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RUMOUR, with its hundred tongues, is always, about this time, busily engaged in circulating all kinds of reports as to the brethren who will be appointed to office in Grand Lodge at the approaching Grand Festival. Many, indeed the majority of these reports are valueless, and were probably never intended to do more than flatter the self-complacency of the members to whom they relate; but occasionally one is heard to which reason inclines us to attach a certain amount of credibility. Thus, in the present instance, but without committing ourselves to the truth of the report, we are in a position to announce that Bro. LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, a younger brother of the Grand Master of Ireland, and W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, and Bro. Sir JOHN E. GORST, Q.C., M.P., Under Secretary of State for India, and I.P.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, are spoken of in well-informed circles as likely to be appointed Grand Wardens for the ensuing year; Bro. the Hon. and Rev. F. BYNG, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, and Rev. T. B. SPENCER, the Grand Chaplains; Bros. Sir LIONEL DARELL, Bart., Alderman Sir P. DE KEYSER, Colonel ADDISON POTTER, and CHESTER CHESTON, as likely Deacons; Bro. CHARLES BELTON, as Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. MONTEUUIS, a Founder and Past Master of La France and the Argonauts Lodges, Grand Sword Bearer; Bro. GEORGE TAYLOR, of Kidderminster, Prov. G. Secretary Worcestershire, as a Grand Standard Bearer; Bro. W. MAYBRICK, Grand Organist; and Bro. MERCER, Assistant Grand Pursuivant. If rumour proves true in the case of the above, or any of the above brethren, we must congratulate both the brethren themselves on the honours awaiting them, and his ROYAL HIGHNESS on the selection he has made.

A SUFFICIENT interval of time has elapsed since the news of Bro. General BROWNRIGG'S death was made public, for the quidnuncs to have become busily engaged in speculating as to the chances of this or that distinguished brother being appointed his successor, and it will doubtless interest our readers to hear that the report to which most credence is attached is that H.R.H. Prince ALBERT VICTOR of WALES will be chosen by his Royal Highness the M.W. GRAND MASTER to fill the vacant Provincial Grand Mastership of Surrey. The appointment would certainly be popular, both generally and in Surrey. The members of our Royal Family are prevented by the multiplicity of their engagements from taking a very active part in the proceedings of our Society; but what they do is always done well and thoroughly, and they are certain to exercise a beneficial influence in our behalf among the public at large. Hence, though we do not commit ourselves to the truth of the report, we are glad to hear there is some talk of his Royal Highness receiving the appointment.

YET once again, within the brief period of a few weeks, the melancholy duty devolves on us of recording the death of one of the ablest and most experienced members of our Craft. In March it was three brethren of distinction in the Provinces to whom we paid our customary tribute of respect. Last week we announced the death of a brother who had won still higher distinction in our ranks as a Prov. G. Master, and was a leading member of some of our foremost London lodges; and now we are sorrowing over the loss of a reverend brother who had secured both Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge honours; and had not only presided as Grand Master over the Mark and other degrees or systems of Masonry, but had likewise been their guide, philosopher, and friend during so long a term of years that his loss, if not irreparable, will be most difficult to repair. Bro. the Rev. Canon PORTAL, almost from the time of his initiation until his death, was a busy as well as an able member of the Craft. Two years after he had been made a Mason, we find him presiding as Master over one of our most important Provincial Lodges, and assisting in the resuscitation of another, which, but for his fortunate intervention would, in all probability, have then and there disappeared from the roll of Grand Lodge. Five years later, in conjunction with other Oxford brethren, he took a leading part in the revival of one of our oldest and now one of our most dis-

tinguished Metropolitan lodges, while, about the same time, his voice was frequently heard in Grand Lodge on the stirring question of the Canadian lodges and their alleged neglect by the home authorities. In 1856 he turned his attention to the Mark Degree, and on the establishment of the Mark G. Lodge was appointed one of its Grand Chaplains. Thenceforward he appears to have devoted almost the whole of his attention to this particular branch of Masonry, and there can be no question that the Mark is chiefly indebted for its success to the efficient services rendered by our late Bro. PORTAL in one or other of the numerous offices he filled almost from the date of his advancement, but more particularly as Deputy Grand and Grand Master and President of its General Board. In him, too, the Mark Benevolent Fund has lost one of its founders and early patrons, while the Allied Degrees and Royal and Select Masters will hardly know themselves now that he who had presided over their respective councils from their organisation as Grand Bodies is no longer here to watch over and protect their interests. In short, Freemasonry has lost in Bro. Canon PORTAL one of its most cultured and most capable members, who had been the friend and associate in Masonic labour of many of the chief dignitaries of our Order, and who leaves behind him not only many sterling memorials of his wisdom and strength as a ruler, but likewise a reputation for kindness as well as ability which few will rival, and none surpass.

THE tale of our recent losses, however, has still to be completed. As will be seen from the report we furnish elsewhere, the very day following that on which the death of Bro. Canon PORTAL occurred, another distinguished Mason, in the person of Bro. Sir F. GORE OUSELEY, Bart., was overtaken suddenly by illness while standing in the streets of Hereford, and within one hour from his seizure had ceased to breathe. Bro. Sir F. G. OUSELEY will be remembered as the practised musician, the composer of sacred music, and the able instructor who had occupied the professorial chair of music in the University of Oxford for 30 years and upwards. But his services to Freemasonry were neither few nor far between. He had presided as Master in more than one of our lodges; he was a Past Grand Chaplain of nearly 25 years' standing, and Past Prov. G. Chaplain of Oxfordshire of still earlier date; while within the last half dozen years he had been Grand Organist in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. He, too, is a loss which, conjoined as it is with so many others, will be very generally felt, and we should have been wanting in our duty if we had not paid this last tribute of respect to the memory of so worthy a brother.

VERY general and sincere sympathy will be felt with the QUEEN, the Prince and Princess of WALES, the Duke of CAMBRIDGE, and the other members of the Royal Family in the loss they have sustained by the death of the Duchess of CAMBRIDGE. The venerable lady would have completed her 92nd year in the coming month of July, but though her days had considerably exceeded the allotted span of life, they were cheered to the very last by the devoted love of her son and daughters and her numerous other relatives, as well as by the esteem and respect of all who had the honour and privilege of her acquaintance. The deceased lady, who was born the 25th July, 1797, married the late Duke of CAMBRIDGE in 1818, by whom she leaves issue the present Duke, who has just entered his 71st year, the Grand Duchess of MECKLENBURGH-STRELITZ, born 1822, and the Princess MARY ADELAIDE, Duchess of TECK. Shortly after the death, in 1850, of her husband, her Royal Highness took up her residence at St. James's Palace, where, and at Cambridge Cottage, Kew, with the exception of occasional visits to Rumpenheim, Italy, and Switzerland, she spent the long days of her widowhood, and where the QUEEN and the members of the Royal Family, when they came to town, rarely failed to visit her. Since 1873, when she had a paralytic seizure, which partially disabled her left side, she had been confined to the Palace, but she retained her faculties to the last, and it was only some 10 days prior to her death that she gave a dinner party in honour of the 70th birthday of her only son. By the demise of this aged lady one of the remaining links, which connected the present with the stirring times of the great Napoleonic wars, is broken, and though there are doubtless many persons surviving from those days, there is probably no one who can boast, as her late Royal Highness could, of having seen the great NAPOLEON on his retreat from the disastrous field of Leipzig, and having been on terms of friendship with the greatest of NAPOLEON'S antagonists, the victor of Waterloo.

A LETTER from Bro. Dr. RALPH GOODING, P.G.D., which will be found in another column, seeks to accelerate the rate of progress at which contributions are flowing into this fund. The exhortation of the distinguished and energetic Honorary Secretary, will, we doubt not, have its due weight with intending subscribers, and we would fain hope may also have the effect of increasing their number.

Upon the support which the scheme is likely to meet with in foreign jurisdictions, it would be premature to speculate, though it bodes well for the success of the movement both on the continent and in the United States that such representative Masons as the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Netherlands, the Provincial Grand Master of Mecklenburg, and the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer of Pennsylvania, are already on the roll of contributors. We are also glad to find that the claims of Bro. GOULD, as the author of a general History of Freemasonry, are deemed worthy of recognition by leading brethren of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, of which he is not a member. Bros. ALBERT PIKE, the venerable Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., and PIERRE TEMPELS, of the Supreme Council, 33°, of Belgium, have, we learn, joined the Committee—of which it may be mentioned, the Lieutenant Grand Commander and Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council, 33°, for England and Wales—Bros. Capt. N.G. PHILIPS and HUGH DAVID SANDEMAN—are also members.

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The Dist. G. Lodge of Northern China. We gather from the report of the proceedings which took place at the regular communication of the District G. Lodge of Northern China at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on the 7th January last, that very satisfactory progress has been made during the past year by this section of the English Craft in foreign parts. There appears to have been a slight increase in the membership, while, as regards the pecuniary position of the D.G. Lodge, the Dist. G. Treasurer was able to report that the year, which had begun with a balance outstanding against D.G. Lodge to the extent of 73 taels, concluded with a balance in its favour of 104 taels. The Dist. G.M., in the address he subsequently delivered, referred to this change as being most gratifying, ascribing the chief merit in having brought it about to Bro. CORNELIUS THORNE, Past Dist. G. Master, who had materially assisted them in their early days as a Dist. G. Lodge, and did not desire to be reimbursed. The Dist. G. Master had the further satisfaction of being able to report favourably of the manner in which the several private lodges in the district were fulfilling their duties, and he expressed the hope that now Dist. G. Lodge had set itself straight pecuniarily, its career in the future would be one of unbroken prosperity. To this hope we most cordially utter a fervent "So mote it be!"

MASONIC FACTS VERSUS FICTIONS.

BY H. SADLER.

I deeply regret the want of "time," and the absence of "desire," which precludes Bro. Lane's replying at length to my "discursive communication" of last week, and I have reason to know that my regret is shared by many other readers of the *Freemason*, who, in common with myself consider his contributions to Masonic literature as quite the reverse of inflictions. I will, however, confess to being a little disappointed with his latest effort. To my thinking, it has fallen short of his usual standard; indeed, had his name not been appended, I should never have credited him with the authorship. The weather, or the season, may have had some influence on its production, for if I were asked to write its epitaph, I am of opinion that I should consider "It came in like a lion and went out like a lamb," as being most appropriate. There is a certain amount of self-confidence—an assumption of actual knowledge—in the title as well as in the body of the first instalment of "Masonic Facts, not Fictions," which seemed to give promise of new light on the history of our Order. It is but natural, therefore, that I should have experienced a little anxiety as to the fate of my non-secession theory; however, the result has shown that my fears were groundless, and I can now breathe freely again until we have another "Daniel come to judgment," for my critic offers not an atom of evidence in support of his own views nor a word of argument in opposition to mine. It seems to me that, in order to cover his retreat from an untenable position, he quietly ignores his former positive assertions, and coolly calls on me to produce a particular kind of evidence which he knows perfectly well has no existence, and which I have never even insinuated would be forthcoming; nor do I consider that such evidence is at all necessary to establish my case. It rests with my opponent to complete his self-imposed task by proving that I am wrong, and showing that he is thereby justified in perpetuating what I maintain is an unfounded stigma on an important section of our Order. At present all the evidence appears to be on my side, and when Bro. Lane can find "time" to discuss that evidence, or produce real and not imaginary "facts" in opposition thereto, I shall be quite at his service; but, until then, I must reluctantly beg to decline further controversy with him on this most interesting subject.

CONSECRATION OF THE EUSTON LODGE, No. 2283.

A new lodge, bearing the name of the popular Prov. Grand Master of Norths and Hunts, was consecrated at St. Neots on the 12th ult. Considerable interest was evinced in the event, it being the first lodge consecrated in the province since the appointment of the Earl of Euston as Prov. G. Master in 1887.

The consecration ceremony took place in the lodge room, at the New Inn, Lord Euston being the Consecrating Officer, and the proceedings were carried out with great ability by the Consecrating Officer and his assistants.

Bro. J. G. Green was installed W.M., and Bros. J. Sibley and W.

Pentelow, S. and J. Wardens respectively—the Secretary being Bro. A. B. Brackenbury.

The founders of the lodge are Bros. J. G. Green, J. Sibley, W. Pentelow, A. B. Brackenbury, Sec., W. H. Day, R. Moulton, F. J. Maddison, J. Slinn, G. Taylor, and W. Wade.

A banquet was held at the Public Rooms, at which about 90 brethren from various parts of the country were present. The W.M., Bro. J. G. Green, occupied the chair, supported by Lord Euston. The room had been decorated with flags, and the table presented an exceedingly pretty appearance. Bro. T. Plum provided an excellent dinner.

During the evening, the items of a somewhat extensive toast list, including the usual loyal and Fraternal toasts, were honoured with enthusiasm, and songs were given by Bros. J. Wood, Ingram, Hodgson, Scate, Margetts, and Wooldridge.

CONSECRATION OF THE EUSTON LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 399.

A valuable addition was made to the increasing roll of Mark lodges by the consecration, on Monday, the 8th inst., of the Euston Lodge, No. 399, which took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly. The lodge takes its name from the distinguished Bro. the Earl of Euston, who is one of the founders, and is composed of brethren hailing from the Studholme Craft Lodge, No. 1591.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford, Deputy Grand Master of the Order, assisted by Bros. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.W., as S.W.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, as Chap.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., as R. of M.; R. Berridge, P.G.M.O., as D.C.; and C. H. Driver, G.M.O., as I.G.

The following brethren were also present:—

Bros. Major A. B. Cook, Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., W.M. designate; Edgar Baylis, S.W. designate; S. Hamilton Cartwright, J.W. designate; Earl of Euston, Sir Reginald Hanson, F. Mead, E. Darell, R. G. Gilmour, A. Sasson, A. Cooper, Gen. Sim, J. Baird, Lord Dungarvan, Gilmour-Gordon, and T. Wetherall. Visitors: Bros. A. M. Broadley, P.D.G.M. Malta; S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.O.; Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, G.S.O.; F. Richardson, G. Reg.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., P.G. Reg.; Augustus Harris, Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.W.; Butler Wilkins, P.M. 24; and W. W. Lee.

Lodge was formally opened, and the following brethren were impressively advanced by Bro. the Earl of Euston: Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, F. Mead, E. Darell, R. G. Gilmour, A. Sasson, A. Cooper, W. C. Sim, G. Baird, Lord Dungarvan, C. Gordon, and T. Wetherall.

The Grand Officers entered in procession, and the DEP. G. MASTER, having assumed the chair, appointed his officers pro tem., and addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting. He said they were assembled for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new lodge to be named after their most illustrious brother—the Earl of Euston. He had received the commands of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.M. to perform the necessary ceremony, and he would therefore call on the brethren who signed the petition to appear before him and ask the G.D.C. to state their wishes and the proceedings they had taken in respect of the lodge.

The G.D. of C. read the petition and warrant, and the founders signified their approval of the officers named therein.

Bro. Rev. A. W. OXFORD then delivered the following oration on the principles of the Order, after which an anthem was sung, and the lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted:

We are met here this evening to consecrate a new lodge of Mark Master Masons. We have once again been taught the great Masonic lessons—Do justice, love mercy, practise Charity. We have once again been taught that the great tie which binds us is our need of each other, that from the common life alone come victory and strength. The key-stone, which we all wear, reminds us of this solemn obligation of mutual service, the obligation to add to the comfort and light and joy of our brethren. These are the foundation truths of all Masonry. But the Mark Degree goes farther, and bids us consider the reward of our work, as symbolised by the wages paid to the Craftsmen. It impresses on us the fact that our service will never fail of its reward. We sometimes fear that it may do so. We fear that, if we act up to the Masonic standard, showing true Charity to all, giving way to all, bearing our brother's burden, content to take the lowest seat, forbearing, courteous, considerate—we fear that we shall be passed over without reward, perhaps even without gratitude. There is no need for fear. The reward may seem long in coming, but it comes at last. For the one thing which makes a man great, which clothes him with power, and wins for him the love and respect of his brethren, is service to others. And even if our labour does seem to fail of its reward, and the brethren reject our work, and heave it over among the rubbish, nevertheless, it is not lost. As the beautiful lecture of this Degree says, "God seeth not as man seeth; and while in honest endeavour to frame our conduct by the plans laid down for our guidance, interpreting them to the best of our ability by the imperfect light vouchsafed us, we may be misjudged and misunderstood by our erring fellow-mortals, we may yet confidently place our reliance there, and look for our reward from Him who is as merciful as He is unerring." One word more. The motto of our brother who gives his name to this lodge is "Et decus et pretium recti," the ornament and reward of virtue. Here we learn what our true, our best reward is. Virtue is its own ornament, its own true reward. As Macbeth says—

The service and the loyalty I owe,
In doing it, pays itself.

Or, as the great Roman Emperor, Marcus Aurelius, puts it, "What more dost thou want, when thou hast done a man a service? art thou not content that thou hast done something conformable to thy nature, and dost thou seek to be paid for it? just as if the eye demanded a recompense for seeing, or the feet for walking." "Et decus et pretium recti," our labour its own ornament, its own reward. In our higher and happier moods I think we all have visions of this truth. We never are, we never can be, paid for our best, save in the simple doing of it. Our finest devotion is never recompensed with high office, with gold or tangible reward. It never can be. We give ourselves, and find thereby our larger life.

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., took the chair, and installed Bro. Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., as the W. Master for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Edgar Baylis, S.W.; S. Hamilton Cartwright, J.W.; Sir Reginald Hanson, M.O.; F. Mead, S.O.; Alfred Cooper, J.O.; Earl of Euston, Treas.; E. Darell, R. of M.; Major A. B. Cook, Sec.; C. Gordon, S.D.; Lord Dungarvan, J.D.; G. Baird, D.C.; Gen. Sim, I.G.; and T. Wetherall and Sasson, Stwds. The election of Tyler was deferred.

The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Matier.

The W.M. said a very pleasing duty devolved upon him to propose that a cordial and hearty vote of thanks should be given by their newly-consecrated lodge to the Consecrating Officers. He was sure they had all been very much impressed with the way in which the consecration was performed, and their best thanks were due to Bro. the Marquess of Hertford and the rest of the officers. He had further to say that they hoped those brethren who had assisted in the ceremony would consider themselves honorary members.

The S.W. seconded the proposition, which was carried "nem. con."

Bro. the Marquess of HERTFORD, D.G.M., said he thanked the W.M. very heartily for the kind way in which he had proposed the vote of thanks, and for the kind words used. He considered it a great honour to be asked to attend and consecrate the lodge, and only asked them to forgive any shortcomings in the ceremony. He heartily wished all prosperity to the W.M. during his term of office, and to the lodge for time immemorial.

The W.M., Treasurer, and Secretary were appointed a Committee to frame the by-laws, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren subsequently dined together.

In response to the toast of his health, Bro. the Marquess of HERTFORD paid a touching tribute to the memory of the late Bro. Rev. Canon Portal.

THE MASONIC BROTHERHOOD.

We love to think and speak of the Craft of Freemasons as a Fraternity or Brotherhood, because these words (which are equivalent in meaning) express in the fullest sense the significance of the Mystic Tie which irrevocably binds us to the universal Craft and to each other. The word "Order" is a cold word, that is used in many other connections, being by no means peculiar to Masonry; but the term "Brotherhood" or "Fraternity" is especially Masonic, is in the highest sense descriptive of the unified members of the Craft, and is, indeed, altogether lovely. Let us strive to fully apprehend its significance, for we may thereby the better understand Freemasonry, and become better Masons.

There is a partisan sense in which the term brother is sometimes used, which by no means does it justice. Gentle Isaak Walton, who delighted simultaneously to fish and to meditate, styled every companion of his "a Brother of the Angle." Of what angle? The fishing rod! But all men are not fishermen—few are fishers. But there is a society which, in the fullest and truest sense, includes Brothers of the Angle. It is the Masonic Fraternity. Its angle is the Square, and all men who are good men and true, of all professions and ranks in life, may become members of this universal Brotherhood, the only boundaries of which, the world over, are Morality, Fraternity, and Charity. Poets speak of the "brotherhood of nations," but it, we know, is a myth. Even little Samoa can imperil that brotherhood. Historians tell of the "brotherhood of monks," but theirs is the narrowest possible sectarian classification. None of these fraternities are world-wide, like the Brotherhood of Freemasonry, which has included kings, monks, and fishermen, whereby it has proven itself to be the brotherhood of brotherhoods.

From the beginning men, even pagan men, have announced the theory of the brotherhood of man—but there they paused. Cicero maintained this doctrine as distinctly as it was afterwards asserted by the Christian Church. He wrote: "Men were born for the sake of men, that each should assist the others." Lucian said: "We are members of one great body: Nature has made us relatives." Epictetus wrote: "You are a citizen of the world;" while Terence adapted from Menander that world-famous expression: "Homo sum humani nihil a me alienum puto."

"I am a man; nothing in human life
Can fail to have its interest for me."

At the utterance of which words, in Terence's comedy of "The Self-Tormentor," St. Augustine tells us the whole audience, though many of them were rude and ignorant, broke into thunders of applause. But it required more than the applause of a miscellaneous theatrical audience in Greece to permeate the world with this doctrine, to actuate men everywhere to apprehend its full meaning, and to embody it in action which should never cease. That alone, as events have demonstrated, the Masonic Brotherhood could do, and has done. Freemasons are not only lovers of all good men and true—that is, of Freemasons round the globe—but they are lovers of mankind. No other body of men can in this respect successfully dispute their pre-eminence.

Did it ever occur to the reader how, from the beginning, men have been dependent upon each other, nay, and upon nature itself, for communion, enjoyment, assistance, and support? Theologians tell us that man was created by the Almighty the last of all the creatures in the six creative days or epochs, not only because he was the noblest of all, but also because he was the *most needy of all*, since he was in need of all the creatures that preceded him, while they were not in need of him. The foliage of the forest, the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts of the earth—all could, and did, exist without him; but man needed them all for his proper enjoyment and support, and even requires all other men to be, in the truest sense, his brethren, if he is to attain the highest rank as a noble, earnest, active, and happy man. Herein is the beauty of the Masonic Fraternity, in that it affords scope for the due exercise of all man's God-given faculties. He enjoys himself, assists his neighbour, and is a living example of the truth that we have one Father, even God, and are members of one Brotherhood, which not only comprehends men of all nations, tongues, and kindreds, over the face of the whole earth, but upon occasions goes beyond the Mystic circle of its initiates, and practically demonstrates, by the unselfishness of its Charities, that "its field is the world." Such is the Masonic Fraternity. Let us esteem this Brotherhood as we ought, and each of us strive to continually exemplify its living principles.—*The Keystone.*

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A CATHOLIC CHURCH BUILT BY FREEMASONS.

The following episode is recorded in the *Semaine Religieuse*. It is taken from a letter written by the Right Rev. Dr. Cousin, of the Foreign Missions, Vicar-Apostolic of Southern Japan:—

"Just outside of the harbour of Nagasaki, about nine miles from the city, there is a small island whose circumference is only about three miles. All the necessary buildings, steam engines, etc., for the development of a large coal mine are erected there, because the entrance to the mine is on the island, and shafts and galleries have been made in all directions, extending quite far under the sea. The island is, as it were, suspended in the air, for it rests on five or six tiers of galleries, spreading in all directions; hence it is gradually sinking, and the inhabitants say it has sunk ten feet in twenty years. Several houses, which formerly stood about high water mark, had to be moved farther back, for the sea was slowly encroaching on them. All the springs are dried up—fresh water has to be brought daily to the island, and is sold in the market; the trees have also dried from want of water. And yet there are people who continue to live there. There is even quite a large village at the other extremity of the island, of which about one-half the inhabitants are Catholics. About ten years ago these good people had transformed a house into a little chapel, and, when the missionary came to visit them, the Holy Sacrifice was offered and the Sacraments administered there.

"But a day came at last when they saw that the earth was giving way under the house, and that it was about to fall, so they took it down. But how were they to erect another one? The Christians were not numerous, and they were poor. Ground would have to be bought in a safer locality, the chapel would have to be more solidly built; at the lowest calculation the expense would be at least £120, and whence was this amount to come?

"The Christians agreed to procure the land and give a part of the work. The good missionary who had charge of the station, not knowing where to find the necessary means, recommended the urgent need to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (the little chapel was dedicated to the Sacred Heart), and he proceeded to lay the matter before the mining engineer, who directed the works at the coal mine. He was an English Protestant gentleman, who was employed by the Japanese Company who own the mine. He did not appear astonished at the good Father's visit, and immediately handed him 100 lcs. as his contribution.

"This is a very generous gift," said the missionary, "nevertheless, it will not go very far. You have friends and countrymen in Nagasaki. Might I call on them for contributions?"

"Are you acquainted with any of them? Have you been introduced?" inquired the engineer.

"No, I do not know any one."

"Then it would be useless; you would not be well received."

"However, while speaking, the good Englishman took a sheet of paper and began writing an appeal for subscriptions for the erection of the Catholic Chapel of Takadjima, accompanying it with a list of names, and then courteously handing it to the Father, said to him: 'Take this from me to these various addresses, and I trust you will succeed.'

"The missionary took the list very gratefully, and spent the following days in calling on the engineer's friends. He was kindly received everywhere—not one refused to subscribe. He collected enough to build his church. His heart was filled with joy. But the best part of the affair was that the engineer, who was at the head of the Freemasons of Nagasaki, had simply given the good Father a list of the members of his lodge. The Freemasons of Nagasaki erected a chapel to the Sacred Heart! May the Sacred Heart enlighten and reward them! You can imagine with what consolation I blessed this little chapel erected under such singular auspices. The ceremony took place on April 12, 1888. We never had such a festival. Ten missionaries, eight deacons, and all the Seminarians were present. Nothing was wanting. We had a procession, a Pontifical High Mass, a sermon by the pastor, another one by the Bishop, and finally a nice dinner. The Christians of the village had undertaken to provide dinner for the Seminarians, and the good people spent the preceding night in fishing. Their efforts were rewarded with an abundant catch of fish, so that the young Seminarians enjoyed a bountiful meal.

"I forgot to mention that the Japanese Mining Company were extremely kind to us on this occasion. They own a steamboat, which plies between the island and the city. For that day they gave a free passage going and coming to the Fathers and Seminarians. Our party amounted to sixty persons. The Japanese director of the mine was present at the ceremony, and, although he is a pagan, he behaved with great decorum. Our good people were proud and overjoyed. Eighteen years ago they were hunted like wild beasts, and thrown into prison on the slightest suspicion of Catholicity, and on that day we had Japanese guards to maintain order during the ceremony of dedication. Truly our good Lord has ways of recompensing, sooner or later, those who suffer for Him!"

MARTINISM, or the Rite Martin, seems to represent three phases of existence or development. 1.—In its original form it was founded by Martin Paschales, in 1754 (see), and consisted then of nine grades, divided into two classes. First Class—1, Apprenti; 2, Compagnon; 3, Maître; 4, Grand Elu; 5, Apprenti Coen. Second Class—6, Compagnon Coen; 7, Maître Coen; 8, Grand Architecte; 9, Chevalier Commandeur. Between about 1770 and 1775 Louis Claude de St. Martin introduced the "Réforme de St. Martin," which consisted of ten grades, divided into two Temples. The first Temple was composed of—1, Apprenti; 2, Compagnon; 3, Maître; 4, Ancien Maître; 5, Elu; 6, Grand Architecte; 7, Maçon du Secret. The second Temple included 8, Prince de Jérusalem; 9, Chevalier de la Palestine; 10, Kadosch. There is another modification of this, which Ragon says was "répandu en Allemagne et en Prusse," but which statement is somewhat apocryphal, namely, 1, Apprenti; 2, Compagnon; 3, Maître; 4, Maître Parfait; 5, Elu; 6, Ecossais; 7, Sage. This is called, he says, "Ecosaise Réforme de St. Martin." What is commonly called the "Rite Rectifié de St. Martin," we hold with the "Handbuch" to be identical with that adaptation of the Rite de St. Martin which was adopted at the Convent des Gaules, at Lyons, 1778, and which was incorporated in "L'Ordre des Chevaliers bienfaisants de la Cité Sainte."—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

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The other Trains generally on GOOD FRIDAY will run as on Sunday, with the exception of the 10.40 a.m. Crewe to Holyhead, 11.40 a.m. Holyhead to Chester, and 4.20 p.m. Chester to Crewe, which will not be run.

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To Correspondents.

The following communications unavoidably stand over: Supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275. Laying the Corner-Stones of St. Paul's New Church, Royston.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic World," "La Revista Masonica del Peru," "The Tylor," "South African Freemason," "Voice of Masonry," "Liberal Freemason," and "The Freemason (Toronto)."



SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1889.

Original Correspondence.

THE GOULD TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At the close of last year a movement was set on foot to recognise the highly meritorious services of Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., as the Historian of the Craft.

The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, kindly consented to serve as Chairman of the Committee, and among the members are many Provincial Grand Masters, Grand and Provincial Grand Officers and brethren.

A circular, inviting co-operation, has been sent to the W.M. of every English lodge, and, inasmuch as the value of Bro. Gould's labours have not been confined to this country, it was thought that the brethren of foreign Masonic jurisdictions should be invited to participate in the movement, which has accordingly been done, through the medium, in each case, of their respective Grand Masters.

Many lodges and brethren, both at home and abroad, have already responded to this appeal, and some time must of course yet elapse before the spirit in which it will be received in foreign Masonic jurisdictions can be fully ascertained.

In the meanwhile, however, the success of the testimonial will be placed beyond the possibility of a doubt if the brethren who have up to the present moment signified their intention of subscribing to it will exert their personal influence in recommending the scheme to the favourable notice of their friends, and of the various Masonic bodies with which they are connected.

Besides his unequalled merits as a Craft historian, Bro. Gould has been a diligent worker in several of the leading Degrees of Freemasonry.

Initiated as far far back as 1855, he has been 32 years a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar, and 31 years a member of the Mark Degree. The Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, is the fifth lodge of which he became the W.M. He is a P.Z. of chapters Nos. 92 and 570, and was a founder of three preceptories (in one of which he filled the chair) in the far east. His Masonic record, therefore, goes to show that he has been active alike in the ritual and ceremonial of Masonry, as well as being the foremost worker in its literature and history.

It may be remarked that the sum of one guinea has been fixed as the maximum and not as the minimum subscription for individuals, and that the names of brethren will be cordially welcomed on the Committee who may be disposed to collect any smaller sums, and forward their lists for incorporation with the general fund. Also the smallest sums will be thankfully received from any individual brethren who are desirous of forwarding their contributions to me direct.

It will be evident that, though the testimonial must necessarily be allowed to run until a sufficient time has

elapsed for replies to come in from abroad, it cannot remain open for an indefinite period. Hence the influence of brethren who are favourable to the movement would be most usefully exercised by their impressing upon intending subscribers the absolute necessity of dispatch. By this means the Committee would be greatly assisted in bringing their labours to a close, and with a result which they confidently anticipate would, under such circumstances, mark in the most satisfactory manner possible the general esteem and regard entertained for our Bro. Gould by his Masonic brethren.—Yours fraternally,

RALPH GOODING, M.D.,
P.G.D., P.M. and Treas. No. 1, Hon. Sec.
Heath Lodge, The Grove, Blackheath, S.E.
April 10.

MASONIC CHARITY STATISTICS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letter of "P.M. 1607" in last week's *Freemason* is a singular production. I pass by the statement of "rizen dander" as outside the question under consideration. Either P.M. 1607 is correct in his tables, or he is not. If the former, why does he say "Had they written in a different tone, I would have apologised and thanked them for pointing out the error or errors?" Being incorrect, I presume as a Mason he is a gentleman, and should have gracefully admitted his mistake, although he may think Bro. Vickers' "dander's riz." I assure him this is not the case, but I am justly annoyed at the repeated mistakes occurring in his Statistical Tables.

I shall be glad if "P.M. 1607" will inform me where, in his last boys' and Girls' Tables, he states that "I have taken my figures from the Festival Reports." I fail to find any such statement, and it is left to be inferred that his figures represent the total sums received by the Institutions from this Province—which they do not.

If statistics are to be compiled and published, let them by all means be accurate, and to accomplish this, they should be compiled under the direction of the Secretaries of the respective Institutions. They would then be attended with an authority and exactness which at present they sadly lack.—I am, dear Sir and Bro., yours fraternally,

B. VICKERS,
P.G.S. Lincolnshire.



9. SOMERSETSHIRE.

Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards (Prov. G. Treas., &c.), the editor of the "Freemasons' Calendar for the Province of Somerset," has "surpassed himself" this time, the new issue being far ahead of all the previous years. The frontispiece, an excellent portrait of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and Prov. G.M. of Somerset, will surely be much appreciated, and the additional information supplied in the edition for 1889-90 cannot fail to prove most useful and acceptable. The notes respecting the "annual returns" are a capital guide for the W.M.'s and Secretaries; we include the W.M.'s in the matter, as they are responsible to the local and general authorities for the work being done. Another new table is the list of places and dates of the Prov. G. Lodge from 1855 to 1888, the third addition being the names of the recipients from the Central Masonic Charities belonging to the province, viz., five annuitants, seven boys, and two girls. There are over 3000 votes held by the province (inclusive of the official), and full particulars are given of the names of subscribers and other matters appertaining to the well-managed Charity organisation. As we said last year, so we say now, "Bro. Edwards is evidently an enthusiastic editor, and so loves his work." He gives of his very best to the province, and deserves all the encouragement possible for his "labour of love."

10. WEST LANCASHIRE.

We are exceedingly glad to find that Bro. W. Goodacre (P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.) has joined the guild of Masonic editors, having started the "West Lancashire Masonic Calendar" for 1889, and we beg most heartily to congratulate him on such an excellent beginning. As the work runs to nearly 200 pages there is no lack of material, neither could less be well expected in a province containing the large number of 94 lodges, being the second largest in England. The first, as respects size, is East Lancashire, the two divisions making a total of close on 200 lodges in the County of Lancashire! Then, again, there are 39 R.A. chapters, and, as the names, places, and days of meetings, dates of warrants, rolls of officers, list of P.M.'s and Past First Principals, with the names and addresses of the Charity representatives, Secretaries, &c., are duly given, it will at once be seen that the Calendar is of great value and interest for the members of the province, and just the kind of thing that has long been needed in West Lancashire. When so much has been done, and so well done, by Bro. Goodacre, at the risk of seeming ungracious, we should suggest that the years of service might be appended to the P.M.'s and Past First Principals, so as to increase the usefulness of the publication. Several of the Calendars insert the number of members under each lodge and chapter, and the most furnish the number of votes in the Central Masonic Charities. A table of the chapter meetings at pages 142-3 could not be surpassed for condensed information in that department. Three local Charities call for special mention, viz.: "West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," having 224 children on the foundation, 19 of whom are also clothed and maintained. Let the figures be noted—224 children being educated, &c., in this single province! 2. "West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution"—10 aged and distressed Freemasons are receiving annuities. 3. "West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution"—seven distressed widows of Freemasons are obtaining annuities. We are much impressed with the significance of these figures, as they prove not only how benevolent the province is, but also how Masonic Charity is rapidly flowing in local channels.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

835] A CHARITABLE LODGE.

A neat little souvenir of the "Lodge of Integrity," No. 163, Manchester, entitled, "Names and Addresses of Members," &c., 1889! The lodge books, prior to 1830, were destroyed by fire, but a roll of Masters, from 1828 to 1888 is inserted. At the end of the wee book the "Particulars of Donations and Statement of Votes," possessed by the Lodge of Integrity, No. 163, call for especial mention, and, certainly, unstinted acknowledgement.

	Sums.	Votes.
R. Mas. Inst. for Girls ...	£189 0 0	37
R. Mas. Inst. for Boys ...	409 10 0	138
R. Mas. Benev. Inst.—		
Male Fund ...	388 10 0	108
Female Fund ...	315 0 0	90
For many years, annually ...	2 2 0	16
East Lanc. Educ. & Benev. Inst. ...	223 12 0	223
Manchester Warehousemen and		
Clerks' Orphans' Institution ...	£109 5 0	20
Other Institutions ...	20 0 0	0
Total ...	£1656 19 0	632

Surely such generosity by a lodge of less than 100 members, and far from an extravagant annual subscription, should be prominently mentioned, so as to serve as a "Beacon Light" for other lodges, and thus lead to many followers of so conspicuous an example of that "distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart."

W. J. H.

836] "ANCIENT" No. 18.

In Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," it is stated that a lodge appears in "Ahiman Rezon's," 1804-7-13, "without any location, but that as a careful student, he considers it was never on the roll. I have tried many times to solve the riddle, but have so far failed, and even now that a possible clue has turned up, the result may not be what is anticipated. In the proceedings, Grand Lodge of Quebec, 1874, my friend, Dr. Graham, then Grand Master, in his fifth annual address to that Grand Lodge, refers to the printed By-laws of the year 580—, of a lodge of "Ancient" origin (as testified by the introduction containing the titles of the Duke of Athol, as G.M.), which is numbered 18, and was then held at the Township of Eaton [Lower Canada]. I wonder if this is the missing No. 18, and shall be glad to have Bro. Lane's opinion on the subject, as also Dr. Graham's. Perhaps the latter distinguished brother will favour us with more particulars of the official code of By-laws, so as to fix, if possible, the lodge?

W. J. H.



Craft Masonry.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, on Monday last, Bro. Samuel Smith, W.M., presiding, and was supported by a large number of brethren. Bro. T. R. S. Smith, son of the W.M., and Bro. Alexandra were raised to the Third Degree in an impressive manner, and five brethren were passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. Vorley and Bonn were initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. S. Smith, W.M., consented to act as Steward for the Girls' School Festival next month, and the members unanimously voted the sum of 20 guineas to be placed on his list. The W.M. brought forward a petition of a brother of the Lebanon Lodge, now in recess, to be signed, which was duly carried and signed by the officers and brethren. After other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the harmony being ably rendered by Bros. Rickets, H. F. Jones, Silvester, and Audain.

Bros. Campbell, Chillingworth, and H. Levy responded for "The Visitors." Bro. Levy said that he had never seen the Three Degrees worked so well before, and congratulated the W.M. on his working; evidently he would not rust in the chair, as he had plenty of work set out for the next meeting.

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

JOHN HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday last, Bro. Henry Frederick Frost, W.M., presiding. The following brethren were also present: Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; O. L. M. Latreille, P.M., Sec.; Major J. Heaton, P.M., D.C.; F. H. Baker, I.P.M.; G. F. Salmon, P.M.; F. Taylor, P.M.; J. B. Sorrell, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. C. Palmer, 891; R. W. Moffrey, W.M. 957; J. S. Lewis, 2244; A. Barfield, G. Treas.; T. Catling, W.M. 2190; F. Davies, 1056; W. Ponton, 1744; E. J. Dugood, 569; C. J. R. Tjouw, P.M., Sec. 1804; W. Manger, P.M. 1314; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; C. Thomasset, S.W. 1861; R. Burleton, P.M. 860; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B.; J. T. Bustin, 1987; T. G. Scott, 933, 1928; T. Kefford, 169; H. Klein, I.P.M. 2108; A. Mullord, 1288; W. Wharton, 47; G. H. Turner, 47; W. Harris, 1622; S. Lord, 993; T. E. Kent, 1716; S. Benton, P.M. 1957; F. G. Barns, S.W. 766; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928.

The W.M., immediately after the formal business was completed, proceeded to instal his successor, and displayed by his performance of the ceremony the excellence of the tuition obtained in the lodge of instruction, where

the members of the John Hervey Lodge are consistent attendants. The new W.M. was Bro. William Henry, who, as S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. at the the previous regular meeting. He also exhibited proficiency as a worker in his charges to his officers on investing them. The brethren who had this honour conferred upon them were: Bros. F. J. Dangerfield, S.W.; Walter F. Potter, J.W.; Jabez Hogg, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; O. L. M. Latreille, P.M., Sec.; Rev. R. C. Lewis, M.A., Chap.; Walter Symes Harris, S.D.; W. C. Fox, J.D.; F. Varley, I.G.; Major J. Heaton, P.M., D.C.; J. Evans, A.D.C.; E. G. Packman and J. R. Reep, Stwds.; and Freeman, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies and the delivery of the addresses by the retiring W.M. to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of the lodge, the I.P.M. was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and Bro. Latreille, P.M., Sec., who accidentally lost his P.M.'s jewel three years ago, was also presented with a P.M.'s jewel, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. Orlando L. Latreille, P.M., by the W.M. and brethren of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, as a small tribute of gratitude for eminent services rendered in the lodge as P.M. and Sec. April 10th, 1889."

Both the jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Lodge was thereafter closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to a choice banquet. This having been disposed of and thoroughly enjoyed, the toasts were proposed and honoured, and a fine selection of glees were sung in the course of the evening by Messrs. T. Lindley Berry, S. Brown, A. Brittin, and Bro. Wallis.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." were proposed in a few words by the W.M., as was also "The Pro G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. A. Barfield, G. Treas., in reply to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said all the brethren knew how well the Grand Officers had done their duty. Several now present took a laborious part in those duties, and on more especially—Bro. Dr. Hogg, P.G.D. With regard to himself, he (Bro. Barfield) during the past year had had very little to do, but that little he hoped he had done to the satisfaction of the brethren who elected him. He felt he had done his duty, and hoped he should do it to the end of his term of office.

The I.P.M. proposed "The W.M.," which he said was the toast of the evening. He was not going to dilate to any great extent on the merits of Bro. Henry, for the brethren had themselves seen how well he had worked from the lowest office with care, skill, and steadiness, and in every respect with zeal and assiduity. But he (the I.P.M.) had seen more than that. He had had the opportunity of witnessing him in the lodge of instruction in which they had both learned their work. He had seen how carefully and regularly he had attended that lodge of instruction and had made himself thoroughly competent in every department of Freemasonry for the position he now occupied. He was perfectly certain that Bro. Henry would prove a credit to the John Hervey Lodge, and he congratulated the brethren one and all on having a Master who, he was persuaded, would do them honour in every respect.

The W.M., in reply to the flattering terms used by the I.P.M., was gratified to think that he was not an old member of the lodge, but he looked upon it as a hopeful sign for the brethren who were coming forward that he had attained the highest office after six years only, which was rapid promotion. He hoped the I.P.M.'s flattering words would be justified, but he could safely assure the brethren that the interests of the John Hervey Lodge would not be a small matter in his estimation. It would be a matter of very great concern to him to maintain the high dignity the lodge now occupied in the roll of lodges. Nothing on his part should be wanting to maintain it. He was exceedingly grateful for the support accorded to him, and if he was spared through the year of office, he hoped he should have their warm approval of what he had done.

Bro. Jabez Hogg proposed "The Masonic Charities," for which the John Hervey had always done its duty. It would always do so; the brethren belonging to it wanted the lodge to be distinguished for its Charity. It was not a new idea with them; they always desired to be strongly represented in the Charities of the Craft. The Masonic Charities were more strongly supported than any other Charities. Bro. Baker was representing the lodge this year at the Boys' Festival, and he was a very energetic member, who would bring in a good list, and would not be satisfied unless he had three figures in the £ column. The Boys' School, 30 years ago, had 90 boys; it had now 240. The Boys' School suffered by its Festival being the last of the three; and, in addition, it suffered last year from the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, for which an extraordinary effort was made. He strongly urged the brethren to support Bro. Baker's list. The Boys' School required assistance. It had had an immense amount of difficulties to surmount, but it had done a great deal of good. The boys had turned out well. One was house-surgeon at St. Thomas's Hospital, who had distinguished himself in many ways, and had obtained all the honours that could be got in the hospital; he was an M.B. of London University. Another had become a very high astronomical man, and, as a mathematician, stood very high at the University. There were many others who, when turned out in the world, did the Institution great credit, for a better educated body of boys was not to be found in any Institution with which he was acquainted.

Bro. Baker said he had endeavoured to do his best for his list outside the lodge, and had got 70 guineas on it already. He hoped the brethren would make it commensurate with the needs of the Institution. (At a later period of the evening Bro. Baker announced that his list amounted to 90 guineas.)

Bro. Binckes, acknowledging the toast, and expressing his sincere appreciation of the order of the toasts being changed on this occasion, which gave them an opportunity of being recognised when the room was full instead of being relegated to a period of the evening when empty seats were numerous, proceeded, after thanking Bro. Hogg for his kindness, to say that familiarity did not breed contempt with the toast of "The Masonic Institutions." Admitting that the Boys' School suffered last year by the Centenary of the Girls' School, he indulged the hope that the Festival of the present year would redeem the misfortune of last year. Instead of 240 boys in the School, there were 263, and he was happy to say they were very

successful at the Cambridge Local Examinations. Dr. Hogg had mentioned the success of some of the pupils, but he might mention that there was an Institution called the Old Masonians, consisting already of 80 or 90 members, who were old pupils of the Institution, and he would undertake to say if any sceptic as to the benefits of the Institution would go to their gatherings, which were held once a month, or to their annual dinner on Saturday, the 13th inst., he would find a number of young gentlemen there who were fulfilling their duties in their different stations of life in a manner not only creditable to themselves, but creditable to the Institution they were proud to acknowledge had administered to their advancement in life. This led him to make an observation about a little drawback to that which would be a complete success—about a little cloud in the shape of an unissued report of a Committee of Enquiry. He could not discount what that report would be: he alluded to it—he did not want to shirk the question. There were many brethren present who knew a Committee was appointed, and that it had instituted a crucial enquiry into the minutæ of the Boys' School. He did not know what the report would be; but why the Boys' School should be selected for enquiry he could not see, when all the three Institutions were conducted on the same lines. If the report should prove to be unfavourable, he challenged contradiction when he stated that there was not an Institution in the world, inside or outside Masonry, that would come out without some fault in details; but as long as honour and honesty could not be impugned, and as the boys were benefited by it, it was only a question of £ s. d. when a pound more or less was expended on those boys. The Boys' School had to hold its own to maintain a position in contrast with the middle class schools of the country, and how were they to do that if they were going to reduce the expenditure? He had been Secretary of the Institution 35 years. It would be for the brethren to say if he had discharged his duties thoroughly and conscientiously, and whether the Institution had discharged its duties. Whatever might be the result of the inquiry, let them not visit the sins of the fathers upon the children; if the details of the Institution were not perfect, let them not curtail the boys, shut up the Institution, and deprive the boys of the benefits they had received and were receiving. One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight sons of distressed Masons—many of whom had been in prosperity as much as any at that table—had thanked God there had been a Masonic Institution for Boys. If it had failed in this or that particular let them not deprive the brethren of the means of educating, clothing, and maintaining now 263 sons of distressed Masons if they had the means, as they had the accommodation to increase to 300. The brother after whom that lodge was named was the first in his (Bro. Binckes') early days in Freemasonry, in 1851, 2, 3, and 4, to direct his steps in the paths of happiness, which were to do the best he possibly could to promote the interests of the Masonic Charities.

The remaining toasts were "The I.P.M. and P.M.'s," "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast was given by Bro. Freeman before the brethren separated.

The evening was a most enjoyable one.

ROYAL ARTHUR LODGE (No. 1360).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, on Wednesday evening, the 20th ult., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors, under the presidency of the highly-esteemed Bro. J. Hoey, P.M., W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. H. Wingfield, I.P.M.; J. Reeves, P.M.; G. King, P.M. 172, P.Z.; H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; J. J. D. Magee, P.M. 1424, Sec.; G. Gabb, P.M. 902; F. W. Pool, P.M. 450; and J. O'Connell, W.M. 2157; and assisted by Bros. G. March, S.W. and W.M. elect; H. Baker, as J.W. (in the absence of Bro. J. Roffey); J. H. Wade, S.D.; T. R. Porter, J.D.; W. F. Driver, I.G.; and B. Banks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report, which showed the lodge to be in a sound and flourishing condition, was then read by Bro. H. Baker. Bros. C. F. Haward and J. R. Rutter were then raised to the Sublime Degree, the ceremony being worked in a most admirable manner by the W.M. Bro. J. Hoey, P.M. and W.M., vacated the chair, which was immediately occupied by Bro. J. Reeves, P.M., the Installing Master. Bro. G. March, S.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Master by Bro. J. Hoey, P.M. and W.M., to receive the benefit of installation. The Installing Master declared the Board of Installed Masters duly opened, after which Bro. G. March was installed in the chair of K.S. The newly-installed Master, having been regularly proclaimed and saluted with Masonic honours, proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Hoey, I.P.M.; J. Roffey, S.W.; J. H. Wade, J.W.; A. G. Bird, Treas.; J. J. D. Magee, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., D.C.; J. O'Connell, W.M. 2157, Org.; T. R. Porter, S.D.; W. F. Driver, J.D.; H. Baker, I.G.; J. Hudnett and F. Tomlin, Stwds.; and B. Banks, Tyler. The Installing Master then proceeded with the ceremony of installation, and having delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren generally, the ceremony, which was most ably and impressively delivered, was brought to a close.

Bro. J. O'Connell, W.M. 2157, on rising, said: It was my intention to have addressed Bro. J. Hoey, I.P.M., whilst occupying the chair as W.M., but unfortunately I was unable to arrive in time, hence the address on parchment presented to him bearing the title Worshipful Master. This, brethren, is my explanation in addressing Bro. J. Hoey, our I.P.M., as W.M. I further beg to say that I have been requested by a very large number of the brethren who constitute this lodge to perform, what to me is a most pleasing duty, and one which affords me unqualified gratification, and as the subject of my remarks is centred in the person of your distinguished predecessor, Bro. J. Hoey, I will, with your kind permission, immediately proceed to address myself to him. Bro. Hoey, P.M., some 12 months ago most of us here were assembled within these walls to welcome and congratulate you on your advent to the chair. Your previous career had given us all very high hopes and expectations of the manner in which you would discharge the duties of your Mastership; and now, at the expiration of your tenure of office, we are not at all surprised to find those hopes and

expectations amply verified. We are now able to say with all truth that you have not been insensible to the obligations which devolved on you as head of the lodge, nor of the responsibility for the faithful discharge of the duties annexed to the appointment. The honour, reputation, and usefulness of the Royal Arthur Lodge have been maintained in a pre-eminent manner, and chiefly owing to your skill and ability. You have forcibly impressed upon us the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry; you have seriously admonished us never to disgrace it; and you have encouraged us, both by precept and example, to practise out of the lodge those duties we have been taught in it; and by virtuous, amiable, and discreet conduct prove to the world the happy and beneficial effects of our ancient Institution, so that when anyone is said to be a member of our body the world may know he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows; to whom the distressed may prefer their suit; whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence. Bro. Hoey, to further enlarge on our opinion of you and your work would be but to enumerate the chief virtues and graces possessed by the noblest characters in Freemasonry; I shall, therefore, without any further delay proceed to read to you the parchment address which I hold in my hand, and which is as follows:

"Dear Worshipful Master,—We, the undersigned brethren of the Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 1360, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England, desire to express, in a tangible form, our high appreciation of the excellent services you have rendered to the lodge during your Mastership.

"We have had, we are glad to say, very numerous opportunities of witnessing your work, and in every instance it has been performed in a conspicuously able manner. Furthermore, the general business of the lodge has been conducted by you with such geniality, tact, firmness, and success as to have won the admiration of all, and we are unanimously of opinion that the prestige of the lodge has been very materially enhanced by your conduct in the chair.

"Your magnanimous and truly Masonic desire that you should be permitted to devote the money voted you for a Past Master's jewel to the Masonic Charities has suggested to us the form our presentation should take, and we therefore beg your acceptance of the accompanying cheque for ten guineas to augment your own contributions to our Benevolent Institutions.

"That the Great Architect of the Universe may spare you for many years to continue your life of usefulness as a true gentleman and an exemplary Mason is the hearty prayer of—Yours very sincerely and fraternally," Here follows signatures of the brethren.

Bro. J. Hoey, I.P.M., in reply, said: Worshipful Master, Past Masters, officers, and brethren,—I cannot find words to express the pleasure I feel on this occasion. The address just read by Bro. J. O'Connell, the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 2157, has quite taken me by surprise; yet, during my year of office as Worshipful Master of this lodge, if I have succeeded in performing my duty to your satisfaction, then it is a great source of gratification for me to know that my services have been appreciated. I therefore, Bro. W.M. O'Connell, beg to thank you and the brethren who have taken so much trouble, and who have subscribed so liberally towards the presentation on the parchment received; and I assure you, brethren, I shall very much prize it, and hope to hand it down to my family, who, I know, will prize it as much as I do myself, and with these few remarks, I again, brethren, beg to thank you.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by the host, Bro. J. Gould, who was most ably supported by the hostess, Mrs. Gould, and which was served in right good style; and after the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured with enthusiasm. Some humorous and witty speeches were made.

The I.P.M., Bro. J. Hoey, who was about to retire for the evening, said he could not leave the brethren without again thanking the W.M. and the officers of the lodge generally for the great assistance he had had from them during his year of office as W.M., and he hoped the same would continue for many years to come.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings, which were most pleasantly and hospitably spent, to a close.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. There was a very large attendance of brethren, the members including Bros. W. F. Mimms, W.M.; C. F. Luckhurst, J.W.; W. Coleman, I.P.M.; R. J. Scott, P.M.; J. Glover, S.D.; A. Holland, J.D.; Geo. Musson, I.G.; T. H. Meredith, P.M., Treas.; A. Brookson, P.M.; F. J. Wray, P.M.; Geo. Boulton, P.M.; J. Wade, P.M.; G. Young, Org.; J. Gibson, P.M.; C. Folsom, P.M.; B. White, P.M.; J. Rossell, C. Chambers, W. C. Jones, and R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap. Visitors: Bros. L. Salt, 1424; E. G. Walthew, 1915; E. Wright, P.P.G.P. Somerset; E. B. Lamb, P.M. 814; H. Rogers, 898; C. H. Burrow, Ballarat, Australia; W. Holt, 1766; C. J. Ogg, 1681; J. H. Hurst, 429; J. Tattershall, S.W. 1293; J. Christian, S.D. 1789; T. G. Hodges, S.W. 1695; W. Vincent, 1624; H. Bond, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Badderley, 1624; J. Diprose, 957; F. J. Hentsch, 211; A. J. Martin, 188; V. Wing, 1585; W. H. Stunt, P.M. 1642; W. F. Hughes, P.M. 179; Geo. Wood, W.M. 1681; Geo. Kloss, 1003; W. R. Arnold, S.W. 1789; J. Grist, 1624; Geo. Bartlett, 2030; G. P. Booking, 569; E. D. Rymer, 860; D. J. Ousley, 3; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes having been confirmed, the report of the Committee of Reference was received and adopted. Bros. A. J. Gray and H. A. Walker were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. S. Cload impressively raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The installation was next proceeded with, and Bro. Chas. Fredk. Luckhurst having been duly presented as W.M. elect, was regularly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Mimms, I.P.M., in the presence of a numerous Board of Installed Masters. The following officers were subsequently appointed and invested: Bros. J. Glover, S.W.; A. Holland, J.W.; T. H. Meredith, P.M., Treas.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., Chaplain;

R. J. Scott, Sec.; G. Musson, S.D.; F. W. Ogg, J.D., C. Clarkson, I.G.; T. Simms, D.C.; G. A. Marston, Stwd.; and G. C. Young, Org. The addresses were impressively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Mimms, I.P.M. On the motion of the I.P.M., a vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Chaplain of the lodge, Bro. Rev. Halpin, sympathising with her in the great loss which she and the lodge had sustained by his decease. A Committee of Reference was elected for the ensuing year, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet, at Freemasons' Tavern, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were heartily honoured.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master spoke in high terms of the ability of the Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M., and the other executive officers. The Past Grand Officers were worthily represented that night in Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., whom they were pleased and proud to see present year after year, and their thanks were due to that reverend brother for accepting the office of Chaplain.

Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., returned thanks. He said he had had the honour of holding Grand Office for many years, but he confessed he felt it a higher honour that night in having received at the hands of the Wanderers Lodge, the office of its Chaplain, on his own petition, this being the first time in 40 years he had asked for honour in order to be of use, and to fill a gap in this time of distress. He was gratified to tread in the footsteps of one whom they all honoured and respected, and for whom he had the most affectionate regard. The late Bro. Halpin was a good Mason and a true man; there was no cant about him, for he wished to see others happy, but he wished them to be happy in the way the G.A.O.T.U.—who had given them so many blessings—would have them enjoy themselves. The deceased brother went through the work God had given him to do in a conscientious manner, and whether in the trenches of the Crimea, in that lodge, or in any other capacity, he was one of those who realized the saying of the great Admiral, "England expects that every man will do his duty." They not only mourned his loss, but also the loss of another brother who had departed from them in the prime of manhood, and all who knew Bro. Hornblower would say in the words of Moore, "I wish he were here." They had also recently lost Bro. General Brownrigg, whose memory would be green to those present for many years. He (Bro. Simpson) had been associated with this lodge since its consecration, and although there were many new faces in the Wanderers Lodge, he felt thoroughly at home, for he was always received with more kindness than he deserved. He felt it a great honour to be their Chaplain, and although he was not able to bear the uniform worn by many around the table, he was connected with those who fought under Wellington and in his own regiment. But, independent of this distinction, they all wore one uniform, and together with those who wore the blue with the scarlet, were all banded together to fight the gallant fight against everything that was detrimental to the honour and dignity of men. Whatever changes there might be in that lodge—and there was no doubt as each year came round there would be some faces missing, some pleasant voices hushed—yet, if they were true to the great principles with which they were associated in one great Society, they might look forward without the slightest doubt of meeting in that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect reigns supreme.

Bro. W. F. Mimms, I.P.M., said that, as they were aware, he was about to propose "The Health of the W. Master." Bro. Luckhurst, W.M., had not had that time to prepare for his high office that most of his predecessors had enjoyed; but the brethren were confident that he would carry out his duties with the ability which had characterised those who had preceded him.

Bro. C. F. Luckhurst, W.M., returned sincere thanks for the hearty and cordial manner in which his health had been received. The I.P.M. had referred to him in very flattering terms, but he felt those remarks were prompted more by his kindly nature than by a just estimate of what he was deserving of. He would, however, endeavour to deserve those encomiums, and would strive to uphold the dignity, honour, and reputation of their lodge to the best of his ability. He trusted that at the end of his year its reputation would not have suffered in his hands, and that he should receive the approbation of the brethren for his conduct in the chair.

"The I.P.M." was next given by the W. Master, who said that all the members of the lodge were aware that Bro. Mimms, I.P.M., had performed the duties of the chair in a perfectly impartial manner, without fear or favour, and had discharged those duties to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. The I.P.M. had been rewarded by the increased prosperity of the lodge during the past year, and by an approving conscience. There was, however, another reward the brethren had resolved to bestow upon him, which was a Past Master's jewel, which he (the W.M.) had then the honour of pinning to his breast, trusting he might live for many years to wear it.

Bro. W. F. Mimms, I.P.M., said he could not find words sufficient to express his deep gratitude for the admirable manner in which the W.M. had proposed the toast of his health, and the hearty reception accorded it by the brethren. It signified that he had done his duty to their satisfaction, which was what he had always aspired to do. When he was first elected as the W.M. it was with diffidence he accepted the position, knowing what his predecessors had done, and whether he should be able to perform his duty in a manner creditable to himself and the members. He would take that opportunity of thanking the officers for the able and great assistance given in the performance of his duty, more especially the Treasurer and Secretary and Past Masters, and he was never aware of the enormous amount of work performed by the Secretary until the past year. He thanked the members for the jewel, which he should always esteem as the greatest treasure in his possession.

Bro. Coombes, P.G.P. Somerset, replied for "The Visitors," and expressed the gratification he felt at witnessing the installation of Bro. Luckhurst, whom he had known, and with whom he had been closely connected, for many years past. He thanked the members for the honour done the visitors, and had never seen the working and installation ceremony performed in a more able manner.

Bro. W. Vincent, P.M., also responded, and expressed his sincere regret at the decease of Bro. Hornblower, who was one of his best friends in Masonry. It was always a

pleasure to visit the lodge, and he congratulated the W.M. on his installation.

Bros. Bond and Diprose and a brother from Ballarat, Australia, also replied, the latter mentioning that he was commissioned by the lodges in the immediate vicinity of his own lodge to express hearty good wishes to any lodge he visited in the Metropolis.

Bro. Wray, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters," and "The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bros. Lester, Arthur Thomas, Lovett King, and Hubbard rendered a good selection of music in an admirable manner.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The last meeting of the season was held at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, on Saturday, the 6th inst. Bro. A. E. Albert, W.M., was in the chair, supported by Bros. C. J. Axford, I.P.M.; R. Poore, P.M.; H. Baldwin, P.M.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., Sec.; W. Kirkland, Treas.; R. Evans, S.W.; A. Jones, J.W.; J. Bott, J.D.; John Read, Org.; J. Bott, I.G.; J. J. Newland, J. Hicks, and many other members and visitors.

Bro. E. C. Wickes was raised by his friend Bro. Axford, I.P.M., by the kind permission of the W.M. Bros. Shaw, Hooker, and Cl-vetley were passed by the W.M., who also initiated Messrs. F. M. Gye and A. C. Locke in a very able manner. A vote of condolence was passed to one of the Past Masters of the lodge, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G.T., on the loss of his wife.

ARGONAUTS' LODGE (No. 2243).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Cromwell Hall, Putney, S.W., when there were present Bros. J. C. Radford, W.M.; J. F. Savory, S.W.; G. D. Lister, J.W.; Gordon Smith, Sec.; T. W. Willis, S.D.; E. T. Smith, J.D.; J. P. Houghton, I.G.; C. W. Mapleton, Stwd.; Eugene Monteuis, P.G.S.; I.P.M.; H. J. Reynolds, P.M.; P.G.S.; F. Sturgeon, H. H. Woodroffe, W. H. Brayshaw, C. W. Hughes, F. E. Williams, and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. A. Thompson, P.M. 1601; Mercer, and James Hastie.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. Brayshaw was passed to the Second Degree. Mr. Frank Smith, T.R.C., was elected a candidate for initiation.

All business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, which was held on this occasion at the White Lion, Putney Bridge.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—This lodge has within a week lost, by the call of the Great Architect of the Universe, two of its most respected and valued officers. First was "summoned" its good old Tyler, Bro. W. G. Calvert; we say old, although only 54 years of age, but he looked much older. His ever attentive and courteous manner had endeared him to his brethren; he was their trusted and valued brother, and a wide circle of Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, &c., and other friends will long mourn his loss. The other call is that of the esteemed I.P.M., Bro. W. Smith, who has succumbed after a short illness to congestion of the lungs at the early age of 47. Bro. W. Smith has served in every office in the lodge, and his genial, kind disposition has won him hosts of friends, and the respect in which he was held was evidenced by the large attendance, in a heavy downpour of rain, at his funeral, of Bros. the Dean of York, P.P.G. Chap. England; the Lord Mayor of York, Past Masters J. Todd, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Sykes Rymer, P.P.G.R.; A. Buckle, B.A., P.P.G.D.; Rev. W. Valentine, P.P.G.C.; S. Border, W.M.; Purnell, Sec.; Dent, Archey, Russell, Watkinson, Forbes, and others. Both brethren leave widows and large families, and much sympathy is felt for them in their great and sudden bereavements.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of this powerful lodge was held at the new Masonic Hall, Bull Fields, on Thursday, the 4th inst., Bro. W. B. Keeble, W.M., in the chair, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., Treas., P.P.J.G.W.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; E. Palmer, P.M.; C. H. Lawson, I.P.M.; F. Barry, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Somerset; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); B. de B. Lopez, S.W., P.G. Stwd England; W. Busbridge, S.D.; W. Sanders, J.D.; W. C. Taylor, I.G.; and some 70 lay brethren of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. G. Masters, P.M. 13; G. Collins, M.L.S.B., J.W. 1641; W. Hewett, J.W. 957; Z. Kettley, 700; N. Jasper, 121; A. Roberts, 1598; R. Aimes, 683; R. Smith, 1641; E. Bryant, 700; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. B. Littlewood, and proving unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. Arnold, Turton, and Spencer were passed, and then the lodge was closed.

After enjoying a neat little supper, the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were duly honoured, and were followed by that of "The Right Hon. Earl Amherst, P.G.M.," a toast which was, and is always drunk with hearty enthusiasm by the Pattisonians.

That of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the name of

Bro. Hayes, who, in response, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, and, notwithstanding the fact that he held the position of a P.G. Officer, knew and felt that he held it, not through any particular merits of his own, but as a representative of that lodge, which their beloved and esteemed P.G.M. delighted to honour, so that, seeing that there were other distinguished P.G. Officers present, he was in hopes that he would have been passed over on that occasion. They all knew the great and untiring interest his lordship took in Masonry, especially in the cause of Charity, and particularly in the Province of Kent. He knew that his lordship was proud of the progress of the Pattison Lodge, and trusted that next year—by that time—there would have been selected by his lordship a better representative than himself for the

honours of the purple, and as a responder to so important a toast as that now placed in his hands. For himself, he might say that he had been a member of the Pattison Lodge for almost a quarter of a century, and hoped that he might live long enough to be its senior. He trusted that he might be spared to see many of them arrive at the purple and the lodge grow stronger and stronger, and raise even higher, if it were possible, its present proud position and unsullied prestige.

Bro. Lawson, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said he was quite satisfied that he was speaking the wishes of every member of the lodge when he said that from time to time it was the desire of their hearts to do honour to the presiding Master of their lodge, and to support him by their presence and good wishes whenever the opportunity occurred. The Pattison Lodge had always done so, and more especially were they called upon to do so on the present occasion, after seeing the perfect manner in which their W.M. had performed the ceremonies of initiation and passing—perhaps one of his most perfect workings, and certainly worthy of their hearty appreciation and commendation. Their W.M. was now getting well on towards the end of his year of office, and he asked the brethren to continue to the end that hearty support so kindly and liberally given, and as a surety of which he now asked them to drink his health very heartily.

Bro. Keeble, in responding, said he owed the brethren a double meed of gratitude, as he had heard that upon the occasion of their last meeting—at which he was unable to be present—they had, in his absence, drank the toast of his health most heartily. He was present in spirit then, and now was exceedingly pleased to resume corporeal acquaintance with them. Their I.P.M. had spoken very kindly of him, and they had as kindly responded to it, and he could assure them that if he failed to rise to their standard of perfection it should be through no want of effort on his part. Since he last met them he had received and accepted two invitations to two installations in provincial lodges—Kent lodges. He had been told by the P.M.'s that he should visit other lodges in the province as often as possible, and he had taken and followed that advice. He also attended on the previous Thursday the installation meeting of the Military Jubilee Lodge, at Dover. The incoming Master was General Cummings, of the Royal Artillery, and certainly if those visits had had no other effect it showed him how universal Masonry was in its highest attributes of brotherly love, for his reception was simply kindness itself, and not only him but every visitor was paid the most marked attention, and received most hospitably. So pleased was he with his visits to those two lodges, that he had determined to accept every invitation sent him from the provincial lodges, and, in conclusion, thanked them for their kind reception of the toast.

Bro. Coupland, in responding for "The Past Masters," eloquently dwelt upon the fact of his having been a member of the lodge for over a quarter of a century, and of the kindness of the brethren in choosing him year after year as their representative on the Charity Committee of the province, and also as their Treasurer. He had always had the most devoted interest in the welfare of the lodge, and was proud of its prosperity. It was a lodge much esteemed in Masonry, especially in the Province of Kent. Whenever he went away from the brethren of the province he was always well received, and distinguished as the representative of one of the strongest and most prosperous lodges of the Province of Kent. He thanked them heartily for the toast.

Bro. Lawson also responded, and said it would be the blackest ingratitude for any one who had had the honour of presiding over such a lodge as the Pattison, not to feel proud of it, and to acknowledge that pride everywhere and anywhere. He was proud to say that every requisite for the building of that magnificent hall they were now assembled in had been subscribed, and most of it by brethren of the Pattison Lodge. He was essentially proud of being a Past Master, a feeling that was shared by every Past Master of the lodge. He pledged himself to devote his whole energy for the benefit of the lodge, and was sure that the Past Masters would rally round the chair, whoever occupied it.

Bro. Collins, in responding for "The Visitors," said it was his misfortune, not his fault, if that was his first visit to the Pattison Lodge, and he hoped, after what he had seen and heard that night, that they would alter the night of their meetings, and thus allow him an opportunity of coming again, as on Thursday night he had to attend the meetings of the Board (London School), at their place on the Thames embankment. It was said that "the wise men came from the East;" that he thought, in the present instance, must be reversed, and they would have to say that they, the wise men, were "in the West." There was one thing that struck him soon after his entry into the lodge, and that was to hear of another Bro. Collins, and on seeing that brother, he at once felt that he was a brother that must be looked up to, his altitude being certainly amazing. He did look up to Bro. Collins, and Bro. Collins, in return, looked after him in a most assiduous manner. He congratulated the lodge upon its W.M., and on its musical talent; and, as gratitude was said "to be a lively sense of favours to come," he would at once tender them his heartiest gratitude for their hospitable reception, more especially if they would alter the night of their meeting.

The singing of Bros. Batchelor, Ledger, and others was very enjoyable.

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on the 9th inst., when a large gathering of brethren took place, amongst whom were Bros. T. H. Morgan, W.M.; T. H. Wills, S.W.; J. McKellan, J.W.; John Taylor, J.D., as S.D.; G. West, Steward, as J.D.; S. Wills, I.G.; W. Winget, Steward; W. Hersey, D.C.; J. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.R., as Sec.; J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D., Chap.; T. Prust, I.P.M.; W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. Eng., &c.; R. L. Mugford, I.P.M. 328; W. Taylor, P.M. and Sec. 328; J. Salter, P.M. 328; B. Knight, P.M.; J. D. Beer, E. Henley, V. Lauzell, W. H. Snell, C. Clarke, D.C. 328; C. Hill, W. Hill, J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; F. Thomas, W. Richardson, C. A. Snow, and E. J. Pratt.

The lodge was opened, when the minutes of previous and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. C. A. Snow was then passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. in an able and efficient manner. A beautifully framed

photograph of the certificate of honorary membership presented at the previous meeting to Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M. 1884, was presented to the lodge; and on the motion of Bro. J. Taylor, seconded by Bro. J. Lane, a unanimous vote of thanks was presented to Bros. J. Chapman and J. Beer—to the former for the photograph, and to the latter for the frame.

Other matters of lodge interest occupied the brethren for some time, and the lodge was closed. The great treat of the evening was a lecture by the Masonic historian, Bro. W. J. Hughan, a report of which will be found on another page.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. Bro. J. Routledge, W.M., occupied the chair, there being also present Bros. H. Hartley, S.W.; J. Wilkinson, J.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., Treas.; B. Craig, P.M., Sec.; John Wakefield, S.D.; A. Cross, J.D.; D. Tolson, D.C.; W. Robinson, I.G.; J. Gordon, Tyler; J. Maleham, J. Singers, W. Lowrey, Jas. Harper, P.M.; T. Pickering, E. Rose, P.M. 872; and others.

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

BRIGHTON.—Atlingworth Lodge (No. 1821).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Pavilion on Thursday, the 21st ult., was honoured by a visit from Bro. Dr. H. J. Tarrant, the M.W. Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The lodge was presided over by Bro. Ancombe, W.M., assisted in the ceremonies by Bro. Burfield, P.M., Prov. Asst. G. Secretary. After the meeting Bro. Tarrant gave some interesting details concerning the working of Freemasonry in New South Wales, and referred with pleasure to the recognition by the Grand Lodge of England of the newly-created United Grand Lodge of New South Wales over which the recently appointed Governor, his Excellency Lord Carrington, presides in the capacity of M.W.G. Master. In his journey to England he had visited several of the Grand Lodges in various parts of North America, and obtained much information, and he hoped that he would be able to learn something in England which might be utilised for the benefit of brethren in Australia. The Atlingworth is the first lodge that Bro. Tarrant has visited in England, and he expressed his gratification at the excellent manner in which the business and ceremonies had been conducted.

SHANKLIN (I. of W.).—Chine Lodge (No. 1884).—At a meeting of this well-known lodge on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, there were present Bros. A. F. Swayne, W.M.; F. Cooper, I.P.M.; L. Colenutt, S.W.; H. A. Matthews, J.W.; R. Young, Sec.; R. Kearns, S.D.; O. Woodward, J.D.; W. H. Willis, Reg.; D. Lloyd, I.G.; Alfred Greenham, P.M.; J. Bailey, P.M.; and many other brethren.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Greenham passed Bro. Marsh, and the W.M., Bro. Swayne, initiated a candidate into Masonry in a very impressive manner. Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M., then rose and said: I have two presentations to make to the lodge on behalf of our Bro. John Chapman, one is an "emblematical kind of tracing board for several Degrees in Freemasonry, taken from an illuminated transparency, formerly the property of the late James Montgomery (poet), and now of Bro. John Chapman, P.M. 180, P.Z., P.P.G.D. Devonshire, &c." Coming from a member of the lodge, and from one who has so often helped us, I am quite sure it will be appreciated, independent of its value, which I shall presently refer to. The explanation is given in Bro. Chapman's mother lodge, and belongs to the time called "immemorial" in Masonry, and I hope we shall have an opportunity of hearing it from him, at no very distant date. There are only four such copies, one, I know, is in Golden-square, the home of the higher Degrees in Masonry, so the value is enhanced by its rarity. A close inspection will be well repaid, for you will see emblems of many Degrees, and the whole of the design is beautiful and quite unique in character. The other presentation is a photograph (nicely framed) of my certificate of Hon. Membership of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, painted and designed by Bro. Chapman, and recently presented to me. I am quite sure you will consider the original a chaste specimen of that art which Bro. Chapman is such an adept at. It is not only in the painting of it, but in its conception, that the fertility of his genius is shown; and his inventive faculties have kept well within the limits of the four lodges I have the honour to belong to. The centre, representing the Jordan Lodge, with its tortuous river, with its banks fringed with trees and foliage, so faithfully described in the *Freemason* of February 16th, also our Chine, from which the lodge takes its name, and the two Centenary medals of those old lodges No. 70 and 75, which did me the great honour of electing me as an honorary member, are faithfully reproduced in their minutiae, which Bro. Chapman's experience as an engraver has enabled him to reproduce in exact similitude. It is but natural that I should feel a little pride and pleasure in presenting this, knowing it will hang upon these walls, but I do not lose sight of the facts that this is only another link of those events which will be historical landmarks in the history of Chine Lodge; and, though individuals may achieve much of the honour now, in time to come that will emerge into a halo of renown and surround the lodge. It is to the prestige of the lodge much of its prosperity is due, and every gift such as this serves only to convince us of the interests of those far away from us now, but who became members whilst passing through our town as visitors, and touched a fringe of universal Masonry when they crossed our threshold and came within our portals. You will remember when Bro. Chapman first sat down amongst us as a visitor, and those who immediately sat by his side, and had an insight into his geniality, into his thorough love of Masonry, knew at once he was a Mason whom any one might feel proud to know, and any lodge consider it an honour to have as a member. Whilst his interest in Chine Lodge has been proved by his kindness and generosity, I ought to say that the reception given us at Torquay was

kind in the extreme. I myself had the honour to be the guest of Bro. Hughan, but he extended his welcome to Bros. Cooper and Bailey, and Bro. Chapman entertained us all. Nothing could exceed the heartiness, the genuineness of the reception given us; and I am sure I am only speaking the sentiments of those who accompanied me when I say it was a visit we shall remember as one of the happiest spent away from home. Bro. Greenham proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Chapman for his gifts, and trusted the W.M. would allow the Secretary to convey at the same time an appreciative acknowledgment of the reception given to Bros. Cooper and Bailey as representing Chine Lodge on the occasion.

The W.M., Bro. A. F. Swayne, said: Brethren,—You have heard me read the very kind letter I received from Bro. Chapman, and you now see before you the two pictures alluded to, which Bro. Greenham, in his usual eloquent manner, has presented to us on behalf of Bro. Chapman. As Master of Chine Lodge I am truly grateful for the cordial support I am receiving from all the brethren, and it is most gratifying to me to find I have not only the local brethren rallying round me, but have the hearty good wishes and help of those who are far distant from us, and, in rising to second the proposition so ably put by Bro. A. Greenham, I can only say I do so with the greatest of pleasure, and the only regrettable circumstance in the case is that I, as your Worshipful Master, was prevented from accompanying the others to Torquay, and that we have not Bro. Chapman here this evening to present them himself. I will not take up your time further, as I am sure Bro. F. Cooper, I.P.M., and Bro. Bailey, P.M., who accompanied Bro. Greenham, would like to endorse what has already been said.

Bros. Cooper and Bailey having severally endorsed Bro. Greenham's remarks, expressing the truly Masonic greeting they had at Torquay, the lodge was closed.

CROYDON.—Mozart Lodge (No. 1929).—The members of this musical lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 8th instant, when there were present Bros. F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey; C. Y. Holdgate, W.M.; J. W. Jolly, S.W.; J. C. Cross, J.W.; A. Briscoe, S.D.; H. J. Macfarlane, J.D. (pro tem.); G. J. Barnett, I.G.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G.O.; and a good attendance of members; also Bros. J. Simpson, J. B. Burnard, and several other brethren as visitors.

The labours of the evening (which were by no means light) being ended, and the lodge closed, after touching expressions of love and esteem for our late and deeply lamented Bro. General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall for dinner. Here a very pleasant evening was spent.

After some well chosen remarks and very kindly given advice from Bro. F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., the time was devoted to the usual toasts and music.

Bros. Stanley Smith, W. Woodroff, and H. J. Macfarlane's songs, being rendered in an artistic manner, were well appreciated, and, with the Tyler's toast, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Emblin, W.M.; Mansfield, S.W.; Percy, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Leng, S.D.; Prior, J.D.; Catt, I.G.; W. T. Hunt, P.M.; Hick, Pitt, Gunner, Sayers, Timms, Miller, Walker, Penrose, Dixon, and Wilson.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Penrose personating the candidate. The usual questions leading to the Second Degree were answered by Bro. Miller. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. announced the death of Bro. Sharpe, a respected member of this lodge of instruction, and a letter of condolence was directed to be sent to the widow, expressing the sympathy of the members. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. V. Shaw, W.M.; A. E. Carter, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, W.M. 753, Sec.; W. T. Dillon, S.D.; E. Wherle, J.D.; A. Pozatti, I.G.; N. Turner, P.M. 72; and H. Wells.

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. Wells being candidate. Bro. Pozatti answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Turner candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Stratton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Secretary read the by-laws of the lodge, and Bros. W. T. Dillon and Wherle were elected Auditors. It was unanimously agreed that the annual dinner of this lodge of instruction be held on Tuesday, 14th May, at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, and a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Bros. Baker and Thomas were re-elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 3th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. J. Coplestone, W.M.; E. Lucas, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; H. F. Williams, S.D.; H. D. Aslett, J.D.; A. Williams, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; H. Perdue, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; G. Read, P.M.; J. Davies, H. Cotton, H. Stokes, and Nash.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Coplestone having vacated the chair, was presented as W.M. elect, and obligated. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed, Bro. J. Sims acting as Installing Master, and Bro. R. H. Williams as D. of C. The lodge was resumed to the Second and First Degrees respectively. The W.M. investing his officers in a very able manner. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cotton being the candidate. Bro. Stokes, 834, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. J. Sims for his excellent working of the ceremony of installation, and the brethren also expressed their sympathy with Bro. J. Sims in the loss of his brother-in-law. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Hakim, W.M. 141, W.M.; W. Matthews, S.W.; J. Crutenden, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. Goslin, S.D.; F. W. Fritchard, J.D.; C. A. Milnes, I.G.; E. R. Bucknell, Stwd.; J. R. Altman, P.M. 1425; M. Rosenberg, Major Ferris, A. B. Northcroft, H. G. Holland, C. G. Wetzlar, H. Guntrip, O. W. Battley, N. Spyers, H. J. Inderwick, and J. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wetzlar being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Holland being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. was elected for the 29th instant—the lodge not meeting on Bank Holiday—the officers to be in rotation. It was announced that arrangements had been made by the Committee for the annual supper to take place on Monday, the 15th instant, at 7.30, at the Porchester Hotel. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. H. Hunt, W.M.; G. T. Chretien, S.W.; J. E. Sheffield, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Duncan, S.D.; A. Wolter, I.G.; C. Weber, C. G. Gray, and J. J. Samuel.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Coxon answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Coxon candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Samuel candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Samuel was elected a member of the lodge. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. Chretien was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and nothing further offering, 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 4th inst., when there were present Bros. E. D. Rymer, W.M.; J. Rowe, S.W.; W. Honeyball, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; F. M. Noakes, S.D.; J. D. Graham, J.D.; G. H. Foan, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Barringer, P. Holmden, A. Cogliati, Wm. Honeyball, H. Luff, W. Higgins, W. Hancock, C. Lambert, A. Postans, A. Clark, G. H. Reynolds, F. Kedge, W. Richards, G. S. Russell, F. Frenquellucci, F. Buxton, and W. Dodson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Barringer having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the Degree. Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, rehearsed the First Section, and Bro. W. Hancock the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. W. Bates, 1507, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, Bro. James Rowe 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.

ROSE LODGE (No. 1622).—The Fifteen Sections were worked in this lodge on Thursday, the 4th instant, at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, in a very praiseworthy style. There were present Bro. D. Rose, P.M., Preceptor, W.M.; F. Hilton, P.M., P.Z., S.W.; R. Elgar, J.W.; T. Grumman, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; Stone, I.G. 507, S.D.; Thompson, J.D.; T. Pickett, I.G.; Voisey, P.M., P.Z.; Murché, P.M.; Capt. Vincent, P.M., M.E.Z. 1777, H. 1329; Bate, P.M.; Channon, P.M.; Loader, P.M.; Eckersall, W.M. 217; D. D. Mercer, P.M.; Addington, P.M.; Mole, P.M.; Towers, P.M.; Irwin, North, Davis, Gomm, Osterstock, Plant, Ayris, Shrubsole, Milliken, Whitehead, Halls, Martin, Edwards, Oathwaite, Say, Price, Meyer, Klyne, Stafford, Kemble, Dunn, Farr, Pellow, Snell, Bethell, and others.

The sections were worked by the following brethren: Bros. T. Pickett, R. C. Davis, Stone, Channon, Hilton, Voisey, Martin, Grumman, Murché, Elgar, Bate, Sowton, Vincent, and Loader. Bros. Shrubsole and Klyne were admitted members. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. D. Rose for his able conduct in the chair on this occasion, and a remarkably successful meeting was brought to a conclusion.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Keene, W.M.; Hubbard, Sec., S.W.; Swann, J.W.; W. C. Williams, Treas.; Turner, S.D.; Fayers, J.D.; Hatt, I.G.; and Betts.

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. Betts was also entrusted, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the Second Degree, and closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Hubbard 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 4th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. A. Wolter, W.M.; J. T. Gracie, S.W.; A. Cavers, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); A. J. Taylor, S.D.; G. B. Johnston, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; W. Williams, P.M.; J. B. Colwill, P.M.; Richard Josey, P.M.; C. R. Cross, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M.; T. J. Head, and E. F. Ferris.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. Bro. Cross offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having proved his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a very creditable manner, Bro. Cross acting as candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. H. Wood, the questions being put by the Preceptor. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Wolter for the excellent manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of W.M. in this lodge of instruction. Bro. J. T. Gracie 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 8th inst. Present: Bros. James Sims, P.M., W.M.; C. E. Everett, S.W.; J. B. Cory, J.W.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex, Preceptor, pro tem.; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Bayers, S.D.; C. E. Betts, J.D.; S. Sidders, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. Collings, P.M.; H. Harris, P.M.; and J. Davies.

The lodge was duly opened in the First and Second Degrees. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Sims acting as Installing Master, and Bro. J. Davies as W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Davies being placed in the chair of K.S., was saluted by the brethren as usual. The lodge being resumed according to ordinary practice, the officers were appointed and invested, and the addresses were given by Bro. Sims in that impressive manner which he is so capable of doing. Bro. Everett was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Sims for the pleasure he had afforded the brethren. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. T. Wilcocks, W.M.;

J. H. Wood, P.M., S.W.; T. W. Biggs, J.W.; J. Brown, Sec.; J. Davies, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; H. D. Aslett, Org.; J. Sims, P.M., acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, R. H. Wimpey, and W. W. Williams. Visitor—Bro. H. Lindfield, W.M. 211.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Wimpey acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. T. W. Biggs worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture under the direction of the Preceptor. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. J. Brown worked the First Section of the Third Lecture under the direction of the Preceptor. The lodge was resumed, and Bro. J. Lindfield was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. H. D. Aslett was elected to occupy the chair on the 13th instant. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held, at the above address, on the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor, W.M.; J. Davies, Preceptor 1791, S.W.; D. S. Long, J.W.; J. Brown, Sec.; T. W. Biggs, S.D.; F. H. Williams, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M., acting Preceptor; J. H. Wood, P.M.; Lingley, P.M.; F. Craggs, R. H. Wimpey, W. W. Williams, T. Wilcocks, Hatton, Dickey, A. Williams, and others. Visitors—Bros. Callingham and E. Wavill, of 2012.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees and resumed to the First. The Fifteen Sections were then worked by the following brethren under the direction of the W.M.: Bros. A. Williams, T. W. Biggs, D. S. Long, H. F. Williams, J. Davies, J. Sims, F. Craggs, J. Brown, and J. H. Wood. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Wavill was unanimously elected a member. It was also proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that Bros. J. Sims, P.M.; J. Davies, and D. S. Long be honorary members of this lodge of instruction. A vote of thanks was given to the brethren who worked the Sections. After "Hearty good wishes" were given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed. The chair of W.M. was occupied by Bro. J. Sims, P.M., during the latter part of the evening.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Steele, W.M.; Hudson, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Livett, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Poole, I.G.; Cochrane, F. Hill, Russell, Elson, Windsor, Wells, J. Wright, Folkard, Beaven, Cowland, Langdon, and Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Langdon being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Langdon as candidate. The ceremony of raising being announced, Bro. Folkard answered the questions leading to that Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Folkard duly raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Windsor was elected a joining member. Bro. Windsor returned thanks, and expressed himself greatly pleased with the evening's work. The dues were then collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Hudson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Hudson 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.

TORQUAY.—JORDAN LODGE (No. 1402).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-street, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., amongst those present being Bros. J. Dodge, Preceptor, T. Prust, J. Lane, G. West, J. Taylor, Sec., R. Pickard, E. Henley, J. McKellan, T. Wills, and J. E. Newton, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and minutes of former meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Cook offering himself as a candidate for raising, the ceremony of raising him to the Sublime Degree of M.M. was gone through by Bro. West, sundry matters of detail being lucidly explained by Bro. Lane, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Chapter (No. 1793).—The first meeting since the consecration of this new chapter was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Clarence Hotel, when there were present Comps. R. W. Forge, P.P.G.P.S., M.E.Z.; C. Stevens, P.P.G. Org., H.; R. R. Collick, J.; F. C. Austin, S.E.; H. Sapsworth, S.N.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; A. J. R. Simmonds, P.S.; J. M. Marjason, 1st A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. Visitors: Comp. R. F. Gould, P.A.G.S.; and others.

A ballot was taken for Bros. E. W. Warner, J. Finch, W. J. Porter, C. F. W. Sage, J. P. Hoddinott, and F. G. Mitchell, and, resulting unanimously in their election, Bros. Warner, Porter, Sage, and Mitchell being in attendance, were exalted in a highly commendable manner, every officer doing his work most efficiently. Bro. J. Piller, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Comp. H. S. Lee, Prov. G.S.E., was unanimously elected a honorary member. The by-laws were considered and passed, after which the chapter was closed.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, J. 733, H.; J. Crutenden, 779, J.; H. Dehane, M.E.Z. 890, S.E.; J. R. Altman, 890, S.N.; G. March, P.S. 733, P.S.; W. H. Wadham, 1642, 1st A.S.; J. Baxier, 1st A.S. 890; and J. Smith, P.S. 890.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Baxter being candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and a sincere vote of condolence with the family of the late Comp. Humphreys was carried. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

GRAND MASTER'S LODGE.—This distinguished and flourishing lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 3rd inst. Among those in attendance we noticed Bros. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G.C., D.M., in the chair; the Most Hon. Marquess of Hertford, D.G.M., W.M. elect; Alfred Williams, P.G. M.O., S.W.; T. Cubitt, P.S.G.O., J.W.; Spice, P.G.D., M.O.; C. H. Driver, G.M.O., S.O.; Stevens, J.D.; the Rev. T. Robinson, Chap.; R. Berridge, G.D.C., &c., P.D.M., Sec.; Cooper, P.J.G.O., Reg.; S. B. Wilson, S.D.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., J.D.; Manwaring, I.G.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.D., Stewards; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.D.M.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W., P.D.M.; W. Roebuck, P.G.O., P.D.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.O.; Frank Richardson, G. Reg.; Festa, P.A.G.D.C.; Mickleby, P.G.D.; Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, &c.; and others.

Bros. Charles Belton, P.G.M.O.; Gordon Miller, and Augustus Harris were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken as joining members for Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, S.G.W., and Gordon Miller, G. Steward, and it proved to be unanimous. Bro. C. F. Matier, having taken the chair, installed Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford as W.M. The following appointments and investitures then took place: Bros. A. Williams, D.M.; T. Cubitt, S.W.; Spice, J.W.; C. H. Driver, M.O.; Stevens, S.O.; Cooper, J.O.; the Rev. T. Robinson, Chap.; R. Berridge, acting Treas.; C. F. Matier, Sec.; S. B. Wilson, Reg.; T. C. Walls, S.D.; Manwaring, J.D.; Mickley, I.G.; H. J. Lardner and Percy Wallis, P.P.G.D.C., Stwds.; and Mills, Tyler. A Past Deputy Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sandersen. The Auditor's report was received and adopted. The sum of 25 guineas was voted to the list of Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, as Steward to the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival. Numerous apologies were received from absent members, notably, Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun, P.G.W., I.P.M.; and Fred. Davison, P.G.J.W., Treas.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was served, under the personal supervision of Bro. Hamp. The usual toasts followed.

MALLET AND CHISEL (No. 5).—This old lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on Monday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. C. Y. Holdgate, I.P.M., acting W.M.; A. J. Hudson, S.W., W.M.; Stedman, P.M., acting J.W.; Greening, M.O.; Hoyte, S.O.; Hale, J.O.; Dr. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., &c., P.M., Sec.; South, S.D.; E. J. Hoare, P.M., P.G. Org.; and T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., &c. (Hon. Member.) Bro. C. H. Driver, G.M.O., &c., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Driver having assumed the chair, ably installed Bro. Hudson into the chair of A. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. Greening, S.W.; Hoyte, J.W.; Mendelson, M.O.; Hale, S.O.; South, J.O.; Lott, Mus. Doc., Sec.; and Mills, Tyler. The W.M. then called upon Bro. Dr. Lott to present Past Master's jewels to Bros. E. J. Hoare, P.G. Org.; J. Stedman, P.P.G.S.; and C. Y. Holdgate. The genial Doctor in a few well chosen remarks decorated each recipient. Bros. Hoare, Stedman, and Holdgate, in response, respectively expressed their great obligation to the brethren for the very handsome jewel presented to each, and particularly thanked Bro. Dr. Lott for his kind words. They all touched upon the great services rendered to the lodge by the latter brother, who had raised the Mallet and Chisel Lodge from obscurity to high renown and prosperity. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. C. H. Driver for his services as Installing Officer, and in recognition of other services he was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Driver, in reply, thanked the brethren for their great compliment, and said that he was at all times ready and willing to assist in the working of their beautiful and interesting Degree. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., &c., H. J. Lardner, P.G.D., &c., and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine. The W.M. presided most genially. His remarks in introducing the various toasts were exceedingly good and pertinent. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 69).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Charles Crabtree, 30°, assisted by his officers, at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, on the 30th ult. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector-General of the District, was received under an arch of steel, and saluted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Longbottom, the candidate, was prevented coming up for the Degree by unforeseen circumstances. Letters and telegrams were received expressing regret at inability to attend from Ill. Bros. T. W. Tew, 31°; J. W. Woodall, 32°; Walter Reynolds, 32°; M. C. Peck, 30°; T. B. Whytehead, 30°; R. Wilson, 30°; E. and P. Bros. J. D. Kay, P.M.W.S. Leodensis Chapter, Leeds; Thompson, M.W.S. Hull; Major W. A. H. H. Macgachan, M.W.S. York; and W. F. Tasker, Sheffield. The balance sheet was passed, and was satisfactory. Ill. Bro. Banister then ascended the Throne, and the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Crabtree, presented his successor, Bro. Frank W. Banister, for installation to his father, their illustrious Inspector-General, who performed the ceremony with great feeling and solemnity, which was appreciated by all the members and visitors; indeed, it rarely happens to witness such an interesting ceremony. The following officers were appointed: Ill. Bros. C. Crabtree, 30°, I.P.M. W.S., Prelate; Alfred Gill, 30°, 1st Gen.; E. and P. Bro. J. R. Wellsman, 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Bros. H. S. Holdsworth, G.M.; E. A. Beaumont, Raphael; F. Whiteley, D.C.; Richd. Hodgson, Herald; Thos. Pickles, C. of G.; Joshua P. Priestley, Org.; and John Royle, O.G. E. and P. Bro. Henry Shaw, P.M.W.S., was re-elected Treasurer. A candidate was proposed for perfection. Each visitor tendered congratulations from their chapters to the M.W.S. A cordial vote was proposed by Ill. Bro. Jonas Craven, 30°, P.M.W.S., and seconded by Ill. Bro. C. Crabtree, P.M. W.S., thanking their old friend, Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, for taking such an interest in their chapter by always being present, which was carried by acclamation, and responded to with grateful thanks. The alms having been collected, and the business of the chapter being over, it was closed.

The banquet was held in the dining hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Bro. Frank W. Banister, having on his right his father, the Inspector-General of the district; Ill. Bros. S. Kelly, 30°, P.M.W.S. 16; John Shaw, 30°, M.W.S. 16; John Barker, 30°, P.M.W.S. 77; C. W. Finckin, 30°; E. and P. Bros. Adolph Hess, M.W.S. 77; A. H. J. Fletcher, M.A., Norfolk, Fitzpatrick, A. J. Connor, R. Hodgson, and others; and on his left Ill. Bros. Crabtree, 30°, Prelate; J. Craven, 30°, P.M.W.S.; J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S.; J. W. Monckman, P.M. W.S.; Henry Shaw, P.M.W.S.; Hugh S. Holdsworth,

A. Gill, 30°; Bros. J. R. Wellsman, E. A. Beaumont, J. P. Priestley, C. C. L. Bernin, and others.

After grace had been said, the M.W.S. in suitable terms proposed "The Health of H.M.G.M. the Queen." The National Anthem followed.

"The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Patron of the Order, and the members of the Royal Family," having been proposed,

The song "God bless the Prince of Wales" followed.

Ill. Bro. Jonas Craven, 30°, P.M.W.S., proposed "The Health of the Supreme Council," and in most flattering terms their worthy and respected Chief Inspector-General C. J. Banister, 33°, who, he hoped, would for many years continue his regular attendance at their chapter, and this meeting must be a proud and happy day for their dear brother to instal his son into the high position of M.W.S. of the chapter to which he has bestowed such fostering care. Indeed, it was a red letter day for all the members, and it gave him (Bro. Craven) the greatest pleasure in having the honour of proposing the health of his old friend.

On rising to return thanks, Bro. Banister was received right royally. He thanked Ill. Bro. Craven for his too flattering remarks, and the great kindness with which the brethren always received him at their meetings. He also thanked the visitors for their kindness in coming to support his son by their presence, and many of those illustrious brethren who had telegraphed inability to attend, no doubt, would have been with them, but Saturday was an inconvenient day to leave home. He thanked them for their kind wishes expressed for the success of his son as M.W.S.

Bro. J. W. Monckman proposed "The Health of the Members of the 32°, 31°, and 30°." He had hoped that all these Degrees would have been represented, but the letters read over in the chapter proved the kind and fraternal feelings and great regret in not being able to do honour to the M.W.S. and chapter.

Ill. Bros. J. Barker and S. Kelley, 30°, returned thanks in most excellent speeches.

Ill. Bro. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, proposed "The Health of his son Frank," who he had installed that day into the high position of M.W.S. He had the greatest confidence that the chapter would continue prosperous and looked after with the same care as the previous M.W.S. had done by their present M.W.S., who was a worthy son, and had served most of the offices in the chapter to the satisfaction of the members, who had unanimously elected him to preside over them.

The M.W.S. returned thanks in a neat and appropriate speech, which was greatly applauded, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the P.M.W.S." which was replied to by Ill. Bros. Craven, Monckman, Atherton, and Shaw, each expressing their great pleasure in witnessing so worthy a son as their M.W.S. installed by their old and worthy friend, his father, who they sincerely hoped might for many years be able to give them advice and direction, and they would assist the M.W.S. in upholding the prosperity and dignity of this beautiful Christian Degree.

E. and P. Bro. C. L. Bernin proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Chapter," which was ably responded to by Bros. Gill, 1st General; Wellsman, 2nd General; Beaumont, and Holdsworth, each promising to perfect themselves for their several offices to the satisfaction of their chief, and to gain the approval of their kind Inspector-General, Ill. Bro. Banister.

The last toast brought a most enjoyable and instructive meeting to an end.

The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by the excellent and varied powers of the Organist on the piano in grand solos and accompaniments to several capital songs exquisitely rendered by Ill. Bro. Atherton, 30°, Bros. Holdsworth, Beaumont, and Priestley.

Several of the visitors who had come from a distance had to leave early, after expressing every good wish and prosperity to the chapter and its members.

Knights Templar.

BARD OF AVON AND DRURY LANE PRECEPTORY (No. 127).—The installation meeting of the above preceptory was held at 33, Golden-square, on Saturday, the 6th inst. Present: Sir Knights J. C. Parkinson, Prior; Augustus Harris, 1st Capt.; W. A. Prince, 2nd Capt.; A. M. Broadley, Reg.; Harry Nicholls, Capt. of Lines; W. E. Chapman, 1st Herald; B. H. Paul, P.P.; J. Ferguson, P.P.; C. Martin, C. F. Matier, J. G. Gorson, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, E. Jones, J. Lewis Thomas, W. E. Stewart, C. W. Tayleur, Ralph Gooding, G. Cooper, Richard Eve, H. E. Cousins, R. Berridge, T. C. Walls, Col. G. Haldane, C. H. Driver, Rev. A. W. Oxford, A. W. Orwin, Frank Green, and F. A. Philbrick.

The preceptory was opened by the M.E. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the following candidates for installation were unanimously elected, viz., Bros. Clifford Probyn, W. Lake, and Frank Neck. The following candidates for joining membership were also elected, viz., Sir Knights Alfred Williams and Gen. Sim. The M.E. Sub-Prior then proceeded to install Comps. Lord John Tayleur, J.G.W. Eng.; Clifford Probyn, W. Lake, and Frank Neck as Knights Templar. The imposing and ornate ceremony, in the hands of so experienced and able a Celebrant as Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, was more than ordinarily impressive, and called forth expressions of satisfaction both from members and visitors. The Sub-Prior was ably assisted by Bro. C. F. Matier as Grand Marshal.

Sir Knight Augustus Harris was then installed as Preceptor for the ensuing year, and appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights W. E. Prince, Constable; A. Lingard, Marshal; H. Nicholls, Prelate; W. E. Chapman, Sub-Marshal; A. M. Broadley, Reg.; Charles Martin, Capt. of Lines; Lennox Browne and William Freeman, Heralds; Lord John Tayleur and Frank Neck, Std. Brs.; and Austin, Janitor.

The preceptory was then closed, and the sir knights, on the invitation of the newly-installed Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight Augustus Harris, adjourned to the Bristol Hotel, where a banquet was provided.

The duties of chairman were admirably carried out by the genial host, who introduced the toasts with commendable brevity, but with appropriateness and point, and the various officers and visitors, taking their cue from the Chairman, vexed not the souls of their brethren with long speeches, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION FOR MARK MASTER MASONS.

The fifth annual festival of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction for Mark Master Masons was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Friday, the 5th inst., under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Senior Grand Warden, and attracted a large number of distinguished brethren interested in the Order. Amongst those present were Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; A. F. Godson, M.P.; Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, S.G.O.; H. Stone, P.G.S.B.; R. S. Spice, G. W. Marsden, E. L. Shepherd, P.G.D.; Chas. Belton, P.G.M.O.; J. J. Pakes, R. Voisey, P.M. 22; E. M. Money, T. Poore, P.G.I.G.; C. E. Keyser, Major George Lambert, C. M. Brander, H. H. Shirley, Jos. R. Green, Prov. G.M.O. East Anglia; J. J. Thomas, F. R. Hales, W.M.; A. V. Ramsey, T. P. Staley, W. J. Spratling, J. N. Fuge, W.M. 211; Thos. Cubitt, P.S.G.O.; J. P. Britten, P.P.G.C. Kent; H. Cousins, P.P.G.W. Lincolnshire; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Prov. G. Sec.; Col. Gadsden, P.G.M.O.; C. J. Axford, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. S. Tamburini, C. V. Hunter, T. Knights, J. T. Briggs, G. Std. Br.; Thos. Clark, P.P. S.G.D. Middx. and Surrey; A. F. Guin, P.P.J.G.W.; S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.O.; H. Carman, A. Prescott, P.P.G.M.O.; R. D. Poppleton, M.O.; C. Gross, R. E. Middleton, H. Halliday, W. G. Lemon, W. A. Scurrah, S.O. 355; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 355; C. J. Knightley, Sec. 355; A. R. Prescott, 350; S. J. Attenborough, M.O. 650; W. W. Morgan, J. W. Howard Thompson, A. C. Thorpe, Nelson Prower, Boulton, P.G.S.B.; and W. W. Lee.

The lodge was opened by the Secretary, Bro. C. F. MATIER, who, in commencing the proceedings, remarked that it was their usual practice to work the ceremony of advancement, but, in order to render this Festival as attractive and instructive as possible, the lecture on the tracing board and the lecture of the Degree would be given. He then called upon Bro. T. POORE, who gave the lecture on the tracing board in an excellent and impressive manner that was thoroughly appreciated by all present. Fifteen brethren having given in their names as joining members, Bro. GREEN, P.M., carefully rendered the lecture of the Degree. On the motion of Bro. Earl of EUSTON, seconded by Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bros. T. Poore and Green for their admirable working. Bro. MATIER proposed, Bro. Major LAMBERT seconded, and it was resolved unanimously that the President of the Festival, Bro. the Earl of Euston, should be elected an honorary member. The Earl of EUSTON returned thanks for the honour, and said that as in the Craft, so in the Mark, whatever he could do to assist in the advancement of the Order he should be most happy to do.

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

"The Queen and Mark Masonry," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M.M.," having been given in cordial terms by the CHAIRMAN, and being heartily received, "The Grand Officers" was also given from the chair, the Earl of EUSTON remarking that although a present Grand Officer himself, he had the greatest pleasure in submitting the toast, knowing as he did the two distinguished brethren—the Pro G.M. and the Dep. G.M.—at the head, and also having the pleasure of knowing the worthy brother on his right—Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire—who would return thanks. He asked the brethren present to join him in wishing every success they possibly could to men who had proved themselves by their work in the past, and by their promises for the future, such good and able supporters of Mark Masonry. They wanted workers, and they wanted men who would do more than work in the abstract, but who would take a sincere interest in it. In the Pro G.M. and the Dep. G.M. they had two brethren who had taken, and would take for the rest of their term of office, an active interest, and would be ready to come forward when required. Speaking for the Marquis of Hertford, he could say that brother would come forward when there was work to do, and perform it to the best of his ability.

Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, said it was with great pleasure that he rose to return thanks for the toast so ably proposed and so kindly received. It had been his good lot to be personally acquainted with every Past Grand Master of that Order, and he rather prided himself that he was in some degree connected with Lord Heriford becoming a ruler in Mark Masonry as owing to circumstances that occurred he was called upon to assist in his installation as the Prov. G.M.M. of Warwickshire. With regard to the working officers, he deeply regretted that he had not been able to attend lately at the meetings of that body, but he had not the slightest doubt they were doing their best to promote the interest of Mark Masonry, which he was convinced had a great and glorious future before it. As one of the General Board of the Mark, he could say that they had lately considered a very serious step in taking what was Bacon's Hotel. They must all feel it was a bold step, but they relied upon the body of Mark Masons to assist them if called upon. Owing to the care with which the resources of the Order had been husbanded he thought they might fairly contemplate the possibility of not asking the brethren for very much, or for anything.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, P.G.W., said he had been permitted, as a former Chairman of that lodge of instruction, the privilege of proposing the next very important, and he was quite sure very popular toast. He was going to ask them to drink the health of the noble brother who had been good enough to be the chairman of the evening. If there ever was a brother who deserved the thanks of his brother Masons for the services rendered in the short time he had been a Mason, it was the presiding brother—the Earl of Euston. It was but a short time ago—a few years—since he had the opportunity of joining their Order, but it appeared to him (Bro. Col. Clerke) that since that time his thoughts had been of Masonry night and day—his only desire being to know what further good he could do or further service render. Their noble brother had taken almost every possible Degree and had been advanced to the highest and most important place in the various Orders. He was already a Prov. Grand Master of an excellent province, was Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch, held high rank in every branch of Masonry, and his

position in that Degree was only equalled by the zeal and energy shown in the performance of various duties attached to his office. It was but the other day that he (Colonel Clarke) accompanied him into his province, with other Grand Officers, there to take part and witness the consecration of a lodge by him, and he said it without flattery that he performed it as well as a veteran could have done. So it was in everything he undertook. He was always willing to give his services in Masonic work for Charity—having on various occasions given his assistance—or for instruction in the ritual.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, S.G.W., having returned thanks, said he could only say one thing—that since he had been a Freemason it had been his aim and object to do his duty to the utmost of his ability, and if he had succeeded he was pleased. The honours he had received had been beyond any work of his, and but stimulated him to try and do more and more for the advancement of every Degree to which he belonged and for the good of one thing they all aimed at—Charity. He thanked them for the honour in asking him to preside over that meeting. He was but a young Mason, but had given time to it, and thought, and more than that, he had given love to it. For the kind way in which they had always received him as a young Mason, thrust into a high position, he thanked them heartily. He had to thank his own province particularly for the support given him, and the brethren generally for their assistance at the Festival of the Aged Freemasons and Widows. He was pleased to say the total that night reached £13,500, and he did not think he was going outside the mark in saying that no original capital would have to be touched this year. As they went on year by year they increased in numbers, but they were more liable for increase of calls. Times, as the farmers say, "are not what they used to be." He believed they were not for a good many people, but as they increased in numbers they ran the liability of more calls to help and assist the distressed who from age or misfortune are placed in a position requiring assistance. Their whole aim and object, whether in the Craft or Mark Masonry, was Charity. It was one great bond of union between them, and although the Mark Masons were a separate community from the Craft, yet, he held, they were a separate branch of that community, trying to carry on the good which that ancient body was pursuing with such success. If their success could only be attained in the same way they would be pleased and proud. In the provinces, and in every lodge he had visited in London, he found the most cordial and united feeling in Mark Masonry. They should be guided, not for their own advantage, but for the good of the fraternity. He thought they ought to sink their own personal feelings altogether, and work for the good of the Order, and for whatever came before them that deserved their support. They knew that every case was most thoroughly looked into, and the most deserving obtained the most support. If anybody could stand up in the world and say anything against Freemasonry let him answer that statement. They had met together that day to hear work which must have taken years to accomplish, and thanks were due to those brethren who had assisted. Before he sat down they would allow him to propose "Success to the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction." Such an institution in the Mark Degree ought to be encouraged by every Mark Master Mason, whether belonging to the provinces or London. They should get a ritual that was perfect throughout. It was in Mark Masonry as in the Craft—a candidate was impressed or otherwise. If with a good idea, he went on and took an interest in the Order, and said "I must make myself Master of this, for it is good." He would ask them to drink success to the lodge of instruction, coupling the name of Bro. Ramsay.

Bro. RAMSAY thanked the brethren for supporting the lodge of instruction, and hoped it would be supported by all lodges in the kingdom. He trusted it would be looked upon as the Lodge of Emulation was in the Craft. It had been ably supported, not only in London, but in the provinces, and he was pleased that so many brethren had come forward that night to join. He hoped that gathering would be repeated, and that next year they would, if possible, have a still larger meeting.

"The Visitors" was next given in cordial terms by the CHAIRMAN, and replied to by Bro. LEMON.

"The Mark Benevolent Fund" was next proposed by the presiding brother, who announced that the Festival of this Fund would be held on the 24th July. They had two or three months in which to work, and to try and eclipse former totals. A young brother in Mark Masonry would take the chair—Bro. Sir Lionel Darell—and on his behalf he asked them, one and all, to do their utmost to send in their names as Stewards. Masons should put their shoulders to the wheel to help support any good work. He believed this Fund was divided into three different Funds, and the brethren were supplied with every statistic and every detail necessary. It was necessary that they should put by for a rainy day, and invest a little money to fall back upon. Let them do the best they could, and wish hearty success to their worthy Bro. Matier, the Secretary, and might he have a list of Stewards longer than last year, both in number and amount. A man like Bro. Matier, whose heart and soul was in the work, was 100 per cent. in their favour.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund, responded. He said that they had at the present moment over 100 Stewards, and, although the noble chairman had revealed something of that budget which was part of his detail, he had not told them that he had already acted as Steward, and would act again on this occasion. Distinguished by eloquence, by position, both Masonically and socially, and by that true feeling of Charity which knew no distinction, they could do nothing less than return their humble and hearty thanks to Bro. Earl of Euston for all he had done. They had 25 children and five annuitants on the fund, and they were generally called on Board day to give away assistance, which they afforded to the utmost of their power.

"The Health of the Working Brethren, Bros. Poore and Green," having been given, and responded to by the latter, the Tyler's toast closed a very successful gathering.

Under a new scheme, six surveyors of "established reputation" have been appointed by the School Board for London to undertake certain work, and amongst them we noticed the names of Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.Z., 30°, and Bro. A. F. H. Hardcastle, of the Granite Lodge.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday last. Bro. W. A. Scurrah occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. S. Richardson, the Rev. Richard Morris, M.A., LL.D., S. H. Parkhouse, H. Carman, John French, J. S. Cumberland, A. E. Gladwell, T. Griffiths, W. H. Saunders, G. P. Gillard, H. Webb, A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; George Mickley, M.A., M.B., S. Hastings Miller, W. Paas, W. Maple, F. Rayner, James Moon, F. W. Ramsay, J. L. Anderson, C. H. Webb, J. Glass, and Frederick Binckes (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee read for information, six petitions were submitted and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the October Election.

Four applications for grants towards outfit were considered, one being rejected, and the other three being favourably entertained, and sundry notices of motion for the Quarterly Court having been handed in, a vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed, and the Committee adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Charles J. Perceval occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, C. H. Webb, A. H. Tattershall, Chas. Lacey, Wm. Smith, Wm. Pierpoint, Charles Kempton, Alex. Forsyth, John Bulmer, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; A. Dixon, Wm. Masters, B. E. Blasby, G. Bolton, Hugh Cotter, A. Durrant, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; W. Belchamber, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of two male and one widow annuitants, one widow receiving half her late husband's annuity, and one approved male candidate for the next election.

The Warden's Report for the past month was read, and the Report of the Finance Committee read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

A resolution appointing a Committee, consisting of Bros. J. A. Farnfield (Treasurer), Newton, and J. J. Berry, to draw up the Annual Report was agreed to, and it was also resolved that the Stewards at the recent Festival be invited, as usual, to visit the Institution.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO BRO. EDWARD TERRY.

On Tuesday evening, a complimentary dinner was given by the Savage Club Lodge, at Freemasons' Tavern, to Bro. Edward Terry, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S., to congratulate him on his election to the office of Grand Treasurer. The gathering, however, was not confined to members of the Savage Club Lodge, because a number of the members of Bro. Terry's Election Committee had expressed a wish to be present, and it had consequently been decided to make it a general Masonic gathering. The time fixed for the dinner was five o'clock, but it was somewhat later before the company, to the number of about 100, sat down to table.

Among those present were Bros. Catling, W.M. 2190; Paige, W.M. 1572, Sec. 2190; Hawes Craven, 2190; C. Coote, 1319 and 2127; J. U. Streeter, P.M. 687 (Constantinople); H. Sutton, 2127; G. F. Marshall, P.M. 69; E. V. Morgan, P.M. 69; C. N. Foley, 173; J. Terry, 1003; R. Clard, P.M. 1063; James Couper, P.M. 1063; W. Covi, jun., 1319; J. Wooler, Treas. 1572; Nelson Reed, P.M. and Sec. 1671; H. White, I.P.M. 1671; A. G. Darby, W.M. 1671; E. Rosenthal, Deputy J.W. 2190; F. Burgess, S.W. 29; J. R. Hill, 1572; E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297; John Lobb, 228; Sam. Matthews, 1319; Geo. Haller, 65; Henry Russell, 2190; H. Ronald, R. Dyson, P.M. 65; C. A. Hooper, 1613; E. Humphrey, P.M. 1319; W. H. Cremer, 1319; T. Kingsland, 1319; Chas. E. Howson, 1319; A. Stanton Cook, 1962; C. Bassano, P.M. 66; G. Allen, P.M. 173; J. H. Hawkins, P.M. 65; C. J. Phipps, P.M. 2127; C. Townley, 2190; A. Rashleigh Phipps, 2127; W. M. Lutz, P.M. 1319; F. J. Potter, J.W. 1321; G. S. Jealous, 2190; W. J. Ebbetts, J.W. 14; R. Tucker, P.M. 2190; J. P. Fitzgerald, W.M. 2168; W. H. Comfort, 29; J. F. Bell, W.M. 1613; Geo. Hutely, P.M. 1538; A. H. Haig, 2190; W. Emden, P.M. 1261; P. C. Maitland, J.W. 1538; W. Smith, J.D. 975; G. Jacobi, Paris; George Harlow, P.M. 1613; E. M. Morris, P.M. 1965; Luigi Lablache, 1319, 1609; S. H. Bosing, 1609; George J. Dawson, P.M. 1853; C. W. Genist, 9; E. T. Edwards, P.M. 788, 2264; E. Edwards, 2264; J. Langton, P.M. 1673; F. Carter, 14; I. Drew, 731, P.P.G.O.; J. W. Beveridge, S.W. 1319; J. Northcott, I.G. 2190; H. W. Hunt, P.M. 29, and P.G.S.; J. Williams Cook, 1572; John F. Savory, S.W. 2243; W. H. Kirby, S.D. 1965; Henry F. Wellcome, 3; Edward Terry, Treas. 2190; James Fernandez, J.W. 2127; John Maclean, P.M. 2190; Thomas Orr, 1572; Oscar Barrett, 2127; H. Lazarus, 1319; J. B. Brickwell, 683; R. S. Germaine, 2033; Thomas Kingston, P.M. 862; E. T. Rushton, P.M. 8; and John Le Hay, 1319.

At the conclusion of the dinner the Chairman, Bro. CATLING, in proposing the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," said at that moment a word of condolence was due from the brethren to the Sovereign of this country in regard to the death of the Duchess of Cambridge, for although H.R.H. had died at a ripe old age, her death must bring to the Queen's mind that the friends of her youth were passing away from her, and must induce in her a growing feeling of isolation in the midst of all her greatness. With an expression of respectful sympathy with their Sovereign, therefore, he asked them to drink the toast the Queen and the Craft.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, and "The M.W.G.M." having also been duly honoured,

The CHAIRMAN rose to propose the toast of the evening. He said that the Savages were not accustomed to bore their guests with a long palaver, and he must at once say that this gathering had been a kind of spontaneous growth; it originated in a suggestion made during a conversation over a little friendly drink which followed the announcement of the figures on a certain evening not long ago, in the building adjoining that hotel. He believed Bros. Langton, Burgess, and one or two others had congratulated themselves on being parties to the success which had been won by Bro. Terry, and then something of this kind was suggested, and it was left to grow. They had made no attempt to beat up a gathering of the great and good members of the Craft: it was simply started by the brethren of the Savage Club Lodge, and then was left to the brethren outside to come in with the brethren of the Savage Club Lodge, and say to Bro. Terry, "We congratulate you from the bottom of our hearts upon the success which we feel to have been so thoroughly deserved."

If they looked back, as some of those present could do with much greater assurance than he (the Chairman) could, to the past Masonic career of Bro. Terry, they would find that he had been not only a good worker, but there was no brother who had contributed more to the harmony of Masonic gatherings than Bro. Terry. That contribution to harmony had been not only among what might be called working gatherings of the Craft, for they had heard of Bro. Terry in many parts of the country, where he had gone away to contribute to the amusement of the old folks in the village union, or the young folks at the village school, or the still more humble gathering of a ragged school outing. These little deeds had come to his knowledge from the whispering of the winds, as he had no doubt they had come to the knowledge of others, and such deeds were not likely to be forgotten when Bro. Terry came to be honoured, as that night, by a large body of brethren. The occasion of the election brought together an unprecedented assemblage of brethren, when he (the Chairman) heard a thousand pounds mentioned as the probable and likely cost of running the successful candidate for the Grand Treasurership for the year. He, however, could say with safety that Bro. Terry had not expended a thousand farthings in winning that honour. Brethren came from all parts of the country—not merely from outlying districts near town, but they came from far distant Yorkshire. Had the majority been a very close one they would have been able to say that they had had the bad luck to lose ten votes, for there were ten men held fast and kept on a Grand Jury who applied to the Judge to be released, but to whom his lordship replied that he could not let them off even for the Grand Lodge of England. Referring to the previous Grand Treasurers' elections, Bro. Catling said he found that it was in the year 1884 when the first contest took place, when it was decided by a show of hands. In 1885 the number of voters was 1260; in 1886 the number fell to 759; in 1887, when Bro. Eve was elected, as many as 1227 voted; but in 1888 it fell again to 809. In 1889, however, the number who voted rose higher than it had ever risen, the votes numbering no less than 1458. They were not surprised at this, because they knew that their Bro. Terry had done a great deal for the harmony of the lodge. He had been willing, as a member of the Savage Lodge, to come and instruct his brethren, to lead the young Masons in the right way, and to do what he could, not only for the benefit of his lodge, but for the benefit of the Craft in general. One brother who had sent up an apology that night said he could not come because he was bound to attend the Clergy Club and listen to a lecture on socialism. He could only hope that brother was enjoying himself. There had been a suggestion that they should on that occasion present to Bro. Terry the handsome, but familiar ornament, which decorated the dinner table opposite the Chairman's seat; but if he presented that horse to Bro. Terry, even if he did it in the name of so distinguished a company, he did not know what Messrs. Spiers and Pond might say, but it might be something disagreeable. He was sure, however, he might say to Bro. Terry, in the name of those gathered on that occasion, that they appreciated his work in the past for Freemasonry, they appreciated his good-fellowship shown on all occasions, and they congratulated him heartily on his victory, and were sure that the brethren had put the right man in the right place. He might add from the members of the Savage Club Lodge that they were grateful to the Masons of England for selecting the Treasurer of that lodge to be the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. TERRY, whose rising was greeted with loud and prolonged applause, said that he had been trying to make a few notes for a speech in reply, but even though he was Grand Treasurer elect, he had entirely failed to outline anything that would pass current. He only wished that the W.M. had given him an idea of what he was going to say, in which case he could have prepared a lovely oration in reply. Bro. Catling had said that that meeting was a "gathering of a friendly growth." That sounded rather medical. He trusted that it was not malignant, as in that case it might be fatal if taken suddenly. Bro. Terry proceeded to say that he did not know how to thank the W.M. sufficiently for the very kindly way in which he had spoken, or the brethren for the way in which they had received. He did not know what he had done to deserve it. He had heard people in his profession say that they did not read criticisms and did not care about them. In saying he had thought that they deviated from the truth, he had himself always read criticisms, good, bad, and indifferent. The bad had done him good, although he did not always agree with them. He could not help expressing his thanks to the brethren who came, as the W.M. said, from all parts of the country. On the day of election he met brethren from various parts of the country, and was greeted with such sentences as "Well, Bro. Terry, I've come up from Cornwall to vote for you." His own little lodge of Uxbridge, which he had left because he could not attend on account of his professional engagements, was well represented—he found a solid little phalanx from that lodge, nine in number, who had come to vote for him. It was pleasant to know that what little one did in this world was remembered by one's fellow creatures, and he had not an idea before the day of election that he had so many good friends in the world. He must thank them very heartily for their good service. One wrote saying he understood there was a special train provided to enable brethren to come and vote,

but he was referred to Bro. Langton, who told him that there was no special train, and that whatever brethren chose to do they must do from love and affection. He ought not to omit to mention Bro. Catling, who proposed him in Grand Lodge, and who must have gained a number of votes on the occasion. He must also thank Bros. Langton and Gordon Smith for the way in which they had worked. He had not himself attended any of the Committee meetings except the last one, as he thought it would be better not, and from what he saw on that one occasion he knew that the work they must have done was enormous. When it was remembered that they got something like 1450 names on the list, who had signed the list to that effect, it showed what an immense amount of work must have been done by those brethren. The brethren of the Executive Committee and the General Committee he must thank also. And, in conclusion, he thanked the Worshipful Master of the Savage Club Lodge, and hoped that they should meet together for many, many years to come.

After a short interval Bro. TERRY rose again, and said he should have to run away in a few minutes, but before going there was one toast which he should like to have the honour and pleasure of proposing, and that the company would be glad to drink. That was the toast to "The Honorary Secretaries of the Committee, namely, Bro. Joseph Langton and Bro. Gordon Smith." Bro. Terry said he had referred to the vast amount of work they must have done to make the work of success, and he was sure the company would appreciate the work that they did, and join him in drinking to their jolly good health.

Bro. LANGTON replied, acknowledging the compliment; and, before sitting down, proposed "The Health of the Master of the Savage Club Lodge, Bro. Catling," who deserved their thanks for the manner in which he had proposed Bro. Terry in Grand Lodge, as he was sure that many a waverer must have been influenced by the words he used.

Bro. CATLING returned thanks, and then proposed "The Health of Bro. Streeter," who had come from Constantinople to support Bro. Terry's candidature.

Bro. STREETER responded; and then the final toast—"The Health of Bro. Paige, the Sec. of the Savage Club Lodge," was proposed by Bro. LANGTON, who, he said, deserved their thanks for the trouble he had had in connection with the present gathering, and might also be congratulated on the splendid result of his efforts.

Bro. PAIGE having acknowledged the compliment, the company separated.

MASONIC LECTURE AT TORQUAY.

In connection with the usual monthly meeting of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., a most interesting lecture was given by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.S.G.D. of England, P.S.G.W. of Egypt, and P.S.G.W. of Iowa, &c., the talented and well-known Masonic historian, entitled, "A Glance at Freemasonry during the last Five Centuries."

In a few introductory remarks, the lecturer hoped the brethren would be prepared to ask questions at the end of the lecture. He then proceeded to deal with the legendary history of the Craft, the use and abuse of the legends, and to describe the "Old Charges" (a photograph of one of the rolls was handed round for examination), remarking that in Scotland they possessed but few of these old rolls; in England quite a number had been found, the latest being the "Tew MS." He also gave an interesting account of the customs of the "Fraternity" from the 13th and 14th centuries onwards; why the "secrets" had to be concealed and never revealed; the origin of the words "Cowan" and "Tyler," and, in the very early times, remarked that the Fraternity was composed chiefly of "Operative" Masons; yet a number of instances were given of noblemen and gentlemen joining the "mystic tie" two or three centuries ago. The connection of the early Masons with the building of our cathedrals and churches and the system of Masons' marks on the stones passed in review; even in our own time no better system of marking the stones seems to have been found, as the stones for building our latest cathedral are marked in a similar way, with one great difference, that in the latter the marks are put on the bed of the stone, and built in, so that posterity will not be able to moralise upon them. He then dealt with the unbroken chain of evidence linking the past with the present, the origin of the Grand Lodge in 1717, and the formation of the "Grand Lodge of all England," at York, in 1725. He also went on to say that, whilst Christian in character, the Order received any who had a belief in the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth; concluding a most eloquent lecture, frequently applauded, with a resumé of the progress of the Fraternity in different parts of the globe, its great works and deeds of Charity, expressing the belief that the day was hastening on, assisted by our "Ancient and Honourable Fraternity," when all would believe in the Great Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

A number of questions were asked by the brethren, and lengthy replies given by the lecturer. A collection on behalf of the funds of the Devon Educational Fund was taken up, and a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks given to the lecturer, who hoped at an early date to give another lecture under the banner of the sister Lodge of St. John, No. 328.

Obituary.

BRO. THE REV. G. R. PORTAL, P.G. CHAPLAIN.

It is given to few brethren to make trial of their ability in so many and such varied spheres of Masonic labour as the late Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, and win, if not the highest, at least a very high degree of distinction in them all. It may certainly be said of him, whose death has come upon us with such terrible suddenness, that there was nothing he ever attempted in connection with the Society of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and its various offshoots, which he did not benefit or adorn. The merest outline of his career will serve to demonstrate this beyond the possibility of question. Like so many other prominent Masons of our time, Bro. G. R. Portal was initiated, while pursuing his studies at Oxford, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357—then No. 460—the year to which this

event belongs being 1848, and prominent among his surviving contemporaries being the present Dean of York, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master of Worcestershire. The very next year we find him appointed Prov. G.S. of W., Oxon., and having been installed W.M. of his lodge in the early part of 1850, he was rewarded for the services which in that brief time he had been able to render with the collar of Prov. J.G. Warden. In May of the same year he joined the Churchill Lodge, then meeting nominally at Henley as No. 702, but as a matter of fact being in a state of dormancy, from which, however, on its removal to the brighter and more exhilarating air of Oxford, it very speedily awakened, thanks principally to the valuable encouragement given by Bros. the Rev. E. Moore, the late R. J. Spiers, G. W. Latham, W. W. B. Beach, and the subject of this memoir, who was appointed Senior Deacon when the lodge resumed work on the 27th June, 1850, and who in recognition of the zeal he had shown in this instance, was promoted to the chair of Prov. S.G. Warden. Four years later we find him in London, not only bearing an active part in the exciting discussions which took place at almost every communication of Grand Lodge over the Canadian question, and in which it is necessary, in the interests of truth, we should point out that he did not always command the entire sympathy of his audience, but likewise endeavouring in a quiet and unobtrusive way to benefit the Craft permanently by assisting, as he had done in behalf of the once dormant Churchill Lodge, to revive one of the oldest of our Metropolitan lodges. It is difficult to imagine how any lodge of repute and long standing could have been in a worse plight than was the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, in the early days of 1855, when its muster roll contained only five members—all Past Masters—and not a single initiate or joining brother had been received into it during a period of nearly ten years. In February, a change was effected such as can be paralleled by few, if any other, lodges in early or more recent times. A number of Oxford brethren, among whom Bros. G. R. Portal and W. W. B. Beach appear to have been the leading spirits, were desirous of establishing a London home for Craftsmen hailing from the Apollo University Lodge, and the Westminster and Keystone was chosen for the experiment. At the revival which then followed, the important post of Secretary was offered to and accepted by Bro. Portal, who laboured so successfully that in 1862 he was elected and installed W. Master. Since then he has maintained his connection with the lodge, for the greater part of the time as a subscribing, but for the last few years as an honorary member. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, being a Past Z. of the Grove Chapter, No. 410, Ewell; but his highest honours in what has appropriately been described as "constitutional Masonry" were bestowed on him only a short while since—in 1885—when his Royal Highness was pleased to appoint him Grand Chaplain of United Grand Lodge and Grand Principal Sojourner of Supreme Grand Chapter. But the sphere of duty which he had made more especially his own was in connection with the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in April, 1856. At that time there was no Mark Grand Lodge, and, but for the determination of the then Grand Master of Craft Masonry not to allow any infringement of the Articles of Union of 1813, it is by no means improbable that the Mark would have been incorporated with our system of Masonry as defined by those Articles of Union, and that no such body as the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., would ever have been established. But, through the influence brought to bear by Lord Zetland, United Grand Lodge was induced to rescind a resolution it had passed for incorporating the Mark in the existing system of pure and ancient Masonry; and on this decision becoming known, the enthusiasts for the Mark at once set up a Grand Lodge of their own, with Bro. Lord Leigh as M.W. G. Master, Lord Methuen as Dep. G. Master, and a complete array of Grand Officers, our Rev. Bro. Portal being appointed G. Chaplain for 1856, 1857, and 1858, and G. Registrar from 1862 to 1866. In the latter year he was appointed D.G.M. by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, G.M., and attained the highest distinction in the Degree in 1869, when he was elected and installed as G. Mark Master Mason of England and Wales. On vacating this office he was presented with a Past G. Master's jewel and a tankard, and since that time has continued his services on all occasions, and in every capacity in which it was likely he could benefit the Mark. He has presided over it in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight as Prov. G. Master since 1873; he took an active part in the establishment of the Mark Benevolent Fund in 1868, and presided at its first Anniversary Festival the year following; while, as President of the General Board, he had worked incessantly to advance the interests of a Degree which, more than any other branch or system of Masonry, will suffer by his death. He was, in addition, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, as well as of that of the Allied Degrees, and had been installed a Knight Templar and perfected as a Rose Croix. And last, but not least, he had served as Steward for the three Central Masonic Institutions and the Mark Benevolent Fund, and had qualified as Life Governor of them all. But it is not necessary we should prolong this account of his career. To enumerate all the offices he has filled, or the lodges of which he was or had been an actual or honorary member, would not greatly enhance his fame or the respect in which his memory will be held, nor will it make more poignant the sorrow we must all experience at the loss which has befallen our Society by the unexpected death of one who, in the forty years he had been a Mason, had made hosts of friends, but not a single enemy.

The funeral of the much lamented deceased took place at noon on Monday, and, although the time that had elapsed since the death had been short, and Sunday had intervened, people of all classes assembled from far and near to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of a loving relative and a much esteemed friend—one who was ever engaged either in works of public Charity or usefulness, or in acts of Christian goodness or private kindness. Such a large and representative gathering as that which assembled at Burghclere on this occasion had never been seen in the district. Had time allowed of the necessary arrangements, there would have been a very large assemblage of Freemasons from both the Grand Lodges of England—Craft as well as Mark—besides various Provincial Grand Lodges with which the late Canon had been more or less associated; as it was, distinguished members

of the Masonic body congregated in large numbers, and, in addition to these, the National Deposit Friendly Society, which Canon Portal was instrumental in starting in 1872, and which has now grown to be a most successful provident institution, spread over a large portion of the kingdom, was represented by several members of the executive body, and also by some of its principal officials. The clergy of the dioceses of Winchester and the gentry of the district were also largely represented; and, above all, as testifying to the Canon's true work, the poor of the locality congregated in great numbers. In the course of the morning the mortal remains of Canon Portal, enclosed in an elm coffin, literally loaded with memorial wreaths and crosses, were deposited in the hall of the rectory, where the members of the family assembled shortly before 12 o'clock, being joined by the village choir and several members of the local clergy, sang the hymn

"When the heart is sad within
With the sense of all its sin."

After this the corpse was carried from the hall by the senior members of the choir, and placed on a hand-bier, which was also covered with beautiful wreaths and crosses. At the head of the choir was carried a magnificent cross, chiefly composed of arum lilies; then came the clergy, preceding the corpse, which was slowly drawn through the rectory grounds and along the roadway to the church, followed by the mourners and others invited to the funeral, the whole forming a procession of great length. A large number of the parishioners and others had assembled in the churchyard, and many persons had taken their places in the beautiful parish church, which stands within a short distance of the rectory. The mourners were Mrs. Portal (the widow); Mr. Maurice Portal (son); Miss Violet Portal and Miss Daisy Portal (daughters); Mr. Melville Portal and Lady Charlotte Portal; Mr. Wyndham Portal, Major and Mrs. Dundas; Mr. M. Knight, Capt. Portal, A.D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Portal, Mr. S. J. Portal, Miss Portal, Mr. B. P. Portal, Miss K. Portal, Capt. and Mrs. Codrington; Mrs. and Mrs. W. H. Kingsmill; Miss Kingsmill, Mr. and Mrs. Chute; Hon. Egerton Hubbard, M.P., Hon. Evelyn Hubbard, Miss Evelyn Portal, Lord Algernon Percy, Mr. E. Trevilian, Mr. R. Duke, Rev. Charles Knight, the servants of the household, &c. The opening portion of the burial service was taken by the Rev. A. Sladen, curate of Burghclere, the lesson being read by the Bishop of Guildford (Doctor Sumner). The grave, which had been dug on the south side of the churchyard, had been lined with moss, interspersed with bunches of primroses and violets. The service was continued at the grave by the Rev. F. C. Gosling, of Newtown, and the benediction by the Bishop. Among those present at the funeral were the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Sir Frederick Carden, Bart., Sir Alexander Arbuthnot, K.C.S.I., W. W. Beach, M.P., Major General Maunsell, Colonel Vincent Williams, Mr. William Holding, Mr. Bassett, the Mayor of Newbury (Mr. George Knight), the Mayor of Basingstoke (Mr. Soper), Hon. and Rev. J. H. Nelson, Canon Dundas (Albury), Canon Warburton (Winchester), Revs. A. B. Sole, H. E. Sharpe, C. P. Berryman, G. A. Seymour, R. Bigg-Wither, Marriner, H. L. Porter, R. H. Williams, J. D. Beales, R. H. Robinson, W. Bulkeley, R. C. Edwards, E. J. Gardiner, E. T. Coles, G. Pearson, J. Scott-Ramsay, A. Edwards, C. B. Young, R. Dunn, J. Atkins, J. M. Guilding, H. J. Mason, and others. The brethren present comprised the Pro G.M., Lord Carnarvon; Bros. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; E. J. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; F. Binckes, Grand Sec. (Mark); Ravenscroft, Prov. G. Sec. (Mark) Berks and Oxon; Margrett, P.G.D. (Mark); Bradley, Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Oxon; Creed, W.M. Leopold Lodge; G. M. Knight, W.M. Portchester Lodge; R. L. Loveland, Dep. P.G.M. (Mark) Hants and Isle of Wight (of which province Canon Portal was Prov. G.M.); Jellicoe, Prov. G. Sec. (Mark); Tilling, Prov. S.G.W. (Mark); the Rev. H. J. Mason, Prov. G. Chap. (Mark); Rev. J. Atkins, P.P.G. Chap. Berks and Bucks; Rev. R. Williams, P.M.; Boyer, P.M.; Ravenor, P.M.; Cosburn, P.M.; W. Knight, R. Canning, Maples, Kersley, Harrold, Hawkins, Burns, Graham, and others. The National Deposit Friendly Society (of which Canon Portal was founder) was represented by Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P. (one of the trustees), Mr. W. B. Payne, General Secretary; Mr. W. Holding, Vice-Chairman of General Committee; Mr. Walter Money, F.S.A., Rev. R. Dunn, and Aldermen Hickman and Absalom (members of the Berks and Hants Branch Committee), Mr. G. J. Cosburn (County Secretary), Messrs. Kelleway and Durrant (agents), and others. A deputation from Albury (Surrey), the living which was held by Canon Portal for some years, attended the obsequies, including the Rev. Canon Dundas, rector of Albury; Mr. Peebles, agent to the Duke of Northumberland; Mr. J. Poulter, and Mr. H. Cooke. There were also present Mr. Winchester Munn, manager of the Laverstoke Bank-note Paper Mills; Messrs. Ridley, Fox, Wentworth, Hearne, Plenty, Wilson, Howard, Davis, Mallett, Bacon, Hobbs, Hall, Bunney, Thomson, Pavey, Smith, Bolton, Head, Palmer, White, Turner, Kemp, and others. References to the death of Canon Portal were made by the local clergy at most of the neighbouring churches on Sunday last. Among those who sent wreaths were—the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Hants and Isle of Wight, Mr. and Mrs. W. Portal, Mr. W. C. Portal, Major and Mrs. Dundas, Mr. M. and Lady C. Portal, Capt. Raymond Portal, A.D.C.; Miss Portal, Miss K. Portal, Miss E. Portal, Mr. S. J. Portal, Mr. B. P. Portal, Mr. and Mrs. Kingsmill, Misses D. and B. Kingsmill, Mr. A. and Miss N. Kingsmill, Mr. and Mrs. Chute, Capt. and Mrs. Codrington, Hon. and Mrs. Egerton Hubbard, M.P., Hon. E. and Mrs. Hubbard, Mr. M. Knight and Mr. H. Knight, Mr. R. Duke, Mr. Trevilian, Mrs. Wallington, Mr. W. Beach, M.P., Mr. and Mrs. Holding, Miss M. Holding, Miss L. Holding, Miss M. Holding, Mrs. Arkwright, Miss Arkwright, Mr. H. Arkwright, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Fanshawe, Capt. A. Fanshawe, Miss Fanshawe, Lord Carnarvon, Lady Carnarvon Lady W. Byng, Sir E. Lechmere, Lady C. Lechmere, Capt. and Mrs. Saunders, Admiral and Mrs. Herbert, Sir F. Carden, Lady and Miss Carden, Mrs. Ridley, Miss E. Cole, Mrs. Wallington, Sir A. and Lady Arbuthnot, Mr. Mount, M.P., and Mrs. Mount, Miss B. Berry, servants of the Burghclere Rectory, Mr. S. Wentworth, Mr. T. Hearne, Mrs. and Misses Hearne, Mr. J. Hobbs, Mr. Blandy, Mr. and Mrs. G. Cummins, Miss Bowles, Mrs. Field, Mr. and Mrs. Kelleway, Mr.

A. Field, Burghclere School, Mr. Durrant, Miss Durrant, Mrs. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Berry and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gosling, Miss Rutherford, H. Breadman, Burghclere School, Mr. and Mrs. Kelleway, Major-Gen. and Mrs. Maunsell, Misses Maunsell, Mrs. Bacon, Misses Bacon, Mrs. C. Hopkins, Mr. W. Money, Porchester Lodge of M.M.M. (Newbury), Mr. and Mrs. Cosburn, Vicar and Churchwardens of Echinswell, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Miss E. Harris, E. and H. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Pratt, Hon. C. Hudson, and others.

BRO. GENERAL BROWNRIGG, C.B., P.G.M. SURREY.

Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., to whose death at Colombo on the 1st April, while on his return to England, we had only time to make brief reference last week, had taken so active a part in Masonry for so long a period that even the fullest account of his career would hardly suffice to do justice to his merits. He joined our ranks while on military duty in Canada, being initiated in Lodge No. 17, Quebec, though he is registered in St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, No. 487, on the 28th August, 1843. After his return to England he joined the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, and was installed W.M. in 1858. He was also exalted to the Royal Arch Degree while in Canada, and having joined the Chapter of Friendship was installed in the chair of First Principal in 1865. Having won these preliminary distinctions, it was not long before we find him appointed to still more important positions. Indeed, his investiture as S.G. Warden of England by the late Earl of Zetland, M.W. G.M., occurred during the year (1858) of his Mastership of No. 6, and must be regarded as the stepping-stone to the still more important office of Prov. G. Master of Surrey, to which, on the resignation of the late Bro. Alexander Dobie, he was appointed in 1871. Two years later he became Grand Superintendent of the same Province, and the importance of the services he rendered in these two capacities may be gathered from the fact that 23 out of the 34 lodges and eight out of the 12 chapters on the provincial roll have been constituted since his appointment by the Marquis of Ripon—then M.W.G.M.—as head of the Craft and Arch Masonry in this country, and of these lodges and chapters in the foundation of which he necessarily played an important part, the Lodge No. 1638, and the Chapter No. 1564—the former meeting at Kingston and the latter at Woking—both bear his name, and will, it is to be hoped, endure for many a long year as monuments to the respect and esteem in which he was held by the Fraternity in Surrey. Nor are these the only mementoes of his fame that remain to us, for the Studholme Lodge and Chapter, No. 1591, which meet in London, were thus named in his honour and have already proved themselves worthy of their founder; while the two principal occasions on which he figured at the head of his Surrey brethren—namely, in April, 1883, when the Duke of Connaught laid the foundation-stone of St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, with Masonic ceremonial, and the following year, when he supported his Royal Highness, the Grand Master, and the Princess of Wales on the occasion of a similar ceremony in behalf of the new Schools of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, at Redhill—will always be remembered as among the brightest of red-letter day ceremonials in the more recent history of the Craft in this province. In Mark Masonry, to which he was advanced in Canada in the days anterior to the organisation of this branch of Masonry on its present footing, the late General was founder and first W.M. of the Studholme Lodge, No. 197, in 1875, J.G. Warden the same year, and present W.M. of the Carnarvon Mark Lodge, No. 7. In the Order of the Temple he was Prov. Prior of Kent and Surrey, and a founder and Past E.C. of the Studholme Preceptory, No. 140; while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, he was Grand Prior in the Supreme Council of the 33°, and a founder and P.M.W.S. of the Studholme Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 67. As regards our Charitable Institutions he had acted as Steward and qualified as a Life Governor of all three; but these services must be looked upon as of comparatively little moment by comparison with those he rendered to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1883, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1886, when he undertook the by no means enviable responsibility of presiding as Festival Chairman, and fulfilled his duty on both occasions with conspicuous success. At the earlier of these Festivals his Province of Surrey generously supported him to the extent of £905, the Returns from the whole Board of 276 Stewards being £13,260, and at the later it raised close on £1346 out of a grand total of £13,029, the number of Stewards being 275. He had also presided as Chairman at the 4th Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, of which he was a Life Subscriber, so that there is hardly a branch of Freemasonry or an Institution connected with, or supported by, our Order, in or for which he had not done some active duty; and it is beyond all question true that whatever he put his hand to, that did he right well and thoroughly. But, as we pointed out last week, there are not only these memorials of his worth, these lodges and chapters which bear his name, and of most, if not all, of which he was a founder, still flourishing, and likely to flourish, in our midst; but there are members of his family who have striven not unsuccessfully to walk in his footsteps, and one of whom, as a Past Grand Chaplain of England and Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, has already won a foremost place in our ranks, and will doubtless, now that his father is dead, make still greater endeavours to enhance the fame which for so many years has been associated in Masonry with the respected name of our deceased brother. While these remain among us, though the loss we have sustained by the death of Bro. General Brownrigg is indeed most serious, the sense of that loss will be less keenly felt. The place of the genial and kindly brother will indeed know him no more, but his sons preserve and will add lustre to his name, while the memorials of his work will, as we hope, endure for many and many a generation of brethren as yet uninstructed in the mysteries of our Art.

BRO. THE REV. SIR F. GORE OUSELEY, BART., P.G. CHAP.

Bro. the Rev. Frederick Gore Ouseley, Bart., M.A., Mus. D. Oxon, who was suddenly seized with illness on Saturday last while standing outside the Hereford branch of the Birmingham, Dudley, and District Bank, and died on the bank premises within an hour after his seizure, had been a member of our Society for upwards of 40 years,

having been initiated in the Alfred Lodge, No. 425—now No. 347—Oxford, on the 7th April, 1845. On the 8th May, 1856 he joined the Churchill Lodge, No. 478—then No. 702—Oxford, and presided as W.M. in 1859. He was also a P.M. of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1097, Tenbury, Worcestershire, having occupied the chair in 1866. He was a P.P.G.C. of Oxfordshire, and in 1864 was appointed, in conjunction with the late Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Grand Chaplain of England. He was advanced in the Lechmere Mark Lodge, No. 59, Worcester, on the 21st October, 1868, and was Grand Organist of Mark Grand Lodge in 1883. He was a member of the Rose Croix Chapter, St. Dunstan, No. 12, Worcester, had taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite system, and was a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Our deceased brother, who was born in 1825, and had therefore completed his 63rd year, was a musician of high distinction, and had held the chair of Professor of Music in the University of Oxford since 1855.

BRO. S. J. HUMFRESS.

By the death of Bro. S. J. Humfress, P.M. 733 and J.D. 753, the Craft in general, and his own lodges in particular, have lost a true and faithful fellow-worker, whose place it will indeed be hard to fill. Bro. Humfress had been a sufferer for many months, and, in fact, as far back as last September had undergone a serious operation, which it was hoped would ultimately benefit his health; but, in spite of the physical infirmity under which he laboured, he was a regular attendant at Masonic gatherings almost up to his death, which occurred on Sunday, the 31st ultimo. Owing to the respect in which our brother was held, not only on account of his own intrinsic worth, but from his generosity to all brethren in distress, and owing to his goodness to the poor of the district in which he resided, a large number of sympathising friends assembled at Paddington Cemetery on the afternoon of Thursday, the 4th instant, when the funeral took place. Bro. John Aird, M.P., many of the parish officials of Paddington, and also several ladies were present upon the occasion, whilst amongst the members of the Craft who had come to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of their departed brother the following may be mentioned:—Of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733—Bros. W. Drew, W.M., S. R. Walker, P.M., Sec., Belsham, S.D., Dr. Gawith, J.D., Rogers, I.G., Biern, I.P.M., Wickens, P.M., Cotterburne, P.M., Allen, P.M., Unwin, Price, Drake, E. Stevens, S. Gurney, Hughes, Jones, W. Bell, T. Smith, Cumming, Goddard, Jackson, and W. Boyer; of the Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 753—Bros. J. J. Thomas, W.M., J. W. Stratton, J.W., Wickens, P.M., Redfern, V. Shaw, and H. E. Campbell-Beaver. There were also present Bros. R. H. Dillon, I.P.M., T. I. Bird, P.M. and Sec., and W. T. Dillon, of the Elliot Lodge; J. Stephens, P.M., J. Cuff, P.M., and W. Hunt, P.M., of the Hyde Park Lodge, No. 1425; Side, P.M. of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511; De Lana, P.M. of the Dunmow Lodge, No. 1543; E. M. Lander, P.M. of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1612; N. Turner, P.M. of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 73; Mason, S.W. of the Cyclist Lodge, No. 2246; and Green, of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987. Bro. J. W. Cuff also represented the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, of which he is W.M., Bro. J. J. Thomas, Tivoli Lodge, 215, and Bro. V. Shaw, the Lewis Lodge, 1185. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren paid their last token of respect to the memory of Bro. Humfress by reverently casting sprigs of acacia into the grave, which already contained the remains of his wife and two children. In contemplating the career of our departed brother, whether it be regarded from a Masonic or purely worldly point of view, it may truthfully be remarked of it, it is well finished. The example he set to his junior brethren in inculcating the doctrine of peace and goodwill towards all can never be effaced from their memories, whilst his geniality and uprightness of thought and action endeared him to all, both old and young. And lastly, the Masonic Charities have suffered a grievous loss by the death of our honoured brother, now resting peacefully in the Great Lodge above, amongst those who, like himself, have departed from amongst us full of years, beloved and respected by all who knew them.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

The annual meeting of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 2nd inst. at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. There was a large attendance of the subscribers and donors to the Fund. In the absence of the President of the Institution, Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M., Bro. W. J. Biewer, P.P.G. Sec., was elected to preside.

Five guineas each were voted towards the advancement in life of two boys whose educational terms for remaining on the fund had concluded through their ages—H. E. Howe and A. Rawle.

Bro. COOPER gave notice that he should, at the October meeting, ask for a similar grant to be voted to M. S. Williams, the son of a deceased member of Lodge Fortitude, No. 105.

The election of two candidates was then proceeded with. Bros. W. Powell, J. Griffin, and W. H. W. Macey, were appointed the scrutineers.

The result of the voting was for C. B. Jerrid, 7½ years, daughter of a deceased member of Lodge St. John the Baptist, Exeter, 534 votes; R. H. Pettie, 8 years, son of a deceased member of Lodge Torridge, Great Torrington, 531 votes; B. L. Cann, 7½ years, daughter of a deceased member of Lodge Fidelity, Devonport, 409 votes; M. M. Charters, 7½ years, daughter of a deceased member of Lodge Saint John's, Plymouth, 307 votes; E. Strain, 13 years, daughter of a deceased member of Lodge Erme, Ivybridge, 87 votes.

The two first candidates were declared elected.

As the last candidate from her age would in a year hence become ineligible, it was unanimously resolved to place her on the Fund by a vote of the meeting. It was resolved to elect two more candidates on the Fund in October.

Miss Alma Murray will sustain the part of Mary Crosley in Mr. J. Stanley Little's new domestic drama, "Doubt," a play of which the theme is the same as the recently published novel of that name.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

In order to meet the convenience of the public the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of excursion and ordinary tickets at their City and West End Offices, viz.: 193 and 407, Oxford-street, 23, New Oxford-street, Holborn Circus, 29, Charing Cross, 26, Regent-street, 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge, 82, Queen Victoria-street, 43 and 44, Crutchedfriars, 69, Gresham-street, and 4, Cheapside, at any of which places tickets can be obtained during the week preceding Easter. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria, Kensington (Addison-road), Aldgate, the stations on the Hammersmith and City Line, and at most of the Stations on the Metropolitan and District Railways. The Booking Office at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole of the day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, before Easter. Tickets obtained in London on any day from April 15th to 20th will be available for use on either of those days. Cheap tickets at special low fares and available from April 18th to 22nd, will be issued from London to the Yeovil and Weymouth district, and to the principal stations in the West of England, and it is announced that a Fast Excursion Train will leave Paddington on Thursday, April 18th, reaching Exeter in five-and-a-quarter hours and Plymouth in seven-and-a-half hours. Excursions will also be run to Leamington, Birmingham, Chester, Cheltenham, Reading, Oxford, Gloucester, Bath, Bristol, and other stations on the Great Western System. The newspaper train leaving Paddington at 5.30 a.m. will run on Good Friday as usual as far as Oxford, Exeter, and Swansea, and the usual intermediate Stations. This train will connect at Oxford with trains to the Worcester, Birmingham, and Wolverhampton districts.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, April 15th, to Monday, April 22nd, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North-Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time—Sundays and bank holidays excepted—at the following town receipts offices of the Company: 15, Queen-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, Gresham-street, E.C.; 13, Eastcheap; Cross Keys, Wood-street, Cheap-side, E.C.; 22, Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 65, Aldgate, E.; 30, West Smithfield, E.C.; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell-green, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, Fleet-street, E.C.; 116, Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Bear, High Holborn, W.C.; 43, New Oxford-street, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly-circus, W.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; Hotel Windsor (late Army and Navy Hotel), Victoria-street, S.W.; 231, Edgware-road, W.; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.; 70, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.; Lion, 108, New Bond-street, W.; 496, Oxford-street, W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241, Oxford-street, W.; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater, W.; Knightsbridge, 34, Albert Gate, S.W.; Kensington, 33, High-street, W.; 117, Borough, S.E.; 233 and 234, Blackfriars-road, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington Causeway, S.E.; 194, Westminster Bridge-road, S.E.; Islington, Angel, 5, Pentonville-road, N. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from either Euston or Kensington (Addison Road), and will be issued at the same fares as are charged at those stations. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. They can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist office, 142, Strand, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Thursday, April 18th, an additional express train will leave Euston at 8.55 a.m. for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Nuneaton, and Lichfield. Special carriages for Penrith will be attached to the 10.0 a.m. train from London, and will be sent forward from Crewe as a special train in advance of the 10.0 a.m. express. A special express will leave Euston at 1.10 p.m. for Lancaster, Carnforth, Kendal, Windermere, &c., and will be due to arrive at Northampton at 2.34, Rugby 3.0, Nuneaton 3.25, Lichfield 3.54, Crewe 4.55. A special express will leave Euston at 2.50 p.m. for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Trent Valley Stations, and Stafford. A special train will leave Birmingham for Northampton at 4.5 p.m., calling at Rugby. A special express train will leave Euston Station at 4.20 p.m. for Birmingham, calling at Willesden Junction, Rugby, Coventry, and Stechford, arriving at Birmingham (New Street) at 7.5 p.m. The 12.0 midnight from Euston on Thursday, April 18th, will be extended from Warrington to Preston on Good Friday morning as on ordinary week days. The 10.5 p.m. from Glasgow to Carlisle will be extended to Liverpool and Manchester at the following times:—Leave Carlisle 1.15 a.m. (Good Friday morning), arrive Carnforth 2.48, Lancaster, 2.59, Preston, 3.30, Wigan, 3.53, Manchester, 4.45, and Liverpool, 4.45 a.m. On Good Friday, April 19th, the 5.15 a.m., newspaper express train, from London (Euston Station) will run to Northampton, Birmingham, Stafford, Shrewsbury, Warrington, Runcorn, Liverpool, Manchester, Wigan, Preston, Blackpool, Lancaster, Carnforth, Oxenholme, Windermere, Tebay, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, and Aberdeen. A train will leave Manchester at 9.30 a.m. for Wigan, where passengers for Preston and the north can join the new paper train. There will be no connection to the N. B. Line with this train. The majority of the trains will run on Good Friday as on Sundays. The boats timed to leave Kingstown for Holyhead at 7 a.m., and Holyhead at 1.35 p.m. for Kingstown, will not sail on Good Friday. The steamers will sail from Larne and Stranraer on Good Friday as on ordinary week days, but on the Saturday following Good Friday, the boat will not leave Stranraer until 8.15 a.m. The steamers will sail from both Fleetwood and Belfast on Good Friday as on ordinary week days. Many of the season ticket trains run in the suburbs of London, Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester, will not run on Bank Holiday, Monday, April 22nd. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London and Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Burton, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Derby, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Aberystwyth, Hereford, Oswestry, Wrexham, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, and other places.



Bro. Walter Harris, P.M., who is one of the candidates for the Shrievalty of London, entertained 80 of his friends at dinner on Wednesday evening in the large saloon of the Guildhall Tavern. The banquet was admirably served; the Blue Hungarians played in an adjoining room during dinner, and an exceptionally good musical programme was gone through afterwards. The toasts were few, but some of the speeches elicited a large amount of applause. Bro. A. M. Broadley proposed "The Health of the Lord Mayor and Corporation," associating the name of Bro. Alderman Renals with the toast; Bro. Sir John Puleston, M.P., proposed "The Health of the Host," and responded for "The Visitors;" Bro. Harris's reply was in the best possible taste, and Bros. Alderman Hart, Deputy T. Beard, and many other well-known Freemasons were amongst the guests.

The German Shakespeare Society will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its foundation at Weimar on Shakespeare's birthday, the 23rd inst.

The annual supper of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Porchester Hotel, Paddington, on Monday next, when Bro. Holman, W.M. of the mother lodge, will preside. Bro. G. Read is Treasurer, and Bro. H. Dehane, Secretary.

The members of the Huyshe Chapter, No. 1099, at a regular meeting held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at their chapter-room, Home Park, Stoke, elected as their officers for the ensuing year Comps. H. Rogers, Z.; J. Allen, H.; S. Panter, J.; W. H. Gillman, S.E.; S. J. Page, S.N.; W. H. Dillon, P.S.; J. Foster, 1st A.S.; W. H. Pengelly, 2nd A.S.; W. J. Stanbury, Treas.; and J. Rashbrook, Janitor.

A grand gala, fancy fair, and bazaar will be held under distinguished patronage in Stanley Park, Liverpool, on Whit Monday, the 10th June, and five following days, in aid of the funds of the Liverpool Stanley Hospital. Mrs. J. Kellett Smith, of 23, Russell-street, Liverpool, has agreed to take a stall, to be called the "Selfton," and furnish it for the whole of the six days. She is, therefore, desirous of obtaining contributions in money or goods for her stall, and we hope our readers who may be able to do so, will assist her in her charitable object.

The Royal Commission on Army and Navy administration held a further sitting, under Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., on Tuesday, when Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, gave evidence.

It is now decided that the 30th and last meeting of the National Rifle Association shall be held at Wimbledon, the opening day being Monday, July the 8th, while the Camp will be available for occupation the Saturday previous. The meeting in future years will be held at Brookwood, near Woking, Surrey.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a large and important gathering in the assembly Hall, Mile End, on Monday, for the purpose of promoting the Hospital Saturday Fund. His lordship attended in State, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman Sheriff Gray, and Bro. Sheriff Newton. Resolutions in furtherance of the objects of the meeting were passed, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead.

There will be a banquet held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Wednesday next, the 17th inst., when Messrs. A. de Wette, C.C., and A. E. Pocock have kindly consented to occupy the chair and vice-chair respectively, the purpose being to celebrate the commencement of Bro. J. B. Mella's occupancy as proprietor of this well-known hostelry. We have no doubt that Bro. Mella's friends and patrons will gather about him on this occasion in considerable numbers. He deserves support, and we doubt not will receive it from the general public as well as from his more particular customers.

By command of the P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, the half-yearly meeting of the province, also of the annual Prov. G. Chapter, will be held in the County Hall, Carlisle, on Tuesday, the 16th inst.

Bro. Colonel James R. Bramble, F.S.A., who has just been appointed D.P.G.M. of Bristol, in succession to Bro. W. A. F. Powell, installed as P.G.M., was initiated in the Beaufort Lodge, 103, 5th August, 1862, and filled the chair of that lodge in 1865-6. He was one of the founders and first W.M. of Lodges 1199 and 1404. In January, 1867, he was appointed P.A.G.D.C., and in January, 1869, P.G. Registrar, which office he held for seven years successively, when he was promoted to P.S.G.W. In 1886 he was again appointed to his former office of Registrar, and continued to hold it until his recent promotion. He is an Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Beaufort Chapter 22nd October, 1863, and filled the chair of Z. in 1868, and, after holding minor offices obtained the position of Prov. G.H. in 1883. On the occasion of her Majesty's Jubilee Bro. Bramble had the honour of being selected to receive the rank of P.A.G.D.C. in the Grand Lodge of England, and of P.G.S.B. in the Grand Chapter. Bro. Bramble holds the 32° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, has been D.P.G.M.M. of the Province of Bristol since its formation in 1881, and is a P. 1st Expert in the Great Priory of England, and Prov. Sub-Prior of Bristol and Gloucestershire. He has served as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

ROYAL PRINCESS'S THEATRE.—In response to a very generally expressed desire on the part of the public to see Mr. Wilson Barrett in his great successes, previous to his departure to tour in America, Miss Grace Hawthorne has arranged to revive (for a limited number of performances only) the "Silver King," with all the original scenery and effects, on Monday, the 15th inst.; "Good Old Times," with Mr. Wilson Barrett and Miss Eastlake in the cast, on Friday and Saturday evenings, the 12th and 13th inst. The last matinee performance of "Good Old Times" will be to-morrow (Saturday).

The Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knights Templar will not meet on the 18th inst., it being the Thursday in Holy Week. Sir Knight Magnus Ohren is the Treasurer, Sir Knight H. Lovegrove the Registrar, the E.P. is Sir Knight James Shilcock, and the E.P. elect Sir Knight J. Read.

GOULD TESTIMONIAL.—The Lodge of Unity, 69, has sent three guineas to this fund, and donations have also been received from Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, Lieut. Grand Commander, 33°, and Albert Pike, Grand Commander, 33°, Washington, U.S.A.

It appears to have been definitively arranged that there shall be a Spanish Exhibition in London this summer, and very strenuous efforts are being made in order that it may be opened to the public about the middle of next month.

Bro. Alderman and ex-Sheriff Davies is one of the candidates for the vacancy in the representation of Rochester, caused by the resignation of Colonel Hughes-Hallett.

The directors of the New York Yacht Club have appointed a Committee to consider Bro. the Earl of Dunraven's challenge to compete with the Americans for the possession of the America Cup.

It is announced that Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, the British Minister at the Court of Teheran, will accompany the Shah of Persia on his visit to England at the end of next month or beginning of June.

The festival dinner, which was to have been held this week in aid of the funds of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, and at which his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge was to have presided as Chairman, has been postponed in consequence of the death of his mother, the Duchess of Cambridge.

Bro. Lord Robartes has kindly undertaken to preside at the dinner which will be held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on the 13th of May, in aid of the Royal Blind Pension Society.

PRESENTATION.—Bro. W. Sanders, J.D. of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, was recently presented with a very handsome Past Secretary's jewel, in the shape of a five-pointed golden star with cross pens and a fine diamond in the centre. It bears the following inscription—"Presented to Bro. W. Sanders by the members of the Pattison Charitable Association as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, but more especially for his efforts on behalf of the Masonic Charities, 1885-1889." The presentation was made at Bro. Mason's hotel, The Mortar, Beresford-square, Woolwich, at the winding up dinner of the Association a few weeks ago.

The annual supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction took place on Tuesday last at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the chairmanship of Bro. Geo. Reynolds, W.M. of the mother lodge, and proved a great success, the brethren present thoroughly enjoying themselves. A report of the proceedings will appear next week.

A large meeting of the members of the Agricola Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Castlegate, York, on Monday night, the 24th inst., when Bro. J. H. Taylor, S.W., was elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Eccles was re-elected Treasurer; Bros. J. E. Wilkinson, J.W., and G. Manton, J.D., were re-elected Auditors; and Bro. E. Osborne, Tyler.

Terry's Theatre will be closed on the evenings of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday next, and will re-open for the morning performance on Saturday, the 20th inst., when "Sweet Lavender" will continue its successful career.

We are glad the difference between Bros. Lazarus and Spiegel, both members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, has been satisfactorily settled, and the latter having tendered an apology by his counsel, we shall doubtless hear nothing further about the case. We should have been better pleased had the difference been settled without recourse being taken to legal proceedings, but as that seems to have been unavoidable, it is satisfactory to know there is an end of the dispute.

A memorial window, from the studios of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, has been erected in the Church of St. Mary's, Stamford, the gift of Mr. Groves, in memory of his father, as a companion window to one, in memory of his mother, executed by the same artist. The subject, illustrative of generosity, is "King David's forgiveness of Absalom."

That floating palace of the P. and O. service the Oceana sailed for Australia on Friday with a large and varied human cargo, and, inasmuch as for every soul departing at least two came to see him off, Gallion's well-known quay was alive and moving. The Bishop of Ripon (and quite a bunch of Church dignitaries) bade a cheery farewell to his Colonial brother of North Queensland. The company's lawyer, Mr. Peter Williams, of Freshfield's well-known firm, went on a month's leave to study Spanish jurisprudence. Our great baritone, Charles Santley, en route for Sydney, could scarce tear himself free from the friendly hands of the many musical confrères who had come to see him off, or find time as yet to read the valedictory and well-wishing telegrams that awaited and followed him on board. A Masonic deputation of light and leading gave the last hand-grip of mysterious meaning to "Brothers" Edward Letchworth and Rudolph Glover, bound for some great function at Targier, and already confraternising over the inevitable stirrup cup, with others of the "free and accepted" body charitable. A capital string band and a brave show of pretty girls gave with the sunshine promise of a prosperous voyage.—*The World*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Safely and Securely.—When the severities of winter have yielded to the genial spring, invalids should make a determined effort to regain their lost health; when through confinement indoors, want of appetite, and disturbed sleep, the entire system has been weakened, and the spirits have been broken down, Holloway's remedies are equal to the occasion. The Ointment rubbed over the regions of the stomach and liver, aided by the internal administration of his Pills, will rectify the digestion, regulate the bile, and purify the blood—three sanitary actions which will speedily confer renewed vigour, brace up the falling nerves, confirm the flaccid muscles, and restore to the ailing cheerfulness—that great charm of existence.—*Adv't*.

Bro. A. J. Altman, C.C., has been elected W.M. of the Peace and Harmony Lodge. At the last meeting of the members, at the Freemasons' Hall, it was decided, after discussion, to hold the installation banquet in London instead of in the country.

Bro. H. Hooper, who has been installed as W.M. of the Lodge of Unity (meeting at the Ship and Turtle) has appointed his officers as under: Bros. R. Corsham, S.W.; J. W. Oliver, J.W.; G. P. Britten, Treas.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; G. H. Lindsey-Kenton, S.D.; F. W. Zimmer, J.D.; J. D. E. Tarr, I.G.; S. Richardson, D.C.; G. W. Pinnock, and A. O. Side, Stwds.; G. W. Speth, Org.; and L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. Francis, has been presented by the members with a P.M.'s jewel.

A proposal has been made for the amalgamation of the Shepherd and Flock Masonic Club with the City of London Lodge of Instruction. The members of the club, with their wives, held the second annual festival at their head-quarters, Great Swan-alley, last week. During the evening the W.M., Bro. W. R. Haylock, presented to the Preceptor (Bro. Hickman) an illuminated address signed by all the members. The presentation was made as a mark of the brethren's appreciation of their comrade's valuable services to the club during the time he had held office in connection with it.

The third anniversary festival of the Lewis Lodge of Instruction, took place at the Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, on Friday, the 5th inst., and a numerous company of Freemasons sat down to an excellent dinner served by Bro. Wigmore, the respected host. Bro. J. Prentice, J.W. 1185, occupied the chair. The evening was passed in a most enjoyable manner.

Mr. Gloster Armstrong says that Mr. Warren Wright, who has purchased the provincial rights of *The Balloon*, is in treaty, through him, with Mr. Charles Green, the balloon manufacturer, for a large passenger balloon, to be used by the company while on tour—a very novel departure in theatrical advertisement.

The Crystal Palace Bohemian Musical Society wound up their season last night (Thursday), by giving their directors (Mr. Dalgety Henderson and Mr. Moore) a complimentary benefit.

Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., held his annual meeting at Looe, Cornwall, yesterday (Thursday). The P.G. Lodge was opened at 2.30, when business of a more than ordinarily interesting nature was transacted. A large number of brethren from the Three Towns availed themselves of this opportunity of visiting this rising and favourite watering place, thus combining pleasure with duty. Dinner was served at the Ship Hotel at 4 o'clock. A large number of brethren was present.

The Principals and companions of Fidelity Chapter, No. 230, gave an "at home" at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. The refectory was utilised as a ball room, and was nicely decorated for the occasion. In the course of the evening, Comp. R. Cawsey, as the senior P.Z., presented Comp. E. H. Littleton, P.Z., with a Life-Governorship for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund in appreciation of his indefatigable efforts as Charity Steward of the Arch chapter and also of the Craft lodge. Comp. Cawsey referred to Comp. Littleton's Masonic zeal and ability, and said the gift was not only spontaneous, but unanimous on the part of the chapter. Comp. Littleton suitably acknowledged the gift. The evening was devoted to dancing and some capably rendered songs, which pleasingly diversified the programme. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all. Good music was provided by Masters Harris and Serle. Comps. A. Maddock and Bart officiated as M.C.'s.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—It has been arranged that the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., will make a grand visitation to the Province of Glasgow on Friday, the 26th inst., and instal Bro. John Graham, of Broadstone, to be Prov. Grand Master of Glasgow City. On the previous day the Grand Master will visit Falkirk, and in the afternoon instal Bro. H. M. Shaw Stewart, of Carnock, as Prov. Grand Master of Stirlingshire; and on Saturday, the 27th inst., the Grand Master will lay the foundation-stone of the New County Buildings at Paisley. On each of these occasions the Grand Master will be accompanied by the Grand Officers and a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The celebration of the 700th anniversary of London's mayoralty will, it is now thought, take a form that will be of national importance and a lasting benefit to the community.

If Lord and Lady Londonderry should—as is expected—vacate this year their high dignities in Dublin, it is probable that they will be succeeded by the Earl and Countess of Cadogan.

A very interesting and pleasing ceremony took place at the St. John's Lodge (St. John's Rooms), King Cross-street, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when the W.M., Bro. William Nicholl, presented Bro. Robt. Riley, P.M. 408, 1735, P.G.S.B. of West Yorkshire, with provincial officer's dress suit on behalf of several brethren. The W.M., in making the presentation, referred to Bro. Riley's past services to the Craft, also to the fact of his being the oldest P.M. and one of the founders of the lodge, and stated that for several years he had held the position of Secretary with ability, and he (the W.M.) had only lately received a letter from the Prov. G. Secretary congratulating the lodge on the efficient manner in which Bro. Riley had performed the duties of Secretary to the lodge. Bro. Riley, in feeling terms, expressed his surprise at the handsome present, and assured the brethren that he would endeavour to carry out the duties which he may be called in the future to perform as he had hitherto done in the past. After the lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the festive board, and spent a very pleasant evening. The usual Masonic toasts were drunk. The W.M. was supported by the following visiting brethren: Bros. R. T. Pearce, 1194; James Brindle, P.M. 178, 2269; John Smith, S.W. 2269; Thomas Margerson, S.D. 2269; J. H. Marsden, J.D. 2269; James Dawber, Mus. Bac., Org.; and E. Weston, 1302.

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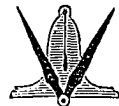
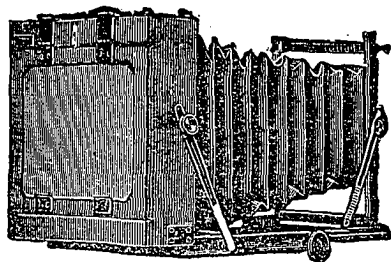
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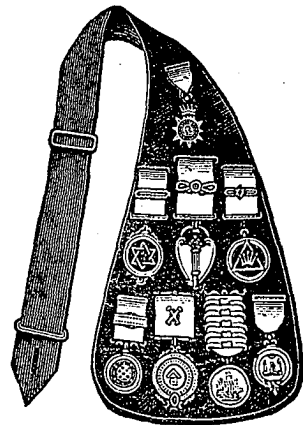
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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, April 20, 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 13.

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel.
1007, 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.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 15.

CRAFT LODGES.

1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tavern.
8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Barnato, Victoria Hotel, 25, Charterhouse-street, at 6.
Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
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 CHAPTER.

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

MARK LODGES.

173, Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, E.

239, Royal Naval, 8A, Red Lion-square.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
163, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
253, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1420, Earl Spencer, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park-road.
1695, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
2045, Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden.
2191, Anglo-American, Criterion, Piccadilly.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, N.E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, at 7.45.
Emblematic, Mona Hotel (late Ashley's), Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 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, Walham 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 CHAPTER.

1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17.

General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.
Board of Benevolence, at 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
700, Nelson, Magonic Hall, Woolwich.
969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
1044, Wandsworth, Town Hall, Wandsworth.
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
1382, Corinthian, George Inn, East Ferry-road, Cubitt Town.
1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1681, Londesborough, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
2266, Cator, Railway Hotel, Beckenham.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.
55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
169, Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
1716, All Saints, Offices of Board of Works, Poplar.
1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

MARK LODGE.

Bon Accord, 8A, Red Lion-square.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19.

House Committee Boys' School, at 3.30.

CRAFT LODGES.

6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms.
975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond.
1704, Anchor, Cannon-street Hotel.
1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.

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, Six 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.

92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern.
1591, Studholme, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

MARK LODGE.

226, Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

10, Invicta, 33, Golden-square.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20.

CRAFT LODGES.

715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.

1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.

MARK LODGE.

251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, April 20, 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 15.

CRAFT LODGES.					
Halifax ...	61	Birmingham ...	925	Worsley ...	1814
Gravesend ...	77	Whitefield ...	934	Nottingham ...	1909
Harleston ...	85	Sutton Bridge ...	985	Belvedere ...	1973
Dunkinfield ...	89	Croston ...	986	Maldon ...	1977
North Walsham ...	1030	Heaton Norris ...	1030	Landport ...	2074
York ...	236	Llangefni ...	1113	Leicester ...	2081
Brixham ...	248	Horsham ...	1141	Liverpool ...	2086
Batley ...	264	Benevolence ...	1168	Bournemouth ...	2208
Berkeley ...	270	Manchester ...	1170	Great Crosby ...	2289
Bradford ...	302	Conglesbury ...	1199	R. A. CHAPTERS.	
Hebden Bridge ...	307	E. Stonehouse ...	1205	Cardiff ...	36
Whitby ...	312	Dover ...	1208	Bolton ...	37
Truro ...	331	Twickenham ...	1238	Swansea ...	237
Southampton ...	359	Plymouth ...	1255	Boston ...	271
Halesworth ...	388	Bradford-on- ...		Sheffield ...	296
Haworth ...	408	Avon ...	1271	Jersey ...	491
Gateshead ...	424	St. Ives, Corn- ...		Llanelli ...	671
Brightlingsea ...	433	wall ...	1272	Driffield ...	734
Kettering ...	455	Market Rasen ...	1286	Devonport ...	954
Stamford Baron ...	466	Woodstock ...	1399	Ipswich ...	959
Oldham ...	467	Dawlish ...	1443	Woodstock ...	1399
Stokesley ...	543	Mold ...	1477	Hampton Court ...	1691
Sleaford ...	588	Liverpool ...	1502	MARK LODGES.	
Banbury ...	599	Castleford ...	1542	South Molton ...	9
Thrapston ...	607	Woking ...	1564	Lincoln ...	117
Southport ...	613	Market Drayton ...	1575	Altrincham ...	148
Coventry ...	725	Alford, Lincs. ...	1600	KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.	
Dewsbury ...	827	Gorleston ...	1631	Preston ...	97
Wirksworth ...	884	Diss ...	1741	Wimborne ...	98

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Exeter ...	39	Whitehaven ...	872	Alford ...	1603
Birmingham ...	74	Workington ...	963	Bromley ...	1692
Chatham ...	184	Levenshulme ...	993	Landport ...	1776
Norwich ...	213	Saltash ...	1071	Walton-on-the- ...	
Bradford ...	302	Mossley ...	1218	Naze ...	1799
Pembroke Dock ...	378	Carlton Hill ...	1221	East Retford ...	1802
Uxbridge ...	382	Market Rasen ...	1285	Snaresbrook ...	1804
Ramsgate ...	429	Old Brompton ...	1424	Norbiton ...	1931
Huddersfield ...	521	Canterbury ...	1449	Hull ...	2134

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CRAFT LODGES.					
Burnley ...	126	Chipping ...	1028	Slough ...	1894
Margate ...	127	Norton ...	1036	Portsmouth ...	1903
Norwich ...	213	Farnham ...	1046	Rugley ...	1941
Plymouth ...	223	Manchester ...	1052	Ealing ...	2022
Nantwich ...	293	Newnham-on- ...		Scunthorpe ...	2078
Huntingdon ...	373	Severn ...	1067	Bakewell ...	2129
Pembroke Dock ...	378	Sheerness ...	1089	Surbiton ...	2140
Bangor ...	384	Barrow-in- ...		Willows ...	2155
Wareham ...	386	Furness ...	1225	St. Neots ...	2283
Nottingham ...	402	Poulton-le- ...		R. A. CHAPTERS.	
Reading ...	414	Fylde ...	1256	Bath ...	41
Hanley ...	418	Blandford ...	1266	Falmouth ...	75
Nuneaton ...	432	Seacombe ...	1276	Dover ...	199
Halifax ...	448	Saffron Walden ...	1280	Dudley ...	252
Birmingham ...	468	Millom ...	1390	Brighton ...	315
Carmarthen ...	476	Woking Station ...	1395	Axminster ...	494
Shipley Gate ...	506	Newport Pagnel ...	1410	Basingstoke ...	694
Liskeard ...	510	Newcastle-on- ...		Dartford ...	829
Ventnor ...	551	Tyne ...	1427	East Loos ...	970
Stourport ...	560	Ilkley ...	1522	Warrington ...	1250
West Bromwich ...	662	Marlborough ...	1533	MARK LODGES.	
Liverpool ...	667	Birmingham ...	1551	York ...	York
Ashby-de-la- ...		Liverpool ...	1570	Havant ...	62
Zouch ...	779	Cheadle ...	1587	Hayle ...	87
Dunkinfield ...	830	Northampton ...	1764	Eastgate ...	
Wootton-under- ...		Buckingham ...	1787	Barnsley ...	127
Edge ...	855	Walton-on- ...		Buxton ...	246
Jersey ...	958	Naze ...	1799	Gosport ...	395
Cardiff ...	960	Shoeburyness ...	1817	RED CROSS.	
St. Day ...	1006	Clare ...	1823	Liverpool ...	77
Maldon ...	1024	Keynsham ...	1833		

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Whitehaven ...	119	North Shields ...	431	Stockton ...	940
Margate ...	127	Halifax ...	448	Jarrow ...	1119
Weymouth ...	170	Aylesbury ...	591	Edmonton ...	1237
Batley ...	204	Lee ...	704	Bootle ...	1473
Dartford ...	299	Wootton-under- ...		Huddersfield ...	1783
Maryport ...	371	Edge ...	855	Dartford ...	1837

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CRAFT LODGES.					
Chatham...	20	Burslem...	451	Canterbury...	972
Penzance...	121	Congleton...	533	Wakefield...	1019
Bury...	128	Birkenhead...	537	Driffield...	1040
Poole...	137	Framlingham...	555	Kirkdale...	1086
Ryde...	175	Openshaw...	581	Fakenham...	1114
Wigan...	178	Cirencester...	592	Tiverton...	1125
Scarborough...	200	Carnarvon...	606	Rochdale...	1129
Bolton...	221	Bristol...	610	Toprint...	1136
Guernsey...	243	Manchester...	633	Ilkeston...	1179
Che tenham...	246	Chesterfield...	681	Stoke Damerel...	1212
Taunton...	261	Newport, Mon.	683	Ashton...	1246
Newchurch...	274	Stafford...	726	Brighouse...	1301
Shepton Mallet...	295	Chorley...	730	Durham...	1334
Huddersfield...	298	Whitcliff...		Lancaster...	1353
Alcester...	301	Cleckheaton...	750	Chipping Sodbury...	1363
Lewes...	315	Runcorn...	758	Ormskirk...	1403
Salford...	321	Liverpool...	823	Barton-on-Humber...	1447
Landport...	332	Tunbridge Wells...	874	Hornsea...	1511
Shipley...	347	Birmingham...	938	Cannock...	1520
Ashton-under-Lyne...	430	Fleetwood...	950	St. Columb...	1529
		Workington...	962		