At the close of the ceremonies, the brethren dined at the Coffee House, and the whole of the proceedings were of a most enthusiastic nature.

The clothing, jewels, &c., were supplied by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 2099, HERNE BAY.

There was a full gathering of companions on Tuesday at the Congregational School Rooms, Mortimer-street, Herne Bay, to witness the consecration of a new Royal Arch Chapter, named the St. George's, and to be attached to the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, Herne Bay. Comp. Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent, presided, and was ably assisted in the work of consecration by Comps. J. S. Eastes, Prov. G.H., as H.; A. Wootton, Prov. G.J., as J.; and H. Black, Prov. G.D. of C., as D. of C.

The following are the founders, namely: Comps. H. Ward, P.Z., M.E.Z. designate; E. C. Fenhoulet, H. designate; H. C. Jones, J. designate; J. Barnwell, W. D. Young, S. Saunders, R. Westwood, R. M. Mercer, R. J. Emmerson, P.Z.; F. A. Pullen, P.Z.; and G. Wallace, P.Z.

Chapter having been opened, and his lordship having delivered the customary address, the petition and charter were read, and the companions having signified their approval of the Principals named, the chapter was duly constituted.

Comp. Earl Amherst then vacated the chair in favour of Comp. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.A.G. Soj., P. Prov. G.H. Kent, who forthwith installed Comp. H. Ward in the chair of First Principal. Comp. Fenhoulet was then successively installed in the chairs of J. and H., while Comp.

Jones, J. designate, was, unfortunately, detained by business in London and did not arrive in time, so that his installation as Third Principal will take place at the next meeting of the chapter.

The following were invested as officers, namely: Comps. J. Barnwell, Scribe E.; W. D. Young, Scribe N.; S. Saunders, Prin. Soj.; R. Westwood, 1st A.S.; and R. M. Mercer, 2nd A.S.

Votes of thanks were given to Comp. Earl Amherst for consecrating the chapter, and Comp. Rev. T. Robinson for installing the Principals.

Various propositions were made, and the chapter was closed.

The usual banquet, at which Comp. Ward, M.E.Z., presided, was held, but the Grand Superintendent was prevented by other arrangements from being present. However, most of the other visitors remained, and the evening passed agreeably.

CONSECRATION OF THE EGERTON OF TATTON LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 400.

The Fourth Century of lodges under the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was completed on Friday, the 29th ult., by the consecration, at 8A, Red Lion-square, of the Egerton of Tatton Lodge, No. 400—so called after the distinguished Pro Grand Master of the Order. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Chas. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W., assisted by Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W., as S.W.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., as J.W.; Rev. Hayman Cummings, as Chap.; R. Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.D.C., as D.C.; W. A. Barrett, as Org.; and C. H. Driver, as I.G.

The brethren present included Bros. Belgrave Ninnis, W.M. designate; H. W. Kiallmark, S.W. designate; G. B. Brodie, J.W. designate; Dr. Harley Thomas, Lennox Browne, W. Thomas, A. W. Peckham, C. M. Jessop, H. Wright, G. E. Mercer, W. P. Chubb, Geoffrey C. Herbert, Lieut.-Col. Haldane, G.S.B., T. Purchas, and W. W. Lee.

Lodge having been opened, the following brethren were advanced into the Order by Bro. Purchas: Bros. G. E. Mercer, C. M. Jessop, G. J. Harley Thomas, H. Wright, W. P. Chubb, A. W. Peckham, Geoffrey C. Herbert, and W. W. Lee.

The Grand Officers entered in procession, and Bro. C. F. Matier having assumed the chair, appointed the officers to assist him, and briefly addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting. He said a consecration in this Degree was not of so frequent occurrence as in the Craft, but was nevertheless an event that could not fail to excite a large amount of interest. He would at once commence the proceedings by calling upon the acting D.C. to read the petition and warrant.

The officers named therein having been approved by the founders, an eloquent and impressive oration on the principles of Mark Masonry was delivered by Bro. Rev. HAYMAN CUMMINGS, acting Chaplain.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the new lodge formally dedicated and constituted.

The next business was the installation of the W.M., which was rendered in an admirable manner by Bro. C. F. Matier, who installed Bro. Belgrave Ninnis, the W.M. designate, into the chair. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. H. W. Kiallmark, S.W.; G. B. Brodie, J.W.; Hardy Thomas, M.O.; Lennox Browne, S.O.; W. Thomas, J.O.; A. W. Peckham, Treas.; C. M. Jessop, Sec.; H. Wright, S.D.; G. E. Mercer, J.D.; W. P. Chubb, I.G.; and Mills, Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the usual addresses to the W. Master and officers.

Sanction having been given by the lodge for the formation of an Ark Mariners' lodge in connection with it, a Committee was formed to frame the necessary by-laws.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers concluded the proceedings, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently dined at the Holborn Restaurant, when the customary toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said too much credit could not be given to those brethren for their energy in attending the various assemblies. He thought they were generally regarded as being "things of beauty," but hoped they would be "joys for ever."

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, P.G.W., in reply, said that, having arrived at the serene and yellow leaf, it was very pleasing and flattering to be told one was a thing of beauty. He was afraid that would not apply in his case, but could be more appropriately said of the other Grand Officers. However that might be, he hoped they were good Masons, and tried to do their duty. The Grand Mark Lodge had progressed of late, and possessed many distinguished G. Officers of other Degrees. They were all animated by the same feelings, which were to advance that Order as far as possible. He was glad to say there was an intimate connection between the Craft and the Mark. The Craft did not acknowledge it as a part under the Constitution of 1813, but practically they shook hands over a narrow table, and, as the brethren of the one were also members of the other, it was a distinction without a difference. They were pleased to be present at the launching of one more Mark lodge, under the presidency of their good, worthy, and hard-working Bro. Inspector-General Ninnis. He knew that brother did all he undertook with a great deal of fervour, and a determination to do his duty when placed in the chair. He was confident all would be well in this lodge in consequence. He was highly flattered, as were the other Grand Officers, to be allowed to fill the chairs on this occasion, and they would have the greatest interest in the welfare of the lodge, and watch its future with a pleasing feeling of remembrance of that night's proceedings. In the name of the Grand Officers, he returned hearty thanks for the proposition and reception of the toast.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave "The Prov. G.M., Dep. Prov. G.M., and Prov. G. Officers," and remarked that what he had said of the Grand Officers would equally apply to the brethren included in this toast. It was not all brethren could aspire to Grand office, but, as they were brought more under the notice of the provincial authorities, could, by hard working, hope to obtain the purple and red, characteristic of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. HALDANE, G.S.B., said he scarcely thought he should be called upon to respond, having laid down his arms in the province, and passed into Grand office. He might be allowed, however, to represent the Provincial Grand Lodge, and was sure Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett would be pleased at this new addition to his province, and would join in wishing success to the lodge. He might also be allowed personally to say that it was a great pleasure to him to see Bro. Ninnis, with whom he had worked in distant places, installed in the chair. From 20 years' knowledge of their W. Master, he augured well for the new lodge.

"The Consecrating Officers" was next given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER. He said the ceremony that had taken place was one of the many occasions to which he alluded in speaking of the life of the Grand Officers, which was not always a "joy for ever." In London that day, Bristol the previous day, and, perhaps, John o' Groat's to-morrow, or some other out of the way place, they could hardly say the Grand Officers had a pleasing time. If they could judge from all they heard, he should say a good deal of their time that ought to be spent in town was spent in travelling. But what affected the brethren more particularly that evening was the able manner in which the ceremony had been performed which constituted them a body. The members would unite with him in giving cordial thanks to those who had attended and done for them what they, if ever they wore those collars, would be delighted to do for others.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, Asst. G. Sec., said the consecration of a new lodge was one of those functions which were not undertaken every day, and when it fell to the lot of a brother to act as the Consecrating Officer, he naturally felt very proud at the position he was called upon to fill. That was his position that night, although he thought he was somewhat in the position of the local tenor who invited Sims Reeves and Edward Lloyd to assist him. In having the assistance of two Consecrating Officers of the other Degrees, who had won their spurs so nobly—Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and Bro. Philbrick, the Dep. Prov. G. Master of the province—he had had the assistance of two of the finest and best Consecrating Officers in the whole of the Craft of England. Some would say it was, therefore, presumption on his part to attempt the consecration. He had attempted it, and was sure they had launched a lodge which would be second to none. He had also to thank the other brother who had so very kindly assisted, Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, who had given them an oration which could not fail to be felt by every brother present, Bro. Berridge, the G.D.C., Bro. Driver, and Bro. Barrett, who performed their arduous duties in an unequalled manner. He should have failed in his task had it not been for those brethren, and trusted that in years to come the lodge would be one of the first which the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey would delight to honour. He thanked the W.M. and brethren very much, and in the name of the Consecrating Officers—of whom he was only one—he thanked them again and again.

Bro. MATIER then said that, in consequence of being the Consecrating Officer, he had the honour of asking them to drink to "The Health of the W.M." He could not tell them all Bro. Ninnis's good qualities—of those they had heard from a brother who was one of the greatest examples of English and Colonial Masonry, and who had told them he had worked with their W.M. in far distant climes many years ago. He (Bro. Matier) had known Bro. Ninnis comparatively a short time, but was well aware of his good qualities and knew that before he left the chair the members would be fully aware of them, for he would guide the lodge to success. With the toast he would couple "Prosperity to the Egerton of Tatton Lodge," and might the lodge go on and prosper year after year, so that every time the brethren were invited they might see it increased, not only in numbers, but in good work and in the knowledge of that ritual which he was sure they would carry out. He asked them to stand to their charge and drink to the health of the W.M. and prosperity to the lodge.

Bro. BELGRAVE NINNIS, W.M., said that after the very flattering remarks from Bro. Matier and other brethren, he began to doubt whether one of the Masonic sentiments was true—the one which related to brotherly love, relief, and truth. He did not mean to say they would utter that which was not true, but he was not aware he possessed all the good qualities which those far-seeing brethren had attributed to him. There was one thing they might depend upon—whatever he could do for that lodge they could be assured would be done. They did not meet so often that they could slur over their work. The welfare of the lodge depended upon the W.M. and the officers, but as the strongest part of a chain was its weakest link, so the working was often marred by the absence of some of the members. They hoped that nothing of that kind would occur with them. He wished to apologise to the Consecrating Officers. In the unusual position in which he found himself he had very improperly forgotten to put to the lodge a proposition that the Consecrating Officers should be made honorary members of the lodge. He did not know whether it was in order to put it then, but, under any circumstances, it should be brought forward in the usual way at their next meeting, and the result would be communicated to them. He thanked the brethren very much for what had been said of him, and for the manner in which his health had been received.

"The Visitors" was next given. The W.M., in submitting the toast, said he passed three years entirely with two mess mates, and after the first few months they knew what each would say before they began to speak. If such a thing could happen as a lodge without visitors, he could quite understand it would be like mustard without beef. Under these circumstances they should do all they could to visit and to encourage visitors. In proposing this toast he must refer to one visitor, his old friend and co-service mate—Bro. Dr. Purchas—who in such an able manner conducted the advancement of the candidates. He hoped those candidates would bear in mind all they had heard from that brother, who had but a few hours' notice prior to rendering the ceremony in such an able manner.

Bro. Dr. PURCHAS, in reply, said it was very kind, in drinking the health of the visitors, to couple his name with the toast as there were several Grand Officers present, but as those brethren had been called upon before, perhaps they would kindly allow him to return thanks for them. It afforded him very much pleasure when the W.M.—who was an old brother officer in her Majesty's service—asked him to advance several brethren to be members of their lodge in this honourable Degree. It gratified him to be able to accede to the request and confer a Degree which he was convinced they would all appreciate. He congratulated them on so early attaining office, which was but natural in a newly-established lodge. It had afforded the visitors great pleasure to witness the consecration, performed in the very able and efficient manner in which it had been. For the hospitality with which they had been entertained they all, as visitors, returned their hearty thanks.

"The Candidates" were next given and appropriately responded to by Bros. JESSOP and HARLEY THOMAS.

"The Officers" having been duly honoured, and Bro. BRODIE, J.W., having returned thanks, the Tyler's toast closed a successful and pleasant gathering.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1889.

Original Correspondence.

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Both Bros. Cousins and Vickers seem to have their "dander rized" at what they are pleased to call my mistakes. Had they written in a different tone I would have apologized and thanked them for pointing out the error, or errors. As it is, I shall simply explain the case. In the first place, I have always stated that I have taken my figures from the Festival reports, and I can assure your readers that no sum is credited to Lincolnshire from 1882—1888, inclusive, except £196 14s. 6d. for 1888, so that these figures should have appeared in the year's subscription column for 1888 as well as the seven years' aggregate column. In the table for the Boys I have made no mistake according to the Festival reports—my basis.

No one is more pleased than I am to know that the aggregate for the Boys for seven years is £457 15s. 6d., and for the Girls £327 1s. 6d. I have, therefore, much pleasure in making the correction as follows: Average annual payment of £65 7s. 10d. for the Boys, and £46 14s. 6d., against expenditure this year of £166 15s. 4d. and £145 6s. 4d. respectively, making the deficiency for the Boys £100 7s. 6d., and for the Girls £98 11s. 10d.—Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

March 30th.

THE POET BURNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As attention has been called to Robert Burns and his connection with the Craft, by a recent discussion in your columns, it may perhaps interest some of your readers to be informed that at the last meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, a jewel was exhibited which purports to have belonged to the Poet. It consists of a pair of compasses and a square embracing a radiated star, with the letter G in the centre. It is composed of transparent stones set in silver, and measures three and a quarter inches in depth. The jewel was accompanied by a letter (dated February, 1889), in which the writer says: "Its history as communicated to me by the late Bro. King, and only a short time before his death, was this: that when at Malta he became acquainted with a Major Burns, whom, by subsequent information, he learned was a descendant of the Poet Burns, and as the intimacy ripened Bro. King asked the Major if he knew of, or had heard of, a Masonic jewel which was reputed to have been the property of the Poet. The Major replied that he was the possessor, and produced the F.C. jewel in question. Bro. King had a great wish to possess it, and when they subsequently parted Major Burns presented it to Bro. King as a memento of their friendship, and it has remained in his possession till his death." It is now in the hands of his widow.—Yours fraternally,

April 2nd.

W. M. BYWATER.



S. DURHAM.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF DURHAM, 1889.

Whatever Bro. Hudson, the Prov. G. Sec. of Durham, does, he does well, whether it be in relation to the annual reports of the Prov. G. Lodge, the general duties of his office, or the editorship of the calendar. This issue is the largest and most useful of the series, and now deals with the adjoining Province of Northumberland, so that 54 lodges are duly attended to, besides the other numerous Masonic bodies. We refer our readers to our review of the work for 1888 for full details of the plan or method followed by the editor. We only now have time to deal with additions and improvements since then. There are some 30 pages more in the edition for 1889, a portion being devoted to the Province of Northumberland, and the remainder being most useful additions for the information of the Durham brethren. The tables of the meetings of all the lodges, chapters, &c., which must have been a most laborious compilation, cannot fail to prove most acceptable to the members, also the roll of Durham Stewards for Masonic Charities from 1879 to 1888. Of course, the Chairman of the Charities' Committee makes the largest total, but we had no idea his services as Steward had realised so much, viz., £1142 15s. for the Boys, £469 7s. for the Girls, and £410 1s. for the Benevolent—total, £2022 3s. It is no wonder that the brethren of Durham refuse to let our esteemed Bro. Charles S. Lane, P. Prov. G.D., retire, after such a noble record and such continuous labours on behalf of their province. The Durham Masonic Education Fund continues to flourish, as it truly deserves, the balance in hand being £104 1s. 2d., as compared with £78 10s. 11d. on the previous account. There are 17 children receiving support from this admirable local institution at an annual cost of £103 10s. The capital account is over £800, so that even more children might be elected to its advantages, in view of current income and substantial reserve. Again, that page respecting Knights Grand Cross of the Holy Temple of Jerusalem comes before us to tantalise or puzzle, as we cannot understand its character or constitution. Who will help us?

HISTORY OF THE CHAPTER OF UNITY, No. 72, AND THE ALFRED CHAPTER, No. 306, LEEDS, 1889.

Bro. C. L. Mason, P. Prov. G. Treas. and P. Prov. G.H. West Yorkshire, delivered an address to the members of the present Alfred Chapter, No. 306, Leeds, on November 9th, 1888, and we are much pleased he has consented to have it printed. It makes a very readable pamphlet and is doubtless much appreciated by the companions of the chapter more immediately concerned, besides being of interest to West Yorkshire brethren generally. The "Unity," No. 72, was granted by the Grand Chapter of the "Moderns" in 1790, and it is therefore the senior in Leeds as respects date of origin. It did not, however, assemble for work apparently until 1796, in which year the by-laws were agreed to, and are duly printed, with Bro. Mason's capital address. As Bro. Mason explains, and for which he quotes from Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," the United Grand Chapter having been formed in 1817, it became necessary to apply for a new warrant. This the members did by petition on May 17th, 1819, and nominated the "Alfred Lodge," then No. 571, as the one under whose wing they desired to work. On payment of certain arrears, amounting to £5 17s. 6d., sent "by the bearer, Bro. Black, the Guard of the Leeds Rockingham Coach," the new charter was granted and bears date April 3rd, 1819, a copy of which is given in the pamphlet. The continuity of the chapter is clearly established by Bro. Mason, but unfortunately the charters so issued are silent as to the numbers and origin of the chapters prior to the existence of the United Grand Chapter. Unless, therefore, the records are preserved, especially during "the transition period," it is almost impossible to trace their continuity, the old numbers being according to a consecutive and separate arrangement, and the new ones, simply those of the lodges under whose wing they decide to work. The name was changed from "Unity" to "Alfred" about 1819. An unfortunate hiatus occurred from 1843 to 1860, but on December 12th of latter year it was revived under specially pleasing surroundings, our lamented Bro. Woodford being one of the number who attended. There were, at least, four surviving members. Since then its career has been a prosperous one, and it is now "second to none in the large and important metropolis of the West Riding of West Yorkshire." Numerous tables add much to the usefulness of the lecture, and Bro. Mason may well be proud of the pleasing duty he has so ably discharged.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN DARLINGTON. By Dr. C. D. HILL-DRURY. 1888.

This paper was read at the celebration of the Centenary of the Chapter of Vigilance, No. 111, Darlington, by Dr. Drury, the ever courteous and esteemed Scribe E., and has already had a large circulation, having been printed in the excellent reports issued by Bro. R. Hudson (the indefatigable Prov. G. Sec. of Durham) of certain Provincial Grand Meetings, including a condensed account of Bro. Hughan's special Masonic lecture at Sunderland. The paper is now printed in a separate form in consequence of the great interest taken in its contents, and no wonder, for in some respects there is not its equal. The address deals not only with the eventful History of the Chapter, but gives a digest of the evidence respecting the origin of the Royal Arch Degree, in a popular form, and so brief as not to frighten anyone away from its study. We think it should be published with the by-laws of the chapter, and thus prove a sure guide and instructor for all new companions, who else would not know where to look for reliable information, either as to the ceremony itself, or the history of their own chapter. After reciting the main facts relating to the early history of Royal Arch Masonry, Dr. Drury enters upon that of his own chapter, which begins

so early as August 27th, 1769, being thus one of the oldest in England. The volume preserved is called "Transactions of the Hierarchical Lodge, at Darlington," and at that date the chapter was formed by six members of the lodge, so that they must have previously been exalted, but whether in Darlington or not we cannot tell. These minutes continue on to 1785, but "record little beyond the admission of several brethren to the Royal Arch Degree." Then ten pages have, most unfortunately, been cut out, but for why is not apparent. These missing records clearly referred to additional "exaltations," as the names of brethren occur, in subsequent minutes, whose admissions, not being noted prior to 1785, must have occurred during the subsequent period, now, alas, unaccounted for. According to Bro. Hughan's work, previously noted, the "Vigilance" Chapter was formed in 1788, as No. 56, but Bro. Dr. Drury proves, beyond question, that prior to this event, which regularised the members, the chapter had been working from the year 1769. The present warrant, exchanged as required by the Grand Chapter (formed in 1817), is dated Nov. 5th, 1823. Bro. W. Logan in his interesting history records the formation of the "Concord" Chapter, No. 51, Durham, in 1787, as the senior in the province, followed closely by Darlington, the companions of the latter town being possibly led to take the step because of the example set by the Durham brethren. There are several old chapters still waiting to have their histories written by some competent brethren, and we trust that the publication of several of these histories of late will induce others to follow in a similar way, so that we may soon have particulars of all the Royal Arch Chapters whose records are preserved of the last century. Who will be the next? "A little bird" has whispered that the history of the "Royal Cumberland," No. 41, Bath, may soon be expected. We hope the rumour is correct, and that others also are in progress.

MADRAS MASONIC RECORD, Vol. 1, No. 1. Madras: Addison and Co., Mount-road.

We heartily wish success to the proprietors of this new Masonic journal and trust the "Madras Masonic Record" may meet with an ample and regular support from the brethren in the district. It has made a good beginning, and there is no reason why its contents should not continue to be as interesting as are those of its opening number. Moreover, as the Editor reminds his readers, since the installation of Bro. Lord Connemara as District Grand Master, there has been a great revival of activity among the lodges under his authority. The time chosen, therefore, for the publication of the first number is an auspicious one, and we trust the new "Masonic Record" has a long and prosperous career to run.



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 26th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. Hakim, W.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., acting S.W.; Wetzlar, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Langdale, S.D.; Bye, J.D.; Sheppard, I.G.; Green, P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W. Middx.; Jordan, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A long discussion ensued upon the advisability of increasing the annual subscription to the lodge, but ultimately it was agreed not to do so.

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

"The Health of the W.M." was heartily proposed by Bro. Hudson, I.P.M., who, in the course of his remarks, praised the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had performed his work during the year. He also congratulated the W.M. upon the happy and pleasant way in which he had from time to time presided over them at the banquet table.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his acknowledgments to Bro. Hudson for the very kind way in which he had alluded to his services. His year of office, unfortunately, had not yet been signalled by the advent of an initiate. There were other matters to which he would not allude that had operated very much against his liberally treating the brethren to those creature comforts that they had received more or less from his predecessors in the chair. He hoped, however, that ere long No. 141 would be as prosperous as ever. No efforts would be wanting on his part to enhance its prosperity, and he felt confident that in his endeavours to gain that end he should receive the sympathy and support, not only of the Past Masters, but of every member of the lodge.

The other toasts quickly followed, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

LODGE OF UNITY (No. 183).—This lodge met at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Monday, the 25th ult. Present: Bros. E. A. Francis, W.M.; H. Hooper, R. Corsham, G. P. Britten, G. W. Speth, J. W. Oliver, G. H. Lindsey-Renton, S. Richardson, G. R. Langley, G. W. Pincock, F. W. Zimer, A. J. Hirsch, R. P. Angel, W. E. Watson, W. Newbold, G. Pragnell, W. J. Godwin, J. A. Goudge, J. D. E. Tarr, T. C. Tassell, A. Cook, E. Wareham, A. O. Side, W. F. B. Watts, F. W. McIlwraith, and T. Heath. Visitors: Bros. J. Doughton and C. R. Higgins, of 1076; W. Hopekirk, G. Purst., and J. Kew, of 179; F. P. Lester and H. Nilson, W.M., of 1293; R. Kolley, W.M. 1524; J. Godwin, 1343; F. A. Smith, W.M., J. H. Hastie, and T. Edmonston, of 1069; H. Sprake, 2192; Raymond Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C.; H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Middx.; N. F. Dalville, 1607; W. B. Trick, 1366; L. Hirsch, 1818; C. J. Axford, 1949; W. P. Brown, 90; J. Harling, 30; P. Sullard and H. G. Cubitt, of 2020; J. S. Tavener, 1044; W. A. Brown, 1567; A. Blenkarn, 1558; C. Quilter, 51; and P. Phillips, 820.

The report of the Permanent Committee was read and

adopted. Bro. J. A. Goudge was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. H. Hooper, S.W., was installed as W.M., and invested and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. Corsham, S.W.; J. W. Oliver, J.W.; G. P. Britten, Treas.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; G. H. Lindsey-Renton, S.D.; F. W. Zimer, J.D.; J. D. E. Tarr, I.G.; S. Richardson, D.C.; G. W. Pincock and A. O. Side, Stwds.; G. W. Speth, Org.; and L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler.

The presentation to the I.P.M., Bro. Francis, of a Past Master's jewel, by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, evoked great enthusiasm, and, after the ordinary routine work, the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The toasts and speeches were of the usual kind, and need no special comment, but the applause with which the W. Master was greeted was remarkable for its warmth and spontaneity, and was perhaps even excelled in both these qualities when the health of the I.P.M. was proposed. Harmonious as this lodge has ever been, it is evident that these two officers are special favourites.

The vocal music provided by the members and visitors was above the average of amateur work, and the evening, from beginning to end, was one of the pleasantest and most successful we have ever spent.

One little fact mentioned by the Secretary struck us as curious, viz., that although this old lodge has been uninterruptedly at work for 120 years, doing its duty staunchly and bravely in every respect, it has never had a Grand Lodge collar conferred upon one of its members. As one of the visitors remarked, this is possibly owing to its great modesty.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—This old lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 28th ult., and had a remarkably good muster, there being some 30 Installed Masters to form the Board. The lodge met, as usual, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, and was opened by Bro. Joyce, the W.M. The business of the meeting was not confined to the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. C. H. Sharman, S.W., but was preceded by two passings and two initiations. As the candidates were relatives of Bro. E. N. Levy, P.M., and father of the lodge, the privilege of performing the ceremonies was yielded to him by the Master, Bro. Joyce. The two brethren who were passed to the Second Degree were Bros. William John and Sydney Jacobs. The initiates were Mr. B. Jacobs and Mr. Edward Jacobs. When Bro. Levy had concluded his work, the chair was resumed by Bro. Joyce, and Bro. C. H. Sharman was presented for installation, a ceremony which was carefully performed by the W.M., and Bro. Sharman then proceeded to invest his officers for the year as follows: Bros. Cockell, S.W.; Marshall, J.W.; Grellet, Treas.; Peters, Sec.; Ellison, S.D.; Thomas, J.D.; Stone, I.G.; Terry, D.C.; Bincks, Collecting Steward; Joyce, I.P.M., Steward; and Harrison, Tyler. The business on the agenda having been disposed of, Bro. Watts, I.P.M., referring to the care with which Bro. Peters, the Secretary of the lodge, had managed his department of its affairs during the five years he had held that office, proposed a vote of thanks to him in the following terms: "That the brethren desire to express their high appreciation of the services rendered by Bro. E. W. Peters, P.M., as Secretary during the past five years, and of the manner in which he has discharged the duties of that office, and the interest that he has always taken in the welfare of the lodge, and, at the same time, to present him with a Secretary's jewel, as a mark of such appreciation, as well as of the respect in which he is held by them, and that such jewel be obtained and presented forthwith." Bro. Watts said he ought perhaps to apologise for not having taken all the brethren into his confidence about this matter; but the fact was that this little presentation was intended to be a surprise to Bro. Peters. "The best laid schemes of men and mice," however, as the poet said, "gang oft agley," and it had so happened that the parcel containing the secretarial jewel had been delivered to the Secretary himself, who therefore was not much taken by surprise, as was intended.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Joyce, P.M., and carried unanimously.

Bro. Sharman, in presenting the jewel to Bro. Peters, said that, as good wine needed no bush, so no words from him would be required to emphasise the deserts of Bro. Peters. He should therefore content himself with presenting him with the jewel that had been voted by the lodge, and, in investing him with it, would express the hope that Bro. Peters would live many years to enjoy it.

Bro. Peters said that he was very much indebted to the brethren for the honour they had put upon him. It had come upon him as a surprise, and therefore, without making a speech, he would say that he hoped his future conduct to the lodge would merit a continuance of their goodwill.

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

When dinner was concluded, and the waiters had retired, the remainder of the evening was passed Masonically in proposing, drinking, and responding to the evergreen toasts, without which the formalities of a Masonic banquet would be incomplete.

The intervals between the speeches were agreeably filled up with the very excellent singing of some of the members and their friends, the performers being Bros. H. E. Cockell, Capt. Watson, C. M. Ohren, and others.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Grand Master and the Grand Officers," may be passed with the remark that, in proposing the Grand Officers, the Master referred with regret to the absence of Bro. Magnus Ohren, who was prevented by illness from being present.

Bro. Levy, the senior Past Master, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," in doing which he said that it was a very, very pleasing duty that devolved upon him in having to propose Bro. Sharman's health. He was quite sure that there was not a member of that lodge who did not hold Bro. Sharman in the highest possible esteem. Bro. Sharman was initiated some six years since, and had worked his way up through the various offices until he had arrived at the high position conferred upon him that evening. Everything he had done had been satisfactory to the lodge, and he was sure must have been gratifying to Bro. Sharman himself. It was seldom a brother made such rapid progress as Bro. Sharman had made—to be Master of his lodge in six years and to have won the esteem of the brethren. The brethren must feel as he, the father of the lodge, felt, that they had the right brother in the Master's chair. He hoped that Bro. Sharman's year of office would be a very successful one, and he was sure that the W.M. would do his very utmost for the improvement

of those brethren who desired to occupy the proud position that he had attained. Pleased as they were to see Bro. Sharman go into the Master's chair he felt sure that when his year of office had expired they would feel a still higher satisfaction on looking back on what had been accomplished by their Master during his year of office.

Bro. Sharman, in reply, said that he felt very much obliged to Bro. Levy, P.M., and to the brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed by the one and accepted by the others. He took that opportunity of thanking the brethren for having placed him in that high position, and he begged to say that he should take advantage of that high position to maintain the high position of the lodge. He felt confident that he could rely upon the support of the members, and he hoped when his year of office expired they would not have to charge him with having knowingly neglected the interests of the lodge.

The next toast proposed by the Worshipful Master was "The Health of the Initiates," to which Bros. Ben. and Edward Jacobs both responded.

In proposing "The Healths of the Installing Master and the Past Masters," Bro. Sharman said it was a gratification to him to have been installed by Bro. Joyce, as it had been his good fortune when he entered the United Pilgrims Lodge to be initiated by Bro. Joyce. He had been very much impressed with the solemnity of the ceremony, and he thanked Bro. Joyce very much for undertaking the duty. As regarded the Past Masters they had a goodly array of them; Bro. Levy, who supported the lodge in a very substantial manner, Bros. Grellett, Oliver, Terry, Watts, Joyce, Peters, Nokes, Blake, Smallman, and Cooper. He gave them the healths of the Installing Master and the Past Masters, coupling with it the names of Bros. Joyce and Blake.

Bros. Joyce, Blake, Levy, and Watts having responded, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," for which Bro. De Graaff (who had come from Holland to be present), Bros. Dr. Dixon, and Bellamy, responded.

The next toast was "The Officers of the Lodge," and most of the Officers having acknowledged the compliment, the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

Among the visitors present were Bros. G. Eachus, P.M. 33; J. Dixon, P.M. 73; A. G. Henwell, 1601; J. Comout, 170; S. A. de Graaff (Leeden, Holland); W. Hunter, 452; B. G. Burrows, 1669; Chas. Arnold, 1679; Thos. Grumant, P.M. 1559; W. C. B. Bellamy, 91; Jno. H. Bridge, 209; Jno. T. Seaton, P.M. 822; H. Bunn, 822; H. W. Chambers, S.D. 822; Jno. Louder, P.M. 1622; Chas. M. Ohren, P.M. 452; J. W. Skelton, P.M. 1056; John Turner, W.M. 49; W. F. Grummett, W.M. 15; J. W. Cook, P.M. 401; D. R. Wise, W.M. 452; R. L. Lindall, P.M. 1293; F. Hutchins, W.M. 209; T. W. Robins, P.M. 25; and E. C. Massey.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 857).—This popular south London lodge held its installation meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Tuesday, the 19th ult., when Bros. Brown and Moody were passed. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. H. White, was then duly installed, the installation ceremony being admirably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Jenkins, aided by Bro. Boulton, P.M., as Director of Ceremonies.

The officers of the lodge being duly appointed, and the lodge closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet (provided by Mrs. Venables), the enjoyment of which was greatly enhanced by the presence of Bros. Grice, Hanson, and Heney, whose vocal and instrumental talents were much appreciated.

In addition to nine P.M.'s of the lodge and other brethren, there were numerous visitors, including, amongst others, Bros. Crowden, P.M. 1297; H. Evans, P.M. 1260; Burt, P.M. 538; Robins, P.M. 25; and Philps, P.M. 1297.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, and it was gratifying to the brethren of St. Mark's that many of the visitors expressed a desire to be present at another such a gathering.

STUART LODGE (No. 1632).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, the 25th ult. Present: Bros. Henry E. Vickers, W.M.; A. Bannister, I.P.M.; C. Linsey, S.W.; E. Pettit, J.W., W.M. elect; Thos. Poore, P.M., Sec.; R. Barham, D.C.; C. Fruen, A.D.C.; Arthur Crofts, I.G.; W. Morgan, J. Bolding, Mascall, Beaumont, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the audit report received and adopted. Bro. Edward Pettit, W.M. elect, was then presented, and duly installed W.M., the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. H. E. Vickers. After the usual salutations, the newly-installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. Henry E. Vickers, I.P.M.; Chas. Linsey, S.W.; Chas. Fruen, J.W.; Thos. Poore, P.M., Sec.; H. E. Vickers, P.M., Treas.; G. H. Morgan, S.D.; Arthur Crofts, J.D.; James Bolding, I.G.; Richard Barham, P.M., D.C.; J. Beaumont, A.D.C.; W. H. Vickers, Org.; Mascall and Westwood, Stwds.; and Thos. Bowler, Tyler.

Amongst the Past Masters of the lodge and visitors were present Bros. George Lilley, P.M.; C. Stuart Barke, P.M.; Hy. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; Alfred Bannister, P.M.; H. E. Francis, P.M. 1339; P.P.G.M. Middx.; John Rhodes, P.M. 1556, P.P.G.O. Surrey; T. G. Collier, P.M. 101, 901; R. Saxby, P.M. 720; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; J. W. Chapman, P.M. 1922; G. W. Evans, P.M. 1922; G. H. Chapman, P.M. 1559; F. M. Belby, W.M. 1327; J. Dunn, 1622; E. S. Smith, 177; J. W. Miller, 704; F. J. Street, 180; J. Hearsom, 167; G. Garland, 1728; T. Rawlings, 1686; and others.

The W.M. then presented Bro. H. E. Vickers with a of his year of office, at the same time complimenting him very handsomely P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), on the successful termination on the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair and his very efficient workings. The W.M. then proceeded, after being duly balloted for, to initiate Caleb Morrish, which ceremony he performed in a very efficient manner.

After the receipt of propositions for joining and initiation, and "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, and, after partaking of a first-class menu, at which the

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

"The W.M.'s Health" having been eloquently proposed, wishing him a happy and successful year of office, with abundance of work, was effectively responded to by him.

The toasts of "The Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Immediate Past Master," "The Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge" having been severally proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This civic lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W. Middx., in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. Herbert, W.M.; Schultz, S.W.; J. Young, P.M., acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Surrey, Treas.; Webber, S.D.; Scherer, J.D.; Nelson Prower, I.G.; P. N. Lardner, Steward; T. Simpson, P.M.; H. Bennett, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cattell was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Schultz was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. H. J. Lardner was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M. Bro. Walls proposed, which was seconded, and carried unanimously—"That the sum of five guineas be voted from the alms box, and placed on the list of Bro. H. J. Lardner as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." The resignation of Bro. E. Lardner was received with regret. The Audit Committee having been appointed, apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. G. Herbert, W.M.; J. Lister, I.P.M.; W. H. Jackson, Sec., and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Walls. The customary toasts followed.

An excellent musical programme was carried out by Bros. Carus, J. Young, P. Lardner, Schultz, and others.

HIGHBURY LODGE (No. 2192).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Railway Station. Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., in the absence of the W.M., assumed the chair, and was supported by Bros. T. Hastings Miller, P.P.G. Org. Middx., S.W.; James Terry, P.G. S.B., J.W.; John Barnett, jun., S.D.; W. Shurmur, J.D.; W. Maple, D.C.; Geo. W. Bowyer, I.G.; A. P. Bowyer and H. Sprake, Stwds.; A. A. Blot, W. G. Hunt, E. S. Crick, A. E. Sarti, R. Baker, T. L. Willis, and D. Bell. Visitors: Bros. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; Chas. Belton, V.P. Board Gen. Purps.; R. Harper, P.M., Sec. 813; R. Pierpoint, P.M. 177; Thos. Griffiths, P.M. 907; G. A. Pickering, J.W. 890; J. H. Atkins, 890; J. H. Thompson, P.M. 1471; G. J. Freeman, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; Franklin Clive, 1319; H. H. Myers, I.P.M. 1017; W. Coward, 2000; W. A. Harvey, 1348; W. Wright, Org. 1897; H. Hollis, P.M. 167; T. Payne, P.M. 1107; W. A. Higgs, P.M. 60; Thos. Beard, P.M. 101; Jas. C. Hayes, P.M. 619; J. Kift, 1791; A. J. Altman, G. Stwd.; Chas. Miller, P.M. 28; Chas. Townley, 2190; Sidney Tower, 1491; H. O. Rawlins, P.M. 18; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes were confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Messrs. D. W. Bell and L. Hansmeister were next impressively initiated into Freemasonry, after which Bros. G. W. Hunt and A. A. F. Blott were passed to the Second Degree. The chair was then taken by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., who installed Bro. T. Hastings Miller, P.G.O. Middx., as the W.M. for the ensuing year, in his well-known earnest and excellent style. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., S.W.; John Barnett, jun., J.W.; W. H. Baker, Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; W. Shurmur, S.D.; W. Maple, J.D.; Geo. W. Bowyer, D.C.; A. P. Bowyer, I.G.; H. Sprake and E. S. Cricks, Stwds.; and Morley, Tyler. The addresses were rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., with his customary earnestness and ability. On the motion of Bro. J. Terry, seconded by the W.M., a hearty vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. C. F. Hogard for the admirable and efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. during the past year in the absence of Bro. Alderman Savory, W.M., in addition to the onerous work of Secretary. Bro. Hogard expressed his thanks for this mark of their appreciation. The circumstances had been exceptional, for they had not had the pleasure of seeing their W.M. during his year of office. During the whole of his Masonic experience he had never known a similar instance in any lodge with which he had been connected, nor had he heard of such an unusual occurrence. He had endeavoured to fill the vacancy to the best of his ability, and was amply repaid by their thanks. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. R. Baker seconded, a sincere and hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master, Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., for the able and feeling manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The proposition having been carried "nem. con." Bro. Terry returned thanks, and said he considered it his duty, whether a member of a lodge or otherwise, to render any assistance in his power. On the motion of the Secretary, Bro. W. Wright, Org. 1897, was appointed Honorary Organist of the lodge. Several apologies for non-attendance having been announced, the lodge was closed.

After a recherché repast, the customary toast list was carried out in a hearty and cordial manner.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said their lodge had on similar occasions been very fortunate in the presence of Grand Officers, and that evening was no exception. It was a great pleasure to a W.M. to see so many distinguished brethren present, and he appreciated the compliment paid him.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure, which he was sure was shared by his brother G. Officers present, it at all times gave them to respond to the toast. It was difficult to find new language in which to respond, and he was sure he should meet with approval if he left the response to Bro. Altman.

Bro. Altman, G. Stwd., said he had the honour to represent a very old lodge—the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60. The duties of the G. Stewards were not very

onerous, but on the 24th April they would be busy in providing for the comforts of the brethren, and his duty on that day was the pleasurable one of looking after the ladies. It was his belief that the G. Officers at all times did their best for the benefit of the lodges at large.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., said it was unique in the history of a lodge to find the same brother rising three years in succession to propose "The Health of the W. Master." He had fortunately an easy task to perform in proposing the health of Bro. Hastings Miller, who had fulfilled the office of W.M. on four occasions previous to his installation that night, and that he had performed those duties in a satisfactory manner had been proved in the various lodges over which he had presided, the Prov. G. Master for Middlesex having rewarded him with the purple collar. It was an open secret that their W.M. hoped shortly to receive a purple collar elsewhere. As they were aware, Bro. Hastings Miller had for several years been a member of the Board of General Purposes—that Board which had the duty of looking after the whole of the interests of the Craft under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England. Their W.M. had been honoured elsewhere, for they found him representing an important Ward in the City of London in the Common Council. They were, however, interested in him as being one of the founders of their lodge, and its present W.M., and in his hands its honour and reputation would lose none of the lustre which, during the short time it had existed, he (Bro. Hogard) believed it had attained. He could speak for a long time on this subject, but he was sure the brethren would desire him to propose the toast at once as there was an excellent programme of music to which they would prefer to listen. In their name, he congratulated Bro. Hastings Miller in attaining the highest position they could confer upon him, and during the ensuing year they would have a W.M. who would fulfil the duties appertaining to his office with dignity, and with that "suaviter in modo" which was so essential in the occupant of the chair. They were also sure he would not be called upon to use his "fortiter in re." He asked them to drink heartily and sincerely to the health of the W.M., wishing him long life and prosperity, and a successful year of office.

Bro. T. Hastings Miller, P.P.G. Org., W.M., said it was with feelings of gratitude that he rose to thank Bro. Hogard for the way in which he had introduced the toast to their notice, although that brother had said too much respecting him. That he had taken great interest in the Highbury Lodge he need hardly say, from the fact of being one of its founders. He regretted that during the past year he had not been able to emulate the good qualities of the I.P.M., in consequence of his absence. He looked back with pride and sorrow to the time when his late good friend, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, became the first W.M., for that brother was his guiding star in Masonry, and they knew how well he discharged his duties in this and every lodge with which he was connected. He should endeavour to emulate that good brother, and support the reputation of the Craft and their lodge, and if he received their thanks at the end of the year he would be more than repaid for his trouble.

In response to the toast of "The Initiates," Bro. Bell said he rose with all humility and deference in the presence of his elders to return thanks for the kind reception accorded them. It would not be out of place for him to say what a Mason felt on being initiated. He had heard a good deal that night of the word "brother," and it reminded him that Macaulay, in the "Lays of Ancient Rome," remarks that the Romans were like brothers in the ancient days of Rome. Having entered Masonry that night, he promised them he would try to be a good Mason, and that was saying a great deal, for Masonry should be the common religion of the world. He felt that a new era in his life had opened to him, which he hoped he should not disgrace, and trusted he should live many years to be with them.

"The Installing Master" was next given by the W.M., who said that not only himself, but he believed every member and visitor, was grateful to Bro. Jas. Terry for the admirable manner and feeling way in which he performed the ceremony of installation. He regarded it as a pleasure that Bro. Terry should express a wish to install him, and, as one of his oldest friends, he felt it to be a great compliment. He asked the brethren to drink to Bro. Terry's good health, hoping he would live for many years to adorn Freemasonry and to be a member of their lodge.

Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., S.W., thanked the W.M. for having thought fit to make a special toast for the Installing Master, although he would have been content to have been included with "The Officers." In the discharge of the duties that day he felt more than ordinary interest. He had installed many Masters, but he felt he should like to have the privilege of placing Bro. Hastings Miller in the chair, for they had been connected for a period of nearly a quarter of a century, and had learnt to respect each other. He had endeavoured that day to render the ceremony to the best of his ability, and as a ceremony should be rendered—impressive, and was proud to have had the honour of installing the W.M.

Bro. T. Beard, P.M., 101, replied for "The Visitors," and returned thanks for the magnificent reception accorded them. This was his first visit, although he had received many invitations. He felt very pleased to be present, not only to see the present W.M. installed, but also on account of reminiscences which were of an interesting, but also of a painful character. It was his privilege to have known their first W.M.—the late Bro. Bowyer—many years before he became W.M. of this lodge, and when he heard of his sudden death he was amazed. The late brother was a good Mason, whose loss would be felt. They would excuse his digressing to refer to such an excellent and illustrious Mason.

Bros. Thompson, Griffiths, and Terry, jun., also replied. The Worshipful Master next gave "The Masonic Charities." Charity was the foundation-stone of Masonry, and he never liked to see that toast omitted. He believed their lodge had not been backward in doing its best for the Charities. With reference to the Boys' School, his opinion was that the cloud over that Institution was but a slight one, and that when the Report of the Committee of Inquiry was issued the school would shine with greater lustre than it had ever done before.

Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in response, said he did not think that in that lodge anything in the shape of passionate appeal was necessary to stimulate the brethren to do what they could in support of this great and noble Institution. As the toast

had been proposed by the W.M.—his good friend whose advent to supreme power he congratulated him upon, as he also congratulated the lodge in having chosen for its leader one so able and accomplished—he was bound to say a few words. Perhaps he might more particularly be allowed to address himself to the two initiates, the speech of one of whom he had listened to as one of the most able he had ever heard, and he congratulated the lodge in having admitted a brother who appeared to be imbued with a sense of the high importance of Freemasonry. He would tell them in few words that they had seen, in the happy gathering that evening, Freemasonry under the best auspices, that being the installation meeting; but there was a darker side in the large amount of distress to provide for. There was something like 1200 recipients of their bounty in the various Institutions to be provided for by them, and by them alone. Their Institutions boasted of a large amount of support. Excluding exceptional occasions, they could say they received from £50,000 to £60,000 per annum. That was an enormous sum to be contributed—by whom? He did not hesitate to state by the small minority of the Order. If all realised their obligation to do what lay in their power the Institutions would be much more largely supported than they were. At his corner of the table they had just been discussing the probable number of Masons under the Grand Lodge. They could probably take it as about 90,000, and he called upon Bro. Terry to support him when he said he did not think they would find more than from 10,000 to 15,000 supporting the Institutions. What would be the amount if every brother did what he promised to do on the night of his initiation? He hoped the initiates would become contributors to the distressed portion of the Order, and that they would become ornaments to the Craft, and from what they had heard of them there could be no doubt they could congratulate themselves on two such additions. He was not present to advocate any one Institution, for he believed all the Institutions occupied a common platform in the estimation of Masons at large. Exceptional occasions arose, and support was given to one Institution more than another, as witness the Centenary of the Girls' School. The Festival of the Benevolent Institution was celebrated with a large amount of success, though perhaps not commensurate with the wishes and desires of the Secretary, who occupied a distinguished position in the lodge, and who was always kind in advocating the claims of the other Institutions. The W.M. had referred to a cloud in speaking of the Boys' School. It was very rarely that he had the opportunity of differing from the W.M., but he was one of those who thought that that Committee was the greatest mistake ever made. Supposing, for argument sake, that the administration should be censured and the executive censured for certain measures, was there any justification why, on that account, their support should be withheld from the sons of Freemasons, who only looked to them for their education in early life? If they withheld their support because the details of the administration were not just as they wished, they must close, or curtail the School. They had 72 candidates, and only 17 could be elected. There was a great demand upon them by children for admission, and were the brethren going to shut up the bowels of their compassion because, for argument, say, £3 or £4 per head was spent more than was necessary? For whom was the outlay but for the boys of their Institution, and he could give them the result. Out of the 1838 sons of Freemasons educated—and they had now 263 in the Institution—a very large majority had been pre-eminently successful in after life. If there were any traditions in this lodge, he asked for a Steward to represent it. He was delighted to state that they had about 213 brethren who, in spite of the difficulties, had undertaken to go up, and but for this cloud it would have been increased by many more. He expected the report of the Committee on the 25th April, and, whatever it might be, he believed the brethren would find no justification for withholding their sympathies.

In response to Bro. Binckes' appeal, the W. Master expressed his willingness to serve as Steward, and asked the lodge to support him.

Bro. Hogard said he was sure the members would agree to vote five guineas from the Charity fund of the lodge to the list.

"The Officers" having been given,

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Under the direction of Bro. J. Kift, an excellent programme of music was executed. He was assisted by Bros. W. Coward, Sidney Tower, Franklin Clive, and Chas. Townley.

CORDWAINER WARD LODGE (No. 2241).—A successful meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 20th ult., when Bro. Frank Taylor, G.C., presided, and ably worked all Three Degrees. Bro. Alderman Colonel Cowan was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. H. J. Adams, was re-elected Treasurer; and a P.M.'s jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. W. T. Buck, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.M. and Sec.; F. West, P.G.D., acting I.P.M.; J. F. Hepburn, J.D.; and others.

About 30 members and visitors dined together.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The regular meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. J. Naylor, W.M.; W. Golding, J.W.; Hinnel, Sec.; John Booth, Treas.; W. Forrest, S.D.; J. Murphy, J.D.; J. W. Thompson, I.G.; Thos. Higson, Tyler; E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W.; Clayton, P.P.G. Chap.; W. H. Horrocks, P.M.; Isherwood, Broadbent, Barns, and Brockbank.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Booth, P.M., took the chair and performed the ceremony of raising. The working tools were presented and the tracing beard explained by Bro. Rev. Clayton. Before the lodge was closed it was unanimously agreed that the Secretary should write a letter of condolence to the family of the late Bro. J. A. Birch, P.P.J.G.W., and Chairman of the Charity Committees, expressing their greatest sympathy at the great bereavement they had sustained. And also one to Bro. Golding, J.W., on the loss of his wife. It was proposed by Bro. J. Booth, P.M., and carried, that the sum of ten guineas be given from the Charity Funds to the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Institution.

After all other business had been attended to, the lodge was closed.

ROTHERHAM.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 904).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Ship Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. Smith, W.M.; R. J. Buttenshaw, S.W.; J. Gibbs, J.W.; J. E. Wordsworth, Prov. S.G.D.; F. France, Sec.; M. Le Tael, S.D.; G. A. Illston, J.D.; F. W. Gillett, I.G.; H. J. Bingham, D.C.; A. Robinson, J. B. Henderson, and E. J. Hubbard, Stwds.; T. Chester, Tyler; T. W. Rooma, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Dickie, P.M.; J. Jenkin, P.M.; J. G. Needham, P.M.; Mullins, Cleaves, Davy, Moorhouse, Haggard, Foster, Lacon, J. France, Whitaker, Haller, Romain, and Hastings. Visitors: Bros. H. Arnison, 295; and J. W. Cleland, 306.

Bro. G. Foster was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. J. Jenkin, P.M. Bros. D. Mullins and D. G. Davy were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. J. E. Wordsworth, P.M., P.S.G.D. The working tools were presented by Bro. Dickie, P.M.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to supper, and the cloth being drawn, the usual toasts were given.

The W.M. sang "The Monks of old" in his usual fine and spirited style, Bro. T. B. Henderson feelingly sang "Wapping old stairs," and Bro. H. J. Bingham sang "Friar of Orders Gray," and a very pleasant evening was spent.

SALFORD.—Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Adelphi House on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. S. Ayland, W.M.; John Waring, I.P.M.; T. McClelland, S.W.; A. H. Duffin, J.W.; John Hobroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; G. Sam Smith, P.M., S.D.; B. Webb, J.D.; B. Eckersley, I.G.; C. Driver, R. W. Martin, John Ogden, W. Flett, A. K. Boothroyd, James Green, R. C. Gray, C. M. Williams, and John Simpson. Visitors: Bros. John Burgess, S.W. 1459; J. Bower, 1730; and F. Batty, 1231, 2076, and 2231.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. G. Roscow, which proved favourable, and who was subsequently initiated by Bro. Saml. Ayland, W.M. Bro. John Waring, I.P.M., took the chair, and Bro. Williams was passed to the Second Degree. The W. Master is to be congratulated upon the high standard of the working throughout, and he was well supported by his officers. The ceremonies were rendered more impressive by being full choral.

All business being transacted, the lodge was closed.

CROOK.—Crook Lodge (No. 2019).—On Wednesday, the 27th ult., a meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Queen-street, for the purpose of installing Bro. Edward Milburn, S.W., to the W.M.'s chair. The lodge was opened by Bro. John Graham, the retiring W.M., and the ordinary business having been transacted, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, being performed in a very efficient and impressive manner by Bro. Babington Boulton, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.P.G. Treas. The newly-installed Master then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. R. W. Wraith, S.W.; J. Joel, J.W.; J. Graham, I.P.M.; Rev. F. Newsom, Chap.; R. Dawson, Sec.; A. Y. Talbot, D.C.; G. Emmerson, S.D.; R. J. Robertson, J.D.; Myles Taylor, Almoner; J. Potts and W. Turner, Stewards; J. Hughes, Org.; G. Smith, I.G.; and J. Dowson, Tyler.

There was a large number of visiting brethren present, including the following: Bros. Babington Boulton, 111, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D., P.P.G. Treas.; R. Hudson, P.G. Swd. Br. Eng., P.G. Sec.; D. Armstrong, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Crawford, I.P.M., P.P.G.O.; John Reed, P.M., P.G.P.; Richard Thompson, D. Todd, John Barnett, H. M. Brown, C. N. Barker, T. Banks, G. W. Jennings, R. Pattison, T. H. Thompson, and T. W. Craig, of 1121; T. Ness, 111; F. C. Gibson, 1230; F. W. Render, 1795; and M. R. Sharp, 293.

A banquet in celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was subsequently held in the Mechanics' Hall, at which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and Bro. E. Milburn, W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. John Graham, the retiring Master, which was acknowledged in a very suitable manner.

INSTRUCTION.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. J. Page, W.M.; V. Shaw, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, W.M. 753, Sec.; J. Hutchings, S.D.; Campbell Beaver, J.D.; A. E. Carter, I.G.; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 1608, S.W. 511; R. Dillon, P.M. 1507; C. Hunt, P.M. 1425; S. R. Walker, P.M. 753; N. Turner, P.M. 72; W. T. Dillon, L. N. Nerwich, T. W. Manktelow, G. Wood, and J. R. Hill. Bro. A. Pozzati was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Manktelow candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Wood 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. Wood candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Pozzati was elected a joining member. The S.W., Bro. Shaw, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Secretary having read a letter announcing the death of Bro. Silas James Humphress, P.M. 733, and for many years an assiduous worker in this lodge of instruction, Bro. Baker, the Preceptor, proposed, in a few feeling and sympathetic sentences, that a vote of condolence with the relatives of our late brother be entered upon the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. R. Dillon, who expressed himself deeply grieved at the loss they had sustained, as our late brother had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact by his genial and kindly disposition. This proposition having been unanimously adopted, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allman, W.M. 1425, W.M.; W. Matthews, S.W.; J. Cruttenberg, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Goslin, S.D.; J. H. Taylor, J.D.; J. C. Conway, I.G.; C. G. Wetzelar, Stwds.; J. Laurence, P.M. 1326; W. J. Hakim, W.M. 141; E. F. Ferris, P.M. 1543; J. Woodman, A. B.

Northcroft, Major Ferris, O. W. Battley, H. Windeatt, W. Jackman, E. R. Buckwell, C. A. Milnes, C. A. Bond, and J. Smith. Visitors: Bros. G. Harris, 733, and R. Andrews, 35.

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. Major Ferris being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Jackman and Hakim being candidates respectively. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hakim was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. Bros. Harris and Andrews were elected members. The votes (four Boys and three Girls) of the lodge of instruction were voted to, and handed to Bro. Ferris, who expressed his thanks to the brethren. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. S. J. Humphress was passed. It was then agreed that the annual supper take place on the 22nd instant at the Porchester Hotel, and a Committee was appointed to carry out the details. After "Hearty good wishes," 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 28th ult., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; E. D. F. Rymer, S.W.; J. R. Harnell, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; T. C. Seary, Org.; W. Hancock, S.D.; R. Hovenden, J.D.; J. R. Hughes, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Lincoln, W. Hoggins, Wright Barringer, A. Clark, J. Woodward, J. Rowe, F. Frenguelli, F. W. Buxton, C. Tilhon, J. Marshall, G. S. Russell, J. S. Cater, G. Holland, J. H. P. Long, W. R. Teck, H. Postars, E. Morrison, and J. D. Graham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 1st and 3rd Sections, and Bro. W. Hancock the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Marshall having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of the lodge of instruction: Bros. W. Hoggins, 179; J. A. Postans, 2105; Maurice Angel, 2011; and J. G. Tongue, I.P.M. 534. On rising for the second time, Bro. E. D. F. Rymer, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edgeware-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Craggs, W.M.; W. C. Williams, P.M., S.W.; Keene, P.M., J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., Treas.; Hubbard, Sec.; Knight, S.D.; Marsh, J.D.; Hatt, I.G.; Sims, P.M.; Betts, Stokes, Fayers, and Dresden.

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. Betts being candidate. Bro. Fayers answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. C. R. Cross, W.M.; H. Cotton, S.W.; Bull, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. Higginson, S.D.; J. R. Allman, J.D.; W. Jennings, I.G.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791; Cantle, P.M.; Nash, Stonnill, Cavers, Arnott, Mander, Wa. ter, Love, Sansom, West, and Johnston. Bro. E. F. Ferris was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Cavers having offered himself as a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony completed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The 2nd Section was also worked. Bro. E. F. Ferris was elected a joining member. Bro. Walter 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 1st inst. Present: Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; P. Skar, S.W.; W. C. Williams, P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; James Sims, P.M., S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; C. E. Everitt, I.G.; and a numerous assembly of the brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the Preceptor and brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the 1st Section of each lecture worked respectively. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and the 1st Section of the First Lecture worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. C. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Jones, W.M.; Steele, S.W.; Spencer, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Harvey, S.D.; Livett, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Cochrane, Hill, Folkard, Russell, Alexander, Templeman, Langdon, Beaven, Donaldson, Luckhurst, and Hudson.

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. Templeman as candidate. The W.M., Bro. Jones, being about to proceed to North America, and wishing to retire early, a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to him for his able work in the chair for the first time in his Masonic career, also a hearty expression of good wishes for his prosperous voyage and success in his new sphere of duty. Bro. Jones replied, and said that he should be long before he forgot the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, and the kind care he had there received. Bro. Hudson took the chair, and Bro. Templeman being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and retired. Bro. Luckhurst was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Luckhurst as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Luckhurst assumed the chair, and appointed and invested the officers. Bro. Hudson resumed the chair, and rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Steele was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Steele returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed.

The funeral at Hendon, on Saturday last, of the Hon. C. H. Lindsay, Groom-in-Waiting to her Majesty, was attended by Bro. Lord E. Pelham Clinton, representing the Queen, Bro. the Duke of Portland, Master of the Horse, Captain Holford, Equerry to Prince Albert Victor of Wales, and Bros. Lord Wantage and the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres.

The second meeting this season of the Fox Club was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Saturday evening last, when, among other members, Bros. V. A. Williamson, Sir W. H. B. Folkes, Bart., Lord Moreton, C. C. Cotes, Lord Methuen, Lord Hothfield, and Lord Kensington were present.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 72).—The March meeting of this old chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 14th ult. The chapter was opened by the Principals, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. There being no business before the chapter, the Lecture of the First Chair was given by Comp. E. Walker, P.Z.; the Second Lecture by Comp. Axford, H.; and the Lecture of the Third Chair by Comp. H. Lovegrove, P.Z., Scribe E. The other members present were Comps. L. S. Fountaine, M.E.Z.; A. Darch, J.; C. R. Williams, S.N.; W. F. Bates, Prin. Soj.; E. Lewcock, 1st Asst. Soj.; and N. Turner. The only visitor was Comp. F. W. Driver, P.Z. The members dined together at the close of the business.

DURHAM.—Concord Chapter (No. 124).—A meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 26th ult., to install the three Principals and invest the other officers for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Comps. J. F. Hiller, W. Logan, and the Rev. J. Lawson. The following officers were appointed: Comps. W. Logan, Z.; Rev. J. Lawson, H.; Thos. Bell, J.; G. W. Richardson, S.E.; Thos. Dunn, S.N.; J. Todd, P.S.; Richardson Pelle, 1st A.S.; Henry Palmer, 2nd A.S.; J. Nutton, Org.; S. Fenny, Treas.; and S. B. Grant, Janitor.

INSTRUCTION.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Comps. G. Read, Preceptor and M.E.Z.; J. Sims, H.; W. C. Williams, J.; J. Davies, P.S.; F. Craggs, S.E.; H. Purdue, S.N.; and others. The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The exaltation ceremony was rehearsed in an admirable manner. The by-laws were brought forward by the Committee, and having been read, were, after a little discussion, confirmed. Comp. Sims was duly elected M.E.Z. for the two meetings in April. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the chapter was adjourned until Wednesday, the 10th instant.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 29th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. W. H. Chalfont, S.N.; 975, M.E.Z.; G. March, P.S. 733, H.; J. Cruttenden, 779, J.; J. T. Mickelburgh, P.Z. 834, Treas.; H. Dehane, M.E.Z. 890, P.S. 862, S.E.; W. C. Williams, J. 733, P.S.; J. Smith, P.S. 890, 1st A.S.; and M. Spiegel, 834. The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Mickelburgh being candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. March as M.E.Z. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. V. T. Murché, M.E.Z.; Wingham, H.; Neeld, P.Z., J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Woods, S.N.; C. H. Stone, P.S.; Addington, A.S.; Eckersall, H. Martin, J. E. Latham, and Patrick. Comp. Allison was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed, Comp. Eckersall 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. Wingham was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting on the 12th inst., as Comp. Hilton, P.Z., the popular Preceptor, will preside at the annual supper to-day (Friday). The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

PLYMOUTH.—Fortitude Lodge (No. 66).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, to install Bro. Thomas Gray, S.W., as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The Installing Officer was Bro. H. Langmead, P.M. 16, P.P.G. Purst. Among the Board of Installed Masters were Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.G. Chap. Eng., Prov. S.G.W., 31°; S. Jew, P.M. 66, P.P.G. Treas.; John Gover, P.M. 66, P.P.G.M.O.; and James Gidley, P.M. 169, P.G. Tyler.

The officers were invested as follows: Bros. G. Duncer, I.P.M.; W. F. Westcott, S.W.; John Hicks, J.W.; H. F. Hearle, P.M., P.P.G.R., M.O.; V. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.M.O. Eng., S.O.; W. S. Hearder, P.M., P.P.G. M.O., J.O.; W. Whitley, P.M., P.P.G.W., Chap.; I. Latimer, P.M., P.P.G.W., R.M.; S. Jew, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., Treas.; J. B. Gover, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., Sec.; G. Whitley, P.M., P.P.G. Sec., S.D.; S. G. Baile, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall, J.D.; J. H. Keates, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; P. B. Clemens, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., I.G.; J. G. Kevern, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; E. Coppin, P.M., S.B.; and James Gidley, P.M., P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

VISIT OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33° TO BRISTOL.

The Supreme Council, 33°, represented by V. Ill. Bros. Montagu, Sandeman, Brig.-Gen. Adair, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, accompanied by Ill. Bros. F. Richardson and Major Lambert, 33°, visited the Baldwin Chapter, Bristol, on the 28th ult., and took the opportunity of holding a chapter of Grand Elected K.H., 30°, conferring the Degree on Bros. L. Ashcroft, E. T. Collins, P. N. Cooper, F. R. Cross, Alfred Deedes, Edmund Olive, W. Proctor, and W. Rice, of the Baldwin Chapter; Dr. J. C. Maclean, of St. Peter and St. Paul Chapter; and Dr. E. S. Nunn and A. F. Rose, of William de Irwin Chapter.

There were also present Ill. Bros. Lieut.-Col. Bramble, Lieut.-Col. Charles Lyne, P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Baron de Ferrieres, Capt. G. Homfray, T. Barnes, E. B. Colthurst, W. H. Clarke, Pierrepont Harris, W. C. Proctor, and many other distinguished brethren.

The ceremony of the 30° was performed by Bro. Sandeman, 33°. The success of the meeting was ensured by the efforts of Bros. Pierrepont Harris and W. C. Proctor, the

M.W.S. and Recorder of the chapter, as well as of the other officers and brethren generally.

The meeting was saddened by the announcement of the death of Ill. Bro. W. Purnell on the previous day, a brother who was eminently useful to the Masonic Brotherhood at Bristol, who was much loved and respected by all who knew him. Ill. Bro. W. A. F. Powell, 33°, who had been installed the day before the meeting as Prov. Grand Master of Bristol in the presence of some 400 brethren, was present, and received the hearty congratulations of all present on his preferment to the command of the province.

The Bristol brethren can boast of a magnificent Masonic Hall, which is beautifully fitted, tastefully ornamented, and handsomely furnished.

Scotland.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE GAEL LODGE, No. 609, AT GLASGOW.

The annual tattie an' herring supper of Lodge The Gael, No. 609, took place recently in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street. There were present Bro. J. M'Clure, R.W.M., supported by Bros. Capt. Peter Mitchell, D.M.; John Sharp, S.M.; R. M'Nair, R.W.M. 4; J. Gordon, I.P.M. 4; R. Kennedy, R.W.M. 553; W. Anderson, Anderson, R.W.M. 354; J. Leitch, I.P.M. 408; John M'Innes, P.M. and D.M. 408; James Lee, S.W.; Capt. Colin Mitchell, J.W.; and upwards of 150 members and visiting brethren.

After supper, the harmony of the evening was commenced by Bro. A. M'Culloch singing "Mo run geal dileas" (My faithful fair one).

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

The following brethren, among others, largely contributed to the musical part of the harmony—namely: Bros. James Houston (Baillie Nicol Jarvie), 354; Capt. Peter Mitchell, D.M. 609; W. Anderson, R.W.M. 354; J. Gordon, I.P.M. 4; Shorley, 4; M'Fie, 57; M'Donald, 609; Munro, 281; Gilmour, 571; James Lee, S.W. 609; Brown, 354; J. L. Gardner, 609; Mundee, 571; and others.

The sword dance, "Danna's Chlaimh," by Bro. Sharp, S.M. 609, and "Reel of Tulloch" by Bros. Capt. Peter Mitchell, D.M.; Capt. Colin Mitchell, J.W.; F. M'Donald, Archibald M'Culloch, 609; were special features of the harmony.

THIRD ANNUAL BALL OF THE KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

The Kensington Lodge, No. 1767, gave their third annual ball at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Friday evening, the 22nd ult., and the members of this lodge may be congratulated on the complete success which attended their efforts to contribute to the pleasure of their friends, whose numerous attendance testified their appreciation of the entertainment provided. By dispensation from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the brethren were permitted to appear in Masonic clothing, wearing their jewels, which added much to the gaiety of the scene.

Dancing was commenced at 9 o'clock, and continued with spirit until half-past 12, when the company adjourned to the upper hall to partake of a most recherché supper, liberally provided and well served by the caterers, Mr. and Mrs. Linscott.

The toast of "The Queen" was given from the chair, and Bro. CAMA, Past Grand Treasurer, proposed "The Health of the Master, Bro. A. J. Barclay."

The toast of "The Ladies" was then proposed, and responded to on behalf of the ladies, in a few well-chosen but expressive words, by Capt. Hooper, R.N.

Dancing was resumed until 4 o'clock, when the company separated, expressing great delight at the pleasant evening they had spent.

It was admitted by all that, delightful as the two previous balls had been, this one was the crowning success.

Amongst the numerous brethren and visitors present we noticed Bro. Barclay, the W.M., Mr. and the Misses Barclay; Bro. Cama, Past Grand Treasurer, and Mrs. Cama; Bro. C. A. Walter, P.M.; and a numerous party, including Capt. Hooper, R.N.; Mr. and Mrs. Dudson; Mr. and Miss Lubbock, &c.; Bro. R. H. Williams, P.M., and the Misses Williams and party; Bro. and Mrs. Norman; Bro. and Miss Wiggins; Bro. and Mrs. Cockburn and party; Bro. Parkhouse, Mrs. Miss, and Mr. Parkhouse; Bro. and Mrs. English; Bro. Clinch and Mrs. Tarring; Bro. Neville, Mrs. Neville, and party; Bros. W. and G. Neville and party, from Banstead; Bro. Barker, Treas., and Miss Barker; Bros. Oliver, Mackay, Reave, P.M., Sec.; and many others.

The thanks of the company are especially due to Bros. W. H. Neville and Wiggins for the efforts which they made as Stewards and M.C.'s to promote the pleasure and comfort of all present.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE STABILITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 217.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Friday evening, the 29th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. B. B. Joy, W.M.; F. Green, S.W.; Wilton, J.W.; W. Woodthorpe, S.D.; W. Hacker, J.D.; Joy, I.G.; E. Anderson, jun., H. Birdseye, S. Dyball, Wynndham, Hars, More, W. R. Brooks, Upfield Green, White, Kemble, and W. J. Charles. Visitors: Bros. Paine, 22; Elliot, 49; and Flower, 1901.

The lodge was opened in the First, Second, and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of raising worked. Lodge was then closed to the Second and First Degrees. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. E. Anderson, jun., for the able assistance he had rendered the lodge during the session.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, at which Bro. H. Birdseye presided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly given and honoured,

Bro. BIRDSEYE then said that a very pleasing duty had devolved upon him, viz., to present to Bro. Anderson, on behalf of the members of the lodge of instruction, a silver cup, to mark in some slight manner their respect and esteem for him, and in recognition of the services he had rendered to the lodge.

The cup, which had been filled with champagne, was then passed round the table, and each brother in turn drank most heartily long life, health, and happiness to Bro. Anderson.

Bro. ANDERSON, who was most warmly received, after referring to the past history of the lodge (dating back to September, 1817), and to Bro. Peter Thomson, Bro. Henry Muggeridge, and other eminent brethren who had been connected with the lodge, thanked the brethren for the very handsome present they had made him that evening, and assured them that it had been, and always would be, a pleasure to him to render any assistance so far as in him lay to further the interests of the lodge, and that the brethren might at all times rely on his hearty support and co-operation in that direction.

Bro. DYBALL then proposed "The Health of Bro. Birdseye," who had been a member of the lodge for upwards of 25 years, and thanked him on behalf of the brethren for having presided over them on such an interesting occasion.

The toast was most cordially received by the brethren, and duly replied to by Bro. BIRDSEYE.

"The Health of Bro. Dyball" was then proposed by Bro. ANDERSON, who referred to the assistance which Bro. Dyball had always most heartily and readily accorded to him at all times in carrying on the lodge.

Bro. DYBALL having replied to the toast,

Bro. BIRDSEYE then proposed "Prosperity to the lodges which adhered to the Stability working," and coupled with the toast the names of Bro. W. Brooks, W.M. 22; and Upfield Green, W.M. 715; who duly replied.

The toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. PAINE, ELLIOT, and FLOWER, brought a very pleasant and agreeable evening to a close.

During the evening some very good songs were sung by Bros. Birdseye, Brooks, Green, and Charles.

The cup, which was a large and handsomely chased two-handled one, with cover, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Eustace Anderson, jun., by the brethren of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, as a mark of respect and esteem, and in recognition of his services as Secretary and Preceptor. March, 1889."

THE FOURTH ANNUAL BALL OF THE CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

The fourth annual ball in connection with the above lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Tuesday, the 19th ult., and proved one of the most successful yet held in connection with the lodge, there being upwards of 150 ladies and gentlemen present. The gymnasium, in which the ball was held for the first time, was gaily decorated with flags and upwards of 300 large palms and plants. This, with the attractive dresses of the ladies and the regalia of the brethren, formed a pretty sight.

Thanks are due to Bro. Brill for the excellent condition of the floor, and great praise to the Committee, Bros. Alfred Skinner, Ritchie, Sales, and Collingham, for the energetic way they worked to make the ball such a success. Bro. Gardner, P.M., acted as Honorary Secretary, and from what we hear will have a nice balance to hand over to the lodge, which, by-the-by, owes much to Bro. Gardner, who was one of the founders and Masters. Though the lodge is only five years old, it has upwards of 80 members, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., being the present Master.

The supper was all that could be desired, and there were plenty of light refreshments during the evening. The Committee desire us to express their special thanks for the way Bro. Brill catered for the ball. Williams' quadrille band was in attendance, and was all that could be desired.

At the supper, Bro. George Gardner was chairman, and Bro. Alfred Skinner vice-chairman.

The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and Craft," "The Chiswick Lodge," and last, not least, "The Ladies," which was ably responded to by Mr. BUSH.

Dancing commenced at nine p.m., and the last dance was not over till five a.m., thus ending one of the most pleasant and most successful balls given by the Chiswick Lodge.

Mr. H. Billett very ably acted as M.C., with the assistance of the Committee as Stewards.

We understand the Committee intend giving a river party this year instead of a garden party, as in former years.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE ETHICS.

A fortnight ago we promised to continue in the next issue the thread of our observations on certain matters connected with District administration. However, the temptation to sing the praises of that excellent institution the Quatuor Coronati Lodge beguiled us for the time, and deferred the taking up of our parable until to-day. All things come to him who waits, including a due conception of the requirements of District Grand Lodges. Now, we left off at the close of a deliverance on the manifest importance of your model D.G.M. putting himself *en evidence* by personal visitation. Now, we want to warn that ideal individual, in a friendly manner, about one mode of putting himself *en evidence* which must be with all possible caution avoided, or a very volcano of muffled eruptions will reverberate under his feet. He must especially beware of identifying himself in any way with any one particular private lodge. And the same rule applies with equal force to his Deputy. Rank brings with it responsibilities as well as privileges, and in order to duly appreciate the one it is necessary to submit quietly to the other. One of the essentials of power is impartiality, and if a District Grand Master and his Deputy do not entirely withdraw themselves from the internal economy of their private lodges, they cannot maintain the reputation for impartiality which is so essential to effectual control. They may administer the most even handed justice, they may even, urged by over anxiety to appear fair, act in a directly hostile manner towards their own lodges, but still the "vox populi" is sure to accuse them of an unjust bias. The accu-

sation may be perfectly erroneous, but it will be made all the same. We do not mean to say that a District Grand Master and his Deputy should withdraw themselves from membership of their own lodges. Of course that is manifestly impossible, as they could not otherwise retain proper status. Neither do we desire them to absent themselves entirely from the lodges of which they retain membership. This would be equally absurd. But their own lodges should be visited always after an official or semi-official manner, and not more frequently than other lodges equally convenient of access. And what is most important, the D.G.M. (or Deputy) should, whilst visiting his own lodge, carefully abstain from taking any part whatsoever in any of its internal concerns. He should occupy the position of a visitor and inspector. And he should on no account ever take office in any one lodge of his own District. A thoughtless persistence in a contrary course is sure to lead to discontent and disaster. Unfortunately, dissension will from time to time arise between lodges as between individual Masons. The fact is to be regretted, but human nature being what it is such divisions will happen till the end of time. Now, one of the most important functions of a D.G.M. is to heal these unhappy quarrels, and this he can hardly do if he is in any way identified with one or other of the parties to the dispute. And this he can scarcely avoid if he has taken part in the proceedings of one of the lodges, because he has been a constituent factor in some of its acts. We are not speaking without book at all. We know one case in which a long standing and lamentable dispute between two lodges has gone on from bad to worse, but which, we believe, could have been healed long ago had the local chief not been distinctly identified with one of the disputants. And by this we do not mean to say that he was in any way unfairly partial. He is a most excellent and earnest Mason, but being an active member of one lodge he was a *persona ingrata* to the other, and any attempts he made to reconcile matters were looked at from a "stand-offish" point of view, however sincere and honest they may have been. The D.G.M. and his Deputy must neither be partisans nor lie under the suspicion of being so, the latter being much the same thing as the former in this censorious world of ours. They must be above the lodges, not of them. There are precedents for this position in many other walks of life. The reigning Sovereign does not join in the debates of the House of Lords, the Governor of the Colony has no place in the Legislative Assembly, a peer of the realm cannot vote at an election for the House of Commons, a judge must avoid litigants *sub judice* as he would the plague, a bishop has no rights in any one church of his diocese, the colonel of a regiment cannot take command of any one of its companies as such. And the like principle should be applied in Masonry. We speak in no carping spirit, but purely in the interests of good and peaceable government. The considerations we have put forward will make their way by their own weight, and we are sure that the excellent officials who have not hitherto worked on the cautious lines we have indicated, have failed to do so simply because the matter had never been presented to them in a sufficiently clear light. The more carefully the District chair is hedged round by a policy of rigid neutrality the better it will be for all concerned.—*The South African Freemason*, Feb. 12.

Obituary.

BRO. GENERAL J. S. BROWNRIGG, C.B.

We regret to announce the death of R.W. Bro. General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., which took place at Colombo on the 1st instant. Bro. General Brownrigg, who has been in failing health for more than a year, had been on a journey to Melbourne, and was on his way home. Our deceased brother was a Past Master of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6; Past Grand Warden of England, and Prov. Grand Master of Surrey. He was also Grand Prior of Kent and Surrey, and a member of the Supreme Council, 33°. He was the founder of the Studholme Rose Croix Chapter, the Studholme Mark Lodge, and the Studholme Preceptory. Bro. General Brownrigg was buried at Colombo with military honours.

BRO. JOHN WHITEHOUSE.

The remains of the late Bro. John Whitehouse, P.M., the senior member of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, Windsor, and, indeed, of the whole fraternity in the Province of Berks and Bucks, were interred in the churchyard attached to Slough Parish Church, on Thursday, the 28th ult., the funeral service, at the expressed wish of the deceased, and under a dispensation obtained for the purpose from Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, being conducted strictly in accordance with the ancient rites and usages of the Craft. The number of brethren present to pay the last mark of respect to their late brother was, in consequence, far more numerous than usual, and all who attended wore the customary signs of mourning, as well as their full Masonic Craft clothing and morning dress, with white ties and gloves. The procession, in which were from 100 to 150 members of the fraternity, was marshalled in due order, the junior lodge—the Herschel, No. 1894, Slough—whose hall had been kindly placed at the disposal of the deceased brother's friends, marching first, then visiting brethren from other lodges in the province and elsewhere, the Etonian, No. 209, Windsor, and last of all the Windsor Castle, No. 771, whose W.M., Bro. Nottage, took the leading part on the occasion. The religious service was conducted by the Rev. H. Savill Young and Bro. the Rev. R. P. Bent, Past Grand Chap., while the Masonic service, which was held partly in the hall of the Herschel Lodge and partly at the grave, was conducted most impressively by Bro. Nottage, W.M., the number of persons assembled along the route followed by the cortège and in the churchyard being very numerous. The brethren before leaving the churchyard dropped sprigs of acacia into the grave. The following oration was given by Bro. Page, I.P.M.: Brethren—The last offices paid to the dead are only useful as lectures to the living. From them we are to derive instruction and consider every solemnity of this kind as a summons to prepare for our approaching dissolution. Notwithstanding the various mementoes with which we daily meet, notwithstanding that death has established his empire over all the works of nature, yet, through some

unaccountable infatuation, we are apt to forget we are born to die. Some of us go on from one design to another, add hope to hope, and lay out plans for the employment of many years, till we are suddenly alarmed by the approach of death, when we least expect it, and at an hour which, amidst the gaieties of life, we probably conclude to be the meridian of our existence. Others, as in the case of our departed and lamented brother, grow to a ripe and honoured old age, and live to see their hopes and cherished ambitions realised. But, my brethren, what are all the externals of majesty, the pride of wealth, or even the high estimation of the world, when nature has paid her just debt? Fix your eyes on this last scene, view life stripped of her ornaments and exposed in her natural meanness, you will then be convinced of the futility of those empty delusions. In the grave all fallacies are detected, all ranks are levelled, and all distinctions for ever done away. Among those present were Bros. A. Turner, W.M.; G. H. Charsley, I.P.M.; G. N. Crowhurst, J. Baker, E. Singer, W. Woollett, M. Rawlins, R. H. Major, J. B. Tomkies, J. Deverill, jun., John Harding, W. Dawson, H. Vallis, A. Major, W. Walker, Quelch, and Wood, of the Herschel Lodge, No. 1894; delegates from the Union, Reading; Buckingham, Aylesbury; St. John's, Maidenhead; Abbey, Abingdon; Greyfriars, Reading; Wycombe; Ellington, Maidenhead; and Kendrick, Reading. Visitors from lodges further removed: Bros. Sevenoakes, W.M., Layton, and J. Strange, of the Etonian Lodge; the Windsor Castle Lodge, of whom there were present Bros. Nottage, W.M.; T. Page, I.P.M.; Nixon, Powell, J. Goddard, Grisbrook, Summers, Joseph Harding, W. S. Cantrell, jun., Goertz, Manley, J. G. Goddard, E. C. Devereux, Wallis, Warrell, McCloskie, Walford, Gane, Webber, Sanders, Nowell, Ingram, May, and Rowe.

BRO. W. PURNELL.

By the death of Bro. William Purnell—to whose services due honour was paid at the recent meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge—the Province of Bristol loses one of its ablest and most energetic members, and one from whom (as he was, comparatively speaking, a young Mason) many years of further and still more valuable service might in reason have been expected. Our deceased brother was initiated on the 3rd February, 1874, and in due course was elected and installed W. Master. He was exalted to the R.A. chapter attached to his mother lodge, and bearing the same name, on the 25th May, 1875, and was installed M.E.Z. in September, 1886. Bro. Purnell, however, seems to have taken a deep interest in our Institutions, on whose behalf he had done some excellent work, having served two Festival Stewardships for the Girls' School, two for the Boys' School, and four for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, his latest service in this capacity to the youngest of our Charities having been rendered at the Festival of the current year. He had qualified as a Life-Governor of the three Institutions, and, had his life been prolonged, we should no doubt have found his name included in the Stewards' list for many years.

The Craft Abroad.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF QUEENSLAND.

The regular Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland was held at the Masonic Hall, Brisbane, on the 5th December last. Bro. the Hon. A. C. Gregory, Dist. G.M., presided, and among the brethren present were Bros. the Hon. W. F. Taylor, M.D., D.S. G.W., as D. Dep. G.M.; J. J. Clark, D.J.G.W., as D.S. G.W.; D. Jones, P.D.S.G.W.; A. M. Hertzberg, P.D. S.G.W.; J. Dean, P.D.J.G.W., as D.J.G.W.; A. J. Stephenson, P.D.S.G.W., as D.G.C.; Wm. Finucane, D.G. Treas.; E. Mansfield, D.G.R.; Jas. S. Michael, D.A.G. Sec., as D.G. Sec.; W. Gripp, D.S.G.D.; W. Gartside, D.J.G.D.; G. W. Gaynor, P.D.G.C., as D.G. S. of W.; J. D. Reeves, P.D.J.G.D., as D.G.D.C.; F. D. Granville, as D.D.C.D.C.; J. Roberts, D.G. Swd. Br.; A. W. Field, D.G. Std. Br.; P. C. Atkinson, D.G. Org.; J. T. Brigg, P.D.G.P., as D.G. Purst.; and several visitors. The preliminary business having been disposed of, the question of the expulsion of a brother, who had been guilty of some offence, by the District Board of General Purposes, was discussed at very considerable length, every desire being shown by the brethren that the delinquent should be treated fairly, and have ample grace allowed him. But it was shown that the brother had taken no trouble whatever to disprove the charge, and had written only at the last moment asking for a further delay. It was therefore resolved that as he had had ample time to produce any defence he might have to make, the sentence of expulsion as passed by the B. of G.P. should be confirmed. The District Grand Master, on behalf of District Grand Lodge, presented Bro. W. Finucane with the jewel of a District Grand Treasurer as a slight memento of the gratitude entertained by the brethren for his services to Freemasonry, and Bro. Finucane in accepting the jewel, briefly expressed his thanks to the members of District Grand Lodge for so kind an appreciation of what he had done. The deepest sympathy of all present was expressed with the District Grand Master in the bereavement he had just sustained through the loss of his brother, Bro. the Hon. Frank T. Gregory, Past District G. Reg., the acting Dist. D.G. Master, Bro. W. F. Taylor, D.S.G.W., and all who spoke bearing eloquent testimony to the services and high worth and kindly disposition of their late brother, and the District Grand Master having thanked District Grand Lodge for its sympathy, the proceedings terminated, and District Grand Lodge stood adjourned till its next stated communication.

We regret to hear that Bro. the Earl and Countess Percy have sustained a loss by the death of their third son, the Hon. Ralph W. Percy, who died on the 28th ult., aged 13 years.

Notwithstanding the victory of Cambridge in the University boat race on Saturday last, the Dark Blues are still ahead by one on the total record since the first inter-university boat-race was rowed in 1829, the latter having 23 victories to their credit, while Cambridge has only 22. At the University athletic sports at the Queen's Hall, West Kensington, the day previous, the Light Blues proved the victors by five-and-a-half events to three-and-a-half events, and thus became the holders of the J. G. Chambers Memorial Shield for the current year.

MASONIC LECTURE.

Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson, Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, delivered his lecture on "The Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry" at Lincoln on Monday last. His efforts were highly appreciated by the brethren assembled, and a cordial vote of thanks accorded to him. The lectures of Bro. Finlayson are being much sought after, and form a very interesting incident in current Masonry, giving new vigour in the study of the Craft among the lodges which have invited him to address them.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE—SEASON 1889. The programme announced by the directors of the Crystal Palace Company for the current year is a most imposing one, the list of regular and special entertainments being as numerous and attractive as ever. The leading musical fête will be a grand performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah," on Saturday, the 22nd June, the principal vocal soloists being Mesdames Albani and Patey, Mr. Edward Lloyd and Signor Foli. The performers, to the number of 3000, will be under the direction of Herr August Manns, as conductor, and Mr. A. J. Eyre will preside at the organ. On this occasion the arrangements will be precisely the same as at a Handel Festival, and those who may be anxious to obtain further information as to tickets, seats, &c., should apply either at the Palace itself or to any of the Company's authorised agents, a list of whom will be found in the "Popular Handbook to the Crystal Palace." In addition, there will be a great Sacred Concert on Good Friday—the 19th instant—when the Misses Macintyre and Anna Williams, Madame Patey, Mr. E. Lloyd, Signor Foli, and the Crystal Palace choir will give their services, while the free Orchestral Concerts will be held as usual, and there will be many special Promenade and other Concerts from time to time, of which due notice will be given in the daily press. The Dramatic performances already arranged include "Sweet Lavender," "Tares," "Captain Swift," "Still Waters Run Deep," "That Doctor Cupid," "The Balloon," "The Love Story," "Uncles and Aunts," "Pickwick," and "Two Roses," while other important engagements are in progress, and will be announced in due course. Among the Choral Festivals and Society Fêtes may be mentioned concerts by "The Tonic Sol-fa Associated Choirs," on Saturday the 29th June; The National Temperance League," on Tuesday, the 9th July; and "The Tonic Sol-fa Association," on Saturday, the 27th July; The Great Annual Police Fête in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, on Thursday, the 4th July; and the Foresters' Great Fête in aid of the Foresters' Widow and Orphan Fund, on the 26th July. The out-door department has been as carefully arranged as in past years, and will include musical entertainments in various parts of the gardens, illuminations and displays of the fountains, open air ballets, fireworks on Thursdays and special days. The classes in the faculties of fine arts, music, and literature will be continued, and persons anxious to join can learn terms and conditions at the Palace. Last, but not least, the refreshment department has been entrusted to the care of Messrs. Bertram and Company, so that the public may rely with confidence on having their comfort and convenience attended to thoroughly.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 7.30, THE BABES IN THE WOOD.

ADELPHI THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8, THE SILVER FALLS; at 7.15, FARCE.

GAIETY THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.30, FAUST UP TO DATE; at 7.30, FIRST MATE.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.50, THAT DOCTOR CUPID; at 7.50, THE POET.

OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE.

Every Afternoon, at 3, THE REAL LITTLE LORD FAUNT-LEROY.

COURT THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.30, THE WEAKER SEX.

COMEDY THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8, FENNEL; at 9, MERRY MARGATE.

SAVOY THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.15, THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD; at 7.20, MRS. JARRAMIE'S GENTLE.

AVENUE THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.15, NADY; at 7.30, QUITS.

PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.15, PAUL JONES; at 7.30, JOHN SMITH.

TERRY'S THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.30, SWEET LAVENDER.

LYRIC THEATRE.

Closed. Re-open Saturday, April 20th, with DORIS.

ROYALTY THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.15, FRENCH PLAYS.

GRAND THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 7.30, THE DOUBLE MARRIAGE.

SURREY THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8, THE STILL ALARM.

ROYAL AQUARIUM.

Open 12 (noon); close 11.30 p.m. Constant Round of Amusement.

ALHAMBRA.

Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets, &c.

EMPIRE.

Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment Grand Ballet, DIANA, &c.

LONDON PAVILION.

Every Evening, Grand Variety Entertainment.

CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.

Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment, Humorous Sketches, &c.

MADAME TUSSAUD & SONS' EXHIBITION.

Open 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. Portrait Models of Past and Present Celebrities.



The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 10th instant.

A very interesting service took place on Sunday last in the saloon of the ship Ben Voirlich, lying in the Queen's Dock, Glasgow. The congregation, which was composed principally of members of the Masonic Craft, had met at the invitation of Bro. Thomas Pike, the worthy commander of the vessel, who is a companion of the Royal Arch Chapter Cathedral, No. 67. Bro. Addison Beatson, Chaplain of Lodge Glasgow, 441, and companion of the Royal Arch, officiated. The large and comfortable saloon was well filled. Bro. Beatson preached from the text, Hebrews xii., 1. At the close of the service a collection was made in behalf of the Lifeboat Fund.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., received a deputation at his house, on Tuesday, in reference to his becoming a candidate for the seat at Birmingham rendered vacant by the death of the Right Hon. John Bright. The subject was referred to a small Committee, consisting of Bros. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach and the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., who decided that his lordship should not offer himself as a candidate.

The Prince of Wales returned to Marlborough House on Saturday evening from visiting the Earl of Sefton at Croxteth, while the Princess of Wales and her daughters were present at the Saturday Popular Concerts in St. James's Hall the same afternoon.

Bro. Colonel Sir Charles Warren, K.C.M.G., was to have left England on the 4th inst., in order to take up his new appointment as commander of the British troops at Singapore. While holding this position, Bro. Sir Charles Warren will have the temporary rank of Major-General.

A meeting in support of the Hospital Saturday movement will be held at the Great Assembly Hall, Mile End-road, on Monday, the 8th instant, when Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead will preside, and Bros. the Earl of Meath and Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., will take part in the proceedings.

A deputation, headed by Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., was introduced at the meeting of the Corporation of London, on Thursday, the 28th ult., by Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., for the purpose of praying the Court to assist them in obtaining an Act of Parliament empowering the Council of the South London Polytechnic Institutes to obtain certain freehold land in the neighbourhood of the Elephant and Castle either absolutely or on a lease on nominal terms. The petition was referred to the Coal, Corn, and Finance Committee.

Letters of administration of the personal effects of the late Countess of Limerick have been granted to Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, the value of her ladyship's personal estate being sworn at upwards of £1500.

Bros. Lord Halsbury, Lord Ashbourne, the Earl of Lathom, and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., were present at the customary Sheriff's dinner given by the Lord President of the Council (Viscount Cranbrook), at his residence in Grosvenor-crescent on Saturday evening last.

The annual meeting of the Bethnal Green Free Library was held on Monday evening, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, the prizes won in the several classes being distributed by the Lady Mayor. Bro. Sheriff Newton and Mrs. Newton were present, and letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Lord Kinnaid, Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and others.

On Friday evening, the 29th inst., the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of Lodge XXV. (I.C.), gave a Cinderella dance and conversation at the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, in aid of the Orphan Schools of the Order. An exceedingly numerous company was present, the brethren, who formed a great proportion of it, appearing in full Masonic insignia. All the rooms in the building were thrown open to the guests, and the corridors, which were delightfully cool and refreshing, were thronged after each dance. The large dining hall was chosen for the dancing, and it made an excellent ball-room, no crush being experienced in spite of the large number present. Bro. Mervyn Browne's band performed a most enjoyable and happily-chosen selection of music, and the dancing, which commenced at eight o'clock, was continued till after midnight, when the company separated, having spent a very pleasant evening. The catering for the guests was excellent.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Lord George Hamilton, M.P., and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

At the Guildhall Tavern on Thursday, the 28th ult., Bro. Edward Terry installed Bro. G. Haller as Master of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, Bro. F. J. Ruse, as S.W., and H. J. Harriss, as J.W. The Installing Master was not present at the subsequent festivities owing to his appearance in the 378th performance of "Sweet Lavender."

On Monday, the 25th ult., the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 345, held a dance and entertainment at the Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn. There was a very large attendance, about 150 ladies and gentlemen being present. A pleasing entertainment was brought to a close, and then the room was utilised for dancing. During the early part of the evening Misses Dewhurst and Pickering, and Messrs. Higginson, Aldridge, Ellison, Birch, Farrell, and W. and F. G. Sharples (Manchester) sang. Mr. Higginson's gle party provided several contributions. Mr. Green was the pianist, and Mr. J. F. Whalley violinist. The affair was a distinct success.

At the installation meeting of the Meridian Mark Lodge, No. 73, at Redruth, last week, Bro. Hugh P. Vivian, who was installed W.M., gave a most interesting address on Mark Masonry, much to the gratification of the brethren present, who listened to it with great interest.

Bro. W. J. Hughan is announced to deliver a lecture, entitled, "A Glance at Freemasonry during the last Five Centuries," at the Jordan Lodge, Torquay, on Tuesday next. Five centuries is a wide retrospect, and there is much that is obscure embraced in that period, but if any man living can throw a light on the dark places our worthy brother can be trusted to do so.

By command of the Queen, the Prince of Wales held a levee at St. James's Palace, on Thursday. The attendance in the General and Diplomatic Circles was very numerous, and, as is customary, presentations to his Royal Highness are to be considered as equivalent to presentations to her Majesty.

We regret to hear that Bro. the Rev. Viscount Molesworth was seriously injured through a carriage accident which occurred at the little village of St. Issey, Cornwall. His lordship is rector of St. Petrock Minor, St. Issey.

Bros. Lord Leigh and Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild were among those who attended the funeral, at Wotton, on Tuesday, of the late Duke of Buckingham and Chandos.

The Eighth Annual International Sportsman's Exhibition was opened at the Central Hall, Highborn, on Thursday. The show has hitherto been very successful at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, and we think the proprietor of the hall is fortunate in inaugurating his new premises in connection with such a firmly established Exhibition.

The Masonic Press is on the increase in Spain. Ten reviews are now issued in that country. In Madrid—"Boletín del Gran Oriente de España," "Boletín del Gran Oriente Nacional de España," "Gazeta del Oriente," "El Porvenir Masónico" (Masonic Future), and "El Simbolismo." In Barcelona—"La Condiordia," In Seville—"El Taller" (The Workshop). In Cadiz—"El Cadiz Masónico." In Coriova—"Boletín Regional." In Alicante—"La Humanidad."

Bro. John Aird, M.P. for North Paddington, has kindly undertaken to preside at the annual festival dinner which will be held in aid of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, at the Hôtel Métropole, on the 25th May next.

We are pleased to state that Bro. James Newton, of Bolton, an enthusiastic Masonic student, has been elected as W.M. for the next meeting of the "Starkie Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction," held under the wing of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1170, Manchester. This body assembles periodically, and has for its laudable aim the "endeavour to raise the tone and character of Masonry by literary and scientific investigations and communications; by lectures, discussions, and such other means as may appear likely to conduce to the advancement of Freemasonry." It is anticipated that Bro. Newton will exhibit his splendid collection of Masonic medals, books, and other curios at the next meeting of this most useful Society, which will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

A similar Society to the foregoing assembles at the Masonic Hall, Hull, under the warrant of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, of which Bro. W. Tesseman is the honorary Secretary. They form capital mediums of communication for the W.M.'s and P.M.'s in neighbourhoods where there are numerous lodges, and have already done such excellent work that others should be established in all large Masonic districts.

JAMAICA.—The Freemasons of this district have had it in contemplation for some time to set up a memorial of their late D.G. Master, Bro. Dr. Hamilton. It is not simply as the head of English Freemasonry in this island that the memory of the worthy gentleman is cherished; but as a great and good Mason generally, proved by the fact that brethren of the Scotch Constitution have, equally with their English brethren, been ready with their contributions to carry out the object in view. A sum of £100 has been collected, and a Committee has been appointed to consider and decide what form the memorial shall take, to consist of the R.W. the District Grand Master, the Deputy District Grand Master, and Bros. J. W. Whitbourne, P.D.D.G.; Wm. Duff, A. E. Burke, John McLean, and E. X. Leon. As most of the subscribers reside in Kingston, the desire is that the memorial shall be placed there.

The Ill. Bro. Giambattista Pessina, Imperial Grand Master General of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Italy, Grand Hierophant of the Rite of Memphis and Mizraim, has appointed Grand Master for life, with authority to found the said Rite in Spain, the Ill. Bro. Eduardo Contreras.

It is understood that in the event of the Emperor William II. of Germany visiting England in July next the Corporation of London will ask to be permitted to receive his Majesty at Guildhall, and present him with an address of welcome in a gold casket.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will preside at the anniversary dinner, which will be held in the Hôtel Métropole on Thursday, the 23rd May, in aid of the funds of the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic. His Grace will be supported by Bro. Lord Halsbury and others.

On Saturday last the foundation-stone of a new lodge was laid at Oban, with imposing ceremony, by Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., Prov. G.M. of Argleshire, who was attended by several brethren of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Argleshire, and deputations from Lodge Gael, Glasgow, and Inverary, Lochgilphead, and Fort-William.

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

The W.M., Wardens, and brethren of the Savage Club Lodge have resolved to give a complimentary dinner to Bro. Ed. Terry, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S., to congratulate him on his election to the office of Grand Treasurer. This will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at 4.30 for 5 o'clock precisely. As many members of Bro. Terry's Election Committee and other brethren have expressed a wish to be present, it has been decided that the gathering shall not be confined to members of the Savage Club Lodge. Bro. John Paige, Secretary of the Savage Club Lodge, will be pleased to receive the names of those desirous of being present.

The Fifteen Sections were worked in the Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. Bro. J. Pinder, P.M. 1662, presided, and the other officers were Bros. Fred Carr, P.M. 1607, S.W.; T. Franklin, P.M. 1662, J.W.; and W. Shurmer, P.M. 1471, I.P.M.

We are requested to state that the Stability Lodge of Instruction will not meet again until the first Friday in October next.

THE "OLD MASONIANS."—The third annual dinner of the members of this club, who are ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday evening, the 13th inst., when the President, Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire, and Patron of the Institution, will preside, and a large number of influential brethren are expected to be present, who, by their influence and support, are placing this association in a better position to carry out those objects which all must deem to be of main importance to all old Masonians in after life.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson has invented a lethal muzzle, by which horses and dogs injured in the streets may be killed in a few minutes as painlessly as in the lethal chamber.

The Grand Orient of Spain, of which the Ill. Bro. Ignacio Roja Arias is the Grand Master, possesses to-day 380 lodges, 90 chapters, with 10,000 Masons.

The Lyric Club entertained a large party of friends at their Club House, Barnes, on Saturday last, on the occasion of the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race. Bro. the Earl of Londesborough, with the Club Committee and their guests, left Westminster by special steamer about 11.15 a.m., and arrived at Barnes at 12.30 p.m., among those present being Bro. and Mrs. Carl Rosa, Bros. Edward Terry, Grossmith, S. B. Bancroft, and others.

GOULD TESTIMONIAL.—The Empire Lodge has voted £10 10s. to this fund, and donations have recently been received from Bros. Clifford, P. McCalla, Grand Master of Pennsylvania; Thomas R. Parton, G. Treas. Pennsylvania; Dr. Sam. J. Dickey, Pennsylvania; and J. A. H. Hay, Euston, Pennsylvania. Subscriptions will be gratefully received by the Hon. Sec., Bro. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., The Grove, Blackheath, S.E.

THE EIFFEL TOWER.—One of the chief attractions of the Paris Exhibition will doubtless be the extraordinary iron tower which the ingenuity of M. Eiffel is rearing in the grounds. It is more than twice as high as the Great Pyramid, nearly three times as high as the top-most point of the Invalides in Paris, while comparing it with buildings in London, we find that after doubling the height of St. Paul's Cathedral, we should have to go 176 feet higher. It seems probable that many people will not care to go to this stupendous height, but on the first platform, which is some 30 feet lower than Notre Dame, there need be no fear of vertigo, while a superb view of Paris will be obtainable. Here on the south-west side there will be a commodious restaurant, with a joint, luncheon, and dining room, and English and American bars, which have been placed under the management of Messrs. Spiers and Pond. It should be noted also that this first floor of the Eiffel Tower, which is very spacious, will be covered in, and visitors can ascend to it comfortably, for there are four lifts, so that it is likely to be a very popular resort during the Exhibition.

Bro. Major C. A. Cooper, 578, and P.M. 2098, was gazetted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on Tuesday last.

Miss Josephine Simon, the brilliant young vocalist, sent to us from El Dorado, who has appeared with much success here in both oratorio and concert, has special claims on the Craft as a Mason's daughter. She will sing at the Albert Hall on the 22nd inst.

FREE LIBRARIES, AND HOW TO PROCURE THEM.—Nothing in the progress we have made in the last half-century has been more remarkable than our advance, as a nation, in the number and value of the public libraries open to rich and poor alike, free of direct charge. No doubt this advance has been due to some extent to private munificence, but the working of the Free Libraries Acts has certainly given a great impetus to the movement. Of late years Mr. Thomas Greenwood, F.R.G.S., has devoted much of his leisure to the consideration of this question, and the best means of furthering it. The result of his experience he gives us in "Free Public Libraries" (Simpkin, Marshall, and Co.), and the work is one that we can heartily commend to any of our readers who may be interested in the extension of facilities for the spread of pure and wholesome literature. Hints as to the organisation, fitting-up, arranging, and working of large or small libraries will be found here, as well as useful statistics of the work already done in this direction. Mr. Greenwood is also the author of a companion work on "Museums and Art Galleries" (same publishers), in which he deals with his new topic in the same practical and helpful manner, describing what has been done, and showing what is yet to be accomplished.—Cassell's Family Magazine.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are strongly recommended to all persons who are much reduced in power and condition, whose stomachs are weak, and whose nerves are shattered. The beneficial effects of these Pills will be perceptible after a few days' trial, though a more extended course may be required to re-establish perfect health. Holloway's medicine acts on the organs of digestion, and induces complete regularity in the stomach, liver, pancreas, and kidneys. This treatment is both safe and certain in result, and is thoroughly consistent with observation, experience, and common sense. The purification of the blood, the removal of all noxious matter from the secretions, and the excitement of gentle action in the bowels, are the sources of the curative powers of Holloway's Pills.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, April 13, 1889.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6.

General Committee Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

1404, Felix, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
2272, Rye, Peckham Public Hall, Rye-lane, Peckham.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

29, St. Albans, Albion Tavern.
58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.
193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.
957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
1305, St. Marylebone, Criterion.
1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.
1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel.
2243, Argonauts, Cromwell Hall, Putney.

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, Adde-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.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
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.

22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern.
1366, Highgate, Gate House Tavern, Highgate.

MARK LODGE.

44, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9.

CRAFT LODGES.

96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.
198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms.
548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
1209, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, N.E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Chesham, 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 Edgcombe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Nelson, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, 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.

145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Tavern.
185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern.

MARK LODGE.

Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
147, Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.

749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.
781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.
1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.
1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-st.
1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood.
1694, Imperial, Pier Hotel, Chelsea.
1803, Cornhill, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.
1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoynes, 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.
Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.
Londonsborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro., at 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery-lane, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hotel, Lugard-road, Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

MARK LODGE.

Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11.

CRAFT LODGES.

19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.
91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.
534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern.
860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.
1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Volunteer Rifles, Camberwell.
1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1599, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
1791, Cretan, Freemasons' Hall.
2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham.
2090, Hammersmith, Vestry Hall, Hammersmith.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
898, Temperance-in-the-East, Newby-place, Poplar.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich.
1942, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

MARK LODGE.

86, Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.

RED CROSS.

44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-square.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
1559, New Cross, Portland Hotel, Greenwich.
1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.

1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

101, Adoniram, 8A, Red Lion-square.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13.

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
1440, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel.
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.
1612, West Middlesex, Vestry Hall, Ealing.
1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, April 13, 1889.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., will be found in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

MONDAY, APRIL 8.

| CRAFT LODGES. | Birmingham ... | 587 | Bury St. Ed- |
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| Hastings... | Redruth ... | 589 | munds ... |
| Halifax ... | 61 Filey, Yorks ... | 643 | York ... |
| Bristol ... | 63 Seaman Harbour | 601 | Saltburn by Sea |
| Falmouth ... | 75 Dorset ... | 665 | Urmston ... |
| Cambridge ... | 88 Llanelly ... | 671 | Harborne ... |
| Stockport ... | 104 Chester ... | 721 | East Retford ... |
| Plymouth ... | 105 Dartmouth ... | 797 | Gt. Torrington ... |
| Exmouth... | 100 Millbrook ... | 893 | Henley ... |
| Faversham ... | 133 Knutsford ... | 941 | Rawtenstall ... |
| Newport, I.W. | 151 Monkwear- | | Chapel-en-le- |
| East Stowhouse | 189 mouth ... | 949 | Frith ... |
| Swansea ... | 237 Barrow-in-Fur- | | Wellington ... |
| South Shields | 240 ness ... | 1021 | Kew Bridge ... |
| Shrewsbury ... | 262 Portsmouth ... | 1069 | Moseley ... |
| Liverpool ... | 292 Shirley, Hants | 1112 | Bowdon ... |
| Sheffield ... | 290 Dorking ... | 1149 | Ardrick ... |
| Lincoln ... | 297 Chatham ... | 1174 | Henfield ... |
| Teignmouth ... | 303 Leeds ... | 1221 | Douglas ... |
| Great Yarmouth | 313 Enfield ... | 1237 | Wells, Norfolk |
| Preston ... | 314 Manchester ... | 1253 | R.A. CHAPTERS. |
| Cumberland ... | 339 Halifax ... | 1302 | Wakefield ... |
| Bath ... | 379 Liverpool ... | 1350 | Wakefield ... |
| Nottingham ... | 411 Stalybridge ... | 1408 | MARK LODGES. |
| Newcastle-on- | Sandgate ... | 1436 | Woolwich ... |
| Tyne... | 481 Canterbury ... | 1449 | Redruth ... |
| Rugby ... | 502 Birmingham ... | 1474 | Beverley ... |
| | Moss Side ... | 1490 | |

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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| Birmingham ... | 74 | Chester ... | 721 | Hebburn-on- |
| Chatham... | 184 | Liverpool ... | 724 | Tyne ... |
| Norwich ... | 213 | Workington ... | 992 | Bromley ... |
| Bradford ... | 302 | Saltash ... | 1071 | Landport ... |
| Northampton | 309 | Mossley ... | 1218 | Walton-on-the |
| Pembroke Dock | 378 | Carlton Hill ... | 1221 | Naze ... |
| Uxbridge ... | 382 | Market Rasen | 1286 | East Retford ... |
| Ramsgate... | 429 | Old Brompton | 1424 | Snarebrook ... |
| Spalding... | 499 | Canterbury ... | 1449 | Norbiton ... |
| Huddersfield | 521 | Alford ... | 1600 | Hull ... |

TUESDAY, APRIL 9.

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| CRAFT LODGES. | | | |
| Sunderland ... | 80 | Windsor ... | 771 |
| Norwich ... | 93 | Crewkerne ... | 814 |
| Truro ... | 131 | Sidcup ... | 849 |
| Rochford ... | 100 | Jersey ... | 877 |
| Old Brompton | 184 | Leominster ... | 892 |
| Liverpool ... | 241 | St. H.e.n.'s ... | 897 |
| Boston ... | 272 | Gosport ... | 903 |
| Warwick ... | 284 | Devonport ... | 954 |
| Lymington ... | 319 | Frome ... | 973 |
| Stockport ... | 322 | Crew ... | 979 |
| Bodmin ... | 330 | New Milford ... | 990 |
| Milford ... | 306 | Keswick ... | 1073 |
| Maryport ... | 371 | Ramsey, Isle of | |
| Birmingham | 473 | Man ... | 1075 |
| Newton-le- | | Ironbridge ... | 1120 |
| Willows ... | 484 | Newton Abbott | 1138 |
| Axminster ... | 494 | Ilminster... | 1197 |
| Wakefield ... | 495 | Batley ... | 1214 |
| St. Austell ... | 499 | Warrington ... | 1250 |
| Maidstone ... | 503 | Egremont ... | 1297 |
| Halesowen ... | 573 | Bala, North | |
| Alderney... | 593 | Wales ... | 1369 |
| Cockheaton ... | 603 | Torquay ... | 1402 |
| Burton-on- | | Sevenoaks ... | 1414 |
| Trent ... | 624 | Cuckfield ... | 1495 |
| Chippenham | 620 | Blackpool ... | 1470 |
| Harwich ... | 650 | Crowe ... | 1482 |
| Bristol ... | 686 | Newquay ... | 1528 |
| Wednesbury | 690 | Baidon, Yorks | 1545 |
| Aldershot ... | 723 | Leicester... | 1500 |
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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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| Cardiff ... | 56 | Aylesbury ... | 591 | Jarrow ... |
| Whitehaven... | 119 | West Brom- | | Edmonton ... |
| Margate ... | 127 | wich ... | 662 | Liverpool ... |
| Batley ... | 204 | Lee ... | 704 | Waterloo ... |
| Dartford ... | 299 | Stafford ... | 720 | Harrington ... |
| Maryport ... | 371 | Wootton-under- | | Liverpool ... |
| Newcastle ... | 406 | Edge ... | 855 | Huddersfield ... |
| Halifax ... | 448 | Stockton ... | 940 | Dartford ... |
| | | Kirkdale ... | 1086 | |

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10.

| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16. | | | | | |
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| CRAFT LODGES. | | Todmorden ... | 288 | Warwick ... | 567 |
| Rochdale... | 54 | Mottram... | 320 | Ormskirk ... | 580 |
| Guernsey ... | 84 | Stockport ... | 323 | Erith ... | 015 |
| Prescot ... | 80 | Stalybridge ... | 324 | New Mills, | |
| Hythe ... | 125 | Yeovil ... | 329 | Stockport... | 664 |
| Bolton ... | 140 | Sandbach ... | 308 | Princetown ... | 000 |
| Bristol ... | 187 | Budleigh Sal- | | Aberdare... | 079 |
| Manchester ... | 204 | terton ... | 372 | Colchester ... | 091 |
| Jersey ... | 244 | Morley, Yorks | 380 | Derby ... | 731 |
| Hull ... | 250 | Croydon ... | 403 | Llandudno ... | 755 |
| Heckmondwike | 258 | Harverfordwest | 404 | Appby ... | 812 |
| Oldham ... | 277 | Gravesend ... | 483 | Worthing ... | 851 |
| Lancaster ... | 281 | Dudley ... | 495 | Salford ... | 852 |