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SIR ARCHIBALD C. CAMPBELL, BART., M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS  
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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## A GRAND LIBRARY.

Very interesting is the sketch with which we have been favoured, and of which a lady, who signs herself "Lydia Jackson Lauphere," is the writer of Bro. T. S. PARVIN'S establishment of the Masonic Library, at Cedar Rapids, belonging to the Grand Lodge of Iowa. In some respects, perhaps, the sketch is disappointing. It mentions only a very few of the literary treasures it contains, nor does it say anything as to the appropriations voted by the Grand Lodge, except at the very outset, towards the work which has been so ably and faithfully carried out by Bro. PARVIN. It speaks highly of the qualities of this distinguished brother—who is undoubtedly one of the brightest ornaments of the fraternity in the United States—of his protracted labour as Grand Secretary during an almost unbroken period of 45 years, of the part he took in the forwarding of the edifice in which the library is housed, and of the variety as well as of the value of the collection which he has succeeded in forming. The lady, however, does not enter minutely into particulars, and leaves her readers pretty much to themselves in judging of the character and extent of this Grand Library, which certainly ranks among the most notable Masonic libraries in the world. It is possible, however, that we shall form a juster estimate of the part played by Bro. PARVIN himself by reason of this scantiness of detail. The contrast is very strikingly drawn between the library as it is and as it was in 1845, when the project for forming a library was first conceived, and no one will have any difficulty in imagining to himself the steady persistency with which the project has since been carried. We are told that one of the first acts of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was to appoint a Library Committee, there being, of course, no library to which it could devote its attention. This Committee reported at the annual Grand Lodge in 1845: "We believe that a commencement should be made, and additions from time to time as the Grand Lodge may be able, so that in time we may have a collection of Masonic information that may be an honour to us." The immediate result of this was that a sum of *five dollars* (£1 sterling) was made that it might "be extended under the direction of the Grand Secretary such information as he may see proper." This was certainly not a very generous grant for such a purpose, but Bro. PARVIN set about his work with so much energy and will, that "so early as 1849, four years from date of first appropriation, books enough had been gathered to justify the publication of a small four page catalogue." By 1882 the report of the Committee showed that the library was worth \$12,000 (£2400), though, "through the indefatigable exertions of its Collector," the expense to Grand Lodge had not been more than \$2500 (£500). Before the close of this year the library was about doubled in value by the addition of the private library of Bro. R. F. BOWER, of Keokuk, Iowa, which was obtained by the Grand Lodge for \$4000 (£800), but which, we are told, "besides an extensive miscellaneous assortment of books on subjects allied to Masonry, embraced the largest collection of purely Masonic works ever belonging to one individual, its cost having aggregated fully \$12,000, to say nothing of the time and labour expended in its collecting." On the 17th May, 1884, Bro. PARVIN assisted in laying the corner-stone "of what is now the completed structure of one of the most beautiful and most perfectly appointed library buildings within the borders of the United States." It is a fire-proof building, constructed of brick, stone, and iron, at a cost of \$32,000 dollars; the ground upon which it stands, with \$10,000 in cash, having been donated by the public-spirited Masons of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which generous gift determined its locality. Among the rare works enumerated as being included in the collection are copies of ANDERSON'S first edition of the Constitutions, and FIFIELD DASSIGNY'S work, printed in Dublin in 1744. The establishment of such a library is an honour to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and especially to its learned and indefatigable Grand Secretary, Bro. PARVIN, on whom the bulk of the labour of collecting has necessarily developed, and we should very much like to see a taste for Masonic

literature more generally disseminated among the Masons of England. The establishment of such a library as we have described is not to be accomplished, and, moreover, we have a Grand Lodge Library of our own which in some respects is unequalled by any other Masonic library in the world. It would, however, be a great gain to Masonry if the example set by the Yorkshire and Worcestershire brethren were more usually followed, and we hope the time is not far distant when there will be generally throughout England greater facilities than now exist for the cultivation of Masonic literature.

## A MUNIFICENT GIFT.

The brethren present at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, were startled in a most pleasant manner on St. John's Day, by the announcement of Bro. THOMAS R. PATTON, Grand Treasurer, that he had made a gift of \$25,000 (£5000) to the Grand Lodge, to form a fund on behalf, and for the relief, of necessitous widows of Freemasons. The *Keystone* states that it fails to find any parallel to this princely gift, the nearest being that of Bro. STEPHEN GIRARD in 1831, of \$20,000 for indigent brethren. The latter was bequeathed, however, whereas this present amount is donated during the lifetime of the donor, and is, moreover, intended as his affectionate memorial to the merits and virtues of his lamented wife. We can quite understand the enthusiastic applause that greeted the announcement. We are pleased to add that Bro. PATTON is the representative of the Grand Lodge of England at Pennsylvania, and lately qualified as a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, through the medium of his friend Bro. HUGHAN, of Torquay.

## A LODGE PRESENTATION.

A short while since, a correspondent, who signed himself "West Yorkshire," expressed a wish that we should give our opinion as to what, in the case of a testimonial, constitutes and what does not constitute a presentation by the lodge. The circumstances which induced him to make this request were described by him as follows: Some members of a lodge were desirous of presenting a jewel to another member. No general canvass was made, nor was it looked upon as a matter that in any way concerned the lodge. But at the next regular meeting, towards the close of business, one of the brethren rose in his place and made the presentation "in the name of the lodge." Assuming that our friend's account of the circumstances is correct, we have no hesitation in saying that the gift thus made was not the gift of the lodge, but of the brethren who subscribed to present it; and that the latter had not a particle of right to declare the jewel, which they had purchased out of their own private funds, and without inviting the other members of the lodge to join them in the purchase, as being given "in the name of the lodge." This was a stretch of the imagination on their part for which there was no warranty whatever. Our correspondent adds that he gave it as his opinion that the jewel was not the gift of the lodge, but it is not clear that he did so at the time as a kind of protest. It appears to us that the Master neglected his duty in not preventing the act being done, and the question arises whether, in the absence of any interference on the part of the Master or any protest from one or more of the non-subscribing brethren, the gift, having been allowed to be made "in the name of the lodge," is not now virtually a lodge gift as much as if it had been paid for out of the lodge funds in consequence of a vote to that effect having been passed by the lodge. We do not say absolutely that this is the case, but the question might fairly be raised, on the very ordinary ground that silence implied acquiescence on the part of all present, whether they had or had not any part in the purchase of the jewel. It is manifestly desirable that a distinction should be drawn between a testimonial which is presented by the lodge, having been purchased out of the lodge funds or by general subscription among the members, and

one that is bought and presented by a few friends and admirers of the testimonialised brother—if we may be allowed to use such an expression. Thus, in the case of the Past Master's jewel, which is now ordinarily given to every outgoing Master of a lodge in recognition of his services while in the chair, its real value lies in the fact that it has been voted to him in open lodge by the brethren he has presided over, and is paid for out of the general lodge fund. He wears and appreciates it as and because it is the gift of the lodge as a whole. But it will no longer possess this special value if, in the case of an outgoing Master, to whom the compliment of a Past Master's jewel is not paid, it is in the power of his friends and admirers to purchase and present him with one, not only in open lodge, but "in the name of the lodge" likewise. The silence of the non-contributing members may be taken to imply, as we have said, acquiescence, but it is not everyone who has the nerve to protest against an act which, to all appearances, is perfectly harmless. It seems to us that it is the duty of the Master in whose keeping the honour of the lodge is for the time being, to prevent any section of the members from arrogating to themselves the right to speak or act in the name and in behalf of the whole body, and especially in the case of jewels and other testimonials, to see that what is the gift of a few brethren only is not raised to the level of that which is the gift of the whole body.

### CODEFROI DE BOUILLON PRECEPTORY, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

On Wednesday, the 8th inst., the walls of Lichfield Cathedral looked upon a sight which probably they have never looked upon before, and perhaps may never do so again. On one side a group of Knights Templar, in full clothing, with their Provincial Prior, wearing the Malta habit, in their midst; on the other, the Dean and Canons of the Cathedral, accompanied by their clerk. The occasion of the gathering was the formal presentation and unveiling of a statue of Godefroi de Bouillon, which has been placed by this preceptory in a vacant niche on the south side of the Consistory Court. The knights clothed in the Theological College, whence they marched forth, and were introduced and received by the Dean and Canons.

The proceedings were then continued by the REGISTRAR reading in Latin the presentation address, which was engrossed in antique script on parchment and rubricated, and ran as follows:

Viro Per—Reverendo Decano et Viris Reverendis Canonicis et Præbendariis Ecclesiae Cathedralis Lichfieldensis, Pacem et Salutem.

Etiamsi antiquus Ordo Religiosus et Militaris Equitum Templi Salomonis Hierosolymitani jam pridem præterit, servatur tamen memoria ejus in illo Ordine Liberorum Lapidarum qui Equitum Templi vocatur, cujus Eminentissimus ac Supremus Magister est Illustrissimus Albertus Edoardus Cambriae Princeps, et cujus Nos, qui in Præceptorio de Godofredo de Bouillon dicto in oppido Stoca super Trentam convenimus, Fratres ac Socii sumus.

Et quum Nos non in belli violentiaque sed in pacis benevolentiaque artibus versemur, recordati sumus Antiquum illum Ordinem non solum ob res bellicas fortiter gestas clarum fuisse, sed etiam pulchritudine ecclesiarum delectatum, id quod vel præcipue ex Londinensi Ecclesia Templi cognosci potest.

Convenienter igitur animo et menti quum Antiqui tum Hodierni Ordinis, auxilium quantumcumque ad Ecclesiam Cathedralē Lichfieldensem ornamandam vobis afferre volumus, et statuam dare qua compleatur aedicula quævis vacua; Qua de causa effigiem selegimus Godofredi de Bouillon, Ducis Lothringiae, Militis clarissimi in bellis Sanctae Urbis ab Infidelibus recipiendae causa susceptis, et Regis Hierosolymorum, cujus de nomine vocatur Præceptorium nostrum.

Hæc est Statua quam nunc Vobis damus, donamus, dedicamus, in testimonium benevolentiae nostrae erga opus a vobis susceptum, et signum ejusdem benevolentiae quod diu in saecula posthac ventura mansurum speramus.

Addimus Virum Eximium Carolum Fendelovium, Priorem ut aiunt Provinciale Ordinis nostri in comitatibus Staffordia, Verovico, Leicestria, ut se consilium comprobare nostrum palam demonstret hic nobis adesse, qui statuam pro nobis detreturus sit.

Quæ res ut confirmentur, Nos pro Fratribus ac Sociis Præceptorii nomina subscripsimus die octavo mensis Januarii, anno Salutis millesimo octingentesimo nonagesimo.

Which may be Englished thus—

To the Very Reverend the Dean, and the Reverend the Canons and Prebendaries of Lichfield Cathedral, Peace and Greeting:

Although the Ancient, Religious, and Military Order of Knights of the Temple of Solomon at Jerusalem has long passed away, its existence is yet commemorated in the Masonic Order of Knights Templars, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is the Most Eminent Grand Master, and of which We, meeting in the Preceptory Godsfroi de Bouillon, at Stoke-on-Trent, are members.

And since We are concerned not with arts of war and violence, but with those of peace and goodwill, we recall that while the ancient Order was conspicuous for its military prowess, it was also distinguished for the beauty of its ecclesiastical buildings, as is shown most especially in the Temple Church in London.

In keeping, therefore, with the spirit both of the Ancient Order, and with that of our present Order, we desire to assist in some degree in the beautifying of Lichfield Cathedral by offering to you a statue to fill up one of the vacant niches thereof; for which purpose we have chosen the figure of Godefroi de Bouillon, Duke of Lorraine, Crusader, and King of Jerusalem, after whom our Preceptory is named.

It is this Statue which we now give, present, and dedicate to You, in token of our good will towards the work which you have taken in hand, and with the hope that it may long endure as a sign thereof to generations yet to come.

And we must add that in evidence of his approval of our purpose, the Very Emt. Sir Knt. Charles Fendelow, the Provincial Prior of our Order in Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Leicestershire, is here present with us to unveil the Statue on our behalf.

In confirmation whereof, we, on behalf of our Brethren and Knts. Companions of our Preceptory, have subscribed our names, this 8th day of January, in the year of Grace 1890.

The address was handed to the Dean, who expressed the pleasure it afforded to him and the chapter to receive such a gift to adorn the cathedral.

The Very Eminent PROV. PRIOR then said: After the very excellent address that has been delivered by our worthy Registrar, and before I exercise the privilege of unveiling this statue, I have a few words to say to you all connected with our position here as Knights Templar, and to tell you our idea of the connection between the name and character of Godefroi de Bouillon and our present Order of Knights Templar, and to acknowledge that our duties are as clear in our present sphere as were those of the Crusaders. From an early period in the history of the Church it was considered a pious act to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulchre, and to visit the various spots which the Saviour had consecrated by his presence, and the first Crusade was undertaken simply to vindicate the right of Christian Pilgrims to visit the Holy Sepulchre, and when the first Crusade was set on foot the fame of the exploits of Godefroi de Bouillon caused him to be elected one of the Commanders, and eight days after the capture of the City of Jerusalem, he was unanimously elected King of Jerusalem, but his modesty and piety forbade him to wear a crown of gold where his Saviour had worn one of thorns. He therefore declined the Regal title, and contented himself with that of Baron or Defender of the Holy Sepulchre. Jerusalem, thus delivered, became the object of intense enthusiasm throughout the Christian world, which manifested itself by numerous weary pilgrimages thereto by persons of all ranks and stations in life, but these pilgrimages were not without great privations and dangers. Such circumstances appealed to the hearts of brave men and proved to be the origin of the Order of Knights Templar, who associated themselves into a holy brotherhood in arms for the succour and protection of weary pilgrims travelling from afar. They were assigned a place near the Temple in the City of Jerusalem, and thus became known as Knights of the Temple. Such are the examples we have chosen to give names to our preceptories, such are the lives and characters we have undertaken to emulate, and to the same cause we are solemnly pledged as valiant and magnanimous Knights of the Temple. The times and occasions which gave birth to our Order have passed away, and there is now no need for war or adventure in its behalf. Nevertheless, the same contest continues, and our duties are as distinct and imperative as were those of the valiant knights of old. Infidelity is boldly asserted, and scepticism is unblushingly avowed; influences insidious and antagonistic to the Christian religion, are in ceaseless operation, the divine origin of Christianity is denied, and the truth of the Holy Scriptures is openly questioned. Our duty is manifest—we call ourselves soldiers of the Cross, and we publicly display that sacred emblem, in token of our espousal of the cause of Jesus Christ. Unbelief in whatever form must be combatted, wherever and whenever encountered. The battlefield with us is in our daily lives, our social relations, our business contracts, and in every place, or sphere, where our individual characters are called into action. We need not go into the highways and public places to proselytise nor need we abandon our business to perform this mission. It is, however, our duty to model ourselves accordiog to our professions, and demonstrate by our conduct and consistent lives, the good effects on ourselves, so that others seeing the same, may be led to appreciate and believe in the sacred cause we advocate. If we would be true knights we must be true men. If we would influence others we must prove ourselves worthy of confidence, and if we would have our Order respected, and honoured, we must so live and conduct ourselves at all times as to merit the respect of our fellow men. I have now in the name of our Order to thank the Dean and Chapter for allowing us to assist, in a small degree, in beautifying this cathedral by placing this statue of Godefroi de Bouillon to show our high sense of his life and character, and to remind us all of our duty to emulate such a worthy example.

The Statue was then unveiled, and Bishop Abraham, one of the Canons, addressed the knights in Latin, thus: Absit omen ut in hac sede Musarum, Latina adloquentibus respondeatur tantum Anglice. Illud nos habemus commune Vobis, quod milites sumus in exercitu Ducis nostri et Salvatoris Christi—Quam vos habetis curam pro Dei Templo, eadem est nostra pro Ecclesia.

Grato igitur animo nos accipimus honestam hanc Cruciferi Militis effigiem, quæ de vestra benevolentia posita est tanquam praesidium et propugnaculum Ecclesiae. Avete, Commilitones!

Which may be rendered: "Far be it from us that in this abode of learning, answer should be given in English only to those who address us in Latin. We have it in common with you that we are soldiers in the army of our Captain and Saviour Christ. What care you have for God's Temple, that same have we for our Church. Gratefully, therefore, we accept this fair figure of the soldier bearing the cross, which of your goodwill has been set up, as if 'twere a guard and bulwark of the Church. Wherefore, hail, fellow soldiers!"

The ceremony ended, the knights were conducted over the cathedral, under the able guidance of Canon Lonsdale; then attended afternoon service; and after a hearty tea at the George Hotel, returned to Stoke.

The Statue, which is a bold and striking figure, was executed by Mr. J. J. Milsom, of Manchester, and represents the great leader of the First Crusade starting forward, and drawing his sword, as if about to smite down an infidel Saracen. The knights present, who all signed the address, were Sir Knights C. Fendelow, Prov. Prior Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Leicestershire; E. H. Croydon, Preceptor, Godfrey de Bouillon; J. Charlesworth, I.P.E.P., P. Prov. Sub-Marshall; J. Pratt, M.A., P.E.P., P. Great Prior's Aide-de-Camp, P. Prov. Constable, Registrar; J. B. Piercy, P.E.P., P. Prov. Marshall; J. B. Ashwell, S. Mear, A. Mear, and J. T. Mear; who were also accompanied by some ladies.

WARDEN.—Originally the chief officer of a lodge in some parts, but apparently about the seventeenth century made subordinate to the Master, and again not appointed at all until of recent date, according to some records. It is probable that each association of Freemasons had their special Warden in common with the Handicraftsmen generally, the Master being in charge of the whole of the men engaged about the work. The Deacon appears to have been the superior of the Warden in Scotland, and occupied the position now universally conceded to the Master. These officers were generally elected once a year, and in the operative period were invested with considerable power and authority. In Scotland the Chief Ruler of the whole assembly of any Craft was termed the Warden-General, and many instances of such appointments are to be found in Bro. D. Murray Lyon's history of the "Lodge of Edinburgh." In modern times the three chief officers of a lodge are the Master and his two Wardens. In order to be eligible for the chair under the English Constitution, a brother must have served as Warden for 12 months (of an English Lodge), save on a petition for a new lodge; and an actual attendance during some portion of the qualifying period is absolutely necessary. The Junior Warden's position in the south, representative of the Column of Beauty, and that of the Senior Warden in the west, near the Column of Strength, are well known to Craftsmen; and it is a happy event for the lodge when a brother's attention to the duties peculiar to association with these columns has been such as to render him worthy of advancement to the Orient, the seat of wisdom, and the place of trust. It has been claimed by some that the S.W. or J.W. can give the degrees in the absence of the W.M. or other installed Master; but we think erroneously, for evidently without the presence of a legally qualified installed Master in the chair, the Warden in charge should rest contented with ruling the lodge. The duties of Wardens are clearly defined in the Constitutions, and should be carefully studied by such officers; so as to ensure efficiency. The jewel of the J.W. is the plumb-rule, and of the S.W. the level, and, with appropriate surroundings, the same tools are representative of such officers in the Provincial and Grand Lodges.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular meeting of the Committee of Management was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., presided, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., John Bulmer, Fred. Mead, P.G.S.B., Henry Cox, Chas. Daniel, James Brett, P.G.P., Alex. Mullord, J. Boulton, J. Newton, C. J. Perceval, W. Smith, Thos. G. Bullen, G. Std. Br., W. H. Hubbert, L. C. Haslip, C. Kempton, E. H. Webb, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., W. Belchamber, J. L. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, Gen. Brooks, Charles G. Hill, A. H. Tattershall, Robt. Griggs, James S. Fraser, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P., W. J. Murlis, A. Durrant, Charles Lacey, Alex. Forsyth, Edward Terry, G. Treas., T. B. Purchas, Hugh M. Hobbs, G. Bolton, and James Terry, P.G. Std. Br., Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of a male annuitant.

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

Two applications by widows of recently deceased annuitants for the half of their late husband's annuities were granted.

The Committee then considered the petitions of 25 applicants (16 men and 9 widows), with the result that, with the exception of two of the men's petitions, all were accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in May next.

The Committee was then adjourned till the 29th instant, when it will meet for the purpose of considering what, if any, steps must be taken in view of the unprecedented number of candidates and the fewness of the vacancies.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The children remaining for the holidays have been delighted with the great kindness shown to them by Bro. Edward Terry, Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Marius, who invited them to see "Sweet Lavender" and "The Belles of the Village" at their respective theatres. Nothing but kind, true Masonic feeling could have suggested such pleasant entertainments for those who, having no homes to receive them, are compelled to spend their Christmas holidays at the Institution. They were accompanied by Miss Buck, Miss Bellamy, and Miss Broadbent, and the Chairman of the month, Bro. Frank Richardson, in conjunction with Bro. J. H. Matthews, made all arrangements for their comfort.

## FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

The Freemasons of France are the subject of attack just now from more than one quarter. M. Andrieux, ex-Deputy and ex-Prefect of Police, who has already published what he is good enough to consider "revelations" concerning the Craft and its mysteries, is engaged denouncing the whole body for a too active interference in politics. This is a fault which has been charged against French Masonry previously, and by friendlier critics than M. Andrieux, although with what amount of justice it is difficult, on account of the conflict of testimony, to say. It is urged in the course of the present dispute that the various Lodges of France exercised a powerful influence for good on behalf of the Government and against Boulangism during the recent elections. That in itself is but a dubious compliment. French Masons might do worse than take a leaf out of their English brethren's book, and while allowing individual Members of the Craft to follow whatever political creed they pleased, refuse to identify themselves as an Order with politics in any form. The other attack to which we refer comes from a clerical quarter, and originated in an order given by the Bishop of Grenoble prohibiting his clergy from attending the funeral of M. Delatte, Prefect of the Department of the Isère, simply because the representatives of the local lodge, of which the deceased was a member, had been assigned a place in the *cortège*. The quarrel between the Roman Catholic Church and Freemasonry is a very old one; but we had hardly thought it extended to a refusal on the part of the clergy to appear at a ceremonial of which they themselves were to have the entire and exclusive management.—*Yorkshire Post*.

## BRO. SURGEON T. H. PARKE OF THE EMIN PASHA RELIEF STAFF EXPEDITION.

We have much pleasure in publishing the following resolution of congratulation to Bro. Thomas Heazle Parke, A.M.S. of Lodge 854 (I.C.) which was passed at the stated communication of the Prov. G. Lodge of North Connaught, held at Carrick-on-Shannon, on the 10th December last. We are indebted to Bro. Francis E. Clarke, Prov. D.G.M. for his kindness in transmitting the copy to us, and we are convinced our readers will be glad of the opportunity of knowing that one of the chief officers of Mr. Stanley's recent expedition into Central Africa is a member of the Craft. Resolved:— "That this Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught do hereby offer a cordial and most fraternal welcome to our brother Thomas Heazle Parke, A.M.S. of Lodge 854, on his return from his prolonged wander-

ings in Central Africa to civilization; that we beg to assure him his gallantry and heroism, coupled with the great professional services rendered by him to Mr. Stanley's Exploratory Expedition, as testified to in the letters of that illustrious explorer, are heard of with unfeigned gratification by his brethren; that the conspicuous position attained by our distinguished brother in the varied fields of investigation he has so materially and courageously assisted we feel reflects honour upon our Province; and whilst we offer up our grateful thanks to the Most High for having afforded Brother Thomas H. Parke that Providential blessing and aid enabling him to escape so many dangers, and to undergo so much hardship and privation, we pray that we may be shortly permitted to greet him hand to hand and see him face to face when he is relieved of his professional care of Emin Pasha, and at liberty to return to his native country. We also tender our hearty congratulations to our V.W. Brother William Parke, P.P.S.G.W., on the safety and proud position attained by his gallant son, and request our Provincial Grand Secretary to forward this resolution without delay to him, with a request that he will kindly send it to Brother Thomas H. Parke when he becomes aware of the destination at which correspondence is most likely to reach him, as at present we apprehend, from the information afforded by the Press, that the duration of his stay at Bagamoyo or Zanzibar is so doubtful that a letter forwarded there might not reach before his departure."

Passed at the stated communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught, held at Carrick-on-Shannon, this 10th day of December, 1889.

B. W. HARRISON, P.G. Sec.  
FRANCIS E. CLARKE, P.G.D.M.

## THE TWO TEMPLES.

In ancient times, when Israel's King that famous fabric reared,  
In which his glory and his might so manifest appeared,  
He, in his wisdom, first gave heed to Heaven's great law to man,  
And order, beauteous and sublime, through all the process ran.  
No sound of axe or metal tool through all the time was heard:  
No craftsman broke the harmony by one discordant word;  
For so the work was portioned out by Solomon, the wise,  
From corner-stone to capital, no discord could arise.  
Eleven hundred men, twice told, as Master Masons wrought,  
And eighty thousand Fellow Crafts the quarried marble sought,  
While entered as Apprentices were seventy thousand more,  
Who through the progress of the work the heavy burdens bore.  
A vast fraternity they were: a labour vast to share—  
Who always on the level met, and parted on the square;  
And three Grand Masters gave the rules by which the work was done—  
The King of Israel, King of Tyre, and he—the "Widow's Son."  
The columns and pilasters were of Parian marble wrought,  
The timbers from the famous groves of Lebanon were brought;  
Of cedar, fir, and olive wood the stately walls were made,  
And all within and all without with gold were overlaid.  
Thus two great structures had a birth, the one of wood and stone,  
The other framed and fashioned of fraternal love alone;  
The one was joined in all its parts by cunning work of art,  
The other by the ligaments that fasten heart to heart.  
The one stood out in bold relief against the vaulted sky,  
The other raised no towering front to greet the vulgar eye;  
The one was all resplendent with its ornaments of gold,  
The other's beauty lay concealed beneath its mystic fold.  
Age after age hath rolled away with Time's unceasing tide,  
And generations have been born, have flourished, and have died;  
Twice wrought our ancient brethren on that Temple's massive walls,  
And thronged its lofty colonnades and walked its spacious halls.  
The Temple, with its wondrous strength, hath yielded unto Time;  
The brotherhood that flourished then still lives in love sublime;  
The one a mere material thing hath long since passed away,  
The other holds its vigorous life untouched by Time's decay.  
Long may it live through coming years its excellence to prove,  
And Masons ever find delight in offices of love;  
Till summoned hence, the glory of that upper Lodge to see,  
Before the *Light* that ceaseless burns each one shall bow the knee.

P.A.G.S.

## Knights Templar.

### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

#### MANCHESTER.

**St. Joseph Preceptory** (No. 9).—The annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Friday evening, the 10th inst., when the following were present: Sir Knights Wm. Cartwright, P.E.C., Prelate; E. Pike, Reg.; F. W. Lean, Treas.; C. E. Hindley, Almoner; T. Aspland, P.S.P.B.; R. H. Robinson, C. of L.; G. Hunt, 1st Herald; J. Gardner, P.; Beswicke-Royds, G.C. of C.; J. H. Leusche, P.P.G.C.; and Wm. Duncan. Visitors: Sir Knights J. H. P. Lancaster and P. Royle, M.D.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comp. G. S. Smith, of the Humphrey Cheetham Chapter, and declared to be unanimous. Comp. G. S. Smith was then installed and invested by Sir Knight Wm. Cartwright, acting Commander, the address on the symbols being given by Sir Knight F. W. Lean, P.E.C. Sir Knight W. H. Cunliffe was then installed as E.C. for the ensuing year by Sir Knight Clement N. Beswicke-Royds, Prov. G.C. Sir Knight W. J. Cunliffe appointed and invested the following as officers for the ensuing year: Sir Knights J. Wilson, Constable; C. Hindley, Marshal; R. Robinson, Expert; G. Hunt, C. of L.; F. W. Lean, Treas.; F. Pike, Reg.; and J. L. Aspland, Almoner. The Treasurer's balance was submitted and adopted. We congratulate the Treasurer on the satisfactory balance in the bank. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the Prov. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Clement N. Beswicke-Royds, the Prov. G. Commander, for his kindness and attendance, which he suitably acknowledged. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by Sir Knights J. H. P. Leusche and Peter Royle, M.D., G. Std. Br. Eng.

## Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

**Premier Conclave.**—This old and distinguished conclave met at the Masonic Rooms, 16A, Great Queen-street, on the 5th instant. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights Baron de Ferrieres, G.V.E.; W. Lake, M.P.S.; Heard, V.E.; Nelson Prower, M.A., I.G.; T. Cubitt, P.G.I.G., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, G.C., P.M.P.S., acting Recorder; C. Keyser, Prelate; Purrott, Prefect; Pakes, Std. Br.; Marsh, P.G.I.G. (Hon. Member); H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.P.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S.; Scurrah, Robinson, J. N. Frye, and others.

The minutes of the previous conclave were read and confirmed. A conclave of K.H.S. was then opened, with Sir Knights H. H. Shirley, as Prelate; H. J. Lardner, as Prior; Marsh, as G.S.V.; and Capt. Walls, as C. of Gds. Sir Knight Frye was then impressively installed a member of the Order. The delivery of the addresses by Sir Knights Shirley and Lardner being particularly good.

A commandery of St. John was subsequently opened, and Sir Knight Frye received that Degree. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Sir Knights Shirley, Lardner, and Walls, for their services. Sir Knight John Mason, P.M.W.S., Recorder, was absent through illness. The resignation of Sir Knight A. Proudfoot was received with regret. Sir Knight N. Prower gave a notice of motion as to removal to the Grand Mark Lodge.

The conclave was then closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet, which was held at the Freemasons' Tavern.

The M.P.S. gave the long array of toasts with effect, but with considerable brevity.

The entire proceedings were most enjoyable, and reflected great credit on the executive.

## Rosicrucian Society of England.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Metropolitan College.**—The usual quarterly convocation of this college was held at the Masonic Hall, 16A, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst. The Frates present were Frs. W. R. Woodman, M.D., 9°, S.M., P.M.G.; W. Wynn Westcott, M.D., Hon. 9°, M. of C.; S. L. MacGregor Mathers, 8°, Sec.; Ferguson, 8°, P.M.T., as D.M.T.; T. C. Walls, Hon. 8°, P.M.T.; Frye, J. Thomas, and H. Higgins, as Ancients; Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, Chap. and Org.; Gowan, Loftus Thackwell, and J. Gilbert, Acolyte. Visitor: Fra. E. MacBean, York College.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Capt. Loftus Thackwell having been previously balloted for, was impressively admitted to the grade of Zelator. The Secretary acted as C. of N. Letters of apology for absence were read from various members and from the absent candidates. The M.T. congratulated Fra. Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon on his having recently acquired the degree of D.D. The Secretary announced with regret the death of the late Fra. John Willmott, of Hong Kong, who was admitted to the grade of Zelator at the October meeting, and died a few days later, and the M.T. read a note from Fra. Graveley, who had just lost his beloved wife. A vote of confidence was unanimously recorded, and the Secretary was directed to communicate the same in each instance to the bereaved parties. The M.T. then read a learned and interesting lecture on the true mandrill plant of Genesis, chapter xxx., and exhibited a specimen of the root, which wonderfully resembled the human form. A discussion followed. Fra. MacBean mentioned the probable re-organisation of the Rosicrucian College of the West of Scotland, and asked for literary and documentary assistance from the Metropolitan College. This was promised him, and there being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Bro. Harry H. Marks, Esq., L.C.C., will preside at the festival of the Newvenders Benevolent and Provident Institution, to be held at the Hôtel Metropole, on Monday, the 17th February next.



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1890.

### Masonic Notes.

The following brethren were appointed officers of  
the Board of Stewards for the Festival of the Benevo-  
lent Institution, at the first meeting, on the 2nd inst.,  
namely: Bros. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., Patron of the  
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We hear there are now some 200 Stewards for the  
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Bro. Terry on this further progress he has made in his  
heavy task, we must point out that the Board is still  
some 40 below what it was at the corresponding period  
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We also take this opportunity of informing our  
readers that there are 158 candidates—we have been  
saying all along the number would be close on 160—  
and, unfortunately, only 11 vacancies, seven male and  
four female. Assuming that in consequence of further  
deaths, between now and election day, this number is  
increased so that, including the three deferred annui-  
tants on each fund, the total number to be elected  
reaches the same as last year (33), there will still re-  
main 125 poor old folk—brethren and widows of bre-  
thren—without means to provide the common neces-  
saries of life.

This is a deplorable picture, and we trust our  
readers will take it to heart, and help in compiling a  
goodly bit of subscriptions next month, so that some-  
thing may be done to relieve the urgent necessities of  
these poor old people.

The name of Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson seems  
almost a part of Masonic history to the majority of the  
present generation of Masons, although to many the  
memory of the well-known Preceptor of Emulation is  
still green; but it will surprise a good many to hear  
that Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, the younger, was on  
Monday last invested for the 30th year in succession as  
Treasurer of the Royal Naval Lodge. We trust the  
annual investiture will continue for many years to  
come, and that it will be long before the worthy and  
well-known name will disappear from contemporary  
Masonic records.

The Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, has obtained  
the warrant authorising its members to wear the Cen-  
tenary Jewel, and they are going to celebrate the  
event by a special banquet, after the next regular  
meeting of the lodge, on the 6th prox.

A very interesting function was performed at Lich-  
field a few days since. The members of the Godfrey  
de Bouillon Knight Templar Preceptory attended the  
cathedral to present a statue of the famous Templar,  
which has been placed in one of the niches above the  
Consistory Court. The picturesque robes of the  
knights, and the presence of the Dean and Chapter,  
presented an unusual scene in the quiet precincts of  
the cathedral.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters  
of Middlesex and Surrey has been called for Thursday  
the 30th, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street,  
for the purpose of appointing and investing a Deputy  
Provincial Grand Master in the place of the late Bro.  
Frederic Davison, the election and investment of a  
Provincial Grand Treasurer in place of Bro. Chas.  
Hammerton, who has resigned, and the appointment of  
an Assistant Secretary.

The Daily Telegraph of Wednesday, had an amusing  
article on Freemasonry. The incident to which we are  
indebted for this exceptional treat is certainly to be  
deplored. It seems that a "Mr. Johnson, a Methodist-  
Episcopal parson, has been killed while taking the  
Royal Arch Degree. He dropped into the vault." No  
explanation is given as to how the accident occurred.  
Cablegrams, as they are called, are usually made as  
concise as possible, and our contemporary is naturally  
anxious for more light, and it proceeds to ask "Who  
killed him? What killed him? What is a Royal  
Arch Degree? Were the ceremonies so severe, so ex-  
cruciating, that flesh and blood could bear them no  
longer? Did some of the ministering subordinates  
make a mistake? Was the torture-chamber—if it is a  
torture-chamber—made too hot or too cold?" and so  
on.

Then again it asks, "But why was there a vault?  
Is it to bury the secret or the man? Does it symbolise  
the speedy funeral of the postulant if he fail to fulfil  
the high and stern duties of the Royal Arch Degree?  
Was the incident part of the performance?"

We are afraid the curiosity of our contemporary  
must remain unsatisfied, and for the very obvious reason  
that we know nothing more of the occurrence than is  
generally known, and also because it will never do for  
us to talk too openly about the secrets of the torture-  
chamber and the vault, or the mysteries and programmes  
of the Royal Arch Degree. That it clearly was an  
accident and nothing more, is shown by the fact that—in  
England at all events—when a brother takes the Royal  
Arch Degree, he is said to be "exalted," whereas poor  
Bro. Johnson was fatally abased.

Ho wever, by way of reassuring our friend, who may  
be as nervous as he is curious, there are, we believe,  
some 150,000 Royal Arch Masons in the United States,  
who have survived the dread ordeal, and are as lively  
as such dignified Masonic beings can be expected to be,  
their experience of the vault notwithstanding.

We believe, too, that though the American modes of  
working, like the ways of Bret Harte's "Heathen  
Chinee," are somewhat peculiar, fatal drops into the  
vault form no part of any Masonic programme, any  
more than the sudden disappearance of the tub-  
thumping Negro Evangelist into the barrel on which  
he was holding forth, of whose exploits most of us  
have heard or read, was a part of his religious exercise.

## 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.]

SUN, SQUARE, AND COMPASSES LODGE,  
No. 119, WHITEHAVEN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The reply of Bro. Moore is anything but satisfactory. Before, however, adverting to the main question, it may be well to clear the ground in regard to one or two matters which Bro. Moore has imported into his last letter.

1st. That the withdrawal of the warrant of No. 157 was "known to all Masonic students." Bro. Moore evidently wishes it to be understood that Masonic students were ignorant of the fact, while, if it were known at all, "none (he says) would know better than the Past and Present Officers of Grand Lodge and the Past Masters of the private lodge affected by the alleged withdrawal or cancellation." Can anything be weaker than this? Is it too much to affirm that a very large proportion of the transactions of the period under discussion—*i.e.*, of the first decade of the present century—is absolutely unknown to a majority of the Past and Present Officers of Grand Lodge? and, certainly, if Bro. Moore's knowledge of Masonic history is to be taken as a sample of the knowledge possessed by all the Past Masters of private lodges, then I think Bro. Moore has himself furnished in his own person a sufficient refutation, of his unsubstantiated assertion.

But this is no new discovery; and, although it was unknown to Bro. Moore and the Past Masters of his lodge, yet it was well known to Masonic students years ago. I have referred to Bro. Lamonby's "History of Craft Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland" which, notwithstanding it gives accurate extracts from the minute book of the lodge, Bro. Moore is pleased to designate a "second hand" authority. Will he venture to say the same in relation to Bro. R. F. Gould's "Athol Lodges," published in 1879—11 years ago—in which that learned historian of the Craft quotes the Grand Lodge minutes of 4th February, 1807, and correctly assigns to the lodge at the George Inn, in 1807, a new constitution? I think this is sufficient to convince any unprejudiced person upon that part of the subject.

2nd. Bro. Moore, in his letter to the *Cumberland Packet* of 31st October last, stated that "if Bro. McKay be correct, then Lodge No. 119 had never possessed a warrant of constitution from the Grand Lodge of England, and therefore all its acts, including the initiation of members and the election of officers, have been unauthorised, for the Lodge No. 119 possesses only one warrant of constitution, and that is dated the 18th of May, 1768. In short, if Bro. McKay were correct, the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge would have been, and would be, nothing less than a Masonic fraud from beginning to end, its long line of Worshipful Masters a lot of Masonic impostors and its members, past and present, would not be regularly initiated Masons." This is very tall talk, but it possesses no real significance. In his present letter Bro. Moore, however, reiterates the foregoing by alleging that Bro. McKay "indirectly charges the Past Masters of the Whitehaven Lodge since 1805, with initiating, installing and receiving fees on the authority of an old warrant, which, according to Bros. Lane and McKay, belonged to a defunct lodge which had been founded 40 years before the present Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven, came into existence, and, what is worse, Bro. McKay insinuates that these Past Masters were well aware of the Masonic frauds they were committing."

Now, it may suit Bro. Moore to make such rash statements, and to indulge in this kind of language; but, after all, it is simple nonsense. Is Bro. Moore so bewildered that he cannot, or will not, recognise the fallacy of his assertion? There is no charge of "fraud" or of wrong doing, Masonic or otherwise. Whether the present lodge dates continuously from 1768, or was a new organisation in 1807, is immaterial on this point, for whatever has been done since the latter date is as legal and regular in the one case as it would have been in the other. If it is a new lodge from 1807 (as I contend), its existence from that date depended on the warrant issued to it by authority of the Grand Lodge, and consequently the members thereof are not guilty in any sense whatever of the terrible catalogue of wrong doing, which Bro. Moore has conjured up before his too active imagination.

But, reverting now to the main point in dispute, namely, the continuity or otherwise of the old lodge of 1768, nothing Bro. Moore has advanced alters my conviction that to all intents and purposes the organisation which met at the George Inn, in 1807, was an entirely new lodge. Bro. Moore questions this, but adduces not a particle of proof in support of his opinion. He deals freely with "probabilities," but these cannot be accepted because they are in many instances quite contrary to fact. For example, Bro. Moore suggests "that Bro. Byrne and his friends resigned, having taken umbrage at the unjust treatment which had been meted out to him." He admits, however, that "it is perfectly true that Bro. Byrne and a few others did not continue members of the lodge after it was withdrawn from his house," and now I ask Bro. Moore for some proof that Bro. Byrne (*the Master at the time*) or any of his

followers did resign. Is it not a fact that he not only did not resign, but that he with all the others were included in the "suspension" by Grand Lodge?

Again, I ask Bro. Moore, when and by what authority Bro. Byrne's election was "adjudged null and void," and all the appointments which he had made were *ipso facto* cancelled." Surely the order of suspension could not and did not include such an unconstitutional act as to nullify the Worshipful Master's selection, neither did it cancel the appointment of his officers. If, as Bro. Moore suggests, Bro. Byrne resigned, or even had been deposed by the Grand Lodge, and the lodge continued in existence, the Senior Warden "would forthwith" have filled the "Warden's chair till the next election of officers." But that was not done in the case of No. 157, and the simple reason why the Grand Lodge regulation could not be observed in the case of the Whitehaven Lodge was because there was no proper continuity, but a general break up of the old lodge, and the transference, subsequently, of their warrant to some persons who had been, but who had ceased to be, members of the defunct lodge.

Bro. Moore complains (I think without cause) that my remarks are not set forth as fully and impartially as they might have been. I plead "not guilty" to the latter part of the accusation, and must urge my consideration for your readers in extenuation of my want of fulness, and will now seek to atone for that grievous error by giving Bro. Moore some additional particulars from official, and, consequently, *not* second-hand sources.

First of all, let me quote the Grand Lodge minutes of the 3rd December, 1806. They are as follows: "Upon reading the Complaint of the Master, Wardens, and Brothers of Lodge 154, at Whitehaven, with the Certificate under the hand of two of the Magistrates of the same place 'That by the conduct of Byrnes the Master of the said Lodge the Fraternity had been greatly Injured and disgraced under colour of holding a Lodge of Masons, and as Master thereof, had seduced into his snares every young profligate whom he could lay hold of, four of whom were then lately committed for Robbery,' Ordered, That the Grand Lodge for the present *suspend* all Masonic Meetings under said Warrant 157, and *hereby withdraw the same*, that the Warrant be delivered up to Lodge 154 or forthwith transmitted to the Grand Secretary, until an Inquiry take place and the Brothers of No. 157 have an opportunity of being heard, and time to offer to the Grand Lodge such matter and defence as they shall think fit and be advised to produce."

Thus it will be manifest that not only was the Master implicated, but all the members of the old lodge were subject to the same "suspension," and the sentence and order of Grand Lodge—suspending all meetings and withdrawing the warrant—were duly obeyed.

Whether the "Brothers of No. 157" ever availed themselves of the suggested inquiry is doubtful. There is no evidence that they did. All the light that is thrown on this unpleasant episode by the official and other correspondence goes to prove the contrary; and that, instead of having such an inquiry, some of the members sought reconstruction as a new body, by which means they were enabled to get rid of Bro. Byrne and his unwelcome associates.

It will be remembered that the complaint against No. 157 was made by the members of No. 154, the W.M. of which lodge was a former Past Master of No. 157, and who was subsequently authorised to constitute the new lodge. And in reply to a letter from the then Grand Secretary Leslie, Lodge No. 154, wrote as follows: "We should lament the annihilation of No. 157, and trust the warrant may be *transferred* to decent respectable Townsmen, *many of whom formerly sat under it.*"

These passages, which I have italicised, clearly show that in the opinion of the Whitehaven Freemasons at the period in question—who may reasonably be supposed to have known quite as much as Bro. Moore and his coadjutors what really happened in 1807—the old lodge had absolutely ceased to exist, for on any other hypothesis the phraseology used would have been unmeaning; and it seems evident that the request of Lodge 154, that the warrant might be *transferred*, was subsequently granted, and the new lodge regularly constituted as indicated in my previous letter; so that, from actual documentary evidence, I think I have shown that Bro. Moore's assertions that the warrant was never transferred is absolutely negated.

Hence I claim to have amply proved my statement that the Lodge, No. 119, can only date its continuous working from 1807. In saying this, however, I must, and do repudiate absolutely and unhesitatingly any desire or intention even "indirectly" to "cast a slur upon the characters of fellow Masons, and ridicule upon the acts of the Grand Lodge I am supposed to revere;" but, notwithstanding the un-Masonic insinuations which Bro. Moore has so recklessly and unwisely made, I may inform him that I decline to be thus deterred from stating what I honestly believe to be true, and I would earnestly recommend him to a more careful study of the history of his own lodge, and of Freemasonry generally, in the hope that thereby he may speedily be able to examine evidences dispassionately, and by discriminating between "facts" and "probabilities," learn the needful lesson that "Truth is great and will prevail."

Finally, Bro. Moore raises another important question when he alleges that "it is not denied that the lodge assembled regularly from the year 1768 to the end of the year 1806." In all seriousness I challenge Bro. Moore to produce any satisfactory evidence that the lodge did assemble regularly for the whole of that

period of 38 years. I am not writing without due deliberation, and after careful examination, when I say I believe he cannot supply such evidence; and failing the production of this, I think I am now justified in enquiring on what facts Lodge No. 119 relied for a proof of its continuous working from the date of the original warrant of 1768, so as to entitle its members to have a centenary warrant in 1885.—Yours fraternally,  
JNO. LANE.

January 11.

## THE GRAND LODGE MOVEMENT IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In my former letter I confined my remarks entirely to the unconstitutional action of the R.W. D.G.M. of Otago and Southland, New Zealand, and the usurpation by him of authority not conferred upon him by the Book of Constitutions, to prevent the lodges exercising their right of discussing a subject which at the present time is first in importance to the Craft in the Colony. I wish now, with your permission, to call attention to a peculiar statement in the District Grand Master's letter of 20th September, 1889, addressed to the Lodge of Otago, No. 844 (E.C.). He quotes Article 219 of the Book of Constitutions, which reads "Should the majority of any lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, but should the number of members remaining at any time be less than three, the warrant becomes extinct." The D.G.M. then goes on to say "If any three members therefore desire to retain the warrant of the lodge, please have their names noted, recorded on the minutes, and supplied afterwards to me." The meaning of the D.G.M. is clear. He holds that although a resolution is carried that the lodge transfers its allegiance to a new Grand Lodge established in strict accordance with usage recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, yet, if three brethren object to such resolution that they become possessed of the charter and the privileges conferred by it. I don't think this quibble has ever before been raised seriously, or that it ever appeared in print until the *Freemason* a few months ago discovered it as a trump card to include the colonial lodges who favoured autonomy. I am confident that in no case has the Grand Lodge of England or any other Grand Lodge ever hinted that such an interpretation as the D.G.M. of Otago and Southland's could be placed on Article 219. The article simply provides for the case of a moribund lodge under the English Constitution, and was designed to prevent the *extinction* of a lodge as long as three members decided to keep it alive. To attempt to apply it to the case of a lodge in *full activity* transferring its allegiance to a properly formed Grand Lodge would be straining the letter and destroying the spirit of the article. Further, such an interpretation leads to an absurdity thus:—The Grand Lodge of England recognises the right of lodges in a colony to establish a Grand Lodge by agreement between a majority of the lodges holden under the various Constitutions represented in such colony. Deductively the Lodge of Otago has a right to agree with other lodges to the establishment of a Grand Lodge in New Zealand, signifying its assent by resolution. On the resolution being carried and confirmed the transfer is accomplished, the lodge not becoming extinct but working as "Lodge of Otago" under the new Grand Lodge. The D.G.M., however, says, that nevertheless any three dissenting members continue to be *the lodge*. The Lodge of Otago in that case would have two existences, one under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, the other under the Grand Lodge of England, and assuming the Grand Lodge of New Zealand to be recognised by the Grand Lodge of England the position would be a remarkable one, because the transfer of the lodge to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand would be recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, and at the same time (if the D.G.M. of Otago and Southland is correct) not recognised. The absurdity is apparent. To put the case in another way. Supposing all the lodges in New Zealand to carry resolutions transferring their allegiance to a Grand Lodge of New Zealand, but that in each lodge three members objected, it cannot be doubted that the Grand Lodge of England would consider the *lodges* had all gone over to the new body, and would give as hearty a recognition to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand as it did to the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the United Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Victoria, and that the claim of the three dissenting brethren in each lodge to maintain a separate existence as *the lodges* under the English Constitution would not be thought worthy of notice.

On referring to the proceedings at the establishment of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, I find that in some lodges more than three brethren objected to its establishment. This was reported to the Grand Lodge of England, but the latter body did not in consequence recognise the dissentients as *the lodges* now continue its charters to them. The same thing occurred in the establishment of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. Precedents all go to show that in the case of the establishment of a new Grand Lodge the *majority* have the power of transferring the allegiance of a lodge (still remaining members thereof) to the new body, and that if a majority of the lodges under each Constitution previously represented approve of the new creation, the Grand Lodge is legally formed and receives recognition. This is in accordance with common sense, and the universal principle of the Order impressed on



every brother that he must "cheerfully acquiesce in all votes and resolutions duly passed by a majority of the brethren." Article 219 of the Book of Constitutions does not apply to the case in question, and any twisting of its evident meaning will only cause the apple of discord to be thrown down amongst a fraternity whose watchword is "Brotherly love."—Yours fraternally,  
COLONIAL.

December 6th, 1889.



#### HISTORY OF WELLINGTON\* (Somerset).

This is the first history of the town of Wellington that has appeared, strange as the fact sounds, but not more strange than true. The historian is Mr. Arthur L. Humphreys, who states in the preface that "the putting together of this book has been a great delight." As he says, it is difficult to understand why Wellington has been so neglected by typographers, while places of much less historical importance have had justice done to them." Any way that reproach has been removed, for now, thanks to Mr. Humphreys, the town has had justice done to its eventful past and present condition. We see, by the work before us, that Wellington "is not a place of mushroom growth," but has gradually increased, from a few scattered cottages clustering round the Church of St. John the Baptist, to a typical and prosperous market town, well able to hold its own in this terrible time of competition and rival claims of local industries. Mr. Humphreys is careful, in the opening chapter of the etymological branch of the subject, not to commit himself to any particular theory, being more desirous to exhibit the news propounded, though he rather favours the notion that the origin of the name of the town is traceable to "Gual-eton," the town of the "old wall." The second chapter relates to the early history of Wellington, and is of a most interesting character. So also is the one devoted to the manorial rights and privileges, the limited space being literally crammed with information as to want of the very facts, exhibiting the diligence and patience of the writer in collecting and arranging the abundant materials which his well-directed researches had brought to light. Those who revel in archaeological studies will find these chapters most entertaining and instructive, the charter relating to the original grant by King Edward of three vills—Wellington, Buckland, and Lideard—we consider, with the author, is perhaps the most valuable contribution to the history of this town. The date of the original (Anglo-Saxon) is of the year 904, and is now translated for the first time, the whole of the text being used as given in Birch's "Cartularium Saxonicum." Court and subsidy and close rolls are also made to contribute their quota to the sum total, as well as surveys and other entries of value and importance. Masonically, there is not much to say about Wellington, though the author has done his best to place the facts relating to the Craft in as favourable a manner as possible. An old lodge was started at Bridgewater in 1774, and whilst there subscribed to the "Freemasons' Hall Fund" sufficient to obtain a silver medal, to be worn by the W.M. in perpetuity. The lodge was removed to Wellington in 1804, but was erased in 1828. The special distinction was thus lost. The present lodge dates only from 1882. Of the "Family and Personal History" there is no lack of curious details, more or less of a distinctly local flavour, which we need not recapitulate, but possessing great interest for the students of genealogical details, and which would naturally be looked for in such a book. The Popham and Fox families are to the fore, and no end of registers appears to have been consulted, so as to arrive at exact data on not a few difficult points to unravel. The chapter on the "Civil War and Monmouth Rebellion," contains so much of general history that we confess to resting at this point for some little time, for this part full of curious and singular particulars of a never-to-be forgotten period. The Wellingtonians sided with the Parliament, but not very enthusiastically, for their loyalty was cautious to a fault, but in the Monmouth rebellion they evidently were inclined to join the Duke, but discretion led them to be wary, the town being well looked after by the Loyalists. "Many were the stores of treasure then hidden and since found in the pulling down of old houses." Not a few of the town joined the opposition party and dearly paid for their rashness with fearful carnage at Sedgemoor, whilst those who escaped that terrible butchery fell into the hands of Judge Jeffreys, who, during the "Bloody Assize," took vengeance on the defeated in such a merciless manner, a place called "Gallows House," still remaining to testify to his brutality and relentless vigour. Macaulay has graphically described the "progress" of this cruel judge, and Mr. Humphreys supplies incidents of local surroundings, which testify to the correctness of the portrait drawn by that masterly artist in words. It is a pleasant change to leave these harrowing details for a dissertation on "Tradesmen's Tokens," which ends this chapter, the agreeable conclusion being doubtless intended as a set off to the previous dark and unhappy recitals, which, however uncongenial, was bound to be noted by the faithful historian. The tokens

enumerated are but seven in number, and are duly acknowledged to be taken from an old friend, William Bidgood's "Somerset-Trade Tokens," the dates being 1655 to 1668. It is possible this small number would have to be reduced if Wellington, Shropshire, claimed any of them, as Bayne suggests; though as Bidgood remarks, "the croppers' shears and woolpack" savour more of Somerset than the other county. Defoe was at Wellington early last century, but his impression of the place was far from flattering. He describes it as low and dirty, and says he was surrounded with beggars to such a degree that there was danger of their getting under his horses' heels. The parochial and ecclesiastical records furnish much capital reading, and the churchwardens' accounts from 1686 are lacking neither in interest nor variety. As respects church matters, Mr. Humphreys begins with records from the year 1316. The church itself dates from the fifteenth century, though some portion of the walls belong to an earlier period. The building is considered a very fair specimen of the typical Somersetshire church, and the plate of the ground plan shows a well arranged edifice. Of mural tablets and memorial-stones, several sketches are given, and the lists of vicars, &c., are both numerous and exhaustive. Neither is the "Nonconformist history" of the town neglected, extending as it does back about two centuries. Of the modern history and industries of the town, suffice it to say that nothing is looked for in vain that could reasonably be expected in a work of some 300 pages, and the chapters on folk lore, bibliography, &c., are well worthy of careful study. Mr. Humphreys has succeeded most admirably, and has given one of the most valuable and important local histories, it has fallen to our duty either to peruse or review, and we congratulate him also on the style of the work, for its get up, as well as the matter, are alike due to his excellent taste and determination to make it worthy of Wellington.



#### Craft Masonry.

##### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Albion Lodge (No. 9).**—This good old lodge held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, 7th inst., when there was a full attendance of members and a good show of visiting brethren to witness the installation of Bro. Edwin Waller, late S.W. of the lodge, who had been unanimously elected to the office of Master of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. The lodge was opened as early as a quarter to four, on account of the amount of business, which included the ceremonies of the First and Third Degrees, besides the installation ceremony. The latter, however, was not worked, as, unfortunately, Bro. Bernard, who was to have been raised, was unable to be present on account of the sudden and unexpected death of his father. The installation was consequently the first business to be dealt with after the reading of the minutes and the reception of the Auditors' report. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Valentine, P.M., the father of the lodge, who appears to hold in the eyes of the brethren the position of prescriptive Installing Officer, and in whose favour, as a mark of respect towards him, a long list of Past Masters have waived their right to install their successors. Of course, the ceremony on the present occasion was worked with the skill and ability for which Bro. Valentine, P.M., is well known, and it is only necessary to record that Bro. Waller was installed by Bro. Valentine for it to be understood that the work was done in ancient form. Bro. Waller, the new W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. E. Hamlyn, S.W.; J. H. French, J.W.; H. S. Friend, P.M., Treas.; L. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; C. Sucker, S.D.; W. Willey, P.M., D.C.; Herbert Kettle, I.G.; and S. N. Thompson, P.M., Stwd.; and then the ceremony was brought to a close with the customary addresses to the Master, the Wardens, and general body of members and the oration upon the nature and aims of the Institution. The ballot was then taken for the admission, as a candidate for initiation, of Mr. Arthur Jesse Harvey, proposed by his brother, Bro. Harvey, P.M., Sec., and seconded by Bro. Thompson, P.M., and the result being favourable to his admission, Mr. A. J. Harvey, together with Mr. A. G. Izard, previously approved upon ballot, was initiated by Bro. Waller into the secrets and mysteries of the First Degree, and on their return to the lodge, restored to personal comfort. The W.M. delivered the charge. Prior to the closing of the lodge, upon the proposition of the Secretary, seconded by Bro. Valentine, P.M., it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. Bernard to mark the sympathy of the brethren with him in the loss he had sustained in his father's sudden death.

Upon the lodge being closed, the members and their guests adjourned to the adjoining building, where they dined together.

After the dinner, which was an unusually good one, and did real credit to all concerned in its production, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Master and the Past Masters.

"The Queen and the Craft" was proposed by the W.M., as was also "The Health of the M.W.G.M."—"the immediate heir of England, the hope and expectation of the time"—the Prince of Wales, who was a thorough Mason, and whose heart was with the Craft, to which he devoted much time.

The next toast proposed by the W.M. was "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." This toast also, Bro. Waller said, needed very few words from him. He could not do better than refer the brethren to the very appropriate quotation from Coriolanus which appeared on the toast list, "You have made good work, you and your

apron men, you and your Crafts." The work of the Grand Officers was known to most of the brethren, and he need only call on them to drink the toast to make sure of its hearty reception.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. Poupart, I.P.M., rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He said he knew that the brethren had all very greatly admired Bro. Waller before he came to the chair. They all knew how thoroughly well he had performed all his work in the lodge, from that of a junior officer to that of the Master in the chair, and he felt that he had only to say two words, and the brethren will enthusiastically drink Bro. Waller's jolly good health. He (Bro. Poupart) almost felt jealous of Bro. Thompson because he had had the honour of initiating Bro. Waller, and he was sure Bro. Thompson must be proud of his child.

The toast was received with applause, and was drunk by the brethren with the heartiest goodwill.

In reply, Bro. Waller said that he knew not how to thank Bro. Poupart for the way in which he had proposed his health, or the brethren for the manner in which they had received and drunk it. He had only done that which he thought a Mason should do, namely, all that he could for the Craft in general. The brethren had been very kind to appreciate what little he had done. He hoped that during his term of office he should do his utmost to please them. When he had been initiated by Bro. Thompson he thought he should like one day to get to the Master's chair, and he should hope in due time to see the initiates of that evening reach the chair of K.S. Bro. Waller concluded by thanking the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the kind way in which they had received that toast. Now he was on his legs Bro. Waller said he would do himself the pleasure of presenting to the worthy I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel. He was really personally indebted to the I.P.M., for he had followed Bro. Poupart up through the various offices, from the lowest rung of the ladder, and Bro. Poupart had helped him up behind him (he did that with everyone), and was the best and most prudent Master, and no one had more thoroughly earned the honour which that lodge had done him. It is my very pleasing duty, Bro. Poupart, continued the W.M., to invest you with this jewel, and I hope that the Great Architect will give you many years of health to wear it, and I hope to see you constantly in your place in the lodge.

Bro. Poupart said he thanked Bro. Waller as the Master for presenting him with that token of the esteem of the lodge. It had always been a pleasure to him to work in Masonry, and he had only done as other Masons should, he thought. He thanked all the brethren for the jewel, which he should value as long as he should live. He hoped, as the W.M. did, that he should be present regularly at future meetings of the lodge.

Bro. Waller said the next toast he knew would be received with a great amount of attention by the brethren of the Albion Lodge: it was "The Health of their dear Bro. Valentine, P.M., the Installing Master." From the highest officer to the youngest member, Bro. Valentine was beloved by them all. He was universally beloved. He was always ready with his assistance and to impart any knowledge in the Masonic art of which he was a Past Master, and he was sure the brethren would join him in drinking his very good health in the heartiest manner it was possible to accord to anyone.

Bro. Valentine thanked the brethren very much for the manner in which they had received that toast, and thanked the Master very much for the way in which he had proposed it. A thought had been floating in his mind for some time, and now had taken a firmer hold than before. It was now some 43 years back that he became a member of the Albion Lodge, and he was very proud to fill the office of Installing Master, and prouder because he was not by election Installing Master. It had been very gratifying to him to know that year after year those brethren who, by Masonic law, were entitled to install their successors, had agreed that he should be Installing Master. One of the quotations under this toast on the list was—"He speaks what's in his heart." Now, as regarded the ceremony that evening he could hardly say that he justified that quotation. He did not have an opportunity of saying what was in his heart. He had always been a great admirer of the old ceremony of installation: he thought it very beautiful, far better than any modern modification of it, but he was bound to admit that as the ceremony stood formerly there was one or two difficulties which he had endeavoured to overcome. When he came into the lodge that day he thought he had hit upon something particularly nice, but he found afterwards that he could not unfold his thoughts, he could not speak what was in his heart. But he would refer to a quotation that was appended to the toast of the officers on the list: "We know young bloods look for a time of rest." He disagreed with that, because young blood should look for work and not for rest when they have gone up step by step, and had gained the office of Master. He thought the quotation, as he would alter it, applicable to his own case: "We know old blades look for a time of rest." They knew that wine after a certain age deteriorated or improved, and he thought he was most likely to deteriorate while he knew he could perform the duty properly. He was glad to fulfil it, but he knew a time must come when he should fail to give them satisfaction. When he joined the lodge the number of installing brethren was very limited, and, therefore, he put his shoulder to the wheel, determined that it should never be necessary for the lodge to depend on outside assistance for an Installing Master. But all that was altered now. He had seen brethren in the office of Master who could perform the ceremony, there were numbers who could do it, and he suggested that Masters should exercise their privilege of installing their successors. He looked back on the scenes of his past glories with little regret, without much pain; yet still he knew the time must come when a Master should install his successor, and when no lodge should have a permanent Installing Master.

Bro. Holroyd, P.M., proposed the next toast, "The Health of the Initiates, Bros. Harvey and Izard." It had been his privilege to know the former from his childhood. Bro. Harvey was received with open arms, being the sanguineous brother of their worthy Secretary, who had endeared himself to the hearts of all. He expected that the family blood would inspire the candidate to go on and progress in Freemasonry, and that they should presently come to appreciate him as much as they did his brother. As to Bro. Izard, he could only say that to know him was to love him. He had known him as a close neighbour for the last 12 years, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than to propose him in the lodge, and he recommended him to the brethren's love and good companionship.

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Bros. Harvey and Izard briefly acknowledged the compliment.

The S.W., Bro. Hamlyn, proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and Bros. Bradley, P.M., Holroyd, P.M., and Brickerton, P.M., responded.

"The Health of the Visitors," which was proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. Beard, P.M. 946, P.P.G.D.C.; Johnson, P.M. 140; and Trebble, 201.

Bro. Thompson, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Lodge," officers without whom, as the proposer said, the W.M. would be poor indeed. The good old Albion Lodge must have become distressed and strained, but that they had never been wanting in a good Treasurer who has stuck to the ship, who was never desponding, but who had always been a steady and substantial friend to the lodge. As to the Secretary, Bro. Harvey, he had known him since he was a little boy. He remembered him a slim unassuming boy, who certainly did not foreshadow his present development.

Bro. Friend, P.M., the Treasurer, having briefly replied, Bro. Harvey, the Secretary, replied also, in doing which he said that his work, in conjunction with the Treasurer, was a continued pleasure; he never could wish to work with a better colleague. But he had heard one or two remarks that evening which he could not pass over as a P.M. without uttering his strong protest against them. They were the remarks that fell from Bro. Valentine. When Bro. Valentine took such an entire change of front, and said that now was the time that he should give up the position of Installing Master, and that in future the brethren should look to their coming Master to do their duty by installing their successors, it came rather hard upon those who had ever considered it an honour to forego their privilege. He could mention men who for the last seven, eight, nine, and ten years—men who were capable of performing the work—stood aside to do honour to Bro. Valentine as father of the lodge, that he might perform the installations. He hoped that no such change would be made. He hoped no Master would propose to install his successor while the father of the lodge was with them. The very first Master who did so, and supplanted their present Installing Master, would put the collar on another Secretary. It was not that the Past Masters could not install their successors that they did not do so, but because they honoured Bro. Valentine.

"The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" followed, to which the S.W. responded, and then the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The musical arrangements, which were excellent, were under the direction of Bro. A. G. Pritchard, who was assisted by Bros. T. W. Page, H. W. Schartau and C. Ackerman. Bro. Pritchard's name was down for one of his amusing sketches, but as in consequence of the illness of Mr. Corney Grain, Bro. Pritchard is supplying his place in the German Read entertainments, and is also covering Corney Grain's private engagements, he was obliged to absent himself for a considerable portion of the evening to fulfil one of these latter engagements in the north of London. The instrumental soloists were Signor Rocco Presano (violin) and Mr. G. W. Cramp (bassoon).

The following brethren were among the visitors present: Bros. S. Kirk, J.W. 1716; R. J. Lees, 2012; W. Beard, P.M. 946, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Cartland, 913; E. Johnson, P.M. 140; D. Annan, D.C. 1804; A. Tremaine, W.M. elect 90, P.G.S.B. Surrey; S. Wright, I.G. 231; Thos. Richards, 1901; H. W. Schartau, 1549, P.G. Org.; and C. F. Treble, 201.

The next meeting of the lodge will also be an important one. On the 7th February the lodge and chapter together are to give a ladies' night, which will be celebrated by a ball at Freemasons' Hall to commemorate the inauguration of the new chapter. Bro. E. A. Hamlyn is the honorary Secretary to the Ball Committee.

**St. Alban's Lodge (No. 29).**—This ancient lodge held its annual installation meeting at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 13th inst. The members present were Bros. John W. Green, P.G.S., W.M.; Fredk. Burgess, G. Stwd., S.W.; F. Farnan, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; S. W. Nutt, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; J. H. Waterlow, S.D.; G. A. Pickering, J.D.; Nelson Reed, I.G.; Edward Terry, P.M., G. Treas.; Harry W. Hunt, P.M.; J. W. P. Farnfield, P.M.; D. de L. Cohen; J. N. Clark; and Walter Emden, P.M. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.D.; G. Kelly, P.G.S.B.; F. W. Faulkner, 475; O. P. Keeling, W.M. 1671; J. Hunter Jones, 332; J. B. Davison, S.D. 18; A. Austin, 1319; H. Birks, 3; H. Wilkinson, 9; Wm. Austin, W.M. 475; E. Thompson, 185; H. W. Schartau, Prov. G. Org. Middx.; T. Coates, 1922; C. Ackerman, 1706; P. L. Waterlow, 1491; C. Jefferies; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been formally opened, Bro. Edward Terry, G. Treasurer, assumed the chair and installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Fredk. Burgess, who appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. J. Langridge, P.M., S.W.; J. H. Waterlow, P.M., J.W.; S. W. Nutt, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; F. Farnan, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; George Pickering, S.D.; Nelson Reed, P.M., J.D.; D. de Lara Cohen, I.G. The Installing Master, Bro. E. Terry, G. Treas., delivered the usual addresses, and a joining member having been proposed, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then enjoyed an excellent banquet, after which the customary toasts were given with commendable brevity, and those present were enabled to enjoy an admirable programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Wm. Coates, assisted by Miss Agnes Larkcom, Madame Anna Lang, and Bros. H. W. Schartau, Chas. Ackerman, and J. Jefferies.

Bro. G. Kelly, P.G.S.B., in response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," acknowledged the kindness and good feeling always expressed by the Craft towards that body. To say anything of the Pro and Dep. Grand Masters was quite unnecessary, for they were so well known and esteemed throughout the Craft as they were throughout the land. For the rest of the Grand Officers he could say, as far as his own experience went, which extended over 35 years, he had never yet met a member of Grand Lodge who had had the honour conferred upon him who had proved himself to be otherwise than most worthy of it. The M.W.G.M. had at all times used a wise discretion in the appointment of Grand Officers. As there were other voices to follow, which would be more agreeable to the brethren, he would simply express the great gratification it had afforded him to be present and the pleasure with which he had seen the W.M. installed.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., also replied, and said he

had known the W.M. for many years, having worked with him in a good old lodge 24 years ago. He was pleased to see the W.M. installed that night in such an old lodge. He had to thank them for their great kindness and hospitality, and also for the kind manner in which the health of the Grand Officers had been received.

Bro. John W. Green, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W. Master" of their ancient and honourable lodge, said he regretted the toast did not fall into abler hands, for he was no speechmaker. He was sure, from the admirable manner in which Bro. Burgess had commenced his duties, that it augured well for the future, and it went without saying that they wished him a successful year of office. It had been his good fortune to know the W.M. for six or seven years, and he knew that Bro. Burgess was made of the right stuff to make a thoroughly good W. Master. He had never had greater confidence in recommending a brother to a lodge as its W.M., and they all hoped he would have health and strength during his year.

Bro. Fredk. Burgess, G. Stwd., W.M., returned sincere thanks to the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and to the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. He regretted his voice was not powerful enough to express all he wished that evening. All he could say was that he felt highly flattered by the brethren having done him the distinguished honour of placing him in the chair of K.S., and he would use his utmost endeavour to uphold the honour and dignity of this ancient and honourable lodge. He hoped he should have plenty of work to prove to them how fervent he was in the cause of Masonry. He thanked them one and all most sincerely for the manner in which they had drunk his health. Before he sat down he had a pleasurable task to perform, and he wished he had the necessary flow of language to do it adequate justice. It was to propose "The Health and long life of their I.P.M." There was no member who was held in higher esteem than the I.P.M., for to know him was to know a good Mason, a good man, and a most sincere friend.

Bro. John W. Green, I.P.M., after returning thanks, said he was not one of those Masons who could go through all the ritual faultlessly, but there was one thing he yielded to no Mason in, and that was his love and good feeling for Freemasonry. He had been a Mason nearly 22 years, and from the time he entered it he thought there was a great deal of good to be learned, for if it meant anything it meant practical charity. He had endeavoured in his humble way to carry out that, and he had to thank them that evening for the kind way they had received him.

In proposing "The Visitor," the W.M. said it was one of the great points of their lodge to extend hospitality to their brethren in the Craft, and on behalf of the members he offered the most hearty and sincere welcome possible to every visiting brother present.

Bro. W. Austin, W.M. 475, said it afforded him very great pleasure to have another opportunity of enjoying the hospitality of this lodge. He had the most pleasurable recollection of his last visit, and he hoped he should be enabled to enjoy their hospitality again, for it was of the most delightful description. The I.P.M. was an excellent fellow as a schoolfellow, and was an excellent friend as a man and a Mason. He was delighted to find that brother was regarded with the same good feeling as in his mother lodge, the St. John the Baptist Lodge.

Bro. A. Austin, 1319, also responded. Bros. Nutt, P.M., P.G.S.; Farnan, P.M., Treas., P.G.S.; and Hunt, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," after which,

The W.M. gave "The Officers," and said he was exceedingly fortunate in having during his year, brethren of position in the Craft as his officers.

Bro. J. H. Waterlow, P.M., J.W., returned thanks, and said he felt it a great treat to be placed in the J.W.'s chair of so ancient and distinguished a lodge, as it was a stepping-stone to higher honours, as they had seen in the past, and he trusted would be in the future. The officers would do all in their power during the coming year to make the W.M.'s term of office a successful one.

The Tyler's toast then closed a happy and thoroughly enjoyable evening.

**Royal Jubilee Lodge (No. 72).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 6th inst., when after the minutes had been read and confirmed, three brethren were passed in a very able manner by the W.M., Bro. W. E. Abrahams. Bro. E. Walker, P.M., then took the chair, and installed Bro. E. W. Lewcock as W.M. for the ensuing year in a very impressive manner. The W.M. invested the officers as follows: Bros. W. E. Abrahams, I.P.M.; W. R. Russell, S.W.; J. Reid, J.W.; F. Dunn, P.M., Treas.; A. Darch, P.M., Sec.; J. Braham, S.D.; G. Horton, J.D.; C. F. Williams, I.G.; J. N. Hate, P.M., D.C.; E. Weekley, A.D.C.; F. H. Williams and W. Smith, Stewards; T. H. Fairhead, Asst. Sec.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. The Installing Master ably gave the addresses, after which the W.M. initiated two candidates.

All Masonic business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where they were served with an excellent repast.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts interspersed with some excellent harmony were duly honoured.

The I.P.M. was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, and a most enjoyable and successful evening was spent.

**Domestic Lodge (No. 177).** The Domestic Lodge met on the 10th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, with a good list of business on the summons, consisting of a raising, two initiations, and the installation of a new W.M. Bro. Richard Harvey, the W.M., presided, and there were present, among others, Bros. H. J. Chapman, P.M.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; Harry Price, P.M.; I. Buscall, P.M.; T. McLean, P.M.; P. Pierpoint, P.M.; Wm. Foxcroft, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; J. E. Walford, P.M.; G. Everett, P.M., Treas.; and the following visitors: Bros. F. Voller, 754; J. Robertson, 2308; J. Oldis, P.M. 1288; J. T. Salmon, P.M. 917; H. Marks, P.M. 1349; H. Black, P.M. 1273; J. T. Davies, 1348; A. Woods, 1185; J. Speller, S.D. 1677; A. Booth Hearn, 20; H. Morris, I.P.M. 1273; W. H. Liddall, J.W. 45; H. Oliver, S.D. 820; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. Hill, P.M. and Treas. 1658, 2266, 2182, P.G.S.B. Surrey; G. B. Wood, A.D.C. 1580; D. J. Williams, 553 (S.C.); C. Holder, 2030; R. W. Hunter, W.M. 1685; J. Lane, P.M. 1269; R. A. Lebbings, 1685 and 2063; F. Joule, 172; H. Comoy, 87; W. Holmes, I.G. 1364; T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507;

W. Voyt, J.D. 55; R. Beer, 2304; H. Jenkins, W.M. 860; G. Covell, W.M. 754; W. Roots, W.M. 1273; F. J. Fox, W.M. 172; T. Hastings Miller, W.M. 2192; J. Reed, 1257; T. Nettlefold, P.M. 1559; J. R. Dult, S.D. 145; H. S. Pearce, P.M. 1672; A. Banks, 2308; E. H. Thellay, 2060, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; J. J. Loughborough, P.M. 140; R. J. Hardey, P.M. 871; J. F. Cork, 158; H. C. Turner, S.W. 1603; F. M. Newton, J.D. 90; H. J. Deaton, S.D. 25; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; and F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.

The W.M. raised Bro. J. C. White, and afterwards installed in splendid style Bro. N. Salmon, S.W. and W.M. elect. The brethren invested as his officers for the year were Bros. T. B. Goodfellow, S.W.; E. A. Smith, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; A. Piper, S.D.; John Barnett, J.D.; W. E. Wigmore, I.G.; G. Gardner, D.C.; T. H. Hobbs, Steward; Carl Riechelmann, Org.; and Walkley, Tyler. After the delivery of the charges by Bro. Harvey, I.P.M., the W.M. commenced his work for the year by initiating fluently and impressively Messrs. H. W. Locks and R. H. Harris. He afterwards presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Harvey, which that brother cordially acknowledged.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a nice banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," said that during the time his Royal Highness had been Grand Master, Masonry had so advanced, both in the number of its lodges and the number of its members, that it needed no words of his to commend to the brethren's notice that toast he now proposed.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., responded to the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and, in the course of his remarks, said that the list of Grand Officers comprised in it brethren of the highest order in all the ranks of life, and he did not know that they could find any set of men who exhibited better the spirit and the body of Masonry. They had promoted the best interests of the Order, and had well seconded the work of the Grand Master. For himself, he might say he was one of the Grand Officers not appointed by the Grand Master; but he had the privilege—and a grand privilege it was—of being the elect of the body of Freemasons. Without derogating in the slightest degree from the honours of the other Grand Officers who received their appointments at the hands of the Grand Master, he felt that being the elect of hundreds of thousands was a higher honour. He had a large number of friends in the Domestic Lodge, and they greatly assisted at his election. He hoped in another year to see a member of the Domestic Lodge (Bro. George Everett) as Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Harvey, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said that from the way in which Bro. Salmon had conducted the business of the lodge that evening, the brethren would conclude from the ability with which the W.M. had initiated the candidate that he had fully borne out what he (Bro. Harvey) had told the brethren at the election of W.M., that he would be a Master who was good and true, and who would do good suit and service to the Domestic Lodge, and also do good to himself.

The W.M., in responding, said the brethren had elected him to fill the post of W.M. of the Domestic Lodge. He felt that the great duties that were placed upon him, for they had so many able and good working Masters, that it was a very serious matter for a brother to take the position of W.M. of the Domestic Lodge. But after the very kind remarks of the I.P.M. as to the manner in which he had done that evening what little he had to do that he felt a little inspired to go on. He hoped he should be able to satisfy the brethren, and that at the end of his year of office they would be able to say they had not done wrong in putting Bro. Salmon in the chair of W.M. of the Domestic Lodge.

The W.M., giving "The Initiates," said the lodge had two initiates that evening who would do credit to the Domestic Lodge. From the way they listened to the ceremony, he was sure they were impressed with what they had gone through. He hoped they would take that interest in it which would enable them to get into his position. He remembered a remark of Bro. Spink, P.M., to Bro. White, P.M., when he (Bro. Salmon) was initiated. He said "will you drink with me to our future W.M." It was said in a joke, not thinking it would ever come to anything in time. However, he (the W.M.) desired that the initiates might arrive at the chair of the lodge.

Both the initiates responded, and said they would try to be thoroughly in earnest, and honest, always striving to do their best.

In giving "The Charities," the W.M. said most of the brethren knew the amount of good that was done by the Masonic Charities—the Old Peoples' Institution, the Girls' Institution, and the Boys' Institution—how they fostered in their old age those Masons who had fallen into distress, how it helped them in their old age to go on and have a few of the blessings of this life. There was also the Girls' School which took care of and educated daughters of Masons who had been in prosperity, but that evening he wished particularly to mention the Boys' Institution. Lately it had gone through a great deal of criticism and trouble, but he hoped it would be like a good ship and weather the storm, and come round again. He wanted the brethren to think particularly of the Boys' School this year, as, by the proposal of Bro. Everett and the brethren's votes, he should go up as Steward at the festival of the Institution. He hoped the brethren would assist him with such a sum that the Domestic Lodge might well be proud of. A great many boys were sent out into the world from that Institution educated in a way that they perhaps would not have been if it had not been for the opportunity afforded by that Institution. He knew several to whom it had been a great boon, and to whom it had been a start in life. He should call on Bro. Binckes to respond to the toast, which was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. Binckes, who, on rising, obtained a most flattering and enthusiastic reception, in reply, said it was just possible that in a very numerous assemblage such as that he had the honour of addressing, composed not only of members of the Domestic Lodge, but largely of visitors representing various other lodges, bearing in mind the circumstances to which the W.M. had just alluded, they might fancy he rose to respond with feelings partaking both of delicacy and diffidence, but he assured them he was actuated by neither one nor the other, and simply for this reason, that he accepted the toast as one proposed with due regard to its comprehensive spirit, and entirely removed from any



personal application whatever, while at the same time he had no hesitation in stating that on no previous visit of his to any lodges during the whole course of his service, extending over 30 years, had he ever had more reason to express his sincere feeling of gratitude for the warmth of the reception which had been accorded to him personally that evening. He assured the W.M. and brethren that he felt extremely gratified and grateful, and he fully appreciated the welcome to an extent that words failed him adequately to express. He would not for a single instant allow himself to go into particulars, or to say one word to the brethren of a controversial nature, or that would give rise to any feeling of difference. The toast proposed was one that always had been, was now, and he was perfectly assured always would be, acceptable to the heart and mind of every Mason—"Success and Prosperity to our great Masonic Institutions." There might well be difference of opinion as to the mode in which either of the Masonic Institutions, or other institutions might be administered, but if it be the toast (and the W.M. had stated it to them already, and he, Bro. Binckes, could only endorse as others had done what the W.M. had said) that even for the sake of argument, admitting that there were faults in the Institution, as there were spots on the grand illuminary of nature, what had been the results of the Masonic Educational Institutions to say nothing of the Benevolent Institution for a moment. They had sent into the world if fitted for any position which they might have to occupy, both boys and girls, who, but for the benefits of these Institutions, would have been altogether neglected and uncared for. With all the faults of the Institution, he could point to an enormous record, he had memorials, letters after letters, both from parents and from the boys themselves, and in the Old Masonians' Institution, and from statements he had received from others, the warmest testimony borne to the way in which the ex-pupils performed their duties, and in their higher walks of life, owing entirely to the training in the Institution. He had been often and repeatedly told that it was bad logic to argue from results. If that was so, then he said he was no logician. He would argue from results, if the results to their supporters was good, whatever fault there was in the administration of the Institution, the whole system could not be bad. Those connected with the Institution were Stewards for the large amount of funds the brethren for a long time had been supplying them with. In the Domestic Lodge he had two reasons to be grateful; first, the lodge in the exercise of its discretion had thought proper to take into consideration the circumstances of the Boys' School: it had gone through its usual rotation, yet it had come to the determination to give its support to the Boys' School next June. He could only return to the lodge and to the brother at whose suggestion it was made, the heartfelt thanks of the Institution of which he was still the official representative for that wise discretion, and to the W.M. for having undertaken the duties of Steward. The Domestic Lodge had been a supporter of all the Institutions, it had taken a prominent place in its liberal generosity in all the Institutions, of which there were three, the oldest was the Girls, which had in it now 264 daughters of Freemasons; the next in age was the Boys, in which there were 263 sons of Freemasons; and the youngest Institution was the Benevolent, which had upon its books between 400 and 500 annuitants of both sexes. Here were practically 1000 persons—an enormous army of distress that could look to Freemasonry alone for that support which they needed. Just one other observation with regard to Masonry's great principles. There were three pillars which represented wisdom, strength, and beauty, and these fundamental principles on which the Order was founded, faith, hope, and charity. How nearly they ran together. There might be, and there was wisdom in faith, there should be strength in hope, there was beauty in charity. Faith, hope, and charity—those three were the fundamental principles of the Order; but, as the brethren knew, they had been told in language far higher than he could use, and more eloquent—"the greatest of these is Charity." Whether this might be the last time or not that he might have the honour of appearing to the members of the Domestic Lodge and its visitors, there was no period of his life when he felt himself so thoroughly warmed up for the realisation of the great animating spirit of Masonry to support their great Charities, and he would to God, that having done that thing, should never forget that whatever might be the faults and failings of their brethren, that Charity which told them they ought to drop a tear of sympathy for the failings of a brother, while they were equally bound to pour the healing balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted. He hoped that the prestige already attained by the Domestic Lodge would be maintained at the next anniversary festival of the Boys' School, that the W.M. of the Domestic Lodge would go up with a list which would manifest their support to the Institution in its hour of trial, and prove to the world that the reputation attained by this lodge in the past—great and important as it was—that whatever had been done in the past would be excelled in the future.

Bros. Hastings Miller, H. Jenkins, W. Roots, R. W. Hunter, E. H. Thiellay, and Herbert Black responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Harvey, I.P.M., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters," and said that though he was not quite satisfied with his performance of the ceremony of installation that evening, as the brethren had expressed their satisfaction, he felt fully repaid for his efforts.

Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treasurer, in replying to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said the W.M. had told the brethren that he (the Treasurer) was mindful of the comforts of the brethren, and also mindful of the Charities. In both cases the W.M. had spoken the truth. It was quite a labour of love. Although the lodge had 140 members they all pulled one way. There was no such thing as discord among them. When he suggested anything for the good of the lodge, he was always supported by the lodge. This made things very happy and pleasant, and he was proud to occupy, year after year, the position of Treasurer of the lodge. Working for the Charities, he could not help saying how glad he was to see Bro. Binckes present that evening, and that the brethren gave him such a kind and cordial reception. Troublous times had come upon him lately, he had been treated in a manner he did not at all deserve, and he thought it would do Bro. Binckes' heart good to think that a lodge as old as the Domestic, and which knew Masonic affairs as well as any, gave him such a hearty reception. They did not forget that for 28 years Bro. Binckes had occupied the position of Secretary of the Boys' School. When he first became Secretary the three Institutions were little tiny things; what mammoth things they have grown to now! They knew that Bro. Binckes had been the

pioneer of the success of all three Institutions, and he regretted very sincerely that persons who knew so little about it could have acted as they had acted. It must be gratifying to Bro. Binckes to think that the Domestic Lodge took the proper view of things, and that they appreciated what he had done in the past. He hoped they would stand by Bro. Binckes in the future. He must say that, because he himself knew a great deal about Bro. Binckes, and what he had done, and he could take a dispassionate view of the matter. In conclusion he congratulated the lodge on having one of the children of the lodge in the chair, a brother who had risen step by step. He wished him a very good year, and that the lodge might continue to give 25 guineas every year to each Charity in its turn, and yet enjoy itself.

The remaining toasts were given and responded to, and the Tyler's toast closed the evening.

Under the direction of Bro. Riechelmann, an excellent programme of music was performed by Madame Riechelmann, Miss Megan Jones, Mr. Musgrove Tufnail, and Mr. Trefelyn David.

**Joppa Lodge (No. 188).**—This centenary lodge held its installation meeting on Monday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. I. Botibol, W.M., presiding. The brethren present included Bros. A. G. Dodson, P.M.; Lewis, Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M.; Wall, P.M.; and George Lion, P.M. The visitors were Bros. C. F. Hogard, W.M. 205, P.G.S.B.; Frank Herold, P.M. 1056; Kinnell, 392; Lancaster, W.M. 1668; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Minns, 1288; Sly, 79, W.M. 1219; and Price, 186.

The installation of the new W.M. was the only ceremony to be transacted, and after the opening of the lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. A. G. Dodson, P.M., was requested to take the chair. This having been done, Bro. W. J. Gardner, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to him to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Dodson thereupon duly installed Bro. Gardner, who was afterwards saluted in the different Degrees. The following brethren were then constituted the lodge officers for the current year: Bros. A. Botibol, S.W.; Harry Lazarus, J.W.; Garrad, S.D.; Ansell, J.D.; Cohen, I.G.; Roco, Chap.; Lyon, Treas.; Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; Dodson, D.C.; Onken, A.D.C.; Davy and Seigenberg, Stwds.; and Gaskell, Tyler. The death of a brother was announced, the information causing general regret, and an expression of sympathy was also conveyed to Bro. Lyon, Treas., who, through illness, was unable to be present.

The banquet was afterwards served, and the hospitality of the lodge was prolonged until midnight. Some beautiful music enlivening the proceedings. The performers were Miss Emily Davies, Miss Mildred Dubois, Mr. Trefelyn David, Bros. Henry Prenton and Lovett King. The programme was under the direction of Bro. Henry Prenton.

The usual list of toasts was observed.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Queen and the Craft," mentioned among other points in which the Craft revered her Majesty was that she was the mother of the M.W.G.M.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M.," the W.M. referred to the great interest the Prince of Wales took in Masonry, and to the good work he did, knowing all the intricacies of the general action of the Craft.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," gave the W.M. the opportunity of saying that the very fact of the Craft having men of such high standing as the Grand Officers to accept positions in the Order, showed that Masonry must be popular with all classes of society, and while they had men of their standing among them, there was very little fear that Masonry would degenerate. Bro. Hogard, P.G.S.B., responded, and said it had been the custom for many years, and he hoped it would continue for each of what were called sister lodges, to unite the Masters of the other sister lodges to be present at the installation meetings. It was an excellent system, as it held those lodges in closer communion and firmer friendship, and led to an interchange of ideas, and a cementing of the ties which bound them together.

Bro. Botibol, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and hoped all the brethren would help to make his year of office the most successful any Master of the Joppa Lodge had had. He had the honour of knowing him many years, and he had watched him, and he was sure they could not have found a better Master if they had searched London through.

The W.M. said he came into the chair with the firm determination to do his duty to the lodge and the brethren. He was not going to interfere in any way with the lodge's customs and usages, but he was going to maintain them. The brethren had promised him their assistance. If they would do so, the good old Lodge of Joppa would go on prospering. If the lodge was less in numbers than it used to be it was not less in quality. It had good men in it now and the question was whether, with the good men it now possessed, it was not better off than when it had larger numbers. It was now a good, sound lodge; pray let them keep it so. Let them bring in good blood who would love Masonry for Masonry's sake.

The W.M. next gave "The I.P.M., Bro. I. Botibol." He said he had known Bro. Botibol as long as almost any brother in the lodge, and he had found him during the whole of that time one of the largest hearted, best disposed men he had ever met in Masonry. It had been his office more than once to go to Bro. Botibol and ask his aid for a brother in distress. He had always got but one answer—"Put me down for whatever others have given"—sometimes more. The W.M. then presented Bro. Botibol with a valuable Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge, and contributed to by the individual members, stating that he hoped it would pass down to his children's children as an heirloom from generation to generation.

Bro. Botibol, in thanking the W.M. for the sentiments he had given expression to, said he should never forget that evening.

Bros. Herold and Mills responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Dodson, replying to the toast of "The Installing Master," said he had performed the ceremony of installation because the I.P.M. did not feel quite up to the work, but he was of opinion that there should not be in a lodge one brother who was known as the Installing Master. Every Master ought to install his successor, and his work was not complete unless he did so. A Master ought to be proud to install his successor.

"The Joppa Benevolent Fund" was the next toast, in giving which the W.M. said he hoped none of the brethren would want its assistance, but if they did, then it was for them. Those who were on the Board knew that the Board were never backward in giving to a worthy man. The instances were rare in which assistance was refused. He asked the brethren to add to the fund that evening.

Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec., announced subscriptions to the amount of £13 8s. 6d. He said the largest sum ever contributed in one evening was £35. The fund was established in 1840, and the Lodge of Joppa was the first lodge to establish such a fund. There had been many calls on it, and a large amount had been given away. There had been as much as £1400 in the fund, but it was now reduced to £819.

Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Past Masters," and stated that all the Past Masters were pleased to see Bro. Gardner in the chair of the lodge, and he congratulated himself on giving him his first office in the lodge.

The W.M. gave a special toast for Bro. Solomon, who was initiated in the lodge in 1846 and had continued a member ever since, though he had not been in the lodge for 20 years. His cheque, however, came regularly. He hoped that Bro. Solomon would come among them very often now.

Bro. Solomon expressed his great pleasure with the beautiful way in which he had been entertained that evening, and regretted that he had lost so many opportunities of enjoying himself. He hoped he would be with the brethren many times in future. He had been a member of the lodge 44 years. He had visited many lodges, but the Lodge of Joppa would bear comparison with any of them.

The W.M., in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," regretted the cause of Bro. Lyon's absence.

Bro. L. Lazarus, P.M. and Secretary, replied, and said he had great pleasure in doing his work, and he would always endeavour to do the best he could.

All the officers responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

**Eclectic Lodge (No. 1201).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 10th instant, when there was a good attendance of brethren to welcome the coming and speed the retiring W.M. The brethren present were Bros. J. Leach Barrett, W.M.; C. H. Chaffourier, S.W.; R. Harvey Lyons, J.W.; A. E. Taylor, P.P.G.S. of W. Surrey, Sec.; Wm. Surridge, S.D.; L. D. Anley, J.D.; J. H. Haworth, D.C.; J. Richardson, Org.; Herbert P. Anley, Stwd.; J. H. Watts, P.M.; E. W. Saul, P.M.; Jas. Amsden, P.M.; W. Paddle, P.M.; W. Lunday, P.M.; J. Lloyd, P.M.; J. Pedlar, J. Brodrick, T. Kestall, E. Jourden, W. H. Hawkins, S. H. Lloyd, J. R. Davis, A. Reside, T. Pellant, and M. A. Bontroy. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; J. White, 1987; J. H. Gaskin, W.M. 1847; J. K. Pitt, P.M. 1163; P. L. Simmonds, P.M. 1159; J. H. Passmore, 2205; J. A. Cartley, P.M. 205; G. Goldspink, P.M. 1433; A. W. Taylor, 379; Egbert Roberts, P.M. 917; F. W. Norris, 733; H. W. Parker, A.D.C. 2048; David Hill, 185; W. Bensit, 2060; W. E. Ransford, 12; Irving Montague, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Schubarth, 704; G. Mullin, 332; G. L. Trew, T. Cope Allingham, P.M. 858; S. C. Scharbridt, W.M. 2205; F. J. Ingram, 742; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge being opened, and the preliminary business disposed of, Bro. Barrett, W.M., installed Bro. C. H. Chaffourier as W. Master for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. R. Harvey Lyons, S.W.; W. A. Surridge, J.W.; J. L. Barrett, I.P.M.; J. Mander, P.M.; Treas.; Arthur E. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Surrey, Sec.; Le V. D. Anley, S.D.; J. H. Haworth, J.D.; C. J. Richardson, P.M., Org.; H. P. Anley, I.G.; G. W. Saul, P.M., and R. Jourden, Stwds.; Dr. S. Lloyd, P.M., D.C.; A. Reside, A.D.C.; and Potter, Tyler. In investing Bro. Saul, P.M., as Steward, the W.M., congratulated that brother on his re-entry amongst them after his serious accident, and thanked him for consenting to accept office. Bro. Saul, P.M., sincerely thanked the brethren for the sympathy and kindness shown towards him during his illness. The addresses to the W.M., Officers, and brethren, were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. J. L. Barrett, I.P.M. The W.M. presented the lodge with two handsome globes, the gift being heartily acknowledged by a cordial vote of thanks.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a banquet was served.

The usual toasts were afterwards honoured—"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G. Master" meeting with a hearty reception.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Grand Officers," referred to that body as the House of Lords of Freemasonry, and said they were honoured that evening with the presence of one of that noble House—his worthy and esteemed friend, Bro. Matier, P.G.S.B., to whom he should entrust the care of responding to the toast. As to the beautiful ritual taught them, that some must govern, and and some learn to obey, it was only those who by dint of perseverance and hard work in Masonry and everything appertaining thereto who could attain to the rank of Grand Officer.

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B., in reply, said there could not be the slightest doubt that the position of a Grand Officer was a most honourable one, but at certain times, as at the present moment, it carried with it a certain uncomfortable feeling when one felt himself the only representative of what the W.M. had eloquently termed the House of Lords. On that occasion he saw but two courses before him. One was to make a short speech, and thereby fail in his duty to those of eminence and distinction who carried on the work of the Grand Officers. The other course was to make a long speech, lasting for hours, and thereby earning their hatred. He would therefore ask them to take the will for the deed, and let him assure them that every Grand Officer, in his humble person, was obliged for the way the toast had been proposed and received. He trusted the W.M., who was a very dear old friend and a co-worker with him in another lodge, would have a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. J. L. Barrett, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said it was not only the toast of the evening, but the toast of the year. That night for the first time they had Bro. Chaffourier in the chair of that lodge, and the toast he had to propose was success, prosperity, and health to him during his term of office. He (the I.P.M.) did not like to flatter too much, but if he tried he could not flatter

Bro. Chauffourier. For three years he had been working with him, and there had not been a meeting of their lodge during that period, but their present W.M. had been consulted, and had thrown his whole interest into the affairs of the lodge. Very few of the brethren knew how much time had been spent and energy given by the W.M. in order to promote the prosperity of the Eclectic Lodge. He hoped the W.M. would find that those whom he had worked with and helped, and who had now passed the chair, would assist and help him during his year in the chair. He trusted Bro. Chauffourier would have as happy a term of office as he had had, and that he would leave the chair feeling he had the affection of all the members. Their W.M. was also S.W. and founder of the Pegasus Lodge, a member of the Rose Croix, M.P.S. Plantagenet Conclave of the Red Cross, M.O. of a Mark lodge, G. of a Royal Ark Mariners lodge, and in the chair of a Secret Monitor Conclave. They had therefore a good and enthusiastic Mason in the chair, who would do all in his power to promote the prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. C. H. Chauffourier, W.M., having thanked the I.P.M. and the brethren for the proposition and reception of the toast, said he thought the I.P.M. had been a little too eulogistic in speaking of him. He had done his best in the offices he had held, but had only done his duty. He should try to do his best during the coming year. He had had before him a most brilliant example which he would do his best to follow. The I.P.M. had spoken very kindly of him, and he would return the compliment by presenting Bro. Barrett, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge. No brother was more entitled to wear that jewel than the I.P.M., and they all hoped he would live long to wear it. He had also a pleasing duty to perform in presenting and investing Bro. Forman, P.M., with a Past Master's collar and jewel. He could speak of that brother in terms he could not explain to others, as Bro. Forman was his father in Masonry, but he hoped Bro. Forman's Masonic son would never disgrace him, for he owed it to him that he was in the chair of the lodge that night. After these little pleasurable departures he would again ask them to accept his best thanks.

Bro. Gartley, P.M. 203, replying for "The Visitors," returned thanks on their behalf for the hospitality they had received. He also thanked the W.M. for having invited him, and assured him he had enjoyed himself to the utmost. In the Israel Lodge they prided themselves on their work, and he had enjoyed the work that night very much. He had seen the I.P.M. work on many occasions, and knew his ability.

Bro. Irving Montagu, P.P.S.G.W., also responded, and said he spoke from his heart when he said the welcome he had received that night would remain with him for many years. He had noticed that in that lodge there was a genuine good fellowship, which was remarkable even for Masonry, and that was saying a good deal.

Bro. J. L. Barrett, I.P.M., in reply to the toast of "The Installing Master," given in cordial terms from the chair, said he had a double duty to perform, but he had first to thank the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received his health. He was conscious of many failures during his year, but knowing the kindly feeling they had towards him, he was certain they would believe he had done his best, and hoped it had been for the advantage of the lodge. He would ask them to think of the little he had done, and think of him in the future as they had in the past. He would not take the jewel he wore simply as a gift from the lodge, but as coming from every member of it, and every time he put it on—and he should never go into a lodge without it—he should think of their kindness and good wishes. Once more he asked them to accept his warmest thanks, not only for their kindness that night, but during his year, and he assured them that his interest in the lodge was greater that evening than ever it was.

Bros. Paddle, P.M., and Forman, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters," and the other toasts given were "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast closed a happy evening.

During the evening the following brethren contributed to the enjoyment of those present by some excellent musical selections: Bros. Egbert Roberts, P.M.; A. E. Taylor, P.M.; Forman, P.M.; Baker, Schubert, and Richardson, Org.

**Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).**—This popular transpontine lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 6th inst. Among those present were Bros. Foalé, W.M.; W. W. Westley, S.W.; Hearn, acting J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; J. La Feuillade, S.D.; Dennis, J.D.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; Lingley, P.M.; Burrows, Buxton, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Harry Price, P.M. 177, W.M. 2308; and Bilney, 901.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. G. Everson was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. John Henry Waller, and it proving to be unanimous, he was initiated by Bro. R. La Feuillade, P.M. The ballot was also taken, as a joining member, for Bro. George Pim, late of 1381. Bro. W. W. Westley, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. George Everett re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Reinardt re-elected Tyler for the year ensuing. The Audit Committee were then elected to audit the accounts on the 20th inst. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. Bro. G. Everett gave a notice of motion that a sum of money should be voted towards the proposed indemnity fund for Bro. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bros. C. H. Köhler, P.M.; Plowman, P.M.; Burn, Org.; and others, sent letters of apology for non-attendance.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served by Bro. Buxton most admirably.

In consequence of the W.M.'s indisposition, the toasts were shorn of their fair proportions, but instrumental and vocal harmony was very much *en evidence*.

Bro. Harry Price acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors" in a neat and happy speech.

Bros. Lingley, I.P.M., and Capt. Walls responded on behalf of "The Past Masters;" Bro. Stuart for "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bro. Westley for "The W.M. elect and Officers." The proceedings then terminated.

**Islington Lodge (No. 1471).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, under somewhat depressing circumstances. The W.M., Bro. H. Hunt, and the I.P.M., Bro. John Petch, were unable to be present, being confined to their rooms through illness. Bro. Harding, S.D., was absent on account of the death of a near relative, and other officers and brethren were absent through ailments more or less acute. The meeting is generally a largely attended one, but on this occasion the attendance was but small. Bro. John L. Mather, P.M., P.A.G.D. of C., occupied the chair as W.M., there being also present Bros. S. Napper, S.W.; J. M. Scarlett, J.W.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; R. Loomes, acting as Deacon; C. M. Coxon, I.G.; G. Couchman, Tyler; D. P. Holness, P.M.; H. Cox, P.M., B.P.G.S. of W. Herts; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; J. Amand, C. Horst, G. E. Walker, C. Hiller, J. H. Sheldrake, A. Fearnhead, C. Isler, W. G. Hiller, C. Weber, C. Chapman, D. C. Ritchie, C. H. Stevenson, and F. Simmonds. The visitors present were Bros. T. C. Berg, P.M. 1613; F. Cakebread, 1178; H. S. Trego, Org. 1839; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Walker and Amand were passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Sidney Napper, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D. of C., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the lodge. Bro. G. Couchman was re-appointed Tyler. The Audit Committee was appointed to examine the account of the lodge. This completing the business, the lodge was closed.

After dinner had been discussed, the acting W.M., Bro. J. L. Mather, presiding, the usual toasts were given.

The W.M. elect, in replying to the toast of his health, thanked the brethren for having elected him to the honourable office of W.M. He expressed the interest he had always taken in the welfare of the lodge, and his intention to do all he could during his year of office to promote the welfare and the comfort of the brethren. He promised that nothing should be wanting on his part on the carrying out of the duties devolving on him to the satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec., in replying to the toast of his health, congratulated the brethren on the highly satisfactory financial position of the lodge, more especially with reference to the Benevolent Fund, which some 18 months ago, under Bro. Petch's Mastership, had been re-organised on a new basis.

Several songs were given in the course of the evening by Bros. C. Hiller, Amand, Isler, Loomes, Stevenson, and others.

**Duke of Cornwall Lodge (No. 1839).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. A. H. Jakins, W.M.; C. H. Cox, S.W.; J. T. Williams, J.W.; T. C. Corpe, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; J. Bladon, S.D.; J. Culver, J.D.; W. H. Lowry, Stwd.; Bowler, Tyler; H. Cattermole, P.M.; Boyton, Lambert, J. F. Perrins, W. T. Perrins, A. J. Dixie, Walker, Garrett, Heinekey, Ayres, Davies, and Gedde. Visitors: Bros. Clark, P.M. 2191; Howes, I.P.M. 1599; Carr, P.M. 1607; and Breasley, 1056.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a letter from Bro. Humphreys, candidate for passing, regretting inability to attend on account of suffering from influenza, as also a number of apologies from brethren suffering from the same epidemic, having been read, a ballot was taken for Mr. Walter Heath Gedde, of Marathon Lower Herbert River, North Queensland, for initiation, which proved unanimous, and that gentleman was duly initiated. A most hearty reception was given to that gentleman, he being a brother of a member of the lodge who came over from Queensland some three years ago for the purpose of being initiated into this lodge, afterwards returning from his visit to his mother country to permit of his brother to come over for a like purpose. A cordial welcome came was also given to another brother of the lodge, Bro. T. R. Ayres, on his return from a prolonged tour through South Africa in the quest of health, in which, judging from appearances, he had been eminently successful. A resumé of his journeyings, which he gave at some length, was exceedingly interesting. A hearty God speed was also tendered to a most popular brother and the I.P.M. of the lodge, Bro. Walter B. Marcus, on his leaving for a business tour through the Australian Colonies and the United States of America, wishing him every success in his journeyings and a safe return to his native country.

After the usual formal business was concluded, the brethren adjourned to banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**Chiswick Lodge (No. 2012).**—This lodge held its installation meeting on Monday last, at the Star and Garter Hotel, New Bridge, when a very large number of brethren attended to do honour to the occasion. At the early part of the afternoon, the W.M., the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, S.G.W., was unable to be present owing to his official duties, and in his absence the chair was taken by Bro. Geo. Gardner P.M. and Sec., and after successful ballots for two initiates and two joining members, he passed to the Second Degree Bros. Henry Wright and William Sedgewick Whiteley. Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas., afterwards took the chair, while Bro. Gardner proceeded to his duties as Secretary, which were very onerous. The brethren then cleared the paper of all other business than the installation. Lord George Hamilton arrived while this business was being conducted, and had a most flattering reception. The ceremony of installation had been entrusted to Bro. Dr. F. Lawrance, P.M., who found everything clear for him on his arrival, and a crowded lodge to receive him. Having assumed the chair there was presented to him by Bro. George Gardner, P.M., Bro. William Adams Dowling, S.W., and W.M. elect, Bro. H. Price, P.M., taking the S.W. chair, and Bro. Ferguson, P.M. 177, the chair of J.W. Bro. Dr. Lawrance forthwith proceeded to install Bro. Dowling, who afterwards invested the following brethren as his officers: Lord G. F. Hamilton, I.P.M.; Bros. John Brown, S.W.; Robert H. Wimpey, J.W.; Dr. Frederick Lawrance, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Gardner, P.M., Sec.; Frederick W. Walden, S.D.; Charles F. Hughes, J.D.; John Rowling, I.G.; Benjamin Kenyon, D.C.; William C. Dickey and Edward Wavell, Stwds.; Edward P. Delevanti, Organist; and Charles Patrick, P.M., Tyler. Accom-

panied by a highly flattering little speech, presentation was then made by the W.M. to Lord G. Hamilton, I.P.M., of a very handsome Past Master's jewel, which the I.P.M. accepted, acknowledging the kindness of the brethren to him while he had been a member of the lodge, and apologising for any interruption there might have been of the performance of his work in the lodge by his official duties. He assured the brethren, however, that he had always taken the greatest interest in the lodge, and that interest he should still feel. The W.M. then initiated in capital style Mr. George E. Margrate, of Hotel-road, Bristol, and was congratulated by the brethren on his excellent working.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual speeches followed.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was proposed by the W.M., and drunk with enthusiasm.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," said that Freemasonry under the direction of his Royal Highness had not only flourished, but it had made such rapid strides that it was now one of the first institutions in the world.

Bro. George Everett, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said the W.M. had permitted him the honour and the privilege of doing so, and he availed himself of that privilege with very considerable pleasure, feeling it was a toast which brought with it its own recommendation, and required few words from him to induce the brethren to drink it with heartiness and enthusiasm. Those of the brethren who were privileged to attend Grand Lodge would require little to be said with regard to the toast, but there were many then present who were not in that happy position, and consequently their knowledge of Grand Lodge and its officers was very limited. To them he would say the Grand Officers were not gentlemen they usually saw taking places at the hospitable board of the Chiswick Lodge, arrayed in purple and fine linen, they were useful as well as ornamental, and the fact of the high rank Freemasonry had attained in the world was in a large measure due to the way in which the Grand Officers conducted the business of Grand Lodge. With regard to Lord Carnarvon, the last important speech he made in Grand Lodge, on his return from Australia, had reference to the establishment of a Grand Lodge in that colony, and the brethren could see he had not lost that charm and grace with which he usually delighted the brethren, and that it still had the same happy persuasiveness which always carried Grand Lodge with him.

With respect to the Earl of Lathom, the brethren had not seen so much of him lately, because he was holding an important position in the service of the Queen, consequently, he had little time at his disposal. But when he did discharge his Masonic duties, he discharged them no less efficiently than the Earl of Carnarvon. He came now to one Grand Officer who was dear to the hearts of the brethren of the Chiswick Lodge, the Senior Grand Warden of England, Bro. Lord George Hamilton. He would have preferred to deal with Lord George Hamilton as I.P.M. of the Chiswick Lodge than as a Grand Officer, but his rank willed it otherwise. Lord George Hamilton occupied the position of S.G.W. of England, and there was not a brother in the lodge, or connected with the lodge, who did not feel the greatest gratification when the information came that the M.W.G.M. appointed him S.G.W. of England. They felt, as they had a right to feel, that it was an honour conferred on the lodge that its W.M. should occupy an important position in Grand Lodge. There was one other brother connected with the Grand Officers not present that night, but who was an honorary member—Col. Shadwell Clerke. Those who knew Col. Shadwell Clerke knew of his geniality, his kindheartedness, his courtesy, and that his advice and assistance, which were so much sought, were always given with readiness and kindness to all sorts and conditions of Masons, without distinction. Six years last November, he consecrated the Chiswick Lodge, and the brethren had not forgotten his many kindly acts and his advice given on that occasion. They then incurred a debt of gratitude to Col. Shadwell Clerke which it would be very difficult to wipe out.

Lord George Hamilton, S.G.W., in reply, said that Bro. Everett had remarked that he believed there were not many members of Grand Lodge present, but towards the close of Bro. Everett's speech it occurred to him (Lord George Hamilton) that he was the solitary blue-eyed youth who alone represented that body. He was a very junior member, for he only had the honour of being associated with the G. Officers in April last. He could, however, entirely endorse all Bro. Everett had said. He believed the Grand Officers were men of position and capacity; the executive officers certainly men of ability and energy; they distributed their charities with discrimination and benevolence, and he believed he might say the whole conduct of their business was deserving of the confidence of the vast body of which they were the administrative head. Bro. Everett, P.M., alluded to the fact that the Chiswick Lodge accepted with great gratification his (Lord G. Hamilton's) appointment as S.G.W. of England. He might say it came unexpectedly upon him; but it was a position they and he might be proud of, if it had not been that the Chiswick Lodge qualified him by making him its W.M., he should not, of course, have been in that position. As the evening was getting late, he would now propose "The Health of the W.M.," and he had a double gratification in doing so. The W.M. two years ago was good enough, when he was S.W. of the lodge, and was entitled to succeed to the chair, to give way to him. He frankly admitted to the brethren that he had a great objection to taking the duties of S.W. and Master of the lodge. His theory had always been that they should, if possible, avoid figure heads, and that they should make everybody who undertook duties thoroughly understand that they were to perform the duties they assumed, whether political, philanthropic, social, or Masonic. A man ought not to take a position in a lodge unless he was able. Therefore, it was reluctantly that he undertook the duties of S.W. and W.M., because he knew his political and other engagements would necessitate his being absent on occasions when he should be present, and that even when he was present he should not be able to discharge his duties as he could wish. Many brethren were good enough to say that his social and political position would be advantageous to the lodge. That might in a sense be true, and that being so, he accepted the office; but he was exceedingly glad he was succeeded by Bro. Dowling, who had worked his way up the ladder of Masonry, and had discharged punctiliously and con-



scientifically every duty he had undertaken. All those who were present after Bro. Dowling had been installed could say they rarely saw a W.M. for the first time he was in the chair forthwith thoroughly and regularly discharge his duty. He hoped that the initiate and the brethren in the higher grades would follow the W.M.'s example and not his (Lord G. Hamilton's). The lodge had been a great success, its numbers had largely increased, and its finances were satisfactory. This was mainly due to the efforts of the four or five brethren who sat on his left, Bros. Everett, Gardner, and Lawrence. The brethren must remember that they could not rely on having those brethren always with them. If they wanted to make a lodge thoroughly efficient, each brother must become efficient. Having such a brother in the W.M., it was with the greatest pleasure he proposed his health.

The W.M., in replying, said he was indeed obliged to Lord George Hamilton for the very flattering manner in which he had referred to him, and to the brethren for their cordial reception of his lordship's remarks. He could only tell the brethren that during his year of office he should do his very best to carry out the duties of the chair, his desire being at all times to give the brethren satisfaction, and to keep up the character of the Chiswick Lodge, which he considered at the present time one of the best of lodges. Surrounded as he was by such good Past Masters and officers, his duties would be a pleasure.

The other toasts were given at a late hour.

A selection of music was performed during the evening under the direction of Bro. Edward P. Delevanti, Organist of the lodge, by Miss Florence Hamilton, Miss Lizzie Holmes, Bro. John Bartlett, and Mr. Fred Searle.

**Richmond Lodge (No. 2032).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. The usual meeting place is the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, but the Lodge of Harmony which also meets at that hostelry has its regular meeting fixed for the Tuesday nearest to the full moon, which this year necessitated the Richmond Lodge holding the meeting under notice elsewhere, a dispensation being obtained for the purpose of the temporary removal to Kew Bridge. There was a good attendance of members, the brethren present including Bros. Hy. Sapsworth, W.M.; E. Dare, I.P.M.; J. Marjason, S.W.; A. Crew, J.W.; Forster Reynolds, P.M.; Treas.: G. C. Rowland, Sec.; A. Aldin, S.D.; T. Covill, J.D.; A. H. Mussum, D.C.; J. Aldridge, I.G.; S. Abell and H. F. Nash, Stwds.; B. Blasby, P.M.; and C. J. Digby, P.M. Visitors: Bros. W. Carter, P.M. 141; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; T. Butler, 55; E. H. Downes, I.G. 1793; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of the December meeting read and confirmed. The popular W. Master then had an opportunity, which he used to advantage, of displaying his knowledge of the ritual, by raising Bros. Syrett, Amy, and Hopkins to the Third Degree, and initiating Messrs. Harry Laker and J. J. Ponting. The W.M., being well supported by his officers, was enabled to perform the ceremonies with the care and impressiveness they deserved.

Ten guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge to the widow of a deceased member, and a notice of motion having been given by the W.M. with reference to the joining fee, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial meal.

After dessert, the customary toasts received due notice, and were greeted with the usual heartiness.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said he hoped all the members of the Richmond Lodge in due time would reach the Wardens' chairs, and then be privileged to attend Grand Lodge, where they would be perfectly satisfied with what they saw and heard. He had listened on many occasions to the Pro G.M. and the Dep. G.M., and could assure them the business was carried out in an admirable manner.

Bro. E. Dare, I.P.M., said the brethren, seeing the gavel once more placed in his hands, would know for what purpose. As he had remarked previously during the year, he only wished the toast he was about to propose was in better and abler hands. They knew it was "The Health of the W.M." No words were necessary from him to recommend the toast to them, for they knew how admirably the W.M. had worked the ceremonies during the year, and how heartily and genially he had presided over their festive board. No P.M. who had preceded Bro. Sapsworth in the chair of the Richmond Lodge had worked more admirably. Since their last meeting the W.M. had been in difficulty, the lodge not being able to meet on that occasion at Richmond as usual, but he had made excellent arrangements, and had met and entertained them in a fraternal spirit. If he (the I.P.M.) was to talk to them all night he could not express his feelings towards the W.M., for they had been connected for many years. When he had the honour to install Bro. Sapsworth as W.M. of that lodge, they knew what that brother had told them he would do during his year, and he had kept his word on every occasion.

Bro. H. Sapsworth, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. very sincerely for the kind manner in which the toast was proposed, but thought Bro. Dare had said a great deal more than he was worthy of in many ways. At his installation he did promise to do the work, and thought he was capable of performing it, and he had earnestly endeavoured to do it to the best of his ability. He had other duties to perform during the day, and sometimes, like other brethren, got a little "rusty," and missed a few words, but he did the best he could, and hoped it gave satisfaction to the brethren and the Past Masters. He would endeavour to do his best to the end of his year of office, and had to thank them for receiving him so kindly.

"The Initiates" was next given by the W.M., who said he was proud to see two gentlemen come forward that evening to be initiated into Freemasonry, and from the attentive manner in which they listened to the initiation ceremony, and their evident appreciation of it, he was sure they would prove themselves worthy Masons in the future, Freemasonry being one of the foundations of all good things, he hoped they would carry out its precepts as far as their ability would allow.

Bros. Laker and Ponting having replied, "The Visitors" were cordially welcomed by the W. Master, each visiting brother expressing his appreciation of the hospitality received and of the excellent work witnessed.

Other toasts were given, the proceedings terminating with the Tyler's toast.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

## BERKHAMPSTEAD.

**Berkhampstead Lodge (No. 504).**—The installation meeting of this very prosperous lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when, in spite of the prevailing epidemic which kept away several of the officers and members and not a few prominent Hertfordshire Masons who had been invited as guests, there was a goodly attendance. Bro. T. Graham Robinson, P.G. Std., P.P.G.S. of Wks., W.M., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. S. Rowland Timson, P.G. Asst. Sec., S.W., and W.M. elect; A. Prudames, P.G. Std., J.W.; Charles Bullock, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.G. Sec., Sec.: A. W. Vaisey, S.D.; W. Lowndes, J.D.; R. L. Batterbury, M.D., I.G.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; Rev. C. J. Langley, Org.; W. H. Hobson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; H. J. Foster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Members: Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M.; Rev. W. Quennell, P.G. Chap.; R. H. Bookey; W. Lovell; A. F. Marsh; F. Dwight; John E. Legge; A. F. Clarke; G. M. Storey; H. J. Burt; Joseph Bunker; and G. Austin, jun., P.M. 1130. Visitors: Bros. C. E. Keyser, W.M. 2323, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. A. C. Cockrem, P.M. 1802, P.P.G. Chap. Notts; F. B. Mims, 435; A. Wood, 1362; T. H. Ballam, S.W. 743; G. B. Abbott, 1385; J. A. Robinson, P.M. 1386; T. R. Robinson, S.W. 1740; S. Martin, P.M. 400, P.P.J.D.G.; M. Slaughter, P.M. 404, P.P.J.G.W.; Thos. M. Denne, P.M. 180; W. E. Robbins, 90; F. H. Wagstaffe, 948; Rev. W. Willcox, W.M. 1479, P.P.G. Chap.; C. E. Gilbert, 1674; A. R. Chamberlayne, Treas. 2255; and H. Stanley Smith, 1929.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the regular meeting on the 11th September and of an emergency meeting in December last having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. H. Kemp and E. J. Layton, and as it proved unanimous in each, these gentlemen were successively introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree, the ceremony being ably and impressively rendered by the W.M.

The report of the Audit Committee having been read, Bro. Robinson vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. T. Rowe, P.M.; and Bro. S. Rowlands Timson, W.M. elect, having been presented in due form, a board of installed Masters was formed, and he was installed as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, Bro. Rowe acquitting himself with his wonted success in the character of installing Master. Bro. Timson having been proclaimed and elected appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year, namely: Bros. A. Prudames, S.W.; A. W. Vaisey, J.W.; Rev. A. Johnson, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Herts and Oxon, Chap.; F. Q. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks. (elected), Treas.; Charles Bullock, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.G. Sec., Sec.; W. Lowndes, S.D.; B. L. Batterbury, J.D.; H. H. Cooper, I.G.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., D.C.; Rev. Charles J. Langley, Org.; W. H. Rowe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sen. Stwd.; George Austin, W.M. 1130, P.G.S. of Wks. Leicester and Rutland, Jun. Stwd.; and A. Pavitt, Tyler. In the case of Bro. F. Q. Lane and other absent officers the investiture was by proxy.

The W.M. then presented Bro. T. G. Robinson, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted him at the last lodge in recognition of his services in the chair; and the latter having gracefully acknowledged the gift, the rest of the business, which was mostly formal, was dispatched, and the lodge was closed with the customary formalities.

After a brief interval the brethren moved into the adjoining room, where a very elegant banquet had been provided by the host and hostess (Bro. and Mrs. Kemp) of the King's Arms. Bro. Timson, W.M., presided, having on his right the Prov. G. Master and Bros. Keyser, the Rev. F. Willcox, the Rev. O. F. Cockrem, the Rev. W. Quennell, P.G. Chap., and others, and on his left the I.P.M. (Bro. Robinson), Bros. W. H. Hodson, H. J. Foster, Charles Bullock, Prov. G. Secretary, and others.

Grace having been sung, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Halsey, P.G.M., in returning thanks for that of "The Prov. G.M.," expressing the pleasure which he had derived from his visit, and thanking the brethren for the kindness and cordiality of his reception. He congratulated the lodge on the success of the day's proceedings, and remarked that he had the fullest confidence in the continued prosperity of the province, which since his accession to office had enlarged its roll from 8 to 19 lodges.

Bros. Keyser and the Rev. W. Quennell having severally replied for the toast of "The Deputy Prov. G.M.," and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Robinson, I.P.M., assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of their newly-installed W.M., Bro. Timson, who, he said he felt sure, would add greatly to the distinction he had already won in the lodge. The toast having been drunk amid general applause and duly acknowledged by the W.M., that of "The Initiates" was given, and responded to by Bros. Kemp and Layton, and then Bro. Bullock, in a humorous speech, proposed "The Visitors," with which he associated the name of Bro. the Rev. O. C. Cockrem; and the usual compliment having been paid to "The Past Masters" and "The Officers," the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. T. Graves, P.M. 1954, P. Prov. G.S.B., the musical arrangements were undertaken by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Langley, the lodge Organist, under whose able direction the various songs sung by the Misses Jesse Griffin, and L. Distin and Bros. J. Bryant and Stanley Smith in the intervals between the speeches added greatly to the pleasure of the meeting.

It should be added that the lodge met for the first time on this occasion in its new lodge room, which, with a convenient room adjoining, has been erected at the back of the King's Arms, and for which a separate entrance has been provided. It is an apartment of very considerable dimensions, being upwards of 40 feet in length by some 20 feet wide, and of proportionate height, and when the walls are decorated and the various appointments completed, the Berkhampstead will be able to congratulate itself on being one of the most comfortably located lodges in the province. The old lodge room, which is separated by a partition only from the new one, will henceforth be used as a banquet room, and the brethren will thus have an entire suite of rooms on the same floor, and wholly secluded from the rest of the hotel.

## BIRMINGHAM.

**Forward Lodge (No. 1180).**—This lodge, which is increasing in prosperity every year, met at the Masonic Hall, New-street, on the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. W. F. Tolladay, P.D.G.D.C., W.M.; W. Winfield, I.P.M.; W. J. Meredith, S.W.; T. H. Simpson, J.W.; Rev. R. Rigden, Chap.; E. A. Smith, Sec.; T. W. Sidaway, S.D.; T. J. Harcourt, J.D.; T. N. Bladon, Org.; W. Price, I.G.; J. M. Daffarn and A. Norton, Stwds.; W. Hillman, P.M.; E. P. Cole, P.M.; F. Hobday, P.M.; and G. F. Bolton, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Rev. Mirams was raised to the Supreme Degree of a M.M. The next business was the election of W.M., and Bro. T. H. Simpson, J.W., was unanimously elected for that office, the S.W. having expressed the desire not to go on. Bro. F. Hobday, P.M., was then unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer. Bro. Hobday thanked the brethren for his election, and said his duties were very light, as the brethren paid their subscriptions so promptly, and the Secretary's work was done so efficiently. The Tyler and Audit Committee were then elected.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to receive the ladies, it being the occasion of the lodge ball.

The W.M., Bro. W. F. Tolladay, P.D.G.D.C., Mrs. Tolladay, and Miss L. N. Tolladay received the visitors in the Secretary's room, who were afterwards conducted to the banqueting room, where a most *recherché* repast had been provided by the Stewards.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen," said that he was sure her Majesty had no more loyal subjects in her vast dominions than Freemasons and their wives.

The National Anthem was very nicely rendered by Mrs. E. A. Smith, Bros. E. A. Smith, T. H. Simpson, and A. J. Norton.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the Royal Family" was received very heartily.

"God bless the Prince of Wales" was splendidly sung by Bro. G. N. Millward.

In proposing "The Health of the Ladies," the W.M. said "Those that I love, those that love me, and those that love those that I love." He felt sure that every brother would join him in giving a very hearty welcome to the ladies, because it was most becoming in every Mason to love and honour them, and the brethren of the Forward Lodge felt it a duty and privilege to invite the ladies once a year. A lady once asked him, "If women are not good enough to belong to Masonry, will you tell me why?" His reply was, "My dear, that is the very trouble—you are too good; the necessity for your membership does not exist. Masonry was founded to make men better, and the Lord knows they need it." But seriously, the brethren were delighted with their presence, and he concluded with this sentiment, "May the future bring us as sisters and brothers closer than the past, and may the present remind us how pleasant it is to dwell together in unity."

The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

Bro. E. A. Smith then gave a very pleasant rendering of the song "The first sweet love."

Bro. the Rev. T. Mirams responded to the toast on behalf of the ladies. He said in his opinion it was the greatest desire of every lady to become a Freemason's wife.

Bro. T. H. Simpson, J.W., and W.M. elect, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and spoke in very high terms of the way in which he had acted as W.M. of the lodge, and that the peculiar honour and reverence that were given to every W.M. were intensified to a great degree by the brethren of the Forward Lodge towards their present W.M.

Bro. W. F. Tolladay, in reply, expressed the very great pleasure it gave him to preside over such a large and distinguished company, and that his health, together with that of his dear wife, had been drunk so heartily. He would take the opportunity of wishing them one and all a "Happy New Year."

The company then adjourned to the ball room, and spent a very pleasant and enjoyable time.

The whole of the arrangements were very efficiently carried out by the officers of the lodge.

Bro. T. J. Harcourt, J.D., acted as M.C. in the ball room.

## BOCKING.

**Lodge of St. Mary (No. 1312).**—A special interest attached to the monthly meeting of this lodge on Monday evening, the 6th inst., it having been announced on the summons that there was to be a presentation of a jewel to the Secretary. As soon as the regular business was concluded, the W.M., Bro. R. G. Kellett, P.P.G.S.B., said it had occurred to himself and other members of the lodge, that the time had arrived when they ought to recognise in some tangible way the great services which their Secretary (Bro. Malyn, P.M.) had rendered to St. Mary's Lodge. He, the W.M. might, he was sure, be excused a little pardonable pride that it was himself who, in 1883, had first appointed Bro. Malyn to the office of Secretary. They were in considerable difficulties at that time, and the way that Bro. Malyn had got them through those difficulties and brought the affairs of the lodge to their present efficient state had earned the lasting gratitude of the members. Amidst much applause, the W.M. then pinned on the breast of Bro. Malyn a handsome P.M.'s jewel, suitably inscribed, remarking that under it beat a heart in unison with all theirs, and expressing a hope that their worthy Secretary might live long to wear it. The W.M. also handed to Bro. Malyn a handsome liquor stand, and as a present for Mrs. Malyn a fish carver and fork. Bro. Malyn in acknowledging the gifts, said he should value them most highly, not only on account of their intrinsic value, but for the kind feeling they embodied. Whatever he had done for the lodge had been to him a great pleasure, and he trusted that as long as he held the office of Secretary he should be always found doing his very best to forward its interests. At the supper which followed, the health of Bro. Malyn was heartily drunk. Among those present on the interesting occasion was the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C.; Bros. Kellett, Inman, P.M.; Fuller, P.M.; Lake, P.M.; Letch, J.W.; Davey, S.D.; Johnstone, J.D.; Piggin, I.G.; Suckling, Folliott, Moore, Clayden, Huntly, and others.



## CAMBRIDGE.

**Scientific Lodge** (No. 83).—The annual meeting of this old lodge, which was consecrated in 1754, was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Monday, the 13th inst. The lodge assembled under the presidency of the out-going W.M., Bro. James V. Pryor, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts was of a most satisfactory character, showing the lodge to be entirely out of debt, and to be in possession of a respectable balance. On the motion of Bro. O. Papworth, I.P.M., it was agreed to vote a donation of one guinea to the Peterborough Cathedral Restoration Fund. Bros. William James and William Richard Bright were subsequently raised to the Sublime Degree of W.M., the ceremony being efficiently performed by Bro. J. V. Pryor, W.M. Before quitting the chair, Bro. J. V. Pryor signalled a happy year of office by presenting to the lodge a new and handsome W.M.'s pedestal, which was received with heartiest thanks by the lodge, and a record of the gift ordered to be made. The installation of Bro. William Purchas, S.W., P.P.G. Reg., in the chair of K.S. then took place. Among those present were: Bros. Andrew H. Moyes, P.G. St. Br. of England, D.P.G.M. of Cambridge-shire (who was received in due form); W. I. Basham, B. Chennell, E. Hills, A. Thompson, Geo. McCallum, T. Hunnybun, W. I. Pashler, T. Nicholls, and Oliver Papworth, all P.M.'s of the lodge; Bros. W. Purchas, F. Piggott, A. E. Chaplin, W. P. Spalding, W. B. Redfarn, C. H. Banham, W. H. Jarrold, L. Tottman, C. C. Ambrose, T. Jennings, jun., W. Fawcett, Rev. R. Jackson, John L. Rutter, H. W. Benton, E. Cash, H. S. Davison, B. Vans (W.M.), F. J. Moden, C. W. Redin, R. Moore, W. James, and W. R. Brights, members of 88; and the following visiting brethren, namely, Bro. F. C. Wace, P.M. 859 (Mayor of Cambridge); R. H. Pearson, P.M. 1196; Rev. T. B. Nicholls, P.M. 1863; J. S. Youngman, P.M. 441; J. Kemerell, W.M. 809; R. Smith, J.W. 809; W. R. Girling, J.W. 809; W. C. Dewberry, S.W. 441; A. Morrell, 441; G. Tindall, S.W. 2107; W. B. Sheppard, I.W. 2107; W. W. Campion, S.W. 1883; H. J. Whitehead, P.G. Treas. Cambs., 441; C. F. Freeman, J.W. 1823; A. Doig, W.M. 1539; B. Doig, S.W. 1539; W. W. Wallis, 850; W. Hutchinson, W.M. 2107; J. R. Green, I.P.M. 1492; A. H. Gross, J.D. 107; G. Whitmore, 441; and others. The duties of Installing Master were performed by Bro. Oliver Papworth, P.M., assisted by Bro. T. Nichols, P.M., who ably and impressively did their work. Bro. G. McCullum, P.M., acted as an efficient D.C., and Bro. A. Morrell, 441, kindly presided at the organ. The newly-elected W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. V. Pryor, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Frank Piggott, P.P.G. Swd. Br., S.W.; W. P. Spalding, P.P.G.S.W., J.W.; Rev. Robert Jackson, Chap.; T. Hunnybun, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; A. E. Chaplin, Sec.; W. B. Redfarn, P.P.G. Pursvt., S.D.; C. H. Banham, P.P.G. Stwd., J.D.; G. McCallum, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; William James, Org.; J. L. Rutter, I.G.; B. W. Beales, sen., Stwd.; B. W. Beales, jun., Std. Br.; and G. H. Ellis, Tyler.

After Bro. Nichols had delivered the addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and brethren, "Hearty good wishes" were given by Bro. A. H. Moyes from the province of Cambridgeshire, Bro. T. B. Nichols from the province of Northumberland, and the various other visiting brethren. Two nominations for initiation were made, and the lodge was closed.

It should be stated that the latest off-shoot (Ketheldreda Lodge, Newmarket,) sent all their P.M.'s and some present officers to witness the ceremony in the mother lodge.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet, and the remainder of the evening was spent in true Masonic harmony. A glee party, consisting of Bros. W. Coward, 2030; A. H. Cross, 107; F. Dewberry, P.M. 441; and W. James, Org. 88, contributed much to the enjoyment of the assembly, which was pronounced an unalloyed success.

## CLEVEDON.

**Coleridge Lodge** (No. 1750).—The annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening the 9th inst., when the D.P.G.M. and Grand Deacon of England, Bro. R. C. Else, ably performed the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. E. G. Rivers, for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers: Bros. Capt. A. F. Rose, S.W.; Major-Gen. Montague, C.B., J.W.; T. Barnes, Treas.; J. Jupp, Sec.; A. B. Wickenden S.D.; C. A. Hayman, J.D.; Dr. Sawyer, I.G. *pro tem.*; W. Somerton, Org.; F. J. Saunders and H. Amos, Stwds.; and R. Stephens, Tyler.

The banquet was subsequently held at the Royal Pier Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., and resulted in a most enjoyable evening.

## COCKERMOUTH.

**Skiddaw Lodge** (No. 1002).—The annual meeting for installing the W.M. of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., when there was a large muster of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. Smith, W.M., and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.M. 872 and 1660, P.S.G.W., acting as Installing Master, was invited to the chair, and Bro. Smith presented Bro. T. C. Burn, W.M. elect, and he was duly installed in the chair, and proclaimed accordingly in the presence of 19 Past Masters, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Atkinson, S.W.; F. A. Cooper, P.M., P.G. Steward, J.W.; J. Fidler, P.M., Treas.; F. Smith, I.P.M., Sec.; A. Entwistle, S.D.; J. R. Mitchell, J.D.; J. Burns, I.G.; and J. Hewson, P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

The following were present: Bros. J. Black, P.M., P.P. G.D.C.; W. Shilton, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Peacock, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; T. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Furst.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; H. Carruthers, P.M.; R. C. Shawyer, D. Sinclair, P. H. Burn, J. R. Mitchell, J. G. Jennings, Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M. 962, P.P.G.C.; A. Taylor, P.M. 310, P.P.G.D.C.; Dr. C. J. J. Harris, W.M. 119; W. C. Johns, P.M. 119, P.G.S.B.; S. Bettoney, 371; W. A. Johnston, 327; J. Dickinson, W.M. 962, P.G. Steward; J. Lewthwaite, P.M. 962; W. Whitehead, 962, P.P.G. Tyler; John Jenkinson, W.M. 2285; H. Hartley, W.M. 1660, P.G. Steward; J. Wakefield, J.W. 1660; and others.

With the ordinary business of the lodge disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges Nos. 119, 310, 327,

371, 872, 962, 1660, and 2285, the W.M. referred to several letters of apology he had received from several brethren, and accounting for their unavoidable absence. Bro. Dr. Forsyth's absence he was exceedingly sorry for, as it was his intention to have invested him as J.W., and there was also their highly esteemed Bro. R. Robinson had an engagement that could not be set aside.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where Bro. Peacock had a banquet served which fully sustained all past reputation. Bro. T. C. Burn occupied the chair, and a long toast list was gone through and heartily responded to.

Bro. Fidler, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Newly-installed Master," and referred at length to the excellent choice the brethren of the lodge had made in selecting Bro. Burn to the chair, and had no doubt his year of office would be a prosperous one.

Bro. Burn briefly replied, and thanked the members of the lodge for the honour they had conferred upon him.

With many capital songs and toasts a very pleasant evening was spent.

## EAST MOLESEY.

**Arnold Lodge** (No. 1981).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting at the Castle Hotel, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. There was a large company present, including Bros. G. Moorman, P.P.G.P., W.M.; F. Croaker, P.G.P., I.P.M.; H. J. Shelley, S.W., W.M. elect; F. W. Hullett, J.W.; J. W. Moorman, P.P.A. G. Dir. of Cer., Secretary; G. A. Ball, S.D.; J. J. Wright, J.D.; S. Ellis, D.C.; J. W. Chapman, I.G.; S. P. Catterson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. P. Catterson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Youldon, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. G. L. Kipling, P.M.; and M. Spiegel, P.M. 185. The visitors present were Bros. A. C. Greenwood, 410, P.A.G. Sec.; A. Laurence, P.P.S.G.D.; J. C. Jessett, P.P.G. S.B. Middx.; J. O'Connell, P.G.O.; W. Roots, W.M. 1273; T. Montague, S.W. 1638; W. H. Wingfield, P.M. 1360; H. Luff, 1624; H. W. Willis, J.W. 1638; A. Holmes, P.M. 548; Walter Jones, W.M. 548; W. Mawland, 889; R. Hughes, 144; J. Baldwin Gooch, 1238; Bedford Lamere, P.M. 1744; Valentine Wing, W.M. 1585; G. March, W.M. 1360; T. Pennington, 1638; F. J. Hayward, J.W. 889; F. Lockett, 1638; J. Hattersley, W.M. 2262; A. Anderson, 946; R. Dunn, 1305; and W. Foster, 858.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. Bro. Wood was then most impressively raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. G. Moorman, W.M. Bro. Shelley, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. W. P. Catterson for the purpose of being installed into the chair of K.S. to the retiring Master, Bro. G. Moorman, who performed the ceremony in an impressive manner. Bro. W. P. Catterson ably acted as Director of Ceremonies. The newly-installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Moorman, I.P.M.; F. W. Hallett, S.W.; G. A. Ball, J.W.; W. Youldon, Treas.; J. W. Moorman Sec.; J. J. Wright, S.D.; J. W. Chapman, J.D.; S. Ellis, I.G.; F. Neale, D.C.; R. Britten, and W. H. Holliday, Stwds.; and W. Lane, Tyler; explaining respectively to each their duties in a kind, masterly manner. The Installing Master then concluded a capital rendering of the whole ceremony by a most impressive delivery of the addresses, the whole of his work being of such high standard as to elicit the warmest praise from all present. The newly-installed Master then, in the name of the lodge, presented to the retiring Master a handsome Past Master's jewel, together with a unanimous vote of thanks from the lodge for the most efficient way in which he had carried out his duties throughout his year of office, and crowned his success that evening by installing him in the chair of that lodge.

The Installing Master after returning thanks, and letters of apology being read from Bro. F. West, D.P.G.M. in charge of the Province of Surrey, and numerous other brethren who were suffering from that popular malady influenza and thereby prevented from attending, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to their annual festival, prepared by Bro. Mayo in his finest and best style, and the rest of the evening spent in true Masonic harmony.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured, the chief feature being music between the toast and responses by Bro. O'Connell, P.G. Org. Surrey. Bro. Alfred Craven Greenwood, Asst. P.G. Secretary, responded on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, and in reply to the assurance of the brethren giving of their support to him in the coming struggle for the post of Secretary to the Boys' Institution, if needed, said the brethren who so kindly proffered that support may rest assured that, if elected, he would be found to do his duty faithfully and fearlessly, and considered the warm support he was receiving from all quarters was mainly due to the beloved memory of his father, late D.P.G.M., who had been connected with that province so many years, and was so well known to them all. He also expressed his warmest praise of the work throughout the lodge that evening, and regretted that his brother, the P.G. Sec., and the D.P.G.M. were prevented from being present to witness it also.

The toast of "The W.M." was well received, he being the first initiate of the lodge who had risen to that proud position, the other Past Masters who preceded him being founders of the lodge. The other usual toasts followed, and were well received. "The Visitors," "The Installing Master and Past Masters," "The Masonic Charities," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast. Songs were interspersed throughout the speeches, and the meeting altogether was one of the most successful ever held in connection with the lodge, the host, Bro. Mayo, contributing his part grandly, to the comfort and satisfaction of all.

## GRANTHAM.

**Doric Lodge** (No. 362).—The annual festival of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. G. W. G. Beaumont, S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, and invested his officers. Bro. R. Collingwood proposed, and Bro. A. G. Gamble seconded, that the undivided support of the lodge be given to Bro. J. M. McLeod in his candidature for the Secretaryship of the Boys' School, and was unanimously passed.

The banquet was held at the George Hotel, and 41 sat down to an excellent dinner.

Among those present were Pros. H. E. Cousans, P.M. 297, P.Z., P.P.J.G.W. Derby; J. M. McLeod, P.M. 884, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br. Derby; J. Wheeler, P.M. 442, P.Z., P.P.G.S. of W. Norths and Hunts; H. C. Clarabut, P.P.G.O. Norths and Hunts; T. Brander Jacobson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. G. Gamble, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Captain Russell, P.M., P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. P. Dickenson, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Rev. C. Elsmere, P.M., P.P.G.C.; E. T. Wyetworth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; and J. Scarborough, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Robinson proposed the toast of "The Prov. G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Jacobson replied. The I.P.M. proposed "The W.M."

Bro. Cousans proposed "The Charities," and in doing so congratulated the lodge on their charity organisation, which he said he was now pleased to say had been imitated by nearly every lodge in the province.

Bro. Wigetworth, in responding, stated that the lodge had during the last three years subscribed over £300 in the different Charities connected with Masonry, and that out of the 61 members of the lodge 37 possessed one or more votes.

Bro. Southwell proposed "The Visitors," and in coupling it with the name of Bro. McLeod, said how anxious they all were in the provinces that the Secretaryship of the Boys' School should go to a provincial brother, so that their interests would be properly looked after, and knowing Bro. McLeod so well as a Mason and a business man, felt assured that the lodge in passing the resolution it had done that evening, had not only showed great discretion and sound judgment, but had done what he hoped would be followed by every lodge in the province.

Bro. McLeod, in responding, thanked the brethren for the confidence placed in him, and explained the reasons that induced him to allow his name to be brought forward as a candidate for the Secretaryship of the Boys' School, and announced the success he had met with in six counties. The Tyler's toast concluded a successful evening.

## HAVERFORDWEST.

**Cambrian Lodge** (No. 464).—The installation of the W.M. of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened by Bro. B. Davies, P.P.G. Std. Br., W.M., and after confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Rule-Owen, P.M., P.P.G.R., presented Bro. W. H. Walters, S.W., the W.M. elect, to Bro. E. H. Ellis, P.M., P.Z., P.P.J.G.W., who, with the assistance of Bros. Hood-Williams, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S. of W., as S.W.; L. Harries, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as J.W.; and T. Russell, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., as I.G., installed the W.M. elect into the chair of K.S. in a most able and impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Rev. C. F. Harrison, P.G.C., S.W.; P. Hawkes, J.W.; Rev. J. T. Beynor, Chap.; E. Eaton Evans, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; E. H. Ellis, Sec.; J. Prosser, S.D.; W. J. Jones, J.D.; W. L. Harding, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; C. A. Brigstocke, I.G.; G. Griffiths, D.C.; T. Rogers and T. James, Stewards; and G. Bowen, Tyler. Bro. Ellis gave the address to the W.M., Bro. Hood-Williams addressed the Wardens, and Bro. Levi Harries delivered the addresses to the brethren. The sum of five guineas was voted to the Prov. Fund of Benevolence. A handsome jewel was presented to Bro. E. H. Ellis in recognition of services rendered to the lodge as Secretary for nearly 20 years. Bro. E. H. Ellis, in eloquent terms, acknowledged the presentation, and thanked the brethren for that expression of their appreciation of his endeavours to serve them.

Business being over the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, the caterer being Bro. Bland, of the Castle Hotel.

In responding to the toast of his health as one of the Installing Masters, Bro. Hood-Williams gave a *resumé* of the history of Masonry in the ancient borough, and here we may be allowed to say *en passant* that Queen Elizabeth bore the title of Lady of Haverfordwest. The records of Grand Lodge show that as far back as 1741 there was a lodge of Freemasons established here called the Tyrian, working under a charter from the original Grand Lodge of England, and having had three numbers, 189, 121, and 95. This lodge ceased to work in 1773, and in 1812 the Hwlfordd Lodge was established, having as a number 598, which in 1814, at the Union of the two Grand Lodges, became 81. This lodge became extinct in 1828, and in 1839 the present Cambrian Lodge, No. 464, was established. It is very gratifying to know that at the present moment Masonry is flourishing in Haverfordwest; after passing through many vicissitudes the Cambrian Lodge, on entering its second jubilee, is strong and powerful, having an array of Past Masters able and willing to take the management of the work. With a ritual as near perfection as possible, and good men and true at the helm, her future must be grand and glorious. In 1872 a handsome Masonic Hall was erected at a cost of £2000, and by united and strenuous efforts the debt on the building (which is freehold) has been reduced to £600. A Royal Arch chapter was attached to the lodge in 1877, and a few years later a lodge of Mark Master Masons was established. Six years ago the lodge was the means of establishing a lodge at Narberth, a small market town 10 miles distant, No. 2001 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. This new lodge is now self-supporting, and has a P.M. who was one of its initiates, but is now able and willing to take the management of the works.

## JERSEY.

**Prince of Wales Lodge** (No. 1003).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, St. Helier, when Bro. L. Oldridge, W.M., for the first time conducted the business of the lodge. The officers present were Bros. F. J. Godfray, I.P.M.; Dodman, S.W.; Contanche, J.W.; F. Payne, Secretary; G. Newman, S.D.; H. M. Godfray, J.D.; W. B. H. Elliott, P.M., D.C.; F. Bisson, I.G.; B. G. Rogers, Tyler; several P.M.'s of the lodge, and a goodly number of P.M.'s and brethren from other lodges. Visitor: Bro. Dr. De Visme, P.G.M. of Peru.

The business of the evening was to initiate a candidate, also to raise Bro. Dr. Pritchard to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the W.M. going through the whole of the work in a manner so impressive and instructive, which not only gave

to himself, but also merited the entire satisfaction of every member present. The W.M. then informed the brethren that he had a very pleasing duty to perform—that of presenting Bro. F. J. Godfray, I.P.M., with a gold Past Master's jewel, also a Past Master's collar, with jewel attached. In presenting the testimonial, the W.M. said, having been a co-worker with the I.P.M. for several years, he could testify to the regularity, punctuality, and assiduity in the discharge of the duties in the various offices he had so ably fulfilled in the lodge, likewise the zeal he had always evinced for its welfare and best interests, and he trusted the zeal and interest in the lodge's welfare in the future would neither cease nor diminish, but when looking upon those jewels which he was about to present, in the name of the members of the lodge, he would feel that nature had implanted within his breast a sacred and an indissoluble attachment to that lodge, from whence he first received his Masonic light, and prayed that the Great Architect of the Universe might spare him many years to wear those jewels with honour to himself, a credit to the Craft, and still more usefulness to the lodge in which he had been so active a member, and when the time should come for him to lay his Masonic jewels aside, there might be among the number that should be transmitted to his family as pure and as unscathed as he had received them that evening. Bro. Godfray, I.P.M., having briefly responded, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where a very pleasant evening was spent, which will long be remembered by every one present.

## LANCASTER.

**Lodge of Fortitude** (No. 281).—The annual meeting of this lodge for the installation of W.M., and transacting the yearly business, took place on the 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Church-street. There was a good attendance of brethren, which included Bros. James B. Shaw, W.M.; A. T. Relph, S.W. and W.M. elect; P.M. J. Hatch, Heald, Pilkington, Bayley, Nicholson, J. Atkinson, Gooch, Grime, Armstrong, Price, Parker, Selman, Lea, Marshall, Huntington, W. Atkinson, Hatton, Allinson, and Hamer. The visitors included Bros. Capstick, I.P.M. 1051; R. Mortimer, W.M.; G. A. Morge, S.W., and A. L. Price, J.W., Duke of Lancaster Lodge; A. Gorton, W.M., and J. Baxter, S.W. 1561; and Bro. Relph, 113, Preston.

Bro. Shaw, the retiring W.M., occupied the chair, and opened the lodge with the usual formalities. The routine business was transacted, and Bro. Heald, the Treasurer, presented the accounts for the past year, which were approved and sanctioned by the lodge.

The lodge having celebrated its centenary in November last, Bro. John Hatch presented Bro. Shaw, on behalf of the lodge, with a gold centenary jewel, and referred to the admirable manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the past year.

Bro. Shaw acknowledged the gift in suitable terms.

The jewel is neat and pretty in design, and circular in form, the centre being filled with scroll work in which is inserted the letter C. The name of the lodge and date of formation, 1789, is round the edge of the jewel, which is suspended from a light blue ribbon, with pin for attaching to the coat. The number of the lodge is on a bar on the ribbon. At the back of the jewel is the following inscription: "Presented by the Lodge to Bro. James B. Shaw, W.M." Several of the brethren also wore centenary jewels.

A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Relph having been presented by John Atkinson was duly installed into office by his predecessor, Bro. Shaw, who went through the ceremony in a most efficient manner.

The usual proclamations having been made, Bro. Relph invested his officers for the year ensuing as follows: Bros. Shaw, I.P.M.; Gooch, S.W.; Price, J.W.; Heald, P.M.; Treas.; Pilkington, P.M., Sec.; W. Atkinson, S.D.; Parker, J.D.; Armstrong, Org.; J. Atkinson, P.M., D. of C.; Grime, I.G.; Selman and Marshall, Stwds.; Lea, Assist. Org.; and Allinson, Tyler.

The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were given by Bro. Heald.

A cordial vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Bro. Shaw for his services as installing officer, and other business having been transacted the lodge was closed with the customary formalities.

The brethren then adjourned to the County Hotel, where the installation supper was served by Host Dicksbury in his well-known style.

The W.M. presided, and in addition to the brethren already named there were also present Bros. James Hatch, Kelland, Gregson, Taylor, Thompson, Calvert, and Compston.

The toasts of the "Queen and the Craft" and the "Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and Grand Lodge Officers," were given from the chair, and received with the usual honours.

The usual Masonic toasts followed, that of the "Worshipful Master" being proposed by Bro. Shaw, and which met with a most cordial reception.

The W.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment, and expressed his sense of the high honour which had been conferred upon him that day by the brethren of his lodge. It would be his endeavour to carry out the work of the lodge in an efficient manner, and in accordance with the ability which had been displayed by those who had preceded him in the chair which he occupied; and he hoped that at the end of his year of office, no brother would be able to say that he had not done his best.

Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was spent, the gathering being rendered all the more enjoyable by the harmony of several of the brethren present.

**Rowley Lodge** (No. 1051).—The regular and installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Church-street, on Monday, the 6th inst. The W.M., Bro. Capstick, opened the lodge, and the usual routine work was done. Bro. Capt. Garnett, P.P.S.G.W., took the chair as Installing Officer. Bro. the Rev. W. Z. Appleford, S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Longman, P.P.G.S. of W., and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with and performed in Bro. Garnett's usual faultless style. The musical portion of the service was under the direction of Bro. Price, Bro. C. F. Seward, P.M., acting as D. of C. The lodge was nicely filled, amongst those present we noticed Bros. J. K. Turner, P.G. Chap.; E. Ogilthorpe, P.P.G. Reg.; John Hatch, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Duff, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Helme, P.M., Treas.; Healde, I.P.M. 287; Mortimer, W.M. 287; and others. Several letters of apology were read from absent brethren, and several votes of thanks were passed. Bro. H. Longman

was elected Charity representative. The accounts having been audited and other routine work done, the proclamations were made and the lodge was closed in excellent style by the newly-elected W.M. and his Wardens.

The brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel to dine, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by them as the guests of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, some of the speeches being distinctly above the average.

## NORTH WOOLWICH.

**Henley Lodge** (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above powerful and prosperous lodge took place on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Three Crowns. Bro. C. H. Canning, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; C. Wood, S.W.; A. Knight, J.W.; C. Pownall, S.D.; B. Curtis, J.D.; J. Glading, I.G.; J. Dele, D.C.; R. Stephenson, Steward; and some 60 brethren and visitors.

There was a heavy night's work before the W.M., namely, the initiation of Messrs. Hengst and Jones, the passing of Bros. Hazlewood, Webb, and Stamford, and the raising of Bros. Murray and Hayes. The whole of the work was admirably performed by the W.M. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the list of the W.M. as Steward of the forthcoming Benevolent Festival.

The lodge was then closed. The dinner and after speeches, interspersed as they were by some excellent harmony, made it one of the most pleasant gatherings of the year.

## PLUMSTEAD.

**Pattison Lodge** (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Bro. B. de B. Lopez, W.M., P.G. Stwd. Eng., in the chair, supported by the following: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; W. D. Keeble, P.M.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; E. Palmer, P.M.; F. Barry, P.M., P.P.G.P. Somerset; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); W. Bustridge, J.W.; W. Sanders, S.D.; W. C. Taylor, J.D.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; C. Clapham, D.C.; D. K. Somers, Asst. D.C.; J. O. Cook, Stwd.; J. H. Bull, Asst. Org.; J. J. Collins, Asst. D.C.; H. Grice, W.M.; W. Hayes, J. Jolliffe, W. Harrison, J. Davidson, and W. Skinner, all of No. 13; J. Hunter, 1789; G. Porter, 700; H. Hunt, 706; H. Christie, S.W. 706; J. McCollough, J.W. 700; and others.

There was no work; the candidate for passing, Bro. Blest, being laid up with an attack of the fashionable influenza.

The lodge having been closed, and the usual nice little supper having been partaken of, the W.M. gave the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, and personal toasts, which were drunk heartily.

In responding for the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Lopez expressed his earnest desire for the welfare and prosperity of the lodge, and wished the brethren all "A Happy New Year."

Bro. Butters eloquently responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers," and the other toasts were received with acclamation, especially Bro. Cook's reply.

The singing, as usual at this lodge, was *par excellence*, and the result was all that could be desired.

## SALFORD.

**Zetland Lodge** (No. 852).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, The Crescent, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. There were present Bros. W. H. Fulford, W.M.; Thos. Pike, I.P.M.; James A. Woolley, S.W.; J. W. Booth, J.W.; J. S. Willis, Sec.; T. Hulme, Org.; James Beardman, J.D.; John Robinson, I.G.; R. B. Robinson, Chap.; W. Nichols, P.M., P.P.G.P.; C. H. Wheeler, P.M.; Walter Lee, P.M.; Wm. Riddell, P.M.; Tyler; H. Walker, W. H. Wood, Thos. Watson, G. Sidebottom, Geo. Hackin, Wm. Ison, John Lord, George W. Ousley, Thomas Bradbury, James Cooper, Thos. Williams, Wm. Barrington James Ind, A. W. Sidebottom, William Martin, K. R. Leach, and H. Baron. Visitors: Bros. J. D. Hooper, P.P.G.T.; Chas. E. R. Darcy, 325; J. W. Millward, W.M. 992; J. Garside, P.M. 317; J. H. Clarke, W.M. 935; C. A. Sumner, P.M. 1345; and Geo. Sam. Smith, P.M. 1134 and 1170.

In addition to the installation, there were ceremonies of each Degree, performed respectively by Bros. Thos. Pike, P.M.; C. H. Wheeler, P.M.; and Nichols, P.M., P.P.G.P. The installation of Bro. James A. Woolley, S.W., W.M. elect was again performed by Bro. Thos. Pike, P.M., in a manner which shows he has gained even a greater proficiency than he exhibited on a similar occasion twelve months ago, when we had great pleasure in testifying to his great ability as Installing Master. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens and brethren, were given respectively by Bros. T. D. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas.; Wheeler, P.M., and Pike. The working tools were presented by Bros. W. Lee, P.M., and Wheeler P.M.

Subsequently at the banquet a very large number of brethren assembled, and received the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with great enthusiasm.

During the evening Bro. Woolley, W.M., presented Bro. Fulford, the outgoing Master with a magnificent 18 ct. gold jewel in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office, and it was gracefully acknowledged. The jewel, which was a masterpiece of skill and design, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Manchester and London.

The banquet, which was a great success, reflected great credit upon Bro. Packwood, who seems to be quite at home in his new appointment as Steward of the Masonic Club.

## WALTON-ON-AZE.

**Arnold Lodge** (No. 1799).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 7th inst., at the Clifton Hotel. Present: Bros. G. Cauler, I.P.M., W.M.; H. Wilkinson, S.W.; H. Finer, P.M., J.W.; Geo. Nugee, P.G. Chap. Middlesex, Chap.; E. Osmond, Treas.; R. H. Scott, P.M., P.P.A.G., Sec.; C. P. King, J.D.; J. H. Harman, I.G.; J. James, Tyler. Bros. E. Doring, P.M., P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk; W. Wright; Pollard; A. G. Rickarby, P.M., P.P.G.P.&c.; W. Finer, P.M., &c., &c. Visitor: Bro. H. M. Page, Sec. 2063.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and telegrams were read from the W.M.

and other brethren regretting inability to attend through sickness. The lodge received the gratifying announcement that Bros. Griffith and Dyer had each promised one guinea towards the Prov. G. Lodge Reception Fund, bringing total of Fund to date, £66. Bro. Purvis, candidate for Second Degree, being absent through illness, there was no other business before the lodge; and at the command of the W.M. Bro. Scott gave a lecture on the tracing board on "The First Degree," and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to supper, the genial I.P.M. presiding, the evening being enlivened by song and recitation.

## WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

**St. Kew Lodge** (No. 1222).—The annual festival in connection with the above lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. W. E. Perrett, sen., J.W., was installed into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony, singular to say, was performed by Bro. G. H. Perrett, P.M., son of the new W.M., and, in the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, the addresses were given by Bros. W. M. Forty, P.M., and G. H. Perrett, P.M.

There was a large attendance, and among the visiting brethren were Bros. C. L. F. Edwards, P.G. Treas.; J. P. Jupp, P.M. 1750; A. E. Burnett, Steward 291; J. Rubie, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., S. G. Mitchell, P.M., C. W. Radway, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and W. B. Gregory, W.M., of 41; and J. S. Haddon, W.M. 1966.

The Treasurer, Bro. S. Lewis, P.M., P.J.G.W., presented the balance-sheet, after which Bro. W. E. Perrett, jun., P.M., P.P.G.D.D.C., presented a very encouraging *résumé* of the year's work, for which he was heartily thanked. The W.M. subsequently invested the following brethren with collars of office: Bros. H. B. Farrington, I.P.M.; W. H. Glass, P.M., S.W.; S. Sellick, J.W.; Rev. F. Harvey, Chap.; S. Lewis, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Perrett, jun., P.M., Sec.; T. Cogle, S.D.; H. Butt, J.D.; G. E. Alford, P.M., D.C.; F. Blackmore, I.G.; J. J. Lovell, Org.; J. Cooper and J. P. Capell, Stewards; S. Jones, P.M., Almoner; and J. Cornelius, Tyler.

At the close of the ceremony, the brethren sat down in the lodge-room to an excellent banquet, the newly-installed Master presiding over a large attendance. The brethren spent a most pleasant evening together.

## YORK.

**Eboracum Lodge** (No. 1611).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate. The W.M., Bro. George Chapman, presided, and was supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; W. Brown, P.M.; W. B. Dyson, P.M.; Geo. Balmford, P.M.; and a number of officers, brethren, and visitors. A ballot was taken for two joining members and one candidate, and the chair was then taken by Bro. Whytehead, who proceeded to raise Bro. Hollander. Subsequently a vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Bro. S. Scott, who had died during the previous week. A letter was read from the S.W., who was very seriously ill, and much sympathy was expressed for him in his affliction. Bro. Whytehead presented, on behalf of Bro. Speth, engravings of Hogarth's "Night," and of "Frederick the Great in a Lodge of Freemasons," and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Speth for these valuable contributions to the large collection owned by the lodge.

## Royal Arch.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Fidelity Chapter** (No. 3).—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 3rd inst. Among those present were Comps. Pearce, I.P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; Graves, P.Z., acting H.; Collins, J.; Capt. W. Williams, S.E.; Birch, S.N.; Ratcliffe, P.S.; Stevens, 1st Asst. Soj.; F. McDougall, P.Z.; Cochrane, Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx.; Mapleton, H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. Collens was then installed as H., and Comp. Capt. Williams as J., for the ensuing year. Comp. C. Greenwood, P.G.S.E. Surrey, M.E.Z. elect, was unable to be present in consequence of an attack of influenza. Comp. J. Hemming, the First Principal and Treasurer elect, was also incapacitated from attending through illness. Comps. Birch, was invested as S.E.; Ratcliffe, S.N.; Stevens, P.S.; Larcombe, 1st Asst. Soj.; Kinsey, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Cochrane, D.C.; and Goddard, Janitor. The sum of five guineas was voted to a late distressed member of the chapter. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Heming, C. Greenwood, Rev. J. Amos, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The I.P.Z. presided most ably and genially. His introductory remarks to the various speeches being happy and pertinent. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

**St. George's Chapter** (No. 140).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Present: Comps. Dr. H. W. Roberts, M.E.Z.; Albert Escote, H.; C. H. Lawson, J.; J. J. Pakes, P.Z., S.E.; J. Gordon, S.N.; W. F. Dennant, P.Z., Treas.; W. Morley, P.S.; H. F. Nash, 1st A.S.; G. Brown, P.Z., D.C.; E. Shalless, and G. W. Taylor, N. G. Lowe, J. Marcup, W. Batchelor, G. Pooley, and F. O. Robinson. Visitors: Comps. F. H. Miller, H. J. Butter, W. Collins, J. A. Burton, W. C. Taylor, R. F. Tyler, and R. Harvey.

After the report of the Audit Committee had been received, Comp. A. Escott, P.Z., was installed as First Principal, and he then invested the following: Comps. C. H. Lawson, H.; W. Morley, J.; J. J. Pakes, P.Z., S.E.; H. F. Nash, S.N.; W. F. Dennant, P.Z., Treas.; W. H. Vint, P.S.; Dr. A. S. Brown, 1st A.S.; W. G. Lowe, 2nd A.S.; G. Brown, P.Z., D.C.; E. Shalless, Stwd.; and Edwin Spinks, Janitor.

The installation banquet was supplied in the excellent manner usual to this well known hotel.

**Lion and Lamb Chapter** (No. 192).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when there were present Comps. J. Taylor, M.E.Z.; T. S. Holland, H.; H. Hughes, J.; Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; W. R. Dixon, S.N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Dr. Dingle, 1st A.S.; W. Hawes, 2nd A.S.; C. J. Potter, T. Cohu, P.Z.; H. M. Read, and T. Barker. Visitors: Comps. Henry Garrod, A.G.D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; Wm. Lake, P.Z. 1297, 1589; G. S. Smith, 645; J. Whitworth, 554; P. H. Seddon, 554; John H. Hughes, 404; and Edwin Storr, 749.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. The chair was then occupied by Bro. F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., who proceeded to exalt Bro. Henry Mawes Read, of Lodge 554, and afterwards very ably installed Comp. T. S. Holland, as M.E.Z.; Henry Hughes, as H.; and W. R. Dixon, as J. The M.E.Z. then appointed his officers as follows: Comps. Charles Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; Dr. W. A. Dingle, S.N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; William Hawes, P.S.; Alfred Colton, 1st A.S.; G. J. Potter, 2nd A.S.; Thomas Cohu, P.Z., D. of C.; H. M. Read, Org.; T. Barker, Stwd.; and Marsh, Janitor.

A brother was proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. The companions then adjourned to a banquet, under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

The toasts of "The Queen" and "The G.Z." having been disposed of,

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Grand Officers," which was responded to by Comps. C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C., and H. Garrod, A.G.D.C.

Comp. Taylor, P.Z., then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," who, in his reply, expressed his sense of the honour conferred on him, and his determination to do all in his power for the welfare of the chapter during his year of office, remarking that if he could only pass the chair and retain the possession of their esteem and regard, that would be the only reward he coveted.

"The Visitors" toast followed, responded to by Comps. Edwin Storr, W. Lake, G. S. Smith, P. H. Seddon, J. Whitworth, and J. H. Hughes.

"The Past Principals of the Chapter" followed, coupled with the names of Comp. Copestick, who was especially thanked for the excellent work performed by him that day, and Comp. Kenning, who had for so many years acted as Treasurer.

"The Officers" was next given, and replied to by Comp. Arkell and others, and a successful meeting, which augured well for the future of the chapter, was brought to a close.

#### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

##### GUERNSEY.

**Loyalty Chapter** (No. 243).—At a meeting of this chapter held at the Masonic Temple, on Thursday, the 9th inst., the installation of the Principals and the investiture of the officers was carried out. Comp. Smythson was placed in the chair of Z.; Comp. Palmer in the chair of H.; and Comp. Thorne in the chair of J. Comp. P. Le Page, P.Z., who has so long filled the office of Scribe E. was again re-invested with the collar of that office, and Comp. Parsons as Treasurer. Comp. Stranger was invested as Scribe N., and Comp. Nicolle as P.S.

Amongst the companions present on this occasion we noticed Comps. Strickland, P.Z.; Wilkins, P.Z.; Richard, P.Z.; Wason, P.Z.; Quick, P.Z.; and others.

Before the chapter was closed, the retiring Principal, Comp. Pengelley, proposed, and Comp. Richard, P.Z., seconded that Comp. J. Balfour Cockburn, who had most ably conducted the duties of Installing Principal, should be elected an honorary member. This proposition was carried unanimously.

##### LITTLEBOROUGH.

**Benevolence Chapter** (No. 226).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 6th inst. There were present Comps. Jas. Blacka, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S. Z.; J. Ashworth, P.Z., H.; Robt. Whitworth, P.Z., J.; Wm. Eastwood, P.Z., S.E.; Roger Pickering, P.S.; W. Davies, Janitor; Geo. Rothwell, P.Z.; T. E. Heap, P.Z.; Jno. Cockroft, W. R. Mitchell, Robt. Hudson, and S. Scott-Young. Visitors: Comps. John Chadwick, P.Z., P.G.S.B., Prov. Grand Scribe E.; Geo. Wilson, P.Z. 152, P.G.P. Soj.; Jas. Butterworth, H. 54; Jas. Hadfield, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; and others.

The chapter being duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Holyoake was balloted for, and, being favourable, was exalted to the Supreme Degree in a most impressive manner by Comp. Geo. Wilson, Comp. Jno. Ashworth acting as P.S. Comp. Wilson rendered the splendid ceremony of installation in his usual fine style, Comps. T. E. Heap being installed as Z.; Jno. Ashworth, as H.; and Scott-Young, as J. The other officers were invested as follows: Wm. Rigg Mitchell, S.E.; Roger Pickering, S.N.; Jno. Cockroft, P.S.; R. Hudson, 1st A.S.; R. Whitworth, 2nd A.S.; J. R. Blacka, P.Z., Treas.; and W. Davies, Janitor. Comp. Scott-Young, J., moved "That this chapter express its hearty thanks to Comp. Geo. Wilson, P.P.G.P.S., for his kindness in attending, at great personal inconvenience to himself, for the purpose of installing the Principals, and for the beautiful and impressive manner in which the ceremony has been performed, and that the same be recorded on the minutes." This was seconded by Comp. Eastwood, P.Z., and carried with acclamation.

"Hearty good wishes" were then expressed, and the chapter closed.

The companions sat down to a substantial banquet at the Red Lion, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

##### WHITEHAVEN.

**Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter** (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 10th inst., Comp. Chas. Gowan, P.G.P.S., Z., in the chair; Comps. W. C. Johns, H.; Thos. Brakenridge, J.; J. T. Ray, P.P. G.D.C., S.E.; G. W. Roll, as S.N.; Thos. Allinson, P.S.; J. Thompson, A.S.; J. Casson, Janitor; J. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; G. Dalrymple, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; W. Cowman, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Paterson, P.Z., P.P. G.D.C.; F. Hodgson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; and others.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and two candidates balloted for and accepted, and Bro. Wm. Heathcote, being in attendance, was exalted to the Supreme Degree. Comp. Barr moved, and Comp. Johns seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried, that five guineas be given from the funds of the chapter to Comp. Dalrymple's Steward's list on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions subsequently spent an hour in the banquet hall.

### Mark Masonry.

#### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

##### GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

**Industry Lodge** (No. 293).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 6th inst., when there was an excellent attendance of brethren. Bro. R. Whitfield, P.G.R. of M., the retiring W.M., occupied the chair, and supported by Bros. R. B. Reed, P.M., P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M.; J. Wood, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. England, P.P.S.G.W.; J. S. Wilson, P.S.G.W.; C. B. Ford, P.M., P.G. Sec.; J. Page, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; M. H. Dodd, P.M. 124, P.P.G.I. of W.; Wm. M. Lyon, W.M. Northumberland and Berwick Lodge; W. Brown, S.W., W.M. elect; R. W. Klyne, J.W.; R. Wilson, M.O.; W. Richardson, S.O.; M. H. Dodd, as J.O.; J. A. Armstrong, R. of M.; T. R. Short, Sec.; T. R. Jobson, S.D.; A. Dodds, J.D.; R. C. Tate, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; C. P. Laidler, Stwd.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; T. Lambert, C. A. Joel, F. Schuitzer, J. Shaw, J. B. Payne, and others.

The ballot was taken successively for Bros. R. Stewart, J. G. Greener, J. S. Tait, and J. C. Gardner, and the three first named with Bro. I. Taylor, previously elected, being in attendance, were advanced as M.M.M. by the W.M., Bro. R. Whitfield, who also explained the working tools and delivered the charge. Afterwards Bro. R. B. Reed, P.M., D.P.G.M., presented Bro. W. Brown, W.M. elect, for installation, and he was duly installed into the Master's chair by Bro. Robt. Whitfield, P.G.R. of M., who also gave the charge incidental to the ceremony. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Robt. Whitfield, I.P.M.; R. W. Klyne, S.W.; Robt. Wilson, J.W.; J. Wood, P.M., Treas.; W. Richardson, M.O.; A. Simpson, S.O.; J. A. Armstrong, J.O.; T. R. Short, R. of M.; T. R. Jobson, Sec.; A. Dodds, S.D.; C. P. Laidler, J.D.; John Page, P.M., D.C.; W. Stafford, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler.

After receiving the hearty congratulations of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the visitors, the proceedings closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the annual festival was held.

After the repast the loyal and Masonic toast list was given.

Bro. R. B. Reed, D.P.G.M., responded for "The Provincial Grand Lodge," and congratulated the W.M. and the lodge on the satisfactory position it had attained.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M., and Bro. Brown replied.

The toast of "The Installing Master" followed, and Bro. R. Whitfield, in his response, spoke feelingly upon the great harmony which existed, and the excellent results of the past year's work in the lodge, no less than 13 advancements having occurred in that period.

"The Health of the newly-advanced Brethren," "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and other toasts were subsequently proposed and honoured, and the proceedings, which throughout were interspersed with the vocal talent well known amongst the members, terminated, after a harmonious and happy meeting.

### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE** (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. Klein, W.M.; H. R. Maynard, S.W.; Blum, P.M., J.W.; J. W. Harvey, P.M., Preceptor *pro tem*; Blundell, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Harvey, Sec. *pro tem*; Shales, S.D.; Horne, J.D.; W. C. Maynard, I.G.; Thompson, Osborne, and Bonham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Harnell, P.M., having offered himself as a candidate to be passed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, after which, Bro. Harnell having answered the questions, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Klein, W.M., raised him in a very impressive manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. It was then proposed by the Preceptor, and seconded, that Bro. Maynard, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The officers were appointed in rotation.

**MANCHESTER LODGE** (No. 179).—A meeting was held on the 14th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. Scheu, W.M.; Hoggins, S.W.; Goldfinch, J.W.; Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; R. E. Curzons, S.D.; J. R. Hughes, P.M., J.D.; Mathews, I.G.; Dickson, P.M.; Harvey, P.M.; and Cain.

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. Curzons being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Mulvey, P.M., who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 1st and 4th Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Scheu. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Saturday, the 25th inst., Bro. Greenway in the chair.

**JOPPA LODGE** (No. 188).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Gordinge, W.M.; Emanuel, S.W.; Liscombe, J.W.; H. Saqui, Sec.; Samuels, S.D.; B. Da Costa, J.D.; Isaac White, I.G.; A. J. Marks, and Franks.

The lodge was opened, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Franks being the candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked. Bro. B. Da Costa was made an honorary member. The lodge was then closed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked next Tuesday, the 21st inst., at 7 p.m. sharp.

**MONTEFIORE LODGE** (No. 1017).—A meeting was held at St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Trenner, W.M.; Rothchild, S.W.; F. Hardinge, J.W.; E. Salomon, Treas.; S. Lichtenfeld, Sec.; Jameson, S.D.; W. Rooke, J.D.; Michall, I.G.; N. P. Valentine, P.M.; S. V. Abraham, P.M.; D. M. Davies, P.M.; Van Dyk, Fewing, Cooper Willis, Sherer, Finlayson, and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Van Dyk acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Salomon acting as candidate. Bro. Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE** (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; W. J. Hakim, I.P.M. 141, S.W.; C. G. Wetzlar, W.M. 141, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. H. Taylor, S.D.; W. R. Hutton, J.D.; H. Campbell, I.G.; H. Guntrip, Steward; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425; O. W. Battley, A. B. Northcroft, J. Smith, and J. Cruttenden.

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. Battley being the candidate. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Northcroft being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed. Bro. Taylor was examined as to his proficiency, and the lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Hakim was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. The brethren extended to him their hearty congratulations on his safe return from his African tour. The brethren expressed their sympathy with Bro. G. Harris, who is very ill. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE** (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Luff, W.M.; G. H. Foam, S.W.; J. Woodward, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec. and Treas.; T. C. Seary, Org.; J. Rowe, S.D.; B. Kidder, J.D.; J. Berry, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; H. Matthews, W. Groves, G. A. Berholtz, H. Grant, and J. Scheu.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. J. Scheu having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The Preceptor worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture and, with Bro. B. Kidder, the 5th Section. The lodge was opened in the Second and then the Third Degrees. The lodge was closed down in the Third and then the Second Degrees. On rising for the second time, the Preceptor proposed that Bro. G. H. Foam, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week; seconded by the S.W., and carried. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation, and worked the first ceremony. On rising for the third time, the following brethren were appointed as auditors to audit the accounts of the Lodge of instruction for the year 1889, Bros. A. F. Luff, G. H. Foam, and J. Berry. The Preceptor proposed that a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be given to Bro. H. Luff, W.M., to be entered on the minutes, for the quiet and correct manner in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation, which was to be much admired, and also for the able way in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in that lodge of instruction; seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. New year's gifts of one guinea to Bro. T. E. Weeks, the Tyler, and five shillings to Bro. Tooley, serving brother, were unanimously agreed to. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**STUART LODGE** (No. 1632).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement. Present: Bros. Lonsey, W.M.; Fruen, S.W.; Bannister, J.W.; M. Spiegel, P.M., Preceptor; Morgan, Sec.; Hilder, J.D.; Bilby, I.G.; Weiner, P.M.; Baldwin, P.M.; Memhardt, Lewis, and others.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lewis being the candidate. The First and Second Lectures were then worked. It was resolved that the annual dinner should take place on the second Thursday in February. Eight telegrams were received from brethren suffering from influenza, excusing their absence. Bro. Fruen was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE** (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. A. F. Scholding, W.M.; J. Powell, S.W.; H. D. Smith, J.W.; G. Davis, Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; R. H. Broom, S.D.; F. L. Chandler, J.D.; J. H. Taylor, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M.; G. Gardner, J. C. Conway, H. H. Burrington, A. B. Northcroft, and H. Armfield. Bro. E. T. Edwards was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. H. Armfield having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly examined and entrusted.



The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. H. Armfield being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. E. T. Edwards, 1891, was unanimously elected a joining member. The S.W., Bro. J. Powell, was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., when there were present Bros. A. Adams, W.M.; White, S.W.; Redford, J.W.; Hobbs, Preceptor; Mapleton, Sec.; Gordwin, S.D.; Lea Smith, J.D.; Marshall, I.G.; Brewer, De Paiva, Billingham, Graves, Webb, Francis, and Stow.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Brewer acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. White was elected W.M. for the next meeting, who appointed his officers in rotation, and gave notice that the ceremony of raising would be rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bros. Stow, White, Redford, and Godwin were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had filled the chair for the first time. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. G. Jennings, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; F. Woodward, J.W.; J. Davies, W.M. elect 169, Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; L. Cox, S.D.; H. Cotton, J.D.; B. Bick, I.G.; R. Josey, P.M.; Sothbury, P.M.; Colwill, P.M.; E. J. Ferris, P.M.; Rogers, P.M.; Stanley, Stevens, H. D. Gilbert, W.M. 1828; Jobson, Head, and Arnott. Visitor: Bro. F. J. Manning.

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. Manning being the candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections were worked by the brethren. Bro. Manning was elected a joining member. Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheap-side. Present: Bros. T. B. Hodges, W.M. 1625, W.M.; H. Hill, P.M. 1305, S.W.; J. K. Pitt, P.M. 463, J.W.; A. J. Dixie, P.M. 1839, Preceptor; A. Williams, P.M. 1839, Treas.; G. Scott Miller, Sec.; C. Davison, S.D.; S. Klingenstein, J.D.; J. Culver, D.C.; and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the First. The working of the Fifteen Sections was then proceeded with, and the Three Lectures were most ably worked by the members of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, the lodge being resumed in the Second and Third Degrees at the necessary points of the lecture. The lodge was then closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; G. McCrow, S.W.; J. Cox, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M.; Preceptor; F. Thomas, S.D.; J. Morrish, J.D.; J. Metherall, I.G.; L. Nathan, K. Ambler, T. Jobson, F. A. Barth, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Nathan acting as candidate. The Second Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McCrow was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bros. Cox, Thomas, Morrish, Metherall, Nathan, and Ambler were elected joining members. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed. This meeting was the first held on a Wednesday, the lodge having until this time held them on Mondays.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; T. W. Biggs, S.W.; J. Cox, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; L. Lee, J.D.; M. Spiegel, P.M., I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; A. Williams, Pine, Dusterwald, and Hiscock. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Stanley, Mansfield, and Dine.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hiscock being the candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Sims, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bros. Dine and Mansfield were elected joining members. Bro. Biggs was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed.

**ISRAEL CHAPTER (No. 205).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Comps. H. J. Phillips, M.E.Z.; W. Rooke, H.; S. V. Abraham, J.; N. P. Vallentine, S.E.; S. Lichtenfeld, P.S.; and Harvey, 1st A.S.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Lichtenfeld acting as candidate. The convocation was then closed.

At the meeting on Monday next, the ceremony of installing the Principals will be rehearsed.

**NORTH LONDON CHAPTER (No. 1471).**—A convocation was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Grosvenor Hotel, Grosvenor-road (opposite the Canonbury Railway Station). Present: Comps. A. Dixie, M.E.Z.; J. Osborn, H.; C. Weedon, J.; J. E. Sheffield, P.S. and S.E.; Wm. Irons, S.N.; and several other companions.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed by Comp. A. J. Dixie in an able and impressive manner. A vote of thanks was recorded to Comp. Dixie, this being the first time that he had filled the First Principal's chair. The chapter was then closed.

## Malta.

"The district Board of General Purposes lately took into consideration the following letter from Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, Dist. G.M.

"I should like the Board of General Purposes to consider whether we, as a Dist. G. Lodge should not subscribe to the *Corresponding Circle* of the *Quatuor Coronati*," No. 2076 Lodge.

"This lodge was established under the auspices of Bro. Sir Chas. Warren, K.C.B., some three or four years ago, to enquire into, and go into, matters affecting the history and antiquarian side of Masonry: and is the only lodge under England, and I believe in the world which devotes itself to these most interesting subjects. I attach one of its prospectuses, and from it, the members of the Board will see the objects the lodge sets before itself: and I can assure the Board and being a member, and in possession of its papers from its commencement, I speak of what I know, that the papers issued by this lodge, are of a most interesting and valuable kind.

"The cost, is slight: entrance fee nil: annual subscription half a guinea, for which you receive copies of all the lodge proceedings including all papers read at the meetings and discussions thereon. In order that the members may see the kind of information given, I have authorised the Dist. G. Secretary, to show them the 1st Vol. of its proceedings which I have had bound up for my own satisfaction.

"I would suggest that the Board should take the following proposition into consideration and note thereon.

"That this Board recommend to Dist. G. Lodge that it should join the *Corresponding Circle* of the *Quatuor Coronati* Lodge, No. 2076, and subscribe for papers issued by it from date of its foundation."

"Should this be carried, I am convinced no regret will ever be expressed in the future: we should get possessed of a lot of valuable information and be contributing towards, and assisting in, the good work of unhearing ancient records and old facts regarding Freemasonry in general."

Signed. M. RAMSAY, Col. D.G.M.

Nov. 2nd 1889, Malta.

"The Board reported favourably, and we hear the District Grand Lodge has since applied and been elected to the correspondence circle, which is now rapidly approaching a total of 800 members.

## Obituary.

### BRO. THOMAS H. STATON.

With sincere regret the death is recorded of the late Bro. Thomas H. Staton, founder, P.M., and Secretary of the Great Northern Lodge, 1287, who died very suddenly on the 27th December, and whose remains were laid to rest at Brompton, on Saturday last. A number of brethren and friends assembled to pay a tribute of respect to one who had earned their esteem by a faithful and zealous discharge of his Masonic duties for over 26 years. The service at the grave was touchingly rendered by the Chaplain of the lodge, Bro. the Rev. John H. Rose, M.A., Vicar of Clerkenwell. Amongst those present were Bros. Webb, P.M.; Reed, P.M.; Jupe, P.M.; E. Lancaster, P.M.; Cleghorn, P.M.; Kempton, P.M.; Cane, P.M.; Paul, Jno. Jackson, Flint, Reid, Homewood, Steer, Rawles, Coop, P.M. of the Queen's Westminster Lodge, and Messrs. Beart, Hargreaves, and Iago, from the Sovereign Life Office, where the deceased had been engaged for over 30 years.

### BRO. W. COLE BRASHER, I.P.M. 1623.

Bro. W. Cole Brasher, I.P.M. West Smithfield Lodge, after a protracted and complicated illness, succumbed to nature's last demand on December the 27th, at his residence, 8, Oxford-street, W. The funeral appointed for and took place on New Year's Eve, and the body interred in the family vault at the St. Marylebone Parochial Cemetery, East Finchley, the only occupant of the vault being the only son, who died August, 1884, age 25, leaving a widow and baby son to the keeping of the now deceased father, who leaves a widow also. The cortege was very punctual, arriving as timed, 2.30; following were the widowed wives of father and son, accompanied by the grandson, the little fellow seeming greatly affected at his bereavement, also were in procession a number of mourning coaches containing members of his lodge, among whom were noticed Bros. J. F. Rumball, W.M.; H. K. Clisby, S.W.; P. H. Clisby, J.W.; J. J. Howes, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., Sec.; R. B. Greenwood, P.M.; R. F. Brickdale, P.M.; E. Mallett, P.M.; C. Smith, S.D.; E. R. Bradsele, Stwd.; R. N. Pack, J. C. Pratt, and others. Also followed the employees of his establishment, and some personal friends. The beautiful burial service of the Church of England was most solemnly rendered by the officiating clergyman in attendance, and after a last sorrowful look into the grave the cavalcade formed on its mournful journey home. The deceased brother, in addition to filling all the offices of the mother lodge, was a Past Master of the West Smithfield Mark Lodge, and P.P.S. West Smithfield Chapter. His loss will be felt by many, and mourned for by all his brethren and fellows, and those who had his acquaintance and friendship.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor of England) will preside at the third annual banquet of "Devonians in London," which will be held at the Criterion, on the 8th March next.

We are glad to hear that Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, who was taken ill with congestion of the lungs the day following his arrival at Merton, on a visit to Baron de Hirsch, is making good progress towards recovery, several days having elapsed since it was thought necessary to issue a bulletin of his lordship's condition.

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The Prince of Wales has expressed his desire to drive the last bolt into the Forth Bridge on the 4th of March.

The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, held at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, on Tuesday last.

Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan and Mr. and Mrs. D'Oyly Carte left Southampton, on Thursday for New York, in order to superintend in person future performances of "The Gondoliers" in America.

Mr. Isaac Pitman says that thousands of shorthand communications, "both in the hand of business and in private correspondence, pass through the post every week, and are read by the recipients as easily as ordinary longhand."

Mr. J. M. McAleer, of 73, Royal-avenue, Belfast, has brought out a specialty in Irish Frieze Ulster Coats, which are ingeniously contrived to defy both wet and cold. They are stylish in appearance, and the well-known material leaves nothing to be desired in the way of wear.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs was prevented by an attack of the prevailing influenza from presiding at the annual banquet which takes place at the Mansion House on Plow-Mouday, his place being occupied by Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., his immediate predecessor in the civic chair.

The members of the Mansfield Lodge held their annual ball in the Town Hall, on Friday night, the 10th inst. The room was very prettily decorated for the occasion. A numerous company assembled, and dancing was kept up until an early hour in the morning. The catering of Mr. Alton, of the Midland Hotel, was most satisfactory.

At the annual installation meeting of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings, on the 15th inst., the Rev. J. Puttick, Provincial Grand Chaplain, W.M., presided, and there was a large attendance of distinguished brethren of the province and others. After the transaction of the annual business, the most important feature of which was the installation of Brother W. S. Allen as W.M. for the ensuing year, the annual banquet was held.

On Wednesday, the 8th inst., the remains of Bro. John M'Leish, aged 81, and one of the oldest Freemasons in Dumbartonshire, were interred with Masonic honours in Bonhill Churchyard. Deceased was initiated in 1827, and had been for years R.W.M. of the Royal Arch Lodge of Bonhill and Alexandria Lodge. He was also an active member of the P.G. Lodge. About 100 brethren attended the funeral, and Bonhill Band played the "Dead March in Saul."

Mr. R. T. Baxter (son of Bro. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P.), has been elected by competitive examination to a Mathematical Sizarship of £30 a year at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. Mr. Baxter is at present one of the monitors of Merchant Taylors' School. Sizarships were formerly awarded to persons of limited means, but, under recent regulations, are now given in conjunction with scholarships as rewards for proficiency in classics, mathematics, or natural science.

The centenary of the death of John Howard falling on Monday next, the 20th inst., it is proposed to commemorate the event by the erection of a statue in bronze in Bedford, where much of his time was spent, and where his house is still to be seen. The cost of the statue is estimated to be £3,000. A powerful committee, consisting of about a hundred of the most notable of Bedford and the district, has been formed, the President being Lord Cowper, Lord-Lieutenant of the county; the Vice-President, Mr. Samuel Whitbread M.P.; and the Treasurer, the Mayor of Bedford.

Bro. Chas. Greenwood, A. Prov. G. Sec. for Surrey, is organising an entertainment in aid of the fund of the baths and wash-houses connected with the Albert Institute, at the Westminster Town Hall, on the 30th inst. Bro. Greenwood has been fortunate enough to secure the services of such prominent ladies and gentlemen as Miss Mary Collette, Miss Verna Galbraith, Miss McGarvan, Miss Maud Millett, Miss Norreys, Miss Kate Phillips, and Miss Helen Vicary, Messrs. Charles Allan, Charles Collette, Adrian Pollock, W. Graham Robertson, Ben Webster, and others. With such an array of talent success is assured.

We announce with regret the death on Tuesday, in the 80th year of his age, of Field-Marshal Lord Napier of Magdala. The deceased officer entered the service of the late East India Company as an engineer in 1827, and took part in the first and second Sikh wars, the Indian Mutiny, and the expedition to China, which resulted in the capture of Peking. In 1868 he was appointed to the command-in-chief of the expeditionary force sent to punish King Theodore of Abyssinia for his seizure of certain British subjects, and in recognition of his brilliant services in the conduct of the expedition, her Majesty was pleased to confer on him a peerage, with an annuity of £2000 for life, and for the life of his successor in the title.

The funeral of the late Empress Augusta of Germany took place in Berlin, on Saturday last, the streets through which the mournful cortege passed being thronged with people wearing the ensigns of mourning. The Queen was specially represented by General Lynadoch Gardiner, one of her Majesty's Equerries, and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught by Col. Egerton, while our Ambassador in Berlin, Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, placed the wreaths of white roses and violets sent by the Prince and Princess of Wales at the foot of the coffin. The Duke of Edinburgh was also present, and so too were the Crown Prince of Sweden and representatives from the various States in Europe.

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

The Princess of Wales has sent a present of 30 pheasants for the use of the patients in the Brompton Hospital.

"Grand Day" at Gray's Inn, will be held on Thursday next, the 23rd inst., when among other notable guests, the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone will be present.

The National Pension for Nurses has received a New Year's Gift of £10,000, contributed by about 100 gentlemen. The bonus fund of the association, apart from contributions given by nurses, now amount to £36,000.

At the meeting of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction on the 25th inst., it is intended to rehearse the ceremony of raising with complete musical service, rendered by an efficient choir, with organ accompaniment. The lodge meets at the Old Castle Tavern, Highbury.

Mr. Edmund Yates is a better editor than he was a postal servant. His first chief was Colonel Maberley, and that gallant officer—so the *World's* editor says—impressed upon him the necessity of never overworking himself. "I gave the Colonel the pledge that I would not, and I solemnly adhered to that sacred obligation."—*Echo*.

On Saturday last, Bro. Lord Brassey presided at a large gathering in the Royal Albert Hall, in aid of the Homes for Little Boys at Farningham and Swanley in Kent. There is an urgent need of funds to carry on the Charity, and two of the homes at Farningham have been temporarily closed. The proceedings included an excellent concert by the lads, and a display of drill and gymnastics.

A public meeting, at which Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., presided, was held in St. James's Hall, on Friday evening, the 10th instant, for the purpose of supporting a project for establishing a Polytechnic for North-west London, comprehending the district between Notting Hill and Highgate. The proceedings passed off satisfactorily, and it was announced that subscriptions amounting to £3000 had been already promised, including a sum of £500 from Bro. John Aird, M.P.

It is said that of the 380,000,000 in China, 1 in 10 is engaged in agriculture, 1 in 100 in the building trades, 1 in 120 in tailoring, while 1 in 9 is a washerman. But perhaps the most remarkable fact commented on is the reflex influence of emigration. This has (it is asserted in a Chinese paper) "led to an increase in the population in a remarkable degree." The places of those who leave are soon filled up, and when the emigrants return with their wealth, they react upon the general prosperity by putting their capital into local enterprises, and thus adding to the wealth of the nation.

On Monday evening a subscription dinner in aid of the National Leprosy Fund was held at the Hôtel Métropole. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales occupied the chair, and among the principal guests were the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Bros. the Duke of Fife, Lord Suffield, Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., G. Lawson, Sir John Pender, Bart., M.P., Sir Roper Lethbridge, M.P., Sir F. Abel, Sir Oscar Clayton, Sir Somers Vine, and F. D. Dixon Hartland, M.P., the Duke of Norfolk, and the Bishop of London. The amount of subscriptions announced in the course of the evening was some £2500, which raises the Fund to £7000.

Mr. Henry A. Judd, the third son of Bro. James Judd, J.P., C.C., was married on the 8th inst., at St. Andrew's, Stoke Newington, to Miss Nellie Davis, the eldest daughter of Mr. W. Davis, of Woodberry-hill, Finsbury Park. In consequence of the illness of the bride's mother and the bridegroom's father the wedding was a very quiet one, the guests being confined to members of the two families. The presents were both numerous and valuable. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Hastings, and intend leaving Liverpool for North Carolina this day (Saturday), where Mr. H. A. Judd is the resident engineer of the Stanley Mines.

A writer in the *Metropolitan* of the 11th says "Sir Henry A. Isaacs is a name well known in Masonry for many years past, and before other public duties claimed his close attention he was a great worker. I recollect once being present at a lodge—I forget its name, but think it was 'Tranquillity'—held at Radley's Hotel, then in Bridge-street Blackfriars, where his lordship was most expert. This lodge had his portrait painted, and very well it was done; and I was pleased to see, a few days since, when attending a meeting of the North Borneo Company, at the Cannon-street Hotel, that, although Radley's Hotel has been done away with, the portrait of P.M. Isaacs still exists, for, surveying the pleased faces of the shareholders, who so unexpectedly have begun to taste dividends, I saw, looking down upon the meeting, the kindly eyes of the present Lord Mayor, with all his Masonic insignia displayed upon his breast."

At a time when the founding of new journals has leapt into fashion, the following autograph letter from Mr. Ruskin is of interest. It was apparently addressed to an enterprising person who proposed to found a journal with Mr. Ruskin's money. He did not get the desired contribution, but was subsequently able to turn an honest penny by selling the letter to a well-known collector, in whose possession the London Correspondent of the *Liverpool Post* has seen it:—"Nothing can be begun well on borrowed money, and I am the last person to promote any manner of journalism. But if anyone of you will buy a hand-press, and the rest of you will cut out the true news of any good thing done anywhere out of the other newspapers, and set up type, and pull them with your own arms on good paper, and pay a newsboy to call, if it be but fifty copies once a month. 'True news of good,' and you can sell your fifty copies for a penny each, and put the odd 2d. of the 4s. 2d. away for future capital, you may get on and be of use, or if you will hold your tongue and work, till you have money, and then set workmen to print as aforesaid. But don't borrow nor hope for gain, or you are lost—like the rest."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Few persons are so favoured by circumstances, or so fortified by nature, as to enable them to pass unscathed the sore trials of an inclement season. With catarrhs, coughs, and influenza everywhere abounding, it should be universally known that Holloway's Ointment, diligently rubbed upon the chest, checks the worst assaults of these maladies, and securely wards off more grave and dangerous diseases of the throat and lungs. The truth of this assertion must remain unquestioned in the face of unimpeachable living witnesses, who have personally derived the utmost possible benefits from this treatment when their present sufferings were appalling, and their future prospects most disheartening. Both remedies act admirably together.

Lord Walsingham delivered before the Entomological Society of London, on Wednesday, an interesting address in illustration of the practical usefulness of entomological studies, apart from the increased refinement and enjoyment of life which they give.

Admiral Sir F. Leopold M'Clinton (Chairman) presided on Wednesday over the half-yearly election of the Royal Alfred Merchant Seamen's Institution, and earnestly appealed to the public to help an institution that was doing so much good work among a class of men who, but for the help thus extended to them, must become inmates of the workhouse.

Freemasons all over the world will find abundant uses for Mr. George Kenning's "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book." It forms a handy guide for 1890, and a comprehensive book of reference concerning lodges, chapters, preceptories, conclaves, colleges, and grand councils.—*Lloyd's News*

The annual general meeting of the Actors' Benevolent Fund was held at the Lyceum Theatre, on Monday afternoon. Bro. Henry Irving presided, and among those present were Bros. J. L. Toole, S. B. Bancroft, and Beer-bohm Tree. The report for the past year was adopted, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

At the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743, held at Anderson's Hotel, on Saturday evening last, the members presented a valuable English-made clock to Bro. C. G. Sparrow, a Past Master and Founder of the lodge, with an inscription plate upon it, testifying their hearty good wishes on his leaving England to join his son in Australia.

The festival dinner of the Royal Sea Bathing Infirmary, Margate, was held on Wednesday, at the Hôtel Métropole. Mr. Joseph Sebag Montefiore, J.P., High Sheriff of Kent, presided, and stated that their expenses last year were £9500 and their income £6162, so that in order to make both ends meet they had been obliged to spend £3568 of legacies, as well as to borrow £1400. The subscriptions announced amounted to over £2000.

We regret to hear that the Princess of Wales shortly after her arrival from Sandringham at Marlborough House, was taken with a cold, and that her medical advisers forbade her Royal Highness to leave home, consequently, the Prince of Wales with Prince George left for Canford Manor on his long promised visit to Lord Wimbourne, unaccompanied by the Princess, and the rejoicings at Bournemouth and elsewhere will thus be shorn of of half their splendour.

We learn with regret of the very sudden death on the 6th inst., of Bro. G. Hollington, brother of Mr. A. Hollington, C.C. Deceased who was born in the year 1847, was associated with his brother in the firm of Hollington Brothers, wholesale clothiers, Aldgate. In Masonic circles he was well known. At the time of his death he was a member of the Doric Lodge and Temple Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The funeral took place at Woodford, on Saturday last.

The will of Bro. the Rev. George Warburton Weldon, P.G. Chap. late of the Vicarage, Bickley, Kent, who died on November 9th last, was proved on the 20th Dec., by George Weldon, M.D. and Mr. Edgar Francis Weldon, the sons, the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to over £9,000. The testator leaves all his real and personal estate to his daughters, May Elizabeth and Lillias Amy, in equal shares.

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Imperial Institute, occupied the chair at a numerous meeting held at the Royal Institution, Albemarle-street, on Saturday evening last, when Professor Max Müller delivered an address by way of inaugurating the School for Modern Oriental Languages, which has been established by the institute in connection with University and King's Colleges, London. Among those present were Bros. Lord Herschell, the Duke of Fife, Sir F. B. Alston, Sir F. Abel, and Sir Somers Vine.

FREEMAS INRY.—Mr. George Kenning, of Great Queen Street, London, has just published the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary and Pocket Book* for 1890, this being the twentieth year of publication. The book is a most comprehensive record of the growth of the Craft, containing lists of lodges names of officers, and full information respecting every Masonic body throughout the world. The list of lodges comprises the names of 2328, including St. Oswyn, North Shields, and Albert Victor, York, the last two consecrated. The book is got up in a neat pocket size style, and forms an invaluable storehouse of references for the Craft.—*Newcastle Chronicle*.

Many of the admirers of Mrs. Craik will learn for the first time with no little satisfaction, that the author of "John Halifax, Gentleman," gave her own pension to the late Dr. Westland Marston. It was surprising that so successful an authoress who was also the wife of a partner in one of the greatest publishing firms, should continue to draw upon the scanty fund which is mainly intended for decayed authors and artists, and her action in doing so in order to quietly pass on the money to one whose merits should have received recognition by the Treasury was just what might have been expected from the woman who drew John Halifax.

The New York Herald (Paris correspondent) writes on Jan. 11, "Good Catholics and Freemasons are at loggerheads at Grenoble. Trouble has been born of the funeral of M. Delatte, Prefect of the Isère Department. Delatte was a Mason, and his brethren of the Lodge proposed to turn out in force at his obsequies. This came to the ears of Monsignor Fava, Bishop of Grenoble, who checked the Masons by ordering the Curés not to perform any religious ceremony over the body of the deceased Prefect, should they catch a glimpse of such a thing as a Masonic apron. The lodges would not give way. Monsignor Fava was equally resolute, so Delatte's remains were conveyed from the Prefecture to the Grenoble Railway Station without any sprinkling of holy water or the chanting of hymns."

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