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THE PROVINCE OF NORTH WALES.

It must have been highly gratifying to Bro. Lord HARLECH, P.G.M. of North Wales, to preside at a meeting so successful as was that of his Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held at Barmouth, on the 22nd ult., under the auspices of the Mawddach Lodge, No. 1988. Not only was the attendance larger than usual, all the lodges but two in the province being represented, but the various reports that were submitted to his lordship and Provincial Grand Lodge showed that a very considerable amount of headway had been made during the past year. Thus the Provincial Grand Secretary was able to report that a marked improvement was observable in the working of the lodges, and in the manner in which they generally fulfilled their duties. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's statement of account showed that in respect of the Provincial Grand Lodge funds there was a balance in hand of £90 and upwards, while the "B" Fund of the Charitable Association had a balance of £251 remaining, after relieving all the cases which had been referred to it throughout the past year. But the most satisfactory report of all was that of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Col. H. PLATT, who was able to announce that his scheme for the purchase of a Life Presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls had been completed, and that subscriptions amounting to more than the required £525 had been promised, while only about £28 was wanted in order to complete the purchase. This sum was at once voted. A discussion ensued as to the manner in which this Charity should be administered, and it was ultimately decided that a Committee, consisting of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the Provincial Grand Secretary, should be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for selecting the most deserving cases, it being further agreed that the Masters of lodges should be invited to attend the Committee when the selection of first candidates came forward. It is evident, therefore, from their several reports, that the Province of North Wales, though it has not been separately constituted for more than about four years, has prospered exceedingly under the able administration of Lord HARLECH. It must be remembered that North Wales is a large Province, its area embracing several counties; and though there is a fair complement of lodges, which are 18 in number, they are widely scattered. This greatly enhances the work of government, and the credit, therefore, that is due to the Provincial Grand Master and his worthy and most popular Deputy and the Provincial Grand Officers, is all the greater for this very reason. We therefore congratulate our North Wales brethren on the success which has attended them during the past few years, and the bright prospects which are apparently in store for them in the years to come; and we sincerely trust it will never be their lot to listen to reports less favourable than those which were brought under their notice at their recent annual gathering at Barmouth.

MARK MASONRY IN SUSSEX.

Sincere as is the regret experienced by our Sussex Mark brethren at the unexpected death of their Provincial Grand Mark Master designate—the late Bro. GERARD FORD—and great as is the loss they have thereby sustained, the good news that was announced to them at the meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge, at the Royal Pavilion, on the 23rd ult., is well calculated to afford them consolation. They have lost a distinguished and deservedly popular brother whom Sussex or any other Province could ill afford to lose, the worthy Deputy of their absent Chief in Craft Masonry, the Grand Superintendent of their Royal Arch companions, and their Chief in prospective in the Mark Degree; and, in the midst of all their sorrow comes the joyous news that the Duke of CONNAUGHT, who already presides over them as Craft Provincial Grand Master, has graciously accepted his election as Mark Provincial Grand Master; and as his Royal Highness will return to England from his military duties in India at no very distant day, our Mark brethren in Sussex have now before them

the agreeable prospect of welcoming their new Chief, and taking part in his installation. In the meantime it is satisfactory to know that under the administration of Bro. Lord A. HILL, their retiring Provincial Grand Master, the Mark Degree has made satisfactory progress, and that in Bro. T. TROLLOPE, Past Provincial Grand Master, Bro. C. J. SMITH, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who, but for the lamented death of Bro. G. FORD, would have retired from office, and other zealous and energetic members, the Duke will find brethren as ready and willing as they are capable to advise in the more difficult duties of administration. It is now just 15 years since Sussex was constituted a Mark Province under the presidency of the late Bro. Sir J. CORDY BURROWES, and we note with satisfaction that it has on its roll some half-dozen lodges, each and every one of which is in a fair condition of prosperity. Two of them—the Royal Sussex, No. 75, and the Hova, No. 168—are located in Brighton. The Southdown, No. 164, and the East Sussex, No. 166, meet at Hayward's Heath and Hastings respectively, and the remaining two—the Adur, No. 386, and the Lewis, No. 391—at Henfield and Lewes respectively. There is, therefore, every reason to suppose that Sussex, which has fared so well in the past, will have a still more prosperous career under a Chief who is so highly respected—apart from the respect which is his due as a son of our most gracious SOVEREIGN—and so universally popular. We congratulate the Province on its good fortune, and with all the greater heartiness, because it has followed so closely on the heels of a very serious and regrettable loss.

A CLERICAL ATTACK ON FREEMASONRY.

As a rule, we are chary of noticing the attacks which are constantly being directed against the Society of Freemasons. In the first place, there is nothing to be gained by slaying the slain, and the charges which have been made against us on the score of our infidel, socialist, and other alleged evil tendencies have been again and again refuted; in the next, it is no good attempting to reason with people who deliberately shut their ears against all reason. Our attention, however, has been recently called to a circular addressed by the Rev. Canon KNOWLES, Principal of the Theological College of St. Bees, to the young men studying there as candidates for Holy Orders, and as the clergy of the Anglican Church are, as a body, men of broad and generous views, as well as men of education and culture, we consider ourselves warranted in replying, to the best of our ability, to those "Objections to Freemasonry" which the Rev. Canon has stated to his pupils, the more especially as the latter, if they find the allegations of their Principal are allowed to pass unchallenged, may very excusably assume that no answer or defence is possible.

There are two preliminary objections to the Canon's statements which, as they deprive them of all force and efficacy, may reasonably be taken. Firstly, as he is not a Mason, it is impossible he can know precisely and accurately what is the inner life of the Society he so utterly condemns. Secondly, it is difficult to imagine that a man of his knowledge and experience can be ignorant of the fact that in times past, as in the time present, a very considerable number of his clerical brethren have been, or are, members of this same Society. Many of these clerical Masons have attained to or hold positions of the greatest distinction in the Church, while all of them are esteemed and respected by all classes of the people among whom they severally move and have their being. Therefore, Canon KNOWLES, in condemning wholesale the Society of Freemasons, condemns likewise the conduct of all those Anglican or other clergy who have sought and obtained enrolment amongst its members. For if the Society itself is as guilty of those charges he brings against it as he would have his pupils believe, it follows that all his brother clergymen who are members of it must be *participes criminis*. If the Society is infidel and socialist, then they as constituent members must be tarred with the brush of infidelity and socialism. If "the prayers of its formularies are un-Christian," then all clerical Masons must be censurable when

they join in prayers which "are not offered in the name of JESUS our Lord." And so, also, with the other charges alleged against us—if they are true, then all our reverend brethren must be faithless in their duty as ministers of religion. There is, indeed, no way of escape for the Rev. Canon from this particular difficulty in which he has placed himself, namely, that the members of a Society which is worthy of censure must themselves be censurable. His first objection to Freemasonry is that "it forms, without fear of persecution, and deliberately a *Secret Society*," while it is a matter of common knowledge that those who join this secret body do so deliberately, of their own free will and accord, and from a preconceived opinion in its favour. Therefore, these clergymen who have committed what, in the estimation of Canon KNOWLES is the sin of becoming Freemasons, have done so with their eyes open, with a full sense of enormity of the sin they were deliberately proposing to commit. We wonder what those clergymen who are the Canon's superiors or equals in rank will think of this assumption of his of a superior or special knowledge about Freemasonry, which is by no means justified by any special experience he, as a non-Mason, can ever have acquired of its principles and practice. We wonder also what the present and future theological students of St. Bees will think of Canon KNOWLES'S charges against Freemasonry, when, having taken Holy Orders, they find themselves shoulder to shoulder with reverend ministers who are not only members but rulers in the Craft.

But it is time we addressed ourselves to the particular objections which Canon KNOWLES has raised against Freemasonry. The first of these is on the ground that "it forms, without fear of persecution, and deliberately a *Secret Society*." We allow the correctness of this statement as set forth in these general terms, but it is necessary to point out that the secrecy we observe concerns only our various modes of recognition, and the various forms and ceremonies we observe in our lodges; but there is nothing secret about the principles which govern us in our relations to the civil and religious powers, and any one who is curious to know what those principles are, as well as what our system of organisation and government is like, may easily, and for the trifling sum of eighteen pence, obtain the necessary information from our published Book of Constitutions. There, at all events, he will find that whatever our detractors may choose to assert, a true Mason is neither "a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine," and that when a man is desirous of being admitted into the Order, it is an indispensable condition that he should "believe in the glorious architect of heaven and earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality." He will learn also, as regards the relations of our Society towards the civil power, that "a mason is a peaceable subject to the civil powers;" that he "is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation," and that he "is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority." Thus, there is no secret as to the principles of Freemasonry, which are clearly and explicitly set forth in our book of laws, while what is kept sacred from the outer world concerns, as we have said, our various modes of recognition, the symbolism we employ, and the manner in which we carry out our various duties in the lodge. But even these are secrets which may lawfully be kept, seeing they contain nothing contrary to any man's sense of religion and morals, or that will prevent him rendering due obedience to the laws of his country.

Canon KNOWLES'S second objection is as follows: that "Professing antiquity and connection with ancient Craft guilds, it cannot show its continuity throughout the 16th century, and can produce no records that, without divulging secrets, go to prove such continuity." In replying to this, we labour under very serious disadvantages. In the first place, it is difficult, if not impossible, to establish a proposition which is supported mainly by tradition; and in the next, it is equally difficult, if not more impossible, to compress the arguments in favour of such a proposition within the space of one or two articles. We therefore content ourselves with pointing out that the records of the present Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, date from the close of the 16th century; that Volume I. of these records contains a copy of the celebrated Schaw Statutes, ordained at Edinburgh the 28th December, 1598, the first "Item" of which provides "that they observe and keep all the gude ordinanceis sett down of befor concerning the privilegis of thair Craft be thair predcessors of gude memorie;" and that these records establish (1) that the present Lodge of Edinburgh was a Craft or operative lodge at the time the said Statutes were promulgated; and (2) that the said Statutes clearly prove that previous codes of "gude ordinanceis" had been framed for the lodges by the "predcessors of gude memorie" of the Craftsmen of that date. Again, there are the manuscript Constitutions—the Cooke and other MSS.—which are still extant, and on which, or some of which, the Constitutions of our present Society were framed by Anderson in the earlier days of last century. But the question is too large to be argued, as we have

said, in the space of one or two short articles; nor after all does it strike us as being a point of the first importance as to whether the antiquity of Freemasonry is as great as is claimed for it. At all events, we must refer our reverend assailant to the works of our Bro. GOULD, who is the great living authority on the history of Freemasonry, and far weightier than the Masonic historians who have preceded him.

The third and fourth of Canon KNOWLES'S objections are as follow: (3) "In theory, and partly in practice (in spite of the respectability of its English members), it is one with foreign societies, which are honeycombed with infidelity and socialism;" (4) "The prayers of its formularies are un-Christian—i.e., not offered in the name of JESUS, our Lord." Having regard, however, to the length to which our remarks have already run, we purpose reserving what it is our intention to say in reply to these statements for another article.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A MASONIC HALL.

On Wednesday, the 30th ult., the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire was held in the pretty little town of Henley-on-Thames, and the proceedings were marked by an event of special interest, the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master, having consented to lay the foundation stone of a Masonic Hall, to be erected by the brethren of the Thames Lodge, No. 1895, on a suitable site in the Reading-road, within a short distance of the Great Western Railway Station, generously presented by Bro. Mackenzie.

The brethren attended in good numbers from different parts of the province, and for their convenience the G.W.R. Company slipped a carriage from one of their fast up-trains at Twyford Junction.

The Prov. G. Lodge was opened at 2 o'clock, at the Town Hall, by Lord Jersey, assisted by Bros. Reginald Bird, M.A., P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M.; the Rev. H. Sayers, Prov. G. Chap.; Herman Hodge, M.P.; W. Lewis Morgan, Prov. G. Sec.; and other Prov. G. Officers.

The roll of lodges having been called, and the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge confirmed, the brethren formed into procession, and walked through the Market-place and Duke-street to the site in the Reading-road, where a large concourse of persons had assembled, the weather being extremely fine. The W. Master of the Thames Lodge, Bro. E. Carlisle, presented a silver trowel, suitably inscribed, to the Provincial Grand Master, who proceeded to lay the stone.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was carried out with full Masonic rites, the procession re-formed, and the brethren returned to the Town Hall, when the Provincial Grand Lodge business was at once resumed, and the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a banquet was served, and the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

CONSECRATION OF THE BUSHEY HALL LODGE, No. 2323.

The Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323—the 18th on the roll of the Province of Hertfordshire—was successfully consecrated and constituted on Saturday, the 2nd instant, at the Hall, Bushey, in the presence of a large and thoroughly representative gathering of Masons. This lodge promises to speedily take a leading position in the province, starting as it does under the most favourable auspices. The Hall, Bushey, which is situated in the midst of extensive and beautiful grounds, forms a capital home for a lodge, and the founders are to be congratulated on having secured this spacious building in which to conduct their Masonic duties. The lodge, moreover, has the advantage of commencing its career in an exceedingly satisfactory financial condition, owing to the munificent generosity of the S.W. designate, Bro. Jas. H. Renton, who presented the whole of the beautiful furniture and fittings, including a handsome lodge banner, bearing an excellent representation of Bushey Hall. The consecration ceremony was performed by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hertfordshire, assisted by Bro. G. E. Lake, Deputy Prov. G. Master; the Prov. G. Wardens; Bros. Rev. Wm. Quennell, Prov. G. Chap., acting Chaplain; Chas. Bullock, Prov. G. Sec.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.D.C.; and other Prov. Grand Officers.

The founders who were present are Bros. Thos. Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; C. E. Keyser, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., W.M. designate; Jas. H. Renton, S.W. designate; Wakeford May, J.W. designate; C. E. Birch, P.M.; R. J. Banning, P.M.; E. W. Jaquet, E. de B. Barnett, and Fred Romer.

Among the large number of visitors present were Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; F. Knyvett, P.G.D.; A. Prudames, J.W. 504; S. Rowland Timson, S.W. 504; E. Thornton, P.M. 708; J. Brittain, P.M. 1385; W. Symons, 1223; P. Deedes, P.M. 1479; T. Kent, P.M. 1479; W. Sampson, J.D. 14; J. H. Birch, P.M. 1223; Geo. Young, P.M. 1757; A. Baker, J.W. 403; Jno. Purrott, P.M. 1479; L. J. Myers, I.P.M. 1479; T. S. Carter, 403; T. J. Villiers, I.P.M. 404; J. E. Dawson, P. Dep. Prov. G.M., P.G.S.B.; W. H. Dipstale, P.P.G. Stwd.; R. C. Mayhew; Jno. Stedman, S.W. 1705; W. T. Graves, P.M. 1984; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Rylands, W.M. 210; C. N. Bullock, Prov. G. Sec.; M. Slaughter, P.M. 404; R. Barham, W.M. 256; Thurley Beale, 207; W. Venn, 404; L. Patterson, P.A.G.P.; H. Lomas, I.G. 2216; S. Goodchild, J.W. 1984; R. Townsend, P.P.G.S.B. 1984; S. Heaton, P.M. 404; T. C. Grant, P.M. 38; P. W. Taylor, P.M. 409; Jas. Rogers, P.M. 1984; F. S. Long, W.M. 2098; Thos. Wright, P.G. Tyler; W. E. Gompertz, P.M. 369; W. G. Dingle, 509; C. Wallington, S.W. 256; H. H. Shirley, P.M. 1491; H. T. Brett, 404; C. B. Cooper, P.M. 449; F. Larch, P.M. 404; T. G. Robinson, W.M. 504; C. S. Ayres, S.D. 404; J. W. Robins, 404; A. Wilmont, 1373; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers entered the lodge room in procession, when the Provincial Grand Master assumed the chair, and appointed his officers *pro tem*. The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the hymn, "Hail! Eternal, by whose aid," was heartily sung by all present.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, addressing the brethren, said they were assembled on the present occasion for the purpose of consecrating and dedicating a new lodge. He had much pleasure in attending to perform that ceremony, which he should commence by calling upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to state the wishes of the brethren and the proceedings taken to carry them into effect.

This having been done, the petition and warrant were read, and the officers named therein approved by the petitioners.

The following oration was next delivered by Bro. Rev. Wm. Quennell, Prov. G. Chap. :

The duty which now devolves on me is one which I undertake for the first time, and I do it in the presence of many eminent brethren of whom I would gladly learn. For both these reasons I feel that I need your indulgence. I am to speak of the nature and purposes of this Institution, and I would say, shortly, that in its nature it enters into the deepest and highest and eternal elements of our life; and in its purposes, and we may add in its fulfilled purposes, it ennobles and enhances it. For the deepest and best parts of our life are concerned with (1), religion, which binds us to the Supreme; (2), duty, the recognition of authority, and the bond of mutual consideration in our relations with one another; and (3), the law of self control, which regulates our inner personal life. The perfect man is one who lives soberly, righteously, and Godly; sober in his estimate of himself and in his use of his powers and opportunities; righteous or just in his dealings with others; Godly in his acknowledgment of the law of the Most High with the worship of heart and voice and action. This perfection in man our Institution tends to form and strengthen. 1. In all our meetings, in all our ritual, the name of God is invoked; the work of His almighty hand is recalled by the very name by which we address Him, the witness that is all around us of His wisdom and power and goodness. The book of His revelation lies open among us in the most honoured place, and with the hand laid upon it as a most sacred thing all our obligations are undertaken. If then our Craft speaks to the heart and conscience of each of its members on that holy subject, his personal religion, it says to him "In all thy ways acknowledge God, and He shall direct thy paths." 2. And no less in the second element of the perfection of manhood does this Institution tend to foster all that is good. For within a lodge what do we find? We find all meeting on a common ground of brotherhood, each with an equal share of privilege and of responsibility; each bound to recognise and protect those equal rights of all, but at the same time the most profound reverence, the most perfect obedience to the Worshipful Master, the most respectful acknowledgment of his authority and that of the officers under his control and direction by and with whom he rules and guides his lodge. All men who are bound by their allegiance to obey the law of their country, and loyally to defend (as far as in them lies) the honour and dignity of their rulers, all men who in a free country are taught to maintain their own liberties by acknowledging and protecting the equal liberties of their fellows, all such, I say, have these very principles, meeting them as the warp and woof of the fabric of the mantle of Freemasonry. And if its first motto be "Fear God," the others, "Love the brotherhood, honour the King," follow hard upon. 3. And that cannot be without the third point of perfection also receiving its encouragement. A man cannot duly recognise his brother's claim unless he has also acquired the habit of self control, and the opposite of selfishness is Charity. Charity, both as a habit of mind and as an active practice of life, is ever to the front in our undertakings. I may affirm that no meeting of a lodge ever takes place but that sacred word is uttered, and something done or proposed under its name. This then is the nature and this the purpose of our Institution, the perfection of man. He who is a good Mason, true to the principles it inculcates, careful of the daily duties it enjoins, hopeful of the eternal privileges to which it points, is also a good man, ruling himself, loving his neighbour, honouring his God, and looking forward to the higher and eternal service of the life to come. It is to serve this lofty purpose that this lodge is consecrated to-day, to be a new centre of Masonic life, a new energy in the striving after perfection, and may He in whose name we consecrate it guide it and all its members to the attainment of that noble end.

The anthem "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is," was next well rendered, and the ceremony successfully proceeded with, the lodge being dedicated and constituted.

The chair was then taken by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. G. E. Lake, who, in the presence of a numerous attended Board of Installed Masters, duly installed the W.M. designate, Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., as the first W.M. of the lodge. Bro. Birch, P.M., being unanimously elected as Treasurer, the officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows: Bros. Thos. Fenn, P.B.G.P., acting I.P.M. and D.C.; Jas. H. Renton, S.W.; Wakeford May, J.W.; C. E. Birch, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Banning, P.M., Sec.; E. W. Jaquet, S.D.; E. de B. Barnett, J.D.; Fred Romer, I.G.; and J. Middleton, Tyler.

The addresses were given by the DEPUTY PROV. G. MASTER and Bro. KNYVETT, P.G.D.

On the proposition of Bro. T. FENN, acting I.P.M., the W. Master, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary were appointed a Committee to frame the by-laws.

Bro. Banning, Sec., was elected to serve on the Provincial Finance Committee.

The W. MASTER, in proposing the election of Bro. Birch, P.M., Treas., as a member of the Provincial Charity Committee, pointed out that better arrangements should be made to ensure the success of Hertfordshire cases, the province possessing a strong voting power.

The nomination of Bro. Birch was seconded by the SECRETARY, and carried unanimously.

The Prov. G.M. was elected an honorary member of the lodge and presented by the W. Master with a founder's jewel, for which he returned sincere thanks.

The Deputy Prov. G. Master, the Grand Secretary, the Prov. G. Secretary, the Prov. G. Chaplain, and the Prov. G.D.C. were also elected honorary members.

The W. MASTER having announced his intention of serving as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and several propositions having been made for initiates and joining members, the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the first toasts given from the chair were "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W. MASTER said that no brother took more interest in Masonry than the Earl of Carnarvon, and with regard to the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom, whenever he honoured Grand Lodge by attending, he always met with an enthusiastic reception. With respect to the other Grand Officers, it was a matter of great pride to the brethren of the Province of Herts to feel that they came home to that toast at once. They were honoured that evening with the presence of five or six Grand Officers, two or three of whom had been obliged to leave early. The name of Bro. Philbrick, the G. Reg., was known to most of them, for they knew that in the last few months his name had become a household word from the fearless way in which he had acted as Chairman of the Committee appointed to inquire into the management of the Boys' School, which was one of the most unpleasant duties that could be found. Everybody must acknowledge that his duties had been carried out in a moderate and fair manner. He should certainly have the privilege of coupling Bro. Philbrick's name with the toast. They were also honoured with the Grand Secretary, than whom there was no member of the Craft held in more universal esteem. They felt that a brother who had such multitudinous duties to perform had conferred a great honour by attending that night. Then they had Bro. Fenn with them. For the President of the Board of General Purposes to become one of the founders was a matter of surprise to most of them. He felt that Bro. Fenn, having accepted the office of I.P.M. and also D.C., would be of the greatest benefit to him, for he knew he should make many mistakes, and in any case of difficulty he would have one of the highest authorities to appeal to. They had also their Prov. G. Master, to whom he should refer at a later period, Bros. Knyvett, Matier, and others who had been obliged to leave.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., said the W.M. had imposed a heavy duty upon him. On the part of the Grand Officers, he would say how glad they were to be privileged to assist on an occasion like that. It was always gratifying to those who took a deep interest in the success of an institution, and still more

gratifying to those who took a deep interest in the grand Institution they had so much at heart, to see its legitimate progress, and watch its inception under auspices like those which had attended the happy consecration that day. He could assure them that the Grand Officers viewed the extension of lodges that were likely to be sources of benefit to the Craft—places of happy meeting for the brethren and for all 'good, true Masonic purposes—with the utmost pleasure. While they were called upon to see, and they saw without dismay, the number of lodges which rank under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England reduced seriously in number by the formation of Grand Lodges in Australia and other parts of the world, it had been with no grudging spirit, with no mere yielding to what might be called the inevitable, that Grand Lodge had accorded a thoroughly hearty and fraternal recognition, for they had been pleased and proud to see that those who in great measure had drunk of their source of Masonic spirit—from their oldest Grand Lodge in the world—had founded themselves in other great countries, and carried to the uttermost parts of the globe those great principles of the Order in which they firmly believed, and which they were sure had done, and were still doing, practical good, and which would bring honour to the name of Masonry wherever they were carried. Therefore it was that they, as Grand Officers, could observe, and did observe, with the greatest pleasure the accession to the ranks of the lodges under the Grand Lodge, and they congratulated the province on having another lodge consecrated under the rule of the P.G.M. The W.M. had been pleased in his kind remarks to refer to the names of the Pro G.M. and the D.G.M., of whom it was almost enough to say in an assembly of Masons that their names were household words, owing to the deep interest they took in the Craft. For the rest of the Grand Officers he would leave it to the Grand Secretary to speak, and he no doubt would take up the burden of a speech left incomplete. The W.M. had referred to one matter of great importance with which he had associated his name. He was associated with other brethren who with him bore the part of the investigation, which to them was a painful duty. They felt they should ill repay the confidence reposed in them if they did not speak honestly and fairly the truth, and they felt that if in so doing any consequences ensued, it was not their business to weigh those consequences, but their duty was to tell the truth. He saw the brethren around him thoroughly appreciated what he had said. They might, it was quite true, have endeavoured to do that which painters do when they leave their work—put on a coat of varnish—and he could assure them it would have been much more congenial to that Committee if they could have said that which would have done as well, and felt they could do it and look their brethren in the face. He was sure he could speak for six of the Committee, and he was the seventh, they all felt their duty was a paramount one, and he hoped and trusted the kind confidence placed in them was not forfeited. The great matter they had at heart was the principle the brethren generally had at heart, and no matter who might be the persons, if people had to yield they must yield—the great interest was the interest of the noble Institution which the generosity and liberality of the Craft had founded in the past and now supports; and long might it continue to be honoured in the Craft, and might an increased support, on better principles of administration, show they were believers and true successors of the Masons of old—believers of all that was good, and showed by their work that they struck no false joints. Their work should be founded on a rock, and that rock ought to be truth and honesty, and work so done would stand the strictest scrutiny of the Craft and the scrutiny of the G.A.O.T.U. He thanked the W.M. for his own humble part, and was quite sure the Grand Officers felt extremely grateful.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., also responded. Speaking personally, he assured them of the deep interest he had taken in the lodge, and congratulated the founders on its evident success. For many months past he had been behind the scenes, and was fully persuaded from the opening proceedings, and from the brethren supporting it—including Bro. Fenn, who was an Eiffel Tower in Masonic knowledge—that if they did not make the lodge an excellent one in the province it would be their own faults.

The next toast given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER was "The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P." He could safely say it was a toast he would rather propose in Bro. Halsey's absence, for then he could say a good deal more; but it was not necessary for him to say anything, for in the Hertfordshire lodges this toast always received a most enthusiastic reception. He did not believe there was any province which had greater regard for its Provincial Grand Master than they had. He mentioned in the lodge the great interest taken by the Provincial Grand Master in the consecration of that lodge, for that distinguished brother would make no definite arrangements elsewhere until the date was fixed for that meeting. The Provincial Grand Master's presence was everywhere appreciated in the province, and he hoped that as Bro. Halsey had kindly consented to become an honorary member he would often honour them with his presence. He would ask the brethren to join in drinking his health, and might he long continue to reign as Provincial Grand Master, and though the lodges had more than doubled under his rule he hoped he would live to see them double again.

Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., Prov. G.M., in reply, said he felt quite overwhelmed by the too generous terms in which the W.M. had commended this toast to their notice, and also by the extreme kindness with which it had been received. He could only say it had given him the greatest pleasure to assist in the consecration of the lodge, and from what he had seen and heard that night, and the constitution of the founders, and the names proposed as future members, the lodge was likely to take that place in the province which it was his wish and desire all the lodges should hold. The W.M. had alluded to the fact that the lodges in the province, since he had presided, had more than doubled, but he hoped, if it should please the Great Architect to spare him, that he might live to see them trebled. When he first presided there were eight lodges, but that was the 18th. They did not want to multiply nominal lodges where few met, but flourishing lodges that would spread the true principles and support the Charities, and uphold that prestige which their small province had already attained with regard to those Charities. It was the principle which animated the brethren of that province, and so long as that continued he felt sure it would prosper. From what he had seen that day he was convinced that lodge would be no mean addition. It had given him great pleasure to be present, and he trusted he should be able to visit them on many future occasions and watch its continued career of prosperity.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." With regard to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lake, who was in his first year of office in that position, they had known him as an excellent working Mason, he having filled the onerous post of Provincial Grand Secretary for many years. They congratulated Bro. Lake on the high position he now holds, and trusted he would live long and have strength to fulfil his duties. He personally thanked the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for installing him.

Bro. G. E. LAKE, Deputy Prov. G.M., said it was with a sense of the great responsibility attached to his words, when he looked round at the brethren, whose mouthpiece he was, that he rose to respond. He was sure, however, he should not greatly err in expressing the feelings of great pleasure with which they had been present on that occasion. It must always be a matter of great pleasure to those who had a true interest in Masonry to attend at the consecration of a new lodge. It had been a peculiar satisfaction to himself, not only as a Mason who had seen a good deal of Masonry in that province, but as one who looked upon Bushey as his native place. He thought it was in 1882 that the Earl of Clarendon Lodge was consecrated, and, including that lodge, that was the seventh lodge added since that time. That showed that Masonry flourished in Hertfordshire, and they hoped it would continue. It was by no means the last lodge they hoped to welcome, for a charter for another had been granted, and they

heard of one more for which a warrant would be applied. As Prov. G. Officers, they therefore congratulated themselves on the state of the province, and would do their best to further the interests of Masonry.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by the Prov. G. MASTER, who said that before leaving he had a duty to discharge which he was sure gave him great pleasure to perform on that occasion. It was to ask the brethren to drink to the health of their W. Master. It was not necessary for him to say anything of Bro. Keyser's merits, because they were well known to those who had been old members of the Watford Lodge. They knew what the W.M. had done for that lodge, and that fact assured them of what he would do for the Bushey Hall Lodge. The lodge could not make a better start than to have Bro. Keyser as the W.M. It only remained for them to drink the W.M.'s health, and give him such a welcome as would show that they in that new lodge and the other brethren wished God-speed to him and the lodge.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.P.J.G.W., W. Master, said he found the greatest difficulty in thanking them for the way in which the last toast had been received, and he felt grateful to their Prov. G.M. for staying to propose it. He thanked him for his kindly sentiments. He was proud to say he had had the privilege of knowing the Prov. G.M. in and out of Masonry for many years, and it had been a pleasure to him to have the lodge consecrated by him, and afterwards propose his health. He (the W.M.) had had experience in Freemasonry, having been a Mason for 21 years. He began at the Isaac Newton Lodge, of which he was still a member, and then he joined the Watford Lodge, of which he occupied the chair in 1880. Since that period he had not been Master of any other lodge, although he had joined several, and had done the work in a great measure. He did not know he regretted that, for he was not a Mason who thought his merits would best appear by the number of lodges of which he was a P.M. He might say in the case of that lodge that he had no idea he should be the brother chosen as the first W.M. The idea of founding the lodge commended itself to him, and meeting Bro. Banning he said to that brother that, if a Prov. G. Officer could be of assistance, he should be pleased to be one of the founders. When he heard who were the founders, he thought that Bro. Fenn would naturally be the first W.M., and he still thought so, but that brother thought it would be better if a local Mason would fill that position. He thanked the brethren of his lodge for the great honour paid him, and trusted he should be worthy of that confidence. In the Mark, Arch, and other Degrees, in all of which he had passed the chair, he believed he could say that, if they looked at the signature book during the last eight or ten years, they would find he had been the most regular attendant connected with Watford Masonry. He hoped to do that in that lodge. He had not undertaken the duties lightly, but felt greatly the honour paid him, and by regular attendance hoped he should do all the work and carry out the authority of the chair in a manner to give satisfaction to all. He had not been in the chair for eight or ten years, and if he showed any failing he hoped they would pardon him, and he would try to do his best.

"The Visitors" was given in cordial terms, and appropriately responded to by Bro. KNYVETT, P.G.D., Prov. G. Treasurer.

"The Masonic Charities" and "The Officers" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast brought a highly successful and enjoyable inaugural meeting to a close.

An excellent programme of music, which considerably enhanced the impressiveness of the ceremony and the enjoyment of the brethren after the banquet, was arranged and admirably carried out under the able direction of Bro. W. T. Graves, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., who was assisted by Bros. Thurley Beale, McLean, and J. Stedman, and Miss Jessie Griffin and Miss Louie Distin.

Bro. Charles E. Keyser, who figures in the foregoing report as chief founder and first W.M. of the newly-constituted Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2723, has seen much active service as a Mason. He was initiated, while an Undergraduate at Trinity College, in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, in 1868, and is still on the roll of this distinguished lodge as one of its honorary members. On the 19th February, 1875, he was elected a joining member of the Watford Lodge, No. 404, and after working his way through the several minor and principal offices, was, in 1881, installed as W.M., his services being shortly afterwards recognised by his appointment to the chair of Prov. J.G.W. of Hertfordshire. He is also a member of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore, and the present I.G. of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2. He was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Watford Chapter, 404, on the 10th May, 1875, was installed M.E.Z. in 1885, and for the second time in May of the current year; while in Prov. G. Chapter he is Past Prov. G. Standard Bearer and present Prov. G.J. He is also a P.Z. of the Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549, a subscribing member of the St. James's Chapter, No. 2, and an honorary member of the Cecil Chapter, No. 449. He is further a Past Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj. of Middlesex, and a member of the Committee of General Purposes of Supreme Grand Chapter. He was advanced to the Mark Degree on the 26th March, 1879, prior to the consecration of the Watford Lodge, No. 241, and was its W.M. in 1887, and the present Prov. S.G. Warden and Past Prov. G. Treas. of Hertfordshire, as well as an honorary member of the Hertford Mark Lodge, No. 356. In Templar Masonry he is member and present E.C. of the Stuart Encampment, No. 28, Watford, and a Knight of Malta, while as regards other branches of Masonry, he is High Prelate of the Premier Conclave of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, and a member of the Invicta Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, A. and A. Rite, and the Bruce Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland. His services in connection with our Charitable Institutions have been still more distinguished. He has served no less than eight Stewardships, and has not only constituted himself a Vice-Patron of all three, but has made the Watford Lodge a Vice-Patron of the Benevolent Institution (Widows' Fund) and a Vice-President of the R.M.I. for Girls. He is also a Vice-President, and has twice served as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund. Lastly, it was he who took the lead in raising the St. Albans Cathedral Masonic Restoration Fund, to which his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master and many of the most prominent brethren in Hertfordshire subscribed, and which resulted in the erection of a handsome pulpit, which was formerly unveiled by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hertfordshire, in 1884.

Outside Masonry also Bro. Keyser has won great distinction. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, the Society of Arts, and other learned societies, a J.P. and County Councillor for Hertfordshire, a foremost supporter of cricket and other English sports, and a director of several companies. He is still in the very prime of life, having been born in the year 1847, and therefore, we may reasonably look forward to his remaining for many years to come a prominent member of our Society and the various other bodies whose welfare he has done so much to promote.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the following companions were present: Comps. Rev. H. A. Pickard, G. Supt. Oxon, as M.E.G.Z.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G. Supt. Cheshire, as G.H.; Thomas Fenn, P.P.C.G.P., as G.J.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Col. Shadwell H. C'Erke, G.S.E.; Lord Cremorne, P.P.G.S., as G.S.N.; Sir Bruce M. Seton, G.P.S.; Rev. T. Barton Spencer, 1st A.G.S.; F. H. Goldney, 1st G. Std. Br.; Chas. Belton, 2nd G. Std. Br.; G. W. H. Haydon, 4th G. Std. Br.; Frank Richardson, P.A.G.S., G.D.C.; Eugene Monteuiis, Dep. G.D.C.; H. Garrod, A.G.D.C.; W. Maybrick, G. Org.; Henry Maudslay, P.G.S.B.; Edgar Goble, P.G. Std. Br.; J. M. Case,

P.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C.; Chas. H. Driver, P.G.S.B.; E. Letchworth, P.G. Std. Br.; Robert Berridge, P.G. Std. Br.; Herbert J. Adams, P.D. G.D.C.; W. Collins, P.A.G.D.C.; James S. Eastes, P.G.S.B.; Geo. Cooper, P.A.G.S.; Rudolph G. Glover, P.G. Std. Br.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.B.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.A.G.S.; E. J. Barron, P.G. Std. Br.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C.; Major C. Harding, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B.; E. G. Baylis, P.G.S.B.; W. R. Woodman, M.D., P.G.D.C.; T. B. Purchas, P.G.S.B.; Rev. Thomas Robinson, P. Asst. G.S.; Alfred A. Pendlebury, Asst. Grand Scribe E.; Henry Sadler, Grand Janitor; A. Lucking, P.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C. Essex; Joseph House, P.Z. 1716; E. Mallett, P.Z. 1623; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1348; Stephen Richardson, J. 720; William Dodd, P.Z. 1824; Corrie Jackson, P.Z. 534; G. S. Recknell, P.Z. 73; E. St. Clair, J. 2060; George Langley, J. 1326; H. Hooper, H. 1326; Charles Kempton, Z. 2021; J. K. R. Cama, M.E.Z. 2202; Henri Bué, H. 2060; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, P.Z. and M.E.Z. 1928; George L. Wingate, P.Z. 1423, P.P.A. G.S.; Charles Hunt, P.Z. 507; Wm. Bramham, Z. 1716; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.Z. 10; Dr. N. J. Goodchild, H. 2202; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.Z. 704; and Walter Hopekirk, P.Z. 179.

After the minutes of the August convocation had been read and confirmed, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th July to the 15th October, 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance Grand Chapter	£175	3	7	By Disbursements during			
" " Unappropriated				the Quarter	-	£310	7 4
Account - -	195	7	1	" Balance	- - -	150	8 4
" Subsequent Receipts -	281	3	1	" " Unappropriated			
				Account -		190	18 1
	£651	13	9			£651	13 9

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 9, meeting at the Albion Tavern, London, praying to be detached from the Albion Lodge, No. 9, and to be attached to the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, London, to which all their present members belong. Both lodges having given their consent, the Committee recommend that the prayer of the memorial be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria, Australia, reporting that they have been regularly established, in March, 1889, and asking recognition by the Grand Chapter of England, and that fraternal communication may be established between the two Grand Chapters.

The Committee recommend that inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of Victoria has been duly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Chapter of Victoria be also recognised.

The Committee have further to report that they have received the following petitions for new chapters:—

1st. From Comps. Samuel Valentine, as Z.; Lewis Walter Harvey, as H.; William Henry Holroyd, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Albion Lodge, No. 9, to be called the Albion Chapter, and to meet at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, in the City of London, should the prayer of the memorial for the Moriah Chapter being detached from the Albion Lodge, No. 9, and attached to the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, London, be granted.

2nd. From Comps. Thomas Thornton Davis, as Z.; John Mackrill, as H.; William Woodall, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2134, Hull, to be called the Wilberforce Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Hull, Yorkshire (North and East Division).

3rd. From Comps. Tom Nuwsun Turner, as Z.; Edgar Horne, as H.; Thomas Edward Yeomans, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Mundy Grove Lodge, No. 505, Shipley Gate, to be called the Mundy Grove Chapter, and to meet at the Boat Inn, Shipley Gate, Derbyshire.

4th. From Comps. Ebenezer Charles Mulvey, as Z.; Henry Holmes, as H.; Nathaniel Goodchild, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Cyclist Lodge, No. 2246, East Molesey, to be called The Cyclist Chapter, and to meet at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, in the county of Surrey.

These petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers therefor be respectively granted, subject to the Mount Moriah Chapter being detached from the Albion Lodge, No. 9.

The Committee have also received a petition from the Principals and members of the Abbey Chapter, No. 624, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original being lost; and they recommend that a Charter of Confirmation for this chapter be granted.

The Committee have received a memorial, with copy of minutes, on the removal of the following chapter:—

The Moravian Chapter, No. 387, for permission to remove from the Masonic Hall, Shipley, to the Saltaire Institute, Shipley, Yorkshire (West Division).

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of this request, recommend that the removal of the above-named chapter be sanctioned.

(Signed)

ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th October, 1889.

Comp. LETCHWORTH moved, and Comp. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., seconded, a resolution that the Grand Chapter of Victoria be recognised, and that fraternal communication be established between the two Grand Chapters, and the same was unanimously carried.

Comp. LETCHWORTH moved, and Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded, the other recommendations, and they were put and unanimously carried.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Chester, on Thursday, the 24th ult. The proceedings commenced about half-past two in the afternoon, when the chair was assumed by Comp. the Hon. and Rev. Charles Spencer Stanhope, Grand Supt.

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, the new by-laws, as drafted by the special Committee appointed at the previous meeting were unanimously adopted with two slight alterations.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT referred to the satisfactory progress of the Degree throughout Cheshire. All the books from the various chapters had been found in a very satisfactory condition. He was delighted to see so large an attendance of influential members of the Degree. This was the first occasion on which he had had the honour of presiding over them since his appointment to the high position of Grand Superintendent 12 months ago, and he could assure them if the Royal Arch Masons of London assembled there in the same numbers as they did in Cheshire it would be a most creditable record.

The Grand Superintendent appointed officers for the province for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. Astle ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Wm. Johnson ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Wm. Lockwood ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Claud Lisle ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" C. K. Benson ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" John Morris ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.
" C. Drinkwater ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Slack ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" S. Cotterill ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. F. Eddisbury ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Herbert Ellis (re-appointed) ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Allcock ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The companions afterwards dined together.

FREEMASONRY IN NORTH WALES.

CONSECRATION OF A PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER AND THE STAR OF GWYNEDD CHAPTER.

The consecration took place at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., of a new chapter in connection with the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, to be known as the Star of Gwynedd. The Installing Officer was Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., acting as Z.; Comp. the Rev. W. Spencer Stanhope, G. Supt. Cheshire, acted as H.; and Comp. Colonel Hunter acted as J. The ceremony was performed in an impressive manner by the presiding Z., and the oration was eloquently delivered by the presiding H.

The three Principals were afterwards installed as follows: Comps. H. Platt, Z.; Donald Cameron, H.; and the Rev. Hugh Thomas, J. The investment of officers followed.

The usual formalities having been observed, the consecration of a Provincial Grand Chapter for North Wales followed, the Installing Officer being Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke. Comp. Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville West was installed as first Grand Superintendent, the other Prov. Grand Officers being invested as follows:

Comp. Col. Hunter ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. W. Poole ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" R. J. Davids, P.Z. ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Dr. Morgan ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. Lloyd Griffith, P.Z. ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Cornelius Davies, P.Z. ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Dr. Roberts, P.Z. ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Rev. W. Morgan ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" F. A. Foster ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Robert Owen ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Dr. W. Jones-Morris, P.Z. ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. G. Tuxford ...	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Williams	Prov. G. Org.
" T. E. Harris	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" W. Watkins	Prov. G. Janitor.

"WATSON'S MS." (17th CENTURY).

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The Mighty God, Father of heaven, with the Wisdom of his Glorious Son, through the Goodness of the Holy Ghost, that hath been three persons in one Godhead, with us att our beginning, Give us Grace soe to Govern in our Liveing that wee may come to his bliss that shall never have an end.

GOOD Brethren and Fellows, our purpose is to tell you how, and in what Manner this Ghost of Masonrie was begun and afterward how it was founded by worthy Kings and Princes And many other Worshippfull men, And alsoe to them that be here wee will declare the charge that doth Belong to every true Mason, to keep and take heed thereto, For it is well worthy to be well kept as a Worthy Craft, And a Curious science, For there be seven Liberall Sciences, of the which that is one of them, they are those following—

The first is Grammer that is to teach a man to speake truely, and to Write truely.

The second is Rhetoricke, that teacheth a Man to speake fair and subtill terms.

The third is Logick, that teacheth to Discern truth from Falshood.

The fourth is Arithmeticke, that teacheth to Account or to Reckon all Manner of Numbers Whatsoever they bee.

The Fift is Called Geometrye, and teacheth to Mett and to Measure the Earth and other things, of the which science is Masonrie.

The Sixt is Musicke, that teacheth the Craft of song and the voyce of Tongue, Organ and Harpe.

The Seventh is Called Astronomie whiche teacheth to know the course of the Sun and Moon And other ornaments of the Heavens.

The Seven Liberall Sciences the which Seven be all by one Science that is Geometrie.

Thus May a man prove that all the sciences in the World be founded by Geometrie, that teacheth Mett and Measure, ponderation and Weight of all Manner of kind of Earth, for there is noe man that Worketh by any Craft But he worketh by some Measure.

Now noe man that buyes and sells but by Measure and Weight, And all this is Geometrie, And Craftsmen and Merchants find other of the Seven Sciences, And Espetially Plowmen and tillers of all manner of Grain, both Corn, Seeds, Vines, Plants, Sellers of other Fruites. As for Grammer, neither Astronomie nor none of all these can find a man one Measure or Mett, without Geometrie, Wherefor I think that science most Worthy which doth find out all other. How this Science was Begun I will tell you. Before Noah's Flood it was written in the fourth Chapter of Genesis, there was a man they called Lamech, and this Lamech had two Wives. The one was called Adah, the other Zillah. By the first Wife he begatt two sons, the one was Called Jaball, and the other Juball, And by the other wife he had one son and a daughter; And these foure Children found the Begining of all Crafts in the world. This Jaball was the elder son, and he found the Craft of Geometrie, And parted Flocks of sheep and lambs in the feild, And first wrought a house of stone, as is noted in the Chapter abovesaid; His brother Juball Found Musicke of song, Harp and Organs. The other Brother Tuball found the Smyth Craft, as of Iron and Steell, And their sister found Weaveing. Those Children did know that the Lord he would take vengeance for sin either by fire or else by water. Wherefor they writt these Sciences which they had found in two Pillars of Stone that they might be found after the flood, the one Stone was called marble, which cannot burn with fire, the other was Later that would not drown with water. Our intent is to tell truely how and in what Manner these Stones were found that the [End of 1st Strip.] Crafts were written in. Greeke Hermermes that was son unto Cush, and Cush was son unto Shem that was son unto Noah. The same Hermermes was called afterwards Hermes the father of wise men, And hee found

out the two pillars of Stone And the Sciences written therein, And brought them forth att the makeing of the tower of Babilon, there was the Craft of Masonry first found, And great account was made thereof, And theking of Babilon that was called Hembroth or Nembroth was a Mason And loved well the Craft, And its said with Master of Stories, that when the Citye of the East Asia should be built, Hembroth the king of Babilon sent thither Sixty Masons att the desire of the king of Nineveh his Cozen, And when they went forth he gave a Charge to them on this manner, that they should be true, And love truely together And that they should serve the Lord truely for his payment, soe that he might have worshipp for sending them unto him, And other Charges he gave them, And this was the first time that any Mason had any Charge of his Craft.

Moreover When Abraham and Sarah his wife went into Egipt there taught they the Seven Sciences unto the Egyptians, And he had a worthy scholer called Euclide, and he learned right well, and was Master of all the Seven Sciences, and in his dayes it befell that the Lords and Estates of that Realm had soe many sons that they had begotten, some by their wives, and some by other Ladyes of that Realm, for that land is a whole land, and a Replenished Generation, And they had noe Liveing Competent for their Children, for which Cause they made much sorrow, And the King of the Land made a great Councell, and a parliament to know how they might find their Children, And they could find noe way, Therefor he Caused a Cry to be made throughout the Realm, if there were any man Could Inform him he should Come unto him, And he should be well Rewarded for his travell, soe that he should himselfe be well pleased, After this Cry was made Came this worthy Clerke Euclide and said to the King and all his great Lords, If you will make me Governour of your Children, And to teach them honestly as Gentlemen should, under Condition that you will Grant them and me a Commission soe that I may have power to rule them honestly, As that science ought to be ruled, Soe the King and his Councell Granted them a Commission, and presently sealed it, And then the worthy Doctor tooke to him the Lords sons, and he taught them the worthy science of Geometrie in practice, for to worke in stones all manner of worthy works that were belonging to the working and building of Castles, with all manner of Courts, Temples, and Churches, with all other buildings, And he gave them charge on this manner, First, that they should be true to their King, and the Lord whom they served, and that they should love well together, And be true one to Another, And that they should Call each other fellow and not servant nor his knave, nor other foul names, And that they should truely serve for their payment to the Lord that they served, And that they should ordaine the wisest of them to be Masters of the Lords works, And Neither for Love, Gain, Grant, Liveing nor Riches to sett another that had not soe much Cuning to be Master of the Lords worke, Whereby the Lord should not be well served, and they Ashamed, And they should Call the governour of the worke Master whiles they worke under him, And also many other Charges which were to long to tell, And to all the Charges he made them swear the great oath that men used att that time, and ordained for them reasonable Maintenance that they might Live honestly and well, And alsoe that they might Come and Assemble their oath that they might have councell in their Crafts how they might worke the best to serve their Lord for his profit and worship, and correct themselves if they trespass [2nd Strip ends] And thus was the Craft of Goemetry Grounded there, and that worthy Master gave that the name of Geometry And that is called Masonry in this Land.

Since long after the Children of Israell were Come into the Land of Behest, which is now Called among us the country of Hierusalem, Then King David began the temple, which is with them Templum Domini, And the said King David Loved well Masons, and Cherished them, And gave them good payment, And he gave the same Charge which they were Charged withall in Egypt by Euclide and other Charges, that you shall hear afterward, And after the decease of King David, Solomon that was son unto David performed the temple that his father had begun, And he sent after Masons of divers Lands, And gathered them together, soe that he made Fourscore thousand Workers of Stone, And they were named Masons, And he had three hundred of them which were ordained to be Masters and governours of the worke: And there was a King of another Land that men Called Hiram, And he loved well King Soloman, And he gave him Tymber for his worke, And he had a son was named Aymon who was Master of Geometrie, And he was choise Master of all his Masons, and Master of all his graveings, and Carveing and of all other worke of Masonrie that belonged to the Temple, And this Wittneseth the holy Bible in Libro Regum, Chap: the 5, The same King Confirmed all the Charges and Manners that David his father had given to Masons, And thus was the worthy Craft of Masonry Confirmed in the Country of Hierusalem And in many other Glorious Kingdoms.

Right renowned workemen walked abroad into divers Countryes, some because of Learning more skill, some to teach their Craft to others, and soe it befell that a Curious Mason that had been att the building of Solomons Temple which was named Naymus Graius came into France and taught the Craft of Masonry to them in France, And soe there was one of the Royall blood of France, that was Called Charles Martyl, and he loved this Craft And he drew to him this Naymus abovesaid, and Learned the Craft, and tooke upon him the Charges and Manners of a Mason: Afterwards by the Grace of God he was elected King of France, and when he was in his state, he tooke to him Many Masons, and made Masons there that were none before, And he Gave them Charges and Manners, And good payment (he had learned of other Masons) and Confirmed them a Charter—from year to year to hold their assembly and he Cherished them much, And thus the Craft came into France.

England alsoe this season stood voyd (as for any Charge of Masonrye) untill the time of St. Albion, And in his time the King of England was a pagan, and hee Walled the Town of Saint Albons, And in St. Albons time was a Worthy Knight, And he was choise Steward to the King, and he had governance of the Realm, and alsoe of the Makeing of the Town Walls, And Loved well Masons, and Cherished them, and Made their payments right, good standing, as the Realm did Require, he gave them every Weeke three shillings and six pence to their double Wages, whereas before that time through all the whole land a Mason tooke but a penny a day, Next to the time of St. Albons Amended that, And gott them a Charter of the King and of his Councell, and gave it the Name of Assembly, and thereat he was himselfe, and Made Masons, and gave them Charge, as you shall heare hereafter.

Right soon after the death of Saint Albion, there Came great warrs into England through divers Nations, soe [3rd Strip ends] that good rule of Masonrye was destroyed unto the time of King Athelstone, that was a worthy King in England, and he brought the Land into good rest and peace, And builded many great workes of Castles, and Abbeys, and divers other buildings, And he loved Masons very much, and he had a son that was Named Hedwin, and he loved Masons much more than his father before him had done, for he was full of Geometrie himselfe, Wherefor he drew himselfe to Common Masons for to Learn of them the Craft, And after (for love he had to Masons and to the Craft) he was made Mason himselfe, And he gott of his father the King a Charter and Commission for to hold every yeare an Assembly where he would within the Realm, And for to Correct within themselves Statutes and trespasses, if it were done within the craft, Hee held an Assembly att Yorke, And there he made Masons, And gave them Charge and taught them the Manner of Masons. And Commanded the Rule to be holden ever hereafter: And to them he gave the Charter and Commission for to keep, and made ordinances that they should upon all occations be ruled from the King, When these Assemblies were gathered together, he made a cry, that all Masons both old and young, that had any Charge or Writeing of the things that were made before in this Land, or any other Land that they should shew them forth, and there were some in French, and some in Greeke, and some in English, And some in other Languages, And

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The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys having agreed to the retirement of the present Secretary, I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the vacancy which will thus be created.

I have been a Mason over 10 years, and am now nearly 34 years of age.

I was educated at King's College School, London, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A., in the Mathematical Tripos 1879, (M.A. 1885.) Shortly after quitting the University, I was appointed Mathematical Master in Truro Grammar School, but retired from that position on being called to the Bar in 1881, since when I have practised up to the present time, and have been engaged in the compilation of more than one legal work.

In Masonry I hold the following positions—Past Grand Steward (Eng.); W.M. Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; P.M. and Founder West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041; Secretary and Founder Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243; J. Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; P.S. George Price Chapter, No. 2096. Member of the Board of General Purposes, and Life Governor Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have for some years been Hon. Secretary of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, through which between £1300, and £1400, will in 4 years have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

Should I have the honour of being elected I shall always endeavour to discharge my duties with advantage to the Institution and to your full satisfaction.

I have the honour to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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MY LORDS, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN,

As the announcement of the retirement of Bro. Frederick Binckes, as Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, may now shortly be formally announced, and as other candidates for this post have issued their addresses and advertisements, I take the present opportunity of stating that I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the appointment.

I was initiated in the Grove Lodge, No. 410, in which Lodge I have acted as Secretary, and am now J.W.

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I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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Robey Villa, Hornsey, N.,
November 7th, 1889.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

As there is a probability of a vacancy occurring before long in the Secretaryship of above, I beg to inform you that it is my intention, *at the proper time*, to offer myself as a candidate for the post. I am, of course, aware that no vacancy at present exists, and I am unwilling to commence an active canvass that may appear premature, but inasmuch as similar steps have already been taken in other instances, I have no hesitation in submitting for your kind consideration my business qualifications and Masonic credentials, a few particulars of which I append.

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I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

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FREDERICK BINCKES,
Secretary.

5th November, 1889.

To Correspondents.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES—Beaminster Manor Lodge, No. 1367; Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150; and Kilwinning Lodge (S.C.).

MARK—St. Aubyn Lodge, No. 64.

INSTRUCTION—Hyde Park Lodge, No. 1425; St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891; Andrew Chapter, No. 834; and Hornsey Chapter, No. 890.

Quarterly Communication Provincial Grand Lodge Glasgow.

Banquet and Ball of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201.

Wakefield Masonic Literary Society.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1889.

Masonic Notes.

The position of Chairman at the General Committees and Quarterly Courts is becoming almost as serious as that of a candidate for Parliamentary honours who aspires to represent a Scottish constituency, and in the course of his canvass finds himself compelled to undergo any amount of the torture commonly known as "heckling." Bro. Eve, however, and others who have been voted into the chair at these meetings appear to be generally equal to the occasion, no matter how severe may be the fire of questions and cross-questions to which they are invited to furnish answers.

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Bro. Eve, in particular, has done well in this capacity, and inquirers seem generally satisfied with his answers. But is it just to him and others that they should be required to submit to this kind of torture? Is it too much to expect that the Governors and Subscribers of our several Charitable Institutions should be fairly well posted in the laws and regulations by which they are governed?

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However, at the General Committee on Saturday last some of the questions asked were beyond the ability even of Bro. Eve or any one else to answer without previous consideration. Bro. Binckes stated to the Committee that he had not resigned his office; a pension of £350 a year for life was voted to him on his retirement by the last Quarterly General Court; and it is said that proceedings will be taken in the Court of Chancery to restrain the Institution from paying him this money annually. In short, the affairs of our Boys' School appear to be slightly muddled just now.

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What makes matters worse is that the difficulties, instead of diminishing, appear to increase and multiply. We hear now that several of the under-masters have resigned, and as, under the rules, they are appointed by the Head Master, with the approval of the House Committee, the Provisional Management Committee have thought it only right towards Bro. Dr. Morris that he should be relieved from active duty at Christmas, though the term of his engagement will not expire till the 10th April, 1890.

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But, seeing how difficult is the position of affairs just now, might not those Governors and Subscribers who are of an inquiring turn of mind cease "heckling" the Chairman and worrying the Provisional Committee? Would they not be better employed in helping to smooth matters, so that the chief desire of every friend of the Institution—that the School may be set firmly on its legs again—may be accomplished with as little friction and in as brief a space of time as possible

It was stated last week in our report of the proceedings at the recent Quarterly Court, that after the numbers for and against the recommendation of the Provisional Committee *re* Bro. Binckes's pension had been announced, protests were entered against the vote, and that a certain brother then "called upon the brethren to subscribe to a fund of £500 to carry the question to the Chancery Division of the High Court." From our report of the Committee Meeting last Saturday, it appears that the brother referred to by Bro. J. S. Cumberland as having threatened Chancery proceedings, declared he had "never used the word Chancery" at all.

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So far, so good. But what about the advertisement which appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* of the day following that on which the Quarterly Court was held? In this advertisement it was stated that "As this pension, of £350 per annum for life, was only carried by a majority of seven votes . . . steps will be taken to restrain the funds of this Charity from being thus applied." And it was added, "Life Governors or Subscribers desirous of supporting an application to Chancery will kindly send their names and addresses to" the brother who was reported—erroneously, as it now appears—to have "called upon the brethren to subscribe to a fund of £500 to carry the question to the Chancery Division of the High Court," "who has been desired by a large number of Masonic brethren to convene an early meeting."

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As our reporter was careful to note that the question put by the brother referred to at the Quarterly Court was asked amid "renewed interruption," it is not unreasonable to suppose that the brother's statement or invitation of this brother may have been imperfectly or improperly reported. Even skilled reporters cannot always catch what is said amid "renewed interruption." But explanation from "whom it may concern" should be forthcoming as to the appearance of this brother's name in the advertisement we have quoted from. The coincidence is one which we certainly think should be explained.

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Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.W. North and East Yorks, delivered a most interesting lecture, entitled "Profits and Pleasures of Freemasonry," in the Starkie Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction, Manchester, on Thursday, the 31st ult. The W.M.'s chair was filled by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.S.G.W., and seconded by Bro. Col. H. L. Rocca, P.P.S.G.D., to Bro. Whytehead, and carried with acclamation. There was a large attendance of Installed Masters present, and everyone of them seemed heartily to enjoy the intellectual treat afforded them by the able lecturer.

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The respected Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, calls our attention to an article in the last number of the *Freemason* on the Girls' School Election, and points out that we described the case of Isabella M. G. Lane (No. 3) as a London case, whereas she was purely a Middlesex candidate. Her father was a Twickenham man, and his daughter lived there all her life. The votes given to her were through brethren of the province, and for the credit of Bro. Forge and those who worked so strenuously in her behalf, Sir Francis thinks the correction should be made known. We have much pleasure in giving this explanation of the facts.

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The centenary of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, Huddersfield, is to be celebrated by all the lodges in West Yorkshire being invited to take part in a service to be held in Huddersfield Parish Church, on Sunday, the 10th inst. The sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. Percy F. J. Pearce, M.A., vicar of Pulloxhill, one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains. The attendance of Bro. Thomas W. Tew, Prov. Grand Master, is anticipated, and doubtless the number of brethren who will be present in honour of the occasion will be exceptionally large. A procession will be formed from the Masonic Hall, in South-street, at 9.45 a.m., and proceed to the church.

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We observe that the *City Press* and several other papers have fallen into the error of stating that Bro. Binckes had tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Boys' School. As will be seen by reference to our report of the meeting of the General Committee on Saturday last, Bro. Binckes himself expressly stated that he had not, and, although his resignation may be imminent, it is certainly not yet a fact.

The arrangements for the consecration of the London Irish Rifles Lodge are now complete, and the ceremony will take place at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 16th inst. The honorary colonel of the regiment, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, is the W.M. designate, and the office of Deputy Master will be filled by Bro. Major C. W. Carrell, to whose energy and zeal the lodge will in a great measure owe its existence. We trust it will not be long before the brethren will have the satisfaction of meeting at their own head-quarters.

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The office of Deputy Master exists only where a Prince of the Blood Royal honours a private lodge by accepting the office of Master—the Deputy in this case must be regularly installed, and he is entitled when in office to all the privileges of actual Master, and, after he has served his period of office, to those of a Past Master.

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Our columns last week bore strong evidence of the indefatigable energy and great acquirements in the field of Masonic archæology of our old and valued contributor, Bro. W. J. Hughan. Yet another of the "Old Charges" has been unearthed, and, as a matter of course, falls into the hands of Bro. Hughan. He has, with his usual acumen, submitted it to critical analysis, determined its points, and in the present issue gives the first instalment of a transcription *verbatim et literatim*. This is only one out of many he has introduced to Masonic students in the pages of the *Freemason*.

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Bro. Augustus Harris proposes to follow up his success in the Armada Exhibition of last year by a Waterloo Exhibition in 1890. The 75th anniversary of the great battle and the opening of the panorama by the Chevalier Philip Fleischer, in Victoria-street, next year, seem to have suggested the idea, and, as after the lapse of three-quarters of a century, it is not likely that the sensitive pride of our neighbours will be affected by it, we think there can be no reason why such an opportunity should be missed. In Bro. Harris's hands its success as an exhibition is certain.

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At the banquet which followed the installation of Bro. James Beveridge, of the Adelphi Theatre, as W.M. of the Asaph Lodge, on Monday, the speeches were naturally in praise of the drama, and the close connection that had so long existed between Freemasonry and the professors of the dramatic art. In this connection reference was made to the fact that Bro. Edward Terry occupied at this moment the high office of Grand Treasurer, and that on numerous occasions the Theatre had been the means of relieving distressed and indigent brethren.

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Bro. Beveridge, in his speech, cited a case in point when the tragedy of "Cato" was performed in 1731, the male characters of which were taken by gentlemen Masons; the prices were advanced, and "so crowded and brilliant an audience had never been seen in this kingdom." If Bro. Augustus Harris is not above taking a hint from his brethren of 150 years ago, we suggest that he celebrates the connection between Freemasonry and the drama in some such way in 1890.

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"The Old Masonians," composed, as our readers are no doubt aware, of former pupils of the Boys' School, have shown great activity in the short time they have been in existence, and they deserve all the support that can be given them in maintaining and perpetuating the connection between the Institution and those who have received its benefits. Last Saturday a somewhat more ambitious attempt than usual was made to provide at once an evening's entertainment and a much-needed contribution to the funds of the Institution. The former was successfully accomplished, much to the satisfaction of those present, but we fear the attendance was not large enough to accomplish the more important object. We trust, however, this will not deter the "Old Boys" from future attempts in the same direction.

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We congratulate Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead on the honour which has been bestowed upon him by the Queen in recognition of his services during an eventful Mayoralty, the Prime Minister having notified his lordship that her Majesty had been graciously pleased to create him a Baronet of the United Kingdom. His lordship, therefore, who has done signal service to the Volunteers, and presided at the reception of the Shah, is now Sir James Whitehead, Bart. We trust he may live long to enjoy his honours.

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE RECENT MEETING AT THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should be glad to know your opinion on two points connected with the recent meeting of the Governors of the Boys' School. Is it incumbent that a notice of the General Court should be sent to each subscriber? There are five subscribers here, including myself, and only one of them received a notice. In the second place, is voting by proxy allowed at the meeting? It is, I suppose, impossible that all the subscribers should attend any one meeting; and if they did the room would probably not hold them, so that voting by proxy when any important question is brought forward would be a boon to those subscribers who live at a distance from town.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEO. C. CASTER,

Peterborough, Nov. 4th.

S.W. 422.

[The Laws of the Institution, which may be had on application to the Secretary, will answer Bro. Caster's queries.—Ed. *F.M.*]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of "*The Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The frequently expressed desire of the Chairman of the Quarterly Court on the 25th ult. to urge the business to a speedy conclusion (in the interest of the election of boys), and a clamourousness of a section of the meeting, prevented a full discussion of the question of pension to the Secretary. The remark in your leading article of Saturday last, that the opposition "evidences malignity towards Bro. Binckes" shows that the lack of opportunity to explain their views has caused the opponents of the pension scheme to be misjudged. Some of us, at least, utterly disclaim the slightest malignity or anything approaching thereto, and affirm that our opposition is based upon strict equity, and due to the interests of the Institution. Assuming that Bro. Binckes has done everything for the Institution, which his best friends claim that he has done, we simply say that he has been more than amply rewarded for all and every service rendered, so that not the slightest indebtedness exists, but that the connection as between Institution and Secretary may honourably be terminated by a legitimate notice for the engagement to cease. There does not exist any contract, specified, or by implication, either that Bro. Binckes shall give his services after his *emoluments* ceased or that the Institution shall pay him a stipend after his *services* have ceased. Permit me now to endeavour to show upon what ground we maintain that Bro. Binckes has been adequately remunerated for *all* his services by a reference to his annual receipts, viz.:

Salary as Secretary	...	...	...	...	£500
Allowance do.	...	...	...	...	200
Average Annual Donation from Festival	...	...	...	...
Stewards' List	...	...	...	...	125
Secretary to Grand Mark Lodge	...	...	...	...	250
Total	...	...	...	...	£1075

In addition to the above, Bro. Binckes received £125 per year for three years (£375 in all) from the new School Building Fund. It may be said that the Institution has no right to consider the Grand Mark salary, but surely no man can be in two places at once, and whilst Bro. Binckes was earning that, he was away from the duties of the Boys' School Secretary. But even eliminating that amount, there remains £825 per annum (and a bonus of £375), which is surely a lavish emolument, and covers all possible services of Secretary to an Institution with an annual turnover of £12,000 to £14,000, and providing for only 200 to 250 boys. Out of an annual income such as the above, it is not unreasonable to hope that Bro. Binckes has been happy enough to be able to make liberal provision for himself. Again, pensions for life are a *first charge* on the existing property of the Institution, and at present the only funded assets are £17,000, producing annually £601 4s. 5d., from which has to be deducted £23 interest on Bro. W. Winn's gift and £4 7s. interest on Bro. Edward Cox's gift (both presented for specified purposes), leaving only £573 17s. 5d. to be dealt with, and of this £106 4s. is already pledged for pensions, viz., £75 to late Matron, and £31 4s. to late Nurse, so that there only remains £467 13s. 5d. per year accruing, and consequently, if Bro. Binckes has £350 and Bro. Dr. Morris £200 (as has been suggested), then the *entire funded property* of the Institution is mortgaged for pensions, and an additional £82 6s. 7d. required from some other source to pay the mortgagees their claims. Now, beyond doubt or cavil, this funded property was given by the donors for the purposes of the Institution, as specified in its constitutions, viz.:

"To maintain, clothe, and educate sons of Free-masons . . . requiring the benefits of the Institution."

and to my mind the application of it to any other purpose is a misappropriation, and a distinct breach of faith with deceased donors.

There is yet another view of the matter. Only last week the doors of the Institution were closed in the

face of 54 boys (all admittedly worthy of admission), not because there was not room for them, but because funds were not available, and if this pension of £350 is given to Bro. Binckes, it means shutting out at least seven more boys during his lifetime.

"Unto him that hath shall be given, and from him that hath not shall be taken away even that he hath."

The question may fairly be asked—Why is it necessary for Bro. Binckes to retire? The answer must be that it is because his continuance in the office of Secretary is inimical to the welfare of the Institution. And why is it so? It is not the fault of the Institution, therefore the cause must be in Bro. Binckes. The why and the wherefore of the necessity for the change I do not seek to discuss, but, at any rate, it *cannot* be an argument in favour of a pension.

If the vote of £350 pension is confirmed at the Quarterly Court in January, and so becomes operative, I firmly believe that (in the provinces at least) it will work irreparable injury not only to the Boys', but also to the Girls' Institution, by erroneously checking subscription to each, and forcing to the front the idea of a province or district seeking out means to provide locally for the children having a claim upon the brethren in those centres—lamentable issue in the face of the enormous capital which has been expended at Wood Green and Battersea-rose.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. V. GREATBATCH.

November 4th.

SWIMMING BATH, BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I objected to the proposed engagement of Bro. Spaul as Honorary Architect for several reasons.

1. Because it is better to engage an architect in the ordinary way, and pay him the usual commission, leaving him to give whatever he pleases by way of donation to the funds of the Institution.

2. Because a provincial architect could not give the job the same personal superintendence as a London one.

3. Because the fair way is to invite all architects who are Life Governors to send in plans, with approximate estimates, thus securing different ideas, and dealing fairly with all the supporters of the Charity.

In conclusion, I know nothing of the architect named, or his qualifications, but it appears to me that every effort should be made to secure friends for our Institutions, as in the opinion of most Masons, they have seen their best days, and will require strong efforts to keep them going in the future.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE, F.S.I., A.R.I.B.A.

BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your last number, referring to the motion of Bro. Eve, P.G. Treas., moving adoption of the Report of Committee recommending the allowance of £350 as a retiring pension to Bro. Binckes, you say the motion was seconded by Bro. Col. Brisbane.

As my desire was, and is, to register my very high appreciation of Bro. Binckes' services in connection with the School, I shall feel obliged if you will correct the report by saying the motion was seconded by myself.—Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM BRISTOW (Col.), P.G.S.B.

November 3rd.

A CONUNDRUM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Many thanks to Bro. Cooper, whose letter throws a good deal of light on the matter.

Under the S.C. (Art. 168) service as *Warden* is not necessary as a qualification for the Master's chair; and it would seem from the Book of Constitutions of 1886 (though I may be mistaken, as I am not familiar with the Scotch working) that the confirming of the "Degree" of "Installed Master" (Art. 4) may be, optional, but not obligatory. I gather from the wording of the rule, as read by the light of Bro. Cooper's letter, that the recognition by the G.L. of Scotland of the Degree and its secrets is comparatively modern; and I presume that English lodges ought to be careful that Scotch P.M.'s prove they have been put in possession of the secrets of the Degree before they are allowed to be present during the proceedings of a Board of Installed Masters.

The brother who wrote to you doubtless received the Degree under the arrangement mentioned by Bro. Cooper, and I can understand his idea that the reception of the Degree of Installed Master might possibly enable service as Warden to be dispensed with.

I should much like to know if the arrangement spoken of by Bro. Cooper was only a temporary commission, or whether the Degree could now be communicated to a Scotch P.M., who was not in possession of it, if he happened to be present at an English installation.

If Bro. Cooper cares to send me his address I should much like to ask him a question or two as to the Scotch Constitutions, if he would not mind the trouble.—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

MASONIC ETIQUETTE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The case mentioned by "Private Member" may be capable of explanation. But, *assuming* that his facts are absolutely correct, and that there are no extenuating circumstances which he has omitted to state, it is a good illustration of the harm that may be done by too great leniency. The brethren by allowing "resignation" make it very difficult for the Craft in general to deal with the matter. His own lodge do not think him a proper person to associate with themselves, yet they leave him free to force his presence upon other lodges. If, as I gather from "Private Member's" letter, the brother of whom he writes belonged *only* to the lodge from which he resigned, then I think "Private Member's" proper course would be to write to the lodge, and call their attention to the fact that "A.B." has broken Law 152 by attending Lodge No. — *more than once* since he has ceased to be a member of any lodge. Let him quote all the offences he is able to prove, but *no more*.

Then, if the lodge do not take the matter up, let "Private Member" forward to the Provincial Grand Secretary a copy of the complaint he has laid before the lodge. If neither the lodge nor the provincial authorities take any action, I think "Private Member" may be content that he has freed his conscience, and that probably there are extenuating circumstances of which he is not aware.—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

BRO. HUGHAN'S NEW WORK.

Dear Sir and Brother,

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

I have carefully read Bro. Hughan's "History of the Apollo Lodge, York," and your appreciative notice of the work in the *Freemason*, of the 26th October with which I cordially agree, and I shall be glad if you will permit me to add a few words in commendation of this latest effort of our talented brother,

The "Apollo Lodge," as you truly state, had (although a brief) a most eventful career; it was undoubtedly at one time the leading lodge in Yorkshire, having been for a number of years the ruling body of the province, thus embracing the whole county of York. The facts connected with this celebrated lodge have been worked out by Bro. Hughan, and detailed in a most interesting and able manner, and besides other information of an attractive character, the volume contains an excellent chapter relating to the Royal Arch Degree.

The new work has a value far beyond the local area of the lodge referred to, treating, as it does, upon subjects of general Masonic interest, and as such well deserves the attention of the Craft, and I heartily congratulate Bro. Hughan upon the issue of another exceedingly valuable contribution to Masonic literature.—Yours fraternally,

JOSH. TODD.

November 2nd.



HOW TO SELECT A LIFE OFFICE.

This important step is very fully and ably explained by Mr. G. M. Dent, F.S.S., of 13, Chambres-road, Southport, Lancashire, and certainly it may fairly be assumed that under his guidance, those about to decide on the office in which to insure are in safe hands. The pamphlet is altogether different to anything of the kind previously issued; the author rigidly keeps to principles and facts, and never in the slightest manner refers to any particular office in which he or any one else has any interest. The style is conversational, and is really quite a little drama in its way, the characters introduced being the broker (Mr. Dent), "Mr. About-to-Insure," "Mr. Own-Insurer," "Mr. Prejudice," "Mr. Can't-Afford-It," "Mr. Well-to-Do," "Mr. Too-Old," and "Mr. Already-Insured." The scenes are three in number, and the interviews take place in the private office of a firm of merchants, "Messrs. Prejudice and Co." The technicalities of the insurance business are occasionally alluded to, but clearly explained, so that all can easily master what else would prove to be dry details and "double-Dutch" to most readers, and the interest is well sustained from first to last. On the fall of the curtain, each time the play takes place, we should hope not a few will be led to insure in an office "as safe as safe can be," and the voluminous tables should aid in that direction, as supplied by Mr. Dent, provided intending insurers communicate with the author, as the names of the offices are not mentioned, the numbers in consecutive order, according to Mr. Dent's original plan, being alone supplied, the key being with him.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife have arrived at their house in Cavendish-square, and will remain in town till the return of the Prince and Princess of Wales, when they will go on a visit to Sandringham.

At the laying of the memorial stone of a new Jubilee Hospital at Folkestone, a bottle containing coins, &c., was deposited in a cavity under the stone. On Saturday morning a policeman discovered that two courses of bricks underneath the stone had been displaced, and the bottle and contents were missing. The stone was firmly set, and built upon as far as the first floor.



Craft Masonry.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. J. Hakim, W.M.; Wetzelar, J.W., W.M. elect, acting S.W.; Cobham, P.M., acting J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Coop, P.M., acting Sec.; Langdale, S.D.; Sheppard, I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Rumball, P.M.; M. Heaphy, C.E., P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx.; Jordan, P.M.; Fromholtz, P.M.; and Longstaffe, Tyler; and among the visitors were Bros. Sapsworth, W.M.; Hedge, W.M.; Dehane, P.P.G.D. Essex; Acworth, P.M., P.G.S. Essex; and Page, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. A. G. Swan and E. Steinfeld, and, it proving to be unanimous, they were most ably initiated by the W.M. The W. Master elect was then impressively installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. E. Hopwood, as S.W.; Cobham, as J.W.; Walls, as D.C.; and Jordan, I.G. The following investitures then took place: Bros. Langdale, S.W.; Sheppard, J.W.; Carter, Treas. (32nd time); Stuart, Sec. (by deputy); Welsh, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Ryan, I.G.; Trott and Mold, Stewards; White, D.C.; Moss, A.D.C.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The Installing Master's delivery of the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren was very effective. It having been announced that Bro. Stuart, P.M. and Secretary, was very unwell, a resolution of sympathy was unanimously passed. The report of the Audit Committee was then received and adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to the Installing Officer.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently served under the personal supervision of Bro. A. Clemow, and gave unqualified satisfaction.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., who prefaced them by well-chosen and eloquent remarks, somewhat out of the beaten track of ordinary after-dinner speakers.

The I.P.M., in giving the toast of "The W.M.," congratulated him upon the rapid strides made by him in Masonic work. They all had seen the excellent way in which Bro. Wetzelar had invested the officers that night, which augured well for his rendering of the ritual during the coming season. The W.M. was an old and valued friend of his, and it had afforded him an immense amount of satisfaction to install him in the chair of the old Lodge of Faith.

The W.M., in reply, said that he owed a great deal of his success in affairs Masonic to his friend and brother, the Immediate Past Master. Bro. Hakim had spoken very flatteringly of his efforts that night, and predicted that he would work the ceremonies as well as any Master that had filled the chair in No. 141. He would try and deserve those encomiums, but he suffered under the great disadvantage of not being an Englishman. It was a difficult matter to master the intricacies of the language. It had been his good fortune to rise very rapidly in the lodge, and he was not unmindful of the kind offers of those brethren who had placed him where he was, and he would endeavour to deserve their confidence in every way.

"The Initiates" followed, and drew from Bros. Swan and Steinfeld able replies in response.

The toast of "The Installing Officer" came next in order. The W.M. said that Bro. Hakim had had a rather trying year of office, but had come out of the fire well. He had done his duty fearlessly, and had left the lodge in a sound financial condition. Bro. Hakim was about leaving England for Egypt, the home of his ancestors. The meaning of his name signified "a wise man," and no doubt those with whom he came in contact abroad would acknowledge that the subject of the toast was overflowing with wisdom and understanding. In conclusion, he would say that the I.P.M. was overflowing with kindness and geniality, and had deservedly earned the very handsome jewel which he now had the pleasure of pinning on his breast.

Bro. Hakim having modestly acknowledged the compliment, "The Health of the Visitors" gave Bros. Sapsworth, Hedge, Dehane, Acworth, and Page an opportunity of passing some very flattering comments upon the working and hospitality of the lodge.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, who duly responded.

In giving "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. spoke in high terms of the services and geniality of Bro. Carter, P.M., who had filled the office of Treasurer upwards of 30 years with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all. Bro. Stuart, their valued and esteemed Secretary, unfortunately was very ill, but he hoped not seriously. He was a brother who by his kindness and attention to his duties had given universal pleasure, and although Bro. Stuart was upwards of three score years and ten he (the W.M.), trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare his life for some time to come.

Bro. Carter, in reply, briefly said that he would endeavour in the future, as in the past, to discharge his duty.

Bro. Coop having said a few words on behalf of the absent Secretary,

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Langdale and Sheppard, terminated the proceedings.

During the evening an instrumental and vocal programme was gone through, under the active and personal superintendence of Bro. E. P. Delevanti, the other artistes being Messrs. John Bartlett and Charlie Wood, and Mesdames Eleanor Howison and Mary Belval, whose respective efforts gave every satisfaction.

Lodge of Asaph (No. 1319).—The installation meeting of this celebrated dramatic and musical lodge was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, when 130 brethren were present and witnessed the ceremony. Bro. George E. Fairchild, W.M., presided, having Bros. James

D. Beveridge, S.W., and T. de Brunnow Holmes, J.W., in the other principal officers' chairs. Among those who attended were Bros. A. C. Bishop, C. Wellard, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., Sec.; W. A. Tinney, P.M., D.C.; W. S. Penley, J. E. Hambleton, F. H. Macklin, Sam Johnson, F. Stewart, W. Lestocq, P.M.; J. Weaver, P.M.; E. Swanborough, P.M.; John Maclean, P.M.; E. Frewin, P.M.; W. Meyer Lutz, P.M.; H. Crisp, C. E. Howson, C. J. Coxhead, R. S. Boleyn, J. G. Taylor, Luigi Lablache, H. W. Cushing, C. Dodsworth, J. E. Hinson, F. Mellish, J. W. Mathews, J. J. Solomon, J. C. Hambleton, H. J. Callcott, C. Powell, A. W. Cornish, E. Humphrey, Louis Honig, H. Snyders, F. G. Hambleton, J. Geary, J. Carter, R. F. Goodwin, Algernon Syms, A. E. Harper, R. Temple, Sam Redfern, W. L. Barrett, G. H. Allen, C. Coote, A. Woodhouse, J. A. Hamilton, C. Harper, jun., Ambrose Austin, Sant Matthews, Clement Smith, C. G. Alias, H. J. Hitchins, H. Randall, W. H. Cremer, J. L. Simon, and Ormond Yearsley. Visitors: Bros. E. Terry, G. Treas.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; T. W. Harrison, P.M. 442; Howard Reynolds, late 1319; E. W. Gardiner, 2127; W. Pink, 777; M. Burnell, 204; W. H. Causton, P.M. 162; Arthur Dacre, late 1327; J. Fernandez, J.W. 2127; Harry Nicholls, 2127; Lionel Rignold, 2127; J. D. Russell, 126 (I.C.); W. Fowles, W.M. 1348; R. S. Cummings, P.M. 2168; J. L. Shine, 1609; F. Dangerfield, S.W. 1260; C. P. Leonard, 101; F. Denby, 2101; W. E. Haycock, W.M. 1196; W. J. Pitcher, P.M. 442; H. Hart, 1642; W. J. Holloway, 555; R. Manuel, S.W. 1196; J. C. Duckworth, P.M. 1928; A. Moore, J.W. 173; J. Fitzgerald, W.M. 2168; G. Alexander, 2127; Thomas L. Bramble, 173; J. Beveridge Spence, P.M., P.P.G.W. Surrey; C. M. Duplany, 2127; G. Coop, W.M. 1612; T. H. Stanton, 2157; H. Gillard Glind, 1196; Thos. Catling, W.M. 2190; J. Tickle, C.C., P.M. 1196; R. T. Holms, I.P.M. 901; F. G. Potter, J.W. 1321; W. L. Maitland, 73; W. E. Chapman, S.W. 2190; C. J. Acworth, P.M. 133, 1602, 2275, S.D. 2265, P.P.G. Stwd. Essex; J. Vicary, 180; J. Irvine, W.M. 862; L. M. Myers, C.C., P.M. 188; S. A. Cooper, P.M. 1637; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; W. R. Palmer, P.M. 621; G. Fox, 1339; S. Bancroft, S.D. 2127; G. Bishop, P.M. 230; J. M. Clemow, P.M. 1589; A. Adams, W.M. 1673; T. Keen, 768; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; E. Thomas, 1907; F. Leslie, 2127; J. D. Langton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Surrey; Albert James, 1706; J. A. Brown, 2264; F. Bevan, I.G. 1706; R. Planquette, L'étoile Polaire, C. W. Hales, 1056; F. A. Ormsby, 25; J. R. Jekyll, late 1319; and Knox Holmes, 29.

According to the usual custom of this lodge, there was no work but the installation performed on installation day, and, after the preliminary formalities had been observed, Bro. Fairchild, on presentation by Bro. James Weaver, P.M., of Bro. James D. Beveridge, S.W., and W.M. elect, installed Bro. Beveridge in the chair of K.S. Bro. Beveridge invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. T. de Brunnow Holmes, S.W.; A. E. Bishop, J.W.; Tinney, P.M., D.C.; C. Wellard, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., Sec.; W. S. Penley, S.D.; J. E. Hambleton, J.D.; F. H. Macklin, I.G.; Sam Johnson and Frank Stewart, Stewards; and John Gilbert, Tyler. The whole ceremony was most ably and eloquently performed by Bro. Fairchild, and the investiture of the officers was gone through by the W.M. with all the perfection of an experienced professor. Before the proceedings in lodge terminated, Bro. Chamberlin read to the brethren a circular, which is being sent out, strongly appealing to the brethren for support to the fund now being raised for the widow and family of the late Bro. F. Delevanti, P.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, where an elegant banquet was provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited, and personally superintended by Bro. Dartnall.

The usual toasts followed.

The W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said he should premise for the brethren's general information that the speeches as far as he was concerned would be of the briefest order. They had a post-prandial entertainment of unusual excellence, and he was sure that would be better than any flowers of his poor oratory. He would therefore ask them to drink "The Queen and the Craft"—names, he hoped, that would never be disassociated as long as her Majesty reigned. Loyalty was the distinguishing characteristic of Freemasons, and he did not think it needed any assurance of his that the devotion of the Masonic body was met by her Majesty by her interest in the Masonic Order. Her Majesty's interest had been proved over and over again.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," said he not repeat what had frequently been said before in praise of the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness was the future chief of this great empire, and he was now the patron of the arts, science, the drama, and of everything which tended to its welfare.

The Worshipful Master's next speech of the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," introduced a refreshing deviation from the stereotyped form. He said when the brethren thought that the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master could spare leisure from their high official duties to devote their time and energy, in conjunction with the Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, for the welfare of the Craft in general, and the Lodge of Asaph in particular, they must acknowledge that they owed them a deep debt of gratitude. He must say, speaking as an actor, that he was very proud that one of the highest offices in Grand Lodge was held by their distinguished Bro. Edward Terry, who was now Grand Treasurer. But this was not the first time in the history of Masonry or the history of the stage that Grand Office had been held by an actor. A friend of his, Mr. Adams, of the Adelphi Theatre, who was not an actor, presented him the other day with a book 150 years of age, and on glancing over its pages he found the following passage, which referred to the year 1731: "Amongst many good effects arising from a renovation of this Institution"—(that is Masonry, which had fallen into rather low water)—"the theatre experienced its share. Masons are in general warm friends of the drama, which they deem essential to the cause of virtue, and as Charity is one of their leading principles, they constantly devote the profits arising from one night's performance at the theatre every season towards the relief of their distressed and indigent brethren. At this time, however, in 1731, their laudable zeal carried them so far as to make

them bespeak the tragedy of "Cato," then remarkably popular, the male characters of which were all performed by gentlemen Masons; the prices were advanced; and so crowded and brilliant an audience had never at that time been seen in this kingdom." The Grand Secretary at that time was a Mr. Griffiths, a rather eminent actor, and so pleased were the brethren at what he had done in Dublin to restore Freemasonry to something like its pristine glory that they gave him a benefit to which the Grand Master and Grand Officers went in Masonic regalia in procession, and the quaint old book said that "thereby he reaped great profit." The present genial Grand Secretary did not need a benefit, but supposing their Grand Treasurer wanted a benefit, supposing he got a dispensation from the Grand Master for all the brethren to walk in regalia to Terry's Theatre, he did not know not only where he would house them, but whether the state of the Strand, to say nothing of the London County Council, would permit of the proceeding.

Bro. Edward Terry, Grand Treas., in reply, said that in rising to attempt to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers, he might slightly alter a Shakespearian quotation and say, of all things else I have evaded this, up to the present, as, owing to the exigencies of his profession he had escaped from the banquets before the speeches came on. He thoroughly appreciated all that the W.M. had said of him and of the Grand Officers generally. He felt it, of course, personally, because he believed he assisted at the Masonic birth of Bro. Beveridge, who had now come forward to a very fine full-grown manhood, and had taken the post they always believed he would take, and which he was sure he would adorn during the rest of his year of office. Should there be a recurrence of the affair that took place in Dublin in 1731—though their shining mark, Griffiths, was not a particularly "safe man"—it would be equally safe, as was shown to him at his election as Grand Treasurer. He never saw so much good fellowship or Masonic feeling in his life, not only by members of the Asaph Lodge, in which he had the honour to pass through all the offices up to the chair, but men from all parts of the country came forward like brethren and supported him to a most astounding extent. He was told when he was made Grand Treasurer that he would have no work to do. He found he was grossly deceived; that he would never be allowed to sign a cheque—which was rather a slur—that was true; but he found that in his year of office the Grand Treasurer was not expected to do nothing, for by virtue of his office he was a member of the Provisional Management Committee of the Boys' School, of the Committee of the Girls' School, and of the old men and women, and that he was supposed to attend all the Committee meetings. When he told them that in one Institution alone there were 22 meetings since last June, he might fairly assert that he was grossly deceived on that point. However, joking apart, of course, it was a labour of love to assist in all good Masonic work, and if the brethren had known as intimately as he knew, since he became a Grand Officer, the good feeling, the kind fraternal regard which the Grand Officers had for the whole of the Craft, it would do them, as it had done him, good to see and listen to it. It was a thing to be proud of.

Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, in response to loud and general calls, said he had hoped that he would be represented by the eloquence of Bro. Terry, under whose shadow he thought he was. As there was so much beautiful music to come, he would not delay the brethren further than to thank them for the exceedingly kind and fraternal manner in which they had received his name on that and other occasions. He took a deep interest in the Craft and in so praiseworthy and distinguished a lodge as the Lodge of Asaph, for which he hoped in the future the success it so thoroughly deserved.

Bro. Fairchild, in proposing "The W.M.," said at any time he had not the power, and on the present occasion he had not the privileges, of making any lengthened remarks, because he had been almost forbidden by the Master, who was anxious to get through some other toasts in order to go to his professional duties. In the way of seniority, of ability, of geniality, of almost everything Masonic, Bro. Beveridge ought to have preceded many of them in the Lodge of Asaph. It had been a matter of regret to him (Bro. Fairchild) that Bro. Beveridge had not passed through the chair some years previously, but Bro. Beveridge's professional duties had called him elsewhere, and he had been supplanted for a time. He had now, however, the satisfaction of being in the proud position which the brethren had had the honour of conferring on him. Bro. Beveridge had the advantage of having many illustrious predecessors; but whatever else he might be they knew he was one of the most refined and polished villains, but still he sunk that character when he came to the lodge. At the present time he had only to fill the character of the moral, good, kindly, gentle gentleman, and he occupied his position in the Masonic world with an ability as Master of the lodge of which he had given evidence that evening. He had the courage, which very few Masters had, to close down the lodge on an exciting evening in the different Degrees, and they had seen his ability in doing that work. He had presided also at the banquet in a way which must have given satisfaction to all. He (Bro. Fairchild) had had the pleasure and privilege of working with him many years, and lately very intimately and closely, and he found that he had one object in view—the welfare of the Asaph Lodge. Bro. Beveridge occupied the position of Master of the lodge with a full sense of the responsibilities attached to the office, and in the hope that he would perform the duties as well as other Masters had done.

The W.M., in reply, said: Brethren, I can only thank you for the great honour you have done me in drinking my health. As I said just now the speeches would be short, it would ill become me to make a long speech. I would therefore simply say I thank you most heartily.

The next toast was that of "The I.P.M., Bro. Fairchild," and the W.M., in proposing it, and presenting a handsome jewel of a Past Master to the I.P.M., said that was the most important toast of the evening, notwithstanding that Bro. Fairchild had said that the health of the W.M. was the most important toast. He was more than proud to pin the jewel on Bro. Fairchild's breast. It was at the same time a difficult moment for him, because no words of his could express how he appreciated, and the brethren appreciated, the services of Bro. Fairchild to the lodge, knowing as he did that of all the distinguished Masters of the lodge there had never been a worthier, or one who possessed to a greater extent all the good qualities which should appertain to a man and a Mason. Individually, he (the W.M.) had come into closer

contact with Bro. Fairchild than others, and he could say that in every matter of detail no trouble had been too great for him to take to help him (the W.M.) in his work. If he failed in any portion of it they must blame the pupil, not the master. Bro. Fairchild's services to all the Masonic Charities were known to all the brethren of the lodge, and to the whole Masonic body.

Bro. Fairchild responded. He said he had done what he could in his little way to perform the duties of W.M. properly. Not one of the nine meetings of the lodge in 12 months had been without a great deal of Masonic work. Although he had left the chair, he should not relax any of his efforts for the welfare of the Asaph Lodge. He recognised the assistance he had received from the officers he appointed a year ago, and particularly to Bro. Chamberlin, Secretary. It was a large lodge, numbering over 100 members. They had numerous meetings, and the details were very severe when performed by a busy man. No Master could have better assistance than he had had from Bro. Chamberlin, one of the oldest members and a founder of the lodge.

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

Bros. Dr. Spence, Tickle, C.C., T. Catling, W.M. 2190, and Fitzgerald responded.

Bro. Beveridge being at this point compelled to leave to fill his professional engagement, his place was taken by Bro. Fairchild, who proposed the remainder of the toasts.

Bro. Chamberlin replied for "The Past Masters," and said that this year, unfortunately, the lodge had lost one of those brethren, Bro. Delevanti.

Bro. Holmes, S.W., replied to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast was given by Bro. Gilbert at the close of the proceedings.

A charming entertainment was interspersed with the toasts in the shape of recitations, and vocal and instrumental music, by the following brethren, under the direction of Bro. Arthur Thomas: Bros. Howard Reynolds, R. Temple, T. de B. Holmes, Albert James, Fred Bevan, J. A. Brown, J. Kift, John Maclean, Arthur Thomas, Ormond Yearsley, E. Frewin, Frank Stewart, J. Weaver, F. G., J. E., and J. C. Hambleton, C. Harper, W. L. Barrett, Marius, Harry Nichols, and J. L. Shine.

Victoria Park Lodge (No. 1816).—On Thursday, the 24th ult., the installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Besides this most important ceremony, quite an imposing array of other business stood on the agenda. The meeting was, therefore, called at the early hour of three o'clock p.m. As over 60 brethren were present in the course of the afternoon, we can only indicate those among the earliest arrivals, e.g., Bros. J. T. Kinniple, W.M.; Chas. Reeves, P.M.; W. Watkins, P.M.; D. Hodges, P.M.; C. W. Currell, P.M.; H. Sinclair, S.W.; J. W. Clements, J.W.; Geo. Morris, Treas.; H. Rogers, P.M., M.E.Z., Sec.; Albert Govier, S.D.; W. B. Abraham, J.D.; R. W. Carroll, I.G.; D. Micklered, D.C.; H. H. W. Sherwin, Org.; E. Smith, J. Smith, G. Haysom, T. Cowell, F. Garrood, B. Charig, and Jas. Adams. Among the visitors were Bros. L. T. Conbro, P.M. 1365; R. W. Galloway, 1602; J. Brooks, 51; C. Cooper, 898; G. T. Williams, 898; G. G. Duck, 898; H. Cooper, 898; C. Gammon, 704; J. Mills, 1765; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Cray was balloted for, and elected a joining member. Bro. J. T. Kinniple, W.M., assisted by Bro. W. Watkins, and other P.M.'s, initiated Messrs. G. R. Shrimpton and T. G. Holtum; and also passed Bros. Adams, Horlock, and Grimwood to the Degree of F.C. Bro. C. Reeves, as Installing Master, installed the W.M. elect, Bro. H. Sinclair, in the chair of K.S., performing the ceremony in a highly impressive and earnest manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Clements, S.W.; A. Govier, J.W.; Geo. Morris, Treas.; H. Rogers, Sec.; W. B. Abraham, S.D.; R. W. Carroll, J.D.; D. Micklered, I.G.; F. Garrood, D.C.; Bradford and A. Read, Stwds.; Sherwin, Org.; and Stewart, Tyler. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M., Bro. J. T. Kinniple, with a Past Master's jewel, at the same time congratulating him, in the name of the lodge, for the very satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of his distinguished position during his term of office. Bro. Kinniple having suitably responded, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

On adjourning to the Queen's room, a banquet worthy of the reflective traditions of the London Tavern, was ably discussed by the brethren.

The loyal toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were appreciated in the usual hearty Masonic fashion, and no less can be said for the reception of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, The Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Kinniple, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," mentioning that he was the third initiate of that lodge who had attained that distinction.

Bro. Sinclair, W.M., replying, said that in thanking the I.P.M. and brethren, he could state that he fully intended to faithfully and justly perform all the duties that devolved upon him.

In reply to the toast of "The I.P.M.," Bro. Kinniple, referred to the present prosperous state of the lodge and its good position to fulfil its functions as part of a great charitable Institution; if, during his term of office, he had incurred some little imputation of closeness, he was sure the brethren would appreciate efforts meant for the good of the lodge and Masonry.

To the toast of "The Installing Master," Bro. C. Reeve referred to the principle of brotherly love, temperance, and Charity in all things. Those were chief among the duties of their calling.

"The Past Masters" and "The Initiates" having been proposed and duly acknowledged,

The W.M., in naming "The Masonic Charities," announced his intention to undertake the Stewardships of both the approaching Festivals—The Old People and The Girls' School.

After he had spoken and the lists were sent round, £63 and upwards was announced to have been subscribed in the room.

To the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. H. Cooper responded in warm terms of congratulation to the lodge for the evidently true spirit of Masonry among them, in which he was followed by several others.

Among those replying for "The Officers," Bro. H. Rogers said he was the only Secretary of the lodge since its

foundation, and had nothing but a good record to proclaim as to its prosperity and progress.

The Tyler's toast concluded the list. During the intervals between the toasts several brethren exhibited their talents, vocal and otherwise, prominent among them being Bros. Duck and Gammon. The Organist of the lodge, Bro. Sherwin, emulated Orpheus on his lute, not on the same instrument, but with the piano, both as an accompanist and solo player.

St. Mark's College Lodge (No. 2157).

The fourth installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant. The lodge having been opened, Bro. J. Easterbrook was presented as W.M. elect for installation. This ceremony was performed with great impressiveness by the W.M., Bro. John O'Connell, P.G.O. Surrey, who, before the closing of the lodge, received from the brethren a Past Master's jewel as a slight token of their esteem and regard for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of the lodge during his year of office. The W.M. then appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. R. Carter, S.W.; John Tidmarsh, J.W.; Rev. Canon Benham, Chap.; Rev. J. Henry Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Treasurer; J. Stanton, Sec.; W. Goulden, S.D.; A. P. Lye, J.D.; G. W. Stevens, P.M., D.C.; J. R. Phillips, I.G.; A. G. Fleming, Org.; and R. H. Catling and G. H. Heathcote, Stewards.

After receiving the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the lodge to be in a very good financial condition, the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room to dine.

The W.M. presided, and amongst the visitors present were Bros. Dr. W. A. Barrett, P.G.O.; John E. Dawson, P.G.S.B.; W. H. D. Pearce, P.P.G.D.; Dr. W. Stainer, P.M., P.P.G.O. Surrey; Geo. Green, P.G.S.; Geo. King, P.M.; W. H. Wingfield, P.M.; Robert J. Voisey, P.M.; E. J. Williams, I.P.M.; Valentine King, W.M.; Samuel Johnson, E. W. Hensman, E. W. Stillwell, W.M.; Geo. L. Crickmay, R. J. Rogers, and Dr. Scanes Spicer.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably proposed and duly honoured.

Bro. J. E. Dawson, P.G.S.B., in responding for "The Grand Officers," congratulated the I.P.M. on the excellence of his work, and complimented the lodge on maintaining its reputation.

Bro. Dr. W. A. Barrett, who described the W.M. as his Masonic child, said he had long been connected with St. Mark's College in an official capacity, and assured the lodge that the musical excellence of the college was fully maintained at the present time.

An excellent programme of songs and glees, under the direction of Bro. the Rev. J. Henry Smith, was thoroughly enjoyed.

Provincial Meetings.

BIRMINGHAM.

St. Paul's Lodge (No. 43).—The first meeting of this lodge since May was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 28th ult., and in consequence there was a large gathering of brethren, including a number of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Barwell, P.M., a very old member of the lodge, Clarke, P.M., and several others. The Secretary, Bro. Hands, informed the brethren that he had been handed the old books of the lodge, which had a continuous record back to the year 1764, also the seals belonging to the lodge. The Charity Steward moved that £20 be given out of the funds of the lodge to the two Schools, and there was also a collection made amongst the brethren, which resulted in 20 guineas being subscribed.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Horsa Lodge (No. 2208).—On Monday, the 21st ult., there was a large gathering at the annual festival and installation in connection with this lodge at the Masonic Hall. The installation of the new W.M., Bro. J. H. Moore, was performed by Bro. E. W. Cross; and subsequently the new W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. C. Waters, S.W.; J. J. Brazier, J.W.; D. Williams, P.M. 636 and 1383, P.P. S.G.W. Bristol, Chap.; E. Worth, P.M. 195, Treas.; J. B. Atkinson, P.M. 195, P.P.G.D., Sec.; T. B. Scott, S.D.; F. Cross, J.D.; F. Budden, P.M. 622, P.P.G.D.C. Dorset, D.C.; W. Townsend, Org.; J. Hervey, I.G.; F. Bettsworth and H. E. Hawker, Stwds.; and H. F. Beamish, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. E. W. Cross, by Bro. J. H. Moore.

In the evening a *recherché* banquet took place in the Bijou Hall. Bro. C. G. Dacre, of the Criterion Hotel, did the catering with his customary ability, and Bro. J. H. Moore presided.

The usual toast list was gone through.

BRISTOL.

Powell Lodge (No. 2257).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which was established last year in honour of the Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday evening. There were present the following officers and members of the lodge: Bros. Pierrepont Harris, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., W.M.; W. E. Parry, Prov. G. Reg., I.P.M.; C. J. Hill, as S.W.; George Dowson, J.W.; W. K. Abbott, P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; Peter S. Allison, S.D.; W. R. Chandler, as J.D.; Harold Lewis, Prov. G. Stwd., D.C.; W. B. Heaton, as I.G.; David Rose, P.P.G.D.; J. R. Shorland, P.P.J.G.W.; L. Ashcroft, Prov. G.D. Somerset; W. B. Heaton, S.W. 103; F. Lenox Brown, H. B. Brock, Wm. Thwaites, R. D. Cruikshank, J. L. Dickinson, Andrew H. Fenn, H. F. W. Lewis, C. W. Cope Proctor, P.M. 187; J. F. Hanley, R. M. Hatch, J. J. Edwards, E. J. Pillers, and J. V. Cavell. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Deedes, P.P.S.G.W.; W. S. Paul, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. C. Hewitt, P.P.G. Std. Br. Gloucestershire; J. W. Lawson, Prov. G.O.; Farran Lambert, P.P.G.D.; Bolt, P.P.G.P.; Wm. Roberts, P.P.G.D. Somersetshire; Walter Hobkirk, W.M. 1833; J. A. Page, P.P.S.G.W.; E. A. Barnett, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. F. L. Byrde, Prov. G. Chap. Somersetshire; Kater Cripps, P.P.G. Std. Br. Somersetshire; T. W. Stone, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Cockle, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. James Fountain, Sec. 187; Robert Burnett, P.P.G.S.B.; W. F. Gould, P.M. 855; J. Hudson Smith, 187; Wm. Proctor, W.M. 1296; R. M. Worlock, P.M. 1296; J. Tochatti, Follett, H. A. Hood

Daniel, Henry Jeans, 610; Gray, 103; Adam Rankin, W. H. Brown, J.W. 326; E. E. Hobbs, 326; A. F. Woodward, 68; Gange, 610; Lyne Fear, 1296; F. R. Geary, Prov. A.G.D.C.; W. H. Cowlin, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Galpin, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. C. St. Paul, Prov. G.S. of W.; C. K. C. Herapath, Prov. G.S.B.; John Gard, P.P.J.G.W.; David Bell, P.P.G.D.; E. J. Grubb, P.P.G.P.; R. Olive, P.P.G.P.; R. G. Parminter, Org.; W. Henderson, 187; S. W. Pullin, 1755; A. Pettor, 187; F. H. Gullion, 103; J. H. Davies, 103; A. Caink, G. Williams, H. Frame, J. Heming, and Smallwood.

The lodge having been opened, the D.P.G.M., Bro. Col. J. R. Bramble, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., was announced and duly received. The minutes of the last regular meeting, at which Bro. Pierrepont Harris was re-elected as W.M., having been read and confirmed, the D.P.G.M. took the chair and re-installed the W.M. At the close of the ceremony an installation anthem, composed for the occasion by Bro. John Northam, was sung under the direction of the composer. The solos were beautifully rendered by the well-known West of England baritone, Bro. Montague Worlock, and it is sufficient to add that the singers of the choruses were chiefly members of the Bristol Orphans and Bristol Madrigal Societies. The composition was very much admired. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. E. Parry, I.P.M.; George Dowson, S.W.; Peter Allison, J.W.; W. K. Abbott, Treasurer; John Northam, Secretary; W. R. Chandler, S.D.; H. F. Lewis, J.D.; Harold Lewis, D.C.; F. L. Brown, I.G.; J. Stoate, Tyler; and J. Webber, Asst. Tyler. Bro. W. E. Parry then, on behalf of the brethren, presented the W.M. with an exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel, made of 18-carat gold and beautifully chased. At the top of the ribbon was a bar with the word founder, and on the ribbon a shield with the arms and motto of the lodge in coloured enamel. Bro. Parry said that every member of the lodge had taken part in the provision of that present, which he hoped the W.M. would wear in testimony of their appreciation of how much the successful starting and present prosperity of the lodge were due to his energy and ability and good work. Bro. Harold Lewis said he had been requested to support the remarks of the previous speaker, and bore testimony to the minute attention which Bro. Harris gave every detail in connection with the work of the lodge. The W.M. suitably acknowledged the present. Two candidates for initiation, and five joining members having been proposed, the lodge was closed, Bro. Farran Lambert's new march being played as the brethren left the lodge-room.

They then adjourned to the spacious new banquetting-hall on the ground floor of the building, where the installation supper was partaken of.

The usual toast list was gone through, but the speeches were rigidly condensed, as a very attractive programme of music had been arranged.

The glees were rendered by members of the Bristol Orphans and Bristol Madrigal Societies.

The evening's proceedings furnished a rich musical treat, and it was generally agreed by the visitors that they had never been present at a more enjoyable or more successful Masonic gathering.

CAMBRIDGE.

Isaac Newton University Lodge (No. 859).—The first meeting of this lodge after the long vacation was held on Tuesday evening, the 29th ult. The W.M., Bro. W. G. Bell, P.J.G.D., was in the chair, and amongst the visitors were Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, P.G.M.; A. H. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br., England, D.P.G.M.; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W. England; and others.

The installation ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. W. G. Bell, assisted by Bro. Sir John Monckton, and Bro. Hammett C. Knott was cordially congratulated upon being placed in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year.

After the ceremonies the brethren adjourned to banquet when the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given.

EASTBOURNE.

Tyrian Lodge (No. 1110).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Gildridge Hotel, on Monday, 28th ult. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Wright, who was supported by his officers and brethren. The visitors present included Bros. Thomas Billing, P.J.G.W.; Daves, P.P.G.W.; J. Farncombe, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Clowes, W.M. 2201; C. J. Pocock, W.M. 811, P.P.J.G.W.; L. R. Styer, W.M. 315, Prov. G.S.; S. Stone, W.M. 311; W. H. Wright, W.M. 1303; S. Denman, W.M. 732; Rev. Puttick, W.M. 40; H. A. Dowell, W.M. 2187; Whatford, S.W. 916; Green, P.M. 916; G. A. Wallis, P.M. 916; Boulton (Mayor of Eastbourne), and G. Richardson, 227. The chief business was the installation of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. A. J. Howard. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. H. Wright.

The following officers were appointed by the W.M., for the ensuing year, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. J. H. Wright, I.P.M.; W. E. Morrison, S.W.; J. Creighton (Mayor elect of Eastbourne), J.W.; C. L. Norris, Chap.; Charles Tomes, P.M., Treas.; C. W. Tomes, P.M., Sec.; G. Fowler, S.D.; Vine, J.D.; W. M. Caffyn, P.M., D. of C.; John Easter, P.M., Org.; J. D. Skinner, I.G.; and Dicker and Oakden, Stewards. Bro. C. H. Haime, P.M., P.P.A. G.D. of C., was appointed to represent the lodge on the Charities Committee.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. H. Howard. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

RIVERHEAD.

Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 2nd instant, at the Amherst Arms Hotel, for the purpose of completing the good work begun upon three members, who otherwise must have waited—except for the kindness of another lodge—till next April. The W.M., Bro. A. H. Lee, opened the lodge, assisted by Bros. Hamlin, S.W.; F. P. Lee, J.W.; D. T. Kent, S.D.; Duret, P.M., P.S.G.D., acting as I.G.; and the other Past Masters in attendance were Bros. W. Sparrowhawk, I.P.M., who acted as J.D.; E. J. Dodd, P.P.G.O.; and J. H. Jewel, P.P.G.R., Sec. The lay members were represented by Bros. Houldsworth, Staite, Mist, Gaskill, Barringer, Walley, Larnier, Bowra, Horton, Tomkin, and Burford; and the visiting brethren

were Bros. Pollen, LL.D., P.M. 767, and W. Drewett, P.M. 889, W.M. 1633.

Bro. G. Larnier was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bros. Mist, Gaskill, and Barringer were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremonies were worked in an able and impressive manner by the W.M., who has had a very good year of work.

Refreshment was afterwards partaken of, and nearly three hours most pleasantly spent together.

Bro. Sparrowhawk, when proposing "The Health of the W.M.," referred to the efficient manner in which Bro. Lee had served the office during his occupancy of the chair, and specially mentioned his perfect rendering of the ceremony that afternoon.

The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kind recognition of his efforts to maintain the prestige of the chair of the lodge, and then proposed "The Health of the Visitors." The W.M. said that they did not expect any visiting brethren at that meeting, but he was sure they were heartily welcome, and especially because they were old friends.

Bro. Pollen assured the W.M. that after his last visit to the lodge, some three years ago, he went back to India with the most lively and pleasant recollection of the way in which he had been received by the brethren of the Amherst Lodge, for which he was indebted to his esteemed friend, Bro. Jewell. He should now be able to tell the brethren in Kurrachee, whither he was soon returning, that the reception given him at Riverhead was as hearty and cordial as ever.

Bro. Drewett also responded, and said that his experience of the Amherst Lodge now extended to installation, ordinary, and emergency meetings, and he could assure the brethren that all were equally enjoyable, and also profitable to those who wanted to see how working should be done.

The brethren soon afterwards separated, in the hope of all meeting again in the spring under the roof of Bro. Waller's comfortable and hospitable house.

WIGAN.

Peace Lodge (No. 2269).—The brethren of the above lodge held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Thursday, the 31st ult., when Bro. J. Brown was duly installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec., assisted by Bros. Thomas Milligan, P.M., P.P.J. G.D., and James Brindle, P.M., P.G.S. of W. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. Smith, S.W.; J. J. Charnock, J.W.; Rev. J. T. Harris, Chap.; Milligan, Treas.; T. Margeon, Sec.; J. H. Marsden, S.D.; John Molyneux, J.D.; Milner, D. of C.; J. Dwarber, Org.; Radcliffe, I.G.; and Baker, Halton, Postlethwaite, and Davis, Stewards. Bro. M. W. Peace, P.P.J.G.W., W.M., was unavoidably absent through Parliamentary duties in London.

Amongst others present were the following: Bros. Pickering, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Beazer, P.M.; Robert Seddon, P.M.; W. H. Johnson, P.M.; Leyland, P.M.; Milner, P.M.; Nicholl, P.M.; Dean, P.M.; T. Wilson, J. Brindle, R. S. Wigan, J. Gee, Thos. Berry, G. Heaton, B. Postlethwaite, P. Partington, L. Athron, W. H. L. Taylor, J. Wall, J. H. Atherton, J. A. Webster, W. France, P. Aspinall, Seward, and T. H. Cowburn. The visiting brethren included Bros. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Betley, P.M., P.A.G. Sec.; Knowles, W.M. 178; Bouchier, W.M. 1335; T. Wilson, P.M. 33; H. Byrom, P.M. 1335; Crompton, P.M. 1354; J. M. Ashurst, P.M. 178; W. Swift, P.M. 178; Edwin Seddon, Heaton, Crank, T. Bolton, W. Holt, Rev. E. Franks, Eccles, P.M. 730; J. F. Ashton, T. Hesketh, P.M. 1402; and John Jones.

The Treasurer reported that after subscribing liberally during the year to the Masonic Charities, there was a considerable balance in the bank to the credit of the lodge.

The banquet, to which over 60 of the brethren sat down, was served at the Assembly Room, Conservative Club, Market-street, the catering by Mr. Wise being highly satisfactory.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and received, and during the evening a glee party, under the direction of Bro. Margeon, entertained the brethren with a choice selection of glees and songs, rendered in an admirable manner.

Royal Arch.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).—This old chapter resumed its meetings after the summer recess on the 1st inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. Present—among others—Comps. Joseph Heming, M.E.Z.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.E. Surrey, H.; W. J. Collins, P.Z., J.; Capt. Williams, S.E.; Radcliffe, P.S.; Larcombe, 2nd A.S.; Pearce, I.P.Z.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. G. B. Heming, P.M. 256, and, it being unanimous, he was most impressively exalted into the Degree of R.A. by his uncle, the M.E.Z. The election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing then took place, with the following result: Comps. C. Greenwood, M.E.Z.; W. Collins, H.; Capt. Williams, J.; Birch, S.E.; Radcliffe, S.N.; J. Heming, Treas.; Stevens, P.S.; Larcombe, 1st A.S.; Kinsey, 2nd A.S.; Cochrane, D.C.; and Goddard, Janitor. A vote of thanks was then passed to Comp. Weeks, P.Z., for his past services as Treasurer, regretting that he should not have sought reelection. The resolution was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The report of the General Purposes Committee of the chapter having been received and adopted, a vote of thanks to the outgoing First Principal, accompanied by the vote of a jewel, was passed by acclamation. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. Weeks, P.Z.; Graves, P.Z.; F. McDougal, P.Z.; Birch, S.N.; Stevens, 1st A.S.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions and their visitors adjourned to the banquet. Among the latter were Comps. W. Maple, P.Z. 1293; H. H. Shirley, M.A., H. 2; G. Herbert, J. 1745; and others.

The customary toasts received full justice. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was eloquently proposed by Comp. Pearce, P.Z. In the course of his speech he congratulated the M.E.Z. upon his successful year of office. He felt confident that few, if any, companions could have

carried out the duties of the first chair better. The clear enunciation, the pleasing voice, and the dignified bearing of Comp. Heming were powerful, personal advantages, and gave additional impressiveness to his rendering of the beautiful ritual of the Royal Arch. In conclusion, he could honestly say that their First Principal was held in the highest esteem by every member of the chapter, and would carry with him on his retirement from the chair every good wish for his future health and happiness.

The toast having been most warmly received, the M.E.Z. briefly replied.

In responding to the toast of "The Visitors," Comp. Shirley, after briefly touching upon the antiquity of the chapter, passed a high compliment upon the general excellence of the working he had witnessed that evening. The I.P.Z. had spoken by no means in too flattering terms of their First Principal. As an admirer and student of the Royal Arch Degree, he, the speaker, was prepared to say that he had never heard the ritual better delivered. The working of the Second and Third Principals, and the S.N. and P.S. also left nothing to be desired. In conclusion, he expressed his great acknowledgments to Comp. Lardner for giving him an opportunity of visiting so distinguished and excellent a chapter.

A few other toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated.

Islington Chapter (No. 1471).—The installation meeting of this successful chapter was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., when there was an unusually large number of companions present. There was a heavy programme of work, which was ably carried out by Comp. W. Shurmur, who had been re-elected to the position of M.E.Z., and who proved the wisdom of the members choice by exalting no less than 11 brethren into R.A. Masonry in a masterly manner. Present: Comps. W. Shurmur, M.E.Z.; C. G. Sparrow, P.Z., acting H.; Hy. Cox, P.Z., acting J.; W. N. Scarlett, S.E.; R. Loomes, S.N.; W. E. Sutton, P.S.; J. L. Mather, P.Z., P.A.G.D.C.; Jas. Terry, P.Z., P.G.S.B.; Geo. Cook, P.Z.; D. P. Holness, P.Z.; W. S. Whitaker, P.Z.; W. D. Church, Jas. Bunker, D. Campbell, Jas. Speller, Caleb Stanger, H. Poston, H. P. Kimbell, W. H. Caton, N. Fortescue, H. G. Guy Elliott, E. A. Beer, W. W. Futcher, J. H. Thompson, W. G. London, T. Scoresby Jackson, R. G. Horton, and J. M. Hanks, jun. Visitors: Comps. C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; T. C. Edmonds, S.N. 1517; Geo. Graveley, P.Z. 554; J. F. Haskins, Org.; W. Land, P.Z. 25; A. Ritchie, 173; Jno. Barnett, jun., 59; F. Steel; Jno. Osborn, 1602; F. J. Smith, 25; Courtenay Warner, 2108; J. H. Clare, S.N. 1365; R. J. Bromhead, 1365; A. Botibol, 188; W. Cook, P.Z. 22; J. H. Cain, A.S. 179; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The convocation being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Comp. Shurmur having been re-elected as the M.E.Z., and Comp. Lister, H. elect, being unavoidably absent, there was but one installation to be performed, viz., that of Comp. J. M. Scarlett, as J., which was ably carried out by Comp. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B. The other officers invested were Comps. S. Napper, S.E.; R. Loomes, S.N.; W. E. Sutton, P.S.; W. T. Tyrrell, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. D. Church, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. J. Briginshaw, D.C.; and T. S. Jackson and W. W. Futcher, Stewards. Bros. W. H. Caton, W.M. 1365; H. Guy Elliott, 749; H. P. Kimbell, 1364; Caleb Stanger, W.M. 12; H. Poston, 19; E. A. Beer, 1471; N. Fortescue, 2256; J. Hanks, 2256; and three others having been duly balloted for, were impressively exalted into R.A. Masonry. The M.E.Z. was nominated as Steward for the R.M.B.I., and the sum of 10 guineas was voted to his list. Two resignations were accepted with regret, and the convocation was closed.

An excellent banquet was then enjoyed, and the usual toasts were subsequently given.

Comp. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., replying for "The Grand Officers," said the importance of the toast could not be under-valued, because it was of so comprehensive a nature. He was especially grateful for the manner in which his name had been associated, and the exceedingly complimentary manner in which it had been received. He would leave to Comp. Hogard to speak of the two distinguished Grand Officers, to whom the M.E.Z. had made specific allusion. From the experience he had had of that chapter on more than one occasion, he had been a welcome guest. That night he found himself specially so, and nothing had given him greater pleasure than to be present at an important portion of the ceremonial to which he listened with rapt attention, it being delivered so ably. From the exceedingly large number admitted, and from the mode of its working, the chapter had secured a reputation second to none. Although not perfect in the ritual itself, he was thoroughly able to appreciate skill and ability in others, and if merit was to be rewarded, if perseverance was to be recognised, then he would humbly submit that the ranks of the Supreme Grand Chapter should be largely recruited from the members of the Islington Chapter. He returned his sincere thanks, and expressed the hope that on a future date he would be enabled to again visit them.

Comp. C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C., also responded.

Comp. W. S. Whitaker, P.Z., said he was quite sure he had but to pronounce the name of the M.E.Z. to ensure it meeting with a warm reception. The companions, a short time ago, proved in the most unmistakable manner their confidence in Comp. W. Shurmur by electing him for the second time to the chair of M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. had commenced his second year in a manner plain to all, and would fulfil his duties to the pleasure and satisfaction of all the members. They had also voted him a jewel, which every P.Z. had richly earned, and there was no Principal of their chapter who had earned it better than Comp. Shurmur. It afforded him (Comp. Whitaker) sincere pleasure to pin that jewel on his breast and know he would wear it with honour and pleasure.

Comp. W. Shurmur, M.E.Z., thanked Comp. Whitaker, P.Z., for the kind and felicitous and far too flattering way in which he had proposed the toast of his health. He also thanked the companions most cordially for the hearty reception given to that toast. He could not adequately express his gratitude to them for having again elected him as First Principal, and would honestly endeavour to prove his appreciation of the very high compliment paid him by promoting the happiness and prosperity of the chapter to the utmost of his power. As to the further mark of their favour, the jewel, he should always esteem it as one of the most valuable of his possessions, and he earnestly hoped he might be blessed with long life to wear it among the P.Z.'s.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The Second and Third Principals," and thanked Comp. Sparrow, P.Z., for the admirable manner in which he had acted as H. He had told Comp. Scarlett, J., privately how surprised he had been at the way in which the historical lecture had been rendered, and the companions must all have been pleased.

Comps. Sparrow, P.Z., acting H., and Scarlett, J., returned thanks.

"The P.Z.'s" was the next toast given by the M.E.Z., who said he had been personally deeply impressed by the manner in which they discharged their duties, and he determined, if ever it was his fortune to reach the chair, to endeavour to imitate their very good example. He included with the toast "The Installing Officer, Comp. Jas. Terry."

Comps. Whitaker, P.Z., and J. L. Mather, P.Z., P.A.G.D.C., having replied,

Comp. Jas. Terry, P.Z., P.G.S.B., returned thanks. He said he had installed many Principals in that chapter, and was pleased to have the privilege of installing Comp. Scarlett as J. that evening, because he knew full well that that companion was born for the position. As one of the founders—and there were but four left—he felt a deep interest in the chapter. When he was the First Principal he thought it an honour to exalt eight brethren during his year, but the M.E.Z. had that night exalted 11, and brought together a larger gathering of R.A. Masons than the oldest companion had seen on a chapter meeting. He ventured to think that the step taken three months ago was a right one. They saw that evening the good results of that step, and he had not the slightest doubt that before the M.E.Z.'s year of office was out they would have cause to rejoice that for the first time in their chapter the First Principal was filling the chair for the second time. The P.Z.'s had but one desire, whatever their position and ability—to do their best for the chapter, and to render help and assistance to those filling the principal chairs. He wished the M.E.Z. a most happy and prosperous year of office, and if anything could be done by the P.Z.'s they would most readily come forward.

Comp. Holness, P.Z., also responded.

"The Exaltees," "The Visitors," and other toasts were duly given, and the Janitor's toast concluded a very successful, pleasant, and instructive gathering.

Comp. Dr. Haskins conducted the musical arrangements, which were of an excellent character. He was ably supported by Messrs. Bartlett and Church, jun.

Provincial Meetings.

STONEHOUSE.

Brunswick Chapter (No. 159).—The annual convocation of the above chapter was held on the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hobart-street, when the Principals elect—Comps. W. H. Williams, Z.; N. Radmore, H.; and C. Marshall, J.—were installed, Comps. J. R. Lord, 70, P.P.G.T.; W. Allsford, 202, P.G.P.S.; and J. Gidley, 2025, being the Installing Officers. The Board of Installed Principals also included Comps. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.P.G.P.S., and P.P.G.J.; S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T.; J. R. Lord, 70, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.R.; R. Lavers, 202, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. A. Nicholson, H. Mortimore, T. Geach, R. Pike, 230; and F. R. Goodyear, 223. The officers invested were Comps. T. Geach, I.P.Z.; F. J. Price, S.E.; J. E. Davis, S.N.; C. A. Nicholson, Treas.; T. Stoner, P.S.; C. H. Sellick, 1st A.S.; J. T. Rooke, 2nd A.S.; J. Harvey, D.C.; Keast, Org.; J. Endacott and E. Dawe, Stewards; and J. Bartlett, Janitor.

In the evening the members and visitors dined together at Bro. Routly's, Farley Hotel. The newly-installed Principals presided.

A capital after entertainment was provided by Comps. J. Harvey, Dawe, Keast, Endacott, Goodyear, Lemon, Powell, Worledge, and others.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

Inkerman Chapter (No. 1222).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 28th ult., when Comps. W. H. Wooler was installed as M.E.Z.; G. E. Alford as H.; and G. H. Perrett as J. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Comp. Col. Long, P.G.H. The following companions were invested with the collars of office: Comps. H. B. flarington, S.E.; T. Cogle, S.N.; W. M. Forty, P.Z., Treas.; W. E. Perrett, P.Z., D.C.; S. Sellick, P.S.; F. Blackmore, 1st A.S.; H. Butt, 2nd A.S.; and J. James, Janitor (*pro tem.*)

The visiting companions were Comps. Colonel Long, P.G.H.; P. S. Warne, P.G.S.E. Kent; F. Glover, Z. 41; J. Knight, H. 41; G. H. Bartlett, J. 41; E. F. Wade, Z. 41; Barnes, 397; and W. C. Thomas, 2025.

Mark Masonry.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 211).—This suburban lodge met at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 31st ult. Among those present were Bros. Skinner, P.M., acting W.M. (in the absence, through illness, of Bro. J. N. Frye); F. C. Frye, L.C.C., S.W.; S. Parkhouse, J.W.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Monson, S.D.; Dr. Pocock, J.D.; Wadham, I.G.; Rickwood, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. C. Frye, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. John Mason, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Schofield, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. Upon the motion of the Secretary, Bro. J. N. Frye was unanimously elected to represent the lodge as Steward at the Mark Benevolent Festival in 1890. The lodge then passed a resolution expressive of its sympathy to the W.M., and trusting that his health would speedily be restored. Bros. J. N. Frye, W.M.; R. Lawson, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; W. H. Goodall, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. S. Harris, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; Dr. Kiallmark; Huish, S.O.; French, J.O.; D. P. Cama (Hon. Member); and others, sent communications regretting their inability to attend. The resignations

of Bros. Smout, M.O., and C. Stevens, Org., were received with regret.

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

The acting W.M. presided ably and genially, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

Provincial Meetings.

GATESHEAD.

Lodge of Industry (No. 293).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Monday, the 4th instant, when there was an excellent attendance of brethren and a full programme of work. The W.M., Bro. Robt. Whitfield, presided, and was supported by Bros. John Wood, P.M., Treas.; Wm. F. Carmon, I.P.M.; C. B. Ford, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; Wm. Brown, S.W.; R. W. Klyne, J.W.; R. Wilson, M.O.; J. A. Armstrong, R. of M., as S.O.; Alf. Simpson, J.O.; T. R. Short, Sec.; T. R. Jobson, S.D.; A. Dodds, J.D.; R. C. Tate, I.G.; R. Terry, Org.; J. A. Black and C. P. Lardler, Stewards; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. Among those present were Bros. M. H. Dodd, P.M.; John Usher, P.M.; Jas. Shaw, R.W. Dees, and F. Schnitger.

The ballot having proved successful for the candidates on the circular, Bros. Chas. A. Joel, Wm. J. Jobson, Edwin Perry, and Henry Thomas, they were duly advanced to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who explained the working tools and gave the charge incidental to the ceremony.

The annual nominations followed, and the proceedings closed, after an arduous but pleasant evening's work.

There was a good muster at the refreshment board, and the usual good entertainment was enjoyed by the brethren present.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, W.C., on Tuesday, the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. Price, W.M.; R. Kirk, S.W.; G. F. Potter, J.W.; J. Greenway, acting Preceptor; G. F. Swan, Sec.; H. Esling, Treas., S.D.; Beeson, J.D.; White, I.G.; Hunter, D.C.; F. M. Noakes, Welsford, Marshall, Bailey, Grimes, Mogford, Patrickson, and Fendick.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Noakes having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. F. Swan, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Price being presented as W.M. elect. The ceremony of investing the officers was performed by Bro. White. On rising for the second time, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that Bro. R. Kirk, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect made a suitable reply. On rising for the third time, Bro. J. Greenway said that as the lodge had unanimously elected him Preceptor, and had agreed to the conditions stipulated, he had very great pleasure in accepting the position, commencing from the 5th inst. It was then proposed by Bro. Esling, seconded by Bro. Fendick, and carried unanimously, that Bro. J. Greenway be an honorary member of the lodge, on the announcement of which he made a suitable reply. It was announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked on Tuesday, the 26th inst., the Preceptor acting as Section Master. It was proposed and carried unanimously that a letter be sent to Bro. W. Brindley, the late Preceptor, thanking him for his services, and sympathising with him in his illness. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. M. Coxon, W.M.; A. Wolter, S.W.; R. Loomes, J.W.; Walter Hancock, Preceptor; J. Duncan, S.D.; I. Williams, I.G.; E. J. Harrison, D. C. Ritchie, C. G. Gray, F. M. Sutter, and Colingridge.

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. Gray candidate. Bro. Coxon vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hancock, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Duncan answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Duncan candidate. The traditional history was given by Bro. Hancock with telling effect. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Colingridge was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Wolter was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. It was announced that Bro. T. C. Berg, P.M., would rehearse the installation ceremony on the 19th inst., and it is hoped there will be a good of the brethren on that occasion. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 31st ult., when there was a very large gathering of members and visitors to hear the Fifteen Sections worked. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Greenway, W.M.; J. Hemming, S.W.; Dr. Powdrell, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec. and Treas.; W. Cleghorn, S.D.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.D.; R. Kirk, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. M. Noakes, G. Stacey, H. Luff; T. Goldfinch, Andrew Miller, T. A. Seary, J. Faulkner, G. Griffiths, W. Williams, E. J. D. Bromley, W. Groves, J. R. Hughes, W. Fowles, G. Coleman, J. Lawrence, G. H. Foan, C. W. Austin, W. H. Hosegood, R. Clare, S. C. Fort, J. S. (ater, G. J. Collard, H. J. Pellatt, F. W. Buxton, E. D. F. Rymer, C. C. Morgan, J. D. Graham, F. Kedge, T. Bull, W. Lincoln, W. Ham, A. Cogiati, J. W. Ray, C. Tayler, E. Farwig, T. Marsden, D. W. Tough, J. Lewis, J. Rowe, E. C. P. Berry, W. J. Burgess, A. Smith, J. W. Balchin, C. R. Bellerby, W. Browne Kidder, C. F. Luckhurst, A. Scurrah

John Paul, T. Casely, H. Matthews, G. A. Bergholz, W. Stiles, W. A. Scuirrah, Chas. Sheppard, B. E. Pinder, T. H. Hobbs, W. Rönnaasen, T. H. Williams, J. T. Collar, J. Wedgwood, E. A. G. Smith, J. Mason, C. A. Woods, J. Knight, H. Whitney, T. H. Stanton, Sam. Johnson, C. W. Evans, A. P. Hely, J. H. Hall, R. T. Meacock, C. R. Alder Wright, M. Gosden, S. Cohen, W. E. Willby, Sidney Pope, J. Carter, C. Koester, D. Haslett, Chas. Lawrence, J. G. H. Guyer, J. Whitehead, A. F. Scholding, G. Ransford, J. Dotterill, N. Davis, J. Grist, W. J. Rowe, V. Wing, F. Holmes, R. Ross, Jas. Thorn, C. J. Grove, O. Latreille, H. Wilson, Herr Von Joel, and J. E. Sheffield.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge having been opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed. The W.M. proceeded to work the Fifteen Sections, assisted by the following brethren: First Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. E. J. D. Bromley, J.D. 179; 2nd, Bro. F. W. Buxton, J.W. 1891; 3rd, Bro. F. Kedge, W.M. 2191; 4th, Bro. R. Kirk, 1681; 5th, Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287; 6th, Bro. J. Paul, S.W. 1287; and 7th, Bro. E. Farwig, P.M. 180. Second Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. C. Luckhurst, W.M. 1604; 2nd, Bro. W. J. Burgess, P.M. 1472; 3rd, Bro. J. Hemming, W.M. 1287; 4th, Bro. C. Corby, P.M. 957; and 5th, Bro. F. M. Noakes, J.D. 2148. Third Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. Dr. J. Powdrell, W.M. 2271; 2nd, Bro. W. S. Lincoln, J.W. 534; and 3rd, Bro. J. Thom, P.M. 2206. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected members of the lodge: Bro. C. Sheppard, Gammon, Whitehead, J. Knight, and H. Whitney. On rising for the third time, it was proposed by Bro. Brindley, and seconded by Bro. J. D. Graham, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. J. Greenway, W.M., for the very excellent manner in which he had worked the Fifteen Sections for the first time, and that he be elected an honorary member of the lodge. This being carried unanimously, the W.M. thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, and said that was his maiden attempt at working the Fifteen Sections. The W.M. then proposed, and Bro. Dr. Powdrell seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. J. Hemming, S.W., for the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of that office; which having been carried unanimously, Bro. J. Hemming made a suitable reply. Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec. and Treas., as W.M. of the mother lodge, thanked the officers and brethren for the honour they had done them by the very able manner in which they had carried out the duties of the evening, and said it was highly creditable to every one concerned. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

STUART LODGE (No. 1632).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, when there were present Bros. Linsay, W.M.; Salter, S.W.; Bilbey, P.M., J.W.; M. Spiegel, Preceptor; Morgan, Sec.; Baldwin, P. v., S.D.; Vickers, P.M., J.D.; Lemmaire, I.G.; Fruen, Petit, E. Vickers, Gardner, Holloway, and others.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. The 1st and 2nd Sections were worked by the Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section worked by the Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Morgan being candidate. Bro. Salter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. W. Middleweek, W.M.; W. R. Hatton, S.W.; J. H. Taylor, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; G. Gardner, S.D.; J. C. Conway, J.D.; R. H. Broom, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M., G.S.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; H. Armfield, T. Harrington, H. D. Smith, and D. Belinfante.

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. T. Harrington candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. H. Armfield answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, worked the 1st and 3rd Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. R. Hatton was unanimously elected W.M. for the 15th instant, the next meeting being officers' night. The Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time, which was seconded by the S.W., Bro. W. R. Hatton, and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., when there were present Bros. S. L. Smith, W.M.; Sandemann, S.W.; Mansell, J.W.; Burne, Preceptor; Mapleton, Sec.; Dent, S.D.; Beasley, J.D.; Hamilton, I.G.; Causton, Knight, Toulmeine, Haws, Wood, Mansell, Voisey, Hall, Hobbs, Slaughter, A. Smith, G. R. Smith, Conford, Daubeny, Hastings, Taylor, and Marshall.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Voisey acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. elect gave notice that the work would be the ceremony of passing and the explanation of the second tracing board. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bros. A. W. Smith, E. R. Smith, Conford, Hastings, Beasley, and Daubeny were elected members of the lodge. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; J. R. Roberts, S.W.; Jas. Wiggins, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middlesex, Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; G. Swann, S.D.; W. Fayers, J.D.; J. R. Hubbard, I.G.; W. Dresden, S. H. Cliff, and James Sims, P.M.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Cliff answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Cliff offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed in a praiseworthy manner.

The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Roberts was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. R. H. Williams was elected Treasurer, Bro. Craggs Secretary, and Bro. George Read Preceptor for the ensuing year. Bros. Fayers, Dresden, and Swann were elected Auditors. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. John Davies, Preceptor, W.M.; G. Read, P.M., S.W.; E. Austin, P.M., J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; J. Arnott, J.D.; W. G. Jennings, I.G.; T. S. Stevens, Stwd.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791; R. H. Rogers, P.M. 1791; D. Stroud, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; H. E. Dehane, P.M.; W. G. Reynolds, P.M.; J. J. Cantle, P.M.; H. Cotton, G. Higginson, L. Cox, F. Stanley, F. Craggs, G. B. Johnston, T. Jobson, W. W. Williams, J. T. Gracie, F. Dusterwald, C. Mote, W.M. 1732; H. Ridgley, F. West, F. Stonnill, T. W. Barth, F. W. Woodard. Bros. John Cruttenden and Holloway were visitors.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the Fifteen Sections were worked in a very excellent manner by the following: Bros. T. Jobson, G. B. Johnston, F. W. Woodard, W. W. Williams, L. Cox, G. Read, J. Davies, R. H. Rogers, S. Cochrane, G. Higginson, F. Craggs, T. W. Biggs, and E. Austin. Bros. John Cruttenden and Holloway were elected joining members. Bros. G. Read, P.M., and E. Austin, P.M., Treas., were elected honorary members for services rendered to this lodge of instruction. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded, and entered on the minutes, to the W.M., S.W., and J.W., and the brethren who had worked the Fifteen Sections. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside. Present: Bros. A. H. Jakins, W.M.; C. Davison, S.W.; S. Klingenstein, J.W.; W. Belchamber, Preceptor; A. Williams, Treas.; G. Scott Miller, Sec.; H. Lowry, S.D.; M. Marks, J.D.; L. Weil, I.G.; N. P. Valentine, P.M.; A. J. Dixie, P.M.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M.; W. Martin, P.M.; J. S. Miller, P.M.; C. C. Weedon, P.M.; W. Belchamber, P.M.; E. A. G. Smith, W. Saunders, S. Scherer, F. Hardinge, and Brooke Hitching.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Culver having answered the questions of the ceremony of raising, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Culver acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brooke Hitching acting as candidate. Bro. J. S. Miller, 1668, was unanimously elected a member. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be sent to Bro. Mendelssohn, late Secretary, for his past services. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. T. Wilcox, W.M.; F. Dusterwald, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; H. D. Aslett, S.D.; J. Cox, J.D.; D. S. Long, I.G.; A. Moyse, Stwd.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; J. Davies, A. Williams, T. W. Biggs, F. Kemp, W. Hyde, L. Lee, H. Clark, and W. W. Williams.

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 the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Davies. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Davies. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. L. Lee candidate. On the usual rising, Bro. Dusterwald was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business 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 4th inst., when there were present Bros. Lyell, W.M.; Harvey, S.W.; J. Mitchell, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Ellison, S.D.; Langdon, J.D.; Griffiths, I.G.; Calkin, Evans, H. Mitchell, Hudson, Sandals, Steele, Woods, Beaven, Poole, Gilbert, Folkard, Luckhurst, Gaze, Williams, Cowland, and Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Beaven as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Smith answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Smith duly raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the very excellent work in the chair for the first time in his Masonic career. The W.M. suitably replied. Bro. Harvey was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Harvey returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present Comps. Warren, M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, H.; J. Hill, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Addington, S.N.; C. H. Stone, P.S.; Towers, and T. Gummant, P.Z.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Towers personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and Comp. Warren was congratulated on his able working for the first time in this chapter. The chapter was then closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Provincial Meetings.

HUDDERSFIELD.

Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 69).

The half-yearly meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, on Saturday, the 26th ult. E. and P. Bro. Frank Banister, M.W.S., occupied the throne, and opened the chapter, assisted by the following officers: Ill. Bros. Chas. Crabtree, P.M.W.S., 30°, as Prelate; Alfred Gill, 30°, 1st Gen.; E. and P. Bros. Welsman, 2nd Gen.; H. Shaw, Treasurer and Raphael; Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton, P.M.W.S., 30°, Recorder; and E. and P. Bro. T. Pickles, C. of G. There were also present Ill. Bros. J. Marshall, P.M.W.S., 30°, and J. Barker, P.M.W.S., 30°.

The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. Several letters and telegrams were then read from brethren expressing their regret and inability to attend. The M.W.S. explained the cause and regret of his father and the chapter's much-esteemed friend, Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector-General of the District, that he was unable to be amongst them that day, which all the brethren, he was sure, deplored. A ballot was taken for the new M.W.S., when Ill. Bro. Alfred Gill, 30°, was unanimously elected, and E. and P. Bro. Henry Shaw was also unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Both brethren suitably thanked the brethren for the high honour conferred upon them. During the business, the M.W.S. proposed that his remarks touching the regret of the chapter on the loss by death of their esteemed Bro. J. A. Conner be entered on the minutes of the chapter, also a copy of the letter written to the deceased's family by Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton, P.M.W.S., 30°, be entered on the minutes. Bro. A. Gill seconded.

Alms were collected, and the business of the chapter being over, it was closed. The brethren retired to a substantial tea, and spent a truly happy and enjoyable evening.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family."

Ill. Bro. J. Marshall responded in suitable terms to the toast of "The Supreme Council and the Members of the 32°, 31°, and 30°," with which was coupled the name of Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, Inspector-General of the District.

Bro. J. W. Monkman, P.M.W.S., proposed "The Health of the M.W.S.," which was briefly responded to by the M.W.S.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. J. Barker, 30°, P.M.W.S.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.W.S.," which Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton responded to with his genial earnestness.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Officers," and the proceedings terminated.

KESWICK.

Border Chapter (No. 102).

The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Keswick Hotel, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., for the purpose of installing Ill. Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, 30°, M.W.S. elect, and perfecting candidates. E. and P. Bro. P. de E. Collin, 18°, M.W.S., occupied the chair, supported by Ill. Bros. Geo. J. McKay, 32°, P.M.W.S.; Geo. Dalrymple, 18°, Prelate; J. Hall, 18°, 1st Gen.; J. Paterson, 18°, G.M.; J. C. Thompson, 18°, H.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, 18°, C. of G.; Geo. Ryrie, 18°, D.C.; T. H. Nesbitt, 18°, C. of G.; J. Eden, 18°, Herald; and Thos. Usher, O.G.

The minutes of the former chapter, held at Whitehaven, were read and confirmed, and the muster roll called. Bro. Capt. Spencer Broadbent, who had been previously balloted for, was perfected. Ill. Bro. Col. Sewell, 30°, was then presented by the G.M. to Ill. Bro. Geo. J. McKay, 32°, and duly installed in the chair, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. J. Nelson, 18°, Prelate; J. Hall, 18°, 1st Gen.; J. Paterson, 18°, 2nd Gen.; Geo. Dalrymple, 18°, Treas.; P. de E. Collin, 18°, Recorder; H. D. Rawnsley, 18°, Raphael; J. C. Thompson, 18°, G.M.; Thos. H. Nesbitt, 18°, H.; Geo. Ryrie, 18°, C. of G.; and Thos. Usher, O.G. The alms were collected, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Ill. Bro. Col. Sewell, 30°, and E. and P. Bro. Collin, 18°—the former for the presentation to the chapter of a collar and beautiful antique jewel for the investiture of candidates, and the latter for a handsome loving cup, procured for the use of the chapter, which is a perfect work of art, and was much admired. Many letters of congratulation to the M.W.S. were read, and other business transacted.

The chapter was closed, and the brethren subsequently dined in the hotel, the M.W.S. in the chair.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and a very harmonious evening spent.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Horatio Shirley Conclave (No. 5).

A meeting of this conclave was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present Bros. Horatio Shirley, G.V., acting S.R.; E. Mulvey, P.G. Stwd., C.; Penrose J. Dunbar, P.G.C., G. and Treas.; John J. Pakes, P.G.G., Sec.; E. Storr, G. Stwd., Stwd.; C. B. Cooper, G.S., V.D.; F. H. Weiss, V.D.; W. Weiss, V.D.; J. J. Thomas, V.D.; A. Walkley, Sentinel; F. Weiss, J. W. Goodinge, G. Smith, J. Castello, E. Wilding, J. Shilcock, and T. Cohu. Visitors: Bros. Walter Martin, 11, and T. G. Vohmann, 11.

The conclave having been opened, Bros. Edwin Wilding, J. B. Goodinge, and Jas. Shilcock were inducted into the Order by the acting S.R., Bro. Shirley. Bros. Willoughby Weiss and J. J. Thomas were admitted to the Second Degree. Letters regretting inability to attend were received from the G.S.R., Bro. I. Zacharie, and the S.R., Bro. G. Kenning.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the dignity of a baronetcy upon the Lord Mayor, Bro. the Right Hon. James Whitehead.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF
DEVONSHIRE.

A Provincial Priory of Devonshire was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth, under the banner of the Holy Cross Preceptory. V.E. Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., S.C.L., 31st, 24, P.G. Prior, presided, and those present included Sir Knights Henry Stocker, 18th, P.G. Chancellor; E. Aitken Davies, 18th, P.G. Marshal; J. M. Hifley, 18th, P.G. Constable; J. R. Wilson, P.G. Treas.; Geo. R. Barrett, P.G. Reg.; W. Bennett Maye, 18th, P.G. Sub-Marshal; Richard Pengeley, P.G. Almoner and Chap.; F. C. Frost, P.G. Warden of Regalia; James Griffin, acting P.G. Prior's Banner Bearer; Daniel Cross, 18th, P.G. Aide-de-Camp; George Dunsterville, 18th, P.G. Aide-de-Camp; John Du Pre, P.G. Chamberlain; W. H. Phillips, P.G.S.B.; and James Gidley, P.G. Guard.

Letters of apology having been read, the Provincial Chancellor presented his annual report, which was of a satisfactory character. All the preceptories had sent in their dues and paid their returns. He called attention to Article 82 of the Constitutions, by which the Registrar of every preceptory was bound to send notice of each meeting to the P.G. Chancellor.

The P.G. TREASURER reported that the year, which commenced with a balance in hand of £9 8s. 11d., closed with a balance of £14 7s. 5d. It was decided, on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, to vote £10 10s. to the Widows' Fund of the R.M.B.I., to be placed on the list of Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon, the Steward for the province.

The P.G. CHANCELLOR said that since 1863 he found that the Provincial Priory had voted £93 to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, £36 18s. to the R.M.I.G., £34 10s. to the R.M.I.B., £15 to the Fund for Aged Freemasons, £21 2s. to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, £6 6s. to the Royal Albert Hospital, and £10 10s. to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum.

On the proposition of Sir Knight GOVER, Sir Knight D. Cross was unanimously elected P.G. Treas.

The Prov. G. Prior then appointed and invested the following sir knights as his officers for the year ensuing—Prov. Great Officers:—

Sir Knight John Brewer, 18 th	...	P.G. Sub-Prior.
" Rev. J. Dickinson	...	P.G. Prelate.
" Hy. Stocker, 18 th	...	P.G. Chancellor.
" T. W. Coffin, P.G.		
Chamberlain Eng...		P.G. Constable.
" J. Du Pre	...	P.G. Marshal.
" D. Cross	...	P.G. Treas.
" Jas. Griffin	...	P.G. Reg.

The Prov. Officers appointed were:

Sir Knight G. W. Barnett	...	P. Vice-Chancellor
" Major Swan	...	P. Sub-Marshal.
" Rev. H. G. Morse	...	P. Al. and Chap.
" W. F. Westcott	...	P. W. of Regalia.
" J. R. Lord	...	P. Herald.
" W. G. Hill	...	P. 1st Std. Br.
" H. Rogers	...	P. 2nd Std. Br.
" John Taylor	...	P. Prior's B.B.
" J. Chapman, P.P.G.		
Reg.	...	P.A.D.C.
" J. B. Gover	...	P. Chamberln.
" E. H. Shorto	...	P. Capt. of Gd.
" G. S. Lowe	...	P. Swd. Br.
" H. B. Stark	...	P. Org.
" James Gidley	...	P. Guard.

The alms collected from the knights were devoted to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

Sir Knight JOHN CHAPMAN proposed, in a forcible speech, "That the Prov. Priory of Devonshire suggest to the National Great Priory of England that it is very desirable to amend the rule or regulation of the Order by granting to all sir knights that have received Prov. honours, and that shall receive in the future Provincial rank, the right of past rank on the expiration of their term of office, or so long as they shall remain subscribing members of the Order."

The resolution was unanimously carried, and the meeting shortly after closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION
FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. W. M. Bywater, Frank Richardson, C. H. Webb, William Vincent, Henry A. Hunt, Peter de Lande Long, James Brett, Alfred C. Spaul, T. W. Whitmarsh, H. Massey, W. G. Kentish, E. Johnson, W. Morley, J. J. Berry, J. S. Cumberland, W. Clark, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the carrying of a resolution adopting the recommendation that cheques be signed for various payments for the Institution, Bros. Dawson, Mintz, Kentish, Nash, Johnson, and Money were proposed for election to the vacancies on the Finance Committee at next meeting, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The export of gold from the Cape during October amounted in value to £127,000.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION
FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, presiding. A large number of brethren were present.

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, and the minutes of other Committees, and of the Quarterly Court of the 25th ult., having been read for information,

Bro. SCURRAH asked what had been done by the Sub-Committee entrusted with the arrangements as to a new head master.

Bro. BEVIR said the Committee had been sitting that day with Bro. Terry, Grand Treasurer, in the chair at first, but that brother being obliged to leave, he (Bro. Bevir) succeeded him. Without going into details, the result of the meeting was really this—that the terms on which the new head master should be appointed was discussed and considered, and an outline of those terms was entrusted to a Sub-Committee of six, with instructions to advertise and receive applications with a view to their being considered by the Provisional Committee before the end of the present month, in the hope that the Provisional Committee might, at its next meeting that day month, bring before the General Committee the names of gentlemen applying for the application, in order that one might be selected, subject to confirmation by that Committee. The object they had in view was that, if possible, some kind of selection might be made at the next meeting of the General Committee in a month's time, so that a gentleman might be appointed by the Christmas holidays.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS asked whether Dr. Morris's notice had expired.

Bro. BEVIR said no; it expired in April next. A large number of the under masters had given notice of resignation, so that the Institution would be without under masters in December. That had forced the hands of the Committee. They must have time for the head master to be selected, and give him time to select under masters.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS: The term of Dr. Morris's notice would not then have expired?

Bro. BEVIR said that Dr. Morris at the previous meeting was present when the resignation of all the under masters' was accepted. Bro. Eve was in the chair, and was asked what arrangement should be made for carrying on the School from Christmas to April 10. The Committee thought it was only fair to relieve Dr. Morris of his duties at the Christmas vacation.

It was then moved, seconded, and carried, that Lord Euston should sign cheques for the accounts which had been recommended by the House and Finance Committees to be paid.

A question arose as to the Grand Treasurer having refused to accept other amendments to the motion to give Bro. Binckes an allowance of £350 a year, when three amendments had been rejected at the last Quarterly Court.

The CHAIRMAN said he distinctly remembered Bro. Terry saying at the time he put the motion that three amendments had been rejected, and therefore he need not put any more.

Several brethren questioned this statement, but the CHAIRMAN repeated that he distinctly remembered it.

[What actually was said on the occasion was the following:—The CHAIRMAN: I decline to receive any more amendments. (Hear, hear.) I put the original motion. You have had an amendment of £200, of none, and of £250. It is now £350 to Bro. Binckes.]

Bro. SCURRAH said he should like to ask one question with regard to the Secretary. The Quarterly Court having voted £350 a year to Bro. Binckes, was it now understood that he had resigned, and that he would leave at Christmas? Was it not made a condition that if Bro. Binckes was awarded the pension named he would resign?

The CHAIRMAN replied that that was not for him to answer; that really became a legal question.

Bro. BINCKES: I have not resigned.

Bro. SCURRAH said that many brethren were anxious to know what position they stood in. He thought it a very necessary question to ask, and the Provisional Committee should be prepared to answer it.

The CHAIRMAN said that so far the Provisional Committee had not come to any decision on the question.

Bro. SCURRAH: When shall we know?

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS: Ten years hence.

Bro. SCURRAH: We understood that provided Bro. Binckes was voted £350 a year he would resign at Christmas. Those were the very words made use of at that time. I want to know if an arrangement has been made that if £350 was voted at the Quarterly Court Bro. Binckes would resign.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS: But that decision of the Quarterly Court really requires confirmation.

A BROTHER asked whether it was not the fact that according to Rule 34 a resolution of one Quarterly Court required confirmation at the next General Court. This was a grant of money, and he wanted to know whether that did not require confirmation.

The CHAIRMAN said the matter had been partly considered, but it involved money questions which it was very difficult to answer. Therefore, it was operating on the minds of the Provisional Committee, and they would report on the first opportunity.

The BROTHER who asked the question said his only reason for doing so was that there was a rumour that a

movement was on foot to contest the vote, and the brethren would like to know at once in order that they might take the necessary steps. If this resolution did come up at the next Quarterly Court they would know what steps to take.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS said brethren were strongly of opinion that those proceedings should not be taken. It would be injurious to the Institution and many other Institutions. He hoped Bro. Binckes would stand in the way and decline to resign, and let it be understood that he must be removed; let it be his determination that if it was the opinion that he had committed himself the Institution must get rid of him. His pluck had been shown and acknowledged in many instances. He (Bro. Stevens) contended that it was a great pity and almost a great shame that this Institution should be involved in a public scandal through the disagreement of officials; but the fact having taken place, the best means to be adopted now to save the Institution being dragged before the public any more than it was at present, was by the Secretary not taking the £350 grant, but holding to his position as long as he could.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS: Ten years.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that it was under the consideration of the Committee as to what steps they thought it necessary to take. He did not know whether they would be able to decide before the next Quarterly Court, but when they had decided they would not do so without taking all matters into consideration, legal and otherwise.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND asked whether in that case they would take any steps until the decision was arrived at for filling up the Secretaryship. Bro. Scurrah had put a very pertinent question, and he quite agreed with Bro. Stevens that the Provisional Committee, having been threatened by one of the speakers and his friends, it behoved the Committee not to give a final decision until they knew all the bearings of the case. He was delighted to hear what the Chairman had said, and he hoped nothing would be done and no steps taken until the Committee had arrived at a decision. He also hoped that those who were pushing candidates for the Secretaryship forward would not do so until there was a vacancy. Let the brother and his friends take Chancery proceedings.

The BROTHER referred to begged to call Bro. Cumberland to order for having said he had threatened proceedings in Chancery. He never used the word Chancery.

Bro. CUMBERLAND said then he would withdraw the expression at once. The brother had talked of proceedings.

Another BROTHER would like to know in what position the question would stand if the minutes were confirmed. He was sorry to say the question of the retiring pension to Bro. Binckes had been discussed as far as he had heard in that room with very great heat, but it was a question that brethren should not get warm upon. There was a strong feeling abroad that the Institution had not been fairly dealt with, and it was desirable that brethren should speak without heat in the matter. He wished to ask when, if they confirmed those minutes that day, it would have any influence whatever on the question.

The CHAIRMAN: None whatever. It must be reported at the Quarterly Court. They were only read for our own information. If, after taking advice, we find it is conclusive, we may not trouble the Quarterly Court again.

Bro. SCURRAH said it was perfectly satisfactory to him.

Bro. BINCKES said he had not resigned.

A BROTHER thought it would be as well to say that he was informed that some persons who were not subscribers were present at the Quarterly Court, and if that was so the voting was not good. He wished to ask how many names were signed.

Bro. BINCKES: 384.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS said the voting was 433. He saw one person in the Quarterly Court who was not a subscriber.

A BROTHER: That would be quite enough to invalidate the voting.

Another BROTHER asked whether a reverend clergyman, a Past Grand Chaplain, was a subscriber.

Bro. BINCKES said yes; he had taken pains to examine into that. The reverend brother qualified two days before.

Five petitioners were placed on the list for next election. One petition was deferred, and one dismissed.

Bro. BINCKES wished to say that the announcement of lists at the last festival was £13,200. Since then lists had come in making it up to £13,600. He had received up to that day £13,325, leaving £275 still to come in, all of which he hoped was good. At the bankers there was £1339. Therefore there was not much ground for the complaint that their resources were falling off, notwithstanding the unfortunate circumstances in which the Institution had been placed.

The proceedings then closed.

The "Battle of the Giants," as the *Daily Telegraph* described the contest between Samson, who claims to be the strongest man in the world, and Sandow, ended in the victory being awarded by the judges to the latter. Mr. Samson appears to have some curious notions about competitions of this class, and desired to have it all his own way in determining the tricks which should be attempted by the rival giants, but the judges intervened and ruled that only Samson's ordinary tricks should be tried, the result being that Samson lost his temper, while Sandow gained the victory.

Ireland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ARMAGH.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge held its usual October meeting in the new Masonic Hall, Castleblaney (a building which does credit to the Craft of the district), on Friday, the 25th ult. In the absence of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Capt. Beresford, Bro. Cooper directed the proceedings.

The ordinary Provincial Grand Lodge business was transacted, and the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Bro. Capt. Geo. Beresford	...	Prov. G.M.
" A. R. Young...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" C. P. Cooper	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. J. Breakey	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Charles Ensor	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Wm. Hamilton	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Rev. A. B. R. Young, M.A.	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. Conway	...	
" Rev. M. A. Holden,	...	
" Rev. R. Hogg, D.D.	...	
" James M'Fadden	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Wm. McKenna	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" F. L. Martin	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" John Johnston	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Henry Cumming	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Robert P. Logan	...	Prov. G. Steward.
" Robert J. Wright	...	Prov. G.Rs.B.G.P.
" Sir Robert Herron	...	
" C. P. Cooper	...	Prov. G.Rs. G.L.I.
" James Hesse	...	
" Charles Ensor	...	

A welcome was accorded to the visiting brethren. Bro. Sir ROBERT HERRON, a former resident of the district, responded, and expressed himself gratified with the progress of Masonry in Castleblaney and the working of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which working, he said, he had never seen excelled.

The local brethren provided an exquisite luncheon. At eight o'clock a concert was held, amongst those present being Sir Robert and Lady Herron, Lord Pelham Clinton-Hope, Lord and Lady Pelham Clinton, Mr. L. Walshe, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, J. Kelly, J.P., Mr. Donla, J.P., Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and Miss Owens, Mr. and Miss Hamilton, Rev. A. B. Young, Rev. Mr. Hogg and Mrs. Hogg, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Pim, Mr. Hind, Mr. Carson, Mr. Brever, Mr. Swanzy, and others.

After the concert a ball took place in the large recreation room of the hall, which was beautifully decorated, and a supper was laid in the lodge room, which did credit to the local caterers.

It was with regret that the party separated in the grey dawn of the morning, the local brethren satisfied they had given their visitors a hearty reception, and the visitors delighted with the entertainment.

AN IMPORTANT CERTIFICATE.

M.W. Bro. John C. Smith, Grand Master of Illinois, has kindly sent me a copy of a remarkable document, owned by him, of the year 1756. It was given to my distinguished friend by a Brother who was unable to furnish any account of its past history, so that we are left to conjecture, and must do our best under the circumstances.

It is evidently a "clearance certificate" or "Dimit," according to modern phraseology, and was issued to a Brother Harding, who was a member of Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia, meeting in the "Lodge House, in Lodge Alley," and as it is addressed to the officers and members of "constituted" Lodges, we may take it for granted that this Lodge had been "constituted" by some admitted or recognised authority of the period. The seal bears the legend "friendship abounds," and encloses a prominent figure, known as "clasped hands," denoting Fraternity. The following is an exact reproduction of the curious and exceedingly valuable document.

[SEAL] "Right Worshipful Brethren: This accompanies our Brother, Mr. James Harding, by whom we present you our Love and Respects; hoping that all who profess the Honourable Craft, enjoy Health and Prosperity.

"We having a due regard for our Brother, Mr. James Harding, the Bearer hereof, hope you will accept him as one who has gone thro' the Three Degrees of Masonry and appeared to us worthy of your regard wheresoever dispersed, which we Testify, he being regularly admitted and became a member of our Lodge. We therefore desire you'll do him whatever services lie in your power, which we shall esteem as done ourselves and embrace any opportunity to return the kindness, being

"From The Lodge House, in Lodge Alley, Philadelphia, No. 2, the 6th of September, 1756.

J. ALLCOCKE, Secretary,"

P. T.

"Worthy Brethren" "Your Loving Brothers and Most Humble Servants, WILLIAM SHULE, Master, WM. CLAMPSTER S. Warden, WILLIAM GHISELM, J. Warden."

"To The Masters, Wardens and Brethren of any Constituted Lodge

To whom these may come."

In that grand volume, published in 1877, by the Library Committee, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (Bro. C. E. Meyer, Chairman), will be found particulars of five hundred and fifty-five Lodges, at work one time or other in that State, or granted elsewhere by the Grand Lodge, prepared by my old friend, Bro. Meyer. Also three Lodges are described prior to the enumeration, which began with the "Ancients" in 1758.

The first, of course, is the "Time Immemorial" Lodge, which met in the Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, from about 1730, and which has been most interestingly described by the editor of THE KEYSTONE (now the esteemed Grand Master of Pennsylvania). The second is termed "Saint John's Lodge, James Pogrew, Master, 1749," and the third, "Tun Lodge, in Lodge Alley, No. 3, 1753 or 1754," all three assembling in the City of Brotherly Love. It will be noted that the Lodge which granted the dimit is not named, but is numbered 2; and met in "Lodge Alley," "the Lodge House," being the first Masonic Hall erected in America, and was occupied by the Lodges from 1754. "In 1755 there were three Lodges meeting in the city," Bro. Meyer tells us, a fact which is proved beyond question in a printed pamphlet still preserved of that year. There were three Lodges of the "Moderns" (so-called) also in 1760, as we know from a newspaper of that year, the third being called the "Tun Lodge." So I have come to the conclusion that No. 2, formed in 1749, is the Lodge that granted this certificate of 1756. It is the oldest document of the kind I have ever met with issued for any part of America, and its interest and value cannot well be over-estimated. It shows how regularly the proceedings were conducted, and that the members acted as if their position was according to ancient usage and custom. It would appear that the second and third Lodges were the outcome of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was an outgrowth of the old "Time Immemorial Lodge," though the statement made (and officially endorsed) to the contrary certainly deserves consideration, and may yet be found correct, though, personally, I doubt it.

In "The Picture of Philadelphia," &c., by Dr. Mease, of Philadelphia, 1811, is a long sketch of the "Society of Masons," wherein mention is made of a Provincial Grand Lodge held in 1749, by Bro. Benjamin Franklin, authorised by Bro. Thomas Oxnard, of Boston (as Prov. G.M., &c.), and at which "meeting a Warrant was granted to James Pogrew." A note states that the document was signed by "William, Lord Byron, Baron of Rockdale, in the county of Lancaster, G.M." This extraordinary statement is contrary to all the evidence we have been able to discover in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England, and induces me to believe that the note should refer to some other matter, possibly the appointment of Bro. William Allen as Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, who was so honoured by the Grand Master of England, then Lord Byron.

There was not a single Lodge hailing from any part of Pennsylvania on any engraved or printed list of Lodges issued by the Grand Lodge of England—"Moderns"—for the last century, nor is there even one noted in any MS. Register of that Body.

Those familiar with Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," will be aware that there is a question as to a No. 79, in 1731, because it is noted in a Dublin "Pocket Companion" of the year 1735. About this entry I need not stay to say a word, as it does not affect the Grand Lodge Records.

Yet, notwithstanding this fact, the Grand Lodge of England acknowledged the Freemasons of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania to be regular, because Benjamin Franklin and his Provincial Grand Secretary visited that august Body, on 17th November, 1760. It affords me great pleasure to be the medium of this aged document being first made known in the pages of the ever-racy KEYSTONE.—Bro. W. J. Hughan in *The Keystone*.

MASONIC SERMON AT MARPLE, CHESHIRE

The brethren of the Lodge of Benevolence, No. 336, held at Marple, Cheshire, met on Sunday afternoon, the 20th ult., a dispensation having been granted by the P.G.M., Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton. About 100 brethren, including many visitors from other lodges, assembled, and proceeded to Marple Church, where, by the kind permission of the Rev. R. S. Adams, vicar, a special sermon was preached in aid of the Masonic Charities by Bro. the Rev. Bigoe Bagot, LL.D., rector of Beswick, Manchester, P.M., P.P.G.C. Cheshire, and P.G.C. East Lancashire. The vicar conducted the service, and the choir rendered the anthem, "Sing praises," and other selections. Bro. Arthur Taylor presided at the organ.

Bro. the Rev. B. BAGOT said, in the course of his sermon, that if they went through the length and breadth of the land they would find numerous proofs of the great work Freemasons had performed in past times. They had built many of the cathedrals and churches in England, and all over the country were to be found specimens of the great and earnest work to which their forefathers in the Craft had set their hand. Masons met together in that friendly spirit which did not compromise one sincere connection or sanction one uncharitable thought. The magnificent Institutions of Masonry were a great lever and a great attractive power, which would ever commend themselves to the public,

and they were a means which had attracted to its rites all grades and conditions of men, from the future King of England down to the humblest subject of the Queen. In conclusion, he said he had laid before them what he believed to be the true principles of Masonry, and he hoped every brother present would act up to those principles, would conduct himself with morality and uprightness in all his dealings, and never be ashamed to acknowledge that he was a Mason.

The collections amounted to £15 15s. 3d.

Among the brethren present were Bros. J. Phythian, W.M.; Thos. Eyre Mason, P.M., P.G.T.; R. Andrew, P.M., P.S.G.D.; J. E. Steward, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; J. Boardman, P.M.; W. Hardy, P.M.; W. Caldwell, P.M.; J. Sherwin, P.M.; J. Crompton, P.M.; J. T. Cartwright, P.M.; Jessie Tymm, P.M.; J. E. Radford, S.W.; W. H. Lazenby, Sec.; J. C. Wilson, S.D.; Arthur Taylor, Org.; A. F. Heyworth, Asst. Org.; J. Taylor, I.G.; J. Osbaldestone, P.M., Tyler; and W. Fielding. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Brooke, P.M. 332, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Clayton, W.M. 654; J. W. Wyatt, P.M. 654, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Bailey, W.M. 361, P.G. Stwd.; J. K. Brady, P.M. 322, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Hartley, P.M. 1126, P.P.G.P.; J. Wakefield, 287, P.P.G.S.; J. Ashton, P.M. 320; J. E. Smith, 210; T. Schofield, P.M. 430; S. M. Brooks, P.M. 361; H. Woodall, P.M. 1126; A. Shirley, J.W. 2231; J. S. Lomas, 104; C. Martyn, 1387; G. Higginbotham, P.M. 654, P.G.S.; A. Williamson, J.W. 1774; J. Crompton, 152; W. Walker, P.M. 884; T. Whalley, P.M. 323; J. D. S. Hollingworth, 758; J. H. Marsh, 317; J. T. Bowker, 461; J. Hartley, 581; and W. Campbell, W.M. 654.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

For the benefit of the funds of our "Old Boys' " Association, a body of amateur histrions, most of them members of the Old Masonians' Association, gave a performance of "Cyril's Success" (considered by many connoisseurs to be the best comedy the late H. J. Byron ever wrote) at St. George's Hall, on Saturday, the 2nd inst., under the direction of Mr. Fred Gartside.

The amateurs had the advantage of the valuable assistance of Miss Lillie Russell, as Mrs. Cuthbert; Mrs. B. M. de Solla, as Miss Grannett, and Miss Lilian Hingston (Mrs. Singleton Bliss). Miss Russell must be commended for a very delightful rendering of the leading female rôle, while Mrs. de Solla played Miss Grannett in a finished style, displaying a rare sense of humour in that effective part, and Miss Lilian Hingston, as the fascinating widow, won all hearts. Miss Gertrude Uwins, a pretty young lady worthy of better things, undertook the small part of Perkins.

Of the gentlemen, the lead, Cyril Cuthbert, was in the hands of Mr. Mark Paton, who, though, perhaps, not quite equal to all the demands upon him, was, at any rate, easy and natural, and occasionally showed evidence of power. Mr. C. H. Uwins was incisive and capable as Major Treherne, M.P., playing with praiseworthy care. The Hon. Fred. Titeboy was entrusted to Mr. G. A. Seager, who, with a little more experience, would make a hit in such parts. Matthew Pincher found a very satisfactory exponent in Mr. A. B. Whiteley, while more or less clever sketches of character were given by Mr. F. Crew (Viscount Glycérine), Mr. J. C. Johnson (Col. Rawker), Mr. R. S. Chandler (Mr. Fitz-Pelham), Mr. W. J. Packer (Jonas Grimley); the minor characters were carefully played by Messrs. O'Doherty, Dyer, Gough, and Stephenson.

The stage management was most excellent, with the exception of the curtain to the second act, which, by some mistake, was rung down far too soon.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE SHEPHERD AND FLOCK MASONIC CLUBS.

The Fourth Annual Supper was held at Bro. Gilliard's, The Castle Tavern, Holloway-road, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., in connection with the above clubs. Bro. W. R. Haylock, W.M. 901, occupied the chair, and Bro. R. Gilliard, D.C. 901, the vice-chair. There were present Bros. A. H. Hickman, P.M. 228; C. W. McIntyre North, J.W. 1559; W. Elliott, I.G. 1693; Percy Phillips, 820; J. Hobart, 901; J. J. Goode, J.P., P.M. 1964; C. Bouffler, 901; and Rubert, 901.

The supper was graced with the presence of the following ladies: Mrs. Haylock, Mrs. Hickman, Mrs. Gilliard, Mrs. Rubert, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Bouffler, and Mrs. Spratt.

After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been given, some capital songs were given by the ladies and brethren, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Master Gilliard played a violin solo and sung a song with great effect.

It is needless to mention that Bro. Gilliard catered in such a manner as to give satisfaction to all.

The first entertainment of the season at Brompton Hospital took place on Tuesday evening last, and consisted of songs, duets, recitations, pianoforte and clarinet solos by Mdlle. Alice Roselli (who organised the programme), Mrs. Welman, Miss Welman, Miss Blanche Renwick, Miss Nicholson, Mr. James A. Bovett, Miss Augusta Hervey, Mr. Frank Farren, Mr. Lazarus, Mr. Fountain Meen, and Mr. Churchill Sibley. The patients were much pleased with the kind efforts of the various artistes.



The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 13th inst., at 4 p.m.

We regret to hear that Lady Plunket, wife of Bro. Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, and Grand Chaplain of Ireland, still lies in a very critical condition.

Why do Bryant and May use the Ark as their trade mark? Because the animals went in in pairs, and, therefore, the Ark must have been full of matches.

To-morrow (Saturday) will be the 48th birthday of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and, as usual, in honour of the event, the West-end Clubs and the Royal Tradesmen's shops will be illuminated.

It is anticipated that the Queen of Sweden will visit Bournemouth early in January next, and Grey Head, a mansion on the East Cliff, which her Majesty occupied during her last two visits, has again been placed at her disposal.

Bro. Sir G. Elliot, Bart., M.P., has been elected to and has consented to accept the Chairmanship of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company, vacant by the death of Bro. Sir D. Gooch. Sir George has been a director of the company from its formation.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, held at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, the 26th inst. Bros. J. Greenway, Preceptor, W.M.; J. Hemming, S.W.; H. Esling, J.W.; and G. F. Swan, Sec.

At the meeting of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 189, on the 28th ult., the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Comps. C. H. Dunsterville, Z.; A. H. Hendry, H.; J. B. Moulder, jun., J.; A. H. White, Treas.; R. H. Rae, S.E.; S. Graves, S.N.; George Dunsterville, P.S.; J. Lillierap, 1st A.S.; J. Harrison, 2nd A.S.; and George Stawell, D.C.

As a memorial to the late Bro. R. W. Paget, whose decease took place a few weeks since, it has been decided to place a stained glass window in St. Botolph, Aldersgate, the church in which he used to take so much interest. The decision was arrived at on Thursday, the 31st ult., at a meeting that was held in the vestry, under the Chairmanship of Bro. Alderman Renals, who was influentially supported. Mr. H. T. Tubbs has expressed his intention of placing a window in the same gallery in memory of his late partner, Mr. Joseph Lewis. Bro. M. R. Webb purposes erecting one to the memory of his mother, so that only one window remains at present not filled in.

There is probably no better known figure in civic and Masonic circles than Major George Lambert, F.S.A., Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company. Major Lambert is one of the few members of the courts of the great companies, at least, who is a member of the trade to the Guild of which he belongs, and may be seen any day attending to business in his old-fashioned shop at the top of the Haymarket, whose windows are just the same now as they were when the house was built in the good old Georgian days. Major Lambert, who is a Past Grand Sword Bearer and Past Provincial Grand Warden of Hertfordshire, is a Patron of the three great Masonic Charities, and to all poor and distressed Masons a munificent benefactor. One of the earliest Volunteers, he is an enthusiastic soldier, and as stout and loyal a subject as any of the old race of London citizens, who, in time of trouble quitted themselves like men. Major Lambert is an antiquarian whose technical knowledge of matters concerning antique gold and silver plate is proverbial.—*Evening News and Post*.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BRO. JEFFS.—The memorial stone to the late Bro. Henry Jeffs, which a Committee of the Masons of the Province of Gloucestershire instructed Mr. A. Rice, of Southgate-street, Gloucester, to prepare, has been completed, and is now placed on the deceased brother's grave in Hempstead Churchyard. The stone is in the form of a handsome cross of the latest Norman period just prior to the early English, and bears Masonic emblems. It is worked in the best Sicilian marble, and is nearly 8 feet high; with the pedestal it will stand about 10 feet. The base bears the following inscription: "This cross is erected by Freemasons of Gloucestershire to perpetuate the memory of Henry Jeffs, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.J., P.D.G.M. Mk. M.M., who died 29th August, 1888, aged 69 years. He was a zealous Mason, a Past Master of the Royal Lebanon and Zetland Lodges, Gloucester, and an officer of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. In the year 1883 he served the office of City High Sheriff, and was highly esteemed for his antiquarian researches." The letters are worked in imperishable lead, and warranted to withstand the action of the weather. The grave will be surrounded by a kerb of best Forest stone, which will be surmounted by iron pillars and a chain, into which are worked the Masonic emblems, the level and compass and square. The level will be in the chain at the foot of the grave and a compass and square on either side.

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.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.—What is more comforting in cold and damp weather than "Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy?" What is more beneficial to the weak and aged than this wholesome tonic? What do Sportsmen and Travellers find more sustaining than a flask of the "Sportsman's Quality?" What is more disappointing when asking for Grant's to be put off with some inferior make. Sold everywhere. T. Grant and Sons, Maidstone, Makers of the non-Alcoholic Wine "Morella," and of the delicious Morella Marmalade. Sold by Grocers.

The Queen has contributed £25 towards the Royal Victoria Pension Fund of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution.

The Star Chapter of Instruction (Comp. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor) will meet at 7.30 this (Friday) evening, to rehearse an installation ceremony, and at eight o'clock p.m. that of exaltation.

A silver medal has been awarded at the Paris Exhibition for artificial limbs and surgical appliances exhibited there this year by Bro. Woodrow, C.C., on behalf of the Provident Surgical Appliance Society, of 12, Finsbury-circus, London.

The Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Grand Superintendent of Gloucestershire, has officially notified his intention of holding Provincial Grand Chapter at the Masonic Hall, Bell Hotel, Gloucester, on Tuesday, the 12th inst.

The *Echo* says a *matinée* will shortly be given in aid of some Masonic Charities at the theatre of that great Mason, Edward Terry. All the actors and actresses will be Masons, or, as there are no lady Masons, daughters, sisters, or wives of Masons.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Esher (Master of the Rolls), and Bro. Lord Herschell have accepted the invitation of the Treasurer of Gray's Inn to dine with him and the Benchers on Grand Night, which falls on Thursday next, the 14th inst.

Bros. Sir Frederick Leighton, President of the Royal Academy, Alderman Sir P. de Keyser, and Lord Brassey have been appointed Commanders, and Bro. H. Trueman Wood an Officer of the Legion of Honour, in connection with the recent International Exhibition at Paris.

The Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1572, will hold their annual supper at the Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, on Monday next, at 6.45 p.m. precisely. Bro. W. Kingwell, W.M. elect of the mother lodge, in the chair. The Stewards are Bros. Dickson, Colls, and Williams.

Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, H.M.'s Ambassador at Berlin, returned to town from visiting the Duke of Bedford at Woburn Abbey, on the 1st inst., and immediately left for the North on a visit to her Majesty the Queen at Balmoral. His Excellency again returned to London on Tuesday, and will shortly leave to resume his official duties at Berlin.

At the Court of Common Council of London which was held last week, the address or "compliments of congratulation," to the Duke and Duchess of Fife on the occasion of their marriage was agreed, and it was requested that the Lord Mayor should present it in a handsome gold casket, and this his lordship has since had the honour of doing.

"Memorable London Houses" is the title of a little handy guide, written by Mr. Wilmot Harrison, and published by Messrs. Sampson, Low and Co. The author takes his readers along several separate routes, pointing out as he goes the houses to which historic or biographic interest attaches, and accompanies his descriptions (which are freely illustrated) by anecdotes of the personages with whose memory the dwellings are associated. The idea is a happy one, well carried out, and certain to be welcomed not only by the visitors to the metropolis, but by Londoners as well.

In the Masonic Hall, Aberdeen, on Friday, the 25th ult., Bro. Lord Saltoun was installed as Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Lindsay Mackersy, acting Deputy Governor, who was supported by Bros. Murray D. Lyon, G. Sec., Colonel Lumsden of Pitcaple, Boyd, Peterhead, and others. The brethren afterwards dined together in the Imperial Hotel, on the invitation of Lord Saltoun.

I am sure there will be many sympathisers with Bro. Sir John Bennett in the troubles that have come upon him during the last few months, and which have culminated in the death of his wife, Lady Bennett. Many will regret the withdrawal of so striking a personality from the more active duties of civic life, in which he has played so conspicuous a part during the last 50 years. A man of undoubted genius, and of a liberal and generous disposition, he has devoted an enormous amount of time to the public service, and by free lectures all over the country, and in other ways he has done not a little to promote the cause of education and technical knowledge. I am glad to hear that his old friends of Cheap have just presented him with a testimonial of their esteem and regard.—*City Press*.

The Lord Mayor's procession and inaugural banquet, which take place to-morrow (Saturday), will be of a more than usually attractive character, and given a fine day, which is by no means unusual even in foggy November, there is no doubt the crowds of sightseers will be enormous. The pageants which Bro. Alderman Sir H. Isaacs and the Sheriffs have determined shall form part of the show will seem to convey an excellent idea of the sports in which Englishmen took part some centuries ago, while the procession of notable representative mayors of the seven centuries which have elapsed since the Mayoralty was established, will no doubt sufficiently impress upon the spectators the antiquity of the City and its institutions. We trust all will go well, and that Bro. Sir Henry Isaacs may be as successful during his year of office in maintaining the honour and glory of the London Corporation as his predecessor, now Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart.

CORNISH'S AMERICAN ORGANS.—In connection with an advertisement that appears in our columns under the above heading, it will be only necessary for us to inform our readers that Bro. Johnston Cornish is a prominent Mason, and a member of the De Molay Commandery of Knights Templar, to assure them that the advertisement is thoroughly bona-fide. Any personal application to Bro. Johnston Cornish by a brother Mason will receive immediate attention. Messrs. Cornish are noted for their chapel and lodge organs, and special terms can always be arranged.

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.*

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., P.M., delivered the inaugural address of the twelfth session of the Institute of Bankers, on Wednesday evening, at the London Institution, Finsbury-circus.

At the request of the Committee, the Lord Mayor has consented to fill the office of permanent Chairman of the Hospital Saturday Fund. The Lord Mayor elect has accepted the presidency of the fund for the ensuing year.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, meets at the Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, opposite the Canonbury Railway Station, every Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, under the able Preceptorship of Comp. T. C. Edmonds.

We are promised the cream of the Carl Rosa Opera Company at Covent Garden by Bro. Augustus Harris; an Italian version of one of Wagner's latest works, "Tristan and Isolde;" and novelties—or, at any rate, attractions—old and new, which none but an Augustus Harris could devise or carry into successful operation.

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.D.G.D.C., and P.G.H. East Lancashire, installed Comp. John Hurdle as Z., Comp. W. Ormerod as H., and Comp. W. T. Duckworth as J., and invested the officers in the Bank Terrace Chapter, No. 462, Accrington, on Wednesday, the 30th ult.

The Queen, with Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, will leave Balmoral on Wednesday next, and, travelling by the usual route, will arrive at Windsor on Thursday morning shortly before nine o'clock. The Court will remain at Windsor until after the 14th of December, when her Majesty will proceed to Osborne for Christmas.

Following the example of his predecessor, the late Sir John Staples, the Lord Mayor elect, has consented to take the chair at the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the London Society for Teaching the Blind to Read, Swiss Cottage. The date fixed for the gathering is towards the end of the present month.

On Tuesday last, in Norton Malton Cemetery, Bro. James Herbert Wise, a well-known Yorkshire cricketer, was laid to rest. Deceased, who was 61 years of age, was followed to the grave by many old friends, including the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and members of the Malton Lodge, and several cricketers, prominent among whom was the veteran Roger Iddison.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. S. ANDREWS.—On the 1st inst., a pleasing ceremony took place at Scotland Yard Detective Office, namely, the presentation to Bro. Ex-Detective Inspector Walter S. Andrews, of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, of a very handsome clock, vases, and an address on vellum. The clock bears the following inscription: "Presented to Inspector Walter S. Andrews, Criminal Investigation Department, Great Scotland Yard, by his brother officers, as a mark of their esteem and regard, on his retirement from the service after a period of 19 years.—August, 1889." The presentation was made by Superintendent Shore, in the presence of all the heads of the department, and, in a very happy speech, Mr. Shore conveyed their good wishes, and regret that ill-health had caused his retirement. Bro. Andrews, in replying, said it was a cause of regret to him that he was compelled to retire now, but it was a source of great gratification to know that he left with the goodwill of his brother officers, and that he left the service with the entire confidence of Mr. Monro (Chief Commissioner), the Assistant Commissioners, and all the heads of the Metropolitan Police. We heartily wish Bro. Andrews success in his future undertakings.

BAKER BROTHERS (LIMITED).—Amongst the numerous companies introduced to the investing public during the past few months, none has been more successfully floated than that of Baker Brothers. Formed to take over such well-known properties as the Angel Hotel and Restaurant, Islington, The Cock Hotel and Restaurant, Highbury, The Falstaff Restaurant, Eastcheap, and the Victoria Hotel, King's Cross, it was only to be expected that the applications for shares should have exceeded the number available for distribution. We believe, indeed, that the capital offered for subscription—£200,000—was, as nearly as possible, applied for twice over, and, although it was naturally found difficult to allot to some of the smaller applicants, we understand that, so far as practicable, the allotment has been made on a strictly *pro rata* basis. Of the properties in question, one at least—the Angel—is almost historic, having been established a hundred years, but perhaps the Cock, at Highbury, is better known to many of our readers from the fact that it is largely used by the Fraternity for lodge meetings and banquets. We are pleased to note that "Brothers Baker" will continue the management of "Baker Brothers" on the same lines as heretofore for a period of at least five years.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION AT DOUNE.—The 100th anniversary of the St. James's Lodge, No. 171 (S.C.), Doune, was celebrated on the 1st inst. Deputations were present from the branches at Dunblane, Stirling, Bridge of Allan, and Bannockburn. A preliminary meeting was held in the Masonic Hall between six and seven o'clock, and at the latter hour the brethren assembled at the Cross, and, headed by the Deanston Brass Band, marched in torchlight procession to the East-end of the village, and thence by the railway station to Woodside Hotel. The procession attracted much attention, and was witnessed by a large crowd of people. At 8.15 the company, to the number of about 70, sat down to supper in the spacious hall of the hotel, which had been tastefully arranged for the occasion. Bro. James A. McLean, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and Bros. Rev. G. Williams, P.M., and A. Winter, D.M., acted as Croupiers. In the course of the evening, Bro. G. Williams gave a most interesting and exhaustive history of the lodge since its foundation in 1789, with numerous extracts from the minutes and anecdotes regarding former Masters and brethren of the lodge.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Great Need.—The blood is the life and on its purity depends our health, if not our existence. These Pills thoroughly cleanse this vital fluid from all contaminations, and by that power strengthen and invigorate the whole system, healthily stimulate sluggish organs, repress over-excited action, and establish order of circulation and secretion throughout every part of the body. The balsamic nature of Holloway's Pills commands them to the favour of debilitated and nervous constitutions, which they soon resuscitate. They dislodge all obstructions, both in the bowels and elsewhere, and are, on that account, much sought after for promoting regularity of action in young females and delicate persons who are naturally weak, or who, from some cause, have become so.