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## THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

There was an unusually full attendance of members present at the regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the business which came before it being of a more than ordinarily important character, excited, as will be seen from the lengthy report we publish elsewhere, a considerable amount of discussion. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, it being understood—indeed, before the Committee adjourned, the Chairman made announcement to the effect—that the question of the pension to be awarded to Bro. BINCKES, as recommended by the Provisional Committee of Management, on his retirement from the post of Secretary, would be determined at the Quarterly General Court on the 25th inst. There were two points, however, in the report of the Provisional Committee to which a strong opposition was manifested. The first of these had reference to the post of medical officer, for which there were originally 35 candidates, and the Provisional Committee, having carefully considered the qualifications of the several applicants, reduced the number firstly to 15, then to 10, and then to six, and ultimately selected the one whom they considered most suitable for the office, and recommended his election. Bro. SCURRAH and others, however, appear to have considered that the Provisional Committee in selecting and recommending this one candidate for election had exceeded its powers, and a resolution was moved to the effect that the whole of the 35 candidates should be requested to submit their testimonials to the Quarterly Court. On a division, this resolution was rejected by 36 to 26, and consequently, the recommendation of the Provisional Committee in favour of the candidate they have selected as the most suitable will stand. For ourselves, we think the Provisional Committee would have acted more wisely if they had been content to reduce the original 35 to some half-a-dozen, but they have certainly not exceeded their duty in going as far as they have gone, and it now rests with the Quarterly General Court to approve or reject their recommendation. We have since learned that a circular letter has been addressed to the whole body of candidates, in accordance with the terms as proposed in Bro. SCURRAH'S resolution.

The other point related to the head master—Bro. the Rev. R. MORRIS, M.A., LL.D.—a resolution being moved by Bro. JOHN GLASS to the effect that the Provisional Committee should be authorised to terminate his appointment, in accordance with the terms of the agreement entered into with him on the 30th August, 1875, and take the necessary steps to appoint another head master in his place in accordance with the laws of the Institution. A long discussion followed upon this motion, but in this case, as in that of the recommendation for the post of medical officer, the action of the Provisional Committee was supported, there being 45 members who voted in favour of Bro. GLASS'S resolution and 34 against it. Bro. Dr. MORRIS, therefore, will retire, but as the question of awarding him a pension or honorarium will now have to be considered, in accordance with a resolution of this General Committee, we trust his retirement will be accompanied by some suitable recognition of the services he has rendered the Institution as head of its educational staff during the last 14 years.

## THE COMING BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

There is a very formidable list of candidates for election into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the Quarterly General Court, which is appointed to be held in the hall of the Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 25th inst., the 45 names which have been carried forward from last April having been increased to 70. On the other hand, there is, as compared with the Girls' School election, which takes place on the following day, a greater number of vacancies to be filled, the proportion of 70 candidates to 16 vacancies being a substantial improvement on that of the 49 candidates to 9 vacancies, in the case of the Girls' School. We notice also with satisfaction that only 5 out of these 70 boys

will be struck off the list, in accordance with the Law 53, which fixes the maximum age for admission at 11 years, and one of these already has upwards of 1000 votes to his credit, so that his friends, if they exert themselves, should have but little difficulty in securing for him a place among the successful.

The London contingent of applicants is 17 strong, 12 of them being brought forward from April last, and the remaining five being new cases. There are also six boys whose claims to support are partly London and partly Provincial, two of these cases belonging to the former conjointly with Kent, while in the other four it shares the responsibility with West Lancashire, Surrey, Middlesex, and Kent and Sussex respectively. Of the old candidates, No. 9, whose father is living, but insane, has 1815 votes in hand, the proceeds of three previous attempts at obtaining admission; and No. 12, whose name has also been on the list for two years, and whose father has likewise lost his reason, has 578 votes to the good. No. 21, who must succeed at this attempt or fail altogether, has 1041 votes to start with; No. 24, 657 votes; No. 25, 1125 votes; No. 39, 1758 votes; and Nos. 42, 44, and 45, 811 votes, 702 votes, and 348 votes respectively. Of the six who are of partly London and partly Provincial origin, two only are old candidates, namely, No. 28 (London and Kent), who brings forward 1834 votes, and No. 35 (West Lancashire and London), who starts with 592 votes, the remaining four having had their names approved and placed on the list during the earlier half of the present year.

The Provinces and Districts Aboard are responsible for 47 candidates, Cumberland and Westmorland, Warwickshire, and West Yorkshire heading the roll with three each. The Cumberland and Westmorland boys—Nos. 5, 14, and 66—virtually start level, the first two having only 25 votes and one vote in hand; and the same may be said of the Warwickshire candidates, one of whom brings forward a single vote from April; while the West Yorkshire are all new cases. Warwickshire also has a joint interest with Worcestershire in the success of No. 38, who, however, has only 19 votes to his credit; while No. 61 has claims on both East Lancashire and West Yorkshire. Seven provinces, namely, Durham, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Shropshire, Somersetshire, and West Lancashire, with the District of Madras, send up two candidates apiece, those from Durham being both old cases, but with few votes in hand, while the West Lancashire boys will be candidates for the first time at this election. The candidates from Jersey—Nos. 6 and 8—are well placed with 1279 votes and 1619 votes already to their respective credits, and one of the two from Madras, namely, No. 7, brings forward 1384 votes. No. 11, from Lincolnshire, starts with 1039 votes, and there is a candidate, No. 43, hailing from Durham and North and East Yorkshire with 292 votes already to his account. The remaining 19 are from single Provinces, or have claims on more than one, and of these, No. 1, though he hails from Cornwall and Devonshire and has stood six previous elections, has only 17 votes in hand, and as his name will be struck off the list if he fails this time, his friends will have to exert themselves in order to carry his election. No. 2, one of four candidates who have made four previous attempts to obtain admission, stands well with 1720 votes in hand, and so, to a lesser degree, does No. 4, with 1386 votes, the intermediate No. 3 having 219 votes. No. 16, from Hertfordshire, starts with 1614 votes; No. 17, from Norfolk, with 965 votes; and No. 26, who may look for support from Suffolk, Bombay, and Sussex, 1886 votes. No. 40, who has only the Province of Suffolk to look to for support, has 460 votes brought forward; but as for the rest, except on the principle that every little helps, the votes they start with are few in number and will make no appreciable difference, either in the direction of success or failure.

As regards other particulars, eight children have both parents living, but in two cases, as already cited, the father is insane, and in a third case, he is paralysed. Four of them have lost both parents, and one is motherless; but the great majority, as usual, are dependent on the mother. In respect of 20 of the applicants, we note that the father in his prosperous days did service to one or more of our Institutions, either by acting as Festival Steward or subscribing to its funds; while considerably more than half of them held office in lodge or Prov. G. Lodge, or assisted in

founding lodges or Royal Arch chapters. Their services, therefore, in these respects should be remembered. What we desire, however, is that the most deserving cases may be returned as successful, and that on behalf of Nos. 1, 21, 53, 61, and 64, whose names must be removed from the list under Law 53 if they do not obtain places among the 16 to be admitted, no effort will be spared to avoid failure. The other candidates with equal, or it may be even greater claims upon our sympathy, can afford to wait another six months, but with the five we have enumerated it is a case of "now or never," and we hope for their sake the result will be "now."

### THE COMING GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

The half-yearly election of children into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place at the Quarterly General Court which will be held in the great hall at Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday, the 26th inst. Notwithstanding that the number of girls on the establishment was increased by 20 in the spring of the current year, the list of candidates is a long one, comprising 49 names, while the vacancies to be filled are only nine. London is pretty numerously represented, the number of its candidates being 15, and there is one other case in which it shares the responsibility with one of the home counties (Surrey); the remaining 33 cases are Provincial or from Districts abroad. Eight of the London girls are brought forward from the April election, and seven are new cases, the whole of the former having votes to their credit, and three of them being favourably placed as regards the present election, No. 9 having 1355 votes in hand; No. 5, 1281 votes; and No. 7, 1161 votes. No. 20, who hails from London and Surrey, has 1481 votes brought forward. The Province of Devon has no less than five candidates, of whom one, with four votes to her credit, has but this chance remaining to her of being elected, as, in the event of failure, her name will be removed from the list under the operation of Law 53, which fixes the maximum age of admission at 11 years. Of the other four, No. 12 has 914 votes to the good, and No. 11 is a candidate for the first time. Durham, Lancashire (East), Lincolnshire, Middlesex, and West Yorkshire are each responsible for two cases, those from the first-named Province—Nos. 25 and 38—having 28 and 20 votes respectively to the good; while one of the East Lancashire girls is a new case, and the other brings forward five votes. Of the two Lincolnshire girls, one has 78 votes to the good, and the other will make her *début* as a candidate at this election. The Middlesex girls must succeed this time, or their names will be struck out of the list, but one of them—No. 27—has 1138 votes to her credit, and the other—No. 35—has 370 votes. The West Yorkshire cases are placed at No. 6 and 39, while the girl at No. 15 derives her claim to support partly from Suffolk and partly from West Yorkshire. The remaining 17 girls are distributed among as many Provinces or Districts abroad, four of them having claims upon more than one Province, while one hails from what is now a foreign jurisdiction, that of New Brunswick, the lodge of which the father was a member having formerly been under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge. Of these 17 candidates, No. 3, from Kent, has in hand 1449 votes, and No. 10, from Essex, 1451 votes; No. 13, from Essex and Kent, has 522 votes; and No. 14, from Malta, 394 votes. No. 29, from New Brunswick, in the first instance, and then from Suffolk and Kent, has 1175 votes to the good, while No. 32, from a lodge in the District Grand Lodge of Turkey, brings forward 1214 votes. No. 45, from Warwickshire, has 1503 votes, and No. 48, from Staffordshire and Cheshire, 1521 votes. In addition to the four already specified, there are two hailing from North Wales (No. 19) and the Isle of Man (No. 49), respectively, whose names will be removed from the list if they fail in securing places on the 26th instant, so that we cannot too strongly impress upon their friends the necessity of obtaining all the support they can command, if they seriously desire their admission into the School. One child has lost both its parents, and another has a stepmother living, while there are four who have both father and mother, and in another case the father is entered as divorced, but with these exceptions the candidates are in every instance fatherless. In some 14 cases the fathers contributed in the days of their prosperity to this or our other Institutions, and in some 24 they had served the Craft well during periods ranging from 10 to upwards of 32 years. Such are the leading particulars in the list of 49 candidates for election to this Institution a fortnight hence, and we can only hope that the most deserving cases will be included among the successful children on that occasion.

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.

It is clear from the report we published last week of the proceedings at the recent annual meeting at Wareham of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire that the condition of the Craft in this county is most prosperous. The funds were shown to be in a flourishing state, with a considerable balance in hand, while the Report of the Dorset Masonic Charity as presented by Bro. S. R. BASKETT, its Honorary Secretary, was especially satisfactory, there having been in the year 1888 a substantial increase in the number of its subscribers from 167 the year previous to 251, the rate of this increase being as nearly as possible 50 per cent. Bro. MONTAGUE J. GUEST, Prov. G. Master, in his customary address, likewise expressed his gratification at the progress and the amount of work accomplished by the lodges, as shown by the returns which each had furnished for the year, so that in every branch of Masonic duty the brethren in Dorsetshire had acquitted themselves well since their previous annual muster. We are also pleased to note that the Prov. G. Master drew particular attention to the Report presented in April last by the Committee of Investigation appointed to inquire into the management, discipline, and expenditure of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that, at his invitation, the Prov. Grand Lodge, after full and fair discussion, passed a resolution expressing confidence in the ability and impartiality of the members composing it and a hope that its recommendations would be adopted by the School authorities. This does not necessarily imply that the Province of Dorsetshire is of the same mind as the Committee of Investigation on every one of the points raised or referred to by the latter, but that as the Committee was composed of good men in whom the Craft had every confidence, and was appointed with full powers to fulfil the task entrusted to it, its recommendations should be acted upon as far as possible in the interests of the Institution itself, which, after the turmoil of the past 12 or 18 months, is sorely in need of restoration to orderly government. We lay some stress upon this action of the Province of Dorsetshire, because it must be evident from an article we recently published that not all the brethren are imbued with the same respect for authority. There are those who are willing enough to accept the recommendations of the late Committee of Investigation, the present Provisional Committee, which is administering the affairs of the School, or any other Committee, provided such recommendations do not clash with their own preconceived opinions of what is necessary to be done. But the moment some proposal is made to which they personally object they set about moving heaven and earth in order to defeat it. As we pointed out in the article just referred to, no Committee expects that all its recommendations will please everybody, but it has a right to expect that the entire confidence expressed in its ability and impartiality shall be something more than mere words, and that its recommendations, provided they are just, reasonable, and expedient, shall be adopted as far as is practicable. We applaud, therefore, this action of Dorsetshire, for though it had reference to the report and recommendations of the late Committee of Investigation, its loyal support of authority as represented by that body can hardly fail to exercise a beneficial influence in behalf of the Provisional Committee of Management, which is doing its best to give effect to those recommendations in a just and reasonable manner.

### THE GRAND LODGE MOVEMENT IN NEW ZEALAND.

We have received further particulars as to the steps that are being taken in New Zealand for the establishment of a United Grand Lodge on the lines already adopted in South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria. From these we learn that a convention of delegates from the lodges under the several Constitutions was appointed to be held last month, and, from many of the statements contained in the circular addressed to the Craft by the Central Executive Committee of the New Zealand Masonic Union, there appears to be very little reason to doubt that, however weak may have been some of the arguments previously put forth by the Committee in favour of the movement—and we have felt it our duty to exhibit their weakness in some of our more recent articles—the desire for the proposed change is becoming so strong, that we may expect to hear at an early date, if not forthwith, that an appeal has been addressed by a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand to our Grand Lodges for recognition, and, assuming that everything is found to have been done in due form and regularly, that the appeal has been answered in the affirmative. The Committee state unhesitatingly their belief that "the majority of the lodges and of the brethren of the Order" are in favour of the movement; that "the Scotch lodges of the North Island are unanimous in their support; the majority of the Irish

lodges in New Zealand have also declared their approval," while, as regards the English lodges, the proposal "has been received with marked approval by a large proportion of those which have up to the present time considered it." From these statements we gather that the ultimate success of the project is already fairly well assured, and that the establishment of this new Australasian Grand Lodge is only now a question of time.

We learn also that a "Basis of Union" has been drawn up by the same Executive Committee, and is being recommended for adoption by the lodges. It is unnecessary to go through the Articles *seriatim*, but they provide for the establishment of a Grand Lodge on the model of that of Scotland, there being a Grand Master, who will have the right to appoint a Pro Grand Master—as in England when a Prince of the Blood Royal is Grand Master—a Depute Grand Master, and a Substitute Grand Master, with the usual array of Grand Officers, including a Grand Architect, Grand Jeweller, Grand Bible Bearer, Grand Herald, Grand Director of Music, Grand Bard, and Grand Marshal. It is further provided that the Grand Officers shall be elected annually by Grand Lodge, not appointed by the Grand Master, and in order that the several districts into which the Colony will be parcelled out, it is laid down that "not more than seven" out of the 37 Grand Officers "shall be resident in any one district." Article 7 prescribes that for the present and until it has adopted and promulgated a Constitution of its own, the new Grand Lodge shall "adopt and work according to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales," so far as the same may be applicable; each lodge to be in the meantime "governed according to the Constitution under which it held its original charter," and to continue to "work according to its accustomed form and manner, under dispensation from the Grand Lodge." The precedence of lodges will be regulated under Article 10, "according to the date of their original charters or dispensations." Article 13 provides that "Grand Lodge shall have power to constitute District Grand Lodges" over areas containing not less than ten lodges, it being necessary, however, that "two-thirds of the total number of the lodges included shall join in the request" for the establishment of such a District Grand Lodge. By Article 14, District Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence, consisting of the Masters of lodges and Grand Officers resident in the District, may be appointed to preside over areas containing "not less than four lodges," and when these Boards are established only 10 per cent. of the lodge contributions to benevolent purposes shall be paid to the General Fund of Benevolence. By Article 18, the new Grand Lodge, in claiming recognition from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, shall express undiminished affection and reverence for those bodies, and request permission for each lodge to retain its original charter. By Article 20, actual and Past Grand, or District, or Provincial Grand Officers are to be entitled to Past rank of like grade on joining the new Grand Lodge. By Article 21, Bro. the Earl of ONSLOW, P.S.G.W. of England, is invited to permit himself to be nominated as first G.M.; and by Article 22, H.R.H. the Prince of WALES is requested to honour the new body by becoming its Patron.

As regards the cost of maintaining the new Grand Lodge, the Committee in their circular are of opinion "that the cost of providing for the efficient government of the Order in the Colony, will not exceed £400 per annum, the sum at which the Grand Lodge of South Australia is worked." They are further of opinion that "there must be a large saving effected by the abolition of a number of the present nine Provincial or District Grand Lodges, more efficient and inexpensive provision being made for local administration." On this point we quite recently expressed our views in an unfavourable sense, and there is certainly nothing in this circular containing this estimate to induce us to change them. As for the suggestion that a Grand Lodge of New Zealand, with an estimated roll of 150 lodges, will cost no more than that of South Australia, with a roll of some 40 lodges, it strikes us as being bold, if not ridiculous, especially as New Zealand is not a compact Colony like South Australia, and the lodges will be spread over an extent of broken country. Indeed, in the matter of expense, it will not surprise us to hear, after the first year or two of independence has passed, that the outlay in respect of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is at least as great as it is now under the concurrent jurisdiction of England, Ireland, and Scotland. However, the point is immaterial except for the purposes of argument, for if our New Zealand brethren have made up their minds to have a Grand Lodge of their own, like those of South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria, we may be very sure that the expenditure of a few hundreds of pounds per annum, more or less, will prove no insuperable obstacle to the attainment of their wishes.

Captain the Hon. D. J. Monson has accepted the office of Chairman of the Crystal Palace Company, vacant by the death of the late Major Dickson, M.P.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SHROPSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Shropshire was held on the 27th ult., at the Victoria Rooms, Oswestry. Sir Offley Wakeman, P.G.M., presided, and amongst the brethren present were Bros. R. Venables, P.A.G.D. of C., D.P.G.M.; J. T. W. Claridge, P.G. Chap.; C. L. Crump, Treas.; E. A. Hicks, P.G. Reg.; W. H. Spaul, P.A.G.D. of C., P.G. Sec.; H. Roberts, P.J.G.D.; F. Whitefoot, jun., P.G.D. of C.; C. A. Manning, P.G.S.B.; W. Belton, P.G.O.; A. S. Townsend, P.A.G. Sec.; J. Avery, P.A.G.P.; George Bonner, Tyler; T. Bennion, Prov. G. Stwd.; W. Wescott, Prov. G. Stwd.; T. C. Bird, Prov. G. Stwd.; W. Major, Prov. G. Stwd.; Col. George Gordon Warren, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Redman, P.P.J.G.W.; H. C. Clarke, P.P.G. Reg.; Rev. J. P. Meredith, P.P.G.C.; G. Owen, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Brayn, P.P.G.S.; J. Maclardy, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Roberts, P.P.S.G.D.; N. Putman, P.P.G.D.; R. Lewis, P.P.G. Reg.; J. England and J. H. Parsons, P.P.G. Stwds.; C. K. Benson, P.P.G.D.C. North Wales; J. H. Cooksey, P.P.G. Reg.; E. J. Webb, P.P.A.D.G.D.C.; H. Millington, P.P.J.G.D.; R. N. King, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Lascelles, P.P.S.G.W.; W. E. Harding, P.P.J.G.W. North Wales; and the Prov. Grand Master of North Wales, Lord Harlech.

After the transaction of the formal business, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:

Bro. Roff King	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" John Avery	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Lucas, LL.D.	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. Trevor Owen	...	...	...	
" V. C. C. Crump	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. G. U. Elliott	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. H. Spaul	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" William Belton	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" S. Bennion	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. S. Townsend	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Thomas Whitefoot, jun.	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Major	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. Chubb	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Westcott	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Major T. C. Bird	...	...	...	
" Horace Southwell	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Walter J. Ogg	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Wynnstay Hotel, where a first-class banquet had been provided.

Sir Offley Wakeman presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially honoured.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., by invitation of the St. George's Chapter, No. 1560. Comp. S. S. Partridge, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. Grand H., presided in the absence of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. William Kelly.

The following also attended: Comps. G. Toller, P.G.S.B. England, P.P.G.H.; the Rev. W. Langley, P.P.G.H.; the Rev. C. Henton Wood, Prov. G.S.E.; J. Hassall, P.G.S.N.; J. Tuckfield, P.G. Treas.; Edgar Taylor, P.G. Reg.; G. T. Willan, P.G.P.S.; E. Simpkin, P.G.S.B.; Miles J. Walker, P.G.D.C.; F. Amatt, P.P.A.G.S.; T. A. Wykes, P.P.G.O.; T. Coltman, P.P.G. Treas.; J. D. Harris, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Worthington, P.P.G.P.S.; W. J. Freer, P.Z. 1130; J. G. F. Richardson, Z. 1560; J. Webb, H. 779; F. G. Boden, J. 779; B. A. Smith, J. 1560; S. Knight, A. Lawrence, W. D. Grant, W. J. Curtis, 279; W. M. Williams, 1007; S. F. M. Stone, 1560; T. Dunn and J. Tanser, Prov. G. Janitors; and others.

The St. George's Chapter having been previously opened, the acting Grand Superintendent and Prov. Grand Officers were received, and the Prov. Grand Chapter was opened. Before proceeding with the business of the day, the Prov. Grand H. stated that he had received a letter announcing that the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Kelly, was prevented by severe indisposition from attending the meeting, it being the first occasion during his 19 years' rule of Royal Arch Masonry in the province on which he had been absent, and the Prov. G.H. felt sure that the esteemed First Principal's accustomed presence would be very much missed by the companions. He would, therefore, move a resolution expressing the regret of the Provincial Grand Chapter at Comp. Kelly's enforced absence, and their best wishes for his speedy recovery.

The proposition was seconded by Comp. LANGLEY, and cordially adopted; and a copy of the resolution ordered to be forwarded to Comp. Kelly.

The rolls of the several chapters and of the Prov. Grand Officers were then called and duly responded to, after which the minutes of the previous annual convocation, which had been printed and circulated, were taken as read, and duly confirmed.

The report of the Audit Committee upon the Prov. G. Treasurer's account, which showed a balance in hand of £22 4s. 2d., was read, and, upon motion duly made, the account was passed, and a vote of thanks accorded to the Prov. G. Treasurer for his services.

The Prov. G. Registrar's report was next read, showing a decrease of three in the number of subscribing members in the province.

Comp. J. Tuckfield was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Superintendent having selected the following as his Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, they were duly invested by the Prov. G.H.:

Comp. S. S. Partridge, P.Z. 279, 1560	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" T. Worthington, P.Z. 279	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. G. F. Richardson, Z. 1560	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.Z. 279	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. Tuckfield, Z. 779	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. Amatt, P.Z. 1007	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. D. Harris, P.Z. 279, Z. 1130	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. H. Marshall, H. 1007	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Carl Lowenstein, 1007	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" J. H. Thompson, Z. 279	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" B. A. Smith, J. 1560	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Miles J. Walker, P.Z. 1130	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Webb, J. 779	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" T. A. Wykes, 1560	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Jas. Tanser, 279	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Prov. G.S.E. read a communication which had been received from the Provincial Grand Secretary of Dorset, with reference to a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, expressing confidence in the ability and impartiality of the management, &c., of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.



After some discussion, it was considered that at present the circumstances did not call for any expression of opinion on the part of this Provincial Grand Chapter.

An appeal was also read from certain brethren at Peterborough, soliciting contributions for the erection of a stall, or stalls, in the newly-restored choir of Peterborough Cathedral; and, upon motion duly made, a contribution from the funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter was voted to that object.

Apologies for absence were read from Comps. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, W. J. Hughan, C. Fendelow, R. Brewin, and others.

No other business being forthcoming, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, and a banquet followed.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire was held at Bradford, on the 2nd inst., under the banner of the Old York Time Immemorial Lodge, when there were present Bros. C. Letch Mason, Prov. Grand Master; the Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, P.G. Chap., Dep. Prov. Grand Master; Francis Smith, Prov. S.G.W.; J. C. Taylor, P.P.G.W.; George Althorp, P.P.G.W.; J. L. P. Pugh, P.P.G.W.; J. L. Atherton, P.P.G.W.; W. Delancy, Prov. G.I. of W.; Richard Hodgson, as Prov. G.M.O.; J. Robertshaw, as Prov. S.G.O.; Frederick Simpson, as Prov. J.G.O.; the Rev. C. H. McNulty, as Prov. G. Chap.; George Normanton, Prov. Grand Treasurer; John Barker, Past G.I. of W., P.P.G.W., as Prov. G. Sec.; Henry Oxley, as Prov. S.G.D.; Thomas Howden, Prov. J.G.D.; Thomas Myers, Prov. G.I. of W.; James Gill, as Prov. G.D. of C.; John R. Hewitt, Prov. Asst. G.D. of C.; J. J. Green, Prov. G.S.B.; A. F. Fitzpatrick, Prov. G. Std. Br.; George F. Carr, Prov. G. Org.; A. F. McGill, Prov. G.I.G.; R. D. Kendall, Alfred Gill, and C. J. Schott, Prov. G. Stewards; John Turner, P.P.G.O.; Robt. Craig, P.P.G.S.B.; Robert Abbott, S. Barrand, and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened,

The P.G.M., in acknowledging the salutations of the brethren, said: Accept our hearty thanks for the reception you have accorded to Prov. Grand Mark Lodge today. The last time we had the pleasure of meeting at Bradford was in October, 1884; since then many changes have occurred; old and familiar faces have disappeared, and new ones have taken their places; at the same time, the Order has been steadily increasing; both as regards the number of lodges and also as to the number of its members. With the influx of numbers let us ever remember the words addressed to the Overseers of a lodge, "Take care that no work receive your approval but such as is calculated to strengthen and adorn the Masonic edifice." In the same manner let us take care that no one is admitted into our Order but such as will "ultimately reflect honour on our choice." At the meeting of Grand Mark Lodge, on the 4th June last, our worthy and esteemed Bro. Unwin, P.M. 53, was appointed and invested A.G.I.G. We congratulate him on his preference, and trust he may long live to enjoy the honour thus conferred on him. The resignation of Bro. F. Binckes as Grand Secretary necessitated the holding of a special Grand Lodge on the 24th July last, when Bro. C. F. Matier, who has acted for some time as Assistant Grand Secretary, was duly appointed and invested as Grand Secretary. Grand Lodge, in consideration of the long and valuable services rendered by Bro. Binckes to Mark Masonry, accorded him a pension of £125 for life. Bro. Binckes, in conjunction with our late Bro. Canon Portal, took a prominent part in the organisation of Grand Mark Lodge as at present constituted, and I feel sure that none will grudge him the pension which he holds, for, as it was aptly put, Bro. Binckes had "served Mark Masonry well and truly," and that it was "only just and proper" that he "should receive some recognition of our appreciation of his services." The Benevolent Festival, held on the 24th July, under the presidency of Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., P.G.W., was a great success. Though the amount subscribed was not quite so large as in 1887, it amounted to the goodly sum of £2036 18s. 6d., raised by the exertion of 155 Stewards. If we take periods of 10 years, and compare the figures, we may, perhaps, realize more fully the advance the Order has made.

	Stewards.	£	s.	d.
In 1869.	5	97	2	8
1879.	30	537	8	0
1889.	155	2036	18	6

Of the latter sum, West Yorkshire contributed £69 16s. 6d., raised by seven Stewards. The objects of the Benevolent and Educational Funds were fully explained by me on a recent occasion. I will not, therefore, say more than that we are at present educating 14 boys and 13 girls, and are granting annuities to five old men. At our meeting at Todmorden in May last we had to offer our sympathy to our Sheffield brethren on the loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. Fred. Barber, who was appointed Prov. Junior Grand Warden at our last annual meeting; to-day we have to offer them our sympathy again on the loss, by death, of Bro. G. E. Bennett, P.M., who died very suddenly on the morning of the 18th Sept. 1889. Bro. Bennett was Master of the Sheffield Lodge in 1874, and was a Past Provincial Grand Deacon of our province, and I am sure that all who knew him, his quiet unobtrusive manner, his readiness to assist in all matters connected with the welfare of the Craft, will mourn his loss, and feel that one has been summoned by T.G.O.U.F.U. who they could ill afford to spare. May I ask the W.M.'s and Secretaries of the various lodges in the province to lighten the labours of our worthy and esteemed Secretary by promptly sending in their returns on the proper forms. If the brethren only realised the immense amount of labour they save by so doing, I am sure that no one would be lacking. The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has accepted your recommendation, and has renewed my patent as Provincial Grand Master for a further period of three years. As I am the first Provincial Grand Master of this province whose patent has been renewed twice, I feel it no small compliment, and accept it as an assurance on your part that my feeble efforts to promote the welfare of the Order amongst you has met with your approbation. I can only again thank you for this vote of your confidence. And now, brethren, I ask your kind co-operation, both collectively as lodges and individually as members, in promoting the welfare and carrying on the work of the Order in this important centre. I commend it to your kind care and attention, and can I better conclude, than in the words well known to you all—"Be industrious and diligent in disseminating a knowledge of that true and perfect work which alone can stand the test of the G.O.'s square in the hour of trial and retribution." "For remember, my brethren, that the day is fast approaching when the G.O.O.T.U. will judge every man according to his work, and will give to him that overcometh a white stone in which a new name is written, which no man knoweth save he that receiveth it."

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Dr. Smyth, was also saluted, and briefly responded.

The roll of lodges was called, when every lodge in the province was found to be represented.

Bro. Geo. Normanton, P.G.I. of W., was again unanimously elected Treasurer for the year ensuing.

The renewed patent of the Provincial Grand Master was then read by the acting Prov. Grand Secretary, and the Prov. Grand Master was immediately proclaimed and saluted.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER stated that he was sure it would be satisfactory to the brethren to hear that he had again offered the collar of Deputy Prov. Grand Master to their worthy and esteemed Bro. Dr. Smyth, who had kindly consented to continue in office. Bro. Dr. Smyth was then proclaimed and saluted.

The following officers were appointed and invested:

Bro. H. J. Garnett, 53, Past G.D.	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Robert Craig, 111	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" C. W. Fincken, 127	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Thomas Gaukroger, 14	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" H. T. Bellerby, 398	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. J. H. Evans, 374	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Geo. Normanton, 58, P.G.I. of W. (elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. P. Hewitt, 53	...	...	...	Prov. G.R.
" W. Cooke, 58, Past G.O.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. E. Collinson, 352	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. F. McGill, 374	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. J. Green, 58	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" A. F. Fitzpatrick, Old York T.I.	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. D. Kendal, 14	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Alfred Gill, 137	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. J. Schott, Old York T.I.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. F. Carr, 111	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. Billington, 127	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Wm. Haigh, 14	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Isaac Eyre, 53	...	...	...	
" Fredk. Simpson, 110	...	...	...	
" Alfred Parkin, 398	...	...	...	

The Prov. Grand Wardens and Prov. Grand Overseers were elected to serve on the General Purposes Committee for the ensuing year.

Invitations were given from the Britannia Lodge, 53, Sheffield, and the Fearnley Lodge, 58, Halifax, for the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Master accepted the invitation of the Sheffield brethren for the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge in April, 1890.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the brethren of Old York T.I. for the arrangements made for the reception of Prov. G. Lodge.

Prov. G. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards sat down to tea, provided by the brethren of the Old York Time Immemorial Lodge, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ANTRIM.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim was held on Monday, the 30th ult., in the lodge room of No. 57, Ballymoney. The chair was occupied by Bro. Robert Carey, and amongst those present were Bros. W. A. Trail, P.S.G.W.; James Cameron, P.M.; Robert M'Curdy, P.M.; Henry Morrison, P.M.; Rev. J. Beatty; J. P. Stott, P.M.; Wm. Smyth, W.M.; Thomas Nesbitt; John M'Kee, P.M.; A. R. Stirling, J.D.; James Speers, P.M.; John Nicholl, P.M.; W. B. Black, P.S.G.D.; W. J. Brown, P.M.; Thomas Humphreys, P.M.; G. S. Cochrane, W. M'Candless, P.M.; and Robert Adams, P.M.

After transacting the business of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Arms Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was in waiting, and, after partaking of this, the CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with much enthusiasm.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The Three Grand Masters of Ireland, England, and Scotland," coupled with the toast of "The Provincial Officers of the County of Antrim." He said he was exceedingly sorry that Bro. Valentine was not present, as he had always been so kind and genial in his manner, but they had a worthy representative in his place in the person of Bro. Carey, who he would ask to respond.

Bro. CAREY replied on behalf of the three Grand Masters, among whom they could claim the Prince of Wales as one, being Grand Master of their Order in England. The Duke of Abercorn was another, who would be in the Province of Ulster at an early date, and he hoped the brethren of the Order would be largely represented on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. He thanked them for coupling his name with the toast. It afforded him the greatest possible pleasure in attending their stated communication that day at Ballymoney, and he hoped the by-laws laid down would be an improvement to the Order, and that that meeting would be for the good of the entire Craft, not only for the district, but for the province and kingdom. He had great pleasure in proposing a toast which was always received with great accord by the Masonic body, *i.e.*, "The toast of the brother who so worthily occupied the chair on this occasion."

The CHAIRMAN replied, and proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Beatty.

Bro. BEATTY, who was very cordially received, said that was his first appearance in Ballymoney under a double aspect. He came there for the first time as a visiting brother, and it would remain very dear to him since his first induction there that day. He did not feel himself at all a stranger in a strange land, as they were all at home once having entered the Masonic Order.

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm.

The brethren then separated after the singing of the National Anthem.

JACQUES BERNARD DE MOLAI.—Born in 1243, is said to have been received into the Order of the Knights Templar in 1265, at the Preceptory of Beaume in Burgundy, and soon greatly distinguished himself as an able administrator and a gallant soldier. He was especially distinguished under the Grand Mastership of Wm. de Beaujeu from 1273 to 1291, though to this Wm. de Beaujeu much blame was subsequently attached, for grave innovations on the reception of the knights. In 1297, at the death of Theobald de Guadin, he seems to have been elected Grand Master of the Templars. Invited to France in 1306, to a special and secret meeting at Avignon, he left Cyprus and went with 60 knights, at the end of 1306, or the beginning of 1307, to France. On the 13th October, 1307, all the Knights Templars in France were simultaneously seized (which says, rightly or wrongly, a good deal for their unpopularity)—Molai amongst them. Most serious charges were brought against the Templar Knights, and a Commission was opened at Paris to examine them; but this seems to have been a complete perversion of justice, and we note that it was apparently a foregone conclusion—that, as the Order was both rich and friendless, it had to be suppressed.—No doubt the wealth, and probably haughtiness, of the Templars had made them many enemies. Many of the knights were cruelly tortured, and died in their prisons. Molai remained in prison (it is believed that he was tortured) until March, 1313, when he was sentenced to perpetual imprisonment, together with Guy, Dauphin d'Auvergne, Hugo de Peyraud, and Godefroi de Gonaville, on the promise of recantation and acknowledgment of the justice of his sentence. But as he manfully avowed the entire innocence of the Order, he was burnt to death March 18th, 1313. He is said to have summoned Clement the Pope and Philip the King before an infallible tribunal; and as Clement V. died April 20th, 1317, and Philip, according to Wilke, November 29th, 1314, by a fall from his horse (though some say not until 1323), the main or superstitious feeling of the age declared that it saw in these deaths the "finger of God." Molai is only interesting to Freemasons, apart from his gallant life and end, as Grand Master of the real Knights Templars, though, as the historical connection between Masonic Knights Templars and the warrior soldiers of Palestine is more than doubtful, at least is certainly "non proven," his name may seem to have but little to do with a Masonic Cyclopaedia. But as his name appears in later revivals of a so-called Templarism, it has been thought well to allude to him thus.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Vice-Patron and Treasurer, P.A.G D.C., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; John Bulmer, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; John E. Dawson, P.G.S.B.; Joseph Freeman, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; C. H. Webb, Chas. Daniel, E. West, G. Bolton, W. Masters, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Alex. Forsyth, W. H. Hubbert, G. E. Fairchild, J. S. Cumberland, T. B. Purchas, Chas. G. Hill, L. G. Gordon Robbins, Charles J. Perceval, David D. Mercer, Charles Kempton, A. Durrant, Hugh Cotter, W. B. Daniell, C. Lacey, Wm. Clarke, P.G.P.; Henry Cox, C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; Robert Berridge, P.G.D.; S. C. Haslip, Fred. Mead, Rob. Griggs, W. Belchamber, W. J. Murlis, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; A. H. Tattershall, W. Smith, John Larkin, John J. Berry, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and after a long discussion, verified by an overwhelming majority. The Secretary reported the deaths of two female annuitants. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

One petition (male) having been considered and accepted, and the name ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in May, 1890, the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

**Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**

—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. W. T. Dillon, W.M.; W. Chapple, S.W.; R. T. Curzons, J.W.; G. Wood, W.M. 1681, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753, Sec.; J. R. Hill, S.D.; A. Pozzati, J.D.; J. W. Manktelow, I.G.; H. J. Thomas, Stwd.; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 1608, W.M. elect 511; W. J. Mason, W.M. elect 2246; Campbell Beaver, J. W. Belsham, C. Coleman, E. Wehrle, R. T. Redfearn, and J. Tapping. Bro. Louis Marks was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Campbell Beaver candidate. The 4th Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. 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 resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Marks was elected a joining member. Bro. Chapple was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. J. Coplestone, W.M.; E. Lucas, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; W. G. Coat, S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; R. Reed, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; J. Davis, and J. D. Aslett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Jobson having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, the W.M. rendering the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Jobson worked the 3rd Section of the Lecture, under the direction of the Preceptor. The W.M. having risen, and Bro. A. Williams having been elected W.M. for the next meeting (this being officers' of the mother lodge night), the lodge was closed.

**EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st instant, at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., when there were present Bros. Berry, W.M.; Graham, S.W.; Welsford, J.W.; Hunter, acting Preceptor; Swan, Sec.; Bailey, S.D.; Esling, J.D.; White, I.G.; Kirk, Kent, Potter, Beeson, Fendick, and Englefield.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Kirk. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Beeson acting as candidate. The lodge was called off for refreshment, and, in a few minutes, resumed again for the further dispatch of business. The lodge was then opened and closed in the Second and Third Degrees. After the dues had been collected, the S.W., Bro. Graham, was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Secretary announced that the ceremony of installation would be worked in this lodge on Tuesday, the 29th instant. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Berry, W.M., on his occupying the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction, and for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. A. Bond, W.M. 1425, W.M.; C. G. Wetzlar, W.M. elect 141, S.W.; J. Van Praag, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; O. W. Battley, S.D.; J. H. Taylor, J.D.;

E. Coleman, I.G.; A. Cadbury-Jones, Stwd.; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425; W. J. Hakim, W.M. 141; E. F. Ferris, I.P.M. 1543; J. Cruttenden, J. N. Joseph, and J. C. Conway.

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. Hakim being candidate. Bro. Hakim, at the request of the W.M., then assumed the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Wetzlar being candidate. Bro. Conway was elected W.M. for Monday, the 28th inst.—the officers to be in rotation. A discussion took place concerning the R.M.B.I. votes, and what further subscription should be made to make the lodge Vice-President of the Institution. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hakim. The intervening meetings will be presided over by Bro. George Read, on which occasions the Fifteen Sections will be worked. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. G. T. Chretien, W.M.; J. Petch, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; R. Loomes, S.D.; C. G. Gray, J.D.; C. Hiller, I.G.; R. W. Nicole, T. Williams, E. J. Harrison, E. C. Kilsby, and J. W. Cluff.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Harrison acting as candidate. Bro. R. W. Nicole 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. Nicole candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. Petch was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Second Islington Masonic Charities Association was afterwards held, when subscriptions were received, and ballots taken for two Life-Governorships.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. E. Rogers, W.M.; G. Gardner, S.W.; J. R. Roberts, J.W.; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; H. D. Smith, J.D.; T. Treadwell, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; M. Peters, H. Armfield, and M. Rosenberg.

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. H. Armfield candidate. The J.W., Bro. J. R. Roberts gave the charge to the initiate. Bro. G. Gardner was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. C. R. Cross, W.M.; A. Wolter, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; J. B. Colwill, I.P.M.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); F. Dusterwald, S.D.; A. Love, J.D.; C. E. Ferris, jun., P.M., I.G.; W. Williams, P.M.; H. Nash, T. Jobson, W. G. Jennings, R. N. Larter, and T. Stonnill. Bro. F. Schmidt, Lodge Zur Festen, Burg-um-Alsensund, was a visitor.

It being officers' night, the officers of the mother lodge occupied their respective positions. The lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Jobson acting as candidate. After the usual formalities, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Nash acting as candidate. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed. Bro. Jobson is the W.M. elect for the next meeting.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; W. G. Coat, S.W.; T. Jobson, J.W.; J. Davies, acting Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; D. S. Long, S.D.; T. Willcox, J.D.; F. Dusterwald, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; A. Williams, T. W. Biggs, R. H. Wimpey, W. Hyde, H. M. Moysse, H. D. Aslett, W. W. Williams, and Hiscock.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. A. Williams was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. A. Williams candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. Williams, W.M. 2090, who rehearsed the initiation ceremony, Bro. H. D. Aslett acting as candidate. The chair was re-assumed by Bro. Hillier. On the second rising, Bro. W. G. Coat was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The business of the evening being ended, 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 7th inst., when there were present Bros. King, W.M.; Livett, S.W.; Beaven, J.W.; S. Cochrane, as Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Lyell, J.D.; Harvey, I.G.; Hargrove, Calk, Ellson, Wells, Smith, Langdon, Sandals, Steele, J. Wright, Templeman, Poole, Windsor, Griffiths, Folkard, J. Mitchell, H. C. White (visitor), F. Hill, Cowland, Coe, 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. Mitchell as candidate. Bro. King vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Smith, who announced the ceremony of passing. Bro. Langdon proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Langdon as candidate. Bro. S. Cochrane took the chair, and entrusted Bro. Windsor. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising ably rehearsed, with Bro. Windsor as candidate. Bro. King took the chair, and resumed the lodge to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Livett was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Livett returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, H. 733, H.; G. March, S.N. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Swann, 2nd A.S. 733, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; W. H. Wadham, 1642, and J. Smith, P.S. 890.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Wadham being candidate. A communication from Comp. J. Davies was read, expressing regret at his inability to be present. The officers were elected for the ensuing fortnight—Comp. Chalfont as M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, 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 4th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present Comps. G. L. Moore, M.E.Z. 169, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z., H.; Carl Fleck, P.S. 1275, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.N.; Capt. R. J. Vincent, P.Z., H. 1329, P.S.; Addington, and North.

The chapter was regularly opened by the Principals, and the ceremony of installation of M.E.Z. ably rehearsed by Comp. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor. The companions were admitted, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. C. N. M. North personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and Comp. Fleck was very heartily congratulated upon the excellent manner in which he had performed the work of Third Principal for the first time in this chapter. Comp. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, announced that an installation ceremony would be rehearsed to-day (Friday), at 7.30 p.m. All business being ended, the chapter was closed.

**Mark Masonry.**

**Metropolitan Meetings.**

**Grand Master's Lodge.**

—This prosperous and distinguished lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 2nd inst. Among those present we noticed Bros. the Marquess of Hertford, D.G.M., W.M.; Alfred Williams, D.M.; Thomas Cubitt, S.W.; Frank Richardson, G.R., acting J.W.; the Rev. T. Robinson, Chap.; Charles Driver, P.G.M.O., M.O.; Baron de Ferrerres, acting S.O.; Cooper, J.O.; C. F. Matier, P.D.M., P.G.W., G.S., Sec.; R. Berridge, G.D.C., acting Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, S.D.; Dr. Mickley, I.G.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.D., and P. Wallis, P.G.D., Stwds.; Col. S. H. Clerke, P.G.W., P.D.M.; Gordon Miller, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Fenn, P.G.W.; Charles Belton, P.G.M.O.; W. Lemon, S.G.O.; F. Knyvett, S.G.D.; and Strachan.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. C. Belton, P.G.M.O.; F. Graves, G. Std. Br.; and J. S. Eastes, P.G.O., which proved to be unanimous. The election of W.M. for the year ensuing resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston. The Secretary having announced the continued serious ill-health of Bro. F. Davison, Treas., and consequent inability to perform his duties in the Grand Master's Lodge, Bro. R. Berridge was unanimously elected Treasurer in his place. Bros. Cooper and Gordon Smith were elected Auditors, and Bro. Mills, Tyler. Numerous names having been submitted for ballot at the next meeting, subject to the Grand Mark Master's approval, Past Masters' jewels were unanimously voted to Bros. the Marquess of Hertford, W.M., and Alfred Williams, D.M. A vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. F. Davison in his illness, together with a vote of thanks for his past services as Treasurer.

The lodge was then closed, and adjourned till the first Wednesday in April.

The banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant, under the distinguished and genial presidency of Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford.

A few toasts were given and duly honoured.

**Provincial Meetings.**

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.**

**Lodge of Industry (No. 293).**

—The regular monthly meeting of this thriving lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., when the W.M., Bro. Robt. Whitfield, presided, and was supported and assisted by Bros. W. F. Carmon, I.P.M.; John Wood, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Brown, S.W.; R. W. Klyne, J.W.; John Usher, P.M., as M.O.; W. Richardson, S.O.; A. Simpson, J.O.; J. A. Armstrong, R. of M.; T. R. Short, Sec.; T. R. Jobson, S.D.; J. Shaw, as J.D.; R. C. Tate, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. A. Black and C. P. Lardler, Stwds.; and J. Curry, Tyler. There were also present, amongst others, Bros. S. B. Bell, W.M. (I.I.); H. Carrick, W. Towers, Edmund Carr, J. Campbell, and G. Craighill.

The ballot was successfully taken for Bro. W. J. Jobson, S.D. 48, after which Bro. Thomas Lambert (previously elected) being in attendance, was advanced as a M.M.M. by the W.M., who also explained the tools and delivered the charge.

Two candidates were afterwards proposed, and the lodge was closed, when the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board, and listened to a most enjoyable entertainment provided by the musical friends who were in attendance.

The funeral of the late Dowager-Duchess of Beaufort took place in Badminton Parish Church on Tuesday, among the members of the family present at the ceremony being his Grace the Duke of Beaufort, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Rainscliffe, and Bro. the Earl of Cowley. The obsequies were of a private character, only the family being in attendance.

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Thus, at the General Committee of the Boys' School, on Saturday last, so great was the uproar at the time the voting on Bro. Scurrah's motion was proceeding, that the Secretary, who is generally well informed as to what happens, appears to have believed it was carried; while it will be seen from our account of the meeting that our reporter records that it was defeated by 36 votes to 26 votes.

It is not for us to say with whom the mistake lies, whether with the Secretary of the Boys' School or with our reporter; but the result is that a circular has been addressed to all the gentlemen who offered themselves as candidates for the vacant post of medical officer. They have been invited to send in their testimonials to the Quarterly General Court, and they have been given to understand that the election will follow the inspection of their testimonials.

The mistake would never have occurred if the proceedings had been conducted in orderly fashion. However, it is one which we do not very greatly regret, as it will give the Quarterly General Court the opportunity of determining for themselves the candidate who is the most suitable for the post.

A brother of great distinction and high position has lately passed through London, in the person of Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Bro. Robertson's name is a household word and a tower of strength in Canada, and even far beyond the confines of his own jurisdiction. Having met him, we are now enabled to account for his personal popularity, a fact which even the great activity displayed by him in the exercise of his office was hardly sufficient to explain.

Bro. Robertson also takes an active interest in the literature of the Craft, and is, of course, a member of the Correspondence Circle of Lodge Quatuor Coronati. Despite the shortness of his stay in Europe, he made arrangements for attending this lodge's meeting on Friday, the 4th inst., although at the sacrifice of a portion of the time he had previously allotted to Paris. There we had the pleasure of meeting him, and much enjoyed his after dinner speech, a summary of which we shall print next week.

The American Association for the Suppression of Masonic Mendicancy, about which he talked, is worthy of imitation here. Bro. Robertson gave many racy anecdotes of its working, and the wrath of the dismayed and discovered tramps, and we are sorry our notes do not extend far enough to reproduce them; but we invite him to write us an article on the subject, explaining at length the machinery employed. The evil is a growing one in England, and should be met promptly.

Our precocious monthly contemporary, in its anxiety to be smart, is not quite truthful in reference to ourselves. We can assure our young friend that whatever pleasure it may afford him to imagine that others are imitating him, we are free from that peculiar form of flattery. Neither our new type, our improved paper, nor the colour of our wrapper have been in any way the result of its advent, all having been arranged before the new comer commenced to illumine the dark world of Masonic journalism with its presence.

Had we possessed the prescience attributed to us, and been wishful to copy, an acknowledgement of utter failure would have to be recorded—neither the colour of our wrapper nor the ink with which it is printed could be said to be an imitation of the new comer by any one who was not hopelessly colour-blind.

The appearance of the Modern Society paragraphist in the sober domain of Masonic journalism is not an unmixed blessing. Facts and good taste, if they stand in the way of a smart "par.," have to be disregarded, and the scribbler of the modern school is never fully satisfied with himself until he has filled his column or two of gaudily dressed up notices, nearly all of which would be more fittingly recorded in the language of everyday life.

So far from the *Freemason* having made a new departure, a reference to its 20 years' file will show that the process of improvement has been one of gradual evolution—at least, as far as its outward appearance is concerned, and not a sudden attempt at counterfeiting its fellows.

It is a matter for sincere congratulation that the breach so long existing between the Supreme Councils of England and Scotland has been finally healed, and the concordat signed—the beginning of a peace which we feel sure will be alike honourable and lasting.

The ninth annual report of the General Committee of the Dorset Masonic Charity is pleasant reading, and most creditable to our Dorset friends. Very considerable progress has been made during the period to which it relates, the number of donors in 1887 having been increased from nine to 16 in 1888, and the number of subscribers from 167 to 251, the number of subscribing members of lodges being virtually the same in the two years—namely, 627 in the former and 628 in the latter. But, manifest as this improvement is, we quite agree with the Prov. G. Master that more might be done, both by the lodges and brethren, and we trust his remarks will have the effect of obtaining further support during the current year for this most deserving provincial Charity.

As for the income and expenditure, the statement of account is eminently satisfactory. The year's receipts, including interest and dividends, amounted to £195 13s. 9d. The expenses of management, which include printing, stationery, &c., for two and a half years, and the Hon. Sec.'s expenses out of pocket during 18 months, were only £21 18s.; the amount distributed in relief being £85, raising the total thus disbursed since the Charity was established to £588. The Capital Account shows a total of money invested and cash in bank and in hand amounting altogether to £2298 1s.

With such figures as these before us, we cannot do otherwise than congratulate the Prov. Grand Master, to whose initiative the Charity may be said to owe its existence, and who exerted himself so indefatigably and generously to promote its welfare, on the great success which has attended his efforts and those of the lodges and brethren under his obedience. The Charity was well planned and has been well set up, and we trust it will remain always in as flourishing a position as at present.

We also congratulate Bro. S. R. Baskett, the Hon. Secretary, on the success which has attended his endeavours to keep the Charity steadily advancing. He is one of the most active among our Dorsetshire brethren in the field of charitable work, and it is greatly to his credit that so much progress should have been made during the period he has been in office. We hope it will be many years before Bro. Baskett's connection with this useful provincial organisation terminates.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. Hughan's "History of the 'Apollo' Lodge, York" (in relation to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry), and Bro. Lane's "Handy Book to the Study of the Lodge Lists," are now printed, and will at once be placed in the hands of the binders; so their advent may be looked for in a week or so.

A correspondent suggests that a way out of the difficulty in connection with the proposed lodge to be formed at the National Liberal Club would be to invite their neighbours over the way—the members of the Constitutional Club—to join them on neutral ground, which is available at the Hotel Victoria.

Nothing could better exhibit to the unregenerate world the softening influences of Masonic life than the spectacle of "Liberals" and "Constitutionals" calmly associating themselves for the purpose of carrying out and teaching the principles of Masonry in an atmosphere where dogmas and creeds and the demon of political and theological discord are unknown.

Correspondence.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL GENERAL QUARTERLY COURT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As the time is now drawing near for the settlement of the burning question as to whether Bro. Binckes is to receive a retiring allowance of £350 per annum or not, I am, with your kind permission, tempted to offer a few remarks thereon. I may say, in the first place, that I hope to be present at the meeting, on the 25th instant, to record my vote in favour of the recommendation of the Provisional Committee, because I feel satisfied that they have carefully weighed over the whole matter, and have well and seriously considered every point before they made their report. Then, whatever Bro. Binckes's faults might have been (and, doubtless, the Committee have had these laid before them), we must not overlook the fact of his having given to the service of the Institution 28 of the best years of his life, and I should like to ask what would be the retiring allowance of any officer in the army, navy, or civil service, after so long a servitude? I have always understood that the lowest pension is "Half-pay." Why, therefore, should Freemasons be less liberal to their old servants? Some people say, "Oh, but Bro. Binckes has been well paid for what he has done." My answer to it is this. So has many a "Half-pay" General! Besides, he has only received such remuneration that the Committee from time to time agreed to pay him.

A question has been raised as to the legality of granting pensions. Setting aside the fact of such having already been granted, thereby making a precedent, I think this can be solved with advantage to the Institution by retaining Bro. Binckes's services nominally as Collector; he need not go near to or interfere with the secretarial department. We are all well aware of the powerful advocacy of Bro. Binckes in the past, and if it could be so arranged as to give him a kind of roving commission at the fixed salary of £350 (I would let him be free as to his visits, and leave everything to his discretion), I venture to say that that amount would be recouped twentyfold, and Bro. Binckes would feel that he has not been entirely severed from the Institution for which he has done so much. Whereas, if the Committee act ungenerously towards him, the Institution will not only lose his valuable aid, but there are many good friends who would look upon such treatment as an injustice to an old servant, and it strikes me that the funds of the Institution would suffer more from the withdrawal of the support of this class than from the withdrawal of the noisy few who are clamouring for the complete annihilation of Bro. Binckes.—I am, yours fraternally,  
SUBSCRIBER.  
October 7th.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE LODGE, No. 24.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your correspondent "P.G.R." is quite right in his surmise. The Athol warrants, 15 and 131, could not entitle the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge to a centenary warrant, and they did not.

But "P.G.R." has apparently overlooked the fact mentioned in his letter that the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge, 26—24, was formed by the fusion of the Athol and the St. Nicholas Lodges.

The St. Nicholas Lodge had met continuously from 1755 according to Grand Lodge records, and on this the warrant was issued.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

T. Y. STRACHAN, P.M. 24, &c.

October 2nd.

A CONUNDRUM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I do not wish to enter the lists in the competition you propose in your Masonic Notes to-day, and I confess to being unable to see any difficulty. Rule 130 says a lodge shall proceed to "elect its Master by ballot from among those of its members who have served for one year the office of Master or Warden in a regular lodge warranted under the English Constitution." The italics are mine. Unless the brother has so served, his election would be void.

If the question were as to the first W.M. of a lodge, then a reference to Rule 119 will show that if the new lodge is to be in England service as Warden is an essential qualification in the brother recommended by the petitioners for Master. [It is noticeable that the words "for one year" are omitted in this case.] If, however, the petition is for a lodge not in England this qualification is, according to Rule 119, not required in that case.

But I must admit your correspondent has incidentally started a conundrum I own I am quite unable to solve. I shall be very much obliged to anyone who can tell me under what possible circumstances, except being a first W.M. of a lodge (E.C.) abroad, a brother can possibly take "the Degree of Installed Master in a Board of Installed Masters, E.C.," unless he has previously served the office of Warden for 12 months of an English lodge.—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

October 5th.

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
The graceful custom of offering "Hearty good wishes" on behalf of one's lodge when visiting another is almost universal, and has a foundation in the fact of the fraternal regard which every lodge has towards every other.

We were informed at our lodge the other night that this pleasing duty was in future only to be performed with the permission of the visitors' W.M.

If this is so, might I suggest that at the next meeting each W.M. should give the requisite permission to all members of his lodge, in order still to retain the (to my mind) advantageous custom, and, at the same time, to comply with the desires of Grand Lodge.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully and fraternally,

CECIL G. SAUNDERS, P.M. 1669.



588] OLD CHAPTER WARRANT.

John Brooks }  
Ja. Heselstine } Inspects  
Jno. Allen } Genl.

In the Name of the Grand Architect of the Universe.  
△  
The Almighty JAH.

No. 38

Seal.

To All the Enlightened of OUR Brethren of the several Degrees of the ROYAL CRAFT but more especially those Citizens of the World and servants of the Omnipotent, who have been or hereafter may be honoured by Exaltation to our Sublime Degree—Health, Peace, and Good Will!

Be it known! That our Excellent Companions WILLIAM (illegible) THOMAS LOWER and EDWARD SMITH

△ having made known to Us their desire of holding a Chapter of Our Order for the cultivation of the Grand and Universal Science in hopes thereby the more to extend their Aid to and promote the Happiness of every terrestrial Being and link Mankind together by indissoluble Bonds of Friendship, Peace, and Harmony. And that We having taken their Request into Consideration, and finding it concordant with Our Grand Scheme of Universal Benevolence, do hereby grant to them this Our Warrant of Constitution with full Power for them their Companions and their Successors to open and hold a Chapter of Our Order at Canterbury or at such other Place and at such Time as Our said Companions and their Successors shall with the consent of Us and Our Successors Grand Officers for the Time being think meet. The first Chapter to be opened on Wednesday the 12th day of May now next ensuing by the Title of the

CHAPTER OF CONCORD

With such Privileges Powers and Immunities as do by Right belong to regular established Chapters and Companions of Our said most excellent Order. Subject nevertheless to the General Laws and Ordinances already or to be hereafter enacted by Our Most Excellent Grand and Royal Chapter.

Given at London under Our Hands and the Great Seal of

OUR

Grand and Royal Chapter

this 30th day of April. A.L. 5788. A.D. 1784.

Benjn. Skutt	} Sogouner	Frank Const	Z.	
Edwd. Hill		△	Jas. Galloway	H. T
Benjn. Lancaster			G. W. Carrington	J.
		Geo. Barclay E.		
		R. Phipps N.		

[According to Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," this chapter was on the roll to the end of 1813, and was noted in the Grand Lodge Calendar for 1814. Can any brother tell us of its subsequent history?—ED. F.M.]

QUATUOR CORONATI REPRINTS.

In an appreciative review of the first volume of the series, which will be found in the *Builder* of Sept. 28th, Mr. Wyatt Papworth, the well-known architect and *littérateur*, observes:

"The whole seventy pages of Mr. Gould's Commentary and remarks are so replete with information, elucidation, and speculation, with, moreover, most faithful references to authorities, that little appears to be left for others to do, even if another Mr. Gould could be found to undertake such great labour. The Masonic view of the interest attached to this first volume of 'Masonic Reprints' has been well given by Mr. W. J. Hughan, in the *Freemason* for June, 1889."



Craft Masonry.

Metropolitan Meetings.

St. Luke's Lodge (No. 144).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 7th inst. There was a good attendance, the members present including Bros. H. Mann, jun., W.M.; Jas. L. Hume, S.W.; W. Bowden Wilson, J.W.; W. H. Tucker, S.D.; H. Saunders, J.D.; F. Stutfield, I.G.; E. Witts, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Taylor, Stwd.; P. Coughlan, P.M.; Thos. Markland, P.M.; W. J. Forscutt, P.M.; J. Maples, P.M.; T. Ward, P.M.; Thos. Haynes, T. J. Tinsley, A. J. Ray, Jas. G. Unite, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Skeggs, R. Barham, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. Cox, 1585; Harry N. Price, W.M. 2308; J. H. Morrish, 1585; H. Pates, 945; Maurice Wheeler, P.M. 945; P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks; Thos. Poore, P.M. 720; W. Jones Lane, P.M. 127; W. Williams, P.M. 1585; W. H. Cate, S.D. 1579; R. Chandler, P.M. 457; J. H. Mathews, S.D. 19; F. Byrne, 1922; W. Chapman, W.M. 1585; R. Clare, 14, 1922; J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; J. Brandon, P.M. 890; W. Kinsley, D.C. 1728; W. J. Vane, 1425; J. T. Dormer, 1571; C. Sutton, D.C. 1847; W. Kirk, 144; R. F. Cooper, 416; G. W. Bryant, 1681; J. L. Ponder, 144; F. J. Street, 180; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and the audit report received, and unanimously adopted. Messrs. W. B. Croft and F. S. Turner were then impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Jas. Lashbrooke Hume, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Hy. Mann, jun., I.P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. B. Wilson, S.W.; W. H. Tucker, J.W.; J. G. Unite, P.M., Treas.; E. Witts, P.M., Sec.; A. Saunders, S.D.; F. Stutfield, J.D.; T. J. Kingsley, I.G.; T. Markland, P.M., D.C.; P. Coughlan, P.M., and T. Hamer, Stwds.; and Thos. Bowler, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Hy. Mann, jun., then concluded an excellent rendering of the installation ceremony by an impressive delivery of the customary addresses.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet followed, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts received the customary honours.

Bro. Hy. Mann, jun., I.P.M., said the gavel had been entrusted to him for the honour and privilege of proposing "The Health of the W. Master." It was, he need hardly remind them, the first opportunity that had been afforded him of proposing such a toast, and he would that he had had special practice to enable him to put it before them in a manner worthy of it. They must, however, take the will for the deed. If he were able to speak for hours he could not compress into so short a compass all the eulogistic remarks they would wish him to bestow upon Bro. Hume, their W.M. In the various offices Bro. Hume had shown himself a good Mason, and a good friend to the lodge, and through constant attendance at the lodges of instruction had qualified himself for the chair. In electing the W.M. the members had taken a very wise step, and one they would not regret, but they must give him their cordial co-operation and support. Independently of brotherly feeling, they all respected Bro. Hume as a straightforward man, who would always express his opinion, no matter what others might think, and that was a feature it would be well for others to adopt. The W.M. had started with two initiatives, and he hoped that was an augury for the future. He asked them to heartily drink to the health of their Worshipful Master.

Bro. J. L. Hume, W.M., returned thanks for the way the toast had been received. He assured them he would do all he could for the good of the lodge. Time passed very quickly, for it seemed to him but a very short time ago that he was standing in the position of the initiates, and said it would be his ambition to occupy the chair. He had never lost sight of that idea, and had endeavoured to learn those Masonic duties, which could only be learned by attendance at lodges of instruction. He had tried his level best, and had never lost an opportunity of gaining knowledge. He was more than satisfied with his reward as the members had placed him in the chair. He would always do his utmost, not only for this lodge, but for the members and those who would come in afterwards.

"The Initiates" was next honoured, and responded to by Bros. Croft and Turner.

The W.M., in giving "The Visitors," said the members of that lodge, especially on that one night of the year were pleased to see visiting brethren present, and that had gone on year after year for over 120 years. He offered them all a hearty welcome, and trusted their visit would be repeated.

Bro. Harry N. Price, W.M. 2308, in response, said the proposition and reception of the toast had afforded the visitors a great amount of satisfaction and gratification. It was always a satisfaction to see good working in a lodge, more especially in an old and influential lodge like that—a lodge which was over 120 years old. The visitors thanked them for the kind invitation, and also for the excellent working; and the hospitable manner in which they had been treated. With respect to the working, he must ask Bro. H. Mann, jun., I.P.M., to accept the thanks of the visitors for the able and efficient manner in which he rendered the installation ceremony. In all his long experience, which had extended over 20 years, he had never seen that ceremony rendered more impressively or more thoroughly, and it reflected the highest credit upon the I.P.M. as a young Mason. If Bro. Mann ever had the opportunity of rendering it again, he would no doubt keep in the same lines. It was not the first time he had visited the lodge, but his visit that evening had been enhanced by the fact that his dear friend, Bro. Hume, had been placed in the high position of so excellent a lodge. From the excellent working the W.M. had gone through, he would assist in keeping up the high standard the St. Luke's Lodge had attained. He



again thanked them for the hearty and cordial welcome given the visitors.

Bro. John Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx., said he felt sure the toast would be heartily received, for it had always been so ever since he had known the lodge. He remembered the night of the initiation of the W.M., which seemed but yesterday, and he also remembered that the words that came from him were well selected. He trusted he should be spared to also see the brethren initiated that evening placed in the chair.

Bros. Wheeler, P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks, and Baird also replied.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and remarked that all he could say on this subject had been ably said by Bro. Price. He was sure the manner in which the ceremonies had been performed by Bro. H. Mann, jun., I.P.M., had only added to the deep feelings with which they saw him placed in the chair. Their I.P.M. had worked hard for Masonry and to fit himself for the position in which the brethren unanimously placed him. Bro. Mann had done his duty manfully, and had done all he could to promote the welfare of the lodge. The brethren owed a deep debt of gratitude to him, and at the last meeting endeavoured to show it by unanimously voting a P.M.'s jewel, which he now had the pleasure to place on Bro. Mann's breast, wishing him long life to wear it as an ornament to their lodge and Masonry.

Bro. H. Mann, jun., I.P.M., said it was always a difficult matter to reply for one's self. On this occasion he felt deeply indebted for the kind words falling from the visitors and the W.M. If in any direction he had given satisfaction, the trouble he had been put to had been amply repaid. He could not allow this opportunity to pass by without acknowledging the valuable assistance he had received from the P.M.'s, and his deep obligation to Bro. Coughlan, P.M. He thanked them very sincerely for their kindness, and also the officers and lay members for their co-operation, and for the handsome jewel presented to him.

"The P.M.'s" and "Officers" were duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast closed a successful gathering.

An excellent selection of music was given by Miss Bertha Colnaghi, Mr. E. Conby, and Bro. Cheeseman.

**St. John's Lodge (No. 167).**—The installation meeting of this old-established lodge took place at Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead, on Tuesday last. The members present were Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., W.M.; C. H. Fry, I.P.M.; Dr. N. Goodchild, S.W.; J. Hearsum, J.W.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., Treas.; E. Storr, P.M., Sec.; A. W. Lane, S.D.; A. George, J.D.; H. Hollis, P.M.; W. Wilkinson, P.M.; J. G. Humphry, P.M.; H. E. Coffin, P.M.; John Potter, P.M.; H. Hibberd, F. E. Bailey, J. Lane, A. E. Snook, C. Bartholomew, S. J. Dowling, and E. Maas. Visitors: Bros. R. F. Brickdale, P.M. 1623; A. Nottingham, S.D. 6; Harry Rose, P.M. 1470; W. Lincoln, J.W. 534; H. Longman, S.D. 2271; John Sala, 1613; W. M. Stiles, W.M. elect 1987; H. Pichett, 1602; J. P. R. T. Hobbs, 901; H. G. Hildreth, P.M. 1185; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and verified, after which Bro. Hy. Hibberd was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The Report of the Audit and General Purposes Committee was read and unanimously adopted. Bro. Dr. N. Goodchild having been presented as W.M. elect, was impressively installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M. The following brethren were appointed and invested as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Hearsum, S.W.; A. W. Lane, J.W.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., Treas.; E. Storr, P.M., Sec.; George, S.D.; Bailey, J.D.; Mole, I.G.; Thompson, P.M., D.C.; and Bowler, I.G. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M., delivered the first and second and Bro. E. Storr, P.M., the third customary addresses. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M., by the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, the gift being suitably acknowledged. The sum of £10 was voted from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge to a brother in distress, and the lodge was then closed.

A substantial repast was then enjoyed by the brethren present, and the usual toasts were afterwards briefly given and heartily received.

The I.P.M., Bro. W. A. Scurrah, said he had the pleasure of proposing the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W. Master." Bro. Dr. Goodchild had been connected with the lodge for some years, and was an old Past Master of many years' standing, who had passed the chair of many lodges, in the Royal Arch, and in other Degrees. He was quite sure, therefore, that their W. Master was thoroughly acquainted with his work, and well able, as he had shown in former times, of fulfilling the duties of W.M. He congratulated Bro. Dr. Goodchild on being the W.M. of so highly esteemed a lodge, and he congratulated the brethren upon the fact that so good a Mason, not only in profession, but in act and in deed, was their W.M. He was convinced every member would do his best to make the ensuing year a happy and prosperous one, and that the W.M. would do his duty by ruling in a kindly and legal manner.

Bro. Dr. N. Goodchild, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and the brethren kindly, and assured them he should do the best he could to keep up the prestige of the lodge.

The W. Master, in giving "The Installing Master and Past Masters," said all who had the privilege of hearing the installation ceremony would agree it was done in a very impressive manner.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, I.P.M., returned thanks. He had endeavoured to do his best to install the W.M. in a creditable manner, for he thought that if a thing was worth doing it was worth doing well. He had, during the past year, to the best of his ability ruled and governed the lodge, and had endeavoured to do his duty towards it. He had not had as much work as he expected, but some of his friends knew how fond of work he was. He had had one initiate, and from what he had seen of him was sure he would prove a worthy brother, and redound to the credit of the lodge. During the forthcoming year the W.M. would require no assistance, being an efficient P.M., but should he in the smallest degree, he should be only too happy to do the best he could. He thanked them heartily and sincerely for their cordial reception of the toast, and for the handsome gift of the P.M.'s jewel.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, W.M. elect 1987, replied for "The Visitors," and said it was with regret that he did not see the whole of the working, but as he knew the I.P.M. was so well up in the work he was quite sure it was done in the able manner that was so characteristic of him. In the W.M. they had a brother who had passed the chair in several lodges, and was esteemed by all who knew him, and

the members must be delighted to find him at their head to guide them. He was always happy to visit the lodge, knowing all the members, and the visitors were always treated so well that, no matter what weather, they were only too pleased to attend.

Bros. Rose and Brickdale also responded.

Bro. Scurrah, I.P.M., gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," and after eulogising the excellent services of Bro. Rowe, P.M., Treas., said Bro. Edwin Storr was a good Secretary and a good P.M. of the lodge. He should like to call their attention to one fact, which was that in all probability Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, would shortly resign his position, and their Secretary, Bro. Storr, would then put up as a candidate for that post. Bro. Storr had already received the support of a large number of influential brethren—including Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler. He knew every brother present had votes in the Institution and was sure they would rally round and support Bro. Storr.

Bro. Rose, P.M., Treas., returned sincere thanks, and expressed the pride he felt at being the Treasurer of his mother lodge.

Bro. E. Storr, P.M., Sec., said he was very much indebted to the brethren for the cordial way in which they had received the toast. That was his mother lodge, and proud of it he was. Anything, as he had said years ago, he could do for it he should be pleased to do. His love of Masonry having been born there, naturally gave him an inclination and desire to go into fresh fields, and the more he had seen of Masonry the more he loved it. They loved Masonry for itself and not for what it would bring. Circumstances had arisen in connection with the Boys' School which would probably entail the necessity of a change in the Secretarial establishment. He had, at the request and desire of many Masonic friends, come forward, and if he could attain that position he thought he could worthily uphold it. However, be that as it may, it was for the electorate to say who was the right man, and if he was considered so, they might rest assured that nothing should be wanting on his part, to the utmost of his ability, and in every way his best would be done. He would like to tell them more but he was not in a position to do so. His dear friend, Bro. Stiles, was kindly acting as his Hon. Sec., and, therefore, all communications went through him. They had received communications from every province, and he had supporters in every province, but it was too early yet to say which man was right. He would say at once that if the brethren of his lodge did not support him he should retire, but, thank God, from every lodge he had been connected with, and they were many, he did not know one man who would not give him his right hand in good-fellowship and wish him God-speed. He most cordially thanked those brethren in all parts of the country. He was sensible of the heavy duties devolving upon any man who would succeed the present Secretary, for no man had done more than Bro. Binckes for the Boys' School—nor any 20 men so much—and if it was a *sine qua non* that that brother must retire, and that another must be elected, he placed his suffrages at the disposal of the Craft. When his credentials were placed with others which might be of equal value, he would turn to those who were Life-Governors, and ask them to exercise their judgment, which, if in favour of himself, he would be glad if they would use their influence on his behalf. Further than that he would not go. He trusted that on a Masonic standing his credentials would hold their own with others. Their lodge would not meet for a long while unless an emergency meeting was held, and in that case he should be delighted to meet them again, for whether he might or might not be elected, his love for their lodge would never go, but be always with them. Other toasts followed, and the proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast.

**Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).**—This transpontine lodge met in good strength at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Bros. H. F. Foalé, W.M.; Westley, S.W.; Ruffie, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Dennis, S.D.; Lundie, I.G.; Burn, Org.; Hearn, Stwd.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Plowman, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; Buxton, Milsom, Reinardt, Tyler; and others. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. Jenkins, W.M. 860; Chamberlain, P.M. 87; Gill, 20; Harrowes, 181; Heine, 1348; Wynn, 1446; Darling, 2310; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. W. Chamberlain, T. Davis, and W. W. Luckin were raised to the Third Degree. The ballot having been taken for Messrs. E. Richards and A. S. Gerard, the former gentleman, who was in attendance, was impressively initiated. The resignation of Bro. Davis was received with regret.

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

The W.M., upon the removal of the cloth, stated that it was not his intention to bore the brethren with long speeches he felt convinced that they would prefer to hear the excellent singing which some of the members were capable of contributing.

The toast of "The Initiate" was warmly received.

Bro. Richards, in reply, stated that he had long desired to join the ranks of their ancient Craft. He had been exceedingly gratified with the proceedings that day, and he trusted that they would never regret having admitted him a member of their prosperous lodge.

In replying to "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. George Everett said that he was pleased to say that he was in the enjoyment of the best of health, notwithstanding the excitement and exertions he had passed through since they last met—he alluded to the contest for the Grand Treasurership. Since he had filled the office of Treasurer in No. 1381, he had been overtaken with frequent and severe attacks of illness, which had necessitated his absence occasionally from the lodge, but behind the scenes he had maintained a watchful eye over the expenditure. In conclusion, he said that so long as his health permitted, and they did him the honour of electing him Treasurer, he would spare no effort to render the Kennington Lodge one of the most prosperous lodges in the South of London.

Bros. Burn, Buxton, Davis, Everett, Webb, and others, instrumentally, vocally, and dramatically entertained the brethren.

**Marquess of Ripon Lodge (No. 1489).**—

A most agreeable meeting of the brethren of this excellent working lodge took place on the 4th inst. at the hall of the Metropolitan Benefit Societies Asylum, Balls Pond-road, on the occasion of Bro. S. G. Patient leaving the chair, and Bro. Bewers George Poulton being installed as his successor. Notwithstanding that the weather was extremely objectionable on account of the heavy rain, the brethren attended in good number, and entered into the solemnities of the event with great zest. The lodge was opened by Bro. Patient, W.M., with fluency and aptitude, which qualities he likewise displayed in the highest degree when he later on passed Bro. H. E. Ogden to the Second Degree.

Among the brethren present during the evening were Bros. Bro. John Tovell, P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; Charles H. Fisher, P.M.; W. Gray, P.M.; Edwin George, P.M., Sec.; Henry Patient, P.M.; B. G. Poulton, S.W.; T. Dutton, J.W.; S. H. Clare, S.D.; R. J. Campbell, J.D.; H. Young, I.G.; John Insch, Steward; and visitors: Bros. Arthur Wright, 2401; Jas. H. Hawkins, P.M. 65 and 410; A. Bryant, P.M. 1237; H. B. May, S.D. 1237; Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554; Henry V. Clements, P.M. 1237; G. Lambert, P.M. 1257; Egbert Roberts, W.M. 917; N. J. Atkins, P.M. and Treas. 55; S. Hayward, 718; W. F. Coles, 41; George Kinnear, 727; Chas. Davis, 1287 (Collingwood, Melbourne); and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928.

Bro. Edwin George, P.M. and Sec., by request, took up the rôle of Installing Master, and with all the skill of a professor of the noble science installed Bro. Bewers George Poulton as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing, a dispensation having been first obtained from the Prince of Wales, as there are yet two months to run of Bro. Poulton's Mastership of another lodge. The officers appointed were Bros. S. G. Patient, I.P.M.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treas.; Edwin George, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Dutton, S.W.; J. H. Clare, J.W.; R. J. Campbell, S.D.; H. Youngs, J.D.; G. Haynes, I.G.; J. Insch, D.C.; and Thomas B. Pugh, Steward. The election of Tyler was deferred till next meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. George for performing the installation ceremony. A requisition for an emergency meeting to consider the question of removing the meetings of the lodge to another place was signed and delivered in open lodge, and the brethren afterwards closed the lodge, and adjourned to the Cock Tavern, Highbury, where a choice dinner awaited them.

The usual toasts followed.

After the complimentary toasts, Bro. Patient, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said he was afraid he should not do justice to the toast, but the brethren had as much opportunity of appreciating the W.M. as he had. They all knew he was a capable W.M., for he had passed through all the offices of the lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren, and they were sure he would not fail in the higher office of W.M. He had had ten months' Mastership of another lodge, and that alone ought to assure them that they would have a good Master for the coming year. They all wished him happiness and prosperity during his year.

The W.M., in reply, said he thanked the brethren very much for the kind way in which they had received the toast so amiably proposed by Bro. Patient. While he was Master of the lodge it would be his earnest desire and endeavour to perform the Master's duties and consult the prosperity of the lodge, and hoped he would have a happy year.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of Bro. Patient, I.P.M.," said the brethren had all had the opportunity of seeing Bro. Patient's work during the past year, and they must acknowledge that they owed him their thanks for the way in which he had performed his work. In the name of the lodge, he presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren. He wished Bro. Patient health, strength, and long life, and hoped he would for many years live to wear the jewel among the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Patient said that during his year of office he had endeavoured to do his duty, and he hoped he had succeeded in the way described by the W.M. He knew he was not complete, for he had not installed his successor. That, however, arose from want of opportunity of learning the ceremony, not from want of will. He thanked the brethren for making his year of office so happy. He hoped to belong to the lodge for many years, and take part in its work and festivities. He should always endeavour to further the interests of the lodge. If he still succeeded in deserving the good opinion of all the members and officers he should be happy indeed.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. H. Massey responded.

The W.M., in proposing "The P.M.'s," said they had now a good array of those brethren. Many of them he had seen in the chair, and he had worked up through the different offices under them.

Bro. Patient, I.P.M., who replied, said he had only to repeat the thanks he had previously expressed in his former response. He thanked the brethren for having given him the additional step of being in the ranks of the P.M.'s. He was pleased at being a member of the lodge. Referring again to the handsome P.M.'s jewel the brethren had been good enough to vote him, and which the W.M. had presented to him, he would add that he wished, as they wished, that he should live long to wear it. It would always give him pleasure to be present at any meeting of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge.

The W.M., in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he did not know why the Treasurer was not present; but the Secretary was, and they knew how efficiently he performed his duties. They had a specimen of his lodge work that evening in the way he installed him. He always carried out his duties well, as also did Bro. Walford, the Treasurer, whom he must not forget, though he was not present. A more efficient Treasurer they could not have. He hoped they would have these two brethren with them many, many years to come.

Bro. George, P.M. and Sec., replying, said he was much handicapped in having to reply for the Treasurer as well as for himself. Bro. Walford was usually present, and why he was not there that evening he could not tell. In fact, he was afraid something must have happened which they would all regret. He had never known him to be absent on an installation evening. Bro. Walford, as Treasurer, was a pattern officer. It would be difficult to find one to equal him, and still more difficult to find one to excel him. For himself, he (Bro. George) was very grateful to the bre-

thren for their kind reception of this toast, and for the cordiality with which they always received the toast of his health. It was very awkward to have to respond to that toast time after time. On every occasion it was proposed and drunk with cordiality and kindly feeling. He was very pleased to have installed the W.M., for he knew him to be a very worthy brother, and he hoped that next year he would respond as a P.M.

In reply to the toast of "The Officers,"

Bro. Dutton, S.W., said it gave him great pleasure to be in his exalted position for the first time, though he accepted it with a little tremor. He trusted however, he would be able to perform his duty and also assist the W.M. in his duties. Besides himself, all the other officers would be pleased to assist the W.M. to the utmost. He did not know how to thank the brethren enough for what they had all done for him. Bro. Gray proposed him in the lodge. He thought he had got on very well, and he hoped in another year to get on better still and be the W.M.

Bro. Clare, J.W., said he would do his best, and at the end of 12 months he hoped the brethren would have a good opinion of him.

Bro. Haynes, I.G., said it was a relief to him to a certain extent to respond as the I.G., because it must have been a great bore to the brethren for him to respond time after time for the last ten years for "The Lay Members," though after all it was a pleasure for him to have to do it. For the next 12 months he should endeavour his best to perform his work, but if he did not satisfy himself he should return to his old position, though he should not leave the lodge.

Bros. Insch and Pugh also replied, and Bro. Cohen responded for "The Lay Members."

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

During the evening a delightful selection of music was splendidly performed, under the direction of Bro. Egbert Roberts, by that artist and Bros. T. B. Pugh, A. Wright, George Haynes, H. E. Ogden, and A. G. Caws.

#### Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).

—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney Bridge, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. V. Wing, W.M.; Harding, S.W.; Sandalls, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Robinson, P.M.; Sec.; Oliver, S.D.; Wright, acting J.D.; Stacey, P.M.; Org.; Grundy, Stwd., acting I.G.; Fayers, Asst. Stwd.; Gordon, Asst. Org.; Walkley, Tyler; Williams, I.P.M.; Pardoe, P.M.; Boehr, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Causton, W.M. 865; Hatfield, 304; Holmes, W.M. 1081; Wade, J.W. 1360; Jones, 1624; Alexander, P.M. 1237; Ball, 1567; Bird, P.M. 1567; Haynes, 865; and Tucker, S.D. 144.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Saines was passed to the Degree of F.C. Ballots were next taken for Messrs. Jos E. Colverd, A. F. Lloyd, and J. Metherell, which proving unanimous in their favour, they were ably initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the W.M. according to ancient custom. After some charitable and other routine business had been disposed of satisfactorily, the W.M. reminded the lodge of the fact that Bro. Robinson, Sec., had tendered his resignation at the preceding meeting, remarking at some length on the excellent services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Robinson since its formation, and expressing the regret he felt at seeing him resign a position he had held for so long with such honour to himself and satisfaction to the lodge, remarks which were heartily received by the brethren. Adding that finding a fit successor to the post had been a difficult matter, not that there had been any difficulty in finding one, but in choosing from the different brethren whose names had been submitted for consideration, it was in his mind extremely advisable, if not absolutely necessary, that the Secretary should be a tried and trusty Mason, one accustomed to rule in the Craft; he had therefore chosen Bro. Williams, I.P.M., for the post. At the same time he asked those brethren whose claims had been put forward not to feel themselves slighted, but to believe that the selection had been made with a single eye to the welfare of the lodge. These sentiments met with the most emphatic approval from the brethren, and were enthusiastically applauded. The W.M. then transferred the Secretary's collar and jewel from Bro. Robinson, P.M., to Bro. Williams, I.P.M., with a few well weighed and touching remarks to each in turn. Several of the brethren testified to the high esteem in which Bro. Robinson had been held in the lodge for so many years, and expressed the hope that he would still be spared to come among them for many years. Bro. Williams, I.P.M., begged to thank the brethren, both in and out of the lodge, for their kindness in giving and sending him votes on behalf of the son of the late Bro. Court for the Boys' School, which had succeeded in getting him elected. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

Owing to the rather late hour at which the protracted business of the lodge was concluded, the banquet was shorn of one of the most distinguishing features of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, viz., its musical accompaniment.

The W.M. suggested, and, in fact, set the example of short speeches.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, enthusiastically received, and honoured with "Real Commemoration Fire."

The toasts of "The W.M.," "The I.P.M.," "The Initiates," and "The Visitors" were ably proposed, and duly responded to.

The next in order, being "The Treas. and Sec.," caused a great amount of enthusiasm, the Treas. and new Sec. both being well-known and deservedly popular members of the lodge.

After they had replied, a general call was made for the ex-Secretary, Bro. Robinson, and a perfect round of applause greeted his remark that as long as he lived he hoped to remain a member of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, and to come among the brethren as often as his duties would permit.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Williams, Robinson, and Pardoe.

"The Officers" came next, and Bros. Harding, S.W., Sandalls, J.W., and Grundy, Stwd., being all that had found it convenient to remain, responded in terms suited to the brevity of the time at their disposal.

The Tyler's toast ended a most enjoyable evening, both as regards labour and refreshment.

#### Rothsay Lodge (No. 1687).—

The first regular meeting of the season of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, W., under the able presidency of Bro. R. Shaw, W.

Master, who, assisted by Bro. Brown Kidder, P.M. 12, duly installed Bro. Walter Adams into the chair of K.S. There were present Bros. W. Adams, S.W.; H. Gros, J.W.; C. Stevenson, S.D.; H. Scott Roberts, J.D.; J. Butlin, Treas.; E. Valeriani, P.M., Sec.; J. Conning and Jas. Tapping, Stewards; W. Mole, P.M.; F. Grew, P.M.; F. Gallizia, L. Maccani, W. Shaw, A. Martinue, A. Narten, H. Roberts, G. Mentasti, G. W. Riley, F. P. Smith, J. F. Shiers, L. M. Aberg, and F. T. Davis. Visitors: Bros. G. Hood, W.M. 1681; W. A. Shaw, 1708; W. Brown Kidder, P.M. 12; F. H. Naudin, 22; and W. H. Baylis, W.M. 9.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. L. Maccani was passed. The Auditors presented the yearly balance sheet, which disclosed a most satisfactory state of the accounts of both lodge and benevolent funds. The W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Adams, was duly installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. Shaw, assisted by Bro. Brown Kidder. The W. Master appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Shaw, I.P.M.; H. Gros, S.W.; C. Stevenson, J.W.; F. Conning, S.D.; W. Shaw, J.D.; F. Gallizia, I.G.; James Tapping, P.M., Stwd.; E. Valeriani, Sec.; John Bullin, Treas.; and J. Potter, Tyler.

The usual business of the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served up in the well-known style of perfection by Bro. Roberts.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and the W.M., Bro. W. Adams, presented to the I.P.M. a costly and beautiful jewel, for which Bro. Shaw returned his warmest thanks.

The remainder of the evening was taken up by a recital of some very choice music. Mr. A. C. Dyson, R.A.M., violinist; Mr. W. Holmes, pianist; and Signor Alsepti, English concertina; and when we remember that Signor Alsepti is totally blind, we are lost in wonder at the wonderful skill and execution of so difficult and intricate music.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most pleasant evening.

#### Farrington Without Lodge (No. 1745).

—This influential civic lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Bros. E. Schultz, W.M.; Phillips, acting S.W.; Webber, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Treas.; N. Prower, M.A., J.D.; Kent, I.G.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx., D.C.; P. N. Lardner, A.D.C.; H. Bennett, Steward; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; C. Bachoffner, Woodhill, Mallett, P.M. 141, Tyler; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Kite, Sec. 823; Thomas, P.M. 1641, P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire; and Phillips, P.M. 1986.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. discharged the duties of raising and passing in a most excellent manner. There were three candidates down for initiation, but, from unavoidable circumstances, they were unable to be present. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. B. Marshall, C.C., J.P., P.M.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., &c.; Suskind, S.W.; Sherer, S.D.; and others.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Capt. Walls.

In reply, Bro. Schultz expressed his great acknowledgments to the brethren for their kindness in supporting him as they had done that night. Not being an Englishman, he had had some difficulty in acquiring the details of the language of the beautiful and impressive ritual of the Craft. He, however, had striven, and would continue to strive, to emulate the working of some of the distinguished brethren who had filled the chair from time to time in No. 1745.

"The Visitors" gave Bro. Thomas, in particular, an opportunity of introducing several vital matters in connection with the future of the Craft, which gave pleasure to the majority of his listeners.

Bro. T. Simpson replied on behalf of "The P.M.'s," in a merry speech.

Bro. H. J. Lardner responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bros. Webber, Prower, and Kent for "The Officers."

Bros. Egbert Roberts, J. Young, Thomas, P. Lardner, and others, vocally entertained the brethren. The first-named, who was in excellent voice, was enthusiastically received.

The proceedings did not terminate till nearly midnight.

#### Trinity College Lodge (No. 1765).—

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., the members of the above lodge met at Trinity College, Mandeville-place, Manchester-square. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. F. W. R. Martin, W.M.; E. Burritt Lane, S.W.; J. Mills, J.W.; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Sec.; J. E. Biddlecomb, S.D.; J. Sargeant, J.D.; C. J. Ozanne, D.C.; S. J. Welford, Org.; A. G. Howard, P.M.; H. H. Robertson, J. J. Hutchinson, and W. C. Hutchinson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. H. H. Robertson was raised to the Degree of M.M. The brethren having then proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. E. Burritt Lane, S.W., was unanimously elected. The office of Treasurer then being put to the vote, Bro. J. A. Hammond, P.M., who has for many years past held the office of Secretary to the universal satisfaction of the officers and brethren of the lodge, but who now, of his own accord, wished to resign that honourable position, was unanimously elected. The Tyler having been re-elected, a P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Rant Martin, W.M., for his admirable conduct of the lodge during his year of office.

Other business being then disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

The loyal toasts having been drunk with the usual enthusiasm observed amongst Masons, the Trinity brethren beguiled a hour or two with short speeches, interspersed with longer spells of harmony.

Several part songs were also sung, and the brethren adjourned to the first Thursday proximo.

#### Old England Lodge (No. 1790).—

A meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, on the 3rd inst., Bro. Jonathan Kilvington, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. R. G. Fleming, S.W.; G. S. Horsnail, J.W.; W. Foulsham, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland, Treas.; J. Buckley,

Sec.; E. C. Symmons, J.D.; C. Tarry, Stwd.; W. J. Turpin, I.G.; W. Lane, Tyler; H. M. Hobbs, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Surrey; F. T. Ridpath, P.M. P.G.D. Surrey; W. H. Ranson, P.M.; W. J. Day, J. Bolton, F. R. Rayner, J. Grew, J. J. Stockwell, H. Cox, S. Clarke, A. H. Dyball, J. P. Gordon, W. A. Andress, C. Norwood, T. Chamberlain, H. C. Sherry, A. Wilmot, and J. Clarke. Visitors: Bros. G. Pearson, 218; A. H. Cole, 1744; and F. Loughlin, Org. 1365.

The lodge having been opened, and minutes read, Bro. C. Norwood was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, which ceremony was most impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. J. Kilvington, who afterwards rehearsed the traditional history. Bro. F. E. Rayner acted as S.D. in the regretted absence of Bro. P. Budd. Telegrams were received from brethren who were unable to attend.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper table, where a capital spread was provided by Bro. C. Tarry, the Steward.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, a programme of music, arranged by the W.M., was well carried out.

The programme being concluded, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors.

The W.M. specially thanked Bros. Loughlin and Wilmot for their talented assistance in the programme of the evening, and a very pleasant and harmonious meeting terminated.

#### Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).—

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 4th instant, when there were present Bros. W. Simpson, W.M.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., I.P.M.; Col. S. C. Pratt, S.W.; W. M. Bywater, P.G. Swd. Br., J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Prof. T. Hayter Lewis, S.D.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd., W. M. Williams, J. Finlay Finlayson, C. Purdon Clarke, and C. Kupferschmidt. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: Bros. J. Ross Robertson, Dep. G.M. Grand Lodge of Canada; R. A. Gowan, F. W. Driver, Rob. Roy, E. T. Edwards, G. A. Nock, and J. B. Mackey; and the following visitors: Bros. G. Gregson and Dr. B. W. Richardson.

Grand honours were accorded to Bro. Robertson, D.G.M. Canada, who said that words failed him to express his gratification, both as a member of the wonderful Correspondence Circle and as a member of a jurisdiction thousands of miles away. As one who took a great interest in Masonic research, an interest not solely platonic, but which led him to actively prosecute the study of Masonic history, his ambition for some time had been to be present at a meeting of this lodge, and though his stay in Europe was short, and the date of the meeting had necessitated a curtailment of his Paris trip, he had torn himself away from the fascinations of that gay city and its modern Tower of Babel rather than miss the opportunity afforded him of making the acquaintance of the distinguished brethren who were members of Lodge Quatuor Coronati. He was a member and officer of one of the most prosperous swarms of that prolific mother of Grand Lodges, the first in time and the first in honour of all Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of England. He was prepared to maintain that no body of Masons held the Grand Lodge of England in higher veneration, in more affectionate remembrance, than the Grand Lodge of Canada. Though separated in distance, they were united at heart, and across thousands of miles of sea and land endeavoured, with their 20,000 Craftsmen and 400 lodges, to carry out the principles of their great progenitor. In their efforts they were assisted by an energetic Grand Master and first-rate Board of General Purposes. It gave him, personally, unbounded pleasure to be present. He trusted other lodges of a similar character might soon be formed in every jurisdiction. The Quatuor Coronati had shown the way—it remained for other lodges to follow. He could conceive of no lodge doing more good to the true interests of Freemasonry. It was an incentive to himself and others who were at that moment trying to build up a true and trustworthy history of Canadian Freemasonry and of the Grand Lodge of Canada. That Grand Lodge was of course not so ancient as their own, but it claimed to have a history, a history of much interest and worthy of preservation. Such a history they hoped to record before long, and to produce a work creditable to themselves and that they might be proud of, and that even the Quatuor Coronati Lodge might be proud of. He concluded by again assuring the brethren of his gratification.

The following 54 brethren and three lodges were added to the roll of the Correspondence Circle. Southern Cross Lodge, No. 398 (S.C.), Cape Town; St. John's-in-the-South Lodge, No. 747 (S.C.), and the Jubilee Lodge (D.C.), both of Barberton, Transvaal; and Bros. H. Warner, Slaughter Mihill, P.J.G.W. Herts; B. R. Bryant, P.G. Std. Br. Suffolk; G. Gregory, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. Newton, F.R.A.S., H. H. Wells, J. H. A. Elliot, P.P.A.G. D.C. Oxon; E. T. Edwards, A. C. A. Higerty, J. Pollard, G. W. Taylor, E. Howard, F.R.C.S., and G. Gregson, M.R.C.S., all of London; C. W. Buck, Settle, Yorks; H. W. White, M.D., Bradford, and T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire; E. J. Pratt, Torquay; J. F. Richardson, Truro; W. Masters, St. Albans; J. W. Manley, Carlisle; E. W. Drage, Oxford; F. F. Schnitzer, Newcastle-on-Tyne; J. Harvey, P.P.G. Stwd. Hornt., Bournemouth; H. Letts, A. H. Pilcher, and Horatio Ward, P.G.J. Kent, all of Canterbury; J. Hawkins, Roby, Liverpool; J. W. Rutland, Halifax, P. Dis. G.M.; R. T. Lockley, Albany, New York; J. P. Honor, Past G. Master; G. Soule and M. Quale, of New Orleans; G. R. Frias, Sagua-la-Grande, Cuba; A. O. Munro, Gibraltar; Count Ajasson, de Grandsagne, Paris; J. Andrews, Cape Town; E. E. Newnham, J. Valentine, and G. Stapylton-Adkins, all of Barkly East, Cape Colony; H. C. Weatherill, A. H. Reed, P.D.S. of W., East Division; C. C. Adcock, W. M. Du Toit, F. L. Biccard, F. Donovan, T. A. R. Purchas, H. Middleborough, J. Webb, and A. Hart, all of Johannesburg, Transvaal; J. L. Mitchell, of Malmain, Transvaal; Chevalier Edward Cohen, Pretoria, Transvaal; A. W. Rowsell, Pietermaritzburg, Natal; R. L. Mills, M.D., District G.D. Bombay, of Sangor; and A. E. Hibditch, Hong Kong. These additions being the roll up to 717.

The annual ballots resulted in the election of Bro. Lieut. Col. S. C. Pratt as W.M., and the re-election of Bro. Walter Besant as Treasurer, and Bro. J. W. Freeman as Tyler. The following candidates for joining were proposed from the chair, and seconded by the S.W., viz.:

Bro. Sydney Turner Klein, the Red House, Stanmore. Born 1853. Fellow of the Linnæan Society, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, &c., &c.; initiated in the Watford Lodge, No. 404, in 1888, and officer of "Thirty-six



hours hunting among the Hymenoptera and Lepidoptera of Middlesex," "Appearance of Ephestia Kühniella in London, and the remedy provided by Nature," and other papers read before Scientific Societies. Bro. Benjamin Ward Richardson, 25, Manchester-square, W., London. Born 1828. M.A., M.D., LL.D., Fellow of the Royal Society, Fellow of the Society of Arts, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Member of the Imperial Academy of Natural Sciences, Member of the Philosophical Society of America; initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, in 1864, W.M. in 1868, joined Lodge of King Solomon, No. 2029, in 1885, W.M. in 1885 and 1886; author of "Hygea, a Model City," "Diseases of Modern Life," "The Guild of Good Life," "The Common Health," and various biographical memoirs.

A letter was read, conveying the thanks of the M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to the W.M. for copies received of the transactions and publications of the lodge to date; and was ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

A letter was read from the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, at Frankfurt, thanking the lodge and Bro. Whymper for the gift of the said brother's facsimile reproduction of the Regius MS., and offering for acceptance a copy of their own annals.

A similar letter was read from the National Grand Lodge at Berlin. After extolling the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, the letter concludes by saying: "Let us assure you that we highly appreciate your meritorious literary and scientific labours, and follow your career with great attention. As a slight token of our gratitude and fraternal feelings, and as a poor return for your handsome gift, we honour ourselves by sending you, for your library, a copper-plate engraving, a copy of which H.M. the Emperor William II. has been graciously pleased to present to every lodge in his dominions." The engraving represents Frederick the Great, as Grand Master, conferring the light on a candidate.

It was resolved—"That Bro. W. Simpson, R.I., having completed his year of office as W.M. of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, the thanks of the brethren be, and hereby are, tendered to him for his courtesy in the chair and efficient management of the affairs of the lodge; and that this resolution be suitably engrossed and presented to him."

Bro. W. Mattieu Williams read a paper on "Some Errors of Scientific Expression in the Masonic Ritual," which was followed with attention, and discussed by Bros. Speth, Gould, Rylands, Simpson, Driver, Edwards, and Dr. Richardson. A vote of thanks was accorded, and suitably acknowledged.

A letter from Bro. Hughan, recording the discovery of a previously unknown scroll of the "Old Constitutions" in the possession of Bro. T. W. Watson, of Sunderland, and describing the same, was read.

A paper on the derivation of the word "Free," as a component of Freemason, by Bro. F. F. Schnitger, was, for want of time, taken as read.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, during the course of which Bro. Robertson gave an interesting account of the working of their association in America and Canada for the detection and suppression of the Masonic tramp, which we hope to print in our columns next week.

**St. Pancras Lodge (No. 2271).**—A large number of members and visitors assembled on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, the occasion being the completion of the first year's existence of the lodge, which has, under the distinguished Mastership of Bro. Sir R. W. Fowler, P.G.W., more than fulfilled the hopes expressed at its consecration. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, acting W.M., supported by Bros. Dr. J. Powdrell, S.W.; H. R. Graham, J.W.; R. Grant Webster, Treas.; A. H. Scurrah, acting Sec.; H. Longman, S.D.; W. T. Pelly, J.D.; Jas. Irvine, D.C.; R. S. Chatty, I.G.; H. Wilcox Lawrance, Org.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; W. M. Stiles, P.M.; Chas. Jacob, R. Chatty, H. S. Samuel, Sydney L. Smith, and others. Visitors: Bros. Sir J. Monckton, P.G.W.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; T. W. Page, S.D. 299; J. T. Rowe, P.M. 167; J. Faulkner, W.M. 1423; J. K. R. Cama, W.M. 777, P.G.R. Middlesex; J. W. Smith, P.M. 1744; A. F. Scholding, J.W. 1512; G. Ransford, W.M. 1512; C. H. Holland, J.W. 1744; Moreton Graham, P.M. 172; Jas. Thom, I.P.M. 2206; T. C. Edmond, P.M. 1507; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec. 2030; H. Stiles, P.M. 1507; Jas. Hemming, W.M. 1287; Cecil T. Henriques, 1615; Capt. C. J. Knightley, 1744; Frank C. Joseph, 2048; Edwin Storr, P.M. 167; T. W. Heath, S.D. 164; J. H. Grasmere, 2205; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Jay was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Bro. Chatter passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being rendered by the acting W.M. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and the members may congratulate themselves on the fact that, after paying the necessarily heavy expenses of the first year, and transferring £9 3s. 6d. to the Benevolent Fund, there is a balance in hand of £3 16s. 1d. Bro. Dr. John Powdrell was presented as W.M. elect, regularly installed into the chair by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, and saluted by the members, under the able guidance of Bro. W. M. Stiles, acting D.C. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. H. R. Graham, S.W.; R. Grant Webster, J.W.; N. E. Jay, Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Sec.; H. Longman, S.D.; Perry, J.D.; Chatty, I.G.; Irvine, D.C.; Dr. Smith and Hicks, Stewards; and Whiting, P.M., Tyler. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., the Installing Master, concluded his labours by effectively rendering the customary addresses. The W.M. presented Bro. Scurrah, P.M., Sec., on behalf of Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, which was appropriately acknowledged. On the proposition of the S.W., seconded by the J.W., Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.M., and A. H. Scurrah were unanimously elected honorary members in consideration of their valuable services to the lodge during the past year. Bros. Stiles and A. H. Scurrah returned thanks for the compliment, after which several propositions were received. The W.M. proposed that the services rendered by the Secretary, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., in connection with the formation of the lodge, should be acknowledged by a testimonial engrossed on vellum, a proposition which was seconded by the J.W., and carried with acclamation. Bro. Scurrah, P.M., Sec., replied in suitable terms, and announced letters of regret for non attendance from

Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Raymond H. Thrupp, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Lord Euston, and many others.

Lodge was formally closed, and the brethren partook of a recherché repast, at the conclusion of which the customary toasts were honoured.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., replying for "The Grand Officers," said the accident of an unmerited seniority called upon him to say a few words, but in that lodge he was anything but senior, as on his right was the Consecrating Officer, whilst he at the consecration was but an humble S.W. He was very pleased to take part at the consecration and also to see the progress made, and, having thanked them on his own behalf, would leave the Grand Secretary, who was a walking mass of eloquence, to follow.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., said he was glad to be present that night to meet the lodge, which he had the honour of consecrating last year. He remembered it well; what a charming evening they spent, and how well and ably Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler presided. He was sure they would all join in his regret that they had not that distinguished brother with them, but he was certain that his absence was unavoidable. They had a very excellent successor in Bro. Dr. Powdrell, W.M., and he congratulated him upon succeeding to the position, and was sure that under his government the lodge would continue to progress. They had watched the lodge progress since its consecration, and he was delighted to find it had gone on in a satisfactory manner. There had been several candidates and joining members, and he found the lodge had carried out what he ventured to point out was necessary—to go in for quality rather than quantity, and not to have anyone they did not feel sure would be a brother socially as well as Masonically. He congratulated them on their progress, and assured them he took the greatest interest in their prosperity. He hoped in the future to find that the lodge had further progressed, and that it would rapidly go to the front and take up a high position.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Sec., said he had a toast to propose which he was sure would meet with general acceptance. It was "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Dr. John Powdrell," who was one of the founders of the lodge, took a deep interest, and had worked hard to make it a success. The majority of the brethren knew their W.M. well, and all respected and esteemed him. During the time he had known him he had esteemed him as a man and a Mason, and was sure that in the coming year they would have a Master who would rule genially and kindly, and who would work in the lodge, not only to his own satisfaction and credit, but also to the satisfaction of every member. He would not make a lengthy speech about their W.M., but would simply ask them to join in drinking his health.

Bro. Dr. John Powdrell, W.M., returned sincere thanks, and assured them he had arrived at the height of his ambition, which was to attain the chair. When he was initiated he was told it would be many years before he could reach the chair, but he had done it in a reasonable time, and he believed he had attained the honour in a distinguished lodge. Having elected him to that position, they could take it from him that during his year he trusted the lodge would not recede in any way from the position it had attained. He well remembered the words of their Consecrating Officer at the consecration, for it was then kindly impressed upon them to make their lodge a good one, and to see their members were honest and straightforward. They had worked upon those lines, and he believed they had got a body together who would hold their own with any lodge in the metropolis. Those were the lines they were worked on, and that was the reason he appreciated the toast proposed in his honour that evening. As a founder, he appreciated it in that sense, and they had done nothing but what should be the guiding spirit amongst Freemasons. He trusted the lodge would carry that out, and that during his term of office it would not recede from the successful position attained in its first year.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, and the Installing Master, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Sec." He would thank the I.P.M. sincerely for his assistance in the formation of the lodge, and trusted Bro. Scurrah would convey their thanks, with the jewel presented in the lodge, to Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, I.P.M. With reference to the Installing Master, that brother was known to them not only socially but Masonically. Personally he could speak of Bro. Scurrah as a brother deserving of the friendship of anyone meeting him, and as a Mason deserving of all the honours falling upon him. He heartily thanked that brother for installing him, and felt that all Masons should look up to him with reverence, for he always carried through anything he undertook until he arrived at the position aspired to. It was a pleasing thing to propose Bro. Scurrah's health. Before he joined Freemasonry he was a perfect stranger to him, but now he felt they were brothers in Masonry and at heart, and it had been a great pleasure to have been installed by him, and to be able to propose his health.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx., Sec., on behalf of Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, thanked them heartily and sincerely for the kind mention of his name. That brother had done great suit and service for his lodge, and was in every respect a zealous Mason at heart, and in acts as well as in words. Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler had done them signal service by becoming the first W. Master, and was not unmindful of its interests, having, during the past week or 10 days, sent several communications saying he would do his best to be present, and it was only that morning a final letter was received by him (Bro. Scurrah) saying he could not be present. For his own part he hardly knew what to say. He thanked them most heartily and sincerely for the kind mention of his own name. They all knew he took a deep and lasting interest in all that pertained to Freemasonry, for he believed it was a grand institution—an institution that was very much needed. To men engaged in business and professional pursuits it was a great thing to meet together as brothers and interchange feelings of mutual respect and esteem, and round the social board to greet each other as brothers. He believed there was no other institution in the world that carried this grand idea into effect. He had taken a great interest in the formation of this lodge, and he could assure them that if Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, and the other founders and himself had desired, they might have seen around that board about 100, for he had received letters again and again from persons desirous of joining Freemasonry in that lodge. Before he had allowed names to come forward he had made enquiries and had found out whether they were men whom they could welcome, and who would be an addition. Many were not such as they would desire, and he had simply not answered their letters. It had been a work, but a work of love to him,

and he thought they might congratulate themselves upon this one fact—that all the members were brethren whom they were proud to have amongst them, and he trusted in the future, that if they only had a few added to the roll every year they would be of similar calibre. He thanked them for all the kind remarks made in the lodge respecting him. He had endeavoured to do his work well, and hoped the ceremonies had been performed to the satisfaction of every brother present. He trusted in the future, as in the past, to be ready and willing to do his duty, not only to this lodge but to Freemasonry in general. He again thanked them heartily and sincerely for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.

Bro. J. K. R. Cama, P.P.G. Reg. Middx., responded for "The Visitors," and returned thanks for the kind and cordial manner in which they had been received. He felt thoroughly at home in the lodge, and the only reason that he could give was that he was glad to see his friend, Bro. Dr. Powdrell, placed in the chair of K.S. He saw several P.M.'s of the Regent's Park Lodge present, and he dared say they felt the same at seeing their good friend installed as a worthy successor to a worthy and honoured predecessor. He could only congratulate the members on the choice they had made in their W.M., as it showed they had confidence in him and appreciated him. He could assure the members, however, that their W.M. was loved and esteemed in other lodges where the brethren had the good fortune of reckoning him amongst their numbers.

Bros. Faulkner, W.M. 1423; Hemming, W.M. 1287; Ransford, W.M. 1512, and Capt. Knightley (who was proposed as a joining member) also replied.

Other toasts were given, and a successful evening closed with the Tyler's toast.

Bro. H. W. Lawrance, Org., prepared an excellent programme of music, which was carried out with the able assistance of Bro. T. W. Page, and Messrs. A. Lamont and P. R. Buck.

Provincial Meetings.

BOLTON.

**Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on Monday last, and a great treat was afforded to the brethren by Bro. James Newton, P. Asst. G. Sec., giving a most excellent and interesting lecture, and displaying a large quantity of rare Masonic relics from his own private collection, which is exceptionally rich, and said to be one of the finest in the country. It is needless to remark that at the close a sincere and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Newton for the great ability displayed and for the great trouble he had taken to give such an illustrated discourse.

CLACTON-ON-SEA.

**Osyth Priory Lodge (No. 2063).**—The annual installation festival of this lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Public Hall, when Bro. H. Finer, P.M. 1799, P.P.A.G.P., was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. J. Nunn, P.M. 1008, 1592, 2063, P.P.S.G.D., assisted by Bro. G. Harrison, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W. After the installation the W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. J. Nunn, S.W.; W. F. Reed, J.W.; Rev. Morgan Jones, P.M. 697, P.P.G.C., Chap.; John Mann, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Sec.; Treas.; M. H. Page, Sec.; John Starling, S.D.; S. J. Sparling, J.D.; W. J. Nunn, P.M. 1008, 1592, 2063, P.P.S.G.D., Org.; W. G. Murray, I.G.; H. Stebbings, Stwd.; and H. Hart, Tyler.

Bro. J. P. Allen was presented with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered the lodge.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where about 60 sat down to a sumptuous repast provided by the host, Bro. F. Wallis.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Several capital songs were given by Bros. Turner, Scarlett, Maas, Herold, Chamberlayne, Munro, and Page, Dr. Haskins ably presiding at the piano.

Among the visitors were Bros. George Harrison, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Turner, P.M. 51, P.Z., P.P.G.O.; F. Horsman, W.M. 51; F. Quilter, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. G. Renshaw, W.M. 697, P.G. Stwd.; G. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Stwd.; George Sadler, W.M. 1024, P.G. Treas.; George Canler, I.P.M., William Finer, P.M., A. Scarlett, W.M., H. Wilkinson, S.W., E. Grocock, J.W., J. Harman, I.G., W. Wright, and W. Schofield, all of 1799; E. J. Maas, Acacia, Rotterdam; C. Allen, J.W. 1059; Charles White, 1693; A. J. Dixey, P.M. 453, P.P.G.P.; W. O. Ward, P.M. 650, P.P.G.P.; R. W. Hunter, W.M. 1685; and G. Nugee, P.P.G. Chaplain.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bro. Thomas Ralling, P.G. Sec.; from several W.M.'s of lodges in the province, and also from members of the lodge.

FRIZINGTON.

**Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., with Bro. H. Hartley, W.M., in the chair. Bros. J. Wilkinson, S.W.; B. Craig, Sec., as J.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., Treas.; A. Cross, S.D.; W. Robinson, J.D.; T. Pickering, I.G.; J. Singers, Stwd.; J. Routledge, I.P.M.; J. Gordon, Tyler; W. Barwise, J. Richardson, R. Close, J. Gill, C. Bland, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Three brethren were raised, and one candidate was proposed. The W.M. intimated that the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Keswick on the 15th inst., and he hoped to see the lodge well represented. With "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

HAMPTON COURT.

**Villiers Lodge (No. 1194).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Mitre Hotel on Saturday last. The members present included Bros. Philip Monson, W.M.; R. Saxton Besant, S.W.; George James Thomas, J.W.; William Vincent, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; William Dodd, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; Richard T. Pearce, S.D.; George S. Peachey, J.D.; Edward J. Mills, I.G.; J. Crawford McLearn, M.D., Stwd.; John Adams, P.M.; E. Monson, P.M.; T. A. Woodbridge, P.M.; W. S. Plimsaul, P.M.; H. J. Pellatt, J. E. Stone, J. F.



Collinson, W. Vickery, Hy. Wicks, and L. A. Francis. Visitors: Bros. Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Dixon Horsfield, 2146; W. Eydmon, Treas. 780; J. A. Craven, 33; W. J. K. Bultz, D.C. 1638; H. T. Bond, P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Folsom, P.M. 1604; Hy. Monson, 2206; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was formally opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report received and adopted. The Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Howard H. Room, invested Bro. E. Monson, P.M., as Prov. G. Supt. of Wks., that brother having been unable to attend the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting in consequence of ill-health. Bro. R. Saxton Besant was presented as W.M. elect by Bro. W. Vincent, P.M., acting D.C., and duly installed into the chair by Bro. P. Monson, I.P.M.

The following officers were appointed and invested: Bro. G. J. Thomas, S.W.; Richard Thomas Pearce, J.W.; Wm. Vincent, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; William Dodd, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; George S. Peachey, S.D.; E. J. Mills, J.D.; J. Crawford McLearn, M.D., I.G.; Charles Dodd, D.C.; H. J. Pellatt, Stwd.; Hy. Wicks, Org.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The customary addresses were delivered by Bros. P. Monson, I.P.M.; J. Adams, P.M.; and E. Monson, P.M. Mr. L. A. Francis having been unanimously approved by ballot, was impressively initiated by the W.M. Bro. G. H. Hunt was elected a re-joining member, and Bro. Hy. Wicks, 1339, a joining member. Routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured.

Bro. Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec., on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers," said it afforded him sincere pleasure to return thanks. It was always a source of pleasure to find himself coupled with the toast, because he knew he was speaking of a worthy and distinguished body of officers, and he believed they would hold their own for energy and work with any other body of Prov. Grand Officers. He spoke from considerable experience, knowing many of them long before he was a Prov. Grand Officer himself. The brethren had only to look round the table that evening to see some good specimens, especially Bros. Vincent, P.P.G.S.B., and Dodd, P.P.S.G.D., and others, who had been honoured by the Prov. Grand Master, and he was certain that in every case the honour was merited. It was with great pleasure that he invested Bro. E. Monson with the collar of his office as Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works. It was a high office, and it must have been with pleasure and pride that the members heard of the appointment. It afforded him pleasure to visit that lodge, and it was in consequence of his numerous engagements that he had not been long before. That was his first visit since he had been Prov. Grand Secretary, and during that period he had visited more than half the lodges in the province. It was with considerable gratification that he saw the work so well carried out, not only the ceremony of installation, but also the way in which the present W.M. performed his duties. He was glad to see the Emulation working, and although he should be sorry to force the working, yet, for simplicity and neatness, it was the best, and he thought they should all use their best endeavours to promote, and thus get, as far as possible, uniformity of working. It was especially gratifying to him to know the members of the lodge would be under a W.M. who would work the Emulation working. In conclusion he thanked them sincerely for the very kind welcome given the Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. P. Monson, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W. Master," and said the toast required very few words from him to make it very acceptable to them. Their W.M., Bro. Saxton Besant, was initiated in the Villiers Lodge, and had worked through all the offices. They had seen his working in each office he had held, and they had, moreover, seen him that evening work the initiation ceremony, and they must all feel proud to belong to the lodge and be under such a W.M. during the present year. He hoped they would have plenty of candidates and have plenty of work, for the W.M. was anxious for work. He asked them to drink the health of the W.M.

Bro. R. Saxton Besant, W.M., returned thanks for the flattering words used by the I.P.M., and for the reception accorded the toast. He could say that from the day of his initiation it had been his ambition to make a daily advance in Masonic knowledge, and it was a source of great pleasure and honour to be the W. Master of the lodge. He had visited several lodges in the province, and considered the work in their own lodge as good as any. They had placed confidence in him, and he should endeavour to do his duty, not only creditably to the lodge, but to the Craft in general. He thanked them one and all for the honour conferred upon him, and during his year should endeavour to do his duty.

"The Initiate" was next given, and responded to by Bro. Francis in an appropriate speech.

The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and paid a high tribute to the work performed in the past by the P.M.'s. Some of the P.M.'s fell away, others remained loyal, and it was certainly his own intention to remain a member as long as possible. There was a good working lodge, and he trusted to see the P.M.'s for many years with them to assist in the work. He had a pleasant duty to perform in presenting the Installing Master with a jewel as Past Master of the lodge. That brother had worked creditably, and it was therefore a great pleasure to place the jewel on his breast. That the I.P.M. would have health to be with them for many years was the wish of every member.

Bro. Philip Monson, I.P.M., returned thanks for the hearty reception given the toast, and also for the handsome jewel presented to him, which he should always wear with pride. He was sure they all had a proud moment in their lives, and that was truly a proud moment to him to be a P.M. of the lodge. He did not intend to discontinue any assistance he was able to give to the lodge, and hoped to be with them every time they met. He always felt happy, and contented when he attended the lodge, for they had all been brought up together, and the present officers were initiated in it, and therefore they all had its welfare at heart. He was grateful for their kindness during the past year, and thanked them for the manner in which the toast had been received.

Bro. W. Dodd, P.P.S.G.D., Sec., on behalf of the Past Masters, said he was sure they would all do everything they could for the welfare of the lodge. To them it was a labour of love—and he spoke for himself as the Secretary, and for Bro. Vincent, the Treasurer—and any P.M. would do all he could for the interests of the lodge, and was only too happy to see it flourish.

Bro. W. Vincent, P.P.G.S.B., Treasurer, also replied. "The Visitors" was given in cordial terms from the chair, and appropriately acknowledged by the visiting brethren present.

Bro. R. T. Pearce, J.W., replying for "The Officers," compared the lodge to a ship, having the W.M. for its captain, the Wardens for the chief officers, whilst the P.M.'s ably performed the duties of pilots. Referring to the officers, he said they would all do their best, and, quoting from Sir John Lubbock's "Pleasures of Life," remarked that theirs was a "duty of happiness from which they experience much happiness in duty."

The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

#### NORTH WOOLWICH.

**Henley Lodge (No. 1472).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above powerful and flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel. Bro. C. H. Canning, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. J. Savage, I.P.M.; A. T. Ives, P.M.; J. Ives, P.M. (Hon.); E. West, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Herts; C. Wood, S.W.; E. Knight, J.W.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; C. Powling, S.D.; B. Curtis, J.D.; J. Glading, I.G.; J. Delo, D.C.; and some 40 brethren of the lodge, and visitors.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Evans was raised to the Third Degree. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a recherché little supper, after enjoying which the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were honoured.

Bro. Savage, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," briefly reviewed Bro. Canning's career in the lodge, and spoke of the energy and ability displayed by him in every office he had filled in it. His working of the Degrees was most perfect, while the interest he then and had always taken in the lodge of instruction proved his earnest desire for the Masonic education and welfare of those who so ably worked in the various offices under him. He therefore asked them to drink the toast with all the honours it deserved.

Bro. Canning, in response, thanked Bro. Savage for his kind and gratifying remarks, while the spontaneity of the brethren's reception of them testified that his endeavours to please them, both in his working and the general conduct of the business of the lodge, were not in vain. He fully endorsed every word Bro. Savage had said with respect to the officers of the lodge, and attributed their excellent working to the lessons taught them in their lodge of instruction. He again thanked them, and resumed his seat amid cheers.

Several other toasts were honoured, interspersed with some good singing.

#### SOUTHEND.

**Priory Lodge (No. 1000).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Middleton Hotel. There were present Bros. G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, S.W.; T. Hood, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; B. Thomas, S.D.; A. Vandervord, J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; C. W. Barnard, as I.G.; A. W. Martin, P.G.T., Tyler; C. H. Bowmaker, R. J. Smith, A. Adams, G. F. Vandervord, W. M. Burton, and E. F. Wood. Visitors: Bros. Rev. A. Waller, S.D. 940; W. Berridge, S.W. 1817; and W. Mott, 1536.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. A. Adams was passed to the Second Degree. Three guineas were voted to the widow of a deceased brother. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

#### WEST HARTLEPOOL.

**Stranton Lodge (No. 1862).**—The annual installation of officers in connection with the above lodge took place on the 2nd inst., Bro. Albert M. White being the W.M. elect, and the ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Robert Simpson. The following is a list of officers: Bros. G. Walker, I.P.M.; J. Abbey, S.W.; W. Barlow, J.W.; N. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Johnson, Sec.; A. Boddy, S.D.; C. R. Smith, J.D.; T. Metcalfe, P.M., D.C.; L. Worley, Org.; R. Bowman, I.G.; G. Barker and S. Burns, Stewards; and W. Atkinson, Tyler.

#### WOOLSTON.

**Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant, for the transaction of the usual business, when a very large number of members and visitors attended. The principal event of the evening being the presentation of a three-quarter length portrait, in oils, of Bro. Walter Bowyer, Secretary to the lodge, by Bro. John Butler in consideration of the services rendered during the past 15 years, as founder, Worshipful Master, and Secretary. The Worshipful Master had invited the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Wardens of the following lodges to be present on this occasion: Nos. 76, 130, 359, 394, 1112, and 1780; and the following is a list of those who attended: Bros. W. J. Miller, W.M.; E. T. Wise, I.P.M.; W. H. Mitchell, S.W.; W. Fowler, J.W.; Jas. Methven, P.M., Treas.; W. Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; E. A. Edwards, S.D.; H. C. Sims, J.D.; W. H. Chapman, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Smith, Org.; J. Martin, I.G.; R. H. Weeks and T. O. Spencer, Stwds.; Admiral T. H. M. Martin, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; R. L. Rosoman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; G. J. Tilling, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Horton, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. J. Brown, P.M.; M. F. Curtis, P.M.; J. G. Kenwin, J. Butler, H. B. Röhss, H. Kemp, J. Amys, Sheriff Summerbee, F. W. Summerbee, C. T. Merck, G. Harris, G. Miller, J. Winter, W. E. Sly, W. Perkins, H. Esterford, S. J. Line, A. H. W. Ritchie, J. Cudlipp, S. B. Crook, E. Sharland, W.M. 76, P.A.G.P.; H. Searle, J.W. 76; J. Fewings, W.M. 130; R. F. Osborne, I.P.M. 130; D. W. B. Taylor, S.W. 130; J. H. Martin, J.W. 130; T. P. Payne, P.M. 130, P.P.G. Reg.; R. B. Smith, P.M. 130, P.P.S.G.D. Leicestershire; L. Steele, J.W. 359; J. Patstone, P.M. 359, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Webb, P.M. 359; S. Dacombe, S.W. 394; H. Lashmore, P.M. 394, P.P.S.G.D.; H. P. Aslatt, P.M. 394, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Cole, 359; W. Pearce, S.W. 1112; G. Greenslade, I.P.M. 1112; C. J. Beaumont, P.M. 1112, P.P.G.R.; W. F. Mayoss, P.M. 1112; W. Foster, W.M. 1780; G. Heathcote, I.P.M. 1780; W. Berry, P.M. 1780, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Walton, P.M. 1780, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. Warren, 1780; H. Hussey, J.W. 1780; and R. Kemp, 1780.

The presentation was made by Bro. E. T. Wise, I.P.M., on behalf of Bro. J. Butler. In doing so he alluded to the valuable services rendered by the Secretary during the time he had been connected with the lodge, and to Masonry in general. The W.M. accepted the portrait on behalf of the lodge adding that the painting would hang on the walls and remind them of one who had worked hard in the interests of the lodge from its foundation, and to whose efforts they were greatly indebted for the erection of the handsome building in which they were now assembled, and also of one who had contributed materially to the success, not only of the Clausentum Lodge, but to Freemasonry in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The W.M. expressed the pleasure of the brethren at the presence of so many distinguished visitors, and announced apologies for inability to attend from the W.M.'s of 359, 394, and 1112. "Hearty good wishes" were given in response, and the lodge was then closed.

About 60 brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared by the Tyler, Bro. C. Henley, and the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

Bros. Admiral T. H. M. Martin, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and E. Sharland, W.M. 76, P.A.G.P., responded on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. Methven, P.M. and Treas., then proposed what he considered to be the toast of the evening, and that was "The Health of their esteemed Secretary, Bro. Bowyer," and said that having had the pleasure of working side by side with Bro. Bowyer from nearly the commencement of the formation of the Clausentum Lodge, he was well able to bear witness to his merit, and the efforts he had put forth in the interests of the lodge, as well as Freemasonry generally. He felt that the lodge was honoured by having the picture of such an excellent Mason hanging on their walls, and it would serve as an incentive to other brethren to strive and emulate the manner in which Bro. Bowyer had always carried out his Masonic duties. He felt sure that no words were needed from him to recommend the toast, as they were all well acquainted with the great services which their Secretary had rendered. He proposed the health of Bro. Bowyer, wishing him long life and prosperity.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm and musical honours, and Bro. Bowyer, in reply, said that in sincerely thanking Bro. Butler and the lodge for the great honour they had conferred upon him, he almost failed to understand why he should have been selected for such a privilege; he had only done what he considered to be the duty of every Freemason—his utmost to advance the interests of the lodge with which for so many years he had been connected. As one of the founders, its first J.W., and subsequently Worshipful Master and Secretary, it had been his greatest ambition to see the Clausentum Lodge prosper, and looking back over the past 15 years, it was a matter for congratulation to all the brethren to know that from the small efforts in starting the lodge at the old Woolston Inn, they were now assembled in their own Masonic Hall, and had attained a very high position as a lodge in the province. He felt greatly the honour to know that in coming years, when possibly he might be removed from them, his portrait would still be hanging on the walls of the lodge, where he had spent some of his happiest hours and made many true and lasting friendships.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Worshipful Master," "The Past Masters," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast were then given.

During the evening some excellent harmony was contributed by Bros. H. Kemp, S. J. Line, S. B. Crook, W. H. Smith, H. Lashmore, and others, Bros. Smith and Fowler accompanying at the piano.

The painting, which was executed by Bro. S. Line, a member of the lodge, is an exceedingly good portrait, representing Bro. Bowyer in P.G. Lodge regalia, and is enclosed in a handsome frame, bearing the following inscription: "Walter Bowyer, 1461, 394, 359, 128 (S.C.), P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S. Presented to the Clausentum Lodge by Bro. John Butler."

### Royal Arch.

#### Metropolitan Meetings.

**All Saints Chapter (No. 1716).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Bow Vestry Hall, on Thursday, the 3rd instant, and was well attended, among those present being Comps. Griffiths, White, House, Hunt, Rundell, Reeve, 808, Hastings-Miller, Bramham, Forbes, Dr. Moore, Harland, Harvey, Vallentine, Holroyd, Pritchard, Tijou, Wallis, Gibbs, Willshaw, and Vhogan.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, ballots were taken for Bros. G. Gwinn, 772, and G. Tayler Gwinn, 1816. Both proving unanimous, the two brethren were introduced and duly exalted, the working being of that high character which distinguishes All Saints. The dispensation from Grand Chapter allowing Comp. Forbes to pass from the J. to the H. chair was then read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The installations followed, the Installing Principal being Comp. T. Griffiths; the H. chair being taken by Comp. House; and the J. by Comp. Rundell. After the installation, worked in a most impressive manner, of Comp. Bramham, as M.E.Z.; Comp. Forbes, as H.; and Comp. Harvey, as J., the various officers were invested with the insignia of their office. The balance sheet was then duly received and adopted, and the chapter closed.

The companions adjourned to Comp. Anderson's, where justice was done to the good things he had provided, the M.E.Z. giving the usual Royal Arch toasts.

**Kennington Chapter (No. 1381).**—This chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 3rd inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. George Gardner, M.E.Z.; Westley, H.; Salter, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; Dowling, S.N.; George Everett, P.Z., Treas.; Austin, P.S.; Sims, 1st Asst. Soj.; Smith, 2nd Asst. Soj.; H. J. Lardner, I.P.Z., P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Middx.; W. P. Webb, P.Z.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z.; Ayling, P.Z.; and Arter, Org. Comps. W. H. Lee, P.G.S.E. Middx., and Harry Price, 177, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. Colwell, 1381, was exalted to the Degree by Comp. Ayling, P.Z., the ceremony being well performed. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The customary loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been duly honoured, the I.P.Z. gave "The Health of the M.E.Z." In the course of his speech he said that Comp. George Gardner during his comparatively short connection with Freemasonry had made great strides in the art. He was the founder of two flourishing lodges, and no doubt ere long would make his mark in Royal Arch Masonry. In concluding his remarks, the speaker said that it must not be forgotten that the M.E.Z. was an exalte of No. 1381.

The M.E.Z. having briefly replied, gave "The Second and Third Principals," to which toast Comps. Westley and Salter responded.

"The Exalte" followed, and, in reply, Comp. Colwell made an able speech.

"The Visitors" gave Comps. Lee and Price an opportunity of speaking in terms of laudation of the working of Comp. E. Ayling and others.

"The Health of the Past Principals" was coupled with the name of Comp. H. J. Lardner, who did the toast full justice.

In giving "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the M.E.Z. spoke in high terms of commendation of the Masonic and social qualities of both Comps. Everett and Higgins. The former had brought the chapter to a most prosperous condition. Everything worked most harmoniously. The efforts of the Scribe E. were also most praiseworthy.

Comp. Everett having responded, the toast of "The Visitors" terminated the proceedings, which were agreeably enlivened by the musical efforts of Comps. Arter, Webb, Buxton, and Simmonds.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held last Saturday, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, and was very numerously attended. Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer, was unanimously called to the chair, and, having taken his seat, the minutes of the last meeting in August were read by Bro. BINCKES.

A BROTHER: Does the meeting thoroughly understand that the resolution containing a recommendation from the General Committee for the grant of a pension of £350 to Bro. Binckes was for the Quarterly Court?

The CHAIRMAN: Certainly. This is reported by the General Committee, and whatever is done must be considered by a Quarterly Court.

The minutes were then confirmed, and Bro. BINCKES read the minutes of the House Committee for information. In these minutes were contained various facts which had come before the Committee. The matron had written a letter complaining of Dr. Morris, and Dr. Morris had written answering the allegations. Also the Committee reported what had been done with reference to the choice of a new medical officer. They had had the testimonials of 35 applicants before them, and subsequently reduced the number of candidates from 35 to 15, again to 10, then to 6, and afterwards to 2; after which they recommended one gentleman, and returned the testimonials of each of the remaining 34 to those gentlemen.

Bro. BRITTEN said that as it appeared that the resolution of the Provisional Committee with regard to the election of the medical officer was irrevocable, he wished to say a few words. He was told that the temporary medical officer since the retirement of Mr. Hall was an entirely satisfactory officer; he was resident something more than a mile from the Institution, but if he was a satisfactory officer he did not think it was right to reject him because he was a little out of the radius which the Provisional Committee had prescribed.

The CHAIRMAN said he had heard from Bro. Scurrah and other brethren observations to this effect, and he felt himself that the Provisional Committee had done wrong in returning the applications to the candidates. It was resolved, as appeared by the minutes, that each applicant be informed that any brother applying for the position could appear before the Quarterly Court, and send in his applications to the Quarterly Court. All that the Provisional Committee had done was to recommend one brother for appointment. It was for the Quarterly Court to say whether they would like him or any other of the 35 applicants. He could not put it higher than that. The brother who was now acting was quite content to appear before the Quarterly Court with the others.

Bro. BRITTEN: He is an entirely satisfactory officer, is he not?

The CHAIRMAN: Just so. He is perfectly satisfactory to the Committee and every one else.

Bro. BRITTEN: I should like to hear read the reference to the Provisional Committee. I daresay Bro. Binckes has the report when the Provisional Committee were appointed.

Bro. BINCKES then read the reference to the Provisional Committee by a special meeting at which the Provisional Committee were appointed.

Bro. BRITTEN: I had it in my mind that the Provisional Committee were expressly appointed to carry out the report of the Inquiry of the Philbrick Commission. (Hear, hear.) I have in my hand the report of the Philbrick Commission, and, with your permission, I will read one or two extracts from it.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL asked whether what was now being said arose out of the reading of the minutes.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Bro. BRITTEN: "The educational staff is satisfactory, the teaching good, and the school discipline well maintained." "There should be one head, and the entire establishment should be subject to him." Bro. Britten, continuing, said he was not one of the Committee, and he did not know the reasons for coming to these conclusions. He thought they recommended

that Dr. Morris be dismissed or to be permitted to retire at Christmas. (Loud cries of "No, no," and hear, hear.)

The CHAIRMAN: That notice has been given.

Bro. BRITTEN: Obviously the entire scope of this report was that the school under Dr. Morris was satisfactory—(hear, hear, and oh, oh)—and therefore he was at a loss to see why he should be requested to retire. He was quite able to understand that there might be good reasons why a change was necessary, but no reason was given only, so far as he could gather from the report and the minutes just read, the new matron did not approve of him. Every man of business must agree that in the conduct of such an establishment as the Masonic Boys' School the head master should be the matron's master—(hear, hear, and cheers)—and he thought the notion that Miss Hocker seemed to have that she should come and go as she liked without the control of the head master could not be maintained. He again wanted to know the reason for the recommendation that Dr. Morris should retire.

Bro. JONES would like to hear read the resolution passed by the Quarterly Court.

The CHAIRMAN said there were some recommendations other than those Bro. Britten had read. The resolutions were arrived at before the question of the matron and Dr. Morris had arisen, and it was arrived at in consequence of the report of the Investigation Committee. That was the reason given; it was arrived at before that question of the matron, and he might say it was a unanimous resolution of a large Committee—the largest Committee he had ever seen in connection with the working of the Institution. Although he was not Chairman on the occasion of that meeting which said that Dr. Morris ought to be informed by them, and not get his information from the outside, yet he might say they thought it right they should enquire.

Bro. BRITTEN: Will you tell us the reason. (Cries of hear, hear, and "No, no.")

The CHAIRMAN: The Committee of course only express themselves by resolution and do not generally enter into all the reasons. (Cheers, and hear, hear.)

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH said he did not think the Provisional Committee had gone outside their duties in this respect, because the first thing in the report of the Philbrick Commission was "We, therefore, are of opinion that an entire change in the administration, and a thorough breaking away from the present practice must take place before the management, expenditure, and discipline of the Institution will be satisfactory." (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Therefore, he said, the Committee had not gone beyond its duties. He would like to ask, through the Chairman, why he (Bro. Scurrah) was treated with discourtesy when he wrote a letter to the Secretary respecting the medical officer. The Secretary acknowledged the rest of the letter, and stated that it should be placed before the Provisional Committee. He appealed to the Committee as a member of this General Committee, as a brother who, though he said it, had done some service to the Institution, to support his contention that he should be treated in a courteous manner, and that he ought to have had a reply to his letter. He felt very much hurt that no reply to his letter was sent. The Chairman had stated that all the medical gentlemen were at liberty to come up to the Quarterly Court: he wished to know whether they had been invited to return their testimonials, which were sent back to them. He understood from several candidates that they had never been requested to send back their testimonials, and how could they appear before the Quarterly Court as candidates if the Quarterly Court had not their testimonials? If the Sub-Committee was appointed to select one candidate out of the thirty-five, then he could understand that the Sub-Committee was in perfect order in doing so. But it was not so, and no other Committee was at liberty to say one was to be selected and 34 were to go away.

The CHAIRMAN said that, as to the question of want of courtesy raised by Bro. Scurrah, they did not wish to treat him with discourtesy. When his letter arrived it took them by surprise, and they passed it unanimously. They had sent information to the candidates that they might come before the Quarterly Court, and that they might produce their testimonials. Every one of these gentlemen might come before the Quarterly Court.

Bro. SCURRAH said a letter should have been sent to him informing him of the fact.

The CHAIRMAN said it ought to have been sent, and, if not, it must have been an oversight.

Bro. J. H. SAUNDERS, interrupting, rose to move that the question be referred to the next Quarterly Court; but it was received with strong marks of disapprobation.

Bro. SCURRAH wished to know whether this was a proper instruction to these candidates that they could come before the Quarterly Court—an intimation to them that their testimonials were returned? Was it sufficient information to the Committee that first of all the 35 candidates were reduced to 15, then to 10, then to six, and then to two? Was there any intimation in the circular to those medical gentlemen to send them their testimonials, and that they would be considered? (Cries of "No, no.") It was "We will select a medical officer."

The CHAIRMAN said he was going to terminate this matter. If the conduct of the Committee had not been such as the General Committee approved they were sorry for it, but he might say they gave the greatest amount of information they could; that the Court was open for them to send their applications to, and

that it was perfectly open for them to come to the Quarterly Court.

Bro. SCURRAH: I will move a resolution—(cries of "No, no," and hear, hear)—"That a letter be sent by the Secretary to all these candidates to the office of medical officer, telling them that their applications are not dismissed, and that they will be laid before the General Court, and to send back their testimonials." (Hear, hear.)

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS said he had a motion before the Committee that the question of election he deferred to the next Quarterly Court. (Cries of "No, no.")

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND said he wished to put the matter in this way. The brethren, in their wisdom, elected a Provisional Committee to do the best they could for the interests of the Institution. It was utterly impossible for any body of men like those meeting there that day, or at the Quarterly Court, to take into consideration all the testimonials that came before them; they therefore appointed a Sub-Committee to come to a satisfactory conclusion. That Committee had gone through the testimony, and in their wisdom they selected, say, five, or 10, or 15 out of the number. Was it to be supposed that the whole of them could come to the Quarterly General Court with their testimonials, and throw them at the feet of 300 brethren, some of them, perhaps, their partizans? What would be the result? Why, the matter would be deferred again. (Hear, hear.) The Provisional Committee had been appointed, and they were the Provisional Committee until they were turned out. (Hear, hear.) How could the Quarterly Court select the best man? For himself, he thanked the Committee very much for having gone through the qualifications of the candidates; but he wanted to know why they limited the distance to not more than one mile from the Institution, within which a candidate must reside. He supposed they thought that an Institution containing the sons of Masons should have a doctor who could soon be fetched on a cold winter night. If they could get as good a man within half a mile, it was for the interests of the Institution. If Bro. Scurrah's motion or Bro. Saunders's motion was passed it would be referred back. It would be utterly impossible to consider the question at a Quarterly Court. As to the gentlemen sending back their testimonials, it was rather a dig in the ribs to them. If the brethren had not sufficient confidence in the Provisional Committee, let them get rid of them. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. CHARLES DAIRY asked how long the doctor was elected for? (Laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN said as far as Bro. Saunders' resolution went he must inform him that they could not now say what the Quarterly Court would do. At that Court the election of the doctor would take place. Bro. Saunders had proposed "That it be referred to the next Quarterly Court." That motion he could not receive, but the motion of Bro. Scurrah could be received. Bro. Scurrah said further notice ought to be given to these various candidates. He would, however, submit that the utmost notice had been given them. All that the Committee had done had been done under Laws 40 and 45 of the Institution, by which they were to inquire into the qualifications of candidates, select some, and report to the General Committee. They had done so, and they had intimated to all the others that they would be open to election at the Quarterly Court. No brother wished to do any injustice—if it was thought there was any injustice. He had no objection to receive Bro. Scurrah's notice.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS inquired whether it was quite just that the Provisional Committee should recommend one particular person. Was it not a nomination? It was put very strongly. According to the circular, it was an intimation that one particular candidate had been chosen out of 35.

The CHAIRMAN said he had read the clause under which they acted, which distinctly said that they were to select and recommend to the Quarterly Court, and they had reported that one was a qualified man.

Bro. SCURRAH: You are to report on the qualifications of all of them. ("Oh, oh!")

The CHAIRMAN: We have only recommended one. It will be entirely in the hands of the Quarterly Court. We have discharged our duties faithfully. Unless there is a real objection, I will put Bro. Scurrah's proposition.

Bro. Dr. JABEZ HOGG said he would propose to confirm those minutes, and after that to be permitted to offer a resolution on a subject which would answer all the questions that had been put to the meeting. He was sure they would not disagree, and then would get over the business well.

The CHAIRMAN: What is the proposition?

Bro. Dr. HOGG: To refer the question back to the Committee. He said he did so because he felt confident that there had been misapprehension by the Committee itself on this question. There was an advertisement issued in all our medical journals and the Committee proceeded to deal with the question with reference to this advertisement. The difficulty that had arisen had arisen in this way. The candidate for the office of medical officer of this Institution must reside near to and visit the School at least once every day. That advertisement did not say anything about a distance of a mile or half a mile. That omission had led to all this disagreement to-day. The Committee, he knew, desired to do the best they could, and the brethren were all very much indebted to them; but without thinking of this advertisement, they passed this resolution limiting the radius of a mile from the Institution, and confining the applicants to those living within that radius. That was the omission. The

Chairman had not this advertisement before him when he did that, and so this great mistake arose. If this was referred back to the Committee, they would see the matter as he had, that the limiting of the distance had the effect of keeping off some of the best men. These gentlemen were ready, at whatever distance, to do their best for the Institution. Distance was now annihilated about London by the facilities there were for getting about, and all these gentlemen were prepared to waive that subject of distance, that came forward with the understanding to come and fight their own battle, thinking nothing of distance. On the question of getting the best man for the Institution, from his own knowledge of their qualifications, the Committee had the means of keeping off some of the best men from the Institution. That was a misfortune for the Institution. He was about to move that this question should be referred back to the Committee for their re-consideration, and that they should bring up a report and recommendation.

Bro. HAWKINS (Balham) said although the Chairman had read the rule that they should report on the candidates, it did not mean that they should report on all of them. He believed the subscribers and donors had confidence in the Committee; but they objected to have one man foisted on them for the office; they did not want it, and they would not have it. (Hear, hear.) The custom was for the Sub-Committee to make a selection of three or six, but to give the general body of subscribers, who found the funds, an opportunity of selecting a man. It was the course of public bodies when electing any officer for a Sub-Committee to select a certain number, and they were to present their testimonials to the general body that elected the officer. If that had been done, Bro. Scurrah would not have had any suspicion. He did not say there was cause for suspicion, but there was just an element of suspicion, and, keeping in view the recent history of this Institution, they were justified in encouraging that suspicion, and therefore should be given the opportunity of electing one of three, or one of six. If this course was adopted by the Committee, it would have done, but they had not reported. There was another point. The advertisement stated that a candidate was to enter on his duty on the 19th October; but how could that be if he was only to be elected on the 25th. (Hear, hear, and laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN: He cannot be elected till the 25th.

Bro. HAWKINS: That advertisement should have been carefully examined. (Hear, hear.)

The CHAIRMAN: We have no right to control the operations of a Quarterly Court.

A BROTHER said several of the brethren understood that the qualifications of those applicants who resided beyond the radius of a mile were not considered at all by the Committee. (Hear, hear.)

The CHAIRMAN: Every one of them was. You had 15, you had 10, you had 6. It was reported to the Quarterly Court, and it is competent for the Quarterly Court to select out of those 35. It was considered that whoever was appointed ought to be within a mile.

Bro. HAWKINS: You have not explained to me whether I was wrong about 19th October. (Cries of "Chair.")

The CHAIRMAN: He cannot enter on the 19th, but he will on the first available opportunity after the appointment. (Hear, hear.) If the 19th is in the advertisement I am not responsible for it.

A BROTHER wished to remind the Chairman of Dr. Hogg's remarks.

The CHAIRMAN said he did not think the House Committee wished to have the matter referred back to them, but they did wish to do justice to all. If one candidate had better qualifications than the others, by all means let him try. If any brethren felt slighted let them go before the Quarterly Court. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. Hogg's motion was then seconded by Bro. W. M. STYLES.

Bro. C. H. WEBB said it was proposed to send the whole of the candidates to the Quarterly Court; but he would propose that six should be selected, and that their testimonials be printed.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS seconded.

The CHAIRMAN: You have no right to shut out the other 30. He then put the motion of Bro. Scurrah: "That a letter be sent by the Secretary to all those candidates for the office of medial officer, telling them that their applications are not dismissed, and that their applications will be laid before the General Court, and to send back their testimonials in order that they may be put before the Quarterly Court."

Dr. HOGG asked whether the matter should not be sent back to the Committee.

The CHAIRMAN said he did not think the Committee wished to have the matter referred back to them.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.D., asked whether the Quarterly Court knew who the candidates were. He thought the motion of Bro. Scurrah would answer every purpose.

The CHAIRMAN put the motion again in these words "That these 35 candidates be requested to send in their testimonials to be submitted to the Quarterly Court," to this Dr. Hogg's amendment that the matter be referred back to the Provisional Committee.

The Committee divided. On a show of hands, the CHAIRMAN declared there were none for the amendment. He then put the motion, when there appeared

For the motion	...	...	26
Against	...	...	36

The announcement was received with cheers.

Bro. ALFRED DURRANT asked the Chairman whether the meeting was going to be a party to the recom-

mendation, the result of which was that the head master should have no support.

The CHAIRMAN said they had not come to that part of the report yet.

Bro. BINCKES then read the House Committee's minutes, and the Finance Committee's report. Two petitions from the friends of candidates for election into the School were considered, and deferred for further information by the lodges in which the fathers' of the candidates were initiated; whether at the time of their initiation the brothers were in such a position in life as to justify their admission in the Order? Two grants of £5 each for outfits for two ex-pupils of the Institution who had since obtained situations were then granted unanimously.

Bro. JOHN GLASS afterwards rose, and said that following on the recommendations of the report of the Provisional Management Committee which was laid before the brethren in July last, paragraph No. 6 of which was—"The Committee has under its consideration the various recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry, with a view to carry them out as desired by the General Court. It has not lost sight of the question of the Head Mastership, but deems it advisable to reserve this, with other important subjects, for further deliberation." Since July the Committee had devoted real and anxious consideration to this question, and, after full deliberation, they passed unanimously a resolution in a very large Committee meeting that this proposition should be laid before the brethren to-day. It was not his duty to comment upon it in any way; he only reiterated what the Chairman had already mentioned—that they had, in the best interests of the Institution, given this grave matter their very best attention, and whether the brethren approved of it or not was of course a matter for them. The Committee believed that they had in this instance done their duty faithfully, fearlessly, and well, and they asked the brethren to support them. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) The proposition that he now moved was—"That the Provisional Committee be authorised to terminate the appointment of Dr. Morris, the head master, in accordance with the terms of agreement, dated 20th August, 1875, and that the said Committee be further empowered to take such steps as they may deem desirable to appoint another head master in accordance with the laws of the Institution." (Hear, hear, and cheers, together with expressions of dissent.)

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND rose with pleasure to second the proposition for more reasons than one. He would go back to what he stated before, viz., that they elected the Committee to submit to them certain recommendations, and this was one, and, he might say, one of the most vital in connection with the Institution. He was not going to speak of the brother as a brother, he was going to speak against the system which had been carried on at the Institution, which had to some extent grown within his knowledge. He could not help thinking that all these little matters which had cropped up from time to time, and come before the monthly meeting, showed that there had been a great want of discipline. He thought that there was no greater proof of want of discipline than the reports which had been brought up from time to time of what was going on at the Institution, and the position the Secretary had taken up—a position which he ought not to have taken up—with regard to the master. But if the master was worth his salt he would have at once brought the question before the Committee, and if they did not listen to his complaints and the explanations of the Secretary, and then bring the whole matter before the Craft, he ought to have done so, and he would be wanting in his duty to the Institution if he did not do so. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) He hoped the brethren would agree with him. What he was doing was in the interests of the Institution, and he had nothing to gain from any brother there for the position he was taking. In his opinion, the time had arrived, and they could bear this in mind at the Quarterly Court when the resolution was proposed that only the Secretary should be sent about his business, there was a great cry of "Make a clean sweep." (Cries of "Hear, hear, No, no," and confusion.) He challenged any brother to say that that was not right. (Hear, hear.) They were now going to place the Institution under the control of a master; they wanted a strong master. (A VOICE: "Find him.") Notwithstanding the un-Masonic interruption of that brother, he would say they would want a strong master. If they elected another Secretary they might have a brother not acquainted with the commercial interests of the Institution, and on that ground he would say they would want a still stronger master. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He had no hesitation at all in seconding the resolution that had been proposed by Bro. John Glass. He would even go further than that, and say that the brother elected to fill the place of the head master would be recommended to them as a general body. He would not be elected by the Committee, and those to find the money would have the appointment.

Bro. BRITEN said he thought the Provisional Committee was expressly appointed to carry out the report of the Philbrick Commission, and that report was in favour of Dr. Morris. They said that the discipline of the School under Dr. Morris was satisfactory, and he should move as an amendment that, in face of the Philbrick report and the questions 45 and 46, "This Committee is of opinion that the services of Dr. Morris should be retained."

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS seconded the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN said there was no necessity for the amendment as it was a direct negative.

Bro. JONES thought that by the resolution passed at

the June Quarterly Court the whole of the administrative officers of the Institution were to resign or tender their resignations. He could not conceive how this monthly Committee could upset a resolution of the Quarterly Court. To his mind a Quarterly Court was of far more importance than these monthly meetings. At the Quarterly Court they had brethren who subscribed their guinea and their five guineas. At this they had the Life Governors. The Committee, he contended, with all respect to Bro. Britten, was appointed to carry out the resolution passed by the Quarterly Court, which was that the whole of the officers of the Institution should be got rid of. (Hear, hear, and cries of "Question.") In the face of that resolution it was the duty of the Committee to carry it out. He was of the same opinion as Bro. Cumberland, that if Dr. Morris and Bro. Binckes had not done their duty in the past—(renewed cries of "Question")—if Bro. Binckes had not done his duty in the past, he was certain Dr. Morris had not done his. (A VOICE: "False.") It was not false. There was not sufficient discipline in the School, more especially considering the amount of money spent on the School. (Oh, oh.) He had had the expenses before him and he knew. He did not see how they could refuse to get another master; it was a conundrum to him that one Committee could upset another. He hoped the Committee would support the Provisional Committee to the very letter. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. ALFRED DURRANT could not allow any statement to be made on this occasion or in any public body reflecting on the management of the Institution by Dr. Morris. (Hear, hear.) He had had many opportunities of seeing and knowing how discipline was maintained at the School, and he most unhesitatingly said, and he was ready to bring evidence of it, that that School as far as the head master was concerned was well managed, and that its discipline was excellent. Dr. Morris occupied a very high position in the educational world, and his character was too high to be attacked by persons who had no shred of evidence to support their charges. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. SPRATLING would like to say that the state of the School at the time Dr. Morris became master was very different to what it was now. From his own knowledge and from information of a friend of his who was second master in the School he could say this. The state of the School now, educationally, was very far higher indeed than it was when Dr. Morris undertook it. He would not say it was very high, but he did not think any similar schools could stand by it. As to discipline, he thought that if the monthly accounts were gone over it would be found that John Jones was a naughty boy one day and Tom Smith a naughty boy another day. It would be found to be the case in every school, but that did not prove the discipline was bad. If Bro. Cumberland meant that, there was not much in it. Without throwing stones at anybody else the difficulties must have increased if one 30th or one 50th part of what they heard was true. He thought Dr. Morris had held his own pretty strongly and firmly. He (Bro. Spratling) had had some conversation with Bro. Philbrick and Bro. Pope, and they agreed it was all very well to swop your horse but you must not swop it in the middle of a stream where the horse, the waggon, and the man would come to grief. They were going to change a very important part of their administration, in fact to alter the whole thing. If they wished to do so they should pause and consider what they were about, and let the School feel its feet first. Dr. Morris might not be the best man, but he was free to do what he liked.

Bro. SAUNDERS and Bro. HAWKINS both rose to speak. The feeling of the meeting was with

Bro. HAWKINS, who said—as one of those who joined in advocating the making of a clean sweep of the officers, and in the entire administration of the School and supporting various charges then found—they were not conscious that Dr. Morris had been insufficient as far as the discipline of the School was concerned, and that he had been weak in not coming to the House Committee to protest against the Binckes control. This statement had been made, and they were told that as soon as he had come to the House Committee he was not supported there. (Cries of "No," and hear, hear.) They never heard of that until he came before the Philbrick Committee. Now, either Dr. Morris did go to the House Committee and complain of interference with his administration, or he did not. If he did he was right, if he did not he was wrong. He (Bro. Hawkins) would like to know whether he did. The Philbrick Committee held that the educational condition of the School was good, he heard practically the same Commission, consisting of the same gentlemen, recommending unanimously that Dr. Morris should be dismissed. Did those gentlemen accede to that report? Was any information obtained from Bro. Philbrick or Sir Reginald Hanson or others, as to whether Dr. Morris had had the opportunity of carrying on the Institution with another staff. It seemed to him that Dr. Morris had no real opportunity of being the Governor of the School. (A VOICE: "Quite right.") Was the Provisional Committee, after so many years of Dr. Morris's services, going to give Dr. Morris a six months' notice or six months' salary only, when they were going to give another a gigantic pension? (Hear, hear.) He was surprised at such conduct. There was no reason in the thing. They recommended the pensioning of the officer at £50 a year more than the salary which they were going to give his successor. (Interruption.)

The CHAIRMAN: So long as Bro. Hawkins confines himself to Dr. Morris he is in order.



Bro. HAWKINS said if Dr. Morris was to go, give him some solatium; do not turn him away; show the brotherly love they talked about. (Hear, hear.) If Dr. Morris was such an incompetent master, such a bad scholar, how was it he (Bro. Hawkins) had read for years the reports from the Secretary and the Committee extolling Dr. Morris. There must certainly be some arguments in his favour. He did not say keep him permanently, but give him an opportunity of receiving something if they were going to turn him away at once.

The brethren then voted by show of hands on the motion of Bro. Glass.

For the motion	...	...	45
Against	...	...	34

Majority for the motion ... 11

Bro. DURRANT demanded a division, but the Chairman declined to accede. If it had been a small majority of four or five there might be a reason for a division.

Bro. DURRANT proposed that it be referred to the Provisional Committee to consider the advisability of granting a pension to Dr. Morris of £200 a year.

The CHAIRMAN read several letters from individual brethren, and on behalf of provinces. Some were in favour and some in opposition to the proposed pension to Bro. Binckes.

Bro. BRITTEN: Is the resolution with regard to Dr. Morris to be acted on by this Committee or by the Quarterly Court.

The CHAIRMAN: It will be acted on by the Provisional Committee.

Bro. G. FAULKNER seconded Bro. Durrant's proposition, which was then handed in in writing.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL: As an amendment on that resolution I beg to move that this matter of pension to Dr. Morris be brought before the Quarterly Court. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS: I am disposed to move in favour of our head master, whom I have known many years, whom I have visited at the Schools—(laughter)—that in consideration of the high educational standard to which Bro. Richard Morris, LL.D., has brought the School, some special recognition shall be made of his valuable services, and that an honorarium such as they may deem right be given to him in consideration of the various pupils that have passed at the examinations. (Laughter.)

Bro. ALFRED DURRANT: I am perfectly willing to accept that or anything else which will give satisfaction to the brethren. All I want is that justice be done. I am perfectly willing to accept that. At the same time I think the Provisional Committee should report.

The CHAIRMAN: You adhere to your proposition?

Bro. DURRANT: Yes.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, P.G.C., thought it better that it should be laid before the Provisional Committee.

The motion was carried.

Bro. JONES said the brethren would recollect that at the monthly meeting in August a recommendation came from the Provisional Committee—that this Committee should confirm a proposition they made to give a pension of £350 a year to Bro. Binckes. He wished to ask the Chairman to-day, he being one of the Provisional Committee, if he would give him the following information. When the question of Bro. Binckes' pension was discussed how many of the Provisional Committee were present?

The CHAIRMAN said there were quite a dozen there.

Bro. JONES: Might I ask if the vote of the Committee was unanimous on that question. (Cries of "Oh" and "No," and "It is an unfair question.")

The CHAIRMAN: Certainly not.

Bro. G. P. BRITTEN: It is always done by a majority. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. JONES moved that the Quarterly Court should be advertised in the three Masonic journals. (A VOICE: "There are only two," and laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN: It will be advertised in half-a-dozen daily papers as well. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. JONES: I move another motion—"That notices be sent to the Secretaries of Provincial Lodges."

The CHAIRMAN: It is always done. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. JONES: Then I would ask this Committee to have upon the notices the motion of the Provisional Committee that it is their intention at the Quarterly Court to recommend to that Court for confirmation the pension to Bro. Binckes of £350 a year.

The CHAIRMAN: I tell you formally I give notice of that to-day, and that Bro. Masters gave notice that £1000 be authorised to be spent for providing new baths in the house, for putting all the sanitary matters in a proper state, and that £2500 be spent in providing a swimming bath.

Bro. HAWKINS: Will it be necessary to give notice of motion opposing the pension to Bro. Binckes?

The CHAIRMAN: No.

The proceedings then terminated, but in the excitement of the time the complimentary vote of thanks to the Chairman was omitted.

A benefit performance in aid of the band of the City of London Police will be given at the Surrey Theatre, on Wednesday, the 13th November.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs Committee for making the necessary arrangements for the Lord Mayor's procession and banquet, on Saturday, the 9th pr x., held their first meeting on Monday, and the Hon. Lewis Wingfield will have charge of the preparations for the pageant, which will be of a more imposing character than usual in honour of the 700th anniversary of the Mayoralty, which was established in 1189, the Lord Mayoralty having been created in 1355.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Thanks to the energy and determination of our Bro. Frank Richardson, the action against the Vestry of St. Mary, Battersea, has been brought to a successful issue. Bro. T. L. Wilkinson, with whom was Bro. Lionel Monckton (son of our much esteemed Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.), informed Mr. Justice Denman on Friday last that terms had been settled between the parties. These terms are that the Vestry are to set back their girder and pier so as not to interfere in any way with access to the roadway from the side gates of the Institution; to pay £50 towards the expense of altering the gates and railings, and, in addition, to pay the whole costs of the action. We think we are fully justified in congratulating the Subscribers upon such a successful termination of this action.

### DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL, HOWDEN.

This quaint old market town was *en fête* on Thursday, the 3rd inst., in consequence of the dedication of the new Masonic Hall (under the auspices of the St. Cuthbert Lodge, No. 630), the foundation stone of which was laid on the 1st of October last.

The hall is an elegant and commodious building, surrounded by ample grounds, enclosed by a high wall. The dining room and offices occupy the ground and the temple and Tyler's apartments the upper floor, which is approached by a neat iron staircase. The porch of the temple is flanked by the mystic pillars. The hall is spacious, lofty, and well lighted. This building has been presented to the Craft by Miss Medcalf in memory of her late brother, who was a Past Master of the lodge, and Past Prov. Grand Deacon. The works have been carried out under the direction of Bros. H. B. Anderson and G. H. Anderton, to whom great praise is due for the simple elegance and appropriate character of the structure.

The brethren assembled at 3 o'clock, the W. Master, Bro. T. C. Turton, being a little delayed by an unfortunate accident, which occurred to himself and contingent of other brethren from Goole, when crossing the river Ouse at Boothferry. The horse of one of the party, a fine and valuable one, leaped from the ferry-boat, and was, unfortunately, drowned.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.S.G.W. Eng., D.P.G.M. (the Consecrating Officer); M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; the Revs. William Hutchinson, Wm. Booth, R. Kennedy, and G. L. M. Rees, P.P.G.C.'s; Henry Green, P.P.G.R.; H. B. Anderson, P.P.G.D.; F. Blackburn, P.G.S. of W.; G. H. Anderton, P.P.G.S.B.; John Chappell, P.G. Std. Br.; A. M. White, P.P.G.P.; F. J. Lambert, P.G. Tyler; Wm. Baldwin, P.M.; R. Briggs, P.M.; T. C. Turton, W.M.; N. Shaw, W. L. Rowntree, J. Emmott, J. G. Loam, E. Shaw, T. Shaw, M. Haygarth, and W. Drury, of 630; T. Barlow, P.M.; Mark Scott, P.M.; G. H. Hudson, and R. Hodgson, of 566; Vessey King, 250; J. Constable, 2259; J. W. Tindell and J. Ellis, of 1605; T. Laverack, 1991; and others. The following visitors were present from the neighbouring Province of West Yorkshire: Bros. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. Eng., Prov. G.M.; S. Crow, P.P.G.D.; and H. W. Pawson, P.P.G.D.

The full ceremonial was performed by the D.P.G.M., assisted by the Prov. G. Secretary.

The music was given with great effect. Bro. Vessey King, Org. 250, presided at the organ, and the concluding anthem, "Hail Masonry," was ably rendered by Bro. Wm. Baldwin, P.M. 630.

The following address was delivered by the D.P.G.M.: Upon occasions like the present, when an important and impressive ceremonial is performed, it is customary that an address should be delivered, in order forcibly to call the attention of the brethren to their Masonic duties, and again to impress upon their memories the great principles of Freemasonry. On the 1st of October last I had the honour of laying the foundation-stone of this building, which has since been duly erected, and to-day solemnly dedicated, in accordance with the ancient customs of the Craft, to Freemasonry, Virtue, and universal Benevolence. I heartily congratulate the brethren on their possession of a Masonic Temple of their own, in which our rites can be performed in a seemly and dignified manner, and I sincerely trust that those who may hereafter govern this lodge will always bear in mind the great importance of reverential and suitable behaviour in conducting the business of Freemasonry. It is well sometimes to remind the brethren that the ceremonies of opening and closing the lodge, and the conferring of degrees, by no means comprise the science of our art. The sections of our various lectures explain each part of the ritual, and well deserve careful study, and frequent repetition. The jurisprudence and peculiar customs of the Fraternity, the vast literature of the Craft, which has been wonderfully increased and improved of late years, the extensive archaeological inquiries and historical studies now constantly being promoted, the management of our noble Charities—all these and other phases of our Masonic system offer a very wide field for diligent and improving study, and it may safely be affirmed that to a brother of liberal education and fair industry no pursuit can be found more interesting or rewarding. Of course to become a good Mason one must first necessarily be a good man; good work can never be achieved with bad material; the stones with which to build our mystic temple must be

true and square, and such only as the Divine Architect will Himself approve. Faults all men have, but all need not be vicious; and the irreligious and the profligate must be rigorously excluded. For this purpose the ballot was instituted, for by its wholesome and proper use the unworthy may be prevented gaining admittance amongst the Sons of Light. Candidates are now frequently admitted too easily, and without sufficient inquiry. Instances often occur where men have become Masons who are utterly unfitted for the Order. Some join who are unable to afford it, for it must be remembered that Masonry is a luxury, not a necessity of life, and should only be enjoyed by those whose means enable them to meet (without pressure) the calls made upon them by the lodge, not only for its maintenance, but also to assist our Charitable Institutions; they should also be sufficiently educated, and able to afford leisure to perfect themselves in the arcana of our science. If these considerations were perfectly acted upon, admission to our Order would be eagerly sought by the best and wisest of mankind, and our influence in the world would be vastly increased. That Freemasonry has done much good is undeniable, but an association extended over every land, in every part of the world (if its members thoroughly acted up to their profession) would (next to Christianity itself) be the most powerful factor for the spread of virtuous and God-like principles, and the relief of human suffering wherever found. If Masonry be a golden chain which encircles the globe, let each brother regard himself as a single link, whose breaking might endanger the whole, and try (by God's blessing) to become a true and trusty brother—a good man—the noblest work of the Great Architect of the Universe! Brethren, I thank you for the attention with which you have received my address, and trust it may be duly and carefully considered.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER of West Yorkshire then graphically described a recent visit to the Monastery of La Chartreuse, and his inspection of the curious manuscript works of St. Cuthbert and the Venerable Bede.

The chair was then taken by Bro. G. H. Anderton, who installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Rev. G. L. M. Rees, into the chair of K.S. The installation ceremony was performed in a manner which excited the admiration of the brethren. The following officers for the ensuing year were then invested by the W.M.: Bros. N. Shaw, S.W.; T. Coulson, J.W.; Rev. W. Hutchinson, P.M., Chap.; H. B. Anderson, P.M., Treas.; W. L. Rowntree, Sec. and Org.; J. Emmott, S.D.; J. G. Loam, J.D.; G. H. Anderton, P.M., D.C.; E. Shaw, Stwd.; T. Shaw, I.G.; and W. Drury, Tyler.

The installation banquet was held at the Town Hall, and was well served by Mrs. Kilham, of the King William Hotel.

The usual toasts were given, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

### WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

- DRURY LANE THEATRE. Every Evening, at 8, THE ROYAL OAK.
- COVENT GARDEN PROMENADE CONCERTS. Every Evening, at 8; Saturdays, at 7.30. Admission, 1s.
- HER MAJESTY'S PROMENADE CONCERTS. Every Evening, at 8. Saturdays at 7.30. Admission, 1s.
- ADELPHI THEATRE. Every Evening, at 8, LONDON DAY BY DAY; at 7.15, FARCE.
- STRAND THEATRE. Every Evening, at 8.40, OUR FLAT; at 8, BOYS WILL BE BOYS.
- GAIETY THEATRE. Every Evening, at 8, RUY BLAS AND THE BLASE ROUE.
- COURT THEATRE. Every Evening, at 8.15, HIS TOAST; at 9, AUNT JACK.
- SAVOY THEATRE. Every Evening, at 8.15, THE YEOMAN OF THE GUARD; at 7.20, MRS. JARRAMIE'S GENIE.
- PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE. Every Evening, at 8.15, PAUL JONES; at 7.30, JOHN SMITH.
- TERRY'S THEATRE. Every Evening, at 8.30, SWEET LAVENDER.
- LYRIC THEATRE. Every Evening, at 8.30, DORIS; at 7.50, FUNNIBONES' FIX.
- OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE. Every Evening, at 8.45, THE CASTLE OF COMO; at 8, THE DANCING MASTER.
- GRAND THEATRE. Every Evening, at 7.40, DANDY DICK TURPIN.
- SURREY THEATRE. Every Evening, at 7.30, MY JACK.
- ROYAL AQUARIUM. Open 12 (noon); close 11.30 p.m. Constant Round of Amusement.
- ALHAMBRA. Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets, &c.
- EMPIRE. Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment. Grand Ballet, DIANA, &c.
- LONDON PAVILION. Every Evening, Grand Variety Entertainment.
- CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES. Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment, Humorous Sketches, &c.
- MADAME TUSSAUD & SONS' EXHIBITION. Open 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. Portrait Models of Past and Present Celebrities. Now added Portrait Model of Mrs. Maybrick.
- NIAGARA IN LONDON. Open 10 till 10. Colossal Picture of the Great Falls.
- SPANISH EXHIBITION. Open from 11 to 11. Admission, 1s.



An appeal is being made by the London Irish Rifles for funds towards the erection of their new head-quarters. The Queen and the Duke of Connaught have each contributed £25.

The Marquis of Salisbury has gone to the Riviera, where he has recently acquired some property on the lower road from Nice to Monaco, with the intention of remaining there a week or ten days.

On Tuesday, the Queen drove over, in an open carriage and four, from Balmoral to Mar Lodge, where her Majesty lunched with the Duke and Duchess of Fife, returning about 4 p.m. through Braemar to Balmoral.

An exhibition of fruit, flowers, and autumn plants was held in the hall of the Horticultural Society, Victoria-street, Westminster, on Tuesday, the attendance of visitors being very numerous, and the quality of the exhibits excellent.

The Ebury Lodge of Instruction resumed its duties at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, on Thursday last, and will continue to meet every Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, during the winter.

The Rev. Joseph Harris, who has celebrated his jubilee in orders, and has been a Master of the City of London School from its foundation, in Milk-street, under Alderman Hale, to the present day, has undertaken to preside at the 28th anniversary reunion of Old Carpentarians.

The King of Denmark gave a grand Court hunt on Tuesday in honour of his distinguished guests, the party including his Majesty, the Crown Prince, the Czar, and the Prince of Wales. The Prince and Princess of Wales will leave tomorrow (Saturday) by special train, travelling *via* Warrandoupe.

The Secretary of State for War, accompanied by Bro. General Lord Wolseley and Mr. Nepean, Director of Contracts at the War Office, is at present engaged in making a tour of inspection among the manufactories which might be called upon for very large supplies of arms in case of sudden need.

The Bishop of Bedford presided at a meeting held in the Great Assembly Hall, Mile End-road, in support of "The Women's Trades Association for promoting Women's Trade Unions in East London," from 1500 to 2000 persons being present, of whom a majority appear to have been sympathisers with the working women.

The British Channel Squadron, under the command of Admiral Baird, arrived at Kiel on Tuesday afternoon, and took up their moorings in the naval port. In the evening, the Admiral and his officers were invited by the Emperor William to a grand banquet, his Majesty presiding in the uniform of a British Admiral of the Fleet.

The British Fruit Growers' Association (President, Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P.) held a meeting and conference at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Thursday, the first day of the Hardy Fruit Show, at 3 p.m. Papers on fruit culture were read by Mr. T. Francis Rivers and other authorities. The hon. secretaries are Mr. Lewis Castle, Merton, Surrey, and Mr. William Early, Ilford, Essex.

At a regular meeting of the Hadrian Lodge, No. 1970, held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., Bro. T. D. Marshall, W.M., presiding, Bro. John T. Ross, S.W., was unanimously chosen as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, Bro. Thomas Coulson, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas. (re-elected), and Bro. Thos. Potter, P.M., P.P.G.T., Tyler (re-elected). Bros. J. T. Reed and W. Woodrow were appointed Auditors.

The Torbay Lodge held its installation meeting at Paignton, on Monday, the 30th ult., when Bro. R. Light was installed as W.M. by Bro. J. Lane, P.M. 1402, P.P.G. Reg. There was a good attendance of visitors and brethren, and the I.P.M., Bro. C. W. Perrett, was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, and the Secretary, Bro. J. Bradford, P.M., with a Secretary's jewel. After the officers were appointed, the annual banquet took place.

Bro. Alderman Sir Henry E. Knight is confined to his house, No. 6, Stratford-place, suffering from severe concussion of the brain. Sir Henry, who was returning from the United States last week on board the steamship Umbria, fell down some steps leading to one of the decks during the gale, and cut his head severely, besides sustaining concussion. He was unconscious for some time, and was with difficulty removed ashore on the arrival of the vessel, and brought to London. He is being attended by Mr. W. S. Savory.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., was presented at Stirling, on Friday, the 4th inst., with an illuminated address enclosed in a casket of old oak, panelled with representations in relief of Stirling Castle in oxidised silver, the materials of which it was composed having been obtained from the old palace and the ancient Scottish Mint in Stirling. The ceremony of presentation took place in the Public Hall, and among those present were Bros. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.P., Sir A. Orr-Ewing, M.P., Shaw-Stewart, M.P., and others.

The new Theatre Royal, Exeter, erected on the site of the theatre which was destroyed by fire two years since, was opened on Monday, the piece chosen for the occasion being "The Yeomen of the Guard." The new building is constructed on Bro. Henry Irving's plan, which is held to provide absolute safety from fire or panic. There is only one gallery above the floor, and so many of the doors open into the street that it is considered a moderately active audience could make its way out in less than one minute. The Mayor and ex-Mayor, with other local personages of note, were present, and the audience generally was very enthusiastic.

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.

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

Invitations have been issued to the landowners and gentry in the neighbourhood to be present at a display of private theatricals and tableaux at Balmoral, on Monday next, the 14th inst.

The O'Donoghue, late M.P. for Tralee, died on Monday, at his residence Ballmahon Court, Athlone, after a long and severe illness. The deceased was last returned to Parliament for Tralee in 1880.

By command of the Provincial Grand Master, the annual Grand Lodge of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland will be held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at Keswick, under the banner of Greta Lodge, No. 1073.

To commemorate Bro. Sir Henry's election as Chief Magistrate, Messrs. M. Isaacs and Sons (of which he is the senior partner) have announced their intention of granting a substantial increase to the salaries of all their staff.

We regret to learn that Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Prov. G.M. Berks and Bucks, has become much worse. He had slept for a short time during Tuesday night, but became weaker on Wednesday, and is gradually sinking.

The salary of the City Solicitor (Bro. H. H. Crawford), whose attention, courtesy, and skill have won general admiration, was, at the meeting of the Court of Common Council on Thursday last, raised by a unanimous vote from £1500 to £2000 a year.

Bro. Deputy Rogers is, we are pleased to hear, better. A consultation on Sunday last with Mr. Bryant (late senior surgeon Guy's Hospital) and Dr. Phillips resulted in a favourable opinion, and the treatment has resulted in continuous improvement.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead was presented at the Mansion House, on Saturday last, with a bust of himself by 1000 members of the commercial Travellers' Association. The bust is by Mr. Onslow Ford, A.R.A., and the gift was suitably acknowledged by his lordship.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, H.M.'s Minister to the Court of Teheran, has left England to resume his duties at the Persian court. His Excellency will make the journey by way of Constantinople, where he will make a stay of a few days and be received by the Sultan.

Preaching in Cambuslang West Established Church, in connection with a Masonic demonstration, Rev. John Elder remarked that to be a good Freemason was to be a friend of man, a sincere, though necessarily imperfect, imitator of that Divine benevolence which dwelt in the heart and manifested itself in the life of the great and good Samaritan.

THE NEEDLEMAKERS' COMPANY.—The annual election meeting of the court took place last week. The following were elected, viz.: Bro. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., Ancaster House, Richmond-hill, S.W., Master; Bro. J. Aird, M.P., 14, Hyde Park-terrace, W., and Bro. J. H. Matthews, 9, Mandeville place, Manchester-square, Wardens.

A meeting of the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, was held at the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, on Friday evening, the 4th inst., for the annual election of officers. Bro. Walter Martin, P.M. of the Southwark Lodge, was elected Preceptor; Bro. Wilkinson, Sec.; Bro. W. J. Newell, S.W. 79, Org.; and Bros. W. H. Thomas, Kerry, and Stemp, Auditors.

At the last meeting of the Hadrian Lodge, No. 1976, Bro. T. D. Marshall, W.M., presiding, Bro. J. T. Ross, S.W., was unanimously chosen as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. T. Coulson, P.M., P.P.G.D., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. T. Potter, P.M., P.P.G.T., Tyler, was re-appointed to that office. Bros. John T. Reed and W. Woodrow were appointed Auditors. The installation ceremony was fixed for the 5th prox.

Bro. James Judd, J.P., C.C., presided at the opening services of the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Hamilton-road, West Norwood, on Monday. Among the subscriptions announced was a second donation of £25 from Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., C.C., who has taken a warm interest in the building of the church, and the useful Christian work carried on in this part of Norwood.

THE CANNON-STREET HOTEL.—Messrs. Ritter and Puzey have taken this well-known hotel on a lease from the South-Eastern Railway Company, and have just entered into possession. During the last few months all the arrangements of the building have been thoroughly overhauled, and it is now replete with every possible sanitary and other improvement which modern science can suggest to fit it for the high position it has so long held.

A terrible accident occurred on the main line of the London and North Western Railway near Manchester, on the evening of Friday, the 4th inst., when a heavily laden passenger train from Stockport came into collision with a pilot goods train, the result being that three carriages of the passenger train were smashed, three persons killed, and several more or less seriously injured. One of the latter has since succumbed to his injuries, and others still remain in a critical condition.

Baginton Hall, near Coventry, the Warwickshire seat of Mr. Bromley Davenport M.P., was destroyed by fire on Monday morning. The house was occupied by Mr. Sudgen Armitage, its owner having ceased to reside there since his father's death. Only the walls are left standing, but the library, which contained some curious letters and a fine collection of Greek and Roman classics, as well as the pictures and much of the furniture, was saved. The old Hall, which dated from the time of Richard II., was burnt down in the early years of the eighteenth century, while Mr. Bromley of that day was Speaker of the House of Commons, and Parliament voted a considerable sum towards its restoration. In 1714 Queen Anne visited Baginton and planted a cedar in commemoration of the event.

Among the latest houses supplied with Austin's Sanitary Cylinders are those of Peers, Judges, Doctors, &c. They are used in Hospitals, Clubs, Hotels. Names will be given on application and Testimonials sent. They are odourless, non-poisonous, and cheap (a Cylinder lasts a year). Used for all household disinfecting purposes, waterclosets (being automatic in action no attention required), for ozonizing baths, &c. Prices: 1s., 2s. 6d., 5s., 9s., and 18s. A. S. Cylinder Company, 181, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Can be obtained of all Chemists.

A portrait of Bro. Alderman Renals is published this week in the *Financial World*.

The consecration of the new Masonic lodge to be called St. Martin, No. 2320, will be held at Castleton Lane on the 24th inst.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, jun., has presented a bagatelle board to the members of the Young Men's Society connected with the Algernon-road Congregational Church, Lewisham.

We are asked to announce that the weekly meetings of St. George's Lodge of Instruction, under the preceptorship of Bro. G. Brown, P.M. and Sec. 140, are now resumed at the New Cross Hall (lodge room) every Tuesday evening, at eight o'clock.

Messrs. Donald Currie and Co.'s Royal Mail steamer Roslin Castle, which is expected at Plymouth to-morrow (Saturday), made the run between Cape Town and Madeira in thirteen days four hours, which excels all previous records by nearly six hours.

Bro. Montagu Williams met with a serious accident whilst driving in a pony carriage at Ramsgate. The ponies bolted, and ran the carriage into a fence, where it was overturned and smashed. Bro. Williams was thrown into the road, and a part of the carriage fell on his chest, injuring him severely.

THE FANMAKERS' COMPANY.—In recognition of the services he has rendered to the Craft, it is proposed to present Bro. George Augustus Sala with the honorary freedom of this company. The matter will be formally submitted by the Master at a meeting of the court, which is to be held on Wednesday, the 23rd inst.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland, the newly-appointed Viceroy of Ireland, arrived in Dublin early on Saturday last, and at noon, in the Privy Council Chamber at the Castle, was sworn into office before the Lord Justices—Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor) and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. There were many ladies present to witness the ceremony.

Arrangements are in progress at St. Petersburg for a "Rubinstein Jubilee," to consist of public addresses in honour of the great musician, evening concerts and *matinees*, at which many of his original compositions will be performed as well as several new works, the whole to wind up with a grand banquet under Royal patronage, and the presentation of certain valuable tokens of high and honourable appreciation.

THE SPECTACLEMAKERS' COMPANY.—The members of the court met a day or two since, the business engaging attention including the election of Master and Wardens for the year ensuing. Mr. W. J. Ford (Hoare and Company) was elected Master, and Bro. Alderman Sir P. De Keyser was appointed Warden. Bro. Sheriff Harris, who is a member of the company, has presented to the court a banner of his arms.

The funeral of Bro. H. S. Leverton, F.R.C.S., of Truro, whose death occurred on the 26th ult., took place on the following Tuesday. The deceased was for some 36 years surgeon to the "Temple of Peace" Lodge of Oddfellows, and was presented in 1872 with an illuminated address and a handsome silver centre-piece for his services to the lodge, and a further presentation took place when he recently resigned his office as surgeon of the lodge. Bro. Leverton was highly respected, and will be missed alike by the brethren of the Phoenix Lodge and the public in general.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead is bravely seconding the efforts of the Fruiterers' Company to bring about a restoration of fruit gardens and orchards in connection with our homesteads and orchards. His lordship points out that, except in Kent and a few other counties, our orchards have been allowed to fall into decay, and that we are annually paying large sums to the foreigner for apples, pears, and plums, which might easily and more profitably be grown at home. The Fruiterers' Company propose to raise a fund of £5000 to encourage fruit growing, and intend giving prizes in successive counties for the best orchards connected with ordinary farms and cottages. The Company have themselves contributed £500, and it is this effort which Bro. Whitehead is seconding, by inviting the livery companies and leading city firms to contribute before appealing to the public generally.

DEATH OF BRO. SIR BENJAMIN PHILLIPS.—Sir Benjamin Samuel Phillips, a leading member of the Jewish community in London, and formerly an Alderman of the City, died on Wednesday morning at his residence, 17, Grosvenor-street, after a long illness. Sir Benjamin, who was born in 1811, carried on business as a merchant and warehouseman in London from 1830 until 1886, under the style of Messrs. Faudel Phillips and Sons, of Newgate-street, of which firm his two sons are now the partners. In 1857, on the resignation of Mr. Alderman Eagleton, he was elected Alderman of the Ward of Farringdon Within; in 1859, in the Mayoralty of Mr. Alderman Carter, he, with Sir Thomas Gabriel, served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex; and in 1865-6 he was Lord Mayor. His term of office was rendered memorable by the relief measures taken under his auspices at the Mansion House to alleviate the sufferings caused by the visitation of cholera in the metropolis. There was also a fund raised for the relief of the distress occasioned by the Indian famine. Sir Benjamin Phillips, while Lord Mayor, had the honour of receiving as his guests in the City the King and Queen of the Belgians, who afterwards entertained him in Brussels, and bestowed on him the distinction of Commander of the Order of the Leopold. At the close of his Mayoralty, the Queen conferred a knighthood upon him. Sir Benjamin Phillips continued to act as an Alderman of the City until last year, when he resigned, owing to failing health, and was succeeded by his second son, Mr. George Faudel Phillips. His only daughter is married to Baron Henry de Worms, M.P.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Prevision.—As autumn treads on winter, slender, delicate, and pale-faced youths become listless, languid, and debilitated, unless an alterative, combined with some tonic, be administered to quicken their enfeebled organs. This precise requirement is supplied in these noted Pills, which can, and will, accomplish all that is wanted, provided the printed instructions surrounding them meet with scrupulous attention. Holloway's Pills are especially adapted to supply the medical wants of youths, because his medicine acts gently, though surely, as a purifier, regulator, alterative, tonic and mild aperient. A very few doses of these Pills will convince any discouraged invalid that his cure lies in his own hands, and a little perseverance only is demanded for its completion.