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## THE CRAFT IN CHESHIRE.

Cheshire occupies an important position in our Masonic system. Our readers, no doubt, are aware that it was in one of its towns—Warrington—that the celebrated ELIAS ASHMOLE and Colonel MAINWARING were initiated into Freemasonry in 1646, this being the earliest known instance in England of gentlemen being made members of our ancient and honourable Fraternity. It is true there are earlier cases on record in Scotland, but the researches of Bro. HARRY RYLANDS have shown that in the time of ASHMOLE and later on during the seventeenth century, it was by no means so unusual a thing as we have hitherto supposed for non-operative persons to be made Masons. Those, too, who have carefully looked through the earliest lodge lists which are still extant must have noticed the unusual number of lodges that were warranted in Cheshire as compared with most of the other English counties—a further evidence that Masonry, for reasons which will probably be never made clear, must have been exceptionally popular in this county long before it made its influence very generally felt in other parts of England. Unfortunately, there is little else than the record of its existence remaining of this early Cheshire Masonry, the senior lodge now on the roll of the Province being the Unanimity, No. 89, Dukinfield, whose constitution dates from the middle of last century. In all things essential, however, it well maintains the prestige which attaches to it as the earliest known habitat in England of the Speculative Mason. It is strong in the number of its lodges, it has a muster roll of not far short of 1700 subscribing members, and Bro. Lord EGERTON OF TATTON, Provincial Grand Master, in his address at the annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge at Hyde, on the 18th ult., had the satisfaction of announcing that the reports which reached him from the various lodges were one and all of them of a highly gratifying character. His lordship also referred with satisfaction to the excellent work which was being done by the Cheshire Masonic Educational Association, which has a considerable amount of invested capital, and renders valuable assistance in educating the children of deceased or distressed Cheshire brethren. Lord EGERTON is of opinion, however, that more might still be done than is being done, and that the regulations and by-laws might be so amended as to enable them to extend their sphere of usefulness, so as to include the non-Mason as well as the Mason in their scheme of benevolence. We are inclined to differ with his lordship as regards the extension of a fund or funds which are organised for Masonic purposes, not by any means because we grudge that relief should be given to distress which is not purely of a Masonic character, but because we think the action of brethren in relieving general distress should be free and unrestrained. It is tolerably certain that if a colliery accident happened in Cheshire to-morrow, the Masons of the county in their extra-Masonic character would do their part generously according to their means in relieving such distress as might arise from the disaster. We have no doubt, too, that the Provincial Grand Lodge and the private lodges would likewise contribute of their means, in fact, there is rarely an accident which happens in England in which the local lodges do not render very material assistance to the sufferers. If, therefore, this general relief is being given, as it is, constantly, without special organisation or special by-laws, it seems unnecessary to enact any special laws to provide for such cases. Perhaps, on reconsideration, Lord EGERTON may see reason to modify his opinion that Masonic relief funds should be applied to non-Masons. Let the two classes of relief be kept separate as they are now, that which has been organised for the brethren being appropriated for them only, while what is rendered to the general body should be given either by the lodges and members in their Masonic character or by the latter in their capacity of private individuals. We are satisfied that Lord EGERTON made this proposal in a truly generous spirit, and from a desire to show that Masons are not, so to speak, selfish in the assistance they render; but past experience inclines us to think that the continuation of a system which has been found to answer is preferable to a mixed system for relieving distress of all kinds, whether Masonic or among those who are not Masons.

## THE PROVINCE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

In a recent article on the "New Zealand Question" and the United Grand Lodge which many appear to be desirous of establishing for that colony, we had occasion to point out that a comparison that was set up between the Craft in that remote part of the British Empire and the Province of West Lancashire in respect of the services rendered by the two in the cause of Masonic benevolence was in one important particular misleading. But whether the comparison was just or unjust, it cannot be otherwise than gratifying to our West Lancashire brethren to find that the manner in which they fulfil certain of their obligations is so highly appreciated by their fellow Masons in the colony referred to. As a large province and well organised, West Lancashire is, of course, in a position to do its work, both generally and particularly, better than one which is less fortunately circumstanced, but in this case it is not the good fortune or the numerical strength, or even the excellence of its organisation which will alone account for the marked success which has almost continuously attended its labours in every department of Masonic duty. Those qualities, conditions, or attributes go a long way towards ensuring success, but they would not have gone so far as they have done had not the lodges and brethren in this province been thoroughly imbued with a love for the work they have undertaken. We had the latest evidence of this only the other day, when the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter held their annual meeting at Barrow, and the proceedings in both sections of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry were of a more than ordinarily gratifying character. In Provincial Grand Lodge, which necessarily demands the greater part of our attention, there was a very large attendance of Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, as well as of the representatives of private lodges—it was stated in our report of last week that, but for the fact of the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire being held at Hyde the same day, the number present would have been still greater—and the enthusiasm was very manifest. The various reports that were submitted all told the same tale of a most satisfactory career of work during the past 12 months. That of the Provincial Grand Secretary—Bro. W. GOODACRE—showed that in that period six new lodges had been consecrated, while the total of subscribing members had increased from 5751 to 6096; and there are still three other lodges for which warrants have been granted, and which will be formally constituted at an early date. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's report showed that £1271 11s. 3d. had been paid by the lodges during the year, of which the Charity Fund had received £160 9s. 4d.; the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund £242 2s. 11d.; and the Fund of Benevolence £868 18s. 11d. The Province had also been successful in securing the election of two girls into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and of one widow into the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and it was intended to support three boys who were candidates for election into the Boys' School. The Provincial Charitable Associations were also reported to be in a most prosperous condition, and liberal donations from Provincial Grand Lodge funds were voted to all three. Nor were the losses which the Province had sustained by death, though serious enough in themselves, so very numerous considering the number of its members, the three deaths particularly referred to by Bro. GOODACRE being those of Bro. ALBERT CROSSLEY—who had bequeathed 2000 guineas to the Masonic Charities, of which 1100 guineas had been assigned by the executors to the three West Lancashire Associations; Bro. RICHARD BROWN, P.P.G. Treas., and Bro. W. SHUTTLEWORTH, Prov. S.G.W., to each and all of whom a warm tribute of respect was paid, both in the Prov. Grand Secretary's report and by the Prov. Grand Master in his address to Provincial Grand Lodge. With such favourable reports as we have noted and so small a record of losses, it is not surprising that the proceedings at Barrow on the 18th ult. should have passed off so well, or that our West Lancashire brethren and their respected chief, whom we heartily congratulate on their present position and future prospects, should be more than a little gratified over the events of a

year which, as Bro. GOODACRE pointed out, had been "pre-eminently a year of progress."

It may be as well to add that as far as we have been able to determine the numbers, West Lancashire now has, or rather will have when the three lodges for which warrants have been granted have been consecrated, no less than 101 lodges, and about 40 Royal Arch chapters; and as the Province of East Lancashire has about the same number of each, it results that the County of Lancashire has over 200 lodges and about 80 Royal Arch chapters, with over 11,000 subscribing members. It can also boast of not far short of 30 Mark lodges, four chapters of Rose Croix, some 16 Knight Templar preceptories and about half-a-dozen conclaves of the Order of the Red Cross. Since Bro. the Earl of LATHOM—at the time Lord SKELMERSDALE—was appointed Prov. Grand Master in 1872, there have been added some 36 lodges to the Province of West Lancashire, and the progress thus indicated has been material as well as numerical.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

In reviewing the position of Freemasonry in Durham, as disclosed by the proceedings at the annual meeting of its Prov. Grand Lodge at Sunderland on the 24th ult., we do not find the figures and facts which were then submitted for the consideration and approval of the brethren as imposing as at the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire a few days previously. But it is foreign to our purpose in writing these articles to attempt to institute anything in the nature of a comparison between two provinces to the glorification of one and the possible disadvantage of the other. Occasionally, we may feel it our duty to suggest that something more might have been done, or that a certain policy should have been adopted by this or that province. But what we generally do is to compare each province with itself at some previous period, so that we may be the better able to judge of the progress, if any, which it has made during the later of the two periods. Thus, in the case of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham, we do not find that there were any new lodges consecrated during the past 12 months, or that there was any appreciable increase in the number of subscribing members, but it does not by any means follow that no progress has been made. On the contrary, we have every reason to believe that Freemasonry in Durham is in a far stronger position now than it was reported to be at its annual meeting in 1888. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £251. The Fund Committee recommended that various grants in relief, amounting to £75, should be made; that £25, with the fees of honour, should be paid to the Durham Education Fund; and that 125 guineas should be distributed among the Charities, the Girls' School and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution receiving 50 guineas each, and the Boys' School 25 guineas. Bro. C. S. LANE, in moving the adoption of the report of the Durham Masonic Education Committee, made the pleasing announcement that with the grant made that day this fund would have a capital of £1000. Lastly, the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., in the brief address he delivered, had but little to say which was not in harmony with the very satisfactory reports which have already been alluded to. There had been, as he pointed out, the inevitable losses by death; good men and true, who had done excellent work in their day, had gone from them for ever, while his respected Deputy, Bro. the Rev. CANON TRISTRAM, was prevented by illness, contracted when laying the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall at Monkwearmouth, from being in his place; but notwithstanding his absence the affairs of the Province had been ably and successfully conducted by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. R. HUDSON, and if they had made no headway in the matter of additional lodges, they had well maintained their numerical position, the total number of subscribing members in the province—which musters 32 lodges—being 2181, or the very high average of close on 70 members per lodge. Moreover—and this seems to be a point to which our Durham brethren attach considerable importance—the Williamson Lodge, No. 494, Monkwearmouth, and the Crook Lodge, No. 2019, had entered into possession of premises of their own during the past year, so that there is now hardly a lodge in the Province which has not a hall of its own, or shares with others in the cost of maintaining one. It is not every country lodge that is in a position to make this arrangement, but when it can be made, it is undeniably an arrangement which is greatly to be commended, and we are not surprised, therefore, that Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON should have made the addition of two to the already large number of Masonic Halls in the Province the subject of special congratulation. We sincerely trust that the hope with which the Provincial Grand Master brought his remarks to a close will be realised, and that for many a long year to come he will be able to congratulate his brethren, as he did at the annual meeting so recently held, on being a "contented, happy, and prosperous Province."

#### THE LATE BRO. GERARD FORD.

The sad intelligence has reached us that Bro. GERARD FORD, P.G.D. England, and the popular Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, who, it will be remembered, met with an accident a short time since while travelling on the continent for the benefit of his health, has succumbed to the shock his system then received. The news will be received everywhere with deep regret. During the three years, or thereabouts, that our deceased brother had occupied the position of Deputy to H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, he had conducted the affairs of the Craft in Sussex with exemplary zeal. In fact, as his Royal Highness has been absent in India on military duty during the greater part of his Prov. Grand Mastership, the responsibility of governing the Province of Sussex may be said to have rested almost entirely on the shoulders of Bro. FORD, and that he acquitted himself well is shown by the prosperous condition of the lodges in the county. Since 1887 he had also been in charge, as Grand Superintendent, of the Royal Arch chapters, and it was on the very eve of his installation as Prov. G. Mark Master that he has been removed from our midst. Thus in our late brother Freemasonry, and more especially in Sussex, has lost one of its ablest and most zealous supporters, and we feel sure that our readers and the Craft generally throughout England will join with us in giving expression to the very great sympathy which is felt with the widow and family of one who was ever mindful of his duty, and in all things discharged it most conscientiously.

#### AN IMPORTANT FIND!

I am very pleased to announce another MS. of the "Old Charges," through the valued assistance of my friend, Bro. G. W. Baird, the esteemed Prov. Grand Registrar of Durham.

It is owned by Bro. Thomas William Watson, P.M. and Treasurer, No. 97, Sunderland (P. Prov. J.G.D. of Durham), who has, in the kindest manner, sent the valuable document to me for examination and report. By his permission I hope to furnish a copy for the *Freemason* in a week or two, and in the interim will do my best to fix the family or class to which the MS. belongs.

Its length is nearly 12 feet, the width being a little over five inches, and is neatly, but ornately written on vellum, having, in addition to the ordinary text, an extra strip of parchment which contains the "*Prentice's Charge*."

This, the "*Watson's MS.*," is evidently of the seventeenth century, but has no endorsement, neither is there any clue that can possibly indicate the character of its custody from the period of origin down to the end of last century.

Bro. Watson purchased the scroll from a resident of Sunderland, who is not a Mason, *but his grandfather was*. I congratulate the brother who now possesses it, and am especially thankful that the roll has fallen into such good hands, for Bro. Watson rightly appreciates its value and importance, besides being fraternally desirous to let its text be known to Masonic students wherever dispersed.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### BRO. GOULD'S "NEW DEPARTURE."

##### ON THE ANTIQUITY OF MASONIC SYMBOLISM.

To Comp. Edward Macbean, First Principal of Glasgow Chapter, No. 50, the students of Masonry in the West of Scotland should be deeply indebted. Last year one of the best known and most widely read of our Masonic historians, Bro. W. J. Hughan, delivered a lecture, at the instance of Bro. Macbean, before the Athole Lodge, No. 413, Glasgow, on "Five Centuries of Freemasonry," and on 30th ult. an equally renowned student of our antiquities, also at the instance of Bro. Macbean, lectured, and with a similar measure of success, under the banner of the Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter. From various causes which are always operative at this season of the year many distinguished brethren who had expressed their desire to attend were unavoidably precluded from being present. Among these were the Grand Secretary of Scotland, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, and Comp. W. J. Easton, Grand Superintendent of the Province, both of whom were heartily in sympathy with the object of the meeting. For reasons of a like character many other eminent brethren were similarly debarred from participating in an intellectual treat seldom afforded the denizens of the Northern Commercial Metropolis. Despite all these adverse influences a considerable contingent from the modern Athens journeyed, at no slight inconvenience, from Edinburgh to Glasgow to pay homage to so distinguished a visitor from the south, including the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Sword Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Among those who signed the attendance roll were the following: Comps. James Crichton, Z. 1, G.S.B.; R. S. Brown, G.S.

Dr. Fearon Ranking; and Jas. Smith, 83, all from Edinburgh; W. Neilson, Z. 79; J. Foulds, Z. 67; J. McNaught Campbell, Z. 69; Rev. A. T. Pullin, P.J. 50; Geo. Muir, P.Z. 87; J. Roper Paton, P.Z. 50; T. W. Brownlie, P.Z. 50; R. Morrison, P.Z. 50; T. M. Morrison, H. 50; J. Gardner McLean, J. 50; John McInnes, P.Z. 69; J. M. Oliver, P.H. 73; J. Fraser, P.Z. 73; and T. Paterson, Z. 122; as well as a very numerous gathering of "well-kent faces" which filled the spacious and comfortable hall, named after its proprietors, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 102 (S.C.).

When introducing Bro. Gould to the first Scotch audience who have had the privilege of hearing him, the M.E.Z., Comp. Edw. Macbean, took the opportunity thus afforded to enlighten his hearers on a few of the salient features of the lecturer's career. He remarked that Bro. Gould's celebrity as a Masonic student seemed, unfairly, to have dwarfed his services in other directions, and his claims to distinction as a military officer were seldom thought of by the Craft for whom he had laboured so assiduously. His ability in the China War of 1860, and during the operations against the Taepings in 1862, attracted the attention, and eventually the warm friendship, of one of the most remarkable men of this century. The character of *Chinese Gordon*, whose untimely fate at Khartoum had caused a thrill of horror and universal regret to pass over the civilised world, was so high that to be the recipient of his unflagging regard, as was the case with Bro. Gould, must be considered the most satisfactory certificate of tactical skill and private worth that anyone could be honoured with. Bro. Gould was brought to light in 1855, and exalted in Malta in 1857; had sat as W.M. of five Craft lodges—London, Military, Gibraltar, and Shanghai; M.E.Z. of two Royal Arch chapters: and at different times had been the recipient of numerous recognitions of his excellence, in the shape of honorary memberships and other tokens, such as the jewel of the Pennsylvania Veterans, so eagerly coveted and highly prized by those on whom bestowed "honoris causa." His literary efforts for the dissemination of correct Masonic knowledge dated from the early part of 1858, and still, with increased fervour and riper judgment, book after book came from his busy pen. The latest contribution, "A Commentary on the *Regius MS.*"—by competent critics esteemed the most scholarly of all his writings—is, of itself, amply sufficient to stamp Bro. Gould as the most profound inquirer into our mysteries that this age has yet produced.

Bro. R. F. Gould, after briefly acknowledging the highly complimentary manner in which he had both been introduced to, and received by, the Chapter, then delivered an address, of which the following is an epitome:

The lecturer said that the period of time, 1717-23, had been termed "The epoch of transition," because, in the opinion of many leading authorities, the system of Masonry now possessed (or, in other words, the Three Degrees of the Craft, as they were commonly styled), was then manufactured or concocted. Against this, however, was arrayed the conviction of another set of authorities, who were firm believers in the antiquity of Masonic Degrees, and discredited the notion that any alterations had been made by the Grand Lodge of England in the secrets of Masonry, except in what might be termed non-essentials—or, to use words of greater precision, in the method adopted of imparting them.

Thus there were two theories, or schools of thought, with regard to the Degrees, or, as he preferred to call it, the Symbolism of Freemasonry, a wider term, and one which would cover everything done or practised in the lodges, from 1723 onwards, for which, it was alleged, no equivalent was to be found in the doings and practices of the lodges in existence prior to 1717.

Each of those views, or theories, had its supporters, and to whichever side the argument might for the moment seem to preponderate, he (Bro. Gould) thought they could not be too careful in recollecting that there was evidence to the contrary.

The time at their disposal would only admit of one side of the question being discussed at that sitting, and he could, therefore, merely put before them one branch of the case—viz., the arguments that might be adduced in favour of the antiquity of Masonic Symbolism.

The point for their consideration was the following one:

Was the symbolism of Masonry an inheritance derived from the old Masons who flourished before the era of Grand Lodges, or had it been borrowed from the Rosicrucians or others, after 1717?

Or, to illustrate still more clearly the line of argument he should pursue—

Was there ground for supposing that the symbolism of our present Freemasonry existed in mediæval times, and that it had decayed, *pari passu* with the operative Masonry of that period, and come down to them divested of much of its real significance, as a legacy or inheritance from the working Masons of those early times?

The period of origin assigned by common repute to the institution of Freemasonry was the thirteenth century, which synchronised with that of the rise of Gothic architecture. The latter, indeed, was for a long time considered as being under the exclusive charge of the Freemasons, though latterly the tide had turned, and the old and popular belief, in any connection between the two, was regarded as the high water mark of credulity.

But a paper by Professor Hayter Lewis—"Scottish Masons' marks compared with those of other countries"—read before the British Archæological Association at its recent session in Glasgow, would be deemed by many persons to have gone a long way towards reinstating the old belief or tradition.

Among the conclusions formulated by the Professor were the following:

1st. That certain definite methods of marking the general surfaces of the stones characterised the Masonry of the styles which we call Norman, and that this had apparently a *Western* origin.

2nd. That in the thirteenth century there was introduced, with the Early Pointed Style (a phase of Gothic), an entirely different method of finishing the surface, and that the source of this method was apparently from the *East*.

3rd. That Masons' marks do not appear to have been commonly used in Europe until late in the twelfth century.

4th. That some of the most prominent of these marks appear to have been used continuously, from very early times, in Eastern countries.

It was not too much to say that Masons' marks, which had long been regarded by advanced students as possessing a sentimental value, out of all proportion to their serviceable worth, were now, owing to the research of Bro. Hayter Lewis, shown to be a very important factor in the complicated problem of Masonic history.

After the Early Pointed, came the Middle or Perfect Pointed Style, known in England by the name of Decorated. After this, the finest age of Gothic architecture was at an end, and it might be said to have gone out in a blaze of glory under the Tudors.

There was, he thought, a greater probability of the present Masonic symbolism having existed during the splendour of mediæval operative Masonry, than of its having been introduced at any period after its decline.

This was borne out to some extent by the written traditions of the Society, the earliest of which—*Regius MS.*—dating from about 1425, contained inculcations which were very far removed from the mental range of the operative brethren, to whom the manuscript Constitutions were rehearsed at a later era.

Between the *Regius MS.* and the earliest of the *MS. Constitutions* there was a gap of a century and a half, and both before and during this period there were influences at work which left their mark on the civilisation of the era.

In England, owing to the War of the Roses, the hand of the English sculptor had grown still, and the arts had lost their vigour and beauty. But in Scotland the relapse into comparative anarchy was even greater, owing to the War of Independence.

It was therefore a plausible conjecture, and might account to some extent for the simplicity of the old Scottish ceremonial that, while in the one instance—Scotland—the ancient symbolism of Masonry had descended to the level of the ordinary artisan; in the other instance—England—more of the old framework still existed.

It was contended by those writers who opposed the view which he (Bro. Gould) was supporting, that virtually the symbolism of Masonry as they then had it was the invention of the "new comers" into Masonry, *circa* 1721-30. But it was a curious fact that not only did the actual ceremonial of those early days bear witness to its own antiquity, but the fact in question was so accepted by all contemporary critics of the Society.

That point, indeed, he would not labour, but left each brother to determine for himself.

It was clear, however, that if the symbolism which prevailed during the first decade of the Grand Lodge of England could be carried back beyond or behind the so-called revival of 1717, an important point—to those who believed in its great antiquity—would have been attained.

Upon the whole, he thought it was very far removed from being an arbitrary hypothesis, that the existing symbolism of Masonry had come down in all its main features from very ancient times, and that it originated during the splendour of Mediæval Operative Masonry, and not in its decline. Also

That in a period of time, now very remote from our own, much knowledge of all kinds was embodied in mystical figures and schemes, such as were deemed appropriate emblems for its preservation; and that many of these figures and schemes are preserved in Masonry, though their meaning is no longer understood by the Fraternity.



The lecture took an hour in delivery, and was frequently interrupted by manifestations of the delight with which the various points were received. At its termination many questions were put, and answered by Bro. Gould in an instructive manner. The unique method of treatment of the architectural side of the subject led to some diversity of opinion, as was only to be expected from the novel arguments adduced.

The customary vote of thanks was proposed from the chair, passed with acclamation, and eloquently acknowledged by Bro. Gould, who took occasion to make graceful allusion to the fact that Bro. Macbean, who was, like himself, an officer of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, appeared (in the spirit of this lodge) to be carrying on a systematic course of instruction and lectures in No. 50 Chapter, from which he augured the happiest results. After motion made, Bro. T. W. Brownlie conferred "Honorary Affiliation" on Bro. Gould. At the close of the evening a collection was taken in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Supreme Chapter.

The entire proceedings occupied three hours. Banquets, it may be observed, are not usual in the North, as in England. The Chairman's remarks were greeted with loud and continued applause, and served to give a cheerful tone to the meeting, as well as to create that useful bond of sympathy which should always exist between a speaker and his audience.

### THE RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY.

In these days of compromise and backboneless surrender of principles, it is refreshing to read such a book as Bro. H. J. Whympers "Religion of Freemasonry." Although the views expressed in his book may be unpalatable to some, and wholly unintelligible to those who have not studied the history and development of Freemasonry; yet there can be no doubt that his views will be endorsed by a large majority of the thinking members of the Craft. We would advise all those who assert that Freemasonry is not a religious body, or who would exclude every reference to Christianity from the ritual and lectures of the Fraternity, to get Bro. Whympers' book, and read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it. The book has made its appearance not a day too soon, as the tendency in India, at all events, has been for some time to divest the Order of much of its distinctly religious character. The action of the Scotch Grand Lodge in Bombay, in appointing such officials as the Grand Koran Bearer, and Grand Zendavesta Bearer, is the straw which shows which way the wind is blowing. As Bro. Whympers so ably points out, we are in danger of neglecting the great Light of Freemasonry, and of giving too prominent a place in our lodges to other books, unrecognised by the Christian as revelations from God to man. We intend in a future number to review Bro. Whympers' book, and so bring its teaching home to many who perhaps may never read it for themselves. . . . We will content ourselves now with giving a few thoughts for Worshipful Masters of lodges with regard to non-Christian initiates. Thoughts suggested by a perusal of Bro. Whympers' book. A Hindu, Parsee, or Mahomedan candidate is presented to you for initiation. His qualification is that he is a believer in God and in a future state, and that he is of good moral character. So far, good. He is obligated upon the volume which he considers sacred. But what follows? In the charge after initiation he is solemnly recommended to study the Volume of the Sacred Law, and charged to regard it as the unerring standard of truth and justice, regulating his actions by the divine precepts it contains. In the lecture on the tracing board the same book is pointed out as the foundation of the ladder which leads to Heaven. To what book is the Christian W.M. alluding, if not to the Bible? In the Second Degree, the Hindu or other non-Christian brother solemnly promises to maintain the principles inculcated in the First Degree. What are these principles? Is not one of the greatest the acceptance of the Bible as the revealed word of God? The Third Degree reveals the main doctrine of Christianity in the plainest possible terms, while the Royal Arch Degree, if it does not teach the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, teaches nothing. Let Christian Masters of lodges be honest, and lay these facts before their non-Christian initiates. Let them be plainly told that the First Degree is open to all. The higher Degrees imply a belief in God's plan of salvation for a guilty world, as revealed in the Old and New Testaments.—*Madras Masonic Review*.

On Saturday afternoon last, Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell Bart., M.P., M.W.G. Master of Scotland, and Lady Campbell were presented by the tenantry on the Blytheswood estate with an illuminated address in commemoration of the celebration of their Silver Wedding in July last. Subsequently, the donors, who were about 60 in number, were entertained at dinner at Blytheswood House, after which they inspected the numerous presents received by Lady Campbell on the occasion mentioned.

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

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSETSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the National Schoolrooms, Wareham, under the banner of the Lodge of Unity, No. 386, Wareham. Bro. Montague J. Guest, P.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. W. E. Brymer, D.P.G.M.; W. J. Fletcher, P.S.G.W.; W. H. Bond, P.P.S.G.W., acting as P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. C. Brown, P.G. Chap.; S. R. Baskett, P.P.G. Reg., acting as P.G. Reg.; R. Case, P.G. Sec.; F. Budden, P.P.G.D.C., acting as P.G.D.C.; E. Tinsley, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Toleman, P.G. Purst.; and F. Long, P.G. Tyler.

Among other Past Provincial Grand Officers present were Bros. L. H. Ruegg, P.P.S.G.W.; G. J. G. Gregory, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Luff, P.P.S.G.W.; J. S. Webb, P.P.J.G.W.; C. W. Parkinson, P.P.J.G.W.; G. J. T. Brady, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Whitehead Smith, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. T. Russell Wright, P.P.G. Chap.; Pelly Hooper, P.P.G. Reg.; H. A. Lawton, P.P.S.G.D.; C. Yearsley, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Lowe, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Giles, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Kirby, P.P.G.S. of W.; Zillwood Milledge, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. E. Stroud, P.P.G.D. of C.; R. Cox, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; T. S. Furnell, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; and J. W. Tribbett, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; with a large assemblage of brethren, all the lodges in the province being represented.

After the roll of the lodges had been called, and the minutes of the last meeting duly confirmed, Bro. W. C. BROWNE, W.M. 386, P.G. Chap., delivered a short, but very impressive oration, which was listened to with great attention, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, according to his usual custom, then addressed the brethren on the state and progress of the Craft, and the general business of the province. He commenced by alluding to the annual returns furnished by each lodge of the work done, and was gratified to find how much had been done by the W.M.'s themselves. He had recently obtained a picture of Bro. H. R. Willett, formerly P.G.M., and had had a number of copies prepared and framed, and hoped each lodge would accept a copy from him. Alluding to the general state of the Craft, he commented at some length upon the inquiry into the state of the Boys' School, and gave a resumé of the report of the Committee of Investigation, reading extracts from the report and expressed his opinion that the Provincial Grand Lodge should pass some resolution showing their feelings on the subject.

After a discussion, it was unanimously resolved—"That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to express its complete confidence in the ability and absolute impartiality of the members of the Committee of Investigation, appointed to inquire into management, &c., of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and is strongly of opinion that the recommendations made by that Committee should be carried out."

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then moved—"That the hearty thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge be given to Bro. Zillwood Milledge, P.P.G.D.C., and Bro. Sidney Spark Milledge for their generous gift of a fire proof safe for the use of the Provincial Grand Lodge," which was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for his address and for his generous gift of the copies of Bro. Willett's portrait was also carried unanimously.

The accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. R. D. Thornton, who was unavoidably absent, were then passed, showing a balance of £134 1s. 6d. in hand.

On the motion of Bro. W. G. BRYMER, D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Rev. T. RUSSELL WRIGHT, Bro. R. D. Thornton was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The report of the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee was then received, and adopted.

Bro. S. R. BASKETT, P.P.G. Reg., announced that in addition to his list as Steward for the province at the last Festival of the R.M.B.I., Bro. R. N. Howard had gone up as Steward for the Portland Lodge, and Bro. C. J. Freeman had also been collecting for the same Institution, with a total result that some £240 had been collected, and he asked to be appointed as Steward to represent the province at the next Festival of the Boys' School, which, on the proposition of the P.G.M., was unanimously done.

The report of the General Committee of the Dorset Masonic Charity was then presented by the Hon. Sec., Bro. S. R. BASKETT, and showed that the Charity was still gaining ground, the number of subscribers in 1888 having increased to 251 from 167 in 1887. He also announced the amounts received from each lodge to date for the current year.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Pelly Hooper, P.M. 170, P.P.G.R.	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. Yearsley, P.M. 386, P.P.J.G.D.	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Edward G. Austen, Chap. 1367	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. D. Thornton (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Freeland Filliter, 386	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Case (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. G. C. Best, P.M. 386, P.P.G.S.B.	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" F. A. Sharp, P.M. 137	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. S. Stroud, P.M. 417	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. J. Ingram, P.M. 1168	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Jas. Pope, P.M. 1146	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" B. A. Hogg, P.M. 417	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. Reynolds, P.M. 170	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Wilkins, W.M. 1266	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. Smith, S.W. 137...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. C. Filliter, J.W. 386	...	...	
" G. A. Samson, S.W. 707	...	...	
" W. Smith, S.W. 170	...	...	
" H. C. B. Frampton, S.W. 622	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" C. J. Freeman, S.W. 1037	...	...	
" F. Long, 707	...	...	

Votes of thanks having been accorded to the brethren of No. 386 for their labours in arranging for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge, to Mrs. Rodgett and the managers of the Wareham National Schools for their kindness in giving the use of the School Buildings, and to the visitors, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a capital banquet at the Town Hall, under the presidency of the P.G.M.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION).

For the second time since its foundation, in 1867, the Tenby Lodge had the honour on Wednesday, the 25th ult., of welcoming the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of South Wales under its banner. In consequence of the large number of brethren that assemble on such occasions the Masonic Room in South-parade, Cardiff, was deemed too small for the carrying out of the business, and consequently the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Assembly Rooms of the Royal Gate House, which were properly fitted up for the occasion. The members of the Tenby Lodge assembled at 11 o'clock, and the lodge was soon afterwards opened by Bro. A. H. Brookman, W.M., and his officers. Prepara-

tions were speedily proceeded with for the due reception of Bro. Lord Kensington, P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master, and his officers. At noon precisely they were announced, and received by the brethren in the manner customary on all such occasions.

Amongst the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge present were Bros. the Rev. W. L. Stradling, P.G.C., D.P.G.M.; W. H. Richards, 1177, P.P.S.G.W.; J. G. Lock, 1177, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Lock, 1177, P.P.G.P.; C. W. R. Stokes, 1177, P.P.S.G.D.; J. R. Rowlands, 1177, P.P.G.O.; J. A. Jenkins, 1177, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Thomas, 1177, P.P.G.O.; A. T. Lewis, 1177, P.P.G.D.C.; F. E. Remfrey, 1177, P.G.P.; J. Marsden, 464, P.G.C.; W. Lewes, 1177, P.P.G.P.; C. S. Allen, S.W. 1177, P.P.A.G.P.; J. W. Coram, 990, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Allen, 990, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Stone, 671, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. C. B. Brown, 476, P.P.G. Chap.; R. W. Genese, 1072, P.S.G.W.; A. Trayler, P.P.J.G.D.; and about 40 other brethren. The members of the Craft lodges included Bros. A. H. Brookman, W.M.; John Leach, J.W.; F. E. Wade, S.D.; Lionel R. Wood, I.G.; J. B. Hughes, D.C.; G. James and O. W. Rowland, Stwds.; G. Rowe, J. Evans, H. Williams, T. Gibbon, W. Lewes, M. Matthais-Thomas, and J. Truscott, all of 1177; E. Ellis, 474; W. F. Adams, 40; A. F. M. Custance, 357; J. May, 467; W. Durnford, 1295; W. C. Harries, 1748; W. R. Edmonds, De Goede; J. Henderson, 990; H. A. Jones-Lloyd, 378; P. H. Treweeks, 1748; G. B. Sketch, 378; and nearly 40 other brethren from the lodges in the province.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer was unanimously re-elected, after which the Provincial Grand Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. R. W. Genese, 1072...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. H. Brookman, 1177	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. C. F. Harrison, 464	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. M. Griffith, 1072	...	...	
" George J. Hearder, 476	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Thomas Walters, 476	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John James, 464	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Arthur Trayler, 378...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. B. Roderick, 671	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" George Jones, 1748 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Samuel J. Allen, 990	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" James Williams, 366	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" William Robinson, 1748	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" George Edwards, 378	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Edward Hicks, 990 ...	...	...	
" W. H. Sales, 1177 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. A. Davies, 2001 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" D. Williams Rees, 671	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Lionel Wood, 1177 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Charles Jones, 476 ...	...	...	
" J. B. Gaskell, 366 ...	...	...	
" William Milne, 378 ...	...	...	
" R. Geddes Smith, 1072	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" George Bowen, 464 ...	...	...	

A cordial and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. J. Beaven Phillips, P.M. 671, Charity Commissioner, and Bro. Aaron Stone, P.M. 671, Asst. Charity Commissioner, for their valuable services and zeal on behalf of Masonry in the province, and Bro. Aaron Stone was unanimously elected Charity Commissioner.

The Committee recommended that the thanks of the province be given to Bro. F. E. Remfrey, 1177, in recognition of his services as Steward on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the past year, and that Bro. F. E. Remfrey, 1177, be elected to represent the province as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for the year 1889-90.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The brethren then proceeded in procession to St. Mary's Church, when even-song was sung by the Rev. A. Noel Hunt.

A grand banquet followed in the Public Hall, provided by Bro. J. B. Hughes, Stwd., of the Cobourg Hotel.

## CONSECRATION OF THE BISLEY LODGE, No. 2317, AT BISLEY.

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., a new Craft lodge—the Bisley, No. 2317—was consecrated at the National School, Bisley Green. The D. Prov. Grand Master in charge, assisted by a strong contingent of Grand and Prov. Grand Officers, performed the ceremony of consecration. The Rector of Bisley, Bro. Rev. J. Cater, M.A., B. Mus., Prov. G. Chap. (Mark) Middx. and Surrey, acted for the Prov. G. Chap.

The lodge being opened, the usual questions were put, and the warrant of H.R.H. the Grand Master was read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Rev. J. Cater being named as first Worshipful Master; Bro. E. H. Gale-Crowdy as first Senior Warden; and Bro. J. B. S. Lancaster as first Junior Warden; these, with the following brethren, are the founders of the new lodge: Bros. C. Pulman, George Collins (Mayor), Geo. Whitten, Thomas Aitken, C. F. Passmore, Mus. Bac.; T. Coxhead, and F. W. Biscoe.

The brethren assembled under the banner of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey, and amongst them we noticed Bros. Edward Street, P.S.G.W.; H. N. Hobbs, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Greenwood, P.G. Sec.; A. C. Greenwood, P. Asst. G. Sec.; Lamb, D.C.; John O'Connell, P.G. Org.; G. Payne, P.P.G.D.C.; and D. P. Cama, P.G.T.

The ceremony of consecration being completed, a Board of Installed Masters was then formed, when Bro. F. West, P.G.D., and D. Prov. Grand Master in charge, proceeded to install Bro. Rev. J. Cater as first W.M. of the new lodge.

After the customary honours, the brethren were admitted, and the W. Master proceeded to invest as his S.W. Bro. E. H. Gale-Crowdy, and as his J.W. Bro. J. B. S. Lancaster, and appointed and invested Bros. T. Aitken, S.D.; G. Collins, J.D.; C. Pulman, Sec.; C. F. Passmore, I.G.; and T. Coxhead, as I.P.M.

The brethren having elected Bro. F. W. Biscoe as Treasurer and Bro. H. L. Mason as Tyler, they were also invested.

The SECRETARY having read a list of propositions for joining and initiation, the new lodge elected the Consecrating Officers honorary members of "Bisley, 2317."

At a quarter to seven, the brethren adjourned to the Brookwood Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. and Mrs. Loder.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in the customary manner, and some short but admirable speeches enlivened the proceedings.

The D.P.G.M. in charge, in responding to the toast of his health, alluded to the future prospects of Bisley Common as the site of the new Wimbledon, and gave some of the reasons which had induced H.R.H. the Grand Master to grant the petition of the Bisley brethren. He said that from what he had seen and heard he had no doubt that his anticipations would be fully realised, and that there was a future before the new lodge. He strongly urged that quality rather than numbers should be the aim of the lodge, and hoped that only such would be initiated as could afford the expenses of Masonry. He also called attention to the great necessity for regularity in attendance, and strict punctuality in all the working.

In responding to the toast of "The Newly-Installed Master," Bro. CATER said that the success of the lodge was almost guaranteed by the list of excellent and

well-qualified brethren whom he was proud to have as his officers. The circumstances which led up to the formation of the lodge had already been alluded to, and he was quite unequal to express the pride and gratitude which swelled his heart at the great honour which had been done him that day. He assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part in endeavouring to make the lodge as happy and prosperous as any in the province.

Some excellent musical and dramatic items were interspersed among the speeches, and on parting everyone expressed great pleasure at the admirable manner in which everything had passed off.

The first regular meeting of the lodge will be held on the 10th inst., of which due notice will be given.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ACACIA LODGE, No. 2321, AT BRADFORD.

The consecration of the above lodge, the 74th on the roll of the Province of West Yorkshire, took place at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, under the most favourable auspices, on Saturday, the 28th ult.

It is one of several in which intoxicants are excluded, and promises to be fully as successful as they have proved. The founders and promoters of the new lodge number 20, of which 10 are P.M.'s and five P.P.G. Officers; hence it may be said to hold its first meeting without any special anxieties to increase its strength. In addition to this unusual advantage, the lodge can boast of several well-known local Masons, who must contribute greatly to its stability in no small degree. Probably owing to the latter circumstance, there was a large assemblage of brethren from all parts to witness the consecration.

The consecration was ably performed by the Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Provincial Grand Officers; and the only drawback was the evident personal sacrifice made by the revered chief of the province in undertaking the onerous duty in his present weak state. But, although compelled to retire after the consecration on that account, with the sympathy of every brother present, that solemn ceremony lost none of its beauty or impressive character in his hands. Truly the Masonic zeal and courtesy of the R.W. Brother are boundless, and we could not help feeling how very powerful must be the example set the Provincial Grand Officers and brethren of this great Province, over which he so ably and conscientiously presides.

Before closing Prov. G. Lodge, the PROV. GRAND MASTER read the following address: Brethren,—It is with pride and satisfaction that the Provincial Grand Officers of West Yorkshire assemble to-day, within the walls of this Temple, emphatically dedicated to Freemasonry, for the purpose of consecrating the 74th lodge on the roll of the Province of West Yorkshire, and the sixth lodge in Bradford. It has become an almost annual occurrence to inaugurate a new lodge in West Yorkshire, and hardly a year passes without the addition of another lodge to our numbers. We welcome gladly, under the guarantees provided by the Book of Constitutions, and the assurances of the promoters of each new lodge, who, "having the prosperity of the Craft at heart," convince us of the necessity for such new lodge; and we are ever glad to make a representation through the Grand Lodge of England for the M.W. the Grand Master to grant a new warrant to West Yorkshire. This year is, therefore, no exception to preceding ones; and to-day the P.G. Officers offer their sincere congratulations to the promoters of this lodge, and "Hearty good wishes" for its success, prosperity, and perpetuity. It is another step placed in the Freemasons' ladder of aspiration towards making the whole of West Yorkshire one vast lodge under its Prov. Grand Officers, and "every just, perfect, and upright man" therein a member of the Craft and a brother. At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England, on the 4th Sept., 1889, the M.W. the Grand Master granted warrants for 15 new lodges. Out of these warrants six are for Lancashire, and one for West Yorkshire. The two Lancashires and West Yorkshire run a close race as to which of the three powerful provinces are eventually to have the largest number of lodges. For the Provincial Grand Masters of the two Lancashires West Yorkshire has the deepest reverence and respect, and our policy with them, and also with the Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, is to work together for the good of Freemasonry in the largest and freest spirit of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and Harmony." The number which the Grand Secretary in London, on the 10th July, informed my Deputy the M.W. the Grand Master had granted to this lodge was 2321 on the Grand Lodge roll, and the name confirmed to this lodge, at the express wish of its promoters, is that of Acacia. To-day, then, we salute this new lodge by the title of Acacia, and No. 2321 on the Grand Lodge roll, and as the 74th in the Province of West Yorkshire, and may the G.A.O.T.U. guide, direct, and prosper the work of the hands of the founders; and may they ever meet in unity, work in harmony, and part in peace, until time shall be no more, is the fervent prayer and aspiration of your Provincial Grand Master, and every brother and Grand Officer, Present and Past, in this hall. I should not like this opportunity to pass without mentioning the status of the Craft in Bradford for general information, as well as for the encouragement in well-doing to the members of the Acacia Lodge. In loyalty, patriotism, justice, philanthropy, benevolence, and charity, the five lodges here in Bradford, as well as at Eccleshill, are eminent in a remarkable degree throughout a long period of time for the exercise of these noble qualities, principles, and virtues, in the midst of a population estimated for the town of Bradford of some 234,000, an increase since the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1648, the junior lodge, was founded, in 1876, of 60,000 persons. Take the premier lodge, Hope, No. 302, with 67 members. During the past two years, it has given to our Charities, the Boys' and Girls', and the Annuitants, the sum of £73 15s. Harmony, No. 600, with 65 members, during the past two years has contributed £105 to the Girls' Institution. Pentalpha, No. 974, with 43 members, has, in the same period, given £220 10s. to the three several Masonic Institutions; Shakespeare, No. 1018, with 39 members, £10 10s., besides much money to charities not Masonic; Prince of Wales, No. 1648, with 48 members, £31 10s. Neither must I omit Eccleshill Lodge, No. 1018, with 46 members, which has subscribed £84 towards the 1890 list of West Yorkshire. Thus, in two years, have these five Bradford lodges strengthened our Charity Committee by £441 5s., representing 1964 votes amongst a total of 308 members. These are records of philanthropy and benevolence, worthy of the lofty aims and of their obligations to their more necessitous brethren. Acacia will, I have no doubt, augment this record of charitable work, and in due course be nothing behind the older lodges in works of Charity and usefulness. The premier lodges and the junior lodges have, in the most unselfish manner, considered the petition for this new lodge, and all passed resolutions in support of it, and which have been duly recorded in their respective minute books. This is an effective assurance of cordial welcome to Acacia Lodge in Bradford, and that it has the hearty encouragement of every surrounding lodge for its success and prosperity. It was also unanimously agreed amongst all of them that the name should be Acacia. There are, I believe, only three lodges of this name on the roll of the Grand Lodge—two of them in this country (1309 and 1314), while the other (No. 876) is at Monte Video; and this is the first lodge in West Yorkshire bearing this significant emblem for its nomenclature. And this very ancient Masonic emblem, the *Mimosa nilotica* of Linnæus, known in the Bible apparently as the Shittah or Shittim wood, represents a lodge to the memory of the cunning man of Tyre, and great architect, who assisted Solomon, the Royal Grand Master, in the skilful work of his Temple, "in gold and silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, in fine linen, and in crimson," referred to in one of our most important Masonic ceremonies.

In ancient times the colour white was the symbol of the Earth; blue, as the colour of the sky, was a symbol of the Air; the purple, of the Sea; and scarlet, the symbol of Fire. Purple, to the Freemasons, is the emblem of Union, because it is produced by the combination of blue and scarlet, the symbolical colours of the Royal Arch Degree. To you then, brethren, members of the Acacia Lodge, there is much mystical significance attached to the symbolism of this tree or plant so dear to Freemasons, which you have chosen as the name by which you are to be known to your brethren throughout the world, "by night as well as by day." The acacia is said to grow very abundantly near Jerusalem. It is there an evergreen, and is often placed on Jewish graves. It is the *Acacia vera* of Tournefort. All Masonic writers have liked to discover much figurative teaching from the evergreen character of the acacia, and to deduce therefrom a mystical representation of the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body. It is remarked by Quantin, a French writer, that almost all the Ancient Mysteries had their sacred plants for badges, as examples: the Palm by the Egyptians; the Laurels by the Romans; the Myrtle by the Greeks; the Mistletoe by the Druids; the "Order of the Mustard-seed," instituted in Germany in 1739; "The Knights and Nymphs of the Rose," invented at Paris towards the close of the eighteenth century, where the Knights wore a crown of myrtle, and the Nymphs a crown of roses; and there are many others too numerous to elucidate in this address. Nations and countries too, have chosen shrubs and flowers as badges and symbols of loyalty, unity, or patriotism. There was the Rose of Jericho, a cruciferous plant. In the Song of Solomon what exquisite imagery is conveyed of the profession of the faith and hope of the church, in the language "I am the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley." The "Rose of Sharon" is the figurative appellation of the Son of Righteousness. The rose has been a favourite flower from antiquity for symbolism and emblem. It was consecrated to Harpocrates, the God of Silence, and in the mysteries the hierophant wore a crown of roses as emblems of silence and secrecy. The rose is a symbol of secrecy—*sub rosa*—under the rose, which signifies something to be said or done that forbids disclosure; and in the "Rose Croix" Degree the "cross and the rose" signify the secret of immortality. In politics, are not the white rose and the red rose symbolical of the Royal Houses of York and Lancaster? Would West Yorkshire part with its symbol of the white rose, or Lancashire the red rose? On the historical union of the two houses the two roses were united into one, and the rose has thus become the symbol of unity and patriotism, and the Royal badge of England. Take the thistle—is it not the national emblem of Scotland, and the Scottish Order of Knighthood? Is not the national motto and the Order of the Thistle the same for both—*Nemo me impune lacessit*—"No one provokes me with impunity?" Are not Scotchmen proud of their carline thistle—the blessed thistle—*Centaurea benedicta*—as they call it? Is not the "shamrock" the name given to the national emblem of Ireland? What Irishman would give up the symbolism of the plant called white clover—*Trifolium repens*—with its threefold leaf, said to have been used by St. Patrick to illustrate the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity—*tria in uno*? And is not the leek the national emblem of Wales? Again what would become of parties or principles in the State or in society without their flowers and colours for their badges of organisation? The yellow primrose, the scarlet poppy, the lily of the valley? These and others convey a meaning and a symbolism more significant than the mere power of language, because they have made history; because the nations of the earth have made themselves or lost themselves renowned under the spell of their mystic significance, and because these flowers and shrubs and colours appeal to our hearts and minds, each in its own loveliness of heroism and of charity, and affection of ideas, and are watchwords as precious to us as are friends and relations, or even life itself. It is delightful to find that there is still a healthy ferment of mind for hero-worship and badge-worship; that these symbols have not yet passed out of our public and private life; that the heart of man still beats young and fresh towards them; that the old imagery conveyed by means of colours, and flowers and shrubs, the mistletoe, the palm, the myrtle, the acacia, and the old tales of Solomon, Hiram and Ab Hiram, Damon, Pythias, Socrates, and Alcibiades, Shakespeare, and his nameless friend of love, passing the love of woman, ennobled by its own humility, deeper than death and mightier than the grave, can still blossom out, if it be but in one heart here and there, to show man still how, sooner or later, "he that loveth knoweth God, for God is Love." The Mason, then, is attached to, and has affection for, his emblem, the "acacia;" it is the symbol of untainted purity of heart and life, and the badge of innocence. It is exquisitely interwoven with the beautiful legend of Solomon's Great Tyrian Architect, twice styled in Chronicles "Ab Hiram." He is said to have been murdered through the jealousy of some Israelites, who also held a high position as members of the same profession and who, like him, were employed by Royal Solomon in producing his famous architectural works. Hiram lost his life rather than betray the sacred trust reposed in him. When his body was found by those sent in search of it, the "sprig of acacia" was struck at the head of his grave, to show where his body was interred. Ever since, the custom of planting an acacia, or sprig of that shrub, on a grave, amongst the Hebrews, arose from this circumstance. This custom explains the adoption by the Freemasons of the plant; and one of the characteristics of the genus is the sensibility of its leaves to the touch of human hands. The word signifying "innocence," or being free from sin, implies, says Bro. Hutchinson, "that the sins and corruptions of the old Law, and devotees of the Jewish altar, had hid Religion from those who sought her, and she was only to be found where innocence survived, and under the banner of the Divine Lamb." It is only, as it were, yesterday we have had to place the sprig of acacia over the grave of one of the most learned of Freemasons—our dear Bro. Judge McIntyre, Past Grand Registrar of England, and the County Court Judge at Mirfield, &c. He was brave as a lion—a learned man, and a master of all knowledge relating to Masonic jurisprudence. His was a life of usefulness, of patriotism, loyalty, and charity. Truly, we may mourn his loss, and, like the Masons of Ab Hiram's time, smite our foreheads in sympathy of this bereavement to the Craft and his friends. And so, brethren, Masonry, by this symbol of acacia, bids you in the full significance of its meaning, "with untainted purity of heart and life, and unimpaired integrity," advance in the paths of Truth; be divested of every degree of arrogance; and each of you members of No. 2321 come as true Acacians, with steps of innocence, humility, and virtue, to challenge the ensigns of an Order whose Institutions arise on the most solemn and sacred principles of religion. Take, then, your acacia, and ever wear it as "the badge of innocence and the bond of friendship;" and let Horace's language be your motto and your guide in Bradford—

"True, conscious honour is to feel no sin;

He's armed without that's innocent within,

Be this thy screen, and this thy wall of brass."—So mote it be.

After the consecration ceremony, the lodge was opened in the two first Degrees by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, and the Installing Master, Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, P.M. 387, P.P.G.D.C., at once proceeded with his duties, and, most ably assisted by Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M. 1648, who presented the W.M. designate for that purpose, duly installed Bro. Alfred Stephenson, P.M. 1648, P.P.G.D.C., in the Worshipful Master's chair. The latter brother invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., as I.P.M.; S. A. Auty, P.M., S.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., J.W.; John Haigh, P.M., Chap.; E. P. Peterson, Treas.; John T. Last, Sec.; Thos. Jowett, S.D.; John Niven, J.D.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., D.C. and Charity Stwd.; Samuel Robinson, S. of W.; T. W. Holmes, P.M., Org.; John Thornton, I.G.; Wm. Parkinson, Arthur Holmes, and Herbert W. White, Stewards; and Alfred Boyle, Tyler.

The musical part of the day's programme, under the skilful direction of the Provincial G. Org. (Bro. J. P. Priestly), was most efficiently carried out. The

very fine consecration music by Bro. F. C. Atkinson, Mus. Bac. Cantab., P.M. 1648, P. Prov. G. Org. West Yorks, lent a most effective and beautiful solemnity to the whole of the proceedings, whilst Bros. Blagbro, Atherton, Priestly, and Kingdon did full justice to their several vocal parts, to the evident appreciation of all present. We are rather surprised that Bro. Atkinson's consecration service is not more frequently heard, as it certainly ought to possess many advantages over the musical selection usually made on such occasions, besides being arranged in Masonic order, and in a convenient form, containing all that is required. However, we presume the want of voices is too often the chief difficulty.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren, to the number of about 80, adjourned to the banquet hall, where tea and coffee, with substantial accompaniment in the shape of "fish, flesh, and fowl," &c., rewarded the long patience of the brethren.

The W.M., Bro. Alfred Stephenson, presided, and was supported by the D.P. G.M., the W.M.'s of Bradford and other lodges, and other distinguished visitors. As is too often the case, the toast list had to be somewhat hurriedly disposed of, owing to the never-to-be-calculated length of time the two ceremonies absorbed. It was, however, agreeably varied with songs by the musical brethren, and this portion of the day's proceedings passed off harmoniously and satisfactorily, until closed by the Tyler's toast and the singing of the National Anthem.

A brief account of the origin of this new lodge may not be out of place. It was talked of as early as 1883, but at that time great objections were expressed against the formation of lodges under what is known as temperance principles. This widely prevailing feeling had its influence, and caused more secrecy to be observed than probably need have been even at that time. The four P.M.'s then interested being joined by the late Bro. F. Smart, P.M., about September, 1884, it was decided to hold weekly meetings at the Imperial Hotel, where the numbers gradually increased, but not to such an extent as to warrant the application for a warrant. Then the Prudence Lodge at Leeds (on the same lines) was strongly criticised, both before and at its consecration, in such manner as to have its effect with the promoters of a Bradford lodge.

It was, nevertheless, decided that the little rushlight which burned so brilliantly on Saturday last should be kept burning, but, until a more satisfactory prospect of success should arrive, the meetings should cease. This was at the end of October, 1884, when the present W.M., Bro. Alfred Stephenson, had joined, and the total strength did not exceed nine. As time passed, outside brethren somehow heard of the first attempt, and from time to time expressed a wish to join such a lodge until early this year it became necessary to call the originators together again in order to ascertain how far progress had been made.

After one or two meetings it was confidently decided that the time had arrived when something could be done; and by the unwearied zeal of the Secretary, Bro. Last, each subsequent meeting confirmed that opinion by a steady increase of promoters. When the list of the latter reached 20, an application was made to the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, for its recommendation, which, though delayed by an objectionable clause in the application, was subsequently most generously given, and the application to the M.W.G.M. was forwarded under that endorsement. The other Bradford lodges subsequently gave their countenance to the formation of the new lodge, with good wishes for its success. The warrant is signed by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., and dated 23rd July, 1889.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

A Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North Wales was held at Carnarvon Castle on the 25th ult., when Colonel Hunter, Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by his Deputy, Bro. Col. Gordon Warren. There was a good attendance of brethren from the northern part of the principality, among whom were Bros. Rev. Hugh Thomas, M.A., Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. L. L. Nicholas, M.A., Prov. G. Chap.; N. Bunnell, I.P.M. 321, P.G.M.O.; Major Owen Thomas, P.P.S.G.W., Past G.S.B. of England; Robert Owen, P.P.J.G.W., Past G. Stwd. of England; C. Davies, P.P.S.G.W., Past G. Stwd. of England; G. L. Woodley, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Sec., Past G. Stwd. of England; R. H. Chamberlain, P.P. S.G.W., P.G. Treas.; W. D. Henderson, Prov. G. Sec.; A. M. Dunlop, Prov. G. D. of C.; Rev. Thomas Edwards, Prov. G. Chaplain; H. Lloyd, John Pritchard, J. P. Evans, C. H. Rees, J. Hughes, J. L. Bankes, H. A. Steen, P.J.G.W.; Edward Roberts, P.G.R. of M.; Henry Hardman, P.S.G.D.; George Challinor, P.G.I. of W.; Stephen Hargreaves, P.G. D. of England; and J. H. Ellis, P.G.I.G. The Past Provincial Grand Officers present included Bros. Thomas Coxhead, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Hugh Thomas, P.P. G.C.; Robert Owen, P.P.G.I. of W., P.G. Stwd. of England; D. Wynne Williams, P.P.G.D. of C.; and K. M'Ewen, P.P.G.I.G., P.G.S. of England.

The Elfin Mark Lodge was opened, when Bro. Hardman was installed W.M. for the coming year. The P.G.M. and his P.G. Officers were then received.

Bro. Colonel HUNTER, after going through the matter of business of Prov. G. Lodge, alluded in feeling terms to the great loss the province had sustained in the death of their much valued friend and brother, Dr. T. C. Roden, M.D., who was formerly Deputy P.G.M., but who resigned on account of declining health.

A vote of thanks was passed by the Prov. G. Lodge to Bro. G. L. Woodley, P.P.G. Sec., for his unremitting attention to the duties of the office, which he held for so many years.

The officers for the Provincial Grand Lodge were appointed as follows:

Bro. Col. Gordon Warren	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" H. Hardman, 321	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" D. Wynn Williams, 38	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" N. Bunnell, 321	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" R. H. Pritchard	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. W. Poole, 321	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Hugh Thomas, M.A.	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" L. L. Nicholas, M.A., 324	...	...	...	
" R. S. Chamberlain	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. Challinor, 321	...	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" W. D. Henderson, 321	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" S. Hargreaves	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Owen Evans, 321	...	...	...	Prov. J.D.C.
" T. T. Sarson, 38	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Owen Thomas, 606	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. M. Dunlop, 259	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" H. Evans, 259	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. L. Cleur, 324	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Williams	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. A. Nott, 324	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. Farren, 321	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Allan Sunner	...	...	...	
" Vincent	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The banquet was served at the Royal Hotel, the P.G.M., Bro. Col. Hunter presiding, Bro. Hardman, W.M. 321, being the Vice-President. A splendid *carte* was provided by Bro. E. Humphreys.

\* This, the "temperance" clause, need not have been put in, and was only so inserted rather than mislead the Hope Lodge as to the intent of the brethren.



## Obituary.

## BRO. GERARD FORD, D.P.G.M. SUSSEX.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Bro. Gerard Ford, which occurred at his residence, 58, Marine-parade, Brighton, on Saturday evening. As already noted in these columns, he had been abroad for some months in hopes of regaining health. Meeting with an accident at Berne, this was followed by a serious illness, which unhappily proved fatal. During the latter years of his life he devoted himself mainly to the promotion of the interests of Freemasonry in the Province of Sussex. On the death of Bro. John Henderson Scott in December, 1886, he was appointed by the Prov. Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, to be his deputy, and during the absence of his Royal Highness in India Bro. Ford had the sole control of the Craft in the province. He was also, by appointment of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in Sussex. Bro. Ford had but recently received from his Royal Highness the patent of his appointment as Prov. Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, his installation to which would, but for serious illness, have taken place last week. Bro. Ford was descended from a family prominently identified with Masonry, he having had relatives in the Moira and Barnard Castle Lodges. According to Dr. Oliver, Masonry was introduced into Lincolnshire out of Westmorland by Bro. Ford's maternal grandfather, Bro. the Rev. Matthew Barnett, who was a Lincolnshire Mason for 36 years, and this distinguished brother, as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, presided over the former province from 1813 to 1827 in the absence of the Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Gerard Ford's connection with Freemasonry is of long standing. He was initiated into the Order in the year 1870 at Brighton in the Royal Clarence Lodge, in which, after going through the various offices, he served the office of W.M. He afterwards joined the Bayons Lodge and the St. Matthew's Lodge in Lincolnshire, and in recognition of the services rendered to that province, the Prov. Grand Master conferred on him, in the year 1878, the office of Prov. S.G.D. Two years later Bro. Sir Walter Burrell, Prov. G.M. of Sussex, conferred on Bro. Ford the office of Grand Registrar of the province, a post which he held until the death of the late Bro. John Henderson Scott; when the Duke of Connaught appointed him his Deputy in the ruling of the province. In addition to the Clarence Lodge, Bro. Ford was a member of the Hova Ecclesia Lodge, and was mainly instrumental in founding the Earl of Sussex Lodge, of which he was the first Worshipful Master. At the time of his death he was also a member of the Jerusalem Lodge, which numbers among its members many other Grand Officers of England—Bro. Ford having in the year 1887 been appointed by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the rank of Past Grand Deacon. In the Royal Arch Degree Bro. Ford was a member and past officer of numerous chapters, including the Lennox and the Hova Villa Chapters, in Brighton, and the St. Matthew's Chapter, in Lincolnshire. He filled the office of Grand Registrar of Sussex until, on the death of Sir Walter Burrell, he received the appointment of Grand Superintendent of the Province. In the Mark Degree Bro. Ford was a member and Past Master of the Hova Lodge in Brighton, and was, for some time, Grand Registrar of the Province. On the expiration of Lord Arthur Hill's term of office, Bro. Ford received from his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the appointment of Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Ford was a most liberal supporter of all the Masonic Charities, being a Vice-Patron of the three Masonic Institutions, for which he had served many times the office of Steward. But to only a few is the extent of his private generosity known. He was ever ready to lend a helping hand to any brother in distress, and no appeal for help in any deserving case was ever made to him in vain. He was imbued in a very marked degree with the spirit of Masonry, and by this he was influenced and guided in his daily life. He took his view of Masonry from the highest standpoint, and always regarded a true Mason as a true gentleman. His death will be the greatest possible loss to the Craft in the province, as it will be difficult to find one with time and means willing to devote his energies, as he most ungrudgingly did, to the cause he had so deeply at heart.

The funeral took place at the Extra-Mural Cemetery, Brighton, on Tuesday. The funeral *cortège*, consisting of a car, five mourning coaches, and several private carriages, left 58, Marine-parade, the residence of the deceased, at a quarter-past three. At the gates of the cemetery, which were reached shortly before a quarter to four, a large assembly of brethren fell in and headed the funeral procession. The chief mourners were Mrs. Gerard Ford and sister; General Ford and Mr. Wharton Ford (brothers); Rev. Gerard J. Ford. Mr. Thomas Ford, Mr. Letchworth, Mr. C. C. Bailey, Mr. Willoughby Turner, Mr. Cooper, and the Rev. Canon Waugh. Amongst those who were present were Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Sir John B. Monckton; Peter De Lande Long, P.G.D.; Hedges, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; Alderman Sendall, Mayor of Brighton, 732; V. P. Freeman, Provincial Grand Secretary, who represented the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and the Grand Secretary (unavoidably absent); E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; W. R. Wood, P.G. Purst.; J. Farncomb, Prov. J.G.W.; W. H. Hallett, Prov. G. Treas.; R. Pidcock, Prov. G. Reg.; Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, Past Prov. G. Warden; W. Marchant, P.P.

G.W.; C. J. Pocock, P.M. 271, P.P.G.W.; C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315, P.P.G.W.; H. Davey, P.M. 732, P.P.G.W.; H. E. Price, P.M. 1466, P.P.G.W.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. Walker, P.M. 811, P.P.G. Chap.; E. Martin, P.M. 732, P.P.G.W.; T. H. Crouch, P.M. 851, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Abbey, P.M., 811; P.P.J.G.D.; J. T. Whatford, P.M. 851, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. W. Tones, P.M. 1110, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Harrison, P.M. 1829, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. R. Lockyer, P.M. 315, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. C. Woodman, P.M. 271, P.P.G.D.C.; S. R. Legg, P.M. 732, P.P.G.S.B.; A. J. Hawkes, P.M. 315, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Kent, P.M. 315, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Collings, P.M. 56, P.P.G.S.B.; H. H. Jordan, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. King, P.M. 271, P.P.G. Org.; H. S. Gates, P.M. 1636, P.P.G. Org.; G. Gole, P.M. 1636, Prov. G. Org.; T. Wilkinson, P.M. 271, P.P.G.P.; J. J. Edwards, W.M. 1466; W. Balchin, P.M. 1636, Prov. G. Steward; H. H. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler; W. Devin, 315, P.P.G. Org.; G. Bacon, 271; W. Bioletti, 315; J. H. Longman, A. Thornecroft, J. Flinn, Penfold, R. B. Higham, W.M., Stanton, H. Cheal, P.M., Watts, W. Gill, S.W., Dyer, Lodder, and H. Packham, J.W., of 1829; C. Leggett, Rising Star, Persia; T. W. Dean and F. R. Terson, of 1110; E. S. Medcalf, W.M. 1947; F. J. Tillstone, W. Bennett, W. Botting, P.M., and S. Denman, W.M., of 732; D. Mutton, C. Guile, A. P. Dolman, Hamlin, H. Ancombe, P.M., T. Berry, P.M., and M. Nias, of 1821; H. W. Charrington, A. F. Lamette, D. Ross, and J. P. Slingsby Roberts, 2201, of 271; W. Swales, W. T. Giles, and T. Colbran, of 1829; W. Wright and J. Puttick, of 1303; G. Chapman, P.M., S. Stone, and G. Holman, of 311; J. Wood, D.C., W. B. Iworth, S.W., and R. Paige Dorey, of 1636; C. J. Carter, G. R. Godfree, W.M., Terry, S.W., and B. Drury, of 315; W. E. Hughes, 1947; J. A. Thilthorpe, J. P. Knight, and R. Clowes, S.W., P.P.S.G.W. Essex, of 2201; H. W. G. Abell, Sec., and Hollands, W.M., of 1797; T. B. Harker, 732; C. Wren, and A. Carpenter, Sec. 1829. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Waugh. The Psalms were chanted by the choir of St. Peter's Church, under the direction of the organist, Mr. Stanley Cooke, who presided at the harmonium. Previous to the Lesson, the hymn, "Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost," was sung; and, after the Lesson, "God moves in a mysterious way." While proceeding to the family mausoleum, which is situated near the church, and contains the remains of the deceased gentleman's first wife, the choir sang the hymn, "For thee O dear, dear country," and terminated the service with "Lead, kindly light." The coffin, which was of polished Spanish mahogany with gilt fittings, was covered with choice wreaths of flowers, and bore the following inscription: "Gerard Ford, born 20th May, 1830, died 28th September, 1889." Wreaths were sent by the following Masonic bodies:—Mark Master Masons of Sussex, Royal Clarence Lodge, Pelham Lodge, South Saxon Chapter, Hova Mark Lodge, Stanford Lodge, Hova Villa Chapter, Earl of Sussex Lodge, St. Cecilia Lodge, Royal Brunswick Lodge, Ockenden Lodge, South Saxon Lodge, and Jerusalem Lodge. Wreaths were also sent by the following relatives and personal friends:—Mrs. Gerard Ford (wreath of violets), General Ford and family, Miss Atkinson, Mrs. Read, Mr. C. C. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Doulton, Alderman Farncombe, Mr. J. P. Knight, Mr. Letchworth, Mr. and Mrs. Wharton and family, Mr. Graham Edwardes, Mr. C. W. Catt, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Leggett, and the deceased brother's servants. Passing the mausoleum the brethren dropped a sprig of acacia on the coffin.—*Sussex Daily News*.

## MINERVA LODGE, No. 250, HULL.

At a meeting held on the 30th ult., the W. Master, Bro. J. W. Burton, presiding, with a large attendance of officers and members, a lecture was delivered by Bro. M. C. Peck, Past Grand Standard Bearer of England, Prov. Grand Secretary, on "Masonry in the Last Century," in the course of which he exhibited a number of tracing boards, aprons, sashes, and diplomas.

The address, which was enlivened by anecdotes and biographical details, was received with the greatest attention, and at its conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer.

## BRO. EDWARD TERRY AT THE CHURCH CONGRESS.

Bro. Edward Terry, Grand Treasurer, delivered his much talked of address on the "Amusements of the People" to the members of the Church Congress, at Cardiff, on Wednesday evening. The hall was crowded, and his appearance on that stage was evidently the great sensation of the meeting.

The subject was thoughtfully and ably treated from the point of view of one who, although his mission in life appears to be only to amuse, can nevertheless when need be perform all the duties of a citizen in a thoroughly earnest and self-sacrificing manner. At the outset he expressed his sense of the liberality of spirit displayed by the Congress Committee in the invitation to one who was so humble an exponent of the dramatic art—an invitation which was in itself an exemplification of the vast change that had taken place in the relationship of Church and Stage. As a Churchman he was glad that the Established Church was taking the lead in this matter, and he hoped the Dissenters would copy the example set them. The Stage was a necessity of the times. It was the refined pleasure

of the people. From the happy fiction of the scene, and the consequent seeming reality, the action became example, and precept was then enforced by its verification in practical life. A perfect tragedy was one of the noblest products of human nature, and capable of giving the mind one of the most improving entertainments. That there were occasionally—he repeated occasionally—reprehensible performances on the stage could not be denied. Sometimes the want of a dramatic censor was felt, but there were plays and plays, as there were pictures and pictures, books and books. As for the actors themselves—well, they were neither worse nor better than the majority of their fellow-creatures. They were subject to the same weaknesses and frailties, and were capable of doing the same amount of good as the rest of the world. The theatre, he repeated, was a necessity of the social life of the people. At the present time there were over 50 theatres in London catering for different degrees of intellect, but all representing pure plays. No doubt many of his hearers had never been inside the walls of a theatre, and had been told they were sinks of iniquity. To them he would say, "Judge for yourselves." It was not in accordance with British ideas of fair play to condemn without a hearing. The drama had survived many, many years of unmerited slander, and at present stood higher than ever. The stage was the amusement for the people, and whether the stage was pure or degraded rested entirely with them.

## THE WEAK MAN IN MASONRY.

The weak man in all organisations is, first, the fool, the empty-headed fellow who stares at you in blank amazement when you speak of the intellectual part of the Craft. True, he should never be initiated; but there is as yet no law compelling every fool to carry a sign, or to have him marked and stamped as they do cattle on the western ranches.

The other weak man in Masonry is the supercilious; he who sneers at the Craft, at the painstaking officers and members, and looks upon our Order as he does upon his ward association, or his fishing, or bowling club, and tells you he belongs to eighteen orders, all just like Masonry—and he is very anxious to "get through," that is, take all the Degrees in Masonry at once, and would much rather begin on the top, instead of working upward. This fellow usually wears the biggest kind of emblem, and boasts of the number of Degrees he has taken, but knows nothing of any of them.

Another weak man in Masonry is the ambitious soul, who, when he has signed the by-laws, "makes up his mind" to be the Master of the lodge. Now, this is a laudable ambition, but it should always be deeply impressed upon the would-be candidate that, like all other offices of honour or emoluments, it takes votes to be elected, and every member has a right to cast a vote; but this weak man in Masonry is not satisfied to wait, or to study the best interests of the lodge, or the feelings of his brethren. He simply wants to be Master, and if he is not elected he becomes angry, and leaves the lodge in a huff, with a bitter feeling of disappointed ambition, and a still more bitter expression against his lodge and against Masonry and Masons.

It cannot be denied that there are other weak men in Masonry. The profane, who does violence to every instinct of a gentleman, who swears in the lodge or out of it; and then there is the borrower, he who borrows on the "square," and forgets his obligation the next day. In fact, every one who is a weak man in society is a weak man in Masonry, and such should be tabooed, should never be permitted to enter our sacred portals. It behoves the brethren who are selected as an investigating committee to be particularly careful to allow none to pass save those who have been thoroughly scrutinised and found worthy. Such only should receive the consent of the brethren to be with them and one of them.—*New York Sunday Times*.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland will arrive in Dublin to-morrow (Saturday), and will be sworn in as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland the same day, in the Privy Council Chamber at Dublin Castle. The date of his lordship's public entry into the Irish capital has not yet been definitively settled, but it will probably be on the 1st December.

The following is the official list of the honours and presents distributed by the Shah of Persia in recognition of the attention he received from the recipients during his presence in this country. The list has only been completed within the last few days: The Prince of Wales, the diamond star of the Order of Nishan Adgas; Prince Albert Victor, Prince George of Wales, and the Duke of Cambridge, the Shah's portrait in diamonds, called in Persian Tamsal-i-Homayum; Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife), a diamond bracelet as a wedding present. Lord Lathom, the Duke of Portland, Sir Spencer P. Fane, Sir John Cowell, Sir Henry Rawlinson, and Sir John McNeill, to each a snuff box and diamonds. The Lord Mayor of London, the Order of the Second Class of the Lion and Sun; Sheriffs A. J. Newton and Gray, and Sir John Monckton, the Order of the Third Class of the Lion and Sun; Lord Mount Edgcumbe, Lord De Ros, General Ellis, Colonel Maude, Mr. A. Herbert, and Mr. E. F. G. Lord, each a diamond-ring; Major-General Talbot, a snuff-box; Dr. Robson-Roose, the Order of the Third Class of the Lion and Sun; Mr. B. Cooke, the Order of the Fourth Class of the Lion and Sun; Mr. Aganoor, the Order of the Fifth Class of the Lion and Sun; Messrs. Spuller and Dosse, each a ring; Sir John McNeill, Lord Windsor, the Mayor of Liverpool, the Mayor of Brighton, Lord Hope-toun, Sir A. Borthwick, the Mackenzie of Kintail, Lord Armstrong, and Lord Brownlow, each a portrait of the Shah with autograph.

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GENTLEMEN,

As a candidate for the post of Medical Officer to the above Institution, I take this opportunity to inform you that the Election will take place at the ensuing meeting of the Quarterly Court on October 25th.

During the past month I have had the pleasure to publish in the Masonic journals, copies of some of my Testimonials. Should any member of the Quarterly Court desire to see the full account of my professional career I shall be glad to forward same on receipt of request.

As a Life-Subscriber to the Institution and a Craftsman, I shall be glad to receive your support; promising that if elected it will be my greatest endeavour to guard the health of the pupils, and to work in harmony with those who may have the conduct of the Institution.

Yours faithfully,

R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S. Eng., &c.

Wood Green, N., Ewell Lodge, No. 1851.  
September 10th, 1889.

## TO THE LIFE-GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The appointment of Medical Officer to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys being vacant, I have the honour to announce that I am a Candidate for the office. My testimonials, which will be forwarded to the Committee, will show that I am duly qualified and registered, and that I have had considerable experience in the profession. To this may be added that I am resident within three minutes' walk from the Schools, where I have been practising for over two years. Should I have the honour to be elected, you may rely on my doing everything in my power to promote the health of the boys under my charge.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

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### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"New Zealand Masonic Journal," "Keystone," "Annuaire du Supreme Conseil pour la France et ses Dependances," "Die Bauhutte," "Liberal Freemason" (Boston), "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery K.T., Pennsylvania," and "Masonic Chronicle" (Columbus, Ohio).



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1889.

## Masonic Notes.

The Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland met on the 23rd ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, and appointed a Sub-Committee of seven to consider the applications for the office of Grand Cashier, with instructions to reduce the number (25) to a leet of seven, and report ten days previous to meeting of Grand Committee in October. The other business included nominations of names for the various offices in Grand Lodge for 1890. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythwood, Bart., was again nominated for the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master.

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On the 25th ult., the Freemasons of the Retford district had an interesting gathering on the borders of the Dukeries at Haughton, formerly the ancestral home of the Earls of Clare. In the ancient ruins of the chapel a lodge was opened by special dispensation granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire. The architectural features of the building were explained, and its history traced; and the members also visited the site of the Old Hall on the banks of the river Main. The party were favoured with most brilliant weather, and the outing, which had been arranged by Bro. G. Marshall, P.M., in commemoration of Provincial Grand honours, was of a most enjoyable character.

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A correspondent sends us the following conundrum: "Does the P.M. of a lodge working in Australia under the S.C., and who was the first W.M. of that lodge, and who has taken the Degree of Installed Master in a Board of Installed Masters, E.C., require to *serve a year as Warden* before he can be elected W.M. of an English lodge?" Our first impulse was to ask the Grand Secretary to solve the little difficulty officially, but before doing so we will give the Craft at large an opportunity of exercising their knowledge of Masonic jurisprudence. We cannot offer a prize for the solution, but the name of the brother shall be duly published in the columns of the *Freemason*.

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Bro. Terry was absent from "Sweet Lavender" on Wednesday evening in consequence of an engagement to appear at the Church Congress now assembled at Cardiff. The respected Grand Treasurer had been invited to contribute a paper on "Popular Amusements in relation to the Christian Life," and those who best know Bro. Terry will not be surprised to hear that he treated the subject in that sober and serious vein which is characteristic of all he does when not engaged in amusing, in his own inimitable way, the great British public.

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A full house greeted the popular comedian, and his reception by such a body as the Church Congress is not only an evidence of the vast change that has taken place in the relationship of Church and Stage, but a flattering tribute to Bro. Terry personally.

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A morning paper says there was such a rush to see Bro. Terry that the Colonial Hall was besieged like a theatre on Boxing Night, and the doors were closed against hundreds, ladies outside, as in, largely predominating. An overflow meeting, held in the neighbourhood, was just as crowded as the other, and Bro. Terry went there and read his paper a second time. The appearance of the popular comedian amongst the bishops and clergy has, in short, been the sensation of the Congress so far.

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While the Grand Treasurer has been airing his eloquence before the bishops and clergy, the Masonic Historian has been throwing light into the dark crevices of Masonry at St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow. Bro. Gould, at the invitation of the Glasgow Chapter, No. 50, discoursed on Monday evening on the antiquity of the Craft Degrees and their relationship to the Royal Arch. Our readers will not need to be told that the dissertation was interesting and profound, and gave the greatest satisfaction to the large gathering present.

Bro. Gould has a Masonic record extending over 30 years, and has been a contributor to the Masonic Press since 1858; and his several historical and critical works—notably his great History of Freemasonry—are well known wherever Masonry exists throughout the world.

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In 1855, Bro. Gould, while still a lieutenant in the 30th Foot, in conjunction with his friends, Sir Charles Warren and Major Irwin, resuscitated the Inhabitants' Lodge of Gibraltar, and was W.M. after its revival. He has since been W.M. of six lodges and P.Z. of three chapters in different parts of the world.

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While on military service in the North China Campaign of 1860 he met with General Gordon, at whose earnest solicitation he accepted an important civil appointment, which necessitated his retirement from active military life; and, although he was afterwards called to the Bar, he has devoted his life since then principally to Masonic studies and work.

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Upwards of 30 applications were received for the post of Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the number has been reduced by preliminary selection to six, viz., Messrs. Conolly, Fairweather, Porter, Rout, Stephens, and Tomlin. The Committee had a personal interview with each of the above gentlemen on Friday last. The election will take place at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Friday, the 25th inst., at Freemasons' Hall.

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The Eastes Lodge, No. 1965, had the honour on Saturday last of initiating the famous young traveller, Mr. Herbert Ward, whose adventures in Africa under his still more famous chief, Mr. Stanley, have been so much discussed recently.

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Bro. Sudlow preformed the ceremony, and a more able exponent of Masonic ritual could not have been found to do honour to the occasion.

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The veteran Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth, P.G.C., will deliver an address on his "Personal Reminiscences of the Indian Mutiny" at the next meeting of Lodge Prudence, at Leeds, on the 12th inst. The "Festival" being then on, many brethren will no doubt be in Leeds on that day, and they cannot do better than pay a visit to the lodge, where we venture to promise them a hearty welcome.

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Bro. Robert Melville, of 3, New-square, Lincoln's Inn, who has just been appointed to succeed the late Judge Rogers in the Hereford County Court Circuit, No. 27, is a Master of Arts of Magdalen College, Oxford, and was initiated into Masonry in the St. Mary Magdalen Lodge, No. 1523, in July, 1879, since which time he has filled most of the lodge offices, and was W.M. in 1886. He is also a member of the University Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1118, and holds the chair of Second Principal in the current year. He is also a member of the Degree of Mark Master. Bro. Melville's father, who was for many years a Judge on the West Coast of Africa, was also a member of our Order under the Scottish jurisdiction.

## "THE FREEMASON."

The following is from Goethe, and translated by Carlyle; the title is "The Freemason":—

"The Mason's ways are  
A type of existence,  
And his persistence  
Is as the days are  
Of men in this world.

"The future hides in it  
Good hap and sorrow;  
We press still thorough—  
Naught that abides in it  
Daunting us—onward.

"And solemn before us  
Veiled the dark portal,  
Goal of all mortal;  
Stars silent rest o'er us,  
Graves under us silent.

"But heard are the voices,  
Voice of the sages;  
The world and the ages;  
Choose well; your choice is  
Brief, and yet endless.

"Here eyes do behold you  
In eternity's stillness;  
Here is all fulness,  
Ye brave, to reward you;  
Work, and despair not."

P.A.G.S.

## Correspondence.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE LODGE, No. 24.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Replying to the enquiry of "P.G.R." in the *Freemason* of 28th September, the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge, No. 24, formerly No. 15, of the "Ancients," dates from 24th September, 1805, only, and not from the year 1753, which was the date of the original No. 15, a London lodge that lapsed about 1766. By uniting, however, in the year 1814, with an older lodge, "St. Nicholas Lodge," warranted by the "Moderns" on 29th November, 1766 (not 2nd April, 1813, as stated by "P.G.R.") I assume the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge claimed to be entitled to a centenary warrant in 1866. It is, of course, incorrect to claim for any lodge an existence prior to its constitution, simply because it was fortunate enough to obtain, by purchase or otherwise, a warrant of some old and defunct lodge. It has, however, been attempted, but on this subject your readers are referred to my new work ("A Handy Book to the Study of the Lists of Lodges")\* for many curious examples of lodges obtaining priority of position on the roll, and also, in not a few cases, centenary warrants to which they were never entitled.

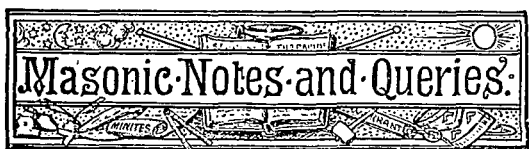
Clearly in the present instance the "Athol Lodge" of 1805 could not be entitled to a centenary warrant until 1905, but having, somehow, secured a very high place on the register, it was evidently not desirous of relinquishing its precedence, and consequently the older lodge (of 1766), being much lower on the list, had to undergo erasure from the register altogether.

Whether by its absorption in 1814 of the members of an older lodge, the lodge of 1805 was entitled to claim the privileges of the senior, is a point on which perhaps opinions may differ. But it is evident that only by such a method could the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge both retain its own numerical precedence, and obtain a centenary warrant, by thus linking on the antiquity of a lodge which had ceased to exist.

The date, 1752-3, in the Official Calendar is altogether incorrect.—Yours fraternally,

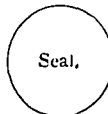
JNO. LANE.

[The point raised by "P.G.R.," and in part answered by Bro. Lane, is a curious one. If the members of an older lodge joined a junior body for the sake of precedence, and thus sacrificed their warrant, we fail to see how its continuity could possibly be preserved. Clearly, in such a case, the junior lodge with the senior number became the continuing organisation, and thus the members had precedence without proportionate chronological seniority. At least, this is a reasonable view of the matter, whatever may have been permitted.—Ed. F.M.]



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To all and every our Right Worshipful and loving Brethren, we, Thomas Howard, &c., &c., &c., Acting Grand Master under the authority of His Royal Highness, Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, sends greeting:

Know Ye, that We, at the humble petition of our right trusty and well-beloved Brethren, Prince Hall, Boston Smith, Thomas Sanderson, and several other Brethren residing in Boston, New England, in North America, do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title or denomination of the African Lodge, to be opened in Boston aforesaid, and do further at their said petition, hereby appoint the said Prince Hall to be Master, Boston Smith, Senior Warden, and Thomas Sanderson, Junior Warden, for opening the said Lodge, and for such further time only as shall be thought proper by the Brethren thereof, it being our will that this our appointment of the above officers shall in no wise affect any future election of officers of the Lodge, but that such election shall be regulated agreeable to such by-laws of said Lodge as shall be consistent with the general laws of the society, contained in the Book of Constitutions: and we hereby will and require you, the said Prince Hall, to take especial care that all and every the said Brethren are, or have been, regularly made Masons, and that they do observe, perform, and keep all the rules and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions; and, further, that you do, from time to time, cause to be entered in a book kept for that purpose, an account of your proceedings in the Lodge, together with all such rules, orders, and regulations, as shall be made for the good government of the same, that in no wise you omit once in every year to send to us, or our successors, Grand Masters, or to Rowland Holt, Esq., our Deputy Grand Master, for the time being, an account in writing of your said proceed-

\* Ready for delivery in October. Bro. George Kenning, publisher.

ings, and copies of all such rules, orders, and regulations as shall be made as aforesaid, together with a list of the members of the Lodge, and such a sum of money as may suit the circumstances of the Lodge and reasonably be expected towards the Grand Charity. Moreover, we hereby will and require you, the said Prince Hall, as soon as conveniently may be, to send an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

Given at London, under our hand and seal of Masonry, this 29th day of September, A.L. 5784, A.D. 1784.

By the Grand Master's Command,  
R. HOLT, D.G.M.

Witness, Wm. White, G.S.

[Reproduction of A.D. 1884.—Per W. J. H.]

## A CURIOUS WORK OF 1723.

"An Ode to the Grand Khaibar . . . London, Printed and Sold by J. Roberts in the Oxford Arms Passage near Warwick Lane. MDCCXXVI. Price Six-Pence." So runs the title-page of this curious 8vo pamphlet of 12 pages. It is amusing, Masonically, as the author takes every opportunity in the poem (of three parts) to prove that this wonderful Society of the Khaibar is much more worthy and ancient than that of the Freemasons.

"Wherever Buildings MASONS found,  
To praise their art they pick'd occasion;  
Hence CAIN was for the CRAFT renown'd,  
And mighty NIMROD was a MASON.

But Noah made an Ark, 'tis true,  
Whose ship a mighty stress they play on,  
As if they no Distinction knew  
Between a shipwright and a MASON."

After a sketch of the claims brought forward doubtless by the Rev. James Anderson in the "Book of Constitutions," 1723, which certainly did not fail in pretension whatever they lacked in proof, we are assured as follows:

"But the Grand Khaibar wise disdains  
To idle Dreams or Shifts to flee,  
Unmov'd, immortal it remains  
Firm founded on SOCIETY."

It is useful now to know what was accepted as tradition in Masonry early last century, and so poems of the character of the one noted supply all needful information.

"The Saxons, Normans, Danes are nam'd,  
And Athelstan's and Edwin's charter;  
And famy for his KING CRAFT fam'd,  
And Charles the Mason, and the Martyr."

The conclusion, while it is supposed to immortalise the Khaibar, will at least serve to keep it in our memories, even if it does not convince us of its claim to such a distinction.

"The Craftsmen's Honours Treasures are  
Of Fairies, lost as soon as shown,  
Let the Grand Khaibar happier far  
Improve and shine by being known.  
You who in Friendship dear delight,  
Tuneful in chorus all unite  
Immortalize the Khaibarite.

Finis!

I have lately come across the foregoing extracts from this singular book of 1726, made by me many years ago. The whole of its contents will be found transferred to the pages of Vol. I. of the "Masonic Reprints" of our students' lodge (No. 2076), and thus will be made known to a wide circle of readers throughout the Masonic world.

Another peculiar and suggestive work is "The Freemasons; an Hudibrastic Poem," noted by me at p. 15 of my "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," 1884. It was published in 1723, and is rarely met with.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The motion for an injunction in the action of Lord Leigh and others v. the Vestry of St. Mary, Battersea, to restrain the defendants from erecting the bridge over the railway at St. John's Hill in such a way as to interfere with the access of the plaintiffs to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, came on again before Mr. Justice Denman, in the Vacation Court, on Wednesday, but as the parties had not come to terms, as it had been suggested on the former Wednesday they probably would, Mr. Justice Denman refused to fully hear the case, as it would interfere with the other business before the Court, and he, therefore, adjourned the arguments of counsel till to-day (Friday).

A formal invitation has been addressed to the Prince of Wales to visit Dublin next spring to open the new buildings in which the collections of the National Museum of Science and Art and the National Library of Ireland are to be lodged. Hopes had been at one time entertained that her Majesty might be able to attend the ceremony, but an intimation has already been forwarded to the proper quarter to the effect that such a visit would be out of the question. The answer of his Royal Highness is therefore awaited with the utmost anxiety.



## Craft Masonry.

## Metropolitan Meetings.

**Faith Lodge (No. 141).**—This very old lodge resumed its meetings on the 24th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those present were Bros. Hakim, W.M.; C. Dairy, P.M., acting S.W.; Wetzlar, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Langdale, S.D.; Bye, J.D.; Sheppard, I.G.; Longstaffe, Tyler; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Rumball, P.M.; Heapley, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx.; Jordan, P.M.; Fromholtz, P.M.; Coop, P.M.; and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wetzlar, J.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. Carter, P.M., Treas. (31st time); Bro. Longstaffe, Tyler; and Bros. Holland, Godfrey, Charnley, Taylor, and Ryan, Auditors. Bro. Sheppard was elected on the Benevolent Fund Committee. The report of the death of Bro. Fenn, an old member of the lodge, was received with regret, and a letter of condolence was ordered to be sent by the Secretary to the family of the deceased. Upon the suggestion of Bro. Hopwood, P.M., the members subscribed a sum of money sufficient to defray the cost of a handsome funeral wreath as a token of respect to the memory of Bro. Fenn. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

After the usual preliminary toasts had been duly honoured,

Bro. Hopwood gave "The Health of the W.M."

Bro. Hakim, in reply, expressed his gratitude to the brethren for the support that they had given him during a most trying year of office. He had the satisfaction of knowing that he had gained their respect and confidence, which was fully evinced by their unanimously voting him a jewel that evening. Before sitting down, he said he wished to propose "The Health of the W.M. elect." Bro. Wetzlar was an initiate of the lodge, and had discharged the duties of the minor offices well. He was a personal friend of his, and he believed that in every way the W.M. elect would be found worthy of the confidence reposed in him.

The toast having been warmly received, Bro. Wetzlar replied in a neat speech.

Bros. Ramsey and Smith responded on behalf of "The Visitors;" Bro. Walls for "The Past Masters;" Bros. Carter and Stuart for "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bros. Langdale, Bye, and Sheppard for "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

**Grosvenor Lodge (No. 1257).**—This lodge held its first meeting after the recess on Tuesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, under the Mastership of Bro. G. Edwin Saunders, who was installed on the 7th of May. The W.M. was supported by Bros. John Chapman, S.W.; E. J. Morse, J.W.; J. F. Pilditch, Treas.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., Sec.; E. Cole, J.D.; E. G. Younger, Steward; John Smith, P.M.; H. White, P.M.; Wm. H. Wyon, P.M.; R. Baker, P.M.; besides several lay members; and the following visitors: Bros. W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; Walter S. Andrews, 177; Y. T. N. Fannan, 177; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; and J. F. Morgan, W.M. 2070.

The business done at the meeting was the raising of Bro. Hawkins and the passing of Bro. Tilden Russell, both of which ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in as excellent style as that in which he initiated Bro. Russell on the installation day. His officers also showed themselves proficient in their duties, and the ceremonies were conducted in every way that could reflect credit on the lodge.

The brethren afterwards partook of a very nice banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts.

In replying to the toast of "The W.M." Bro. Saunders said he felt anxious at the earliest possible moment to get rid of the weight of responsibility of replying to the toast which had been so kindly honoured. It was very kind of Bro. Cottebrune to refer to him in the flattering manner that he did, but he (the W.M.) was conscious of his defects—some defects he thought in the performance of the ceremonies—but then it was the first time he worked the ceremonies in open lodge, and it was to be expected he would show some diffidence. He hoped, however, on a future occasion that he would be perfect. Having been an initiate in this lodge, and now getting into the chair, he felt a peculiar pleasure, as well as pride, in having had conferred upon him so high a distinction. He assured the brethren that nothing would be wanting on his part to do what he could for the lodge.

Bros. Brindley, Massey, Andrews, Fannan, and Frank Morgan replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

The W.M. in proposing "The P.M.'s," said he had experienced the kindness of the P.M.'s since he had occupied the chair, and he was sure he should be well and ably supported by them during his year of office. Bro. Cottebrune was the oldest P.M. of the lodge, and that brother had informed him that the next installation would celebrate the coming of age of the lodge, that day being the 21st anniversary of the consecration of the lodge.

Bro. Baker said, although not a founder of the lodge, he had served an apprenticeship of 18 years. He was sorry the lodge had lost the membership of Bro. Alexander, P.M., one of the most genial of Past Masters, and one who could sing a good song. They had lost in him a good P.M., but he hoped that as time went on they would be able to fill up the ranks. It was always a pleasure to know the brethren had enjoyed themselves, and he hoped that would be the case that night.

Bro. J. Smith said he was always ready to assist the W.M., but the W.M.'s were so efficient that there was little for the P.M.'s to do.

Bro. Horace Smith reiterated Bro. Smith's sentiments, and anything he could do to assist the W.M. in working the lodge he should do so most willingly.

Bro. Wyon could only add that he was happy to be amongst the brethren—with his predecessors. The W.M. did not want any education from the P.M.'s.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said he did not think it possible that anyone could have done more for the lodge than Bro. Cottebrune had done, although he (the W.M.) was still, in one sense, a young member of the lodge. Bro. Cottebrune looked every way as young as when he (the W.M.) joined some years ago, and he trusted that the brightness of his spirits and his wonderful tact and capacity would continue with the brethren many, many years to come. Bro. Pilditch, the Treasurer, occupied a most important and responsible position, and he looked very, very sharply after the welfare of the lodge as regarded the funds. The lodge owed a great deal to him for that. If they asked him how the funds stood, he was always on the side of caution, and would not allow them to exceed the limit he laid down.

Bros. Cottebrune and Pilditch replied, and thanked the brethren for the confidence placed in them respectively, and they assured the brethren they should always endeavour to do the best they could for the lodge. Referring also to the last ladies' banquet, and congratulating the brethren on the success of that assembly, they hoped the experiment would be repeated.

Subsequently, it was arranged that the next ladies' banquet should be held at the December meeting of the lodge, and a Committee was formed to carry out the resolution.

"The Officers" was the next toast, and it was responded to by those brethren.

Bro. Whiting, P.M., gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

**Victoria Park Lodge (No. 1816).**—On Thursday, the 26th ult., the members of this lodge met at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. Kinipple, W.M.; C. Watkins, I.P.M.; Reeves, P.M.; Hodges, P.M.; H. Sinclair, S.W.; E. Clements, J.W.; A. Govier, S.D.; Abraham, J.D.; Currell, I.G.; and other members of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. Seage, 781, and S. C. Spurling, 13.

The lodge being opened, Bros. Ivimey and Smith were raised to the Degree of M.M., after which Messrs. Adams, Horlock, and Grimwood were initiated. The ballot was taken for the W.M. for the coming year, when it fell to the lot of Bro. H. Sinclair, S.W. The election of Treasurer being then proceeded with, Bro. Morris, who has so ably fulfilled the duties of that office for the past six years, was again chosen. The jewel and collar of the I.P.M. were also voted for presentation to Bro. Kinipple, as an acknowledgment of the satisfaction of the brethren with his conduct of the lodge during his year of office.

Lodge being then closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was worthy of the reputation of the well-known hostelry.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with enthusiasm, and in the course of the evening the W.M. was congratulated on the eminently prosperous condition of the lodge, financially, numerically, and otherwise.

The installation takes place on the fourth Thursday in the present month.

**Chough Lodge (No. 2264).**—The first year of this musical lodge having been completed, the installation of its second W.M., Bro. Walter B. Marcus, was performed, on the 26th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel, by its first W.M., Bro. E. T. Edwards, in a very full lodge, and in the presence of numerous and distinguished visitors. Among the brethren present were Bros. E. T. Edwards, W.M.; Walter B. Marcus, S.W.; G. J. Judge, J.W.; H. Saxelby, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; C. Mussared, S.D.; W. H. Tomsett, J.D.; W. J. Noad, D.C.; E. Piggett, I.G.; J. Turle Lee, Org.; Lennox Browne, Rev. W. H. Caseley, Dr. Cock, Dr. Bing, Dr. W. B. Richardson, W. J. Crump, Walter Martin, J. M. Smith, A. Watson, A. H. Jakins, W. H. Hook, W. Heagerty, F. Bevan, C. Sturgeon, W. C. Smith, W. F. Jules, G. Scott Miller, A. Haynes, J. W. Breeze, T. W. Noad, J. Almond, Charles Curtis, E. S. Miller, A. Strugnell, E. H. Bramley, P.M. 907; F. Williams, E. Banfield, W. J. Baker, H. J. Sturgeon, C. H. Cox, A. Thompson, Cooper, Massey, and others.

The lodge opening was immediately followed by the singing of the opening hymn, the music of which, as well as the music of the other hymns of the lodge, was specially composed for the lodge by Bro. Turle Lee. The minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings having been confirmed, the installation of Bro. Marcus was forthwith proceeded with, the Installing Master requesting Bro. H. Massey to act as his Director of Ceremonies, and Bros. John Almond and Walter Martin as his Senior and Junior Wardens. Although Bro. Marcus is a P.M. of another lodge (the Duke of Cornwall, No. 1839), the ceremonies were given unabridged, Bro. Edwards performing them with marvellous fluency and accuracy. Having placed Bro. Marcus in the chair, he received from the hands of the new W.M. the collar of I.P.M., and the other brethren invested as the Master's officers for the year were Bros. G. J. Judge, S.W.; C. Mussared, J.W.; H. Saxelby, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Tomsett, S.D.; E. Piggett, J.D.; W. J. Noad, I.G.; E. T. Edwards, jun., D.C.; J. Turle Lee, Org.; T. W. Noad and S. Scherer, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. Bro. Alfred R. W. Powles, P.M. 1901, was elected a joining member.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of a charming banquet, and subsequently honoured the customary toasts.

After giving "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," which was heartily drunk,

The Worshipful Master gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the immediate heir of England, the hope and expectation of our time. The Prince of Wales had fulfilled all the expectations which were entertained of him in Masonry, he had no doubt been favoured very much in Masonry, but he had favoured Masonry very much. He was not a mere stick in Masonry, as the brethren knew from having seen him in the Albert Hall; but he had worked hard in the Order.

In proposing "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said he was sorry the lodge was not honoured that evening by the Grand Officers who were present when the lodge was consecrated, but they had written to him to say they were away from town and were unable to be with the brethren of the lodge. These brethren, however, were always ready to assist whenever they could and they had promised their help and support to

the Chough Lodge. The brethren regretted their absence that evening, but hoped they would be present another time.

Bro. Edwards, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he would recall to the brethren's attention what took place at a meeting a little more than 12 months ago. A few earnest Masons having faith in the Craft, and having faith that the Craft was producing great results, met and decided to form the Chough Lodge. They laid down certain lines of action which they would follow, which were that the Masonic ritual was to be maintained in all its grace, dignity, and beauty, because they believed that by following that course great results would follow. As W.M. of the lodge, he had tried to keep up to the instructions then given to him. He had tried to the best of his skill and ability to maintain the high standard that had been set up, and the lodge had gained immensely by following that course, new friendships had been formed, and old friendships had been strengthened, mutual respect and esteem had been engendered; those who were only known by name, or little more than by name, to each other, had by coming in contact become to know each other well. The sceptre had passed from his hands to the hands of another, but they were hands which would keep up the high standard of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and in which the interests of the lodge would be safe. He would not dwell further upon the point. Those instructions would be followed up far better in the W.M.'s hands than in his (Bro. Edwards'). He felt that he gave them up to a worthy Mason, a worthy man, and an esteemed brother, to whom he wished all the health, happiness, and prosperity which he so richly deserved.

The W.M., in replying, said after the very nice remarks of the I.P.M. he hardly knew how to follow it up, but Bro. Edwards had during the evening stated several times that he (Bro. Marcus) would be a worthier Master than he—could it be possible? If he only did as well as Bro. Edwards had done in the past year, his satisfaction would be complete. They might rely upon this—he had the Chough Lodge greatly at heart. He had the honour of being one of the founders of the lodge, and he hoped he might continue in the lodge and see it prosper for many years, and it would not be his fault if he did not add to its popularity. Referring to the menu card, on which was a photograph of the W.M., he said the brethren might think him rather proud and vain, but he assured them that that had come on him by surprise. It had been done by his worthy father-in-law, and it was as great a surprise to him (the W.M.) as it could be to the brethren.

The W.M., in giving "The Installing Officer," said those words meant a great deal—they meant that he must be a worthy brother and a competent brother to be able to install his successor. He had installed him (Bro. Marcus) that night in a manner as gratifying to him as it was creditable to Bro. Edwards. But they all knew him; everything he had done for years was perfect. If they were in trouble Bro. Edwards helped them. The brethren knew they had been in a little bit of trouble, which Bro. Edwards had helped them out of very well indeed. As regarded the handling of the Chough Lodge, he had without doubt done good suit and service; he was the first W.M. of the Chough Lodge, and had been really the mainstay of the lodge, and they had all looked up to him, and the fact of their voting him on the last occasion a magnificent jewel of an exceptional amount in value, to mark the able manner in which he had wielded the gavel during his year of office. This jewel testified to his worth far more than any words which he (the W.M.) could use, and he had much pleasure now in presenting the I.P.M. with that jewel on behalf of the lodge. He then affixed the jewel to Bro. Edwards' breast amidst the cheers of the brethren.

Bro. Edwards, I.P.M., in reply, said that while listening to the W.M. his breast expanded with the pleasurable emotion of virtue, and all the rest of it, and felt that he was a most distinguished Mason. He committed a very common but very great error, and confounded words with deeds, and good intentions with acts accomplished, but when he came to look round on that assembly, that vision was dispelled, and he felt that the good things spoken by the W.M. sprang from his good and kindly heart. He saw in the lodge brethren invested with the provincial purple and brethren invested with the blue who had done much in the cause of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and he felt that what little he had done was but as the green blade of promise compared with the golden grain of the ripened harvest. Coming to particulars, there was one brother present who was known wherever civilisation had reached, who had done the best, he could to make life longer, happier, and better. There was another brother of great talent who, had he gone in the way of trade and commerce, might have gained a rich reward, but, believing in the Great Lodge Above, had thought it his duty to accept the humble position of pointing his brethren to the great reward of the just. There were other brethren who had done more than he (Bro. Edwards), but he must say that outside good intentions, and outside the desire to do the best he could, the memory of the past year would linger long with him, and the brethren's kind words and actions would live in his heart, as long as it beat, bright as the jewel on his breast.

To the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M., who proposed it, called upon Bros. Dr. Richardson, Lennox Browne, and Walter Martin to respond.

Bro. Dr. Richardson said if he was to urge that he was not accustomed to speak to Freemasons, he should be wrong, for he had been a Freemason as long as he could remember; if he said he was not accustomed to public speaking, he would be wrong, because he had been for a long time in the habit of speaking in public; but he confessed on an occasion like this an adequate response to a toast so heartily delivered and so kindly received was almost beyond the power of the most practised speaker. Of Freemasonry there was always something to be said, for it was a compound of all that constituted humanity. There was also a Masonry which belonged to science in its purest, its fairest, its strongest, and its most enduring aspects. Masonry, in its glorious works in those great edifices which bedecked our land and other lands, had rivalled nature herself in its conceptions and in the working out of those conceptions. Masonry again was a literature, a history. Some Freemasons among them who looked upon the theocratic side of Masonry had lately in a lodge called the Quatuor Coronati looked upon the history of Masonry. They had met to read papers on the literature and life of Masonry, and they had found there a literature which was as good, as earnest, and as excellent as any that could be found. And then, listening as they had to the sounds from the other end of the room (the musical portion of the

entertainment), they found that Masonry was an art—an art full of skill, and which had nothing that surpassed it. And Masonry when they came to the social side of it was a social bond, a tie, in which all who met were equal and beloved. And lastly, Masonry was a Charity. That was the *summum bonum*, as the apostle had said, without which everything else was as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. Charity bound the whole together. He thought of Masonry also in this spirit, and when he viewed it as in this lodge he saw it as a link that bound all together—all friends—like a family just going forth, twelve in number, to hold up the banner which the Master and Past Master had unfurled and upheld. As a visitor among Masons, but also when among them happy and hopeful, he saw hope for the Chough Lodge, and, as one of their visitors, he felt very grateful that the W.M. had connected him with that toast.

Bro. Lennox Browne said if ever there was an occasion when a man might say "Ditto to Mr. Burke" this was the occasion. For a quarter of a century and more he had followed with humility, and he hoped not without profit, the writings and speeches and works of the distinguished brother who had just sat down. It was very rarely in a Masonic body that they had such a speech as they had just listened to, and it would be bad taste on his part to attempt to emulate it. But in Masonry, as Bro. Richardson had said, they thought Charity was everything; they held out the hand to the distressed, and some might know, though others might not, that Bro. Dr. Richardson had endeavoured, independently of Masonry, to carry Masonry into his professional life, and if everything was as he wished there would be long life and little disease. Dr. Richardson was one of those who would commit suicide to his own profession—that was the aim of their profession, as it was the aim of Masonry, to hold out the hand to assist. But as an instance of what the brotherhood of Masonry was he would say he (Bro. Lennox Browne) was there that evening through having been at another lodge a little more than a week ago (the Duke of Cornwall Lodge), where the W.M. of the Chough Lodge performed the duty of Installing Master, and although the Installing Officer that evening said in the lodge that he might learn of the W.M. rather than teach, the brethren would allow him to say that having seen the ceremony done by both they might be bracketed together, and that each had done the ceremony in a way that reflected credit on the lodges to which they belonged.

Bro. Walter Martin, would simply say thank you, thank you, thank you, and he hoped to be present on many occasions, in the Chough Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The P.M.'s," said that Bro. Saxelby, who had acted as P.M. for the first year had done good suit and service during Bro. Edwards' year of office, although Bro. Edwards did not require much assistance; but still he had done everything in his power, and had given every help possible. The I.P.M. he had said enough of that evening to convince the brethren of the respect in which Bro. Edwards was held by the whole lodge.

Bro. Saxelby said the W.M. had said many kind things with regard to him and what he had done for the lodge. The W.M. had very considerably over-rated his value to the lodge during the past year. As one of the founders he told Bro. Edwards he was a busy man, and he was afraid he could give but little assistance. Credit should be given where credit was due, and he did not want to take it to himself. His services had been small indeed. The brethren had been fortunate in having one of the best Masters they could have during the past year, and the duties of acting I.P.M. were a mere sinecure, and therefore he felt he could accept the office of I.P.M.

Bro. Edwards said he would rather leave his speech for a 12 month.

The W.M., in giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," said that in those two brethren the lodge had two good officers. The Treasurer had already spoken, and had said he had not rendered very much service to the lodge. Perhaps not as a P.M., but as a Treasurer he was sure they were in safe hands. Their Secretary had a world-wide reputation, not only as a Secretary, but as a P.M., as a Treasurer, and goodness knew what in Masonry—he was *au fait* in Masonry. The lodge was to be congratulated on having such a Secretary, for in his hands they could not go wrong.

Bro. Saxelby, Treasurer, said he really had nothing to say, and he left the response in the hands of the Secretary.

Bro. Dewsnap said it was his duty as Secretary, and it had given him great pleasure during the last year, to afford the W.M. of the lodge the best assistance he could. He was exceedingly pleased to think his work had been so acceptable to the lodge, and that he had been re-appointed Secretary that night. The duty might be onerous, it might appear tedious, but he accepted it with pleasure, and during the present year if he could give satisfaction to the W.M. and brethren, then he should consider himself well repaid.

The W.M. next gave "The Masonic Press," to which Bros. H. Massey and Cooper replied.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, the W.M. expressing the greatest confidence that those brethren would perform their duties well, and enjoining the junior officers to attend lodges of instruction.

Bro. Judge, in responding, said that as he had supported the I.P.M., so he would support the W.M. His heart and soul were with the Chough Lodge.

Bro. Mussared also responded.

Bro. Turle Lee replied to a special toast proposed and drunk in honour of "The Musical Brethren."

Bro. Bowler gave the Tyler's toast, after which the brethren separated.

A great musical treat was given during the evening, under the direction of Bro. J. Turle Lee, Organist of the lodge, by Bros. H. Lester, Albert James, Arthur Thompson, A. Strugnell, and Fred. Bevan, Bro. Turle Lee presiding at the pianoforte.

**Viator Lodge (No. 2308).**—The third regular meeting of this young and successful lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 21st ult., under the able presidency of Bro. Harry Nelson Price, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. Ernest A. G. Smith, S.W.; W. J. Buxton, J.W.; Thos. Morris, Sec.; T. H. Hobbs, S.D.; Jas. Stephens, J.D.; J. J. Higgs, I.G.; A. E. Kay, D.C.; Frank Smith and Alfred Banks, Stwd.; W. Chapple, Asst. D.C.; Gray, Lowe, Beer, Pinkney, Harding, Robertson, Albert Stephens, and Addis. Visitors: Bros. S. Cochrane, W.M. 3; E. Crozier, 127; J. A. Hearn, 1381; A. B. Hearn, 20; E. Rymer, 860; G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; and George Everett, P.M. and Treas. 177.



The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. John Newhouse Addis, which proved unanimous in his favour, and being in attendance he was duly initiated. Bros. Robertson and Pinkney were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and Bros. Beer, Harding, and Saunders were raised to the Degree of M.M.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a very *recherché* repast was served in Bro. Clemow's best style.

The cloth having been cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Cochran, W.M. 3, acting I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Ferguson, Treasurer, and was briefly responded to by the W.M.

Then followed the toast of "The Initiate," after which the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Cochran, W.M. 3, and George Everett, P.M. and Treas. 177.

The S.W. then proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," which was responded to by Bro. Morris, Secretary, in an able and fluent speech.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Officers," called attention to the ability they displayed in the discharge of their respective duties, especially Bro. Banks, Steward, for the able and thoughtful manner in which he had administered to the comforts of the visitors and brethren at the banqueting table.

Bros. Buxton, J.W., and Banks responded.

The Tyler's toast having been given, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close, when the W.M. and several of the brethren, on the invitation of Bro. Augustus Harris, P.M. 2127, attended the reception at Drury Lane Theatre.

## Provincial Meetings.

### BEAMINSTER.

#### Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).—

The winter session of this lodge was resumed on the 1st inst., when the 100th regular meeting was held. The attendance, which was small, included the following officers: Bros. C. Toleman, W.M.; R. Toleman, I.P.M.; H. Maunders, S.W.; R. R. Samson, J.W.; J. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; A. Hann, Sec.; C. G. Purkis, P.M., D.C.; T. Cox, Org.; O. M. Bedment, S.D.; S. Cox, P.M., Stwd.; T. Reed, Tyler, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., on behalf of Bro. Montague Guest, P.G.M., presented the lodge with a framed portrait of the late Bro. Henry Ralph Willett, P.G.M. for Dorsetshire 1853 to 1857. Died December, 1857. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the P.G.M. for his gift. A copy of a resolution passed at Provincial Grand Lodge expressing confidence in the Committee of Investigation into the Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was read, as also a few of the leading extracts from the Report of the aforesaid Committee. The W.M. announced that the P.G.M. had, in response to an invitation from the lodge, signified his intention of holding next year's Provincial Grand Lodge under the banner of the Beaminster Manor Lodge. Bro. S. R. Baskett, P.M., was re-appointed Charity Steward, and the following brethren were elected to serve on the Committee of the Dorset Masonic Charity: Bros. J. S. Webb, P.M.; J. Anderson, P.M.; S. R. Baskett, P.M.; A. Buller, P.M.; R. Toleman, P.M.; C. Toleman, W.M.; and H. Maunders, S.W.

The customary adjournment from labour to refreshment took place after the closing of the lodge.

### BROMLEY.

**Eastes Lodge (No. 1965).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Parish Rooms, and was the scene of a very interesting ceremony, when Mr. Herbert Ward, the eminent young African explorer, who served with Stanley in the Emin Expedition, and whose interesting "talk" about the cannibals of the Congo, at Mill Hill School on the 26th ult., created such widespread interest, was admitted into the mysteries of the Order. The following brethren were present: Bros. G. Houlton Bishop, W.M.; R. D. F. Seton, S.W.; W. H. Kirby, J.W.; R. C. Sudlow, P.P.S.G.D., P.M., Treas.; G. L. Kennaby, Sec.; F. Bull, S.D.; J. T. Panqueray, P.M., acting J.D.; C. W. Blaxland, I.G.; W. E. Slater, Stwd.; S. W. Shaw, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; G. Couchman, Tyler; Henri Bué, P.G.S.B.; A. T. Spratlin, T. A. Lister, and H. F. Ward, Visitors: Bros. H. S. Wellcome, 3; John Paige, 2190; W. J. Fisher, J.D. 2190; H. Van der Weyde, 2190; H. Pritchard, P.M. 1415; E. Monteuis, G.S.B., 14; F. T. Rushton, P.M. 8; W. J. Kennaby, P.M. 1420. The beautiful ceremony of initiation was performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. R. C. Sudlow, P.P.G.D., assisted by the W.M., and after the ceremony the members of the lodge and the visiting brethren dined together. Bro. Ward, in the course of the evening, entertained the company with some interesting anecdotes of his life on the Congo, and with some personal reminiscences of his admired chief, Stanley.

### CHINGFORD.

#### Victorian Jubilee Lodge (No. 2184).—

The last meeting of the summer session of the above lodge was held at the Royal Forest Hotel on the 26th ult., Bro. W. Smith, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Westfield, I.P.M., P.G.S.B.; C. T. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. T. Manning, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.S.G.D.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; C. H. Canning, S.W.; A. Dale, J.W.; T. Ringrose, S.D.; J. Hammond, J.D.; J. T. Barnes, D.C.; W. Buxton, A.DrC.; and J. Ives, P.M., Tyler. Among the other brethren and visitors present were Bros. J. Hughes (Hon. Mem.); Aldom, J. Delo, D.C. 1472; Dickey, P.M. 2012; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Mr. W. Volckman, and proved unanimous. Bro. Aldom was raised and Mr. Volckman initiated, the latter ceremony being performed by Bro. Westfield, the W.M. allowing him the privilege on account of the candidate being an old friend.

Other lodge business was then transacted, and the lodge was closed.

After supper, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, and Prov. Grand Lodge toasts, coupling that of "Lord Brooke, P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," with the name of Bro. Manning.

Bro. Manning, in responding, regretted that so important and comprehensive a toast had not fallen into abler hands. Yet he could not refuse to add his testimony to the able and masterly manner in which Bros. Lord Brooke and Philbrick presided at and attended to the onerous duties appertaining to their several high and important offices. With reference to the lodge, it was most gratifying to see the able and excellent manner in which the duties and working of the lodge had been carried out that evening by both the W.M. and the I.P.M. He looked forward to the lodge making for itself a high position among the lodges of the province, and felt sure that under the rule of their esteemed W.M. that high position was within its near reach. On behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers he thanked them, and hoped that Bro. Westfield would also reply.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing spoke highly of the admirable manner in which Bro. Smith had carried out the working of the Third Degree. The welfare of the lodge was their W. Master's earnest desire, and in his hands they felt sure of its continued prosperity and success.

The W.M., in responding, said that he was very much obliged to Bro. Westfield for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast. It was a very difficult thing to carry out the duties of W.M. to the satisfaction of every one, but he trusted they would bear with him for a time, when they might depend upon it that nothing should be wanting on his part to ensure the success and prosperity of the lodge.

Several other toasts followed, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were both enthusiastic and enjoyable.

### LIVERPOOL.

**Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).**—The 13th anniversary of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, on the 24th ult., and was, as usual, a very enthusiastic gathering. Many eminent members of the dramatic and lyric stage have been, and are, members of this world-wide known lodge; and this meeting on its anniversary was no exception to the rule, every branch of the dramatic profession being represented. Of course, the permanent staff of the lodge is composed of residents in the city or suburbs, but this in no way detracts from the harmony, combined with energy, which distinguishes 1609.

The lodge was opened by Bro. H. Round, W.M., who afterwards installed his successor in a very impressive manner. He was supported by Bros. J. Cantor, I.P.M., P.G.O.; Lindo Courtney, P.M.; J. B. McKenzie, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Savage, P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M. (W.M. elect); R. Burgess, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Jos. Bell, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Fineberg, J.W.; J. S. Shrapnell, P.M., Treas.; H. Heard, Sec.; A. Mein, J.D.; E. Batty, I.G.; A. E. Workman, Org.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Gordon, P.G.S.S. (S.C.); H. Hatch, P.M. 220; F. F. Foulkes, P.M., D.C. 292; B. M. Bannityne, S.W. 216; T. Lawton, W.M. 220; H. H. Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; B. W. Rowson, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Lowton, J.W. 2042; Dr. T. Clarke, P.G.R.; T. A. Withing, P.M. 1299; T. H. W. Walker, P.P.G.T.; J. Humphreys, P.M. 724; E. R. Latham, W.M. 594; John Ashleigh, P.M. 1356; Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.P.G. Treas.; E. Graham, Stwd.; and B. de Lolla, 244.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. McKenzie and Courtney, and the manner in which the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Round fully deserved the vote of thanks afterwards passed by the lodge. A full choral service was performed, namely, "Bryan in C," the superintendence of musical arrangements being, both at the ceremony and at the banquet (which was very well provided by Bro. W. Vines), under the conductorship of Bros. Cantor, Greenwood, and A. Workman. The usual honours having been paid to the newly-installed W.M., the officers were invested as follows: Bros. W. W. Sandbrook, W.M.; H. Round, I.P.M.; J. Fineberg, S.W.; J. H. Light, J.W.; H. Heard, Sec. (re-appointed); J. H. Shrapnell, P.M., Treas.; A. Mein, S.D.; A. E. Workman, J.D.; Eaton Batty, I.G.; Josef Cantor, P.M., P.G.O., Org.; Harry Stuart, J. Heginbotham, and E. Graham (re-appointed), Stwds.; Wm. Savage, P.M., D.C.; and W. H. Ball, was re-elected Tyler.

At the close of the lodge, the retiring W.M., Bro. H. Round, was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel on behalf of the lodge, and during the evening he was also the recipient of a valuable diamond ring, accompanied by a similar present for Mrs. Round.

The musical arrangements at the banquet were admirable, and under Bro. Cantor's superintendence a most agreeable evening was spent.

### MORPETH.

**De Ogle Lodge (No. 636).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., in the Masonic Hall, when Bro. Jacob Barker, P.M., P.P.G.O. Durham, S.W., was duly installed as W.M. by the W.M., Bro. Ralph Crawford, Installing Master. Among those present upon the interesting occasion were Bros. Ralph Crawford, W.M.; John Hann, I.P.M.; Thos. Gillespie, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Jno. Watt, P.M., P.G.S.B.; J. C. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Barker, P.M., S.W.; T. W. Middlemiss, J.W.; Albert M. Loades, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; C. H. M. Robson, Sec.; J. R. Barker, S.D.; Thomas Appleby, J.D.; Wm. Davidson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; R. H. Dickenson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Thos. Dick, Stwd.; E. Ashton, P.P.G. Stwd.; Tyler; J. R. Turner, Rev. Geo. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.C.; W. Hudson, P.J.W. 1902; F. E. Schofield, P.M.; J. Wormald, Robert Jackson, A. Forster, John Roscamp, William Curry, and Wm. Airth. Visitors: Bros. Robert Swan, P.G. Stwd.; George Trewick and J. R. Short, of 1902; William E. Slater, 1169; Chas. R. Fail, 1902; John C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; Joseph Walker, P.P.G.O.; Wm. Gray, P.M. 1334, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and Daniel Whitehead, P.M., P.P.G.O. Durham.

After the installation, the following were invested as the officers for the ensuing year by the W.M., Bro. J. Barker: Bros. R. Crawford, I.P.M.; T. W. Middlemiss, S.W.; C. H. M. Robson, J.W.; Rev. G. Robinson, Chap.; A. M. Loades, P.M., Treas.; R. H. Dickenson, P.M., Sec.; T. Appleby, S.D.; J. R. Turner, J.D.; W. Davidson,

P.M., D. of C.; J. R. Barker, Org.; J. Wormald, I.G.; Thomas Dick and A. Foster, Stwds.; and E. Ashton, Tyler.

In the evening the brethren celebrated their annual festival at the Queen's Head Hotel (Mrs. Bowman's), the W.M., Bro. J. Barker, presiding.

Bros. Walker, Whitehead, and others from Durham Cathedral Choir contributed to the harmony of the evening.

### NOTTINGHAM.

**Annesley Lodge (No. 1435).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. J. Levy, W.M.; J. T. Spalding, P.M., P.P.A.G. D.C., W.M. elect; W. E. Hartshorn, I.P.M.; W. Sibley, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; G. T. Olenson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. D. Pratt, S.D.; F. Wharton, J.D.; H. Kiddier, I.G.; A. Lawson, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. A. Howitt, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd.; J. Butler, A. Clarke, E. Francis, A. J. Payne, C. W. Warriner, F. H. Spenser, F. W. Dobson, C. R. Turner, W. R. Hartshorn, G. Essex, and a number of other brethren. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Rev. T. C. Ewbank, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. E. St. J. Morse, Prov. G. Chap.; H. E. Wilson, W.M. 47; A. Aplin, W.M. 402; G. Green, 1405; H. Walker, 1434; J. Carver, 1493; G. G. Bonsor, 1852; F. Griffiths, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; G. W. Dominy, P.M. 1405; J. Severn, J.W. 1405; H. Clarke, A. Watson, J. Bird, and H. Vickers, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Levy, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. F. V. Russell, P.G. Chap. of England, with the Prov. Grand Officers, was then announced, received, and saluted with full Masonic honours, this being the first official visit of the D.P.G.M. since his installation in June last. The W.M. then said he had the most pleasing duty during his year of office to perform, and that was to present to the retiring Secretary, Bro. G. T. Olenson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., a P.M.'s jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members, in recognition of the many valuable services rendered by him to the lodge, and which was feelingly responded to and acknowledged by the recipient. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning in his best style. The W.M., Bro. J. Levy then installed the W.M. elect, Bro. J. T. Spalding, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., into the chair of K.S. in a manner which gave the utmost satisfaction and pleasure to the brethren present. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. V. Holgate, S.W.; W. D. Pratt, J.W.; J. A. Howitt, Treas.; J. Levy, Sec.; F. Wharton, S.D.; H. Kiddier, J.D.; W. F. Dobson, D.C.; G. Mycroft, I.G.; G. Essex, Org.; E. Francis, A. Clarke, and W. W. Sibley, Stwds.; and T. Killingley, Tyler. The musical portion of the ceremony was most efficiently rendered by several brethren, under the guidance of Bro. G. Essex, Org.

After "Hearty good wishes" were given to the W.M. by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

A sumptuous banquet was provided, and ably served by the Stewardess of the hall, Mrs. Simpson, the usual toasts being given, and duly honoured.

### SUNDERLAND.

**Londonderry Lodge (No. 2039).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on the 27th ult. There was a large gathering. Bro. W. A. Priestly, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Rev. J. J. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.C.; R. A. Brown, S.W., W.M. elect; F. S. Cowper, J.W.; H. Liston, Sec.; J. Robson Pattison, P.M., P.A. G.S., Treas.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.D., D. of C.; N. Lee, acting S.D.; William Scott, J.D.; Thos. O. Todd, I.G.; James Hudson, W.M. 80, Org.; J. Henderson, jun., Steward; R. Hudson, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B. Eng.; J. Hudson, P.M., P.G. Steward; W. Milburn, I. Goldman, T. R. Milburn, and R. A. Logan. Visitors: Bros. John Potts, P.P.J.G.W.; G. W. Bain, P.M. 949, P.G. Reg.; J. G. Marshall, W.M. 97; J. W. H. Swan, W.M. 94; C. F. Sutcliffe, W.M. 240; J. W. Penney, J.W. 240; C. M. Wake, P.M. 97, P.G.S. of W.; Wm. Dawson, P.M. 94, P.P.G.P.; T. Surtees, P.M. 94; H. H. Pinkney, P.M. 1389, P.P.J.G.D.; M. Douglass, 80, P.P.J.G.D.; J. E. Nelson, P.M. 80, P.P.G.P.; J. R. Cutter, S.W. 97; R. Todd, S.W. 94; P. Maddison, 1589; W. J. Robinson, James Lee, W. C. Fairley, A. J. Dobbing, 97; A. Logan, Sec. 949; R. Cook, Steward 949; and others.

The principal business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. R. A. Brown, S.W., W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S. Bro. Brown was duly presented by Bro. J. C. Moor, P.M., and the ceremony of installation was performed with conspicuous ability and solemnity by Bro. R. Hudson, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B. Eng. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Robert Alfred Brown, invested Bro. W. A. Priestly as I.P.M., and afterwards appointed the following officers for the year: Bros. F. S. Cowper, S.W.; Henry Liston, J.W.; T. O. Todd, Sec.; J. R. Pattison, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Scott, S.D.; James Henderson, jun., J.D.; Thomas Hutchinson, I.G.; N. Lee and T. R. Milburn, Stewards; J. C. Moor, P.M., D.C.; and B. Swain, Tyler. The congratulations of the Province of Durham and the representatives of lodges present were tendered to the W.M., and the meeting afterwards closed.

The lodge festival took place in the evening, when the W. Master presided, and was supported by the above distinguished brethren, and in addition thereto by Bro. J. B. Wilkinson, P.M. 1389.

### TEDDINGTON.

**Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).**—This popular lodge met at the Clarence Hotel on the 25th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. W. J. Porter, W.M.; Simmonds, S.W.; Sapsworth, acting J.W.; Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., acting S.D.; Ruffell, Org.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., and B. Muller, Stewards; Finch, I.P.M.; Gilbert, Tyler; and others. Bros. H. Sapsworth, W.M. 2032, and H. Barton, 946, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. Goff was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. F. Riverhall to the Third Degree, both ceremonies being well performed. Upon the motion of Bros. Walls and Forge, the sum of one guinea was voted to the "Gould Testimonial Fund." Letters pleading inability to attend

were received from Bros. Piller, P.M., Treas.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656; W. Middleweek, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

Bros. Sapsworth and Barton, in replying to "The Health of the Visitors," spoke in high terms of the working and hospitality of the lodge.

Bros. Finch and Warner responded to the toast of "The P.M.'s."

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

The W.M., being a musical brother, provided an excellent programme of music, in which Bros. Ruffell, Riverhall, T. Middleweek, Barton, and E. Hall shone brilliantly.

The proceedings, which were exceedingly enjoyable, then terminated.

## Royal Arch.

### Provincial Meetings.

#### CLITHEROE.

#### Limestone Rock Chapter (No. 369).

The annual installation festival of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Swan Hotel. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., the chapter was opened by Comp. J. H. Bailey, P.Z., acting Z.; Comp. E. F. Bleakley, H.; and Comp. R. Loynd, J. There were also present Comps. J. Rawsthorne, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Coates, P.Z.; G. Hargreaves, P.Z.; J. Brown, S.E.; J. Bleazard, S.N.; W. S. Weeks, Principal Soj.; F. W. Stocks, T. Garnett, J. H. Halliwell, W. A. Dewhurst, G. W. Whewell, and A. Briggs, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H., P.D.G.D.C. England, and S. Goldstone, P.Z. 345.

After the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and confirmed, and other routine business transacted, Comp. Sillitoe installed Comp. E. F. Bleakley in the chair of Z.; Comp. R. Loynd in the chair of H.; and Comp. J. Brown in the chair of J. The following officers were invested by Comp. Goldstone, viz.: Comps. J. Bleazard, S.E.; W. S. Weeks, S.N.; F. W. Stocks, Principal Soj.; T. Garnett, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. H. Halliwell, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. H. Bailey, P.Z., Treas.; and A. Briggs, Janitor. The addresses to the newly-installed Principals, the officers, and companions were delivered by Comp. Sillitoe. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the M.E.Z. proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe for having travelled so far to visit their chapter and for the services rendered by him, and expressed the pleasure he had experienced in listening to the very able and impressive manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed. He also thanked Comp. Goldstone for the services he had given. The proposal was seconded by Comp. Bailey, P.Z., and carried with acclamation.

Comp. Sillitoe replied, and the chapter was closed, after which the companions adjourned to a banquet, which was served in the well-known style of the capable hostess (Mrs. Lofthouse). Songs and recitations by Comps. Bailey, Brown, Weeks, and Garnett added much to the pleasure of the evening.

## Mark Masonry.

### Provincial Meetings.

#### CARNARVON.

**Elffin Lodge (No. 321).**—The annual installation meeting in connection with the above lodge was held at The Castle on the 25th ult., the following officers being installed: Bros. W. Hardman, W.M.; C. Rowland, S.W.; Rev. W. Morgan, J.W.; E. Roberts, M.O.; R. W. Newton, S.O.; J. Williams, J.O.; C. H. Rees, T. eas.; G. Challinor, Sec.; Cornelius Davies, Dir. of Cer.; G. Humphreys, R. of M.; W. Whiskin, S.D.; W. Farren, J.D.; O. Evans, I.G.; and W. Watkin, Tyler.

#### CHELMSFORD.

**Chelmer Lodge (No. 342).**—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Corn Exchange on Tuesday, the 24th ult. The Auditor's report and balance-sheet having been received, Bro. Thomas Rymer Jarvis, P.P.G. Steward, was installed W.M. by Bro. J. P. Lewin, P.M., acting in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Rev. J. C. Martyn, P.G.C. Eng., D.P.G.M. The ceremony was very ably performed. The new W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Wilson Metcalfe, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; T. J. D. Cramphorn, S.W.; J. C. Creswell, J.W.; F. P. Sutherly, P.G.I.G., M.O.; H. P. Hay, S.O.; E. W. Holland, J.O.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.P.G.C., Chap.; G. W. Pascall, P.P.G. Steward, Treas.; Arthur Mead, Reg. of M.; A. G. Mascall, P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. P. Lewin, P.P. I.G.W., D.C.; A. J. Pitts, S.D.; E. J. Wick, J.D.; and W. S. Emden, I.G.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served at the White Hart Hotel by Bro. A. M. Hipkin.

#### PLYMOUTH.

**Elliott Lodge (No. 169).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Caroline-place, to install Bro. G. Wilson, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Officers were Bros. J. J. Facey, the retiring W.M., and H. Langmead, P.M. 16, P.P.G. Purst. Among the Board of Installed Masters present were Bros. R. Dickson, P.M. 76, 169, P.P. G.D.; T. J. R. Chalice, P.M. 169, P.P.G.D.C.; James Gidley, P.M. 169, 383, P.G. Tyler; A. Trout, P.M. 76, 169, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Holland, P.M. 76, 169, P.P.G.S. of W.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. 35, P.G. Chap. England, P.S.G.W. Devon, 31; S. Jew, P.M. 50, 66, P.P.G.M.O.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 50, 66, P.P.G.M.O.; J. R. Lord, P.M. 50, P.P.G.M.O.; E. J. Knight, P.M. 16, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Allsford, P.M. 16, P.P.G.M.O.; W. Coath, P.M. 91, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Aitken Davies, P.M. 96, 383, P.P.G.D.; and Thomas Worledge, W.M. 48.

The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the officers

were invested as follows: Bros. J. J. Facey, I.P.M.; Geo. Gwiney, S.W.; A. W. King, J.W.; H. T. C. Tucker, M.O.; John Williams, S.O.; A. E. Maddock, J.O.; Thomas Reynolds, Chap.; D. Cross, P.M., P.G. Std. England, Treas.; J. Phillips, Reg. of Marks; James Godley, P.M., Sec.; C. Holmes, S.D.; W. Powell, J.D.; N. Page, I.G.; J. H. Swanton, D.C.; H. M. C. W. Graham, A.D.C.; W. H. Bowman, Org.; W. H. Chanter, F. Sharpe, and John Maunder, Stwds.; and J. Gidley, Tyler. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of England, &c., presented to the lodge a framed photograph of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M.M.M., July 1st, 1886; also a tracing board of the Mark Degree. It was proposed by Bro. Dickson, P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. J. Facey, I.P.M., that Bro. Lemon's presents be accepted.

At the close of the lodge, the brethren—about 30—adjourned to the refreshment room to an excellent supper, prepared by Bro. Dickson, and, under the presidency of the W.M., a pleasant and enjoyable hour was passed.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and responded to.

#### WHITEHAVEN.

**Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., Bro. Rev. J. Anderson, P.J.G.W., W.M., being in the chair, supported by Bros. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., as S.W.; T. Brakenridge, P.M., as J.W.; H. Burns, M.O.; W. Gaffney, S.O.; J. Casson, J.O.; Wm. H. Bewlay, Reg. and Sec.; J. M. Clarke, S.D.; R. D. Metcalf, J.D.; D. H. Cook, Org.; T. Mitchell, I.G.; Thos. Richardson, Tyler; A. Johnston, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and one candidate—Bro. J. Thompson—was balloted for, and advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., with a full musical accompaniment by the P.G. Org. One candidate was proposed, and, with other ordinary business, the lodge was closed.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st, when there were present Bros. Hemming, Preceptor and W.M.; G. Deaton, S.W.; J. W. Harvey, J.W.; Brander, S.D.; F. Deaton, I.G.; Blundell, P.M. 742; J. Thompson, 1681; H. Halliday, 2168, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees and closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Halliday having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Halliday was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. G. Deaton was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. W. J. Stratton, Treas., W.M.; W. T. Dillon, S.W.; W. Chapple, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; J. W. Manktelow, Sec. (pro tem.); R. T. Curzons, S.D.; J. R. Hill, J.D.; A. Pozzati, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; and J. Tapping.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Manktelow candidate. Bro. Tapping answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Tapping candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Dillon was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. A. Bond, W.M. 1425, W.M.; W. Death, W.M. 511, S.W.; C. G. Wetzel, W.M. elect 141, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. Van Praag, S.D.; O. W. Battley, J.D.; J. H. Taylor, I.G.; W. J. Cuff, P.M. 511, Stwd.; E. E. Ferris, I.P.M. 1543; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425; C. J. Biorn, P.M. 733; J. Crutenden, Major Ferris, A. B. Northcroft, F. W. Pritchard, J. W. Curtice, J. C. Conway, A. Cadbury-Jones, and J. N. Joseph.

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. Cadbury-Jones being candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Conway, who opened the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Van Praag being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Bond re-assumed the chair. Bro. Conway was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. The votes of this lodge of instruction were then disposed of, viz.: four Girls and three Boys to deserving cases. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously carried, to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Bond for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time, which compliment Bro. Bond acknowledged in suitable terms. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. H. D. Smith, W.M.; E. Rogers, S.W.; J. H. Taylor, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; G. Gardner, S.D.; A. F. Scholding, J.D.; J. R. Roberts, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; S. Smout, P.M.; J. C. Conway, H. Guntrip, M. Peters, R. H. Broom, M. Rosenberg, and H. Foskett. Bro. H. Armfield was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was

opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Armfield answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and then retired. Bro. R. H. Broom having offered himself as a candidate, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Broom candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the S.W., Bro. E. Rogers, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. Armfield, a member of the mother lodge, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. E. Rogers was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; W. Dresden, S.W.; G. Knight, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middlesex, Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; T. Jobson, S.D.; W. Fayers, J.D.; W. H. Tucker, I.G.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; James Sims, P.M.; W. C. Williams, P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex; G. Vickery, J. Wiggins, G. Swann, C. E. Betts, A. J. Turner, W. H. Neville, T. W. Blott, and P. J. Davies.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a commendable manner, Bro. Betts acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Blott offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in an impressive manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Dresden was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Biggs, W.M.; Jopson, S.W.; Woodard, J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor; J. Sims, Deputy Preceptor; Austin, P.M., Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Higginson, S.D.; Hellier, J.D.; Bick I.G.; Josey, P.M.; Lathbury, P.M.; E. F. Ferris, P.M.; Rogers, P.M.; Child, P.M.; Stanley, Craggs, Johnston, Arnott, Love, Ferris, Cox, Nash, and Sansom. Bro. Willcox was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Johnston answered the usual questions of the ceremony of raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony completed. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. E. F. Ferris, P.M., was elected a joining member. Bro. Jopson was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. Jesse Collings, P.M., W.M.; P. Skar, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor (pro tem.); T. W. Heath, S.D.; A. Saunders, J.D.; G. McCrow, I.G.; C. A. Walter, P.P. S.G.D. Middlesex; and others.

The lodge was opened with the usual formalities in the First and Second Degrees. A brother offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed with that earnestness with which Bro. Collings performs all his duties. Bro. Skar was elected W.M. for the 7th inst, which is officers' night. The election of Treasurer, Preceptor, and Secretary also takes place on that occasion, as well as the appointment of Auditors.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; W. G. Coat, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., acting Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; T. Jobson, S.D.; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas., J.D.; T. Willcox, I.G.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; D. S. Long, W. Hyde, J. Davies, L. Lee, H. D. Aslett, F. Craggs, R. Reed, R. H. Wimpey, and Hiscock.

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. Lewis Lee candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Lee answered the questions and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Spiegel acting as candidate. The W.M. rehearsed the traditional history. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. The lodge vote of the R.M.I.B. was given to the case represented by Bro. G. Gardner. Bro. W. Hillier, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. and D. Railway), on Monday, the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. Luckhurst, W.M.; Poole, S.W.; Hudson, J.W.; Evans, S.D.; Livett, J.D.; King, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Cochrane, Elson, Gaze, Sandals, Steele, J. Wright, Smith, J. Mitchell, Griffiths, Hill, Folkard, Windsor, Glover, H. Price, and Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Smith as candidate. Bro. Windsor being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Windsor duly passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. Bro. Luckhurst then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Folkard, who duly entrusted Bro. Cochrane. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising ably worked by Bro. Folkard, with Bro. Cochrane as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and announced that the officers had been elected at the previous meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**ISRAEL CHAPTER (No. 205).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W., when there were present Comps. W. Wingham, M.E.Z.; S. V. Abraham, H.; G. Deaton, J.; H. J. Phillips, P.Z.; Preceptor; J. W. Harvey, Treas.; E. H. Norden, S.E.; S. Lichtenfeld, S.N.; N. Vallentine, P.Z.; and others.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. W. Harvey acting as candidate. Comp. H. J. Phillips proposed the following companions as officers for the ensuing fortnight: Comps. S. V. Abraham, M.E.Z.; E. H. Norden, H.; N. Vallentine, J.; and S. Lichtenfeld, P.S. The chapter was then closed.

**ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. A few companions were present, and Comp. James Sims was elected M.E.Z. for the meetings to be held on the 9th and 23rd inst.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, H.; John Davies, S.N. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.N. 862, S.E.; W. H. Wadham, 1642, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; C. G. Wetzlar, 1604, 1st A.S.; J. Brandon, M.E.Z. 890; and J. Smith, P.S. 890. Comp. Frank West, 733, was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Brandon being candidate. Comp. West was elected a member. The hearty congratulations of the companions were expressed to Comp. Dean on his restoration to health, and his presence amongst them again. This was unanimously decided to be entered on the minutes. Comp. Dean acknowledged the compliment in very feeling terms. The M.E.Z. rose in accordance with custom, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present Comps. Capt. R. J. Vincent, P.Z., H. 1329, M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, M.E.Z. 169, H.; Schadler, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; C. H. Stone, S.N.; T. Grumman, P.Z., P.S.; Addington, M.E.Z. 1275; Wingham, A.S.; Martin; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., S.E. 1329, Treas.; and Warren, Z. 1348.

The chapter was regularly opened by the Principals, and the ceremony of installation of J. was rehearsed in excellent style by Comp. Grumman. The companions were admitted, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and Comp. Capt. Vincent received hearty congratulations for the manner in which he had worked the ceremony as M.E.Z. for the first time in this chapter. Comp. Hilton announced that he would (by request) work the ceremony of installation of Z. at the next meeting. All business being ended, the chapter was closed.

## Cryptic Masonry.

**Grand Master's Council (No. 1).**—This old and distinguished council met at Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. R. L. Loveland, T.I.M.; G. Graveley, as P.D.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.C. of W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.M., &c., Recorder; H. H. Shirley, M.A., Marshal; Roy, Stwd.; Brittain, Warder; T. Poore, P.T.I.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.M.; N. Prower, M.A.; Slater, Goffin, D. P. Cama, and others. Bro. Read, late of the Macdonald Council, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comps. J. Faulkner, P.M., P.Z.; Briggs, P.M., P.Z.; and Augustus Harris, P.M., &c., and, it proving to be unanimous, they were duly admitted, received, and greeted as members of the Cryptic Rite by Bro. Graveley. The Recorder read a letter that he had received from Mrs. Portal acknowledging the vote of condolence passed by the council at its last meeting on the death of her husband, the lamented Bro. Canon Portal, P.G.M., &c. This letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The resignation of Bro. W. Glynes was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. T. Cubitt, Dr. Pocock, the Rev. W. Lemon, M.A., Capt. W. B. Williamson, J. P. Sturtevant, Parkhouse, T. B. Whytehead, J. N. Frye, G. Powell, and others.

The council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Holborn Restaurant.

The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Baron de Ferrieres responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

Bros. A. Harris and Briggs replied to the toast of "The Newly-admitted Brethren." The former said that he had been particularly gratified with the ritual of the four Degrees that he had taken that day. He thought that the ceremony of the Royal Master was exceedingly dramatic and impressive. He had taken nearly all the Degrees in Freemasonry, and he had never seen ceremonies better performed than those carried out that afternoon. In conclusion, he said that he was under an obligation to his proposer and seconder, as well as to the brethren, in admitting him to so interesting and effective a Degree.

Bro. Briggs also replied in most flattering terms in praise of the Royal and Select Degrees.

Bro. T. Poore replied on behalf of "The Past Masters;" Bro. Read for "The Visitor;" Bro. Walls for "The Treasurer and Recorder;" and Bros. Lardner, Shirley, and Roy for "The Officers."

The brethren then separated.

Bro. W. G. Cavendish-Bentinel, M.P., will in the course of the present month pay a visit to the American Minister at Paris, with whom he is connected by marriage.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

The Grand Secretary-General has issued the following balance sheet, and we have much pleasure in reproducing it in our columns:—

The Treasurer-General in account with the Supreme Council, 33°, 30th June, 1889:

DR.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank, on 1st July, 1888 ...		605	10	7
Since received—				
£2000 Russian Bonds...	£2007	9	6	
Dividends ...	391	1	11	
Fees, Certificates, &c., &c.	2002	8	10	
		4401	0	3

CR.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Charity Donations ...		254	19	3
" Purchase of Stock ...		2592	0	6
" " Books ...		13	8	3
" " Furniture ...		24	10	0
" Payments for Salaries, Rent, Printing, Establishment, &c. ...		1295	12	9
" Balance in Bank ...		826	0	1
		£5,006	10	10

Examined and found correct,

J. H. MATTHEWS, 32°.

W. M. BYWATER, 31°.

E. H. ELLIOT, 30°.

H. CLERK, 33°, Treasurer-General,

33, Golden-square, London, W.  
3rd July, 1889.

## BALANCE SHEET, 30TH JUNE, 1889.

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
To Cash in London and Westminster Bank ...		826	0	1
" £900 Madras Railway Stock (cost) ...		1007	5	0
" £800 Madras Railway Debentures ...		800	0	0
" £1000 Consols 2½ p.c. (cost) ...		962	10	0
" £2000 Queensland Bonds (cost) ...		2034	18	0
" £3000 Cape of Good Hope Inscribed Stock (cost) ...		2896	1	0
" £3000 New South Wales Bonds (cost) ...		3205	10	6
" £600 New South Wales Inscribed Stock ...		630	0	0
" Furniture and Appointments (valued at) ...		1734	16	6
" Library (valued at) ...		2392	7	2
" Plate (valued at) ...		393	5	0
" Organ (valued at) ...		300	0	0
" Leases:—33, Golden Square ...		404	0	0
" Masonic Hall ...		616	0	0
" Cellarage ...		284	0	0
		£18,486	13	3
LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
By Capital ...		17,955	15	0
" Balance from Revenue and Expenditure Account ...		530	18	3
		£18,486	13	3

We have prepared the above accounts from the Books, and certify the same as correct. The various securities have also been produced to us.

HARPER BROS., Chartered Accountants,  
39, Crutched Friars, London, E.C.



As on Monday Toole's re-opens with Mr. Horne's farcical comedy, "The Bungalow," for which a strong cast has been selected, and on Wednesday last the Opera Comique was re-opened with, for a wonder, comic opera, "The Castle of Como," the theatres of London may be said to be, like Masonry, again in full swing. The only two then closed will be the Globe, soon to be taken by an American lady; the St. James's, which may see French plays if Mons. Mayer can prevail upon Madame Sarah Bernhardt; and the Royalty, which Bro. Arthur Roberts, in conjunction with Bro. Augustus Harris, will shortly open. The Olympic does not count, as it is to be pulled down and considerably enlarged in the re-building for Bro. Wilson Barrett, who hopes to open at Easter, 1891.

Bro. Henry Irving's much looked for appearance in "The Dead Heart" occurred on Saturday, when the old Adelphi play was revived, but much embellished. In this weird play the scenes, steeped with gore of the French Revolution of 1789, the centenary of which Paris has recently commemorated, are put before the audience with fearful reality, from the taking of the Bastille to the terrible morning when the guillotine, in all its ghastly details, is depicted in the Place de la Grève. Placed between these gloomy pictures, thrilling in the terror they inspire as vivid portrayals of the most blood-curdling leaves of French history, is the night scene in the Conciergerie, with the wretches fated, by the arch fiend Robespierre and his murderous satellites, to lay day down their lives on the following day, as they chant their own death warrant through the iron bars of the hideous gaol.

The prologue, picturing the closing years of the reign of one of the vilest monarchs who ever disgraced a throne, Louis XV., brings us to Robert Landry and Catherine Duval, young lovers sprung from the ranks of the populace. But a melancholy shadow is shed upon them by the love of the bad Count de St. Valery for the plebeian lady, whose still more wicked agent, the Abbé Latour, at his aristocratic patron's suggestions, first entangles Landry into a conspiracy against the Bourbon throne and causes him to be arrested and thrown into the dungeons of the Bastille. After 17 years have elapsed, it is seen that Catherine Duval has become the wife of the roué St. Valery, having been basely informed by the Abbé that her lover, young Landry, has died in the charnel house. She has given birth to a son, who is now the Count, his father having died. The father, before his death, in an evil moment, consigned to the custody of the Abbé his son, who, to further his own wicked ends, has dragged young Valery into sin of every description. The Bastille being besieged by the people, who will no longer stand the iniquities perpetrated therein, Robert Landry is found—is alive. He, believing his Catherine has been guilty of perjury, and smarting under the conviction that it was her husband who threw him into the hell upon earth, steels himself, and lives henceforth to revenge himself upon Latour and young Valery. Landry kills the Abbé in a duel, He then learns the truth that the Count had obtained a pardon for him, which the Abbé had suppressed. The young Count is to be executed, but Landry, to save the son of his sweetheart of former days, gets a disguise for Valery and aids him to escape, and when the roll is called, and the name of St. Valery comes, Landry answers to it and takes his place upon the scaffold. Bro. Irving in the part of Landry excels anything he has ever done. Bro. Bancroft, who has lost his mannerisms, is the Abbé Latour, and is gladly welcomed back to the histrionic boards. The scene between Landry and Latour, which occupies an act, is something never to be forgotten. Miss Ellen Terry, as Catherine, is as charming and graceful as ever, but her part in the play is much less than is usually the case in Lyceum pieces. Messrs. Arthur Stirling, Edward Righton, and Gordon Craig (the latter the son of Miss Terry, who then made his début, and shows unmistakable signs of hereditary talent) are each of them to be much commended. The whole production of "The Dead Heart" is a marvel of excellence, and well worthy of the traditions of the Lyceum under its present popular lessee. Although a weird drama, "The Dead Heart" is more than likely to be running at this date next year.

Bro. Augustus Harris has wonderfully strengthened "The Royal Oak" since its first appearance, by the excision of a portion of the dialogue, and the introduction of a new scene, "The Restoration." It now runs splendidly, and from the appearance of the house, we believe it will occupy the stage for some time to come.

We have paid a second visit to "The Brigands" at the Avenue, and find Offenbach's opera going much better now it has settled down. The artistes, one and all, do greater justice to the tuneful lyrics than they did on the first night, and we must say that this work of the composer has very much gone up in our estimation owing to the finished rendering it now receives. Miss Delaporte's song, "Spaniards by birth," is still the feature of the opera. It appears that the management were much hampered, owing to a threatened injunction by the adapter on its production. That being abandoned, expansion has taken place, and the sequel is a vast improvement. We omitted to observe in our preliminary notice that the dresses are very pretty and tastefully arranged, and we hope that if previous engagements permit "The Brigands" may be kept on a little longer. As at present settled another comic opera is due at the Avenue about the 16th.

Those who have not seen the Paris Exhibition and those who have should not miss a visit to the Empire, where the management, not to be behind the times, have just produced a ballet called "The Paris Exhibition." We see John Bull and his wife and a tribe of children walking about the grounds, and being introduced to people of every nationality, and much astonished he seems to be, and well he may be. The handshaking between John Bull and our cousin of the Stars and Stripes brings deafening applause, but for beauty we liked the Spaniards and Italians. The costumes are a picture of the dressmaker's art, and the colours are blended as skilfully as Bro. A. Harris and Mr. Edwards so well know how to arrange. The ballets are due to Miss Katie Lanner, who fully comes in for her well accorded share. The new ballet is the prettiest scene we have yet seen at the Empire. But why did not Miss Harriet Vernon, Mr. Dan Leno, and Mr. Charles Godfrey—three stars—not appear when their names were on the programme, or why was no explanation offered?

Orders have been received at Sheerness Dockyard for two new fast gunboats to be commenced forthwith. They will be named respectively the Circe and the Hebe, and each vessel will have a length of 230 feet, a breadth of 27 feet, and a displacement of 735 tons. Their engines will be capable of developing 4500 horse-power under forced draught, giving a speed of 21 knots an hour, and 2500 horse-power under natural draught, giving a speed of 18½ knots.





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

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, at 4 p.m.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Headfort will entertain a large party of guests at Headfort on the 16th instant for the opening meet of the Meath hounds.

We see that Spratt's Patent, Limited, score heavily at the Paris Exhibition, receiving three awards, one being a gold medal.

The Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction has this week resumed its usual weekly meetings on Tuesday nights, at eight o'clock p.m., under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Hemming, P.M.

We deeply regret to hear that Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, Chairman of the Great Western Railway, is lying dangerously ill at his residence, Clewes Park, near Windsor.

The half-yearly election of children to the Merchant Seamen's Orphan Asylum took place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday, when eight out of a list of eleven girls, and twelve out of a list of 29 boys were elected.

The Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, which works strictly according to Emulation, will resume work on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the usual place and hour, viz., the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30 p.m.

At the banquet which is to be given to Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon at Leeds on Wednesday next, the 9th inst., Bro. W. E. Jackson, M.P., the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, will be present among the principal guests.

We are pleased to notice that the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement commenced its session on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, E.C. It will continue to meet every Tuesday at 6.30 until the end of May.

Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, will rehearse the ceremony of installation of M.E.Z., by special request, at the Star Chapter of Instruction, at 7.30, this (Friday) evening. Comp. Hilton's reputation as a Royal Arch worker is so well established that a large gathering may be anticipated.

The meetings of the Ubique Lodge of Instruction, No. 1789, will be resumed at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W., on Monday, the 7th instant, at 7.30 p.m., and will be continued weekly until further notice. All brethren are cordially invited to attend.

The 41st session of the Architectural Association will open to-day (Friday) in Westminster Town Hall. The President and Committee will receive the guests at 8 p.m., and arrangements have been made that a pleasant and instructive evening may be spent. A large number of invitations have been issued.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. John O'Connell, W.M. 2157, W.M. elect 1851, P.G.O. Surrey, at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, on Thursday, the 10th inst., at 8 o'clock, precisely. Brethren, and especially Installed Masters, are cordially invited to be present.

It is said that Bro. Alderman Sir H. Isaacs, Lord Mayor-elect, has determined that the Lord Mayor's Show on the 9th November next shall be on an unprecedented scale of grandeur, and that the pageant, which will form part of the procession and will be under the direction of Bro. Augustus Harris, shall be of a splendour such as the worthy citizens of London have never before witnessed.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Sir Charles Cameron Lees, K.C.M.G., Governor of Barbadoes, to be Governor of Mauritius, in succession to Sir John Pope Hennessy, K.C.M.G., who retires on the completion of his term of office. Her Majesty has also been pleased to approve of the appointment of Sir Walter J. Sendall, K.C.M.G., Governor of the Windward Islands, to be Governor of Barbadoes; and of the appointment of the Hon. Sir Walter Hely Hutchinson, K.C.M.G., Lieut.-Governor of Malta, to be Governor of the Windward Islands.

Messrs. Barraud are keeping up the reputation they earned for themselves when they published the early numbers of "Men and Women of the Day." The second volume, if anything, is more interesting than its predecessor. All sorts and conditions of men and women are taken in turn as subjects for portraits, whilst the letterpress forms short biographies for reference. Masons will feel more interest in the photographs, life likenesses, of Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, P.G.W., and Sir Daniel Gooch, P.G.M. Bucks, of whose illness we regret to hear, and Lady Brooke, the wife of the Prov. Grand Master of Essex. The Shah, the Chief Rabbi, Sir Charles Russell, Mrs. John Wood, Mr. Spurgeon, the Bishop of Ripon, the aged Duke of Devonshire, father of the P.G.M. of Derbyshire; General Boulanger, Madame Patti, Mr. W. H. Smith, Sir John Lubbock, and Mrs. Bernard Beere are amongst the more recent portraits, all of them, we can testify, as like the originals as possible. "Men and Women of the Day" is unique as a book for either drawing-room or library.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.—ADVT.

NO MORE DEAF.—Nicholson's Patented Artificial Ear Drums cure Deafness and Noises in the Head in all stages, 132 page Illustrated Book, with full description, free.—Address, J. H. Nicholson, 21, Bedford Square, London, W.C.

Bro. Lord Suffield has arrived at his house in Chesterfield-street from Guntton.

The Provincial Grand Master of North Wales, Bro. Lord Harlech, has summoned a Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held at Barmouth, on the 22nd inst.

Bro. Sir J. Somers Vine arrived at Plymouth on the 27th ult. from his visit to the colonies, whither he has been on behalf of the Imperial Institute.

Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper have arrived at Panshanger, Herts, after concluding their visit to the Earl of Northbrook at Torloisk, Isle of Mull.

At a recent public meeting in Glasgow the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, was elected President of the Glasgow Branch of the Scottish Home Industries.

Bro. the Duke of Fife has contradicted the rumour that it is his intention to buy an estate in England. He does not intend to do so, at all events for the present.

The Duchess of Albany has consented to distribute the prizes and certificates to the successful students at the Birkbeck Scientific and Literary Institute, on the 14th November.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) has appointed Mr. Robert Melville, Q.C., of the South Eastern Circuit, County Court Judge for District No. 27.

The Admiralty has given authority for the well-known song, "A Life on the Ocean Wave," by the veteran Bro. Henry Russell, to be the special march of the corps of Royal Marines.

On Friday, the 27th ult., the Speaker of the House of Commons presided at the Town Hall, Leamington, and presented the certificates gained by the students at the recent Oxford University Extension Lectures.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon have been this week visiting their estates in the neighbourhood of Nottingham and at Teversall and Blackwell, near Mansfield. Next week they go to Brethby Park, near Burton-on-Trent.

It is stated that the Duke and Duchess of Fife will shortly pay a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Buccleugh at Drumlanrig Castle, Dumfriesshire, where members of the Royal Family have been frequently entertained in past times.

The Stuart Lodge of Instruction, No. 1632, has removed to "The Moorgate," Finsbury-pavement, and the first meeting will be held on Thursday, the 10th October. It will continue to meet on every succeeding Thursday, at 7 o'clock.

Bro. H. A. Brassey, who formerly represented the now disfranchised borough of Sandwich, has sailed from Liverpool for America. It is said that Bro. Brassey will be a Unionist candidate for one of the divisions of Kent at the next general election.

It has been decided that Prince Albert Victor of Wales shall extend his visit to Burmah, the newly-acquired territory of the Empress-Queen. This will so considerably prolong the trip that his Royal Highness will not be able to return to England for at least six months.

The new Agricultural Department has been temporarily installed at the offices of the Land Commissioners, 3, St. James's-square, but for the present the records of the old Agricultural Department of the Privy Council will remain in Whitehall. The new Department is already completely organised.

Sir Edgar Boehm's Wellington statue at Hyde Park-corner was finished on Wednesday by the addition on the east side of the pedestal of the dates 1769-1852, the birth and death years of the great Duke. The preparations for his funeral—by far the most splendid and remarkable in the long reign of the Queen—in the latter year occupied more than two months, and while the death occurred, somewhat suddenly, on September 14th, the burial in St. Paul's did not take place until November 18. Another—and a much older—memorial has also this week received a final touch. The Monument, which showed signs of weakness last year, was repaired at much cost by the City Corporation.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by his sons, Princes Albert Victor and George, left Marlborough House for Port Victoria on Saturday evening last. On their arrival, they embarked immediately on the Zealand Company's new steamer Deutschland, for Flushing, whence they continued their journey, via Hamburg and Copenhagen, for Fredensborg, where they will spend a fortnight with the Princess of Wales and the Danish Royal Family. They will then leave for Athens to be present at the marriage of the Duke of Sparta with the Princess Sophie of Prussia. After that event they will leave Athens, Prince Albert Victor going on his proposed visit to India, while it is probable the Prince and Princess of Wales will take Rome and Florence on their way home, where they are expected about the 21st November.

At St. Luke's Church, Uxbridge-road, on the 24th ult., was celebrated the marriage of Mr. James Henry Ibbitson, of Leeds, to Amy, only daughter of Bro. Henry Purdue, P.M., Sec. 834, Z. 834, of Orchard-road, Shepherd's Bush. The bride wore a rich white satin and brocaded dress, trimmed with orange blossom, and a long tulle veil, fastened with a spray of same, and was attended by her niece and two sisters of the bridegroom as bridesmaids. The service was rendered in a most impressive manner by the Rev. St. Hill Bourne, who afterwards attended the breakfast, and proposed "The Health of the Bride and Bridegroom" in most suitable terms. Mr. Gilbert, a friend of the bride, presided at the organ, and played the wedding march in a masterly manner. The happy couple left in the evening for the Continent. In spite of the unpropitious state of the weather, there was a large gathering of the friends of the bride and bridegroom, many coming from a great distance. The presents were very numerous, and of a costly description.

SCIENCE (EXTRAORDINARY).—TERREY'S "HOUSEHOLD PURIFIER" (Registered, for Universal Purposes.—Acts like magic. A strong and pleasant Disinfecting Fluid for Sanitary Use. Treble the Disinfecting Strength of Carbolic. A new and valuable Discovery has been made in the manufacture of this Fluid, there being no Sediment. Dissolves at once in Water, making a Milky appearance. Where this is used all Infectious Diseases are kept away. Sold by Chemists, Stores, Grocers, Oilmen, &c., in 6d. and 1s. bottles, or in gallons 4s., delivered free. 1s. charged for cans (returnable).—TERREY BROS., 55, Chester-street, Kennington.—ADVT.

Bro. Lord and Lady Arthur Hill are now residing at Hillsborough, Lord Downshire's place in county Down.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton has promised to open a new Conservative Club at Bramley, West Yorkshire, early next month.

The Hospital Sunday Fund has now reached £41,600, and is just £1000 in excess of the collection made in any previous year. The fund for 1889 closes on Oct. 31.

Professor Hunter, M.P., is laid up at Gliou with a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs. He has for some time been travelling in Switzerland for the benefit of his health, which has latterly been the cause of great anxiety to his friends.

The Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, has fixed the consecration of the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2320—being the 99th lodge in the province—for Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at Castleton, near Rochdale.

Bro. James Lowther, M.P., has accepted the Mastership of the Thanet Harriers, with a Committee to assist him. This well-known pack commences its 121st season by a meet at Strode Park, Herne, the seat of Mr. Charles Prescott-Westcar, on Tuesday next.

The Lord Mayor elect, Bro. Alderman Sir Henry Isaacs, has appointed the Rev. Robert Henry Hadden, B.A., vicar of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, to be his chaplain, and Mr. William Jameson Soulsby, barrister-at-law, of the Middle Temple, to be his private secretary during his year of office. Mr. Soulsby has filled the same position in the 14 preceding mayoralties.

It has been officially announced in India that the forthcoming tour of Prince Albert Victor is to be regarded as one of a private character. No presents will be received and none given. The whole of the arrangements for his tour are in the hands of Col. Sir E. Bradford, who accompanied the Prince of Wales in his tour in India, and who now goes out with Prince Albert Victor as the chief of his staff.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire, and the consecration of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 403, has been fixed by the Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, for Monday, the 21st inst., at Blackburn—this being the first Mark lodge in this part of the province—when Bro. Dr. Gregson will be installed as the first W.M.

In the person of Mr. William Mason, who died on Wednesday, at the age of 89, London loses the last survivor of the Charleys who used to patrol the streets prior to the establishment in 1849 of the City Police Force. Another fact of interest is that as beadle to Alderman Finnis he assisted in the Lord Mayor's Show of 1856—the last occasion on which the pageant proceeded to Westminster by water.—City Press.

THE VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE TROPHY.—The Lord Mayor, on Wednesday, intimated to Quartermaster Gratwicke, adjutant of the English Twenty, that he will be happy to become the custodian of the Volunteer National Challenge Trophy, won by England at the last Wimbledon meeting. The trophy will be received by the Lord Mayor on November 5, and on the same evening his lordship will entertain Col. Burt, the captain of the team, and the members of the English Twenty at dinner at the Mansion House.

THE PASTEUR INSTITUTE.—On Wednesday, three more patients—a man and two boys—who had been bitten by a rabid dog at Rugby, were sent to Paris to be treated at the Institut Pasteur at the expense of the Lord Mayor's Fund. This makes a total of 28 persons sent from that source during the last three months. Of these, eight were persons living in London, and the remainder in the provinces. The Mansion House Fund now amounts to over £2000, some considerable donations having recently been received from Fellows of the Royal Society, among whom a collection is being made.

The new Sheriffs of London, Alderman Knill and Bro. W. H. Harris, were sworn in as Sheriffs of London at Guildhall, on Saturday last. In the afternoon, after Divine service at the Church of St. Lawrence, Bro. the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs, many of the Aldermen and Common Councillors, and others were present at a Common Hall in Guildhall, when Bro. Alderman Sir Henry Isaacs was elected Lord Mayor for the ensuing year, returning thanks for the honour done him. A vote of thanks to Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead for his services during the past year was also passed, and duly acknowledged by his lordship.

The death is recorded of Lady Milne, wife of Admiral Sir Alexander Milne, of Inveresk, Midlothian, who succumbed to the influence of "gas" in a dentist's shop in Edinburgh, where she had gone, in company with her husband and daughter, in order to have a tooth extracted. After the administration of the anæsthetic she never recovered consciousness, the cause of death being presumably due to weakness of the heart. The deceased lady was the daughter of the late Mr. Archibald Cochran, of Ashkirk, Roxburgh, and in 1850 was married to Captain Milne, distinguished subsequently by his services in the Crimean War.

The Prince of Wales will, it is understood, visit Egypt at the end of this month. His Royal Highness will take the opportunity of going there in the Royal yacht Osborne after the wedding of the Duke of Sparta and Princess Sophie of Prussia at Athens, and will probably take leave of Prince Albert Victor at Port Said on the latter joining the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamer Oceana for India. It is contemplated that the Prince will make a somewhat long stay, during which he will review the British and Egyptian troops in Egypt proper, and also visit some of the recent battlefields—Tel-el-Kebir, &c. It is even possible that his Royal Highness will go so far as Suakin, and inspect the Egyptian garrison there.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Health's Defences.—None shive the strongest can with impunity pass through the sudden transitions from wet to dry, from cold to muggy weather, so prevalent during the autumnal and early winter months. Influenza, bronchitis, cough, sore throat, or quinsy will attack those most watchful of their health; but they can readily arrest any of these complaints by rubbing Holloway's Ointment twice a day upon the skin over the affected parts, and by assisting its corrective action with appropriate doses of his Pills. This well-known, safe, and easy mode of treatment efficiently protects the invalid both from present and future danger without weakening or even disorganizing the system in the slightest degree.

## MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, October 12, 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, OCTOBER 5.

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

1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.  
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall.  
2272, Rye, Peckham Public Hall.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7.

## CRAFT LODGES.

25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
69, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel.  
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.  
144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.  
1625, Tredegar, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.  
1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.  
2020, St. Botolphs, Albion Tavern.  
2098, Harlesden, National Schools, Harlesden.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Barnato, Victoria Hotel, 25, Charterhouse-street, at 6.  
Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.  
Doric, White Horse Tavern, White Horse-lane, Mile End-road, 8.  
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic Road, Brixton, at 8.  
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, 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, Addle-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, Baron's 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.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.  
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.  
Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.  
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.  
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern.  
91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
1056, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.

## MARK LODGE.

5, Mallet and Chisel, 8a, Red Lion-square.

## ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

71, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Supreme Council, 33°, 33, Golden-square.

## CRAFT LODGES.

167, St. John's, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead Heath.  
180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.  
108, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.  
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.  
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.  
255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.  
548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.  
933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.  
1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.  
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
1668, Samson, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.  
1969, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, 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 8.  
Emblematic, Mona Hotel (late Ashley's), Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, at 8.  
Enheld, 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.  
Robert Burns, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C., at 8.  
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.

185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Supreme Council, 33°, 33, Golden-square.  
Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

## CRAFT LODGES.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel.  
147, Justice, White Swan, Deptford.  
749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.  
781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road.  
820, Lily Lodge of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
1228, Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern.  
1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.  
1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.  
1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel.  
1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart, Upper Norwood.  
1694, Imperial, Pier Hotel, Chelsea.  
1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8.  
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.  
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.  
Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-street, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 8.  
Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.  
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.  
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 CHAPTERS.

857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.  
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.

## MARK LODGES.

284, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Rosierucian Society, Masonic Rooms, 16a, Great Queen-street.

## CRAFT LODGES.

206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
235, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.  
860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.  
879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.  
1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.  
1216, Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Volunteer Rifles, Camberwell.  
1471, Islington, Cock Tavern.  
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1599, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1708, Plucknett, Baldfaced Stag, Finchley.  
1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.  
1804, Coborn, Bow Vestry Hall.  
1987, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
2090, Hammersmith, Vestry Hall, Hammersmith.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Creation, Wheatsheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Lime-house Church, E.), at 7.  
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.  
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, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., at 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Rail-way Station), at 7.  
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, at 8.  
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.  
Stuart, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, at 7.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30.  
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.  
West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.  
Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, at 7.30.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.  
619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street.  
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.  
1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden square.  
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.

## MARK LODGE.

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

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11.

## CRAFT LODGES.

177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.  
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
1559, New Cross, Portland Hotel, Greenwich.

## 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.  
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 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.  
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 6.  
St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, 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-gardens, Paddington, W., at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.  
Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.  
569, Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company.  
1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

## ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

101, Adoniram, 8a, Red Lion-square, at 4.30.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

D, Mount Calvary, Inns of Court Hotel.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12.

## CRAFT LODGES.

176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.  
1423, Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.  
1420, The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.  
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.  
1612, West Middlesex, Vestry Hall, Ealing.  
1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.  
1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.  
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.  
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
1904, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1297, West Kent, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.  
1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall.

## MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, October 12, 1889.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., 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, OCTOBER 7.

CRAFT LODGES.					
Bath...	53	Banbury...	588	Nottingham...	1434
Hallifax...	01	Barth...	599	Lowestoft...	1452
Norfolk...	01	Thrapston...	007	Mold...	1477
Dunkinfield...	89	Southport...	613	St. John's, Wok-	
North Walsham...	102	Wimborne...	622	ing...	1504
Lynn...	107	Basingstoke...	094	Swansea...	1573
Preston...	113	Wellington...	737	Market Drayton...	1575
Whitehaven...	119	Ashbourne...	850	Alford...	1600
Bridgwater...	135	Whitehaven...	872	Hemel Hemp-	
Wakefield...	154	Petersfield...	928	stead...	1737
Plymouth...	156	Ipswich...	959	Manchester...	1798
York...	236	Fowey...	977	Kidderminster...	1874
Barnstaple...	251	Sutton Bridge...	985	Henley...	1895
Batley...	204	Altrincham...	1045	Wadebridge...	1954
Bradford...	302	Rochester...	1050	Maldon...	1977
Hebden Bridge...	302	Lancaster...	1051	Monmouth...	2094
Torquay...	328	Saltash...	1071	Harlesden...	2098
Ross...	338	Black ey...	1077	Calstock...	2106
Halesworth...	388	Oswestry...	1124	Henfield...	2187
Leamington...	395	Sherborne...	1168	Kington...	2240
Haworth...	408	Birmingham...	1180	Fairfield...	
Gainsborough...	422	Leeds...	1211	Lancashire...	2290
Northwich...	428	Silloth...	1220	R A. CHAPTERS.	
North Shields...	431	Shelfield...	1239	Whitby...	311
Brightlingsea...	433	Exeter...	1254	Banbury...	599
Petty Cury, Cam-		Liverpool...	1204	MARK LODGES.	
bridge...	441	Bradford-on-		South Walton...	9
Oldham...	407	Avon...	1271	Basingstoke...	37
Handsworth...	482	St. Ives, Corn-		Tenby...	250
Worcester...	529	wall...	1272	Maidenhead...	257
Stokesley...	543	Market Rasen...	1286	Middlesborough...	270
		Seaforth...	1380		

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birmingham...	74	Spalding...	469	Canterbury...	1449
Chatham...	184	Huddersfield...	521	Bromley...	1094
Bradford...	302	Workington...	902	Landport...	1770
Pembroke Dock...	378	Levenshulme...	993	Walton-on-the-	
Uxbridge...	382	Saltash...	1071	Naze...	1799
Reading...	414	Mossley...	1218	East Retford...	1004
Ramsgate...	429	Carlton Hill...	1221	Snaresbrook...	1004

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

CRAFT LODGES.					
Sunderland...	80	St. Austell...	496	Frome...	973
Norwich...	93	Walsoken...	573	Fowey...	979
Burnley...	120	Alderney...	593	New Milford...	990
Truro...	131	Cleckheaton...	603	Maldon...	1044
Rochford...	100	Burton-on-Trent...	624	Alfreton...	1026
Old Brompton...	184	Harwich...	650	Chipping Norton...	1030
Liverpool...	241	Bristol...	686	Newnham-on-	
Boston...	272	Wednesbury...	696	Severn...	1067
Warwick...	284	Aldershot...	723	Keswick...	1073
Lymington...	319	West Hartlepool...	704	Ramsey...	1075
Stockport...	322	Windsor...	771	Ironbridge...	1100
Bodmin...	330	Ashby-de-la-		Newton Abbott...	1138
Milford...	300	Zouch...	779	Batey...	1214
Maryport...	371	Launceston...	79	Warrington...	1250
Huntingdon...	373	Crewkerne...	814	Poulton-le-Fylde...	1250
Wareham...	380	Wootton-under-		Blanford...	1207
Birmingham...	473	Edge...	855	Egremont...	1200
Ashton-in-		Jersey...	877	Saunton Walden...	1200
Makerfield...	484	Leominster...	893	Sutton...	1347
Axminster...	494	St. Helens...	897	Bala...	1309
Wakfield...	495	Gosport...	903	Woking Station...	1395
		Devonport...	954	Torquay...	1402